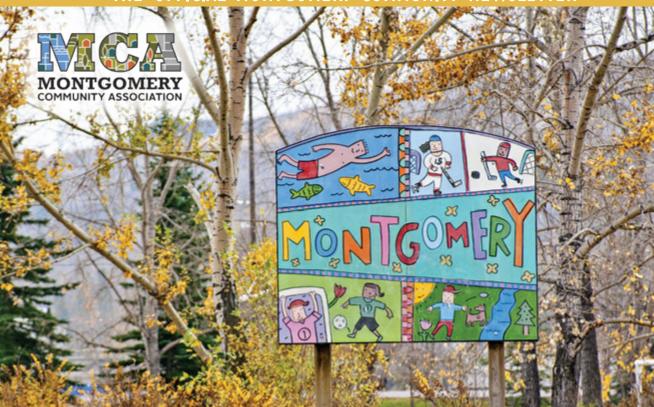


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COMING UP!

MCA Seniors Potluck Brunch

Our monthly gathering for 60+. Bring your neighbours!

Saturday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

- April 26 Alien Appreciation Day
- May 24 Drum Circle

Meet Your MCA Board of Directors

Goals? Offers of help? Need help?

April 15 and May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Pickleball Drop-In

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Carya Parent-Child Mother Goose

0 to 18 months. Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Carya Drop-In Baby Playtime

0 to 18 months. Tuesday, 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Karate For Kids (12+) and Adults

Shotokan Karate, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Boxing

Monday and Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Vertigo's Coaching Mentoring

3 to 15 years. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Learn In-Line Skating

Alien brings their program to the MCA!

Ages 6 to 8 and 9 to 12. Wednesday evening.

Carya Seniors Let's Move!

Stretch, breathing, and balance sessions

Thursday mornings 9:30 am. No charge drop in!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello fellow residents. I write a welcome message to you and hope to be in touch via our monthly newsletter as the seasons change. Firstly, 2025 for the board has started off wonderfully. From the AGM on

February 28, we were able to secure a full board with enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate all activities for the Montgomery Community Association (MCA). We're happy to report that we have a solid foundation of revenues, events and activities, and excellent rapport with the public. We're continuing to build from previous years so these are especially exciting times. The MCA is healthy, vibrant, busy, and most importantly, engaged with you, our brilliant residents!

Did you know that at our centre, you can book a boardroom, a large conference/activities room or simply explore a vast wealth of knowledge and activities that the MCA hosts? We're proud to say we're an excellent venue for everything from weddings to sports activities to business discussions – you name it, we most likely are able to accommodate. We host events as diverse as skating on outdoor ice rinks, to drum festivals, to even karate and seniors' potlucks, and so much more. Come on down just to check it all out – we're just south of 16 Avenue and on Home Road by the Shouldice Arena. There's something for everybody!

In order to make our community the strongest we can out of 21 communities within ward 7, we're always looking for volunteers for, well, anything! Namely though, we can surely use help on organizing, especially events, facilitating programs and activities, and even working with members of the MCA and recruiting more volunteers to grow beautiful Montgomery. In addition, we can always use those who can help prepare and clean up after activities, share in interesting conversations, and contribute ideas to our growth.

Ultimately, we wish to reach out to you, our residents, to make a better place to live. We strive diligently to give our attention to making Montgomery the best place to live in Calgary. We appreciate your support, engagement, and feedback. In turn, we're committed to you. Thank you for making our community the best part of Calgary!

Kind regards,

Shane Corriveau

President MCA

2025 Room Rentals at The MCA Centre

We are filling our booking calendar very fast for 2025 weekend dates. If you are thinking of renting space with us, please reach out to Spike at manager@mcapeople.com right away! Our Main Hall holds 240, we have a Boardroom with full A/V for 25 people, a commercial level AHS approved kitchen, and a rather large south facing back yard. We would love to work with you on your special event day!







Good day Montgomerians. We have kicked off the season as you might know, and beautiful weather is nourishing our seedlings generating a lot of hope and anticipation that we will have a splendid harvest in a few months. We've had our roster of green thumbs filled, have much ambition both cleaning up and planting and of course, lots of friendly visits amongst our members. It's a community project but it's far more than just work!



If you're not familiar with our garden, it's located at the top of 48 Street with a beautiful park for the children right beside it. We have decorated the fence in past years with many colours as just one

of our events we try to host a few times a season. Last year we planted several trees the city has helped us with and this year they have taken wonderfully and are growing healthily. Stay tuned for this year's events. You can find information on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

If you're even just getting started for the season, there are some vegetables you can still plant with time to



grow. We have a seed exchange box on the SE corner of the fence. If you have some extras, you don't mind donating, please do. If you wish to try some new varieties,

by all means, help yourselves. We just ask everything is done responsibly and respectfully as many families rely on their hard work as volunteers to feed their families as well.

