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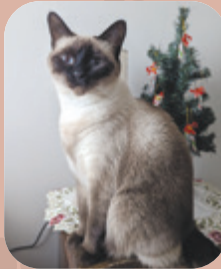


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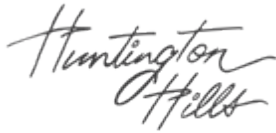
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Cold Weather Safety

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics respond to a number of cold weather-related emergencies every winter. However, by taking appropriate measures to dress properly, anticipate sudden weather changes and preparing to be out in the cold, may reduce your risk of sustaining a cold weather illness/injury. It's also advised you store an emergency kit in your vehicle at all times containing extra clothing, blankets and other road-side supplies.

Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;
- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;



- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Phase 3 of the Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan is underway, and the draft plan was shared with the public and partners before Council's expected approval in early 2025. You can send questions or comments directly to the project team by emailing parksplan@calgary.ca. Please note that these will not be included in the final Phase 3 What We Heard Report. A Park is a space set aside for enjoyment, recreation, education, cultural or aesthetic use, or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. An urban forest includes trees and shrubs intentionally planted, naturally occurring, or accidentally seeded within city limits. This means all trees in parks, river valleys, streets, roadways, natural areas, and commercial and private lands.

A Natural Area is a City-owned park or open space where the primary role is protection of a (relatively) undisturbed parcel or with a natural/native plant community. Natural areas are categorized to provide guidance for management and permitted uses according to habitat sensitivity and conservation needs. Habitat is the environment where the life cycle of a species is found and characteristics of the place (climate or suitable food and shelter). A Habitat Management Plan means a ten-year operational plan on how we manage natural areas that help maintain or improve the health and function of a park. Calgary's natural ecosystems are categorized by their habitat type (e.g., grassland, forest, wetland). There are also categories for classifying parks with natural environments: Special Protection or Major; Supporting (may be buffers), and other naturalized parks. Naturalization means improving management or repairing some function. For Environmentally Significant Areas, some key natural components recognized by the City of Calgary are Water Quality and Quantity; Rare, Intact, or Biologically Diverse content; and Habitat for Native Species of Interest. Read more at engage.calgary.ca/parksplan.



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Guess the Holiday!

1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE ANSWERS!

Landlord and Tenant Law – Rents and Landlord Access

by Charmaine Coutinho, volunteer lawyer with Calgary Legal Guidance



This article will only discuss leases covered by Alberta's Residential Tenancies Act (RTA). This excludes tenants sharing living space with a landlord, supported living accommodations, and a few other scenarios. This piece is to help our community become more familiar with a few RTA topics, at a time when both landlords and tenants are under stress and looking for ways to improve their circumstances.

Rent Increases

There is no limit on rent increases in Alberta. However, rent cannot be increased during the term of a fixed lease and cannot be increased within one year of the last rent increase or the start of the tenancy (for fixed or periodic leases).

The landlord must give a tenant notice before increasing the rent. The notice from the landlord must include the date of the notice, the effective date of the increase, and the landlord's signature. The notice period must be 12 full tenancy weeks for a weekly periodic tenancy, three full tenancy months for a monthly periodic tenancy, or 90 days for any other periodic tenancy; these deadlines apply from the date that the notice is delivered to the tenant. The notice must be delivered before the notice period starts, and the increase can take effect only after the period ends. For example, if a rent increase on a monthly tenancy (based on calendar months) is intended to take effect on December 1, the landlord must give notice before September 1. If a landlord delivers the notice on September 1, the rent increase cannot apply until January; if the landlord states an effective date of December 1 for the rent increase, the notice may not be effective at all.

Rent increases are frequently a point of contention between landlords and tenants; I've heard many anecdotes about landlords attempting to enforce increases despite not giving sufficient notice, and tenants forgetting to budget for anticipated increases. The lengthy notice periods involved offer room to manoeuvre, plan, or negotiate – plan accordingly!

Landlord's Notice to Enter

A landlord can enter the rental unit at any time with the tenant's consent. The landlord can also enter the rental unit without a tenant's consent, but with at least 24 hours notice, for a few specific reasons: repairs, inspection of rental premises, pest control in the unit, to show the unit to prospective purchasers or mortgagors, or to show the unit to prospective tenants after the landlord/tenant has given notice to end the tenancy.

A landlord may only enter a rental unit without consent or notice in an emergency or if the landlord believes that the tenant has abandoned the unit.

If the lease is covered by the RTA, and a landlord is not adhering to the notice provisions in the RTA, a tenant can apply to the Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service (RTDRS) for an abatement of rent to compensate for the landlord breaching the tenant's entitlement to peaceful enjoyment and possession of the rental unit.

I hope that this brief helps community members to understand their rights and obligations in the context of a lease covered by the Residential Tenancies Act. I wish my neighbours amicable tenancies and peaceful enjoyment of their rental premises!



City Kids: Exploring 4-H Beyond the Farm

by Lori Nielsen, Senior Program Coordinator for 4-H Intro Clubs

The Intro Clubs in our city have been buzzing with excitement! We're wrapping up another round of daytime and evening programs, filled with hands-on workshops that let kids try new things and make connections with friends over six weeks.

Kids have enjoyed a wide range of activities, from pottery and beekeeping to crafting their own Grinch trees. Each workshop sparked creativity and teamwork, and the feedback from families has been fantastic. Along the way, the kids picked up core 4-H skills like leadership, communication, record-keeping, and community service.



