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		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
August	24	17	13	\$580,000	\$595,000
July	24	16	9	\$600,000	\$627,000
June	24	19	18	\$664,500	\$664,000
May	24	20	18	\$662,400	\$660,500
April	24	18	13	\$587,000	\$620,100
March	24	11	9	\$569,900	\$580,000
February	24	8	7	\$579,900	\$625,000
January	24	9	8	\$607,500	\$628,000
December	23	1	6	\$564,450	\$563,625
November	23	9	9	\$589,000	\$583,300
October	23	12	9	\$574,900	\$567,500
Septembe	r <b>23</b>	12	19	\$574,900	\$572,000

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

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- Remove all old materials from bathroom and job site
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- · Supply & install new mold-resistant board
- · Supply & install new tile to ceiling

ABSOLUTELY NO HIDDEN COSTS

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- Supply & install one corner caddy & soap dish
- Supply & install new subfloor
- Installation of new tile flooring
- Supply & install new vanity
- Supply & install new granite or quartz countertops with undermount sink
- Supply & install new Delta vanity tops
- · Supply & install new drain system & pop-up stopper

SALE \$10,769

#### TUB TO SHOWER CONVERSION

- Remove all old materials from bathroom and job site
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- · Schluter base
- · Supply & install new tile to ceiling

- · Supply & install custom shower doors
- · Supply & install new Delta pressure balance taps
- · Supply & install new toilet with soft close seat
- · Supply & install one corner caddy with soap dish

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# HVCA's Newly Elected Board Members 2024

President	Robyn Moser	
Vice-President	Deb Munro	
Treasurer	Heather McGeachy	
Secretary	Meredeth Wilkes	
Sports Director	Mitch Gallant	
Events Director	Vacant	
Communications Director	Amy Munro	
Parks	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Bruce Ritchie	
Hanson Ranch Directors	Sonia Quon and Sandy Buffett	
Membership Director	Vacant	
Fundraising Director	Ray Lynne	
Volunteer Director	Felicia Mastromatteo	
Public Spaces Director	Doug Fenton	
School Liaison	Adwoa Savage	

#### **Grow a Mo to Save a Bro!**

It's almost that time of year again, where practically every other man you see is showing off their best mustache! Movember month is a worldwide fundraising event to alter the way research into men's health is done and how health services reach out and support them. The money raised is put towards prostate and testicular cancers, mental health, and suicide prevention. The first Movember month was initiated in Australia in 2003 with only 30 men participating. Today, over five million men participate in this annual event worldwide.



by Anne Burke

Nose Hill Park is one of the largest urban parks in North America and is distinguished by its unique geological, ecological, and anthropological history (https:// inaturalist.ca/projects/nose-hill-park-bioinventory). With an abundance of remarkable flora and fauna, this project aims to record observations made by Park users. This information and a quick update were posted on our Facebook page about how the Nose Hill Park iNaturalist project is going. There have been many awesome observations this year. Since January over 2,600 observations have been added. We have nearly 10,000 iNaturalist posts made for the Park. Let's keep the momentum going! Hopefully, we will be close to 11,000 by 2025 and encourage everyone to share their photos of flora and fauna on the Hill. We recently surpassed 200,000 posts made within the City of Calgary municipal boundaries. Of course, you can post (on iNaturalist generally) your biodiversity photos from anywhere in the world, including your own yard and other favourite parks. All this data will help to guide the Nature Calgary updated "Green Book" which is currently in the data collection phase.

World Migratory Bird Day is on the second Saturday in October and again in May. The goal is to raise awareness of issues affecting migratory birds and to inspire action around the world to take measures for their conservation. Migrating birds may fly from 24 kms to 960 kms or more per day. Hawks, swifts, swallows, and waterfowl migrate primarily during the day, while many songbirds migrate at night. Calgary has over 200 bird species and is one of Canada's first Bird Friendly Cities certified by Nature Canada. Bylaws preventing off leash dogs and encouraging people to stay on designated paths can lessen disturbance and decrease the risks to sensitive grasslands species.

# Hanson Ranch design features will open for feedback soon!

Following our previous engagement last September, we've made progress on the design of the Hanson Ranch Wetland Improvements Project.

Join the conversation and provide feedback regarding some aspects of the design features for the project and meet with City team members to learn more.

