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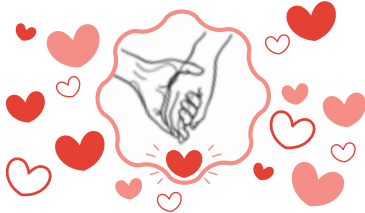
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Guess the Couple!

1. These two periodic elements make for a salty pair.
2. These semi-aquatic rodents mate for life and form strong bonds with their partners.
3. These two Disney pups celebrate their 70th anniversary in 2025.
4. This British celebrity supercouple are fondly known as Posh and Becks.
5. This fictional couple's sweet love story started in an office of all places!
6. This prehistoric couple lived amongst dinosaurs with their daughter, Pebbles.





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2025 moving into action... Our board has had another planning session to determine the most effective use of our community resources, including our board members, our staff, our volunteers, and our funds. Certainly, our Food Pantry is a successful and inclusive program – those who are able to donate time, money, and food are supporting those who are in need now. As many people have experienced, which side of this equation we find ourselves on can change unexpectedly. Please consider a regular donation to the program – even a few dollars a month helps us sustain our supplies.

The Holiday Light Contest – Our inaugural contest saw a limited number of submissions, but they were fantastic. Three board members walked the neighbourhood to put invitations to enter into the mailboxes of people with light displays, and then three board members walked around the neighbourhood one evening, delivering thank you notes to those who entered and enjoying taking selfies. While walking and brainstorming, we thought up some ideas for next year so that more people will be able to participate. If this is a project you would like to be part of, let me know – we will kick off planning early in the fall, which will include seeking donations and funding to build more community spirit.

Our rental income continues to grow and stabilize. Rentals (short- and long-term) are the means that fund our operations. We will have casino funds later in the year that will be allocated for other necessary projects (of course in accordance with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission regulations). We ask you to promote our facility to your network, to keep the building vibrant and full of activities. Please keep an eye on our website to see enhanced offerings for rentals as well. We will be relying on volunteers to support new ideas – we look forward to your ideas, along with your patience.

Keep an eye out for community activities and programs coming in the months ahead, including the tax return program, a neighbourhood cleanup day, Neighbor Day, and the City's summer programs.

As February is heart month, we wish you all great heart health, physically and emotionally, and that you love the neighbourhood you live in.

Kathy Ervin

President



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Westview Baptist Church: 1313 Ranchlands Way NW

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Islamic Association of NW Calgary: 7750 Ranchview Drive NW

Al-Salam Centre: 6415 Ranchview Drive NW

Good Food Box: Ranchlands' Depot is St. James Anglican Church

Upcoming RFP Fundraiser

We all know that grocery prices have been on the rise, and unfortunately almost everyone is feeling the pinch of it. That's why the RCA is thrilled to announce we will be holding a fundraiser this February where you can directly support the Ranchlands Food Pantry by purchasing some great products with our Fill Your Freezer fundraiser.

We will have more details soon on this soon, so watch our social media.

Cat-and-Mouse Game

On February 10, 1940, the iconic cat-and-mouse duo, *Tom and Jerry*, made their big screen debut! Created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, this cat-and-mouse game would go on to capture the hearts of generations.



Skate Shack Returns to the ODR



St. Rita School is excited to host Skate Shack again this year, from February 3 to 7. Skate Shack is a partner of Kidsport Calgary, which is a charity dedicated to helping all children participate in sport. The Shack is stocked with skates and helmets for children. Each day, students at St. Rita will get to spend an hour on skates on the Ranchlands Outdoor Rink. We are very grateful to the "Rink Rats" of Ranchlands who volunteer hours to keep the ice maintained.

The forest behind St. Rita is another Ranchlands landmark that our students get to enjoy. Our teachers embrace the philosophy of Nature-Based Learning, and as such, the forest is used in many ways throughout the entire year. Don't be surprised if you come upon one of our classes up on the hill doing math, science, or music!



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by Alberta Health Services



Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing may make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Common Signs of a Heart Attack

(Any, or all, of these signs and symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.
- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea/vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women, and the elderly.

Heart Attack Risk Factors

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*

- High cholesterol*
- Age/Gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What To Do When Seconds Count

- Call 911, immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and be the difference between life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous, and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a heart attack.

