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#### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**



Dear Neighbours,

Happy spring! The days are getting longer, the weather warmer, and trees and plants are coming into bloom. I love this time of year!

As always, I appreciate input from community members in regards to this newsletter so please feel free to email me any suggestions.

Until next time!

Jane Phillips, Editor

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### Safety Corner

2023 sure is going quickly. We are now in the spring months, which means travel season is now upon us.

Last month, I mentioned that this month's topic will be "what to do when you are missing a part from your vehicle, specifically the catalytic converter?" I am not sure how many people ask this question, however, I have had someone close to me go through this exact event.

Back in January, my friend noticed her vehicle making a strange sound. When she had stopped safely to take a look, she noticed that her catalytic converter had been stolen while she was visiting some friends. This even was in broad daylight (between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm). Long story short, the thief got away with guite a valuable prize.

So, what can you do when something like this happens to you? What my friend taught me was simple: never stress yourself out with the situation.

Here's a few steps that my friend took:

- Immediately get off the road safely.
- Check for any issues. This includes checking under the vehicle.
- · If anything is missing, contact the local police and report a crime.
- Call your insurance company, explain the situation, and help fill out any reports they may require.
- Follow instructions of insurance company in regards to getting the vehicle ready for repairs.
- Allow the shop to replace the converter with a new one.

There are other things that can be done as well. After this situation ended, both my friend and I discussed what else can be done to further curb theft of an important part of your vehicle.

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Etch the VIN of your vehicle on your catalytic converter.
- Install an anti-theft device.

I would like to end this article with a recommendation. For those who own vehicles, I recommend the VIN be etched on your catalytic converters. To find out where you can get the etching done, feel free to contact our brave men and women at CPS.

Until next month, let's continue to keep our community safe by looking out for each other.

Richard Bankert

KGCA Director – Safe Streets/Traffic

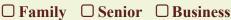
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### **TO SUPPORT** AND CONNECT **OURCOMMUNITY.**

#### HOW?

Through the creation and delivery of program, events, and strategic initiatives.

#### WHY?

To encourage involvement and to inspire pride in both our residents and visitors.



### **KGCA Members** That Inspire Community

KGCA is committed to supporting local. If you are a member with a local business that inspires community building, we want to hear about what you're doing! Please email editor@kgca.ca or comms@kgca.ca with details!





### What's to Love About Calgary?

Calgary, with 1.336 million people in 2017, is ranked by Mercer Human Resources consulting as the cleanest city in the world for health and sanitation four times in six years and again in 2022!

Calgary is one of Canada's youngest cities with an average age of 36!?

Calgary is the sunniest city in Canada, as determined by Environment Canada with, can you believe it, 333 sunny days and 2,396 hours of sunshine per year – out comes the sunscreen!

Calgary has been on the radar of the Economist Intelligence Unit's list of the most livable places in the world for many years; in 2022, Calgary was named the third most livable city in the world, tied for third place with Zurich, Switzerland.





In 2022, Austria's capital, Vienna, was ranked the most livable among the 172 cities surveyed by the Economist Intelligence Unit. Auckland was ranked the most livable city in 2021.

We are in good company!

Calgary also has an active and dynamic film and television sector. Calgary production companies led nominations for the annual Alberta Film and Television Awards, the Rosie Awards in 2022. The Rosie Awards began in 1974 and continue to this day.

Calgary filmmakers Amanda Forbis and Wendy Tilby have been nominated for an Oscar for their animated short *The Flying Sailor*, a surreal film about a British sailor being blown into the sky during the Halifax Explosion. *The Flying Sailor* is also screening as part of the Sundance Film Festival as a jury winner for Best Animated Short! Congratulations, Calgarians!





Calgary is the third most diverse city in Canada with more than 120 languages spoken! Nearly 25% of Calgarians are foreign born!

Calgary has the Greatest Show on Earth: the Calgary Stampede, visited by more than a million people every year! Summer isn't summer without the Calgary Stampede!

