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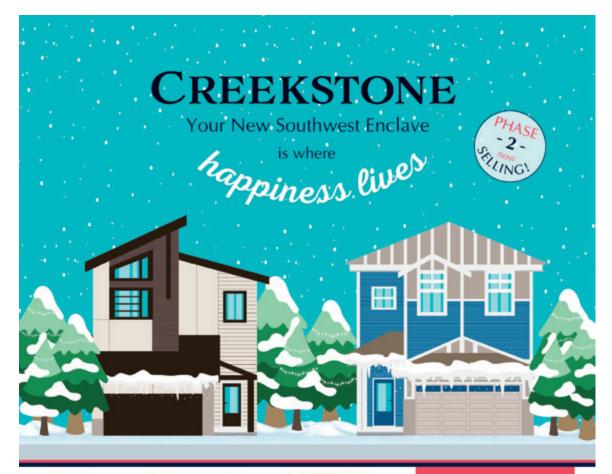


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Monthly Board Meetings

The Somerset-Bridlewood Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Jets room at Cardel Rec South. Residents are welcome to join the meeting and find out what is happening in our communities! We are always looking for enthusiastic community-oriented residents to join our board.

Note: SBCA is running hybrid meetings under further notice. The virtual link is posted on our website and social medias announcements.

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We hope you enjoy receiving the Newsletter of Somerset residents association. This newsletter is one of the many community-focused activities of the SRA along with our newly revamped website. Make sure you stop by the website www. Somersetwaterpark.org.

Questions or Comments?

We welcome all resident ideas, compliments, questions and queries, and please notify the SRA of any safety concerns immediately.

Vandalism

Continues to happen, if you witness park vandalism call (CPS) police immediately (403-266-1234).

Annual Invoice

Are you yet to pay your annual dues! Please let the SRA know if there are special circumstances preventing payment (see below).

Have a question that is not park related? Visit the 'Somerset / Bridlewood Community Association' website: www.mysbcacalgary.wordpress.com/.

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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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SBCA Memberships

Our Community Association is run by residents in our neighbourhoods. SBCA is dedicated to making our communities a great place to live, work, and play. They are a voice of our community.

Purchasing your Community Association membership is a great way of getting involved and show your support. Memberships are valid for the calendar year. You can purchase or renew your membership online at www.mysbcacalgary. wordpress.com.

SBCA has three levels of memberships: Seniors \$10; Family \$20; and Business \$40. Membership is voluntary and is not part of the Somerset Homeowners Association fee also known as Somerset Resident Association fee.

As a member, all social events organized by SBCA are free, you can apply to rent a plot at the community garden, you get a vote at the yearly AGM (May), and it entitles you to hold a position on the Board of Directors. Show support for your community and purchase your membership today!

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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!



Somerset Bridlewood Community Garden

by Sheryl Normandeau, Community Garden Director

For gardeners, the arrival of February means it is almost time to start thinking about starting seeds indoors so that they're ready to go into the garden! It's still too early to sow most veggies – you'll want to wait until March or April – but onion seeds can certainly be planted in containers indoors this month. Most onion seeds only take a couple of weeks to germinate, but they grow slowly. Not only do you want them to be a decent size before they are planted out in the garden in the spring, but you also want to give them enough time to bulb up nicely once they are transplanted. For many varieties, that can take up to 90 days.

Many gardeners are familiar with growing onion sets instead of seeds. Sets are the immature bulbs (grown from seed the previous year) that you can purchase in mesh bags from the garden centre or hardware store. They sprout and grow more quickly than seeds when sown in the ground or in containers and they don't need to be started indoors in advance. Onion sets sometimes do not produce bulbs that are as large as many gardeners would like, but if you don't have space to start any seeds indoors, they are an excellent, generally reliable choice.

Besides forming decent-sized onion bulbs, there is another huge benefit to growing onions from seeds: you have more varieties to choose from! Onion sets are often sold as generic "red," "yellow," or "white" types and you don't know what exact variety you are actually getting. If you're a fan of different flavours of onions, you'll want to experiment with growing onion seeds if you can.

During the dreary grey days of this month, why not think about planting a few onion seeds?



