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Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association Meetings

are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Berkshire Citadel-Sandarac Drive NW. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Community Association

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Sandstone MacEwan Community Garden

Are you looking for a plot to grow your own food? Do you want to connect with a supportive network of green thumbs?

The 2023 garden plots are available to rent for the gardening season. Beds open May 1/23.

Location: In behind Salvation Army Berkshire citadel Church, 222 Sandarac Drive
Fee: A valid community membership is required along with \$20 for bed rental. A garden agreement & garden rules must be signed with payment. Beds will not be held without payment.
 Email info@sandstonemacewan.com





News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The annual May Plant Count is an event where volunteers survey their favourite natural areas to collect data on the distribution and blooming of flowering plants in Alberta. Collection of plant specimens is not allowed in any protected or restricted areas, such as Nose Hill Park. The survey, which takes place between May 25 and 31, encourages stewardship and is based on appreciation of nature.

Expertise in identification is valuable, but not mandatory. It is open to anyone with an interest in plants and flowering. As a citizen scientist, your photos submitted during the count period will contribute to the databases. To join the project, go to <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/alberta-may-plant-count>. In order to submit observations, you will need to log in and create an account (which is free).

The May Plant Count is part of the May Species Count. It began in 1976 to track bird species across Alberta and, in 2011, over 300,000 birds were counted. In 2022, over 400 people participated in the bird count. To learn more about how to download your results onto the eBird app and to contact your local organizer, go to <https://naturealberta.ca/may-species-count/>.



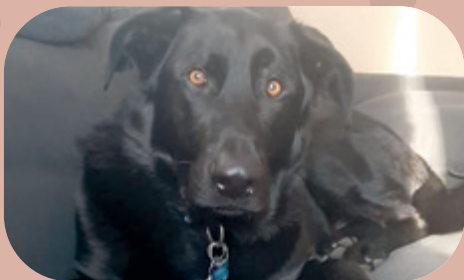
Violet King

In 1919, John and Stella King, descendants of black American settlers, moved to Calgary's Hillhurst-Sunnyside. In 1929, their daughter Violet was born. She would later attend the University of Alberta and become Canada's first black woman lawyer. An advocate for women and racialized individuals, Violet's many accomplishments live on today.

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Window and Balcony Safety

from Alberta Health Services



With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

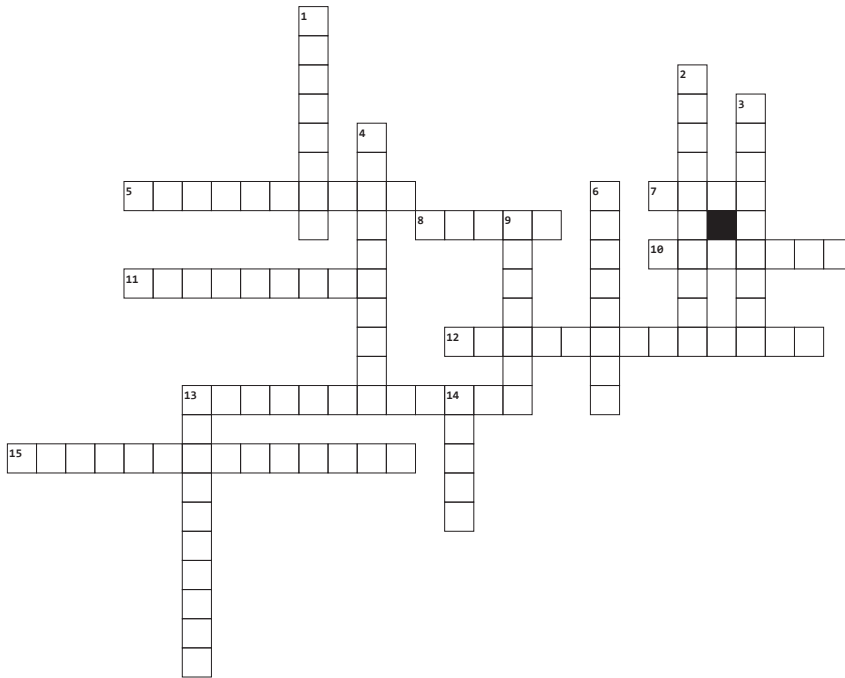
- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.

- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.
- EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

May Crossword Puzzle



Across

5. Originally from Nunavut, this artist has won both a Polaris Music Prize and a JUNO for her unique blend of throat singing with Western music genres.
7. In May of 1918, some women were given the ability to do this.
8. World _____ Day celebrates and raises awareness for this endangered water dwelling mammal.
10. On May 15, this band, hailing from Hamilton, Ontario won Group of the Year at the 2022 JUNO awards.
11. A *Star Wars* pun becomes very popular on this day.
12. This actor and ex-wrestler has both their American and Canadian citizenship, only getting the latter at the age of 37.
13. This classic children's toy was introduced on May 1, 1952, and was the first toy ever advertised on television.
15. On May 11, 2019, this novel by Eden Robinson won the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize.