Calgary is one of the best winter cities in the world where it can snow every single month of the year. Calgary is very unique. Our plus 15 pedestrian skywalk network is the largest in the world where you can walk 18 kilometres without going outside; it has 86 bridges that connect 130 buildings. Architect Harold Hanen, who worked for the City of Calgary Planning Department from 1966 to 1969, conceived the idea. If you've ever worked downtown, you will have loved it! It's fast, efficient, and toasty warm in winter!

Calgary's Peace Bridge was built by the City of Calgary to connect the Bow River Pathway with downtown. It was conceived by Santiago Calatrava, the renowned Spanish architect. The challenges were that it had to withstand Calgary's one-in-a-hundred-year flood, meet a minimum 75-year lifespan, and allow barrier-free access for people with all mobility types. It also had a height restriction to allow helicopters to use the helipad on the park. His usual designs were soaring, asymmetrical shapes anchored by high masts. Calgary is different and is special!

Banff National Park, that enhances every season for winter and summer sports, is a mere 100 kilometres away.

Barbra Streisand says it best in her song: we are "the luckiest people in the world" to live here!

Drink a toast to Calgary! Cheers!









Meet Dandy, this month's KGCA Pet of the Month!

Dandy is an eight-year-old tabby cat who loves food, napping, cuddling, and hanging out on his cat tower!

If you would like your pet featured as the KGCA Pet of the Month, please email a photo and description of your pet to editor@kgca.ca.

## Thinking About Joining the KGCA Community Garden?

Did you know that the KGCA rents out 23 garden plots at the hall every year? The garden program is a place where neighbours come together and put their veggie growing skills to work. We also look after the communal flower beds and the composting at the hall. Some of our members have a lot of experience and others are new, so come out and join us! We are currently assigning plots for the 2023 season, and we will have a garden orientation session in May where members of the garden program will talk about the garden and answer questions.

Rental Fees (must be a KGCA member in good standing): \$40 per plot.

The rental includes your own plot, some basic gardening tools, and water.

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### **Speeding Awareness**

by Cst. Jeff Leimer #3503, Calgary Police Service, CPS, Traffic Section, Residential Traffic Safety Unit, RTSU

April is Speed Awareness and Enforcement Month. Fines start at 1 km/h over the speed limit at \$81 and go up to 50 km/h at \$495. Demerit points are assessed to speed fines starting at 2 demerits and increase as speed increases.

Speed fines double if one is charged for speeding in a construction zone or passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks. If speeds are in excess of 50 km/h over the speed limit, the ticket will be for mandatory court in which the courts will set the fine and license suspension timeline.

Starting March 1, 2023, a change to the Traffic Safety Act (TSA) occurred, being that all lanes of travel must slow to 60 km/h when passing emergency vehicles when traveling in the same direction. This is a change in that currently it is only the lane adjacent or one lane beside the emergency vehicle that must slow. You

wouldn't want an emergency vehicle ripping past you in your office, would you?

In relation to speed, the distance your vehicle travels increases considerably for reaction time and braking distance if an emergency arises. Consider the following which is based on an average vehicle in good repair driving on a dry road in good condition at 50 km/h.

- Average perception and reaction time is 1.5 seconds (brain to see danger and then reaction time to step on brakes). This can vary depending on driving experience.
- Vehicle travels approximately 18 m/sec at 50 km/h.
- Vehicle from start of braking to complete stop takes approximately 25 metres.
- So, it will be approximately 60 metres of travel distance (half a football field).
- At 100 km/h, you can quadruple that distance, so approximately 200 metres (two football fields) to stop.

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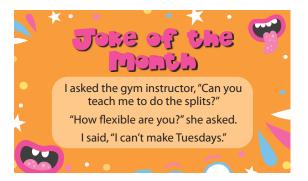












#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

### **Trivia: Calgary Edition**

- 1. What year did the Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup?
- 2. What was Calgary's original name?
- 3. What iconic indie pop duo hails from Calgary?
- 4. In 1969, what cocktail did Walter Chell invent in Calgary?
- 5. Who was Canada's flag bearer at Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics?





#### Jane's Walk

by Joey Stewart

Jane's Walk is a global event of free neighbourhood walking tours held in Calgary and around the world each May, inspired by activist Jane Jacobs.

