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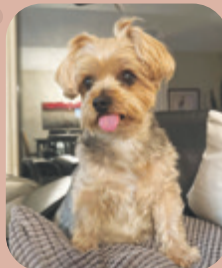
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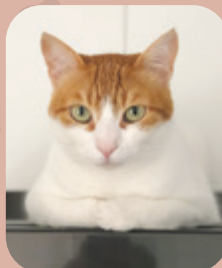
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CAMBRIAN HEIGHTS' PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This summer's Cambrian Heights Farmers Market at the community hall parking lot has once again been a great success. More residents from surrounding communities are enjoying the variety and freshness of food and beverages offered by over 20 vendors. The open-air market will continue every Tuesday through October 7 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. For vendor details, please check our social media posts, including the market's Instagram page.

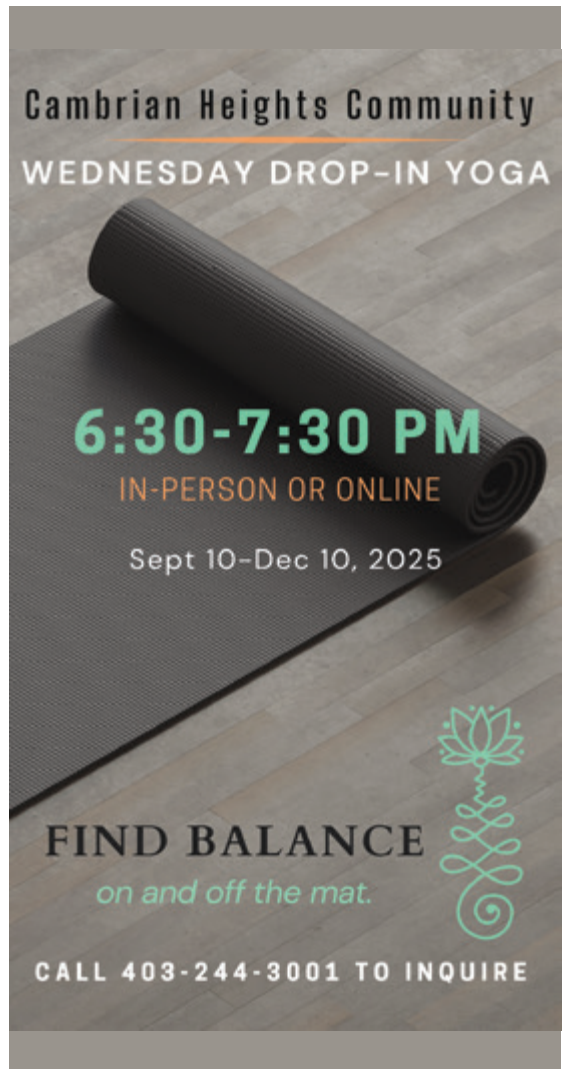
The Community Association is excited to plan new social events for the remainder of 2025. Stay tuned for updates on our website: www.cambrianheightscommunity.com. Our weekly Yoga Program continues every Wednesday evening (see poster for details), and we invite residents to explore the fun and health benefits of Scottish Country Dancing, held Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the community hall.

On August 2, we partnered with Rosemont Community to host our annual Community Cleanup Day at the community hall parking lot. Thanks to the nine volunteers and the organizing team, the event was a success, with increased waste and recycling activity compared to last year. Special thanks to Rosemont resident Bent Nielsen for his outstanding organizational efforts.

We continue to encourage residents to learn about the new development rules under the 2024 R-CG rezoning bylaw. The Restrictive Covenants affecting parts of Cambrian Heights may be particularly relevant. You'll find more information on our website. We also recommend reviewing the City of Calgary's Housing Strategy and The Calgary Plan—both available at calgary.ca—to better understand the City's future development goals. Familiarity with these plans will help you ask informed questions to Ward 4 councillor and mayoral candidates this fall.

We're currently designing a new website to improve access to community information. In the meantime, we encourage residents to sign up for our newsletter to receive updates on development projects and social events.

