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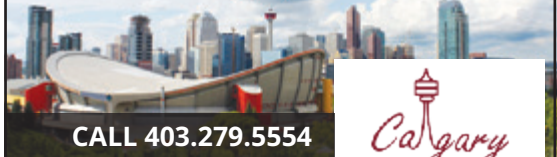


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GAMES & PUZZLES

Halloween Edition

1. In the 1800s, these immigrants brought the tradition of Halloween to the US.
2. Based on Stephen King's novel, this 2017 film is the highest grossing horror movie of all time.
3. The two Ms in M&M's candy-coated chocolates stand for _____ and _____.
4. In the *Halloween* film series, a mask of this *Star Trek* character was spraypainted and worn by serial killer Michael Myers.
5. Jack-o'-lanterns were originally carved out of _____.
6. Stephen Clarke holds the Guinness World Record for fastest carved pumpkin, completing it in ____ seconds.



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Preparing or Updating Your Will



Vilma Mydliar, LLB

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To prepare a will you need to decide who your executor(s) will be, name a guardian for your children if they are under the age of 18, and who will benefit from your estate. You can prepare a will at any time and existing wills should be updated especially if there are major changes in your life, such as getting married, starting a family, the death of a

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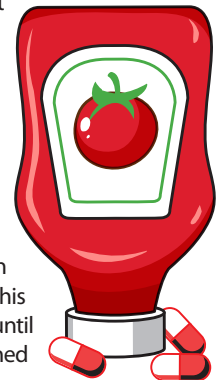
Unofficial National Food



Some claim that donuts are Canada's 'unofficial national food.' This is probably because we have the highest concentration of donut shops per capita. If that isn't enough, we also consume the most donuts per capita compared to any other country in the world!

The Medicinal Condiment

Ketchup is one of the most popular condiments in Canada, with 87% of us having a bottle in our fridge! But did you know that ketchup was once thought to have healing properties? In the 1830s, Dr. John Cook Bennett claimed that it could cure indigestion and jaundice and sold his recipe in pill form. It wasn't until the 50s that such claims turned out to be false.





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Word of the Month

Arcane: adjective (aar-kayn)

Mysterious, obscure, or understood by few.

"He had an arcane knowledge of Vedic astrology."

HALLOWEEN IN TRANSYLVANIA

Sighișoara, a medieval Transylvanian town, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the birthplace of Vlad Dracul (Vlad the Impaler). Dracul served as inspiration for Bram Stoker's blood-thirsty protagonist in *Dracula*.

For historic and literary reasons, this town is a popular Halloween destination, hosting parties and tours of Dracula's castle!

Flame-Proof Your Kitchen: Fire Prevention Week Puts Safety on the Front Burner!

from the City of Calgary

As autumn begins to set in and the cozy scent of comfort foods fills the air, we're reminded of the joys of cooking in our kitchens. With the joy of cooking, it's essential to remember our responsibility for fire safety.

This year, from October 8 to 14, the Calgary Fire Department (CFD) is proud to observe Fire Prevention Week with the theme, "Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention."

Cooking-related incidents are the leading cause of indoor fires and injuries in Calgary. The CFD urges everyone to prioritize safety in the kitchen.

Never leave cooking unattended and set a timer to remind yourself. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the burners.

Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge. Keep a lid and oven mitt nearby to smother small grease fires.

Maintain a one-meter "kid- and pet-free zone" around cooking areas. This includes tripping hazards such as toys.

Additional tips and reminders:

- Keep flammable items away from the stovetop.
- Educate children about hot objects to prevent scalding injuries.
- Grill outdoors, away from structures, with a one-metre safety zone for children and pets.
- Use microwave ovens safely; avoid extension cords and open food cautiously.
- Avoid cooking when tired or after consuming alcohol or medication.

Follow these tips to keep your homes and loved ones safe. Together, we can ensure our kitchens remain places of joy and comfort, free from the risk of fires.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/firepreventionweek or call 3-1-1.



