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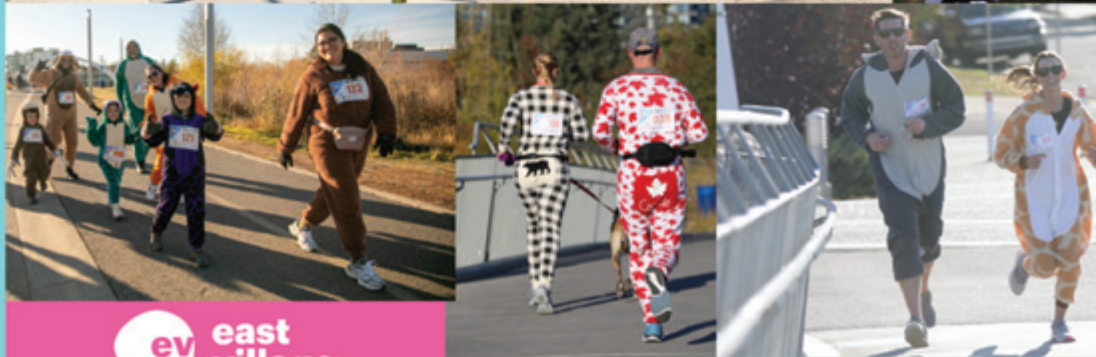
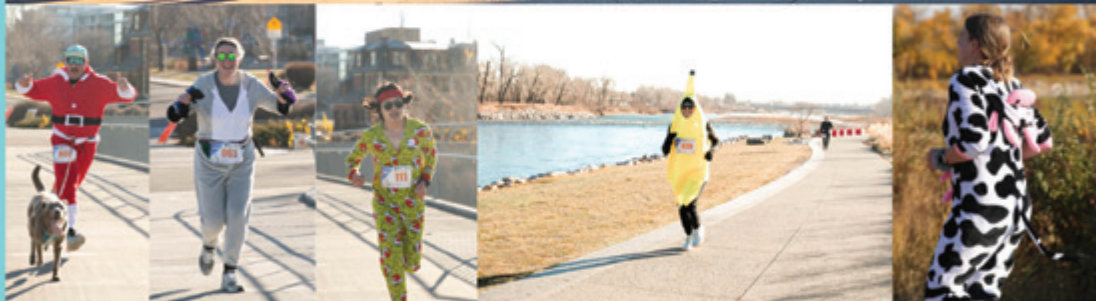
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Dear Montgomery community neighbours,

We hope you are having a wonderful summer!

As we begin another school year at FFCA North High School, we wanted to introduce ourselves and thank you for continuing to welcome us into the Montgomery community. Building positive relationships with our neighbours is important to us, and we look forward to continuing to be respectful and engaged members of the community.

Our school year begins with Family Orientation on Tuesday, August 25, and students return to classes on Wednesday, August 26. This will be our third full year in our new building, with approximately 920 students attending FFCA North High School.

As our students travel from communities across northwest and northeast Calgary, 19 buses will continue to transport students to and from school each day. Buses are scheduled to arrive at approximately 8:00 am and depart at about 3:28 pm Monday through Thursday, and at 1:21 pm on Fridays. You may also notice increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic, particularly during lunch hours, from 11:32 am to 12:12 pm.

We are committed to being good neighbours and appreciate your partnership. If you have any concerns, compliments, or questions, please contact us directly. For urgent traffic, parking, or safety concerns, the Calgary Police Service or the Calgary Parking Authority are appropriate resources.

FFCA is a publicly funded K to 12 charter school serving students across Calgary at eight campuses. Our educational approach emphasizes character development, leadership, and a strong foundation for learning.

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Manager's Meanderings

As I write this, we are a few days away from hosting a summer picnic in The MCA Centre's big back yard. As you read this, autumn is beginning. Summer's sunshine is still golden but is now falling off the trees.

This autumn and winter, I have committed to myself to learn some new things. You know, get back to "practice lifelong learning." Yeah, okay, I try, you too, huh?

We have newish software I have been fumbling with at the Centre. Great help is available to me, but it involves some process changes and new ways of thinking. It is challenging, but I have no doubt it will be rewarding. I intend to master it this season.