On February 24, 1857, New Orleans held its first Mardi Gras parade. Interestingly, attendees wore masks to conceal their identities and in so doing, they were able to escape society's rigid class constraints. Masks gave them the freedom to act however they wanted, with whomever. To this day, masks and parades remain sacred Mardi Gras traditions!

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.

TAKE ON WELLNESS

Overcaffeinated?

Many people don't realize that caffeine is a drug. It's a stimulant that's found in many types of pain and cold medicine, as well as in foods and drinks, including coffee, tea, chocolate, some energy drinks, and some painkillers.

What Are the Short-Term Effects?

The effects of caffeine usually start within five to 30 minutes and can last from eight to 12 hours.

Larger amounts of caffeine can:

- cause shaking
- · make you have trouble sleeping
- · make you very agitated
- cause a fast, irregular heartbeat (might feel like your heart is racing)
- · make you feel irritable, restless, and nervous

People who have panic attacks shouldn't use large amounts of caffeine. It can trigger nervousness and anxiety, and they might be more sensitive to its effects.

It's rare for adults to die from a caffeine overdose. However, children can die from as little as one gram of caffeine. A single cup of coffee contains between 40 and 180 mg.

Caffeine doesn't decrease your appetite so there's no point in using it to diet or decrease your hunger.

Caffeine doesn't help you sober up if you are drunk.

As your body gets used to caffeine, it needs more and more of it to get the same effect. As the amount of caffeine goes up, so does the risk of side effects.

You can become mildly dependent on caffeine from regularly drinking 350 mg (about two to four cups of coffee) a day. If you suddenly stop drinking caffeine, you might have withdrawal symptoms such as:

- headaches
- · problems sleeping
- · feeling irritable, tired, and depressed
- lack of energy
- · feeling down
- · having trouble focusing or concentrating

Withdrawal symptoms begin 12 to 24 hours after you stop caffeine. Most symptoms go away within a few days.



What Are the Long-Term Effects of Caffeine?

More than 300 mg of caffeine (about two to three cups of coffee) in a day may be linked to miscarriages and low-birth weight babies. Caffeine is passed through breastmilk, which might make your baby irritable or have trouble sleeping. If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, you may want to limit or avoid all caffeine.

Some women who drink more than three cups a day may be at risk of bone fractures as they get older.

Regular use of more than 600 mg of caffeine might cause long-term effects including chronic insomnia, constant anxiety, depression, and stomach problems. It can also cause high blood pressure or make high blood pressure worse.

Caffeine and Young People

Because their bodies are smaller, caffeine may have a stronger effect on a child than on an adult. Children who drink pop or energy drinks with caffeine might feel anxious, be irritable, have trouble sleeping, or wet the bed.

Some teens and young adults who use a lot of caffeine may have health problems like an increased or abnormal heart rate or chest pain. If this happens, they may need to go to the hospital or need an ambulance.

For more information on caffeine and health, call the 24-hour Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322.

Screen Time: Finding a Balance

Many families enjoy watching a favourite television show or movie together, but it is easy for children to spend too much time alone with a TV, computer, or video game. How do you know when it's time to cut back screen time?

The Canadian Pediatric Society recommends: no screen time for children under two years old, less than one hour of screen time daily for children between the ages of two and four, and less than two hours of screen time per day for older children.

Too much screen time can limit time for physical activity, reading, schoolwork, and talking with family and friends. But you can help your children develop healthy habits by monitoring screen time and teaching them to use media safely and wisely.

Keeping Track of Screen Time

- Have a central spot in your home to keep all your devices. This will help keep track of screen time.
- Make a family TV show schedule together and post it where everyone can see it (e.g., on the fridge).
- Make sure that you all agree on the plan. For example, agree on no screens during meals so everyone knows what's OK to watch and when it's OK to watch it.

Lead by Example

- When someone is talking to you, stop looking at the screen and look at the person. Encourage your children to do the same.
- When you play or read with your child, turn off the TV and other screens. Even a show playing in the background matters. It distracts you and your child from learning the most from the activities you share.
- Show your children how to lead a balanced life between screen time and other activities.
- Make screen time active—play during commercials and choose shows that get your family up and moving.

