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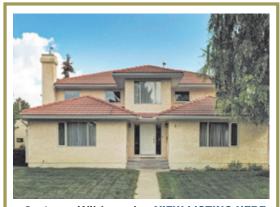
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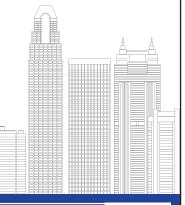
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#### THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECCA)

#### **About Us**

The Eau Claire Community Association (ECCA) was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of living in Eau Claire. It is recognized by the City of Calgary as the official voice of the Eau Claire community. The ECCA bylaws define the purpose and direction of the ECCA and are registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws are available at www.eauclaireca.com/about.

The community of Eau Claire is located adjacent to the downtown commercial core, bounded by Prince's Island and the Bow River on the north and centre of 4 Avenue on the south, extending from the centre of 2 Street SW to the centre of 9 Street SW.

#### Mission

The Eau Claire Community Association strives to create a vibrant connected community. Our approach to planning and development is to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

#### **Vision**

Eau Claire is a safe, clean and liveable residential community proud of its natural environment. We are supportive of social and recreational gathering places and relevant businesses that support the community.





#### Membership

Membership in the ECCA is open to all residents. The annual fee is \$6 per household. The majority of Eau Claire condominium complexes (and therefore their residents) hold a membership, paid for by the condo corporation. Business memberships are also available. Strong membership empowers the ECCA to protect the interests of our community. Issues of key interest are planning, transportation and safety. The ECCA's role is to provide a voice for Eau Claire residents, to help ensure that community interests are being considered and that development is in keeping with the Area Redevelopment Plan.

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#### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays starting at 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend any public Council meeting in person or watch remotely online through our webcast page on Calgary.ca. Members of the public can attend and speak to items during a Public Hearing which are usually held once a month.

You may also attend any public Committee meeting. Key Committee meetings are also available to be viewed remotely.

- Public are strongly encouraged to follow Council and Committee meetings using the live stream at www.calgary.ca/watchlive.
- Public wishing to make a written submission may do so using the public submission form at the following link: https://forms.calgary.ca/content/forms/af/public/ public/public-submission-to-city-clerks.html?redirect=/ publicsubmission.
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#### **Your Photos on the Cover?**

We'd love to see some community photos in The Current and even on the cover. Please submit them to info@EauClaireCA.com with the subject line "Photos."

- All photos must be taken in Eau Claire; if at an event or festival please identify.
- No pictures of kids unless accompanied by a parental release.
- If your photo is chosen for publication you will get a photo credit in the issue.
- Photos must be 1MB in size and 300 DPI for print quality.

#### **SAFE & SOUND**

#### **February Is Heart Month**

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing may make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

#### **Common Signs of a Heart Attack**

(Any, or all, of these signs and symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.
- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea/ vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women, and the elderly.

#### **Heart Attack Risk Factors**

- · Obesity\*
- Sedentary lifestyle\*
- Smoking\*
- High cholesterol\*
- Age/Gender
- · Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (\*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

#### What To Do When Seconds Count

- Call 911, immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and be the difference between life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous, and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a heart attack.

### Decluttering? Tips for Selling Your Used Items Online

From the Better Business Bureau

The start of a new year is a great time to clean out your home and organize your living spaces. But what should you do with the gently used clothing, furniture, home items, or electronics that you aren't using anymore? Fortunately, online marketplaces, such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Ebay, and Poshmark, make it easy to sell without even leaving your home.

That said, there are a few perils to selling used items online. To avoid the dangers and to successfully make sales, BBB recommends the following tips.

#### **How to Stay Safe When Making Online Sales**

#### Choose an appropriate platform

Nerdwallet recommends that "before you sell stuff online to make extra money, determine the ideal venue for your goods." There are dozens of online marketplaces to choose from, but many of them focus on a specific kind of used goods, such as electronics or designer clothing. Before you create an account with a marketplace, make sure it is a good fit for the kind of goods you want to sell.

#### Know the worth of your items and price appropriately

To determine the value of an item you want to sell, Consumer Reports suggests searching for similar items on the site where you plan to list. If you are selling an item that was never used and is still in its original packaging, remember that technically it is still coming to the buyer second-hand, so you'll need to charge a little less than the original retail value if you want to make a sale.

#### Watch out for shady buyers

Con artists often pose as buyers in scams. Sometimes they offer to overpay for an item, but that's not their only tactic. Beware of buyers who ask you to make transactions outside of the selling platform or those who ask for personal information, such as your banking information.

