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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Exploring Nose Hill: A Hands-On Field Guide by Jill Kirker and Diana Kary was published by Grassroots NW: Environmental Awareness Society; it offers an introduction explaining why people should study Nose Hill Park and “how to” use this guide. There are maps of tours such as the NW Interpretive one and those of Meadowlark Prairie, Many Owls Valley, Wintering Hill, (Buffalo) Rubbing Stone Hill, and Porcupine Valley. After Nose Hill geology and an erratic boulder as part of a glacial lake, there is more about Nose Hill human history.

Check out tepee rings, native stories, the Blackfoot Nation, and exploration and settlement. The six habitats are fescue grasslands, previously cultivated land, shrubs, aspen groves, gravel, and wetlands. Suggested activities are for biodiversity, prairie field study, a mural of the prairie community, a grasslands species and food web, or hands-on weed control. With so many animal types there are also activities related to grouse, raptors, bird migration, ants, grasshoppers, gophers, ground squirrels, and mule deer on the Island Game. Learn more about the food chain, ecosystem, and sampling life in the pond-area wetlands. Studies can lead to other native grass areas of Calgary and designing wildlife corridors. Another important topic that is touched on is the world-wide issue of endangered species and grasslands.

Phase 2 engagement begins in October focusing on Calgary’s 20-year plan for how we develop, redevelop, and manage parks. Fall 2023 feedback will be on public park policies. Input is also needed from businesses, agencies, and organizations. A ‘What We Heard’ report from Phase 2 will be published in winter 2023. Phase 3 engagement will inform a draft plan. By spring 2024, the ‘Connect: Calgary’s Parks Plan’ will be final and then presented to City Council in summer 2024. Have your say at <https://engage.calgary.ca/parks-plan>.

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Halloween Safety

from Alberta Health Services



The members of Calgary's Partners for Safety: Calgary's Child Magazine, AHS EMS, Calgary Police, Fire, 911, Bylaw, and Transit would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

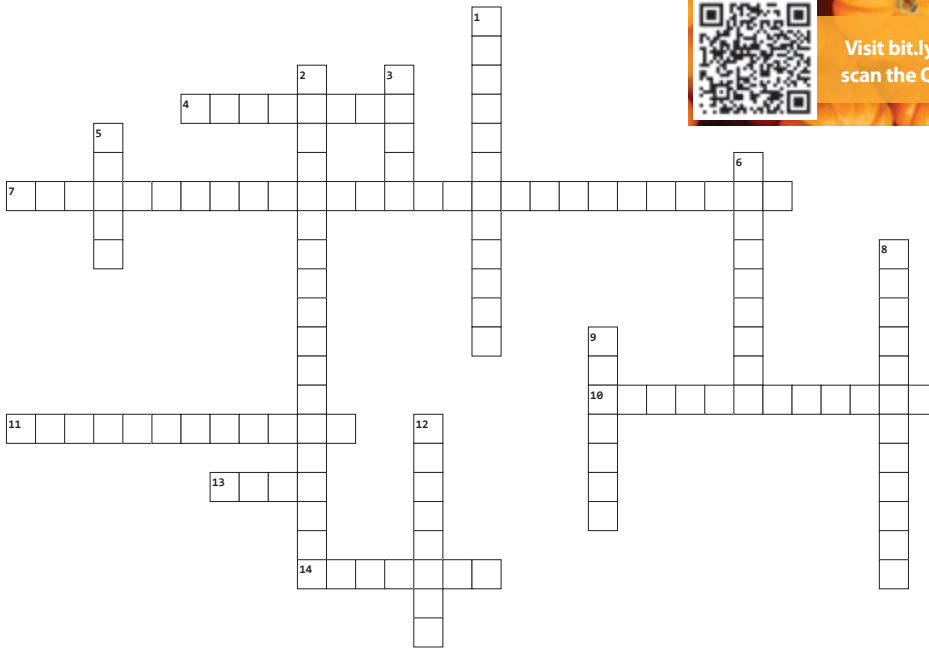
- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.

- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

October Crossword



Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Down

1. In October of 2018, the longest postseason Baseball World Series game took place; the LA Dodgers beat the _____ after 7 hours and 20 minutes.
2. Every fall, these majestic, winged insects migrate 4,000 kilometres from Canada to Mexico.
3. Born on October 24, 1986, this Canadian rap artist rose to fame on the television drama, *Degrassi*.
5. In the Middle Ages, this was used to sweeten candy.
6. This traditional Halloween candy was originally called 'Chicken Feed.'
8. Hailing from Transylvania, Vlad the Impaler served as inspiration for novelist Bram Stoker's blood-thirsty protagonist, _____.
9. In North America, this fruit becomes very popular in October.
12. Harvested in October and November in Canada, these legumes are a complete protein, meaning that they have all nine essential amino acids.

