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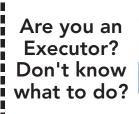
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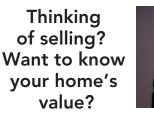




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BOARD REPORT

Dear Neighbours,

Spring is on the way, and our committees are hard at work planning events to bring the community together.

On April 11, our Special Events Committee is bringing back the Taste of Mount Pleasant Festival. Last year's event was a huge hit, featuring delicious food from local cafés and restaurants in Mount Pleasant and neighbouring communities. Tickets sold out quickly, so don't wait to grab yours online!

Our Green Initiatives Committee is preparing for the Annual Community Cleanup on Sunday, May 4. It's the perfect chance to clear out those unwanted items without the hassle of a trip to the dump. Event details will be posted on our website and social media.

We'd like to thank everyone who joined us on the ice this season! The last public skate was on March 30 but stay tuned for the return of Pickleball to the SportsPlex this spring!

Looking ahead to summer, we are in need of volunteers for our fundraising casino on August 7 and 8 at ACE Casino. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers, supporting community programs. If you can help, please contact our Casino Coordinator, Michele Gole at casino@mpca.ca.

The MPCA is interested in starting a Community Watch program and is looking for neighbours who want to help support a safer community. If you'd like to contribute to developing this (or any other) initiative, please email engagement@mpca.ca.

And if you're looking for something fun to do this spring, be sure to check out our hall programs. From fitness classes to arts and crafts, game days, and our book club, there's something for everyone! Visit mpca.ca/programs to explore all the options.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to spring!

MPCA Board





Description

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.



PLEASANT TIMES SOCIAL CLUB - FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES

Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get. – Robert Orben.

Pleasant Times Social Club is a great way for people to get out of the house, socialize with old and new friends, be active, see places and things we might otherwise miss, and build support systems. Our activities are possible thanks to the backing of MPCA, the fees people pay to participate, and the generous grants and donations we receive from various Calgary businesses, The City of Calgary, and community members. None of our programs would be possible without the many members of our group who donate their time and energy to make them happen. So many people to thank for giving us these opportunities.

Adults of all ages are welcome to participate in our activities, except the monthly lunches which are only open to those age 60 and over. All you need is an MPCA membership! Most events are held during the day, Monday to Friday, with the odd exception. If something piques your interest and you're available, please contact us for more information.

Monthly Lunches: Many thanks to Calgary Co-op North Hill whose staff not only catered a delicious roast chicken lunch but also donated \$250 toward the cost of our meal. This was especially helpful as we had a large crowd of 75 registered for the lunch. Dr. Patrick Wu joined us before lunch to talk about eye health and answer questions from the audience.

Our seniors' lunches are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am, usually in the Upper Hall. Lunches are open to all MPCA members ages 60 and over who have registered in advance to attend. An RSVP is required to allow us to order the correct amount of food. We usually have something happening after lunch – a speaker, movie, conversation and games, or live entertainment. Many thanks to MPCA, Paramount 24 Hr Animal Hospital, Costco, Co-op, and The City of Calgary for making our lunches possible. We ask that you donate \$5 or whatever you can to help support the cost.

If you are age 60 or over, or if you know of someone like this, please get in touch with Linda at 403-289-8390 or pleasanttimes@mpca.ca to be added to our lunch invitation list. **Day Trips:** Joan and Linda are hard at work organizing our 2025 day trips. At time of writing, we're still looking forward to our journey to Stage West for a hilarious farce, Too Many Cooks on March 19. This outing sold out quickly with people on the wait list in case someone has to cancel.

We have an overnight trip to Waterton National Park and the Frank Slide Interpretative Centre in the works for May 29 to 30. This trip also sold out quickly. Don't be disappointed for our future outings to a Hutterite Colony, the Cremona Fall Market, an evening Stage West show and buffet, and Rosebud Theatre for its Christmas show. Day trips sell out quickly, often before the Pulse is delivered. If you'd like to receive email notification of upcoming trips or have ideas for where to go next, contact Linda at pleasanttimes@mpca.ca or 403-289-8390. People of all ages are welcome to join us.





ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Please check our website for up-to-date information on programs and events at mpca.ca/programs, mpca.ca/ news, and mpca.ca/specialevents.

MPCA Playgroup | Lower Hall Select weekdays, 9:15 to 11:15 am.

Sportball | Upper Hall Sunday afternoons.

Pleasant Heights After School Care (Students from St. Joseph's School) | Lower Hall Monday to Friday after school.

Afternoon Games | Adults | Upper Hall Sessions run from September to June. Mondays, 1:15 pm.

Aspire to Inspire Zumba | Zumba Fitness | Upper Hall Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Exercise Program | Adults | Upper Hall Mondays and Wednesdays in the Upper Hall and on Zoom. Friday sessions over Zoom. Sessions run from September to June. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11:00 am, and select Fridays, 9:30 to 10:15 am.

Tai Chi | All Ages | Upper Hall Sessions run from September to June. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Flow Filipino Martial Arts | Upper Hall Mondays, 8:00 to 9:15 pm. Wednesdays, 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

Essentrics® with Gabrielle | Upper Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Book Club | Adults | Lower Hall Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Crafternoons Arts and Crafts | Adults (Ages 14+) | Upper Hall

Sessions run from September to June. Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Chair Yoga | Upper Hall Wednesdays, 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. No classes on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Monthly Seniors' Lunches | Ages 60+ | Upper Hall Fourth Wednesday of each month. RSVP required. Go Play! | Children (18 months to 7 years) | Upper Hall Wednesdays, 4:30 pm.

Wednesday Workout with Sinead | Upper Hall New Program! Wednesdays, 6:45 to 7:45 pm.

Yoga with Trish Hardy Yoga | Upper Hall Thursdays, 7:45 to 8:45 pm.

Calgary Rakushinkan | Upper Hall Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Sundays, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Fly Right Swing Dance Lessons | Upper Hall Friday evenings.

Members' Pickleball and Badminton | SportsPlex Rink Select days, register online.

Taste of Mount Pleasant Festival Friday, April 11. Tickets on website.

Book Club | Lower Hall | Horse by Geraldine Brooks Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Community Cleanup Sunday, May 4. Check website for full details as they become available.

Book Club | Lower Hall | TBD Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

City of Calgary Community Farm Stand | Lil Green Urban Farms Thursdays. Returning in May.



Embrace an active lifestyle and discover a wide range of engaging activities at the Mount Pleasant Community Hall (602 22 Avenue NW)! Our community hall is open year-round, providing a vibrant hub for individuals of all ages.

Children and Youth Programs

Mount Pleasant Playgroup - Lower Hall Ages 0 to 5 years Weekdays | 9:15 to 11:00 am

At home with the kids and need to get out of the house? Come out and join us! Enjoy a fun outing and routine for the kids and make lasting friendships for yourself and them! Mount Pleasant Playgroup is a volunteer-run parent program that offers low-cost parent/tot playtime in a fun and child-friendly environment! Visit mpca.ca/ playgroup for more information.

Sportball [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Sports Instruction for Kids Sunday Afternoons

For more information and registration, please contact Calgary@Sportball.ca or call 403-975-2936. www.sportball.ca

Pleasant Heights After School Care (PHAS) [3rd Party] - Lower Hall

Students from St. Joseph's School | Ages 5 to 12 years Monday through Friday After School

School-age care spots are available for our Pleasant Heights After School #2 location (Mount Pleasant Community Centre – 602, 22 Ave NW) for children in kindergarten through grade 6. Our school-age care program is licensed and accredited with many long-term staff. For more information, please contact 403-289-8233 or 403-220-1212. Call and reserve your spot today.

New Program! Go Play! [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Wednesdays Starting at 4:30 pm

GoPlay! is your new local sports club for kids 18 months to 7 years old.

For more information visit calgary.goplay.ca/. To register visit homebasehub.ca/goplay/calgary.

