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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](mailto:president@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca). For Hall rentals, email [hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca](mailto:hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Rent the Tuxedo Park Hall

Have an upcoming birthday party, meeting, or celebration? Our Hall has been updated and ready to host you and your guests!

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.

Our Lower Hall is bright and modern and fits 50 people at full capacity.

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Happy Holidays, Tuxedo! From your board of directors and staff at the Tuxedo Park Community Association, we wish you and yours a wonderful season and all the very best for 2025!

We've had a great year in our little neighbourhood. With the installation of four new beach volleyball courts, our park space is finally complete. In the spring, the courts will be open and ready to welcome players.

On our board, we welcomed four new directors, and our Arts Procurement Manager (stay tuned to learn more about his plans). It's been amazing to see new volunteers and meet new neighbours! We've hosted brilliant events and introduced new programming.

As we look to the New Year, we'll be continuing with the exciting initiatives we've started this year and bringing in even more. We'll be fundraising through a casino event May 27 and 28 at the Elbow River Casino—our most important fundraiser—and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you, Tuxedo Park, for all your support!

*Anne Johnson*

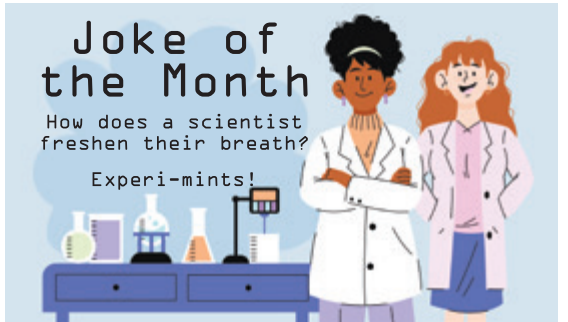
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### Joke of the Month

How does a scientist freshen their breath?

Experi-mints!



TUXEDO PARK COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION'S

# HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:30-4:30PM

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## Cold Weather Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics respond to a number of cold weather-related emergencies every winter. However, by taking appropriate measures to dress properly, anticipate sudden weather changes and preparing to be out in the cold, may reduce your risk of sustaining a cold weather illness/injury. It's also advised you store an emergency kit in your vehicle at all times containing extra clothing, blankets and other road-side supplies.

### Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

### Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;

- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
- Initiate gentle re-warming as quickly as possible. Remove any wet or constrictive clothing; cover with blankets or sleeping bags. Protect from further heat loss: eliminate contact with cold surfaces, and shield from wind and moisture.

## TUXEDO PARK CLASSES AND EVENTS

### Kids' Tennis in January 2025!

TPCA and Calgary Tennis Society (CTS) are happy to bring kids' tennis back to Tuxedo Park in January 2025!

(CTS) is a not-for-profit society which delivers tennis programs with a mission to make tennis more accessible, inclusive, and affordable for underrepresented communities.

Youth programs (ages six to nine) start on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and run to April 23, 2025, in the Upper Hall. Classes will be Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

CTS works with qualified coaches and your kids will be sure to have fun and learn the wonderful game of tennis!

Rates are \$225 for 15 sessions, low coach to athlete ratios. Funding is available via Kidsport for low-income families, CTS will help applicants with this process if needed.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8 to April 23, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 to 6:30 pm

**Location:** TPCA Upper Hall

**Cost:** \$225 per child

**Register now:** [calgarytennissociety.org/programs](http://calgarytennissociety.org/programs).

For more information, contact CTS at [contact@calgarytennissociety.org](mailto:contact@calgarytennissociety.org) or 403-870-8952.

### 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.



## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The first edition of the Christmas classic *A Christmas Carol*, written by Charles Dickens, was originally published in London on December 19, 1843. This story was published as a novella by Chapman & Hall and the first edition sold out by Christmas Eve that first year!



NEW CLASS

# HATHA YOGA

Led by Jennifer Clarke, this class will help you recharge, strengthen, stretch out tight areas, and calm and focus the mind. Sessions will include standing and balancing postures, connection to physical alignment, attention to breath to steady the mind, hip and shoulder opening, meditation, and deep rest.