Across

4. Published on October 27, 2016, this novel by Naomi Alderman depicts a world where females develop the ability to release an electrical charge from their fingers, thus becoming the dominant sex.
7. Released on October 29, 1993, this stop-motion film, written by Tim Burton, is a Halloween classic.
10. Born on October 9, 1823, _____ was the first woman to own and publish her own newspaper, *The Provincial Freeman*, in Canada.
11. Observed on October 11, International _____ aims to celebrate and empower young girls while advocating for their rights and recognizing the unique challenges that they face.
13. October's official birthstone and Australia's national gemstone.
14. This 2,000-year-old Celtic festival marks the end of harvest and honours the spirits that are believed to walk the Earth on this day.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Halloween Edition

1. In the 1800s, these immigrants brought the tradition of Halloween to the US.
2. Based on Stephen King's novel, this 2017 film is the highest grossing horror movie of all time.
3. The two Ms in M&M's candy-coated chocolates stand for _____ and _____.
4. In the *Halloween* film series, a mask of this *Star Trek* character was spraypainted and worn by serial killer Michael Myers.
5. Jack-o'-lanterns were originally carved out of _____.
6. Stephen Clarke holds the Guinness World Record for fastest carved pumpkin, completing it in ____ seconds.

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Fall Candle Care: How to Prevent Tunneling

by Evermore Handmade, Local Candle Business

Fall is a popular time for candlelight and cozy nights in, which means dusting off your candle collection. You might notice that some have developed a deep “tunnel” around the wick, making it difficult to light. Tunneling also shortens the life of your candle as only the wax in the centre of the candle will burn down.

Here are a few easy ways to prevent or fix tunneling so you can enjoy your favourite candles this season:

Prevention

When you light a candle for the first time, allow it to burn long enough to melt all the way to the edges of the candle jar. This ensures an even burn for the duration of your candle’s life as wax has a “memory” so to speak. The first burn sets the tone for subsequent burns and will help you get the most burn-time out of your new candle.

If you find that your candles are constantly tunneling, despite letting the wax melt to the edges of the jar, consider buying higher quality candles. Most candles on the market are made of paraffin wax (a toxic byproduct of petroleum) and are more predisposed to tunneling. Higher grade waxes like coconut, soy, or beeswax burn cleaner, longer, and more evenly.

The Fix

If you have an old candle that’s already tunneling, here are two easy ways to fix it:

1. Set your oven to 80°C (176°F) then remove anything flammable from your candle, such as labels or string. Once the oven is hot, place your candle on a baking tray for five minutes. This should heat the entire surface of the wax, making it smooth. With oven mitts, remove the candle and let it cool before lighting it.
2. Wrap aluminum foil around the top of your candle and angle it inwards like a dome. Ensure that the flame is far enough away from the foil and that there is still a hole to vent air. The foil will help the wax to heat up evenly. Keep a careful eye on your candle until the top layer of wax has melted, leaving a smooth surface, then remove the foil.

With these easy steps, you can enjoy your candles this season without any tunneling. If this article helped you, be sure to share it with a friend or loved one!



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Changes to Green Cart Collection This Fall: What You Need to Know

from the City of Calgary

Hope you're enjoying the cooler weather and changing leaves! 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.

Q: Is the Telus construction work finished?

A: Yes! With the exception of remediation on yards that was started in the spring, Telus is finished with their Pure Fibre work in Ward 3. Telus will continue to provide maintenance services to residents who make reports through 311 but follow up with my office if you have not received timely assistance.

Q: What can I do if I see wrongly placed commercial advertising signs?

A: This has been a topic many residents have written to us about. Community Standards (bylaw) works consistently to take down wrongly placed signs across the city, but this is done on a complaint-based basis. You can easily report signs and their location via the 311 app, which is how the City tracks the signs. As always, if your service request is not responded to in a timely manner, reach out to my office to help resolve the issue.

City Budget – November

Next month marks the annual budget adjustments. From November 20 to 24, Council will be receiving presentations from Administration and debating additions and adjustments to the budget. All residents are invited to speak at Council and share their opinions via phone, in person, or written response. If you want to participate, visit <https://www.calgary.ca/council/meetings/public-hearing.html> to view your options and registration process.



Starting in November, green cart collection will be once every other week, resuming weekly in the spring. Here's what you need to know:

- **Fill Your Green Cart First:** Leaves, branches, grass, and plants can go directly inside the green cart. If it's full, use paper yard waste bags for extra waste.
- **Extra Yard Waste Bags:** Place them at least 0.5 meters (2 feet) away from your cart. Roll the tops closed to prevent spills, and make sure you can lift the bag with one hand.
- **No Plastic Bags:** They are not allowed in your green cart.

Do You Have Too Much Yard Waste?

You can drop off yard waste free of charge at any landfill from Friday, September 22, 2023, to Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Check your schedule at calgary.ca/collection and sign up for reminders.

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Sandstone Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Sandstone
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2023	\$ 539,900	\$ 575,000
July 2023	\$ 549,900	\$ 562,500
June 2023	\$ 534,450	\$ 567,950
May 2023	\$ 475,000	\$ 462,000
April 2023	\$ 475,000	\$ 480,000
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

Last 12 Months Sandstone
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2023	8	7
July 2023	8	9
June 2023	16	18
May 2023	11	7
April 2023	9	7
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

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MacEwan Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months MacEwan
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2023	\$ 520,000	\$ 508,000
July 2023	\$ 0	\$ 0
June 2023	\$ 534,950	\$ 562,393
May 2023	\$ 499,000	\$ 507,000
April 2023	\$ 499,950	\$ 522,500
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

Last 12 Months MacEwan
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2023	4	5
July 2023	3	0
June 2023	4	10
May 2023	5	6
April 2023	12	8
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

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