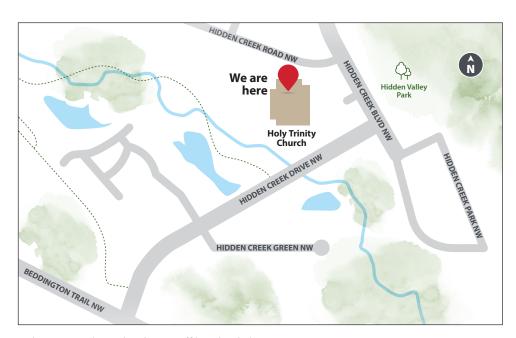


From October 21 to November 4 visit engage.calgary.ca/hanson-ranch to explore the design features and share your preferences.

The Hanson Ranch Wetland Improvements team will be at:

Holy Trinity Anglican Church 18 Hidden Creek Road N.W.

- October 23 4 to 7 p.m.
- October 27 2 to 4 p.m.



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Holy Trinity Anglican Church is not affiliated with the event.

#### **Community Highlights**

#### **HVCA Update on the Duck Pond Playground**

After several years of fundraising, the HVCA's H2 Spaces Project team has raised all the funds needed to rebuild the playground known as the Duck Pond (Hidden CIR and Hidden Valley Heights).

The project team hosted community engagement to determine what type of equipment will be installed. In collaboration with the City and Parks Foundation Calgary, construction will commence this coming fall, 2024.

Special thanks to former HVCA board members Sarah P., Elizabeth W., Jenn C., Neil C., and all our community members who participated in our fundraising efforts.

Sarah P.

HID519 Playground Coordinator

#### **Hidden Hut Mural**

Our previous hardworking HVCA boards came up with a plan and a theme of how to beautify the Hidden Hut. The theme was pollination and the plan of how and who to paint the Hut had been in discussion and in the works for many years. After a revitalization of the board, we were able to put their amazing plan into place with a generous grant from the Calgary Flames Foundation. With great luck, one of our board members happened to be friends with a very up and coming local artist by the name of Erin Conn. Erin has been featured in many art galleries, routinely hired by the Calgary Stampede, the City of Calgary, and many more. She has been noted in magazines as "an artist to watch". By chance she also happened to have family that have lived in our community for many years. We are incredibly lucky to have her art on our walls.





We cannot thank our community members enough for all the amazing words and support that we have heard since the mural has gone up. We really enjoy the pride the community is taking in it. Please make sure to take lots of great photos with it as your backdrop and tag #HVCA, #HiddenHut, or #HiddenValleyYYC.

We have so many exciting things to come for our community, so please make sure to keep watch. Better yet, join the excitement by signing up to volunteer and/ or buy a membership. We really look forward to making this a community you are proud to call home.

Robyn M.

President, HVCA

### Here is what Erin had to say about her experience in our community:

"Thank you, Hidden Valley community, for embracing my bright mural filled with colourful nature and pollination. It was a pleasure chatting with so many wonderful members of the community and seeing the curiosity of the adorable children who stopped by. Your support and enthusiasm made this experience truly special. Thank you for allowing me to share my art with you all!

Artfully yours,

Erin Conn #HiddenValleyCommunity #GratefulArtist"

#### Grand Opening of the New Park at Hidden Valley School

The HVCA was super excited to attend the Friends of Hidden Valley School Society's playground grand opening in September. A dedicated group of parent council volunteers, staff, and students spent over three years fundraising and the HVCA is proud to be one of the sponsors who supported this project. Community members also showed their support by making individual direct donations towards the project. It's amazing what our community can do when we help each other out!



#### The Rink

The Hidden Valley Community Association would like to thank all its residents for being patient while the outdoor hockey rink boards were being replaced. The board work has been completed and is looking amazing. The HVCA would like to thank The City of Calgary, Calgary Parks Foundation, The Calgary Flames Foundation, and all other organizations that worked together to get this work done! The new rink boards have been installed and the HVCA hockey rink is back open and ready for the snow to fly so that we can have a great outdoor rink! Stay tuned for events and activities this winter!

Mitch G.

Sports Director, HVCA







#### **Two Hour Buns**

"A fantastic family recipe from my grandma used for many special occasions" - Bethany H. of Hidden Valley



#### Ingredients:

- 3 cups warm water
- 8 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. Fermipan quick rise yeast
- 2 tbsp. sugar (6 for cinnamon buns)
- 2 eggs
- 7 to 8 cups of flour

#### **Directions:**

- Mix yeast and 4 cups of flour.
- In a separate bowl, whip eggs, sugar, oil, and water.
- · Add flour and yeast mixture, blend well.
- Add remaining flour, start with 3 cups.
- Let rise for 15 minutes. Punch down. Rise for another 15 minutes.
- Form into balls by rolling out dough and using a 2" cookie cutter and folding into ball shape.
- Let rise in pans (sprayed with pam) for another hour.
- Bake at 350 degrees Farenheit for 10 to 15 minutes (or up to 25 depending on your location) until golden brown. Brush each with melted salted butter before baking for best taste.