Adult Programs

Essentrics[®] Gentle Fitness - Upper Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10:00 to 11:00 am The Essentrics[®] technique simultaneously strengthens and stretches all muscles. For information and registration, please email mauvefitnesscalgary@gmail. com or text 403-809-9363. Gabrielle Börger, level 4 certified Essentrics[®] instructor. Walk-ins welcome!

Aspire to Inspire Zumba [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Mondays | 6:30 to 7:30 pm

For more information and to register, visit www.ATIZumba.com.

Call 403-975-5817 or email ATIZumba@gmail.com.

Tai-Chi [MPCA Fitness] - Upper Hall Mondays and Wednesdays | 9:00 to 10:00 am

Open to all ages and experience levels. Enhance balance, flexibility, memory, and concentration. Enroll for \$5 per class (full session sign-up) or \$6 drop-in. Reach out to Linda at pleasanttimes@mpca.ca for details. All are welcome!

Exercise Class [MPCA Fitness] - Upper Hall and Online Options

Mondays and Wednesdays | 10:15 to 11:00 am Fridays | 9:30 to 10:15 am

Join our inclusive fitness classes, which are suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Our sessions focus on enhancing aerobic fitness, strength, balance, and flexibility with tailored options for varying fitness levels. Enroll for the full session or drop-in. Participate in person at the community hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:15 am. Zoom sessions are available. Contact Linda at pleasanttimes@mpca.ca or 403-289-8390 for more information. You can try out a free class to see if this is for you.

New Program! Wednesday Workout with Sinead [3rd Party] - Upper Hall

Wednesdays | 6:45 to 7:45 pm

Whether you're a fitness fanatic or just starting out, join us for a 50-minute Wednesday workout. A weekly dose of movement, connection, and good vibes. We will spend our time working through cardio and barre work, then finish off the evening with mat work and stretch. Email sineadb@shaw.ca for further questions and to reserve your spot.

Yoga in Mount Pleasant with Trish Hardy Yoga [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Thursdays | 7:45 to 8:45 pm

For more information and to register, please contact Trish Hardy at hardytrish@ymail.com or call 403-620-4990.

www.trishhardyyoga.com.

Flow Martial Arts [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Mondays | 8:00 to 9:15 pm Wednesdays | 8:00 to 9:00 pm

Join Flow Martial Arts for traditional Filipino martial arts training in a supportive community. We offer Arnis stick fighting, unarmed applications and a great workout. Develop discipline, respect, and skill with our team. No experience is necessary!

Call Jeff at 587-891-8108 or check out flowma.ca to start your martial arts journey today!

Calgary Rakushinkan [3rd Party] - Upper Hall Thursdays | 6:00 to 7:30 pm Sundays | 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Japanese Martial Arts with Calgary Rakushinkan. Learn Japanese sword and other martial arts - Kenjutsu, laijutsu, Aikijujutsu, Aikido, and more.

Adults and youth 14+. For more information and registration, please contact rakushincalgary@gmail.com, 403-401-8257, or visit www.calgaryrakushinkan.com.

Fly Right Swing Dance Lessons [3rd Party] - Upper Hall

Friday Evenings

For more information, please go to m.facebook.com/ flyrightswing/.

Chair Yoga [MPCA Fitness] - Upper Hall Drop-in classes are available on Wednesdays | 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Chair yoga is a wonderful way for everyone to access the many benefits of yoga. Yoga calms the nervous system, increases strength and mobility and, through gentle stretching, increases blood flow to joints and muscles. Enrol for \$8 per class. For more information, please contact Catharine at cathdurst@hotmail.com or 587-897-5887. Note: there is no class on the fourth Wednesday of each month.





Arts and Crafts Sessions (Ages 14 and Up)

Crafternoons are back and our crafters are happy! Classes nourish your creative abilities and let you spend an enjoyable afternoon with others at the same time. These two-hour Crafternoon classes are sponsored by MPCA. They include all materials, use of professional grade tools, with experienced artisans leading the projects. Classes take place in MPCA's Upper Hall on select Wednesday afternoons. All skill levels are welcome, no experience needed. This is an amazing opportunity to gain insight into a new medium and connect with new people.