This year, the walks are held May 5, 6, and 7, 2023. Since 2008, Calgarians have been deepening their sense of belonging by connecting with their city's stories, challenges, and delights through walking tours led by and for Calgarians.

For 15 years, Calgary Foundation has been the focal point for the walks. Starting this year, the Federation of Calgary Communities will be the focal point.

Jane Jacobs was an American Canadian journalist, author, theorist, and activist beginning in New York City where she sought to stop an enormous freeway, proposed by the powerful Robert Moses, from going through the middle of Greenwich Village. Her family moved to Toronto at the beginning of the Vietnam War.

Arguably, no one did more to shape the understanding of the modern American city than Jane Jacobs, the visionary, activist, and author of The Death and Life of Great American Cities. Her books have influenced generations of urban planners and are still being taught in universities around the world.

When she died in 2006, her friends and colleagues wanted to recognize her contributions to cities that work. They struck upon the idea of doing what Jane would have liked best: getting people onto the street and talking about the architecture, stories, legends, and people who make up their neighbourhoods.

Anyone can lead a Jane's Walk, decide what corner of your neighbourhood you like best, and register your title of the walk with the Federation of Calgary Communities. Talk to people whose homes stand out that you'd like to know more about, create a route, set a time and date, and decide on a starting point. Most walks last about an hour. The list of routes is advertised online so invite your own neighbours, friends and family, and others will show up.

Engage your guests with conversation. Many of the people in the group will have anecdotes and stories to contribute as you walk along. I have been doing this for many years; if you'd like more tips, contact me at joeycalgary@aol.com.

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Dear Neighbours,

Alberta's government presented Budget 2023: Securing Alberta's Future.

With a forecast surplus of \$2.4 billion, and an economy poised to lead the country in economic growth, Budget 2023 is an opportunity for the government to invest in Alberta's future. Alberta's responsible fiscal management over the last three years made this possible – growing the economy, creating good paying jobs, strengthening health care and education, and keeping communities safe.

Alberta's government is setting new records for spending in health care. Our province has the best front-line health-care workers in the world and Budget 2023 provides the right supports to ensure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it. An additional \$965 million in operating expense this year will help build a stronger healthcare system and ensure that government can do what's needed to improve wait times for ambulance services, emergency rooms, and surgeries. The budget also includes \$158 million this year to attract, recruit, and train more doctors and nurses, with a focus on family physicians for rural areas.

Your government is growing and diversifying Alberta's economy. According to a recent report from the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, Alberta smashed its venture capital investment record for the fourth year in a row, attracting \$729\$ million in investment in 2022 – a 30% increase over 2021. The increase in year-over-year values stands in stark contrast to Canada as a whole, which saw a near 30% decline in venture capital dollars invested in 2022.

Alberta is attracting big names in the technology world and undoubtedly, 2023 will be another big year for our technology and innovation sector. That means more high-paying jobs for Albertans. Calgary Herald business writer Chris Varcoe recently wrote that "despite a global slowdown and layoffs in the [technology] sector, Alberta technology companies continue to attract the interest of investors." And Alberta Enterprise Corporation President and CEO Kristina Williams said, "Alberta's tech sector has become a force to reckon with in Canada and beyond."

Government is also setting up Indigenous communities for success. Fourteen Indigenous community-owned businesses are receiving an economic boost through the Aboriginal Business Investment Fund. Five million dollars in grants will be distributed through the fund, supporting the growth of Indigenous communities, community-led job creation, and economic development. Grants will go toward capital costs like equipment purchases and infrastructure builds.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring as well as a happy Easter. Regards,

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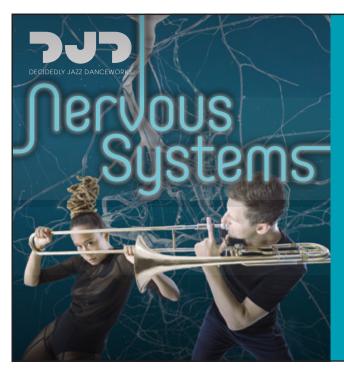
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