Stay tuned for more pictures and events as the season matures alongside our crops. In case you're interested, our garden has a variety of fruits and vegetables available for the members that help nurture their growth and development. Do become a member next year if you're just learning about us now! We grow staples like potatoes and zucchini to perhaps less familiar food, like haskaps and rhubarb, with much in between.

Finally, if you would like more information on how to learn, volunteer, become involved or for events, please email us at gardenmca@gmail.com and we'll do our best to get back to you.



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Group training? Brainstorming sessions? Get your staff out of the office to a comfortable neutral location. This will help inspire creativity and attention. Our boardroom accommodates up to 25 people. Our main hall can seat up to 300 people. Round tables. Square tables. Horseshoe setup. Break away tables. A full complement of A/V equipment. Reasonable rental rates! Fully certified kitchen facilities.

Manager's Meanderings



We have a new herd of volunteer Board Members, a full slate. Some still with us, some are returning in a different role, some are new to our Board, some are just plain new to the concept of a Board. I cannot say thank you loud

or proud enough to these people putting it out there for us, for our Montgomery. But I will try ... "Thank you!"

Our new President believes in learning, believes that shared knowledge is power. I hope that this magical species saving attitude filters throughout our current Board this session, and they set down a legacy statement, and an expectation for our next MCA Boards to want to better themselves too.

We are a part of an amazing organization, the Federation of Calgary Communities, and the Director of Education has agreed to take us under his team's wing. We will be reviewing policies and protocols and missions and values and messaging, and, whew! And all of this work will be done by volunteers.

We are updating our website, the modules we rent the facility with, our Membership software, and some other tools. We are digging into the very concept and meaning of Membership in the MCA itself. We will continue to grow our relationship with our own Montgomery on the Bow BIA, and the business and community organizations of the various neighbourhoods that border Montgomery. This networking and alliance building is being done by volunteers.

We have some family-friendly events coming up the next few months where the wheels will move, and the parts will slide together seamlessly because of passionate volunteers.

Our fundraising Casino is July 16 and 17 this year, and a purely volunteer team comes together to ensure a clean inflow of half our Centre's budget for the next two years.

If you would like to volunteer some hours with the MCA, it does not matter whether you don't know how or what to do, or, you have a specific project or event you want to see come to fruition, please do reach out to us. Be an MCA volunteer. It matters. And it's fun!

Spike

Admiration... Always

by Cheryl Dunkley

Seventy years fly by fast
Live in the present, not the past.
What's your secret, we have to ask
Joan would say: "at everything you just laugh!"

Joan is a special gal A loyal friend through and through.
The world would be a better place
If this skill was one everybody knew.

Her circle has been busy and wide Golf, curling, travel, bridge But, if you need a friend Joan is right there by your side.

She has tackled many sports,
Always showed up with a smile
If you need love and support,
Joan always goes the extra mile.

A kind word, a compliment, a laugh
She understands what's on your mind.
She listens, has a thought, perhaps an idea new
Joan cares about each and everyone of you!

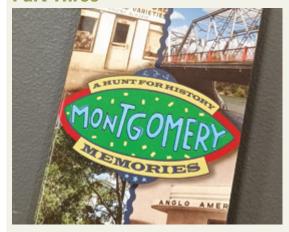
Happy birthday, dear Joan!

Thank you for being a good friend to all of us.

We are all better for knowing you and could learn from your example.

We have watched you approach life with compassion and intention putting others' need first while making light of your own.

Montgomery Memories Part Three



Newspapers back in the fifties were delivered door-to-door by carrier boys. They included *The Herald, The Albertan* (which became *The Sun*), and *The Star Weekly*.

There were two Montgomery papers in the 1950s, the *Mirror* and the *Times*. A subscription to the *Times* cost the unworldly price of two dollars per year!

In 1991, the *Montgomery Messenger* was started by Elspeth Snow, a member of the MCA Board who remained as editor till 2015. The newsletter was delivered to all homes and businesses in the community by volunteers.

Now the content for the monthly *Montgomery Messenger* is compiled by members of the MCA, published by Great News Media, and distributed through Canada Post.



Before annexation, the police force operated from the Town Hall at 5000 Bowness Road, now the home of the community group Carya. The police force was comprised of six men with two cruisers. Unlike the Calgary police uniforms of navy blue, the Montgomery force wore khakicoloured uniforms.

The Police generally looked after crimes like petty thefts, by-law offences, and traffic tickets. They had a jail cell to keep rowdy citizens overnight, and this cell is still located in the building. The officers were required to reside in Montgomery and were given the option of joining the Calgary Police force after the amalgamation. The Volunteer Fire Department was also based out of the Town Hall.

The first Community Hall was located at 4704 17 Avenue NW. It was built with volunteer labour and donated materials. It later became the Men's Club and then the Guys and Dolls Club.