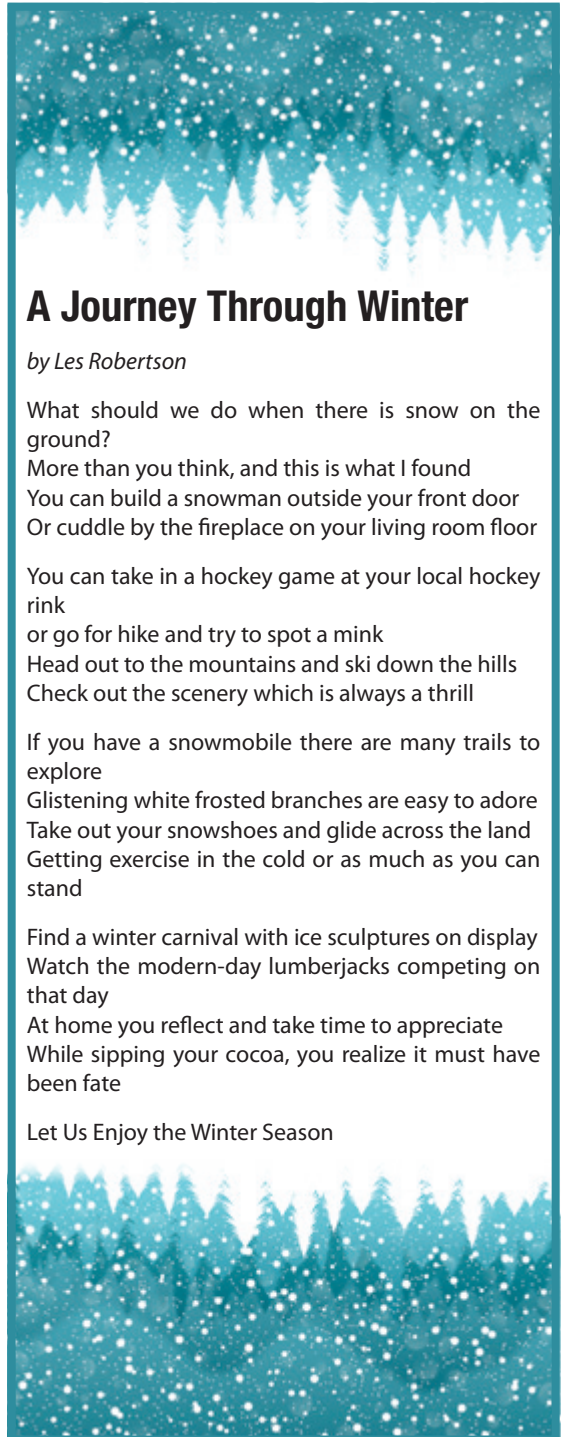


News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Natural parkland is green space with a (relatively) low level of maintenance and natural or naturalizing vegetation. Natural areas are accessible (by trail networks) or have limited/little public access. A master plan deals with current and future needs by population for park/greenspace. The Municipal Protected Areas Program demonstrates how biodiversity will be protected, conservation lands connected, and how Canadians will gain an appreciation for local nature. A Municipal Eco Toolkit by the Miistakis Institute for Alberta municipalities will help maintain their natural infrastructure systems (municipal30x30.ca).

Nature Canada is building a web of partners to help Canada achieve its biodiversity conservation goals to protect 30% of land, water, and marine areas by 2030. As of 2022, Canada has only protected 13.7% of land. The Canadian City Parks Report surveyed 35 Canadian municipalities, 2,500+ residents of Canadian cities, as well as park staff and other professionals across the country. One-third of cities said addressing federal biodiversity and land protection goals are a high priority. When 81% of Canadians are living in urban areas, protecting land in urban areas is vital. Cities are in dire need of new space for parks. Park budgets are not keeping pace. Partnerships are critical when cities need policies and structures. Park issues are increasing and require more training and collaborations. Departmental structures can promote collaboration or disconnection. Some residents feel disempowered but still want to engage. Mental and physical health benefits are key although there is a lack of programs. There are nine case studies in the 2024 Report which includes analysis of key data from surveys of both municipal staff and residents of Canadian cities, for new and ongoing issues facing parks, and how to help city staff make better decisions about programs, policies, and funding. Read more at parkpeople.ca.



A Journey Through Winter

by Les Robertson

What should we do when there is snow on the ground?

More than you think, and this is what I found

You can build a snowman outside your front door

Or cuddle by the fireplace on your living room floor

You can take in a hockey game at your local hockey rink

or go for hike and try to spot a mink

Head out to the mountains and ski down the hills

Check out the scenery which is always a thrill

If you have a snowmobile there are many trails to explore

Glistening white frosted branches are easy to adore

Take out your snowshoes and glide across the land

Getting exercise in the cold or as much as you can stand

Find a winter carnival with ice sculptures on display
Watch the modern-day lumberjacks competing on that day

At home you reflect and take time to appreciate

While sipping your cocoa, you realize it must have been fate

Let Us Enjoy the Winter Season

Ranchlands School News and Updates

Warm Weather in January

January brought us unseasonably warm weather, and it's been a delight to see students enjoying outdoor activities during recess. We encourage everyone to continue dressing in layers to adapt to changing temperatures and to ensure children have proper footwear for outdoor play. Let's make the most of this mild winter while it lasts!