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Fall Candle Care: How to Prevent Tunneling

by Evermore Handmade, Local Candle Business



Fall is a popular time for candlelight and cozy nights in, which means dusting off your candle collection. You might notice that some have developed a deep “tunnel” around the wick, making it difficult to light. Tunneling also shortens the life of your candle as only the wax in

the centre of the candle will burn down.

Here are a few easy ways to prevent or fix tunneling so you can enjoy your favourite candles this season:

Prevention

When you light a candle for the first time, allow it to burn long enough to melt all the way to the edges of the candle jar. This ensures an even burn for the duration of your candle’s life as wax has a “memory” so to speak. The first burn sets the tone for subsequent burns and will help you get the most burn-time out of your new candle.

If you find that your candles are constantly tunneling, despite letting the wax melt to the edges of the jar, consider buying higher quality candles. Most candles on the market are made of paraffin wax (a toxic byproduct of petroleum) and are more predisposed to tunneling. Higher grade waxes like coconut, soy, or beeswax burn cleaner, longer, and more evenly.

The Fix

If you have an old candle that’s already tunneling, here are two easy ways to fix it:

1. Set your oven to 80°C (176°F) then remove anything flammable from your candle, such as labels or string. Once the oven is hot, place your candle on a baking tray for five minutes. This should heat the entire surface of the wax, making it smooth. With oven mitts, remove the candle and let it cool before lighting it.
2. Wrap aluminum foil around the top of your candle and angle it inwards like a dome. Ensure that the flame is far enough away from the foil and that there is still a hole to vent air. The foil will help the wax to heat up evenly. Keep a careful eye on your candle until the top layer of wax has melted, leaving a smooth surface, then remove the foil.

With these easy steps, you can enjoy your candles this season without any tunneling. If this article helped you, be sure to share it with a friend or loved one!

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Hello to residents of the riding of Calgary-Foothills. My name is Court Ellingson, and I am honoured to be your new MLA and provincial representative in the Alberta legislature. Having grown up in Valleyview, AB and living most of my adult life in Calgary, I bring both an urban and rural perspective to my work. I served as Vice President, Strategy with Calgary Economic Development and Program Director with the Calgary Innovation Coalition, and look forward to representing you, as well as our technology ecosystem, as Alberta's Official Opposition Critic for Technology and Innovation.

I live in Sherwood and I'm happy to call Calgary-Foothills home. Our constituency is diverse, and I'll work hard to represent all our communities in the legislature. As we prepare for the fall sitting of the legislature, I'd like to invite you to join MLA Julia Hayter and I as we celebrate the opening of our office space together on Thursday October 19, 2023 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Our Constituency Office address is 202-1829 Ranchlands Blvd. NW, Calgary. RSVP here: tinyurl.com/edgemontfoothillsofficeopening.

Throughout the election campaign, we heard that Calgary-Foothills needs additional public schools. In the Symons Valley communities, there are only two Catholic schools. Thousands of children are bussed or driven up to 30 minutes away to attend overcrowded schools in other parts of the city. We would love to hear from you on this important topic and are inviting you to join our Schools Town Hall on Monday, October 23 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm at 12 Arbour Lake Drive NW. RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/courtellingsonschoolstownhall>.

Should you require assistance with services such as notarizing documents, letters of support, or access to provincial resources, please feel free to book an appointment with my office.

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Changes to Green Cart Collection This Fall: What You Need to Know

from the City of Calgary

Starting in November, green cart collection will be once every other week, resuming weekly in the spring. Here's what you need to know:

- **Fill Your Green Cart First:** Leaves, branches, grass, and plants can go directly inside the green cart. If it's full, use paper yard waste bags for extra waste.
- **Extra Yard Waste Bags:** Place them at least 0.5 meters (2 feet) away from your cart. Roll the tops closed to prevent spills, and make sure you can lift the bag with one hand.
- **No Plastic Bags:** They are not allowed in your green cart.

Do You Have Too Much Yard Waste?