The present facility, initially called the Montgomery Recreation Centre, was built with funds from the Province in 1962 on the south side of 16 Avenue in front of the Shouldice Arena.

The Montgomery Community Association leases the building, and the associated parking lot from the City. The name of the building was changed in 1992 to the Montgomery Community Centre.

Excerpt from the booklet - A Hunt for History, Montgomery Memories. Copies of the booklet are available in the lobby of the Montgomery Community Centre.

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COSMIC TRUCE: THE ECLIPSE THAT STOPPED A BATTLE!

On April 6, 648 BC, the Ancient Greeks recorded one of the earliest solar eclipses! Greek historian Herodotus described how the eclipse coincided with the battle between the Lydians and the Medes, scaring the armies into a truce. Talk about a cosmic peacekeeper!





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Say goodbye to dental anxiety and switch to Swish. Join us at the brandnew University District location, now open!

Good Vibes + Shame-Free Treatment Fast and Convenient Direct Billing Experience the Extras at No Extra Cost

This just in...

- 46 This is a really friendly, relaxed and well designed space (the dental care is great too! Haha). It feels like a true self care experience from start to finish, and so far my care has been top notch." CL
- 66 I've never been excited for a dentist appointment before like I was for my first visit yesterday and it did not disappoint." JI
- 44 Always amazing service from all the staff and every experience is as painless as the dentist can be! They are very accommodating and make sure you're comfortable every step of the way." CH
- The best dental experience I've ever had and I've been to a lot of different places. Now I've found my spot." RL

Take a closer look inside Swish U/D

Good vibes. Great care. Swish has officially landed in U/D! From our Patient Lounge to the Swish Bar, our clinic is designed to melt away dental anxiety and leave you feeling confident (not self-conscious) about your oral health.



The Patient Lounge

Sip on complimentary Monogram coffee, browse our curated selection of beauty and oral care must-haves, or flip through a stunning coffee table book while you wait. It's a whole vibe.

The Ops

Fully stocked with the latest tech and wellness-inspired amenities to make your appointment actually enjoyable. Aromatherapy, blankets, and noise-cancelling headphones are all on the menu here. Take your pick and let our team take care of the rest.





The Swish Bar

Because everyone deserves a little treat and flossing is more fun when it's coconut flavoured. Every visit ends at the Swish Bar, where you can stock up on the extras at no extra cost. Take home elevated self-care essentials from Cocofloss, Marvis, Sonicare, and more.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Flower!

- 1. This flower's colour depends on the acidity of the soil.
- Named after the Greek messenger of the gods, this flower comes in nearly all colours of the rainbow except red.
- 3. Despite misconceptions, this spring-blooming bulbous plant is not officially the Dutch national flower.
- 4. This prickly pink plant became Alberta's floral emblem in 1930.
- 5. The national flower of South Africa belongs to one of the oldest families of flowering plants on Earth approximately 300 million years!
- 6. This flower's Greek name, Galanthus, translates to "milk flower".



SAFE AND SOUND

Bicycle Helmet Safety

by Alberta Health Services EMS

Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. It is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting Informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or even save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death.
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting Started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet.
 Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the Right Fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the
 fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your
 head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears.
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened.
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort, and safety.

Children's Cottage Society Donation Box

The Children's Cottage Society uses 23,900 diapers every year! And 71,700 baby wipes annually! If you feel like helping out, they make it easy to drop your needed and appreciated gift off. We have a donation box in the front lobby of the MCA Centre that is taken when it is full. Thank you!



Volunteer with MCA!

We have many opportunities for you to be a part of our growing team of MCA volunteers! Join our board! Help out with our monthly Social Seniors Brunches! Offer your experience and contribute to our upcoming workshops and programming! 2025 Jelly Bean Dances! Outdoor skating rink! Community Garden! 2025 Riverside Cleanup! Festive Market and Monty's 60th Birthday Party! Connect with Spike at manager@mcapeople.com, and let's see where the best MCA fit is for you.

Thank you for reaching out to us and helping.



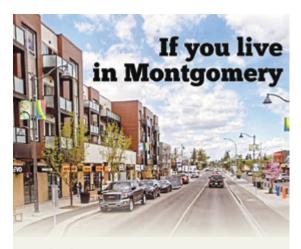


by Anne Burke

Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan will determine how Calgary's 2,900+ parks are managed, developed, and redeveloped over the next 20 years. A draft will be presented to City Council after review by the Community Development Committee. Parks connect urban communities, but the city is projected to grow to two million people within the next two decades (https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan).