Note: Yields three dozen buns.



# Parking Around Schools: Photo Enforcement

Calgary Parking Authority

Calgary Parking Authority is helping to make school areas safer for our students and school communities. Here's what you should know.

1

The Calgary Parking Authority is now using photo enforcement in addition to Enforcement Officers in school areas, so tickets may be received in the mail or placed on vehicles that are in violation of parking regulations.

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You must follow posted signage, even if you remain in your vehicle.

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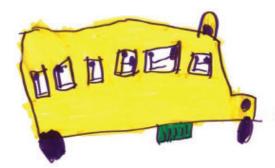
Parking responsibly around schools is very important for the safety of the students attending these schools and members of the community.

# TIPS: Avoid parking fines

Stay back at least 1.5 metres from entrances to garages or driveways

Watch for "No stopping" and "No parking"

Keep school bus zones clear Leave five metres between your car and cross walks Park at least five metres from stop signs, yield signs or intersections







#### **Driving in Your Community**

In Calgary, Alberta, there are specific rules for driving and pedestrian behaviour within communities to ensure safety. Here are some of the key rules and associated fines:

#### **Driving Rules in Communities**

#### 1. Speed Limits

- Residential Areas: The speed limit is typically 40 km/h unless otherwise posted.
- Playground Zones: 30 km/h from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm, every day of the week, year-round.
- School Zones: 30 km/h from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm on school days.

Fines for Speeding: Fines start at \$78 for exceeding the speed limit by 1 to 15 km/h and increase with higher speeds. Speeding in a school or playground zone can lead to higher fines and demerit points.

#### 2. Stop Signs

• Drivers must come to a complete stop at stop signs and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles.

Fine for Rolling Through a Stop Sign: Fines start at \$388 and include demerit points.

#### 3. Yielding to Pedestrians

• Drivers must yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections.

Fine for Failing to Yield to a Pedestrian: The fine is \$810 and includes four demerit points.

#### 4. Distracted Driving

 Using a hand-held device (e.g., a phone) while driving is prohibited.

Fine for Distracted Driving: The fine is \$300, with no demerit points for the first offense. Subsequent offenses can lead to higher penalties.

#### 5. Parking

• Parking in no-parking zones, fire lanes, or blocking driveways is prohibited.

Fine for Illegal Parking: Fines vary, starting around \$75 and going higher depending on the infraction.

#### **Pedestrian Rules**

#### 1. Crossing Streets

 Pedestrians must use marked crosswalks or intersections to cross streets.

Fine for Jaywalking: The fine for jaywalking is \$78.

#### 2. Obeying Traffic Signals

 Pedestrians must obey traffic signals and only cross when it's safe to do so.

#### 3. Sidewalk Use

Pedestrians should use sidewalks where available.
 If there are no sidewalks, they should walk facing oncoming traffic on the edge of the road.

Following these rules ensures the safety of both drivers and pedestrians in Calgary communities. Violating these regulations can result in fines and demerit points, which may impact insurance rates and driving privileges.





#### **Remembrance Day**

Every year on November 11, we pause for two minutes of silent tribute for the people who have served, and continue to serve, our country during times of war, conflict, and peace. It is observed across Canada each year on November 11 — the anniversary of the Armistice agreement of 1918 that ended the First World War.

The symbol of Remembrance Day is the red poppy, which grows on the First World War battlefields of Flanders (in Belgium) and northern France. As the artillery barrages began to churn the earth in late 1914, the fields of Flanders and northern France saw scores of red poppies appear.

During the terrible bloodshed of the second Battle of Ypres in the spring of 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, wrote of these flowers which lived on among the graves of dead soldiers:

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below."

- John McCrae Following the First

Following the First World War, a French woman, Madame E. Guérin, suggested to British Field-Marshall Earl Haig that women and children in devastated areas of France could produce poppies for sale to support wounded Veterans. The first of these poppies were distributed in Canada in November of 1921, and the tradition has continued ever since, both here and in many parts of the world.

In Canada, we wear them as reminders of the horrors of conflict and the preciousness of the peace they fought hard to achieve. The Poppy campaign raises funds to support veterans and their families.





(Edgemont, Evanston, Glacier Ridge, Hamptons, Hidden Valley, Hanson Ranch, Kincora, Nolan Hill, Sherwood, and Sage Hill)

In September and October, all of our units have started their first meetings of the year. Many units are doing 'getting to know you' activities so that the girls and leaders become familiar with each other and start learning how to work well together.