One highlight was our Sourdough Workshop, where participants got a taste of bread dough-making, complete with a wheat grinding demonstration! They also learned about the science behind sourdough and had fun making pizzas with sourdough crust. The aroma of fresh pizza filled the air, and the favourite part was tasting their creations.

We're excited to announce that the Sourdough Workshop will be back in January as part of our next round of clubs, so those who missed it will get another chance!

The Intro Clubs are a great place for kids to grow, make friends, and have fun. We can't wait for the new workshops and activities coming up! For more information on upcoming clubs, please email introclubs@4hab.com. Thank you to all the families who've joined us on this journey—stay tuned for updates, and we hope to see you at our next workshop!

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The Simpsons



The Simpsons made their grand debut on Fox with the holiday episode "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire" on December 17, 1989. That means Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, and Maggie have been making us laugh for 35 years – and counting!

Calgary's Christmas Markets

by Anthony Imbrogio (*The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC*)

From malls to promenades to markets, there's plenty of heritage tied to Calgary's history as a bustling commercial city and trading centre.

Christmas markets date back to medieval Europe, with the first in Vienna in 1296. Early markets were not explicitly for Christmas, they were opportunities to gather provisions before winter. By 1310 in Munich, crafts, confectionaries, and roasted chestnuts were on sale at a Saint Nicholas market. As the tradition spread across German-speaking regions, markets became stylized as "Christkindlesmarkt".

Today the winter and Christmas season is marked by annual markets all around Calgary. Two are especially interesting for their heritage aspects. First up is Heritage Park's Once Upon A Christmas, complete with carol singing and wagon rides.

Heritage Park Historical Village opened in 1964 with the goal of connecting people to history and preserving our culture and heritage. It's a living museum spanning the history of the West from Indigenous cultures and the 1860s fur trade to the 1960s.

Many Calgary and area heritage buildings were relocated here, including Banff's NWMP Barracks and Bruderheim Windmill. While it's preferable to retain heritage buildings at their original locations to best interpret local history, relocation is sometimes the only option to preserve a structure. And then there are reconstructions, like the Wainwright Hotel.

At Gasoline Alley Museum, there's a public collection of antique vehicles and artifacts. You can also experience 19th-century travel either by steam train or lake paddle steamer.

Another market happens at Spruce Meadows. Its International Christmas Market began in 2001, following cities worldwide in a revival of markets in the 1990s. The location is a premier international horse sports venue. It was opened in 1975 by the Southern family, who sought a down-to-earth atmosphere for the sport.

The facility hosts equestrian show jumping and breeds and trains Hanoverian horses. In 2019, it became the home of Cavalry FC, Calgary's Premier League soccer team.

Let's not forget the markets held all around Calgary. Check out your neighbourhood's event information for one near you.

And stay tuned in 2025 for a special series of articles for Calgary's 150th anniversary year.

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The fall legislative session is drawing to a close and unfortunately none of the bills the government brought to debate addressed the issues I hear about most from constituents. I continue to hear concerns regularly about wait times for surgeries such as hip and knee replacement. Wait times for cancer care have grown alarmingly, and many newcomers in Calgary-Beddington are struggling to find a family doctor. The continued re-organization of the health care bureaucracy has done nothing to reduce wait times or increase access to health care for Albertans.

The only issue I hear more about than healthcare is affordability. Albertans are struggling right now and under five years of the UCP, we are the only province in the country to see average wage growth slower than inflation. So, Albertans are making less money at a time when the cost of just about everything is going up. Organizations like food banks are increasingly having to step up to support families whose income isn't keeping pace with cost-of-living increases.

This year the Calgary Food Bank will distribute 175,000 emergency food hampers, a 200% increase over five years. 37% of Calgary Food Bank clients are employed, which is more than double the national average. My office will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the month of December, please drop by with a donation if you are able to do so.

I am always looking for more opportunities to connect with folks in Calgary-Beddington so I will be hosting a holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 17. We'll have hot chocolate and snacks at the constituency office (#106, 8220 Centre Street NE) from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and I would love to see you there. Please RSVP to Calgary.Beddington@assembly.ab.ca so we can make sure we have enough treats for everyone.



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Dear Ward 4 Neighbours,

As the year draws to a close and the winter season settles in, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a joyful and restful holiday season. This time of year is a special opportunity to pause, reconnect, and cherish the spirit of community that makes Calgary such a wonderful place to call home.

Whether you're celebrating at home or traveling to be with family and friends, I hope this season brings you warmth, peace, and plenty of moments to savour. Here in Calgary, we're so fortunate to have a community that supports each other in countless ways. From local events to friendly neighbours lending a hand with snow shoveling, these small acts remind us of the strength and kindness that define our neighbourhood.

Don't forget—if you have any City of Calgary-related issues or concerns, you can easily reach assistance by calling 3-1-1, visiting online, or using the 3-1-1 mobile app.

Wishing you a season filled with joy, health, and all the things that make your holiday bright.

Warm holiday wishes,

Sean Chu

Councillor, Ward 4

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On December 21, 2019, Mariah Carey officially 'defrosted' when her song "All I Want for Christmas Is You" finally topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the first time since its release in 1994. Talk about a Christmas miracle - 25 years in the making!

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