Focus On Family Time

 Make a list of other activities so your family doesn't rely on screens for entertainment. Include outdoor activities, playing, and reading in your family's daily routine.



- At mealtimes, put your media devices aside. Use the time to talk to each other.
- Make at least one night each week a family night.
 That means no screens. Play card or board games, read together, or go to an event.
- · Go for a walk or bike ride as a family.
- Go to the library for a story time or to check out a book.

Use Screen Time to Learn

- Help your child learn by watching and talking about TV shows together.
- · Choose TV shows that:
 - Repeat ideas to help kids learn.
 - · Pause and ask kids to join in.
 - · Teach only one message at a time.

Cutting back on screen time is very difficult to do, and while you may want to cut back, this may not be a good time for you. If you cannot start now, perhaps you can think about doing it later.

Remember that you can control how fast you make any changes. Making small, gradual changes to what and how much you watch on TV and other screens will help you and your child maintain the changes. The decision to change and how you do it are up to you. You can find a way that works for your family.

When you are ready to try, your doctor can give you information and support to help.

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Understand These Three Rules of the Mind to Change Any Habit in 2023

by Lynn C. Cox



How many of us want to make some changes in 2023? Perhaps you want to stop that habit of procrastinating, shed excess weight, start a new wellness program, get better sleep, or kick an unhealthy habit to the curb? How often have you tried to make one of these changes in the past and stopped short of your goals because something in you turns you in the other direction?

Sometimes it feels like we're in a battle of the wills with our own minds.

Conventional wisdom would have us believe that our minds are extraordinarily complicated and the process of understanding it, changing it, and managing it is close to impossible.

In the recent decade, there has been more research into, curiosity around, and mainstream adoption of neuroscience, Rapid Transformational Therapy (RTT), hypnotherapy, positive psychology, and mind body connection. What this means is people are hungry to move out of the dark ages of psychology and embrace an understanding of the mind, and practical practises to help achieve better mental, emotional, and physical health!

When it comes to longs-standing habits of action, such as overeating, procrastinating, feeling stress and anxiety and being prone to negative thought loops, the first place to begin is understanding a few rules of the mind. We cannot change anything we do not understand, and these 3 Rules of the Mind will help anyone on their journey of transformation.

1. The Mind Does What It Thinks You Want It to Do:

Our number one drive as a species is survival, and how do we survive? By staying safe! Safe typically means not taking risks (even measured ones), colouring within the lines that we've always known, and avoiding rejection at all costs. The mind thinks you want it to keep you safe.

For example, if you really want to up your game in business and become a phenomenal presenter, but you're not used to this, your mind will 'keep you safe' by convincing you taking this step amounts to danger. Don't worry, there's a way around this so you can explore, try new things, and develop yourself!

2. The Mind Loves the Familiar and is Repelled by the Unfamiliar

Along with point one, the mind is quite comfortable having the same old, same old. How many times have you heard stories about couples who are unhappy together because they're habits have become boring. Or think about a two-year-old who always wants to wear the same outfit, have the same toy, and eat the same thing for breakfast.

Way, way back when we were hunters and gatherers, the familiar kept us safe and alive. We knew what was poisonous and what wasn't, so we would stick to the safe and familiar. This love of the familiar is deeply wired into our primitive brains. But it can hold us back when we want to make changes in our life. Don't worry, you can retrain your mind to love the unfamiliar!

3. The Mind Responds to Two Things: Words and Pictures

The way our mind processes information is with words and pictures. The good news is the words create the pictures! Just try this exercise; sit in a room with a pen and paper and for five minutes, just write down all that chatter going on in your mind. You'll notice that thoughts, words, and pictures are repetitive.

You can actively choose what words you want to put in there and create compelling pictures to excite your mind and start to change. Do you want to take on healthier habits and shed weight for example? You can repeat words to yourself in many ways. Make a recording with the change you want to see and listen to it. Stop your habitual thoughts and plant the new words in there. Put them on your screensaver or write on your mirror.

Our minds are quite simple, and once you understand the mechanics, you are empowered to become the master of your mind and your life!