Daryl Connolly
President, CHCA



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Understanding Why Some Men Struggle with Emotional Avoidance in Relationships

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

As a relationship counsellor many women ask me: “Why is my partner so emotionally unavailable?” or “Why won’t he open up to me?”. If you’re in a relationship with a man who seems emotionally distant, you’re not alone. Emotional avoidance is incredibly common among men (and women too). While it can feel confusing or painful in a relationship, it’s often rooted in early life experiences and cultural messages, not a lack of love or care.

1. Cultural and Social Conditioning

From a young age, many boys are taught to suppress their feelings. Messages like:

“Don’t cry.” “Man up.” “Be strong.” are often used to discourage boys from expressing emotions like sadness, fear, or vulnerability.

Over time, this social conditioning can lead men to associate emotional expression with weakness or failure. Vulnerability feels unsafe. Many men grow up believing they must always appear “in control,” which means avoiding emotions, both their own and others’.

2. Early Childhood Attachment Patterns

Many emotionally avoidant men learned, early in life, that emotional needs wouldn’t be met. Perhaps their caregivers were:

Emotionally distant. Critical or punishing when they expressed feelings. Overwhelmed and unavailable themselves.

As a result, these men developed an avoidant attachment style. They learned to cope by shutting down emotional needs, relying only on themselves, and avoiding dependence on others. In adult relationships, this can look like:

Withdrawing during conflict. Struggling to express affection or emotional presence. Feeling overwhelmed when their partner expresses strong emotions.

3. Fear of Shame and Vulnerability

Opening up emotionally requires risk. For many men,



emotional intimacy feels like stepping into unknown and possibly dangerous territory. They may fear:

Being judged. Saying the wrong thing. Being seen as “not enough”.

To protect themselves from the possibility of shame or rejection, they pull back emotionally. This doesn’t mean they don’t care. It means their nervous system is trying to protect them.

4. Lack of Emotional Awareness or Language

Many men simply haven’t been taught how to identify, name, or communicate their feelings. Emotional intelligence is a skill set, one that needs modelling and practice. Without that early modelling, men may not even recognize what they’re feeling, much less how to express it in a way that feels safe or clear.

This lack of emotional literacy can come across as:

“I don’t know what I’m feeling.” “I’m fine.” (when they’re clearly not). Defensiveness or silence during emotionally charged moments.

5. Modelling and Role Expectations

Most men were raised in environments where male role models modelled emotional detachment or stoicism. If their fathers, uncles, or coaches didn’t show emotional vulnerability—or worse, shamed it—they may not have any roadmap for what emotional availability looks like. In adulthood, many men feel emotionally “lost” and unsure how to engage on a deeper level.

6. Protective Coping from Past Wounds

If a man has experienced trauma, betrayal, or loss in the past, emotional avoidance may be a protective strategy. Avoiding closeness can feel like a way to prevent being hurt again. Unfortunately, what once served as protection can eventually become a barrier to healthy connection.

Book Suggestion: *The New Rules of Marriage: What You Need to Know to Make Love Work* by Terrance Real.

Back to School Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.

- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

Nutrition to Help Manage Blood Pressure

by Alberta Health Services



Hypertension means there is too much pressure in your blood vessels. Over time, this can damage them and can increase your risk of heart attack and stroke.

Managing high blood pressure may include changing what you eat, managing your body weight, being physically active, limiting alcohol, engaging in relaxation practices, reducing or stopping tobacco use, and can include medication. Your healthcare provider can support you.

This article will focus on which food and nutrition choices may help manage your blood pressure. It includes what to eat more of and what to cut back on.

What To Consume More Of

Vegetables and Fruits: Vegetables and fruits are packed with fibre and nutrients that can help lower blood pressure. People who eat many vegetables and fruit are at lower risk for developing high blood pressure. Fresh, frozen, or canned varieties can all help lower your risk. At meals, try to fill half your plate with vegetables and fruits. Ideas to get more: have a piece of fruit at breakfast or add extra vegetables to wraps, sandwiches, and leftovers at lunch.