#### Be extra cautious when making local sales

Some platforms allow you to meet up with people in your local area to exchange your item for cash in person. While this can be an effective way to sell big items and



avoid marketplace fees, use caution when meeting up with strangers. Don't be quick to give them your home address, instead ask buyers to meet you in a safe place, such as outside your local police department. Never meet up with a buyer you don't know alone. Always bring your partner or a friend to make the transaction.

#### Always protect your personal information

As you sell items online, keep your sensitive personal information under lock and key. Avoid communicating with buyers outside of the online platform you are using to make the sale and don't give out your home address, phone number, or email address.



#### Eau Claire Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price		
December 2022	\$577,450	\$550,750		
November 2022	\$388,800	\$373,000		
October 2022	\$1,375,000	\$1,335,000		
September 2022	\$1,844,500	\$1,650,000		
August 2022	\$349,900	\$342,000		
July 2022	\$669,900	\$650,000		
June 2022	\$514,900	\$505,000		
May 2022	\$524,900	\$515,000		
April 2022	\$692,000	\$690,000		
March 2022	\$428,000	\$414,000		
February 2022	\$462,000	\$451,250		
January 2022	\$573,950	\$545,500		

Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold			
December 2022	3	4			
November 2022	3	12			
October 2022	13	7			
September 2022	14	6			
August 2022	7	7			
July 2022	8	3			
June 2022	13	6			
May 2022	11	9			
April 2022	11	6			
March 2022	11	9			
February 2022	14	4			
January 2022	12	6			

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **eauclaire.mycalgary.com** 

#### **RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES**

### Stargazing with Pat J: Celestial Bumper Cars

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While the Moon and planets may appear to peacefully traverse the night sky, in reality, all have been victims of catastrophic fender-benders with their solar system siblings.

**Venus:** Every planet spins anti-clockwise; except for Venus. Sometime in the distant past, something knocked Venus completely upside down, causing it to appear to rotate backwards; where the sun rises in the west and sets in the east. Equally weird, its axis rotation is so slow that a Venus day is longer than its year.

**Earth:** A Mars-sized object named Theia collided with Earth about 4.5 billion years ago. The gigantic impact blasted material into orbit which eventually consolidated into our Moon. The collision is also thought to be the reason Earth is tilted 23.5 degrees which is a good thing for us as otherwise there would be no seasons.

**Saturn's Moon Mimas:** The object that nearly destroyed Mimas left an impact crater 130 kms across; a comparable crater on Earth would be wider than Australia.

**Uranus:** All planets in the Solar system are tilted to some degree, but Uranus takes it to a whole new level. Early in life, a collision with an Earth-sized object left it with a tilt of almost 98 degrees; meaning Uranus is literally lying on its side.

As a result of the extreme tilt, summer on Uranus is 21 years of continuous sunshine while winter is 21 years of complete darkness. Despite being closer to the Sun than Neptune, Uranus is the coldest planet in the solar system at -224 degrees Celsius. And you thought our Canadian winters were bad.

\*Asteroid Belt: Located between Mars and Jupiter, these rocky fragments are not from a smashed planet, but merely material left over from when the solar system formed.



#### **MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT**

#### **An Exercise in Building Intimacy**

by Nancy Bergeron, RPsych | info@nancybergeron.ca



The person we often crave to feel most known by is our partner. This is the person with whom we share the most intimate details of our lives. It's the person who sees us at our best and our worst. The one who knows our history and is a primary part of our future.

We want them to know us, to really know us, and these questions can help. Dr. Catron says, "Most of us think about love as something that happens to us, we fall and sometimes we get crushed. But what I like about this study is how it assumes that love is an action."

This activity should be done at a slow pace and should last at least 45 minutes.

Grab a couple of comfortable chairs and place them facing each other. Knees should be about a foot or so away from each other. Turn off phones and all other distractions.

- 1. Given the choice of anyone in the world, whom would you want as a dinner guest?
- 2. Would you like to be famous? In what way?
- 3. Before making a telephone call, do you ever rehearse what you are going to say? Why?
- 4. What would constitute a "perfect" day for you?
- 5. When did you last sing to yourself? To someone else?
- 6. If you were able to live to the age of 90 and retain either the mind or body of a 30-year-old for the last 60 years of your life, which would you want?

