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Tuxedo Park Annual Summer Festival

May 25, 2024

Be sure to mark the date for Tuxedo's Annual Summer Festival! Happening on Saturday, May 25 at the hall and park (202 29 Ave NE) from approximately 1:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have a live music stage sponsored by Congress Coffee, local vendors, a petting zoo and a beer garden.

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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are being held in person at the community hall. All community residents are welcome to meet some of their neighbours, express their concerns, or sit in and hear what's happening in and around the community. For more information, please email president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca. For Hall rentals, email hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Springtime, Tuxedo Park! I hope you're enjoying the season and getting ready to dig into your gardens!

Your board of directors is in the final stages of planning our 2024 AGM on May 2 at 6:00 pm at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall (upstairs). We hope you'll join us for an evening of community news, refreshments, updates from the board, and guest speakers. Councillor Terry Wong will be joining us, as will our MLA, Lizette Tejada.

If you're a loyal reader of the *Gazette* (and I know you are), you'll have seen my recent requests for new volunteers. I've been so touched by the responses we've received and the wonderful new team members we've gained. We still have a few positions open - Membership Chair, Business Member Connection, Facilities Chair, and General Directors. If you have a few hours a month to volunteer and are interested in helping our community, please contact me to explore these exciting roles!

Anne Johnson

President

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Make Every Drop Count: Collect and Reuse Water with a Rain Barrel

by *The City of Calgary*

Our region is in a drought, and that's why now, more than ever, every drop counts. With another dry summer expected this year, we all need to do our part to conserve water and use it wisely.

A rain barrel is a great way to capture and reuse any rainwater Mother Nature provides this season. You can use what you collect to water your trees, lawn, and garden – even when outdoor water restrictions are in place.



Tuxedo Park Classes and Events

Walk15 Fitness

Walk15 fitness classes offer a low impact cardio workout suitable for all ages and fitness levels. The walking-based moves are easy to learn and set to music engineered to measure distance through the beat – no devices required. You'll be led by a Master Walk15 Instructor who will coach you along the way for your comfort and safety. Come walk with us!

Upper Hall.

Date: Mondays.

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Cost: Free for members.

TPCA Seniors Fitness with Pat

Join this gentle, guided fitness class to get moving, have fun, and get to know your neighbours!

Upper Hall.

Date: Tuesdays.

Time: 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Cost: Free, all are welcome, space is limited.

Arrive 10 minutes early to sign waiver.

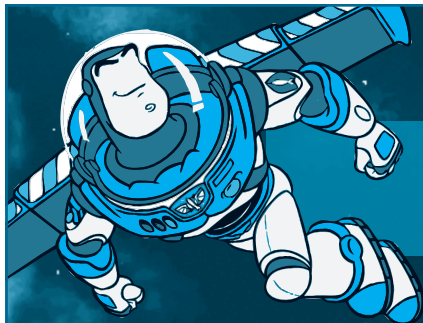
Instructor/Host: Pat.

2024 Tuxedo Park AGM

Tuxedo Park Community Association will host our 2024 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Upper Hall.

Please come to celebrate the past year, meet your neighbours, and see what volunteer opportunities are available. Thank you to all our volunteer Board Members for keeping our Association and our Building up and running.

For more information please email president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

In the Toy Story series, Woody's cosmic companion was initially dubbed Lunar Larry, but producers deemed it too silly. Inspired by Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin, they rechristened him Buzz Lightyear. Thus, from the ashes of Lunar Larry emerged a galactic icon, proving that even toys can reach for the stars – and beyond!

Syrupy Sweetness: Embracing the Maple Magic!

by Danielle Robbertze

With the arrival of spring, another season dawns on Canada which satisfies all the sweet toothed out there – maple syrup season! A trip down to the sugar shack is a spring tradition especially for those in Eastern Canada. The warmer weather that comes with spring turns the starch stored in maple trees into a golden treasure ready for tapping.

But how did this beloved treat come to be? Canada is the largest producer and exporter of maple products with a whopping average of 60 million kilograms being exported annually. Quebec leads the way in this market, representing 96% of exports.

We owe a great deal to the Indigenous peoples of Canada for the discovery of this sweet harvest. It is recorded by Indigenous tribes that they would tap trees by cutting into the maple trees with willow tubing, and then bowls were placed underneath to catch the maple sap. The sweet harvest would then be used to cure meats which would preserve food and sustain tribes during the harsh winter months.

But the use of maple sap did not stop there. The sap could be boiled to create the syrup we know and love today.

French settlers arrived and loved the sweet sap just as much as the Indigenous peoples. They would begin production of maple products in the 18th century, and even sent products back to their homeland for all to enjoy including King Louis XIV, who especially enjoyed *dragée* (the French word for maple sugar candy).

So, when this month seems a bit drab and chilly, remember maple syrup is there to warm up your spirits just as it did centuries ago for the Indigenous peoples and settlers of Canada.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The new City Nature YYC website will be online with information on the 2024 challenge (www.citynatureyyc.ca). The dates for the event are April 26 to 29. Follow @CityNatureYYC on Instagram. On May 6, local, national, and global results will be announced.

The Nose Hill checklist contains references to reptiles, fungi and lichen, amphibians, insects, shellfish, birds, and mammals. Sightings are in NW Calgary. This website features the chorus frog, the tiger salamander, the terrestrial garter snake, and more. There are 42 birds, among them hawks, blackbirds, sparrows, chickadees, starlings, wrens, geese, eagles, mallards, teals, kestrels, gulls, partridges, grebes, grouse, and vultures. Some other types are the northern flicker, downy woodpecker, and hairy woodpecker. The great horned, long-eared, and short-eared owls all appear in the list.

The May Plant Count is part of the annual May Species Count. The survey runs from May 25 to 31. The focus is on documenting the flowering status of native plant species across Alberta. This project promotes stewardship and appreciation of Alberta's natural areas. As a citizen scientist, you will collect data to be used for conservation. Here are the basics. Enter the location of your plant. Upload a photo. Enter the date of the observation. Add a report about the flowering stage. Choose the appropriate stage from those listed. There are many ID guides and checklists (in print or flipbooks online). Observations can be made manually on a data sheet and then submitted by email or snail mail. You would need to sign up for the mailing list and then receive data sheets and instructions (www.naturealberta.ca/-may-plant-count). If you are submitting observations online you will join the May Plant Count project for the flowering codes to be displayed in the iNaturalist phone app (www.inaturalist.ca/projects/alberta-may-plant-count).



Tuxedo Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2024	\$684,450	\$681,700
January 2024	\$674,950	\$676,000
December 2023	\$525,000	\$537,000
November 2023	\$659,000	\$665,000
October 2023	\$550,000	\$560,000
September 2023	\$525,000	\$543,900
August 2023	\$579,850	\$590,194
July 2023	\$574,000	\$552,750
June 2023	\$499,400	\$500,500
May 2023	\$787,400	\$773,500
April 2023	\$598,800	\$580,000
March 2023	\$484,900	\$501,250

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2024	6	10
January 2024	13	6
December 2023	8	9
November 2023	6	9
October 2023	11	10
September 2023	21	13
August 2023	10	14
July 2023	10	12
June 2023	16	18
May 2023	18	14
April 2023	13	15
March 2023	22	10

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Joke of the Month



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At full capacity our Upper Hall can fit 150 people. It has a bar, a full kitchen, rectangular, round, and cocktail tables, and new grey banquet chairs. Our prices are very affordable and it's a great, central location.

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