Whole Grains: Whole grain foods include all parts of the grain and have important nutrients like fibre, vitamins, and minerals. They include bulgar, buckwheat, oats, cornmeal, wild, or brown rice. If choosing a bread or a cereal, look for “whole” or “100% whole grain” on the package. For example, whole grain or whole rye.

Beans, Peas, and Lentils: Replace meat with beans, peas, or lentils at some meals. Add kidney beans, chickpeas, and lentils to soups, casseroles, salads, and pasta sauce. Try roasted chickpeas or lentils as a crunchy snack.

Foods with Calcium: Try to have at least two servings daily of calcium-rich foods like milk, yogurt, fortified

plant-based beverages such as soy, oat, or almond, and salmon or sardines canned with bones.

What To Eat or Drink Less Of

Refined Grains: Refined grains are different than whole grains. Refined grains have parts of the grain removed when they are being processed, so they have less fibre and sometimes fewer vitamins. Examples of refined grains include white bread, cakes, and other foods made with white flour.

Added Sugar: Added sugar means sugar, syrup, or honey added to food and drinks. It’s recommended to limit sugary drinks.

Added Salt, Packaged or Processed Food: Salt contains a mineral called sodium. Your body needs small amounts of sodium to work properly. Most Canadians eat almost two times the sodium they need. The top sources of sodium in the Canadian diet include soup, cheese, breakfast cereals, salty snacks (like chips and pretzels), baked goods like bread and crackers, processed meals like deli meats and sausages, and condiments and dips such as ketchup, soy sauce, and BBQ sauce.

Caffeine: Caffeine is found in coffee and coffee-based drinks, tea, colas, and energy drinks. Limit caffeine to no more than 400 mg a day. This is equal to two to three cups (eight ounces each) or 500 to 750 ml of coffee.

There are many foods that can affect blood pressure. When you start with small changes, improving what you eat and drink seems more manageable—your heart will thank you for it.

You can find more tips on managing blood pressure by visiting ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts and searching “Nutrition and Lifestyle Choices to Manage Blood Pressure”.



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*For mailed-in associate memberships, please make cheques payable to the Rosemont Community Association.
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Please note: Membership term is for 1 year from September 1 to August 31. Membership is required for most community-based sports associations. Members also receive 10% discount on hall rentals.

Website and Hall Rentals Visit Rosemonttyc.com for all community-related information, including upcoming events and hall rental info. Register for our monthly email blasts and sign up for a community membership too.

Board Meetings are held monthly and are open to anyone in the community who wishes to attend. Email us at info@rosemonttyc.com for more info about the next meeting.



ROSEMONT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Rosemontians!

Hope you had a lovely summer and were able to get out and enjoy the great weather in August. School is back in session; programs are back up and running and we are excited for another great fall in Rosemont.

A big thank you to Bent and all of the volunteers for taking time to make the Community Cleanup a success in August, despite the fact that we were provided with a long weekend date from the city. These types of events aren't possible without terrific folks like you, so thank you so much!

Ready to kick off the new year with a free BBQ and an opportunity to see some familiar faces and meet some new folks? Join us Friday, September 12 at 6:00 pm for our annual BBQ, filled with burgers and hot dogs, outdoor games for the kids, and a great time with your neighbours. This is a free event for Rosemont residents who sign up for the free annual membership (\$5 per meal for Associate members), but you need to RSVP! RSVP at RosemontYYC.com/BBQ and it will sign you up for the 2025-2026 membership at the same time! Everyone who lives in Rosemont is welcome, regardless if you have lived here 50 days or 50 years.

The folks looking into Restrictive Covenants are hosting a meeting for the community on September 15. Please visit RosemontYYC.com/RC for details.

September also marks the start of many programs, including some offered at our hall. LDK Foundation, which offers karate lessons at the hall, has adult and youth classes on Tuesday evenings. Visit RosemontYYC.com/Programs for details.

As always, keep looking after your friends, family, neighbours, and yourself.

Matthew



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Learn how citizens fought to preserve Nose Hill, its history, how it unfolded. The Calgary Local Council of Women recommended that all development of Nose Hill be delayed, until after a major study by the Calgary Planning Commission of city growth. The only existing control was the absence of zoning approval for development and should be delayed, until such time as the City had sufficient funds. Calgary had never expended significant monies for parkland. In its natural state, the only cost for their proposal would be land acquisition, without any capital expenses, facilities, and maintenance.