- 7. Do you have a secret hunch about how you will die?
- 8. Name three things you and your partner appear to have in common.
- 9. For what in your life do you feel most grateful?
- 10. If you could change anything about the way you were raised, what would it be?
- 11. Take four minutes and tell your partner your life story in as much detail as possible.
- 12. If you could wake up tomorrow having gained any one quality or ability, what would it be?
- 13. If a crystal ball could tell you the truth about yourself, your life, the future, or anything else, what would you want to know?
- 14. Is there something that you've dreamed of doing for a long time? Why haven't you done it?
- 15. What is the greatest accomplishment of your life?
- 16. What do you value most in a friendship?
- 17. What is your most treasured memory?
- 18. What is your most terrible memory?
- 19. If you knew that in one year you would die suddenly, would you change anything about the way you are now living? Why?
- 20. What does friendship mean to you?

- 21. What roles do love and affection play in your life?
- 22. Alternate sharing something you consider a positive characteristic of your partner. Share a total of five items.
- 23. How close and warm is your family? Do you feel your childhood was happier than most other people's?
- 24. How do you feel about your relationship with your mother?
- 25. Make three true "we" statements each. For instance, "We are both in this room feeling \_\_\_\_\_."
- 26. Complete this sentence: "I wish I had someone with whom I could share "."
- 27. If you were going to become a close friend with your partner, please share what would be important for him or her to know.
- 28. Tell your partner what you like about them; be very honest this time, saying things that you might not say to someone you've just met.
- 29. Share with your partner an embarrassing moment in your life.
- 30. When did you last cry in front of another person? By yourself?
- 31. Tell your partner something that you like about them already.
- 32. What, if anything, is too serious to be joked about?
- 33. If you were to die this evening with no opportunity to communicate with anyone, what would you most regret not having told someone? Why haven't you told them yet?
- 34. Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Why?
- 35. Of all the people in your family, whose death would you find most disturbing? Why?
- 36. Share a personal problem and ask your partner's advice on how he or she might handle it. Also, ask your partner to reflect back to you how you seem to be feeling about the problem you have chosen.

Now that you are done asking and answering questions, look into each other's eyes for four minutes (try not to giggle too much).

The formal activity is complete. Now, talk about how this exercise made you both feel.



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# LIVING DINOSAURS

Crocodiles have been roaming the earth for over 150 million years, which basically makes them living dinosaurs. One thing that has helped them to survive is their incredible bite force – the strongest in the entire animal kingdom! Amazingly, saltwater crocodiles have a bite force of 3,700 pounds per square inch, which is the strongest bite ever recorded!



#### **What Can Go in Your Blue Cart?**

from the City of Calgary

Your blue cart is for acceptable household paper, cardboard, and container packaging. It is important to recycle the right things in your blue cart and community recycling depots, and properly prepare your materials.

When you put in items that don't belong, it can cause injuries to workers and costly shutdowns at recycling sorting facilities. Not sure where to put an item? Check out What Goes Where: https://www.calgary.ca/waste/what-goes-where/default.html.

#### **Put These Items into Your Blue Cart:**

#### 1. Bundled Stretchy Plastic Bags and Cling Wrap

Bundle all stretchy plastic bags into a single plastic bag and tie closed before recycling. Acceptable bags include:

- · Grocery bags
- · Shopping bags
- · Sandwich/lunch bags
- · Resealable/Ziploc bags
- · Freezer bags
- · Bread bags
- Dry cleaner bags
- Plastic overwrap (wrapping on toilet or paper towel, water bottle cases)
- Plastic film wrap (saran wrap)
- Bubble wrap

Tip: If the plastic bag/wrap stretches (like a grocery bag) it's recyclable; if it does not stretch, is crinkly, or tears (like a chip bag or cellophane), it's not recyclable.

#### 2. Paper and Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes (cereal, pizza, tissue boxes, etc.)
- · Toilet and paper towel tubes
- · Catalogues, magazines, and telephone books
- Newspapers, flyers, and brochures
- Letters and envelopes (remove plastic window)
- · Paper coffee cups and fountain pop cups (no lid)
- Greeting cards
- Non-foil paper gift wrap
- · Paper bags
- Soup and beverage cartons (e.g.Tetra Pak® packages)
- · Milk cartons and juice boxes
- Shredded paper (in a see-through bag and tied closed)
- Paperback and hardcover books (separate hardcovers from pages)



#### 3. Container Packaging

Your blue cart is for containers – bottles, jugs, jars, cartons, cans, and other rigid containers.

