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SEPTEMBER

Sept 10 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Understanding Your Enmax Bill

Sept 12: Seniors Olympics - Doors open 10:00, Lunch served at 12:00- 12:30, (Lunch must be paid for

at the time of registrations and will be \$15.00/person) Prizes will be awarded at 2:30

Sept 12 - (12:00-1:30) Free Presentation: Pain Management

September 19: Games Day - 12:00-2:30. Lunch is \$12.00

Sept 15 - (11:15-12:30) Free Presentation: Downsizing

Sept 17 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Introduction to Creative Arts or Seniors: Why it Matters

Sept 18 - (6:30-8:30) Womens Self Defense \$25.00/person

Sept 19: Games Day - 12:00-2:30. Lunch is \$12.00

Sept 22 - (11:15-12:30) Free Presentation: Understanding Home Care: What it is and How it Works Sept

23 - (10:00-12:00) Conversation Cafe - Topics around Dementia

Sept 24 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Fall Prevention

Sept 29 - (11:15-12:30) Free Presentation: Addressing Stigma: Reframing Home Care as

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OCTOBER

Oct 1 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Dementia

Oct 8 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Mental Health

Oct 14 - (10:00-11:30) Free Presenation: Estate and Tax Planning

Oct 15 - (12:00-2:00) Free Presentation: Medication Management

Oct 17 - (12:00-2:30) Free Presentation: Games Day

Oct 20 - (11:15-12:30) Free Presentation: Benefits of Homecare for Independence and Quality of Life

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

Oct 22 - (12:00-2:00) Topic to come

Oct 24 - (12:00-1:30) Topic to come

Oct 27 - (11:15-12:30) How to Know When it's Time for Home Care in Calgary

Oct 29 - (12:00-2:00) Home Safety

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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Understanding Why Some Men Struggle with Emotional Avoidance in Relationships

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

As a relationship counsellor many women ask me: "Why is my partner so emotionally unavailable?" or "Why won't he open up to me?". If you're in a relationship with a man who seems emotionally distant, you're not alone. Emotional avoidance is incredibly common among men (and women too). While it can feel confusing or painful in a relationship, it's often rooted in early life experiences and cultural messages, not a lack of love or care.

1. Cultural and Social Conditioning

From a young age, many boys are taught to suppress their feelings. Messages like:

"Don't cry." "Man up." "Be strong." are often used to discourage boys from expressing emotions like sadness, fear, or vulnerability.

Over time, this social conditioning can lead men to associate emotional expression with weakness or failure. Vulnerability feels unsafe. Many men grow up believing they must always appear "in control," which means avoiding emotions, both their own and others'.

2. Early Childhood Attachment Patterns

Many emotionally avoidant men learned, early in life, that emotional needs wouldn't be met. Perhaps their caregivers were:

Emotionally distant. Critical or punishing when they expressed feelings. Overwhelmed and unavailable themselves.

As a result, these men developed an avoidant attachment style. They learned to cope by shutting down emotional needs, relying only on themselves, and avoiding dependence on others. In adult relationships, this can look like:

Withdrawing during conflict. Struggling to express affection or emotional presence. Feeling overwhelmed when their partner expresses strong emotions.

3. Fear of Shame and Vulnerability

Opening up emotionally requires risk. For many men,



emotional intimacy feels like stepping into unknown and possibly dangerous territory. They may fear:

Being judged. Saying the wrong thing. Being seen as "not enough".

To protect themselves from the possibility of shame or rejection, they pull back emotionally. This doesn't mean they don't care. It means their nervous system is trying to protect them.

4. Lack of Emotional Awareness or Language

Many men simply haven't been taught how to identify, name, or communicate their feelings. Emotional intelligence is a skill set, one that needs modelling and practice. Without that early modelling, men may not even recognize what they're feeling, much less how to express it in a way that feels safe or clear.

This lack of emotional literacy can come across as:

"I don't know what I'm feeling." "I'm fine." (when they're clearly not). Defensiveness or silence during emotionally charged moments.

5. Modelling and Role Expectations

Most men were raised in environments where male role models modelled emotional detachment or stoicism. If their fathers, uncles, or coaches didn't show emotional vulnerability—or worse, shamed it—they may not have any roadmap for what emotional availability looks like. In adulthood, many men feel emotionally "lost" and unsure how to engage on a deeper level.

6. Protective Coping from Past Wounds

If a man has experienced trauma, betrayal, or loss in the past, emotional avoidance may be a protective strategy. Avoiding closeness can feel like a way to prevent being hurt again. Unfortunately, what once served as protection can eventually become a barrier to healthy connection.