I am at the very beginning stages of learning about designing, creating, and maintaining a pollinator focused garden. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds dropping by to say hi next summer are my end goal. I am actively working with our Parks Department to help implement their urban forest programming in our area too.

It's also time I finally learned how to ballroom and swing dance. I stink. I do try, and I have partners that say I have a "unique rhythm", which is polite of them, but yeah. I have an acoustic guitar, an acoustic bass, and a handful of percussion instruments that have been taking up room in a corner of a room for far too long. It's time for a little casual plucking, strumming, and tapping to come back into my world.

I am also purposefully learning more about the many cultures and home countries of those that utilize the MCA Centre. Our event renters have travelled from all over our amazing globe, bringing flavours of food, music, art, and laughter that are uniquely their own, but a big part of our collective, our community.

I hope that you also take some time to learn some new concepts, ideas, and positive lessons this season.

Michael "Spike" Richards

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President's Message

Fall is here! What a fabulous summer we have had. As the cool air creeps in, we take comfort knowing our new HVAC system is nearing completion—just in time!

The first eight months of this year have been busy indeed with fabulous events like our second Great Big Family Picnic, our inline skating camp, and our continued partnership with our wonderful preschool just to name a few. We are hosting a great number of activities and events throughout our facility, and as you know, the fall launches our busiest time of the year. Remember to consult our website and calendar to update you on everything thing that's going on. You can easily use this to book a space in our hall, kitchen and/or boardroom.

Help us out and promote our centre as we require as much exposure and marketing from you, our terrific readers, to help keep us going.

Not-for-profit organizations can be fickle and without substantial support that you continue to offer us; we couldn't do it without you! In the coming year, we're looking forward to hosting our nearly bi-annual Casino—next year being hosted in Q2—so stay tuned. There will be many volunteering opportunities and having our partner, AGLC on our side, assures we keep the doors open as well.

A friendly reminder to visit www.mcapeople.com and give us some feedback! As we strive our best to maximize efficiency, we're always looking for ideas to improve and those that really want to contribute to our growth.

We've made great strides at our centre. For example, one out of every ten adults in Montgomery are now members of our association. If you're 'inactive', why not enrol again and enjoy our programs and events? I cannot state proudly enough how our team here at the MCA is serving you, our fantastic members from Montgomery. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends that we're always looking to bring on more members! Also, if you see any of our team, please make sure to say thank you as we have volunteers on the board and staff that keep the MCA running like a clock.

Thank you,

Shane Corriveau

Feedback

Feedback is an essential part of communication. If you have comments about the content in the Montgomery Messenger, please know that we want to hear from you. We welcome suggestions and we are always looking for writers that wish to contribute to our little magazine. Email us at feedback@mcapeople.com.

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Use a subject line that is specific, clear, and descriptive. A great subject will not only make it clear what the message is about but also alert the recipient as to the expected action, due date, or importance. Use words that the recipient would search for.

Don't ramble—get to the point. The message body should be concise and contain:

- Opening statement—what you want, need, or have to announce.
- Some pertinent details. The Who/What/When/Where/Why/How that wasn't covered in the opening statement.

- Closing statement—any caveats, your availability, expected follow-up.
- Don't email, then call or visit to repeat your message. Double delivery is annoying.
- Resist the temptation to handle multiple ideas in one message.

Don't forward a messy thread. Instead of taking the time to explain, do you just forward your email stream? Ever get one of those "See below!" messages? People don't want to read the 15-page thread that you participated in. The same goes for a re:re:re:re:re: subject line.

Don't send an email when it should be a face-to-face meeting or a phone call. Sometimes email isn't the right medium for your message. If it is taking more than a few lines to explain, then go talk to the person you need to communicate with.

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If the mood or wording of the email would make the CEO frown, don't send it. AI can be your friend in this case. Ask it to rewrite the message with less sass or attitude.

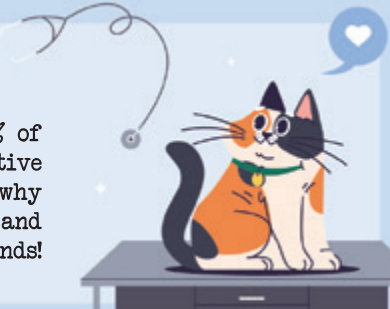
After you write an email, you should edit it before sending. Besides the obvious spelling and grammatical errors, you should be editing for content, meaning, and conciseness. A good thumb-rule: the number of times you should re-read an email before sending is roughly equal to the number of recipients.

