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## **Volunteering in Triwood**

We have counted over 1,500 volunteer hours contributed since January 2024, so a huge thank you is due! Volunteers have spanned beyond event helpers and are crucial to us for essential fundraising, renovations help, administrative work, social group facilitators, and board members. Volunteering is empathy in action and builds the fantastic community culture we live in. If you're interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities in Triwood, please visit triwoodcommunity.com/volunteer and sign up for more information.

#### **Triwood Writers**

What stories have you lived?

You can become part of Triwood
Writers! Join us at the Triwood
Community Centre in the Foothills
Room (downstairs) from 1:20 to 4:00 pm on the
first Thursday of each month, year-round.

This group is designed for individuals who are interested in sharing their personal experiences and memories through the art of writing. Members provide friendly, helpful suggestions to help you become a better writer – take them or leave them! We all learn together. Whether you're a seasoned writer or a novice, our group provides a welcoming environment for all.

Bring your stories told in 500 to 1,500 words. You'll circulate your story by email to our small group a week before each get-together. Then we'll meet to discuss every submission. You'll also get feedback on your writing emailed from each member after each meeting.

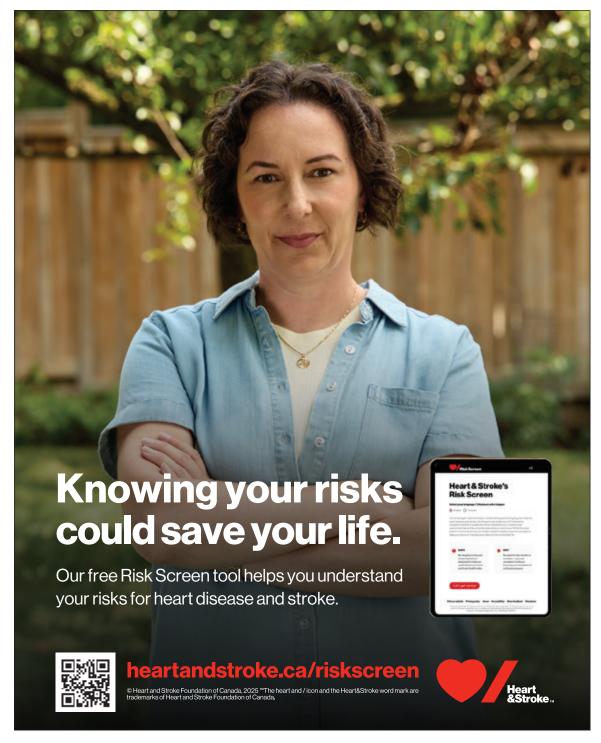
It's not a writing course! It's an exploration. It's fun!

Each month through our story sharing, our group dives into collaborative feedback, creating community connections and personal growth.

Interested? Contact Colleen Tobman at tobman@tobman.ca and try something new.

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## **Confederation Park 55+** Activity Centre

Activity Centre for all adults 18 years of age & older Located in the Triwood Community Centre



#### **Upcoming Events & Presentations**

PLEASE REGISTER: call 403-289-4780 or visit yycseniors.com/events. All events are 18+.

NEW!! A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to all non-members for Presentations except those where a fee is already required.

#### **DECEMBER**

Dec 5 - (11:30-2:00) Christmas Lunch \$35.00M \$45.00NM Food is being sponsored by Wellings of Calgary

#### **JANUARY**

Jan 13 - (10:00-12:00) Conversation Café Dementia

Jan 16 - (12:00-2:30) Games Day

Jan 30 - (10:00-2:00) Corn Hole Tournament for Prizes Money & Lunch \$35.00

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb 13 - (12:00-2:30) Games Day

Feb 17 - (10:00-12:00) Conversation Café Dementia

Feb 25 - (12:00-2:00) Lunch n' Learn \$15.00

#### MARCH

Mar 6 - (10:00-2:00) Corn Hole Tournament for Prizes Money & Lunch \$35.00

Mar 13 - (12:00-2:30) Games Day

Mar 17 - (10:00-12:00) Conversation Café Dementia

Mar 27 - (11:30-1:30) AGM (includes lunch)

#### **APRIL**

Apr 10 - (12:00-2:30) Games Day

Apr 21 - (10:00-12:00) Conversation Café Dementia

Apr 24 - (11:30-2:30) Volunteer Appreciation

#### Email info@yycseniors.com to join our email list!

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Get a "Taste of 4-H" with six weeks of fun activities for youth aged 9-15!