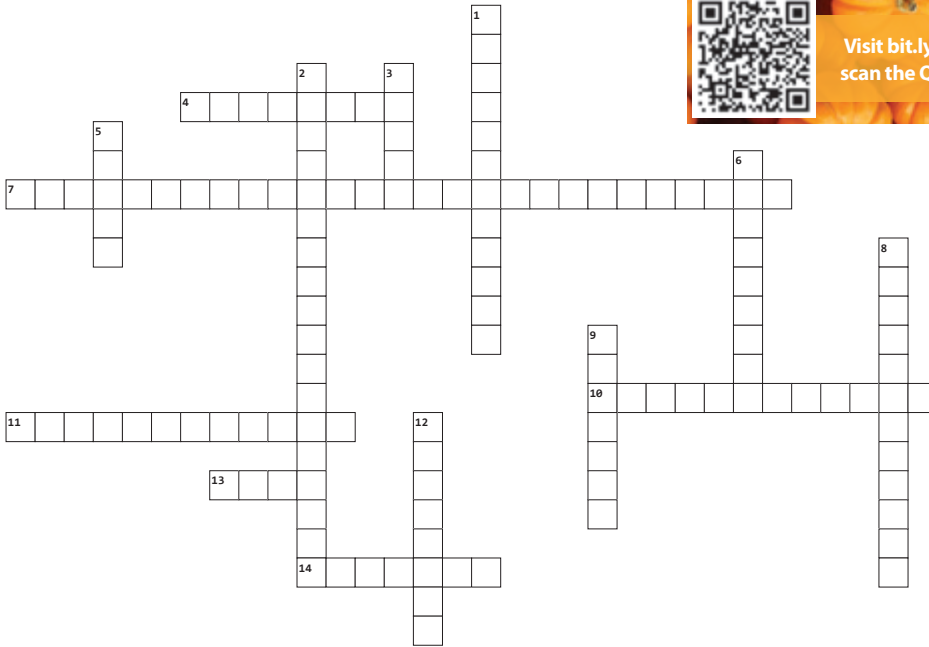
You can drop off yard waste free of charge at any landfill from Friday, September 22, 2023, to Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Check your schedule at calgary.ca/collection and sign up for reminders.

Visit calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/yard-waste for more information and make your yard clean-up a breeze!



October Crossword



Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Down

- In October of 2018, the longest postseason Baseball World Series game took place; the LA Dodgers beat the _____ after 7 hours and 20 minutes.
- Every fall, these majestic, winged insects migrate 4,000 kilometres from Canada to Mexico.
- Born on October 24, 1986, this Canadian rap artist rose to fame on the television drama, *Degrassi*.
- In the Middle Ages, this was used to sweeten candy.
- This traditional Halloween candy was originally called 'Chicken Feed.'
- Hailing from Transylvania, Vlad the Impaler served as inspiration for novelist Bram Stoker's blood-thirsty protagonist, _____.
- In North America, this fruit becomes very popular in October.
- Harvested in October and November in Canada, these legumes are a complete protein, meaning that they have all nine essential amino acids.

Across

- Published on October 27, 2016, this novel by Naomi Alderman depicts a world where females develop the ability to release an electrical charge from their fingers, thus becoming the dominant sex.
- Released on October 29, 1993, this stop-motion film, written by Tim Burton, is a Halloween classic.
- Born on October 9, 1823, _____ was the first woman to own and publish her own newspaper, *The Provincial Freeman*, in Canada.
- Observed on October 11, International _____ aims to celebrate and empower young girls while advocating for their rights and recognizing the unique challenges that they face.
- October's official birthstone and Australia's national gemstone.
- This 2,000-year-old Celtic festival marks the end of harvest and honours the spirits that are believed to walk the Earth on this day.

Halloween Safety

from Alberta Health Services



The members of Calgary's Partners for Safety: Calgary's Child Magazine, AHS EMS, Calgary Police, Fire, 911, Bylaw, and Transit would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.

- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

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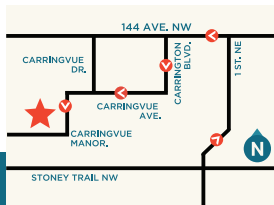
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