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Self-Care O'Clock







Taking care of your whole self, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, is important. Bringing our body and brain into harmony can bring upon improvements in all areas of our lives.

As humans, we are programmed to help others. However, to do this in an effective and sustainable way. we need to take care ourselves. As the saying goes "you cannot help others if you do not help yourself first." So, when is the last time you truly focused on you?

Self-care looks different for everyone. It is a journey to find what you need to prioritize as actions for yourself to feel relaxed, energized, and strong! Here are some ways you can take care of your whole self:

Eat: Bake some treats, make a tasty salad, or cook your favorite meal. Say "yes" to what you want and enjoy every bite. You need to nourish to flourish!

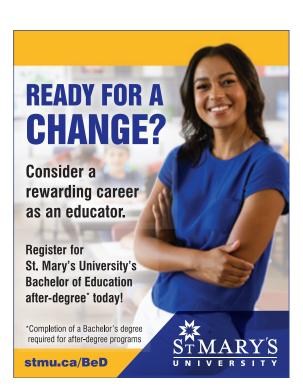
Make Space: Have a space in your home that you can call your own and where you can reset. This could be a beanbag chair in a cozy corner, or a window with a view.

Heart Health: Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Breathing exercises power our nervous system, helping us push away distractions and make decisions with a clear mind.

Connect: Surround yourself with people who support and uplift you. Focus on face-to-face interactions and connecting with a meaningful community.

Unplug: Limit daily technology use. Try to shut down screens an hour before bed and set up healthy boundaries with use during your day.

Most importantly, listen to what your body and brain need and meet those needs in ways that make sense for you!







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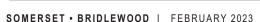
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February has arrived and like many of you I am hoping no shadows are seen this Groundhog Day and we can move on from this frigid winter!

This past month I was fortunate to be back home in Calgary Midnapore gathering with family, friends, and constituents.

On February 9, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Alberta will be tabling their revised proposal for Alberta's electoral boundaries in the House of Commons. I am hopeful that the Commission will have listened to the feedback of Albertans and many here in Calgary Midnapore who presented and wrote to the Commission with their concerns and objections.

The House of Commons has now resumed sitting. With parliamentarians busy preparing for the upcoming budget, which is expected to be tabled in March. In my role as the Conservative Shadow Minister for Treasury Board, I will be meeting with stakeholders from across the country to hear directly from them on how the federal government can assist Canadians. I will also be reviewing all budget estimates on the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) on behalf of the Official Opposition. As always, my Conservative colleagues and I will be pressuring the government to spend your tax dollars both responsibly and reasonably. This includes ending the tax hikes and ensuring that every dollar spent is matched by a dollar in government revenue.

With Family Day on the horizon, I hope all families here in Calgary Midnapore have an exciting and relaxing day with their loved ones.

For a more in-depth update about my ongoing work in Ottawa on your behalf, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter and follow along on my social media platforms. All information can be found online at StephanieKusieMP.ca.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie



Somerset Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Somerset MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2022	\$436,500.00	\$440,250.00
November 2022	\$523,500.00	\$508,925.00
October 2022	\$369,800.00	\$347,500.00
September 2022	\$319,900.00	\$336,000.00
August 2022	\$469,000.00	\$455,000.00
July 2022	\$379,450.00	\$374,950.00
June 2022	\$519,000.00	\$510,500.00
May 2022	\$524,900.00	\$549,000.00
April 2022	\$525,000.00	\$526,000.00
March 2022	\$509,900.00	\$532,500.00
February 2022	\$442,400.00	\$462,500.00
January 2022	\$469,900.00	\$501,000.00

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MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2022	9	10
November 2022	6	14
October 2022	10	15
September 2022	21	11
August 2022	15	21
July 2022	19	14
June 2022	23	23
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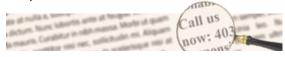
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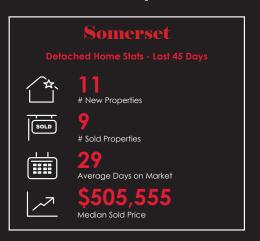
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