Monday nights  
6:15 pm  
Tuxedo Park  
Community Hall



## An Outlet Meant to Inspire

This month, we are excited to showcase two pieces of art from the talented members of the Tuxedo Park community! From an artistic expression that reminds us how important it is to be kind to a watercolour painting inspired by a sunny day; these creations are a true testament of how inspiring our community members are.



*Kitty, 9 years old*



*Sarah, 33 years old*

If you are interested in participating, please reach out with a JPEG of your creation to [communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca](mailto:communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca).



## Tuxedo Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2024	\$ 725,000	\$ 756,800
September 2024	\$ 622,450	\$ 627,500
August 2024	\$ 449,000	\$ 444,500
July 2024	\$ 587,500	\$ 580,500
June 2024	\$ 614,900	\$ 627,500
May 2024	\$ 489,950	\$ 504,950
April 2024	\$ 541,950	\$ 595,500
March 2024	\$ 739,950	\$ 735,000
February 2024	\$ 684,450	\$ 681,700
January 2024	\$ 674,950	\$ 676,000
December 2023	\$ 525,000	\$ 537,000
November 2023	\$ 659,000	\$ 665,000

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2024	11	11
September 2024	15	14
August 2024	15	6
July 2024	10	10
June 2024	12	16
May 2024	21	12
April 2024	19	18
March 2024	15	10
February 2024	6	10
January 2024	12	6
December 2023	8	9
November 2023	6	9

To view more detailed information that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit [tuxe.mycalgary.com](https://tuxe.mycalgary.com)

## Grey Family Memorial Bench

The TPCA is happy to announce that a Memorial Bench dedicated to the Grey Family has been installed in our park. Glen Grey was a lifelong resident of Tuxedo Park and a wonderful ambassador for our community. The owner of the Tuxedo Park Bed & Breakfast, Glen was known by many of our neighbours. The bench located west of the TPCA Community Hall, next to the pathway across from the playground is perfectly placed for anyone to "Sit awhile and enjoy sunshine and blue skies." I can picture Glen sitting there, his 'I Love Tuxedo Park' mug in hand, watching families enjoy the park he so loved.

Thank you to the Grey family for providing this loving memorial, our volunteers who helped facilitate it, and the Calgary Parks Foundation for making it happen.



## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Holiday!

1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.



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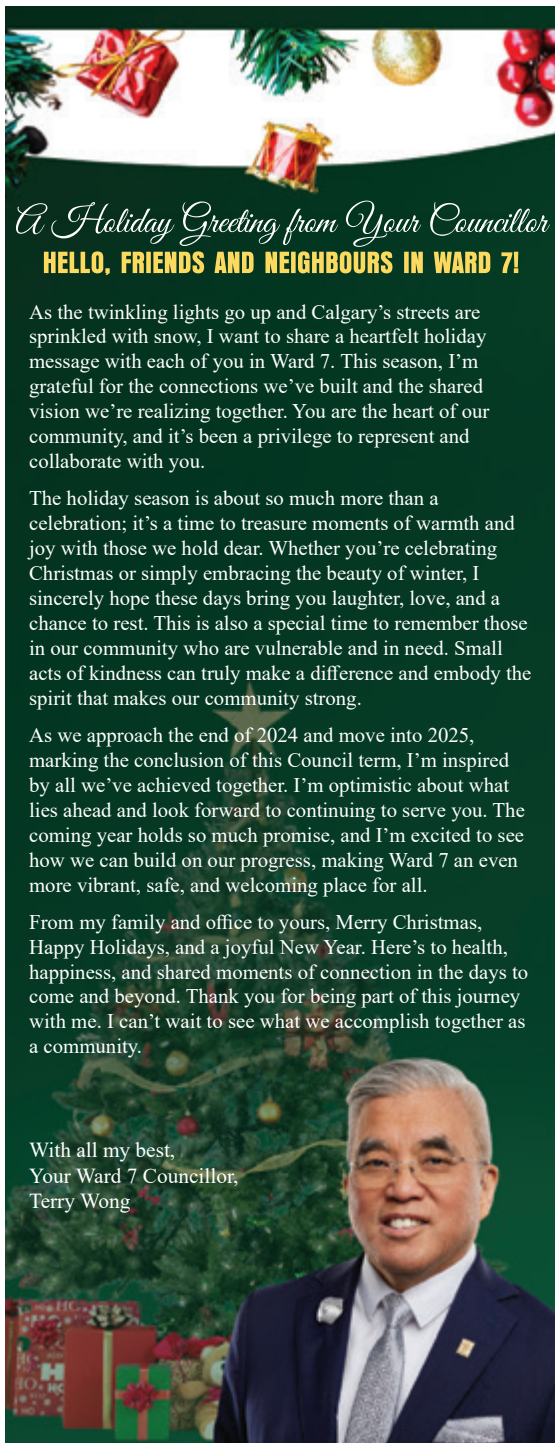
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## *A Holiday Greeting from Your Councillor*