Teachers' Convention – February 13 and 14

A reminder to families that there will be no school for students on Thursday, February 13, and Friday, February 14, as our teachers will be attending the annual Teachers' Convention. This professional development opportunity allows our educators to learn new strategies and tools to better support our students.

Family Day – February 17

Family Day is on Monday, February 17, and the school will be closed to observe this special day. We hope you take this opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones and enjoy some winter activities together.

No School on PD Days

Please note the following upcoming Professional Development (PD) days:

- Friday, February 28

On these days, staff will engage in training and planning sessions, while students will have the day off.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the Ranchlands School community!

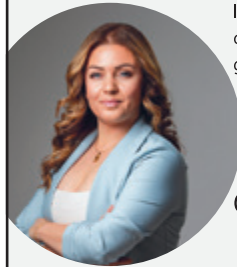
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The Ranchlands Community Association is proud to host a free energy efficient future workshop on February 24, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Partnering with Enmax and Green Calgary, this workshop will provide valuable information that includes energy saving tips, introduction to products that help seal up the air leaks in your home, and how to properly install some of these items.

Everyone in attendance will go home with a box of products to get started on their energy efficiency journey.



The Art of Finding Work: Job Search Success Is Not Complicated

by Nick Kossovan

Most people over-complicate the process of achieving success.

Achieving success is often perceived as a complex puzzle, or according to those who play the 'I'm a victim!' card, only available to those who are supposedly privileged. The fact is there's a simple equation for achieving success, which Zig Ziglar famously encapsulated, "You can have everything in life you want if you will just help other people get what they want."

Side note: "all you want" should be interpreted as "all you need."

I recommend considering the hiring process from the employer's perspective. By doing so, you'll empathize with employers and understand that positioning yourself as a candidate who has the skills, experience, and proven track record of helping employers get what they want is a job search strategy that'll set you apart from your competition, who aren't approaching their job search with an "I want to help employers" mindset as they have the all-too-common "I want!" mindset.

Success isn't a complicated journey. With the right mindset, it's a simple path—help others achieve what they want. However, the mindset I come across most often is the exact opposite; job seekers focused on what they want, as opposed to what employers want, resulting in employers being turned off. Who isn't turned off by someone solely concerned with their needs and wants, who comes across as "predatory"?

Most job seekers: "Employers need to understand my issues and needs."

Savvy job seekers: "I need to understand the employer's issues and needs."

Job seekers who are thinking clear and show employers how they can help them achieve what they want are few and far between. Being that rare candidate makes

you unique and highly valuable, which is a significant competitive advantage. I can guarantee that your interviewer almost never encounters a candidate who projects an "I'm here to help you" aura.

When viewed holistically, employers want five things:

1. Be profitable
2. Reduce/control costs
3. Have low employee turnover
4. Optimize employee performance
5. Provide excellent customer experiences

How can you help an employer achieve any of, or a combination of, the above?

What's Your Employee Value Proposition?

For instance, you can never go wrong assuming the employer wants to be profitable; hence, suggesting cost-saving measures or revenue-generating ideas during your interview will demonstrate your desire to help the company get what it wants, which is to be profitable.

Imagine yourself as a hiring manager. One of your standard interview questions is: "How will you contribute to the company's success?" or, more directly, "Why should I hire you?"

Candidate A:

"If hired, I will bring enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work to the team. I am a fast learner and have a strong work ethic. I am also a team player."

Candidate B:

"I bring over 15 years of technical expertise, problem-solving skills, and a commitment to innovation. As head of Gekko's IT, I led a project to streamline its data analysis processes, increasing efficiency by 20% and reducing employee hours. I achieved this by implementing Cyberdyne Systems' latest data visualization tools and automating repetitive tasks. I plan to bring this kind of efficiency oversight to Soylent Corporation."

Which candidate would you lean towards hiring?

Candidate A offers nothing more than their unsubstantiated opinions, which, as I've stated in previous columns, employers don't hire; they hire

results. Opinions about yourself, which you should rarely give without quantifying, don't help your interviewer envision how you'll help the company get what it wants.

On the other hand, candidate B outlined how they can help the company achieve wanting to optimize employee performance and cost savings. Candidate B thinks like an employer and understands employers are a sucker for candidates with a track record of helping employers get what they want.

Getting hired doesn't come down to having the shiniest resume, with all the right keywords, being impeccably dressed, having a perfect smile, or sheer luck. Employers hire candidates they feel will get them what they want.

Consider all the successes around you and why they exist.

- Amazon: Shopping delivered to your door.
- Apple iPhone: Handheld communication.
- Facebook: Having a voice. Keeping in touch.
- Starbucks: Coffee served around an experience.
- Taylor Swift: Music young people in angst can relate to.
- MasterCard: Easy to use credit.
- Zig Ziglar: Motivation and encouragement.