Karl Plesz





Paws for Celebration!



September is Happy Cat Month! Did you know about 75% of dogs visit the vet annually for checkups and preventative care, while only about 40-50% of cats do? That's why the month of September is dedicated to celebrating and promoting the health and happiness of our feline friends!






Miss Watts' Class: Are you in this photo from 1961? Or can you identify family members or neighbours who are part of this black and white photograph? Email us at feedback@mcapeople.com.



The Tiny Mites Hockey Team: Montgomery has a great history with sports programs. This photo is from 1963 and shows team spirit and camaraderie. Can you identify any of the young players? Email us at feedback@mcapeople.com.



The Montgomery Town Hall circa 1964. Can anyone tell us why there is a sign that says "Lord Help Us" hanging on the building? By the way, that building on Bowness Road is now the home of the Belmont Commons division of Carya. Email us at feedback@mcapeople.com.



September in the Garden

Summer is slowly winding down, the mornings are cooler, and the days are getting shorter, but there is still so much growing and ready to be picked. The garden is full of colour and there are plenty of fresh vegetables waiting to be harvested.

Some of the yummiest things to pick this time of year are beets, carrots, and onions. There is something especially satisfying about pulling a carrot or beet straight from the soil and seeing how big it has grown. The carrots are sweet and crunchy, the beets are full of colour, and the onions are perfect for adding to just about anything.

The kids especially seem to love carrot harvesting. They sure get a kick out of grabbing onto the green tops, giving them a good pull, and discovering what is hiding underneath the soil. Sometimes the carrot comes out perfectly, and sometimes it takes a little more digging! Either way, it is a fun way for kids to see where their food comes from.

Beets are also wonderful because they can be enjoyed in so many ways. One easy beet dip is to roast two or three beets until tender, then blend them with a ½ cup of Greek yogurt, one small clove of garlic, a squeeze of lemon juice, a little olive oil, and some salt and pepper. It makes a bright pink, creamy dip that is delicious with vegetables, crackers, pita, or spread on toast.

September is also a good time to appreciate everything the garden has provided over the summer. So much work goes into planting, watering, weeding, and caring for the beds, and now comes the reward of harvesting and sharing.

There is still plenty to enjoy before the garden season comes to an end!

Diana



by Anne Burke

A Nose Hill supporter told me there used to be a plaque in memory of John Lee Laurie at the Brisebois parking lot entrance to Nose Hill Park (Many Owls parking area). It appears that the plaque has now gone missing. He said, "Do you happen to know what happened to it and whether there are any plans for it to be reinstalled in the future?" I responded that my city contact would ask our Infrastructure folks to see if they knew.

A colleague did walk over to read the plaque once, but that was many years ago. It spoke of the help Laurie gave to First Nations. The official name of Mount Yamnuska is Mount John Laurie, but he has no knowledge of the installation of the plaque. When I chaired the Nose Hill Park Management Advisory Committee, the John Laurie Rock Society obtained the City's permission to install the boulder that was moved during construction of the roadway.

John Lee Laurie (1899-1959) was a prominent educator and political activist in Calgary, best known for First Nations advocacy. From 1944 to 1956, he was the honorary secretary of the Indian Association of Alberta. When adopted by the Stoney Nakoda Nations, he was named "White Cloud" and recognized by having a major Calgary roadway and a Canadian Rockies peak named after him. Mount Yamnuska was officially renamed at the request of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation in 1961. Its original Stoney Nakoda name, Îyâmnathka, combines root words of "mountain" and "flat", so "flat-faced mountain". In 1979, concerned citizens collected over 5,000 signatures on a petition and on the Sunday before Monday's Council meeting, marched along John Laurie Blvd in defence of Nose Hill Park. City Council voted against any development rezoning of Nose Hill Park lands.

Drop In Pickleball at the MCA Centre



Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. \$7 drop-in fee. Cash is preferred. Credit cards and debit cards accepted.