Calgary has over 200 natural areas in the parks system. Our relationship with the natural world is primarily to preserve undisturbed land, wildlife, and native plant communities. In a natural area all uses and activities must comply with the approved habitat management plan to protect the natural environment and not cause damage. New natural areas should be designated. There are different types, but all need to be protected to conserve nature now and for the future. The landscape offers access to the natural world which helps our physical and mental well-being. Special places like Nose Hill, a major natural area, foster stewardship, support biodiversity, and reduce impacts of heat, flooding, and drought. Some areas are sacred spaces for Indigenous Nations and provide opportunities to learn about cultural history.

Controlled burns and animal grazing are encouraged as alternate land management practices. We must assess and update the cost of maintenance to ensure the value of natural areas with a compensation model. We can allow litter-control-only (with guidance) in natural areas to be included in enhanced landscape maintenance requirements. We should develop ten-year operational Habitat Management Plans for all natural areas, including those required as part of the development approval process. Prior to subdivision the developer is responsible for restoration and compensation must be paid to the City when there is damage or disturbance to land dedicated to environmental reserve. Back sloping should not be allowed.



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Make a Ripple in Montgomery!

Residents of Montgomery, and our good neighbours in Greenwood Village and Bowness, can receive up to \$1,000 to put toward community building ideas and projects. Learn more and apply for a Ripples Community Building Grant at mybowness.com/ripples.





Supervisors and managers usually dread the idea of annual assessments of their people. Considering how onerous the task is often made to be, I don't blame them to be honest. I propose a better way.

This process may not work for everyone, but when it comes to performing assessments, I have a mantra. Keep it simple. Repeat often. What I mean by that is don't make the assessment process any harder than it has to be, and make sure you're not only touching base with your team once or twice a year. Sure, you say, how on earth do I pull that off? Let me offer one practical plan of action.

There is no need for ratings. There is no need for multi-page lists. All you need to do is ask the following questions of your team members, about their work at an individual level:

- 1. What is one thing we (or I) need to start doing?
- 2. What is one thing we (or I) need to keep doing?
- 3. What is one thing we (or I) need to stop doing?
- 4. What is one thing we (or I) need to accept or learn to live with?

These questions are answered by the individual about themselves, in writing, and also by the assessor about themselves. That's right - you're going to be just as open to them about your own 'start/keep/stop/accept' as they are going to be to you. Then you have a meeting where the member shares their personal list, then you share yours. Then you make a plan to make those into commitments and set a date to ask the same questions again. Feel free to keep the last set of answers to track how things are progressing.

Ultimately, people already know how they're doing, they just need the opportunity to express it, validate it and discuss it. And they need you to do the same. Often. Monthly at least. Quarterly if that isn't possible. Not yearly.

Karl Plesz

Your Productivity Guru

MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY SOCCER



April 21 - June 30 Ages 3 to 11 Register now!

The CCFC has booked the Terrace Road soccer fields on Monday nights from mid-April to the end of June to run the program. No volunteering is required but if you would like to help coach, they welcome that.

CCFC also coordinates with KidSport so that families who can't afford the fees can still play.

April 21 to June 30

Ages 3 to 11

Register now!

You can register here: tinyurl.com/mcasoccer2025.

When you get to the place to select an Open Registration Season, choose "Montgomery Community Soccer - Spring 2025".

Her SAIT Graduation

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

She took the risk and made the move Enrolled in courses, paid tuition Embarked upon a journey bold Nothing worthwhile makes it easy

She hit the books and studied hard
Placed hopes and dreams upon her desk
Homework structured every evening
The future more important now

From class to class, through rain and snow Lectures, essays, midterms, finals And once a week she volunteered Community, connection, care

Good coffee always faithful friend
Wide awake for morning learning
Then soon, bright shining GPA
No more her forward path unknown

She pushed with all her might, she did Propelled that boulder up the mountain She's reached the top, SAIT graduation A new career, a rolling stone



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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw for Short-Term Rentals Are Now in Effect

by The City of Calgary



Starting April 1, 2025, there will be several changes to Calgary's short-term rental (STR) regulations as part of The City of Calgary's commitment to adapt to our evolving short-term rental market.

- STR business licenses will now be classified as either primary or non-primary. If you currently have a licence, you will be asked to verify your property type as part of your next renewal. Fees will vary based on the licence type.
- Short-term rentals now include rentals up to 180 consecutive days. If you own a short-term rental offering stays between zero and 180 consecutive days, you require a business licence to operate in Calgary.
- New applicants will be responsible for complying with their condominium bylaws, The City will no longer require condo board consent.
- A ban on issuing licences for homes designated as affordable housing.

Additionally, if the Purpose-Built Rental Vacancy Rate drops below 2.5%, The City will impose a temporary pause on issuing new non-primary licences. This would not apply to new primary residence applications or existing licenses.

These changes aim to balance housing affordability, safety, community impact, and enforcement, while continuing to support property owners and the economic benefits STRs bring to Calgary.

Enhancing regulatory processes will improve STR management and foster market innovation to benefit the community. Visit calgary.ca/str for more information.





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