Wednesdays -Jan. 21st - Feb. 28th

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## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

Why did the football coach go to the bank?

To get his quarter back.







# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 5:30PM-9PM

TICKET REGISTRATION OPENED NOVEMBER 18TH

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# Sing, Dance & Act **Triple Fun Class**

Thursdays, 3pm-4pm | Jan 8 - Feb 12 Ages 3-5 | \$110 for 6 sessions Unparented | Foothills Room (downstairs)

Costumes provided! Siblings welcome! Instructed by Puddle of Mud Productions

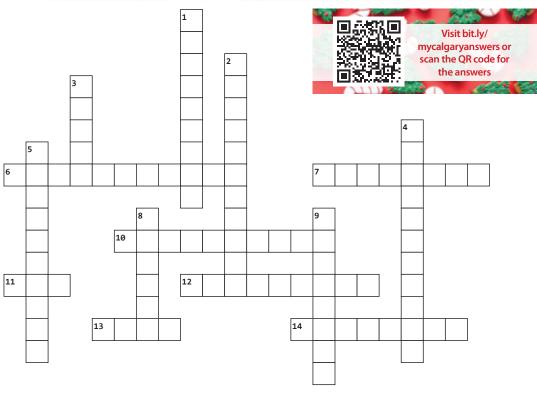




## **ALLODOXAPHOBIA**

Living in a society, we all feel a bit insecure or anxious about fitting in sometimes. But did you know there is actually a phobia called Allodoxaphobia that is the fear of other people's opinions? It is an anxiety disorder that can cause people to avoid engaging in discussions or debates for fear of being judged or criticized. Be kind out there! We're all just trying our best.

## **December Crossword**



#### Across

- 6. The Statute of \_\_\_\_\_\_ passed on December 11, 1931, granting Canada full legislative independence from the British Empire.
- Known for his role in Stranger Things, Canadian actor Finn \_\_\_\_\_\_ celebrates his birthday on December 23.
- 10.The \_\_\_\_\_\_ is also known as the Christmas flower.
- "Gangnam Style" by \_\_\_\_\_\_ became the first YouTube video to reach one billion views on December 21, 2012.
- 12. In December 1612, astronomer Simon Marius made the first known telescopic observation of this galaxy.
- 13. Star \_\_\_\_\_: The Motion Picture premiered on December 7, 1979.
- 14. December 14 marks the start of this Jewish holiday.

#### Down

- 1. The bust of this Egyptian queen was found on December 6, 1912.
- 2. Annually on December 12, \_\_\_\_\_ House Day is celebrated.
- 3. The first human-to-human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ transplant was performed on December 3, 1967, by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_'s ballet, *The Nutcracker*, premiered in Saint Petersburg on December 18, 1892.
- 5. Jane Austen's last novel, \_\_\_\_\_, was published on December 20, 1817.
- 8. Two years after being stolen, the "Mona Lisa" was returned to this museum on December 12, 1913.
- Ferguson Jenkins born on December 13, 1942, in Chatham-Kent, was the first Canadian inducted into the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Hall of Fame.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT**

## Self-Care Through the Holiday Season

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

The holiday season often arrives with a mix of excitement and exhaustion. Between family gatherings, financial pressures, and the weight of expectations, it's easy to lose sight of your own well-being. Yet caring for yourself—body, mind, and spirit—is one of the most meaningful ways to experience the season with more peace and joy.