3a. Containers made of plastic

- Milk jugs
- Yogurt tubs
- Pop bottles
- · Takeout containers
- · Laundry detergent container
- Body lotion containers (no tubes)
- · Beverage and juice bottles
- · Mouthwash bottles
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles (no hand pumps)
- Molded plastic packaging
- A plastic holder with a cardboard backing separate each item for recycling
- · Clamshell packaging
- Divided food trays like cookie trays or party trays

Tip: Once you have determined that your plastic item is a container, then look for a recycling symbol from 1 through 7. If your plastic item is not a container, do not recycle.

3b. Containers made of tin - food cans and tin foil

- Tin food cans
- Clean tin foil (crumple up)
- Foil takeout containers and pie plates
- Tin containers (e.g. cookie tins)
- Pop cans

3c. Containers made of glass – food jars and bottles

- Glass food jars baby food jars, salsa jars
- Glass bottles pop bottles, condiment bottles

#### **Lids and Caps**

- Metal lids must be larger than 5 cm (two inches) in diameter
- Plastic lids must be larger than 7.5 cm (three inches) in diameter

Tip: If the lid is about the size of the palm of your hand, it's okay to recycle. Please note that all coffee cup lids belong in the garbage. They are too light to be sorted properly at the recycling facility.

#### **CRIME STATISTICS**

#### **Eau Claire Crime Activity was Down in** December 2022

The Fau Claire community experienced 2 crimes in December 2022, in comparison to 3 crimes the previous month, and 5 crimes in December one year ago. Eau Claire experiences an average of 4.6 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Eau Claire experienced a total of 55 crimes as of December 2022, which is down 19% in comparison to 68 crimes as of December 2021. To review the full Eau Claire Crime report visit eauc. mycalgary.com.

How To Report Crime In Eau Claire: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca, or text tttTIPS to 274637.

#### The Northernmost Settlement



Alert, Nunavut (Qikiqtaaluk Region) is the northernmost settlement in the entire world; this scientific and military hub is only 817 kilometres from the North

Pole! February is typically Alert's coldest month and unbelievably, their record temperature low is -50 °C. I don't know about you, but Calgary isn't sounding so bad in comparison!





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Dear Friends.

One of the main challenges we face in our federal system of government - where powers are divided between two distinct levels of government - is providing democratic representation at the national level for issues that impact only parts of the country. An example is the Liberal government's legislation to 'Build a Green Economy on the Prairies'. This is in addition to the various oversteps in regulatory jurisdiction that this government has undertaken, and their plan for a 'just transition' of jobs that have paid this country's bills for generations - with little concern for the consequences, nor the notion that there are provincial governments already moving in this direction, with the input of industry and post-secondary institutions. The legislation in guestion was opposed by 51 of the 62 Members of Parliament from the Prairies, along with all three provincial governments. The bulk of votes from other parts of the country have dictated an overstep into provincial responsibility. It's one of the democratic nuances with which we grapple, and for which we are looking for more representative solutions. Rest assured I will be watching this development closely.

In that regard, I will be hosting a meet and greet at the Marda Loop Communities Association Hall from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on February 11 to discuss any issues you wish to raise and answer any questions you may have about my stance on issues. I'm always pleased to hear from you directly. Refer to my website below for more information.

I might see you at the Beltline Bonspiel on Saturday, February 18, hosted by the Beltline Neighborhoods Association. Local Calgary teams compete in an outdoor curling tournament in front of the Lougheed House. Drop-by anytime between 12:00 and 5:00 pm to enjoy live music and to sample local food.

Please contact me at Greg.McLean@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880 and keep up-to-date on my work in Parliament on my website, GregMcLeanMP.ca.

Sincerely,

Greg McLean



#### Please allow us to introduce ourselves! We are

#### RAINBOW ELDERS CALGARY

A support group for 2SLGBTQ+ seniors



Rainbow Elders Calgary is a volunteer-run organization determined to make a significant difference in the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ seniors. We work to provide support and address issues such as social isolation, housing, and loneliness.

As seniors, we also believe that we have a responsibility to connect with and be role models for our vulnerable 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

We invite you to get to know us as we make major differences in the lives of both young and older members of our queer community.

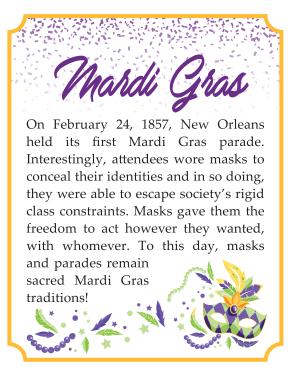
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### EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

		Properties		Median Price		
	_	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold	
December 2	2	3	4	\$577,450	\$550,750	
November 2	2	5	12	\$388,800	\$373,000	
October 2	2	13	7	\$1,375,000	\$1,335,000	
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