Down

1. On May 17, 1642, this Canadian city was founded by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve.
2. At San Francisco's Grand Opera House, this was played for the first time on May 4, 1878.
3. This clothing item was patented 150 years ago.
4. Released 28 years ago, this film increased tourism in Scotland.
6. A solar eclipse on May 29, 1919, proved _____'s theory of general relativity.
9. Canada's first _____ was found in 1998 in Yukon Territory.
13. In the United States, the most phone calls are made on this holiday.
14. On May 30, 1966, the first full-disk image of _____ was taken.

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Sandstone Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Sandstone
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2023	\$ 380,000	\$ 367,250
February 2023	\$ 524,900	\$ 585,000
January 2023	\$ 462,500	\$ 467,500
December 2022	\$ 534,000	\$ 524,278
November 2022	\$ 409,800	\$ 406,800
October 2022	\$ 444,700	\$ 423,500
September 2022	\$ 486,400	\$ 465,000
August 2022	\$ 549,900	\$ 517,000
July 2022	\$ 520,000	\$ 522,000
June 2022	\$ 461,950	\$ 460,000
May 2022	\$ 538,950	\$ 541,000
April 2022	\$ 507,500	\$ 538,750

Last 12 Months Sandstone
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2023	6	7
February 2023	6	2
January 2023	2	4
December 2022	1	2
November 2022	1	5
October 2022	5	8
September 2022	6	4
August 2022	6	9
July 2022	11	7
June 2022	15	14
May 2022	12	12
April 2022	11	12

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MacEwan Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months MacEwan
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2023	\$ 449,945	\$ 490,000
February 2023	\$ 427,450	\$ 427,450
January 2023	\$ 407,450	\$ 386,000
December 2022	\$ 599,999	\$ 599,999
November 2022	\$ 499,150	\$ 499,500
October 2022	\$ 599,900	\$ 580,000
September 2022	\$ 504,900	\$ 492,000
August 2022	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
July 2022	\$ 585,000	\$ 577,500
June 2022	\$ 447,495	\$ 445,500
May 2022	\$ 472,450	\$ 489,500
April 2022	\$ 489,000	\$ 501,088

Last 12 Months MacEwan
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2023	9	6
February 2023	2	4
January 2023	5	2
December 2022	1	3
November 2022	2	2
October 2022	3	7
September 2022	3	2
August 2022	8	5
July 2022	7	7
June 2022	5	8
May 2022	9	6
April 2022	6	7

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Movie!

1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.
4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.



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THE EMERALD

The emerald is May's official birthstone. Unlike some birthstones, emerald is classified as one of four precious gemstones. Although the oldest emeralds date back 2.97 billion years and were first mined in Egypt, emeralds have been found in Canada, although they're rare. Canada's first emeralds were found in 1998 in Yukon Territory!



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Spring is officially here! I'm excited to be in the ward for all of the outdoor events that the warmer weather brings. Here are some topics and questions we've received from residents this past month. For more information or to contact my office directly, visit jasminemian.com.

What's Going on With Backyard Chickens?

Last year, the City of Calgary piloted an Urban Hens project with great success and has now officially launched an Urban Hen licensing program. If you're interested in hen-keeping, visit calgary.ca/pets to learn more or apply. P.S. Roosters are not permitted under the bylaw, so there will be no early morning "cock-a-doodle-doo" coming from your neighbours.

What is Neighbour Day and What is There to Do?

Neighbour Day began in June 2014 to celebrate the incredible outpouring of support and generosity of neighbours following the 2013 floods. This year marks the 10th annual Neighbour Day on June 17. Local community associations and groups will likely be hosting markets, recreation in green spaces, BBQs, and even block parties. If you'd like to participate or even throw one yourself, visit calgary.ca/NeighbourDay and check out your neighbourhood's community association for more details. I'll be making the rounds and would love to see new faces.

Spring Cleaning Means Community Cleanups

If you want to save yourself a trip to the landfill, the City is supporting community cleanups from April to fall by partnering with local community associations. You can drop off at any community clean up location, free of charge. For a full list of eligible materials and cleanup locations, check out calgary.ca/cleanup.





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2



Look around your favourite park or backyard for any **insects visiting a flower.**



3



Take a least **2 clear photos of an insect**, preferably from multiple angles.

4



Take at least **1-2 photos of the plant** where you can see (1) the flower, and (2) the leaves/whole plant.

5



Upload your photos to iNaturalist. **Tip:** Create a separate observation for the insect and plant.



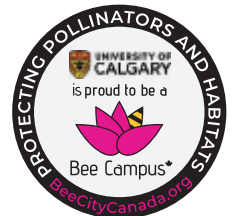
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Add your insect observations to the Calgary Pollinators Project. **Tip:** Link your insect and plant observations together.



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