### **HELLO, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN WARD 7!**

As the twinkling lights go up and Calgary's streets are sprinkled with snow, I want to share a heartfelt holiday message with each of you in Ward 7. This season, I'm grateful for the connections we've built and the shared vision we're realizing together. You are the heart of our community, and it's been a privilege to represent and collaborate with you.

The holiday season is about so much more than a celebration; it's a time to treasure moments of warmth and joy with those we hold dear. Whether you're celebrating Christmas or simply embracing the beauty of winter, I sincerely hope these days bring you laughter, love, and a chance to rest. This is also a special time to remember those in our community who are vulnerable and in need. Small acts of kindness can truly make a difference and embody the spirit that makes our community strong.

As we approach the end of 2024 and move into 2025, marking the conclusion of this Council term, I'm inspired by all we've achieved together. I'm optimistic about what lies ahead and look forward to continuing to serve you. The coming year holds so much promise, and I'm excited to see how we can build on our progress, making Ward 7 an even more vibrant, safe, and welcoming place for all.

From my family and office to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a joyful New Year. Here's to health, happiness, and shared moments of connection in the days to come and beyond. Thank you for being part of this journey with me. I can't wait to see what we accomplish together as a community.

With all my best,  
Your Ward 7 Councillor,  
Terry Wong



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### **Christmas Help**

This month, many families will gather around the table to celebrate Christmas with loved ones. Unfortunately, the meal will not be as grand as it once was for a growing number of families.

Food Banks Canada has reported that food bank use in Canada is setting all-time records with shocking regularity. They report that up to 25% of Canadians are living in a state of poverty, while 35% feel worse-off financially. Canadians are struggling to keep their heads above water, relying on food banks to survive.

Food bank use in Canada has doubled since 2019 with over two million visits in March 2024 alone. This is 6% higher than last year and this year will likely set a new record.

Food Banks Canada blames inflation, housing costs, and insufficient social supports for creating the food insecurity problem.

At the same time, a 23% hike in the carbon tax is not helping. If you tax the farmer who grows the food, and the trucker who ships the food, you end up taxing the Canadian who buys the food.

One-third of those using food banks are children. One-in-five is employed and 70% live in market rent housing. These are people struggling to keep up. Food insecurity has a huge impact on one's mental health and overall health outcomes. This in turn puts additional stress on other social services and the healthcare system.

This Christmas season, if you are able, please donate to a food bank or food pantry so that we can all celebrate Christmas like we used to.

While the need for donations continues throughout the year, your Christmas donation sends a special message of support to those who need it the most during the holiday season.

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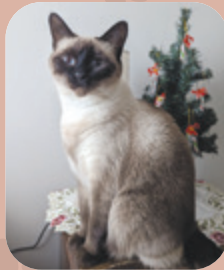
To run away or leave abruptly.

*The sneaky cat managed to absquatulate any time the door was open.*

## Cats, Canines, & Critters of Calgary



Chip, Woodbine



Echo, Signal Hill



George, Huntington Hills



George, McKenzie Towne



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