Here are some simple ways to stay grounded and well through the holidays.

#### 1. Slow Down and Simplify

The holiday rush can make even meaningful traditions feel like chores. This year, consider doing less so you can enjoy more.

Ask yourself:

- · What truly brings me joy or connection?
- What could I let go of this year?

Simplifying plans, menus, or gift lists can make space for rest, laughter, and moments of genuine presence.

#### 2. Nourish Your Body with Care

Cold weather, busy schedules, and rich food can leave you feeling depleted. Instead of striving for perfection, focus on gentle balance.

Eat regularly, stay hydrated, and make time for movement—even a short walk outside helps reset your nervous system. Rest when you can. Your body is not a machine; it's your home.

#### 3. Set Emotional Boundaries

The holidays often highlight complicated relationships. You have the right to protect your emotional energy.

It's okay to say "no", leave early, or change plans that don't feel right.

Boundaries aren't unkind—they're how we create safety and preserve the capacity to show up with love where it matters most.

#### 4. Stay Connected to What Matters

Amid the noise and marketing, take moments to remember what feels meaningful to you.



That might be spiritual reflection, gratitude, giving, or time in nature. Meaning doesn't come from doing more—it comes from doing what aligns with your heart.

#### 5. Mind Your Inner Dialogue

Many people carry silent stress about doing the holidays "right." Notice the voice of pressure or guilt and replace it with compassion.

Instead of, "I should be happier," try, "It's okay to feel however I feel today."

Self-kindness softens expectations and makes room for authentic joy.

#### **6. Create Restorative Moments**

Small, intentional pauses can have a big impact:

- Light a candle and breathe deeply for one minute.
- Step outside and notice the winter air.
- Write down one thing you're grateful for each day.
- These simple rituals help your mind and body reset amid the busyness.

#### 7. Ask for Support When You Need It

If the holidays stir up grief, loneliness, or old wounds, you don't have to face it alone. Reach out to a trusted friend, support group, or therapist.

Sometimes the bravest thing you can do is acknowledge that you're struggling and allow others to meet you there.

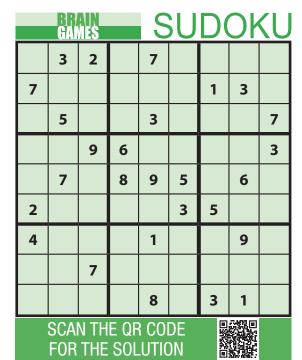
#### 8. End the Year with Reflection, Not Resolution

Before jumping into goals for the new year, pause to reflect.

What did you learn? What moments mattered most? What are you ready to release?

Reflection honours your growth and sets the stage for gentle, sustainable change—no pressure required.









by Anne Burke

Sites of prehistoric interest relate to the precontact history of Native use and settlement. These valuable archaeological resources represent 10,000+ years of occupation by Native inhabitants of the Calgary region. In all, 45 archaeological sites on Nose Hill have been recorded. Stone feature sites include cairns (a human-made pile of stones as a landmark, marker, or memorial), alignments (arrangements in a straight line or correct relative positions), and stone circles. Archaeological studies of Nose Hill began in the early 1970s. Students from the University of Calgary carried out surveys of the entire Calgary region; five prehistoric sites were recorded in what is now the park. These include three tipi ring sites, a lithic (stone) scatter, and a prehistoric campsite.

When the City planned a municipal park for Nose Hill, a Historical Resources Inventory was required in 1978 within the proposed boundaries. The results were a cairn, ten campsites (two with tipi rings), a glacial erratic, four isolated finds, a kill site, 18 lithic scatters, a rock mound site of overgrown gravel, and six tipi ring sites. The Alberta Government in Edmonton held microfiche copies of permit and research reports, in which existing resources were described. In 1982 and 1983, a spring survey of stone circles along the southern margin of the uplands of Nose Hill recorded 60 new rings. This was followed by a series of field trips in the summer and fall of 1993. Conditions were poor, with high grass. The focus was on undisturbed sites but limited to revisiting all the original sites. Aerial photo mosaics of Nose Hill were prepared. Overlays combining trails and archaeological resources were used to relocate sites in the field. Best estimates of site locations were recorded using a GPS receiver.



