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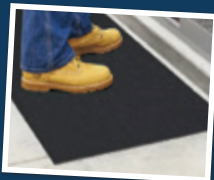
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April is Come Try Ringette month, and there will be many sessions in Calgary.

## Don't Get Stung by the Bee!

The shortest month of the year is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. February is like that mischievous word that trips up even the most seasoned spellers! It's the spelling bee's sneaky little riddle, playing hide-and-seek with that elusive "r" and making a twisty-turny challenge out of a seemingly simple month!



## Calgary City Building

*by the City of Calgary*

The City of Calgary is updating plans that will shape the future of Calgary and make sure our city keeps on being a great place to live. As our city's population approaches two million, we must prepare to support this growth. The City Building program will align and strengthen our plans and tools to create a place where every Calgarian can thrive.

The Calgary Plan will merge the Municipal Development Plan with the Calgary Transportation Plan to guide the way we move and use land across the city.

The new Zoning Bylaw (currently the Land Use Bylaw) will simplify the rules that govern the use of land and the form of buildings in the city.

The new Street Manual (currently the Complete Streets Policy and Guide) will provide updated direction for the design of Calgary's streets to support safe travel options for all Calgarians.

All three of these documents will be created based on public feedback, existing policies, Council priorities, partnering with the Indigenous community, and extensive consultation with subject matter experts and interested parties. This effort will impact every Calgarian for the next 30 years.

The second phase of engagement will focus on the initial proposed direction of the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Street Manual. We invite all Calgarians to share their input, either in person or online, from January 29 to March 3. Learn more and participate at [calgary.ca/citybuilding](http://calgary.ca/citybuilding).



## Crestmont Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Crestmont  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2023	\$717,450	\$708,750
November 2023	\$864,900	\$850,000
October 2023	\$579,999	\$575,000
September 2023	\$749,900	\$745,000
August 2023	\$644,000	\$645,000
July 2023	\$869,900	\$858,000
June 2023	\$749,900	\$739,999
May 2023	\$722,400	\$708,000
April 2023	\$779,000	\$780,000
March 2023	\$644,400	\$620,450
February 2023	\$759,950	\$738,000
January 2023	\$574,900	\$550,000

Last 12 Months Crestmont  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2023	1	2
November 2023	3	3
October 2023	4	3
September 2023	2	7
August 2023	5	2
July 2023	6	5
June 2023	5	3
May 2023	7	12
April 2023	10	7
March 2023	6	2
February 2023	2	2
January 2023	0	3

To view more detailed information that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit [crst.mycalgary.com](http://crst.mycalgary.com)



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**EVENTS**



**CHOA's Paint Night with Jessica  
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Our first Paint Night was a success! For a close-to-home evening of creativity, relaxing, and socializing, join us for Paint Night. All supplies are included, and you can enjoy a complimentary beverage while you create your own acrylic landscape.

It is recommended not to wear a loose-fitting top. Feel free to bring an apron!

Cost: \$50 for members | \$60 for non-members



# Love on a Shoestring

by Danielle Robbertze

Valentine's Day can be expensive. We would all like to give our partner the world to show our appreciation, especially on the day dedicated to love. But that is not always possible. Valentine's Day is said to be the fifth largest consumer spending event in the world. It is estimated that \$25.9 billion (USD) was spent on Valentine's Day in 2023!

There are a few ways in which you can show your love without breaking the bank. Firstly, it would probably be wise to ask your partner what they would like for Valentine's Day. This may take away the surprise element of the day, but you could be surprised about what they want and how cost-effective it could be. Often you will see that all they want is some quality time. So set up a movie night at home or a lovely homecooked dinner. It is often the romantic gestures that count more than a diamond necklace or bouquet of roses.

Valentine's Day on a budget is a time to think creatively. Test out those DIY skills. You never know how much a handcrafted gift could mean to a loved one. Check out ideas online on how to make the perfect gift. You could make a special collage or photo album of all your favourite moments together. As cheesy as it might seem, you can never go wrong with a heartfelt love letter, one that your partner will cherish for years to come.

It is important to set a budget for yourself and your partner. This way you do not create too high of expectations for yourself or your partner. Plan ahead and plan together. The day is dedicated to spending time together so why not put in some money together to do something truly special like a weekend getaway or a romantic dinner at a swanky restaurant.

Consider celebrating the weekend after February 14, that way you and your partner can score some great deals with marked off items. This may seem unconventional, but it could be more special to set out your own Valentine's Day, away from the hustle and the bustle of the actual day.



There are so many ways in which you can save money on Valentine's Day whilst still expressing your love. Take away the pressure and expectations of stereotypical gifts and set your own path to celebrate this day. A path as unique as your relationship and love for your partner. Love is not chocolates, roses, or jewellery. True love is being with one another and cherishing that person for everything they are, flaws and all.