The success of the above can be attributed to the fact that they've designed their offering with the end-user in mind, helping people get what they want.

- Amazon: Convenience
- Apple iPhone: Connectivity
- Facebook: Popularity
- Starbucks: Self-care
- Taylor Swift: Understanding
- MasterCard: Lifestyle
- Zig Ziglar: Hope

All successful businesses are based on selling a product or service that will help people get what they want, which is usually intrinsic. A product or service must satisfy a need or want in order to sell. The same applies to job searching. You must fulfill an employer's need or want. Think of employers as the end users of your services; how do you help employers achieve what they want? Are you communicating your how and willingness to help throughout your job search?

Showing how you can help employers get what they want is how you achieve job search success.

Plate It Forward: Monthly Giving for Our Pantry

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Also, if you or someone you know is at risk of violence:

- Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Call 310-1818 to access local supports on family violence – help is available 24/7 in over 170 languages.
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by Khoa Nguyen



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February is all about celebrating community and embracing the best of Calgary's winter season. From lending a hand as a Snow Angel to enjoying the vibrant festivities of Chinook Blast, there's no shortage of ways to connect, support, and enjoy what makes our city so special. Read on for all the details and get involved!

Become a Snow Angel

Being a Snow Angel is simple—just adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear of snow! Keep an eye out for neighbours who may need a hand, like older adults, those with limited mobility, or anyone temporarily unable to shovel. By lending a helping hand, you're making your community safer and more connected.

The City recognizes these everyday heroes with printed certificates during the annual Snow Angels campaign, which runs from December to mid-April. If you know someone who deserves to be celebrated for their kindness, don't forget to nominate them! Visit calgary.ca/volunteer/snow-angels to learn more.

Chinook Blast, January 31 to February 17

February is here, and with it comes Chinook Blast, Calgary's iconic winter celebration! From now until February 17, this vibrant festival will light up the city with world-class entertainment, cultural experiences, and free outdoor programming for all ages. This year, while Olympic Plaza undergoes construction, the festival's core activities will take place at Stephen Avenue and The Confluence, with additional events happening throughout Calgary. Whether you're exploring stunning light installations, enjoying live music, or taking in the city's unique cultural offerings, Chinook Blast is a chance to embrace the magic of winter and celebrate the best of Calgary. For schedules and updates, visit the Chinook Blast website at www.chinookblast.ca.

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Together Let's Send Winter Down the Drain

by *The City of Calgary*

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How You Can Help

We maintain more than 60,000 storm drains across Calgary, but a sudden melt can make it difficult to attend to all of them within a short period of time. This is why we ask Calgarians for their help.

- Check the storm drain near your home to clear debris (e.g. leaves, sticks) or remove ice and snow.
- If there's a buildup of snow or ice and it's safe to do so, create a channel to help water flow towards the drain.

If the storm drains in your area are covered with snow and difficult to find, visit calgary.ca/stormdrains and use our map to find the location.

We're Here to Help If Your Storm Drain Is Frozen

If water is pooling on your street and you suspect the storm drain is frozen, contact 3-1-1. We have specialized boiler equipment that pushes out steam to get the storm drain thawed and running again.

- Submit a "Storm Drain/Catch Basin Concern" through the 3-1-1 web or mobile app.
- Take a photo and attach it to your request. This goes a long way in helping us respond on a priority basis.

Our crews respond to requests attending first to areas impacting public safety and where excess water may cause property damage.



ChargeYYC: Helping Calgarians Install EV Chargers in Multi-Residential Buildings

by *The City of Calgary*



The City of Calgary opened ChargeYYC for applications on January 28! This pilot program is designed to support residents living in apartments, townhouses, rowhouses, and other multi-residential buildings to install electric vehicle (EV) chargers. This initiative is part of The City's commitment to prepare for the future of low carbon mobility.

Building owners and property managers can apply into Phase One of the program for financial incentives of up to \$4,000 to develop a plan to install EV chargers in their buildings. ChargeYYC aims to simplify the process and reduce the costs associated with EV charger installations, making it easier for more Calgarians to own electric vehicles.

Motor vehicles are a major contributor to Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions, making programs like ChargeYYC essential for achieving the city's climate goals. The first phase of the program focuses on planning, with future phases offering additional financial incentives for installation.

For more details and to apply, visit calgary.ca/chargeyyc.

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The Alberta United Conservative Party has wasted **\$8.1 billion dollars** as of October 2024.

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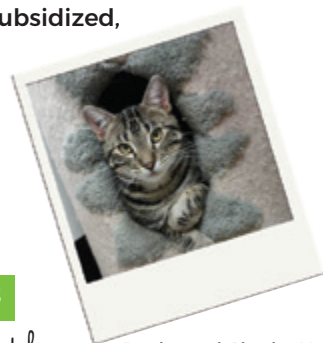
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