Embers get to choose their circles ('Fairies', 'Elves', or 'Leprechauns') – small groups they can break off into to do their attendance and dues. Dues are also known as 'Fairy Gold' – girls can earn \$1 per week at home by doing a good deed, by lending a hand either at home, at school, or out in their community. It is a great way for young girls to learn how to care for others. Guides also choose smaller groups called 'Patrols' ('Bluebirds', 'Violets', etc.).

Some of our Guide and Pathfinder units will be taking advantage of the warm autumn weather to go camping. Many camps have been booked for months already – September and October are busy times at area Girl Guide camps.

One last major event for all our units in September and October would be selling our famous Girl Guide cookies. You may have already seen girls selling cookies at Beacon Hill Canadian Tire, Creekside Calgary Co-op, Nolan Hill Sobeys, or pretty much anywhere in Calgary starting mid-September. Thank you for all your support.

If you'd like to register your daughter, please visit www.girlguides.ca and use the unit finder to find an open unit in your area. If you cannot find a unit in your neighbourhood, it might be because the unit is full (you can modify the search – try searching "all" units; the default is to show only units with space available). You might want to consider becoming a leader – with more leaders, we can take in more girls. For more information, please email any-calgaryaurorasky@girlguides.ca.







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Here are some updates related to new City initiatives and programs.

#### Aurora Area Structure Plan – Engagement Session

The Aurora Area Structure Plan (ASP) includes all of the lands South of 96 Ave NE, North of Beddington Trail, East of Harvest Hills Blvd, and West of the rail line. The City is in the process of creating a new ASP for these lands.

The engagement process with the public began with online feedback in May, and the last in-person open house is happening on November 6.

You can view the full background on the Aurora lands, submit written feedback, and see the engagement details at engage.calgary.ca/aurora-asp.

#### The Homeowner's Water Guide - Fall Checklist

- Prepare your home for winter to improve water efficiency and continue to make every drop count.
- Check your toilets, taps, humidifier, hot water heater, water softener, and other water devices for any leaks.
- Turn off your outdoor water supply and winterize your irrigation system to avoid leaks.
- Find out when to stop watering plants, shrubs, trees, and lawns.
- Leave plant debris in beds over winter to provide a habitat for pollinators.

After a year that has made us all more aware of our water use, let's make sure we check the common culprits of waste and leaks. The City provides a library of guides to identify and repair a variety of home problems. To find everything you need, visit calgary.ca/waterguide.

For questions and concerns or to view my voting record, visit www.jasminemian.ca.





#### MLA Calgary-North Hon. Muhammad Yaseen

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Happy Thanksgiving! May this holiday bring new blessings and deepen the appreciation for those you already cherish.

Alberta is booming, leading Canada in job creation and capital investments, and our government is laser-focused on maintaining Alberta's competitive advantage, to ensure businesses and industry can thrive, innovate, and create jobs for generations to come.

Recent data from Statistics Canada for July shows that, Alberta created 46,400 full-time jobs. Our economy is diversifying as well, with job numbers up across a variety of sectors, including construction, natural resources, health care, social assistance, and education.

The latest data from the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association highlights Alberta as a powerhouse in venture capital investment. Alberta's technology and innovation sector has been building momentum for a while, but in the past five years, we have seen exponential growth. In total, Alberta companies raised an impressive \$383 million across 41 deals in the first half of this year. The continued growth of venture capital investments is great news for Alberta because with this new investment comes new, high-paying jobs.

Alberta's government is providing \$5 million from the industry-funded TIER program to expand technology that turns natural waste from Alberta's oil and gas sector into a valuable mineral used to create batteries for smartphones, electric vehicles, and more. We are creating a brighter energy future, positioning Alberta as a preferred global supplier of lithium while stimulating investment, diversifying the economy, and creating jobs here at home.

Special thanks to my constituents for their continued support as I carry out my duties as your MLA.



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# **Tips For Using Your Green Cart This Fall**

by the City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services

- Yard waste like leaves, branches, grass, and plants can go directly inside the green cart.
- Always fill your green cart first, then fill paper yard waste bags. Roll tops of bags closed to prevent spills and allow your collector to pick up the bags.
- Place extra yard waste bags at least two feet to the side of your green cart for collection. Make sure you can lift the bag with one hand.
- Do not use plastic bags in your green cart.

Starting in November, the City will pick up your green cart once every other week. Weekly green cart collection will resume in the spring.

Visit calgary.ca/collection to check your schedule and sign up for reminders.





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