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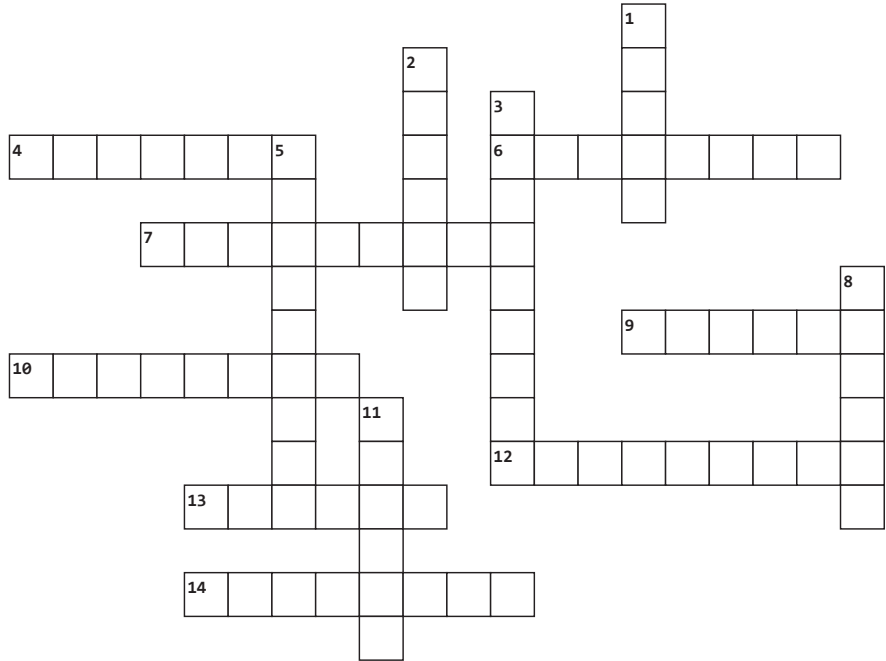
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# February Crossword



## Across

4. This historical fiction novel was released on February 10, 2009, and made into a major motion picture starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, and Emma Stone.
6. A ring made with this birthstone had a carved image of Cupid and is said to be worn by St. Valentine.
7. This American painter, well-known for his artwork "American Gothic" was born on February 13, 1891.
9. On February 15, 1965, this country officially received its flag, 100 years after becoming a country.
10. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won gold in this category in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.
12. This well-known annual league championship takes place every year on the second Sunday in February. It will be played on February 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas this year.
13. The official flower that represents birthdays in February.
14. The popular heart-shaped candies with cute messages were originally used as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Down

1. This dwarf planet was discovered on February 18, 1930, and was named by 11-year-old, Venetia Burney.
2. February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. This festival, which takes place on the same day as Shrove Tuesday, celebrates the end of the pre-Lenten season with colourful masks and parades.
5. Released in February 1940, this Disney motion picture featuring the beloved character Figaro, was the first animated feature to win a competitive Academy Award.
8. In 1990, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Helen Hunley, introduced this day to celebrate and honour loved ones.
11. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, better known as The \_\_\_\_\_, was born on February 16, 1990, in Scarborough.

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### Medieval Tinder

Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. Did you know that in the Middle Ages, love was a fashion statement? Back then, singles played a name-lag game, pinning their Valentine's name on their sleeves for a week! Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve - literally!



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Councillor, Ward 1  
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Hello, Ward 1!

2024 has been off to a busy start. Here's the latest news in Ward 1 and from City Hall.

### Property Assessment Notices

Property tax assessment notices were mailed out on January 3. If you have questions or concerns about the assessed value of your property, or if you haven't received your notice, you can contact Assessment directly at 403-268-2888 or visit [calgary.ca/assessment](http://calgary.ca/assessment). The City's Customer Review period runs from now until March 13.

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### Blanket Rezoning

As part of its Housing Strategy, Council approved recommendations last fall to begin the process of changing the zoning of single-family properties across the city to the "R-CG" district. This would allow the construction of townhouses or duplexes on most residential properties in Calgary without an individual hearing before Council.

This is a significant change that requires public engagement. Affected property owners will receive notices by mail on how you can participate in the coming weeks.

Council will be holding a public hearing on this blanket rezoning change on April 22, 2024. Members of the public are welcome to speak to Council or submit written feedback. All members of Council are required, by law, to remain amenable to persuasion during this hearing. Learn more at [calgary.ca/publichearing](http://calgary.ca/publichearing).

### Single-Use Items Bylaw

The City's single-use items bylaw took effect on January 16. While the bylaw does not ban any materials, it requires businesses to charge a minimum fee for paper and reusable bags, and to offer food ware accessories like straws, forks, napkins, or packaged condiments on request only. Learn more about this change at [calgary.ca/singleuse](http://calgary.ca/singleuse).

### Chinook Blast

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- Barbara and Darrell Knight  
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