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Happy December, Calgary-Klein!

I'm so looking forward to catching up with you all in the community this holiday season. From festive markets to visits with Santa, there's sure to be holiday cheer everywhere.

December also marks the end of session. It has been a busy one! The first Bill debated was Bill 2, which legislated teachers back to work. My conversations with teachers, parents, and students have really illustrated the strain on our public schools and lack of supports. Classroom sizes, complexity, and the lowest per-student funding in the country are major pain points for everyone I've spoken with.

After months of stalled negotiations, the government imposed a settlement and invoked the notwithstanding clause—an unprecedented step.

I will continue to advocate for building more schools, hiring more teachers and EAs, and ensuring classrooms have the resources students need to succeed. Investing in public education is how we build a strong future for our province.

As we head into the holidays, let's continue to support one another and keep in mind the challenges many families are facing. With session wrapping up, I'll be hosting town halls in January and February to share updates and hear your priorities.

Please email us at Calgary.klein@assembly.ab.ca or call 403-216-5430. You can also follow me on social media @lizettendp for updates.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!

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#### Top #2 Outstanding Team in the Year of 2024

#### ON THE MARKET

#### 1310, 3500 VARSITY DRIVE NW (VARSITY)

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Asking \$329.900 mls# A2254011

#### 301, 3420-50 STREET NW (VARSITY)

Quiet 2 bedroom condo on the third floor, big sunny balcony, a well-maintained building in the heart of Varsity. New painting, upgraded kitchen, open floor plan. Located right across Market Mall, this complex is convenient with public transit nearby, close to key transportation corridors (Shaganappi Trail, Crowchild Trail), a short walk to the University District, and proximity to U of C, Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Medical Centre.

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#### 3303 BOULTON ROAD NW (BRENTWOOD)

A beautifully kept bi-level home situated on a 51' x 110' lot in the sought-after community of Brentwood! With ~1,070 sq.ft. above grade, the main floor hosts three comfortable bedrooms and an updated 4-piece bathroom. The fully developed lower level features a spacious family room with large windows, a fourth bedroom, and a full 3-piece bathroom. Walk to all levels of schools, the community swimming pool, library, Brentwood Village shops and the updated Northland Shopping District, and the Brentwood LRT station.

Asking \$674,900 mls# A2260697

#### 2212-5 AVENUE NW (WEST HILLHURST)

Stylish semi-detached in West Hillhurst, well-maintained and prime location, two-storey home. With over 3,000 sq. ft. of developed living space, this residence offers the perfect blend of functionality and style, featuring 9-ft ceilings, rich hardwood floors, and a striking tile-faced fireplace framed by custom built-in bookshelves. The chef's kitchen is the centerpiece, boasting quartz countertops, and a large island with breakfast bar. A curved staircase, illuminated by a skylight, leads to the upper level. The fully developed basement offers 9-ft ceilings, a large recreation room, an additional bedroom with walk-in closet and an egress window. Just minutes from downtown and steps from schools, parks, and vibrant community amenities.

Asking \$938.000 mls# A2257023

#### 42 COLLINGWOOD PLACE NW (COLLINGWOOD)

An outstanding brand new luxury home in the heart of Collingwood! >3,000 sq.ft. of opulent living space - stacked with plenty of features the builder has planned and executed meticulously throughout the process. At the center is a chef's kitchen with an oversized island, quartz counters and backsplash, LED-under-lighting, full-height cabinetry and a pot-filler above the 36" gas range. A coffee bar with cabinetry and a beverage fridge adds convenience. This home has a legal 2 bedroom basement suite and a double attached garage. Separate furnace systems, with AC installed for the main dwelling unit. Close to the Calgary Winter Club.

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