There is limited space available at these popular sessions to allow the instructor to give sufficient attention to everyone. Please have a current MPCA membership and pre-register online at mpca.tidyhq.com to ensure space and materials are available for you. Classes have a non-refundable price of \$10 each. If you sign up for a class and find you can't attend, please let Aileen know as soon as possible. This may allow someone on the waiting list to take your place and avoid purchasing supplies that aren't used.

To learn what classes are upcoming as early as possible, check the Events tab at mpca.tidyhq.com regularly. It's always best to set a reminder to do this early in each month as classes fill up quickly.

Registration for the following April classes opened Tuesday, March 4.

Wednesday, April 9, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Watercolour Landscape Painting with Doris Loewen: Celebrate Alberta's gorgeous foothills and mountains using skills and techniques that Doris will share with us. We will be painting directly on paper, no drawing required. Wednesday, April 16, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Printmaking on Fabric with Tracy Franks: We will design and create prints using a variety of fruit and vegetables.

Wednesday, April 30, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Under the Tuscan Sun - Acrylic Painting with Tracy Franks: We will capture the romance of this iconic area of Italy by painting three small canvases that may by mounted individually or they will work together as a triptych.



Monday Afternoon Games

Join us to exercise your brain and enjoy some refreshments and conversation with old and new friends. We meet at 1:15 pm, Monday afternoons in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave NW. A variety of games are offered depending on what interests the attendees: there's Whist, Scrabble, bridge, cribbage, or whatever game you'd like to suggest. Contact Yvette (yvette.v53@hotmail.com or 403-803-7697) to be advised when games afternoons are happening.



GREEN INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Hello April!

One of our key focus areas for the MPCA Green Initiative Committee is waste management. We implement tactical ways to redirect waste produced within Mount Pleasant and we work to communicate awareness of recycling and composting programs that are available to the community.

This month's article features a few helpful guides to the waste management options available in our community and city, including our upcoming Community Cleanup.

City of Calgary Waste Management Options:

- Take advantage of the City's Hazardous Waste recycling. Items that are accepted include automotive chemicals, batteries, motor oil, garden and chemical pests, cleaning chemicals, and home renovations. Just to name a few! For a full list please visit calgary.ca/waste/residential/ household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-program.html. All materials must be stored, labelled, and sealed properly. There are multiple locations across the city.
- Household Blue Cart: These carts can accept many items but not all and sometimes it is hard to recall precisely what can go in your blue cart. The city has a helpful tool to tell you what goes where. It can be found here: calgary.ca/waste/what-goes-where/default.html.
- Lastly, of course, are the household Green Cart items that keep many things out of the black carts and can go into the city's composting facilities. Items accepted in these carts are all food waste, food-soiled paper, yard waste, and even pet waste! For a full list visit here: calgary.ca/waste/residential/green-cart.html.

Also, did you know that if you are looking to learn more about waste management you can call 3-1-1 to book a tour of a landfill, compost, or recycling facility!

Hopefully, you're planning to take advantage of the Community Cleanup, coming up on May 4 this year. This is one of the major events that we bring to the community by partnering with the City and community vendors to redirect household items that may otherwise end up in a landfill.

If you have ideas you want to share on how to better waste management or if you want to get involved and be a part of making Mount Pleasant a greener community, we would love to have you join the committee. Please email green@mpca.ca for more information or if you have any questions.

Have a great month,

The MPCA Green Initiatives Committee





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Our April 22 book selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.

Kentucky, 1850: An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. When the nation erupts in civil war, an itinerant young artist who has made his name on paintings of the racehorse takes up arms for the Union. On a perilous night, he reunites with the stallion and his groom, very far from the glamour of any racetrack.

New York City, 1954: Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance.

Washington, DC, 2019: Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse, one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, who became America's greatest stud sire, *Horse* is a gripping, multi-layered reckoning with the legacy of enslavement and racism in America.