They believed that Nose Hill is a beautiful natural area. We must preserve prime natural areas to offset urban sprawl and the concrete City Centre. Nose Hill is to Calgary what Citadel Hill is to Halifax; Battlefield's Park to Quebec City; Mount Royal to Montreal; Stanley Park to Vancouver; and Beacon Hill Park to Victoria. Calgary would become the first city in Western Canada to have a natural area of prairie vegetation. Tourists will visit the natural grassland of Nose Hill or view it from the Calgary Tower.

The group proposed that approximately 3,500 acres, bounded on the West by the Sarcee Trail right-of-way, South by the John Laurie Boulevard, East by the existing development adjacent to the escarpments of Nose Hill, and North by the highlands and escarpments of Nose Hill to and beyond 80 Avenue NW, be zoned as Natural Parkland in perpetuity.

The Hill is a dominant geographical feature in Calgary since its southern slopes can be seen from most locations, providing a constant reminder to citizens of the prairie landscape surrounding them which has played such an influential role in our economic and cultural development.



Bringing Wildflowers to the Alley

by Paula McGarrigle

There are few things we can control in life, and these days the news cycle can feel overwhelming. But sometimes small things, like planting flowers, can make a difference.

I was inspired by Wildflower Alley in Belfast, a neighbourhood space once known for garbage dumping and vandalism. In 2015, about 40 neighbours came together to repaint fences, and add planters filled with flowers and herbs. Today, the alley has become a vibrant green hub that's sparked over 50 similar projects across Belfast.

After watching a feature on Wildflower Alley on *Gardeners' World*, I thought: Why not try something similar here?

One brisk April morning, I made a simple poster encouraging neighbours to put out some flowers for the summer. I printed 40 copies and walked around the block, dropping them into mailboxes. I also offered extra empty pots and a few seedlings I had grown from seed.

I felt a bit awkward ringing doorbells and interrupting people's day, but the idea sparked curiosity for some. People asked more about what had been done in Belfast and said they were interested.

After the May long weekend, flowers slowly started to appear. One neighbour, who always maintains a lovely plot behind their fence, led the way. Others followed, placing pots and planters around the alley.

Ironically, I was the last to get mine out. I picked up some discounted flowers with bright yellow and purple blooms and arranged them in a few favourite pots. I spent the morning tidying the alley and backyard. But just ten minutes after I placed them out... they were gone.

I was frustrated, but I didn't want to give up. I went back to the drawing board with a new plan. I brought out older, heavier pots that were hard to carry off. I filled them with compost, added some Bachelor Buttons from the front garden, threw in a few wildflower seeds, and reused an abandoned insect hotel. I also reinforced a couple of hanging baskets to make them harder to remove.

Today, we have ten homes participating and more than 20 flowerpots out in the alley. Every time I walk through and see the blooms, some big, some just beginning—I smile.

It's not changing the world, but it is a start. For me, it's a reminder that small acts, done together, can transform shared spaces.

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Happy September!

It's been wonderful to see Calgary come alive over the past few months—from the energy and excitement of Stampede to the many vibrant community events that make summer in our city so special. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the festivities, spend time outdoors, and connect with neighbours in celebration of our shared spirit.

It's also been incredibly meaningful to connect with folks—whether at the doors, at events, or simply out and about. One message that has come through loud and clear is how proud people are to be Canadian. From seeing Canadian flags proudly displayed on homes to witnessing the enthusiastic support for local businesses and organizations, it's a beautiful reminder of the power of community and the values we share.

As we transition into fall, I'm looking forward to continuing these conversations and staying engaged with the issues that matter most to you. If there's an event in your neighbourhood that you'd like me to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd love to be there.

As always, my constituency office is here to support you—whether it's navigating provincial programs, answering questions, or connecting you with the right resources.

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4. An organizer typically characterized by its circular or D-shaped retainers.
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