Book Suggestion: The New Rules of Marriage: What You Need to Know to Make Love Work by Terrance Real.

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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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by Anne Burke

Learn how citizens fought to preserve Nose Hill, its history, how it unfolded. The Calgary Local Council of Women recommended that all development of Nose Hill be delayed, until after a major study by the Calgary Planning Commission of city growth. The only existing control was the absence of zoning approval for development and should be delayed, until such time as the City had sufficient funds. Calgary had never expended significant monies for parkland. In its natural state, the only cost for their proposal would be land acquisition, without any capital expenses, facilities, and maintenance.

They believed that Nose Hill is a beautiful natural area. We must preserve prime natural areas to offset urban sprawl and the concrete City Centre. Nose Hill is to Calgary what Citadel Hill is to Halifax; Battlefield's Park to Quebec City; Mount Royal to Montreal; Stanley Park to Vancouver; and Beacon Hill Park to Victoria. Calgary would become the first city in Western Canada to have a natural area of prairie vegetation. Tourists will visit the natural grassland of Nose Hill or view it from the Calgary Tower.

The group proposed that approximately 3,500 acres, bounded on the West by the Sarcee Trail right-of-way, South by the John Laurie Boulevard, East by the existing development adjacent to the escarpments of Nose Hill, and North by the highlands and escarpments of Nose Hill to and beyond 80 Avenue NW, be zoned as Natural Parkland in perpetuity.

The Hill is a dominant geographical feature in Calgary since its southern slopes can be seen from most locations, providing a constant reminder to citizens of the prairie landscape surrounding them which has played such an influential role in our economic and cultural development.

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Celebrate Calgary Culture Days This September

by The City of Calgary



Calgary Culture Days showcases the people, places, and stories that make our city one of a kind. From September 1 to 30, experience this city-wide celebration of local arts, culture, heritage, and community spirit.

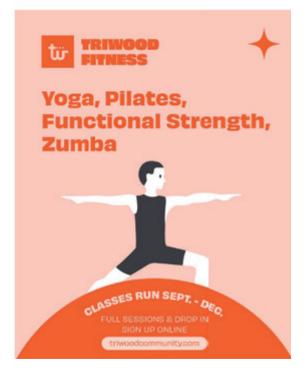
Events are taking place downtown and in neighbourhoods across the city—many of them free and family-friendly. Whether you're catching a live performance, exploring a pop-up exhibit, or taking part in a hands-on workshop, there's something to discover around every corner.

It's your chance to connect with Calgary's creative scene and celebrate the vibrant cultures that shape our city.

See what's happening near you at calgary.ca/culturedays.





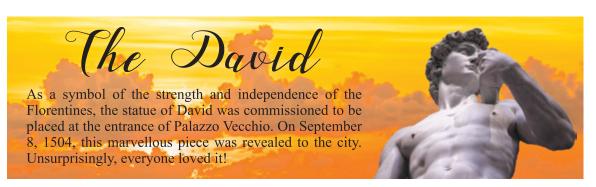






TRIWOOD FALL MARKET

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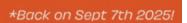
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Happy September!

It's been wonderful to see Calgary come alive over the past few months—from the energy and excitement of Stampede to the many vibrant community events that make summer in our city so special. I hope you had a chance to enjoy the festivities, spend time outdoors, and connect with neighbours in celebration of our shared spirit.

It's also been incredibly meaningful to connect with folks—whether at the doors, at events, or simply out and about. One message that has come through loud and clear is how proud people are to be Canadian. From seeing Canadian flags proudly displayed on homes to witnessing the enthusiastic support for local businesses and organizations, it's a beautiful reminder of the power of community and the values we share.

As we transition into fall, I'm looking forward to continuing these conversations and staying engaged with the issues that matter most to you. If there's an event in your neighbourhood that you'd like me to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd love to be there.

As always, my constituency office is here to support you—whether it's navigating provincial programs, answering questions, or connecting you with the right resources.

You can reach us by email at calgary.klein@assembly. ab.ca or by phone at 403-216-5430. To stay up to date, follow me on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Threads, and Bluesky under the handle @lizettendp.

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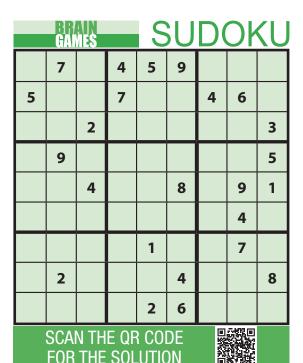
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