We are one court, rotating drop in. Expect to laugh lots. Especially at oneself. This is a fun community group you will be a part of; it grows and shrinks with the seasons and travel plans.

Drop in one afternoon, meet the herd, and stay active with this low impact, incredibly social sport. Mid-level skills, please, these particular sessions are not for first timers.



Bring something to share, and we will do the same. Bring a friend who needs to socialize a bit. And we will make them feel very welcome. It's a monthly affair for those 60 and over!

Mingle at 11:30 am, lunch at 12:00 pm. Music or guest speaker at 1:00 pm.

Planned Dates: September 19, October 24, November 28.

The Montgomery Community Centre, Corner of 16 Ave NW and Home Road. Across Home Road from Tim Hortons



Reflections

Golden: the autumn glow that envelops Montgomery in September. We know that Central Canada boasts of the reds, magentas, and oranges of their fall colours, in contrast with the dark evergreens in their forests. However, our autumn gold is equally stunning to the eye.

It's about the trees. Treed areas are not natural to Calgary, which was predominantly a grassland before urbanization; save for trees growing on some slopes and in ravines. Our Nose Hill Park is a gorgeous, largely grassy expanse, visible from all of the Northwest and Northeast quadrants.

Montgomery's geography offers some microclimatic opportunities for trees, so we can see some arboreal diversity around us. However, the most common tree species that predominate are few, and the leaves of all of those turn shimmering amber at summer's end.

It's a noble tree that survives our winters, our semi-arid climate, and our chinook winds in January and February. So, I have a special place in my heart for the trees of Montgomery. I have a mini urban forest on my property, with 14 deciduous trees of varying ages that turn golden. The mountain ash is a favourite, as is the Schubert chokecherry. The former attracts many birds due to its red berries. The chokecherry leaves change colour through spring, summer, and fall. In my case,

both are old, struggling, and sadly I fear, dying. Though all 14 of them turn that beautiful amber colour, beginning in early September.

The City of Calgary has a program to combat the loss of urban forests, a loss primarily due to its own policies that permit builders to remove full growth trees from residential properties under development. It is called "branching out." According to the City website, "Calgary's tree canopy is 9.62% as measured in 2024...working to grow and expand our tree canopy coverage to 16%." They recognize that "Trees are essential to the quality of life in Calgary, ... contribute to positive mental wellbeing...and help us connect with our communities." Montgomery provides an excellent example of that! However, we must be vigilant and fight not to lose our remaining urban forest, and the golden glow that descends on our neighbourhood in fall. You might want to check out that program!

"Neighbourwoods" was an earlier program where the City planted free trees of your choice on your city boulevard space. Again, this was to counteract the deforestation that neighbourhoods such as Montgomery are experiencing with the disappearance of bungalows and their yards. As I live on a corner lot, I solicited eight trees and through this program, thus planting seven columnar aspens to provide an arboreal screen between me and the street, plus an ornamental crab apple that has gorgeous dark pink blossoms in May.

With our trees come songbirds and migrating exotic birds, as well as squirrels. Our trees provide shade, aromas, song, sights, and beauty that changes through the year. They are essential to our quality of life in Montgomery, and the trees remind us of this, when the leaves of most, in unison, turn golden in September. Take a September walk and enjoy the glow.

Denise Brown

Joke of the Month

Why are writers always so cold?

They are always surrounded by drafts.



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.



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September's Reflection

by Michelle Macdonald, Letter Writing and Mail Club Enthusiast.

Write about a relatively new social trend that you appreciate.

Dear reader,

Social trends are ever-changing, and many are for the better. One shift in particular is near and dear to my heart: the increasing value our society places on pets.

From the moment I could speak, I began asking for a pet dog. Every single Christmas I placed "dog" at the top of my wish list. The significant pressure I put on both Santa and my parents was to no avail; my parents were not "dog people".

Over three decades later, that yearning for a four-legged, furry friend had never faded. In early 2020, my family began fostering dogs from a local shelter as a "test run" to see if we could handle the responsibility. We quickly realized we could. Each time a foster dog went to their forever home, I grieved their absence. The extra work felt worth it. We were ready.

When the world slowed down in the spring of 2020, a combination of isolation and extra time made the decision to officially adopt our own dog quite easy. We weren't alone; statistics showed that an unprecedented number of Canadians brought a pet into their homes during that time. It drastically accelerated a shift towards celebrating the creatures that provide us with companionship and unconditional love.

Today, society is becoming a friendlier place for pet owners. I've noticed the City of Calgary has become exceptionally welcoming to dogs. New communities are intentionally designed with dog parks, and many outdoor patios welcome our furry friends. We even have a cat café downtown and puppy yoga throughout the city.

Our pandemic puppy, Luna, is six years old this year. She was the piece our family didn't know we were missing until she arrived and made us feel complete. She was worth the wait.

Happy writing,

Michelle

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MOON FESTIVAL

The Moon Festival, or Mid-Autumn Festival, takes place on September 25 this year. This is the second most celebrated Chinese holiday bringing good fortune and prosperity. Often celebrated by eating moon cakes, lighting lanterns and gathering for large family meals, the celebration dates back over 3,000 years and has variations that are celebrated all over East and Southeast Asia.



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This summer has been marked by Calgary receiving federal dollars for two exciting projects: the Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary and Contemporary Calgary. I was proud to take part in both announcements, which demonstrate the federal infrastructure investments being made in Alberta.

One of the ways we strengthen communities is by investing in sport. Creating more opportunities for Calgarians to play, train, and proudly wear the maple leaf on the world stage brings us together and inspires all generations.

To that end, I was proud to have advocated for federal funding to come to the University of Calgary's Olympic Oval, which received up to \$26 million through the Build Communities Strong Fund. This investment will support the rehabilitation and modernization of the Oval—a legendary facility that hosted the 1988 Olympic Winter Games and remains home to the fastest ice in the world. It has nurtured generations of Olympic medallists and world-record holders, and this funding secures its long-term operation and accessibility for years to come. More than an elite training centre, the Oval is a community hub that keeps Calgary's reputation as a world-class sporting city strong.

Contemporary Calgary received up to \$40 million through the Build Communities Strong Fund. This investment will transform our historic Centennial Planetarium—home to Contemporary Calgary—into one of Canada's leading destinations for contemporary art, education, and community gathering. Expanding public access to the arts, creating a new gallery, education spaces, and revitalizing Calgary's Downtown West End, all while preserving one of our city's most recognizable landmarks through adaptive reuse.

Projects such as these enhance connectivity in our community and drive economic growth. Infrastructure is the foundation of healthy and prosperous communities, and of a strong Canada.

From our ice to our galleries, these investments will Build Calgary Strong.

I am honoured to be your MP,

Corey Hogan

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Support Victoria Fortuna and Her Family After a Tragic Highway Accident



In the early evening of February 8, 2026, the Fortuna family's life was forever altered by a devastating and senseless accident.

Victoria, a 21-year-old student at MacEwan University, and her father, Paul Fortuna, 53 years old, were the innocent victims of a horrific and tragic vehicle accident that occurred in Edmonton, Alberta. Sadly, her father, Paul, succumbed to his injuries at the scene, and Victoria has been left with catastrophic, life-threatening, and life-altering injuries. She is currently fighting for her life and receiving critical medical care at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

This GoFundMe, created in partnership with her family, is being established to help ease the inconceivable financial hardship they are facing.

The initial \$100,000 fundraising target will help cover immediate expenses, including lodging in Edmonton for Victoria's mother, Colleen (Cousens) Fortuna, and 16-year-old sister, Ariana, both from Calgary. This will also allow Colleen to take necessary time away from work during this period of immense hardship and profound change to focus on Victoria's medical journey and to help her daughters through the unimaginable grief of the sudden, tragic loss of their father.

In the days, months, and years ahead, Victoria will require additional surgeries, extensive rehabilitation, specialized leg prosthetics, intensive mental health support, and enduring general medical care. The financial impact will be significant and ongoing, with future fundraising goals evolving as a result of these needs.

The family is deeply grateful for the kindness, prayers, and support they have already received. Your generosity, through a donation or by sharing this GoFundMe, will allow them to focus on supporting their beloved Victoria through her long recovery journey. It takes a village and every donation counts.

Thank you for standing with them during this unimaginably difficult time.

Scan to donate or visit gofund.me/31fdeef6f

Any help is appreciated ❤️