The May 27 book has yet to be named; this is your chance to discuss a book that you love. The Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm (except December) in the Lower Hall. Contact bookclub@mpca.ca for more information. Come and join in a lively discussion about a great book.

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Chair Yoga is here! Chair yoga returned on Wednesday, January 8. It is a wonderful way for everyone to access the many benefits of yoga. Yoga calms the nervous system, increases strength and mobility and, through gentle stretching, increases blood flow to joints and muscles. Mount Pleasant resident Catharine will lead weekly chair yoga classes. Catharine has been practicing yoga since the early 1980s and would love to share her passion for yoga with you.

Just wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one to put under your chair. You won't be getting down on the floor, only your mat will! You will be practicing in bare feet or socks only, no special shoes required.

Drop-in classes are available Wednesdays (except the fourth Wednesday of each month) for just \$8 a class. Class time is 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. All classes take place in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave NW. For more information, please contact Catharine at cathdurst@hotmail.com or 587-897-5887.

Exercise Class for All Fitness Levels: Our January to April exercise classes run from January 6 through April 30 inclusive. If you're a fan of high intensity burpees, mountain climbers, lunges, and much more, this class may be just what you're looking for. If you'd like a more laid-back class to increase your fitness level or just get in some physical activity, you can accomplish that, too. The instructor accommodates all fitness levels with easier and more challenging variations to meet all goals. And it's available on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. This is a convenient way for people who work from home or have children to get in a workout during the day without leaving home.

If you would like to try a free class to see if this class meets your needs, please drop by the community hall, 602 22 Ave NW, any Monday or Wednesday morning (but not the fourth Wednesday of the month) by 10:15 am or contact Linda (email pleasanttimes@mpca.ca or call 403-289-8390). People of all ages and fitness levels are welcome, whether you want a low, moderate, or high intensity work out. The classes are designed to improve aerobic fitness, balance, strength, and flexibility – how energetic you are is up to you. You can sign up for one or more classes per week or come on a drop-in basis. The cost is only \$7 per class when you sign up for the remaining classes in the session or \$12 per class drop-in.

Classes are held September through June on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:15 to 11:00 am (in the Upper Hall and on Zoom) and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 am (Zoom only). If you are new to the class, please come to the hall initially to allow the instructor to assess your fitness level and speak with you about your goals.

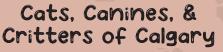
Tai-Chi: Tai-Chi also returned on January 8, continuing through April 30 inclusive for the winter 2025 session. Classes are scheduled twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 until 10:00 am in the Upper Hall. Monday classes focus on beginners though all, regardless of age and experience, are welcome both days. Tai-Chi is a great way to improve your balance, flexibility, memory, and concentration. Sign up for one or both classes each week or come on a drop-in basis. The cost depends on the number of people who sign up, usually about \$4 per class if you sign up for the session and \$6 per class drop in.



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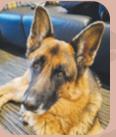
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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Collection Days Are Changing in April

by The City of Calgary

Starting April 22, many Calgary households will see blue, black, or green cart pick-up days moving to improve routes. These updates also align with the return of city-wide weekly green cart collection. The new collection schedules will be available on calgary.ca/ cartschedule by April 8. Check your schedule to:

- Find out whether your blue, black, or green cart pick-up day is changing.
- Know when your weekly green cart begins.

Collection schedule changes update automatically if you have signed up for reminders.

Did you know that The City provides free reminders for your blue, black, and green cart pick-up days? All you need to do is sign up! When it's time to put your carts out for collection, we'll send you a reminder. When you sign up, you will get:

- Instant access to your pick-up schedule.
- Notifications about any changes to your collection schedule.
- Useful tips for using your blue, green, and black carts.

It's Easy!

Option 1: Go to calgary.ca/cartschedule.

- Type your address in the search box to view your collection days.
- · Click on 'Get a reminder' to receive your preferred method. Choose to be notified by email, calendar, or phone, either the day before or the day of your collection.

Option 2: Download the Garbage Day App onto your phone.

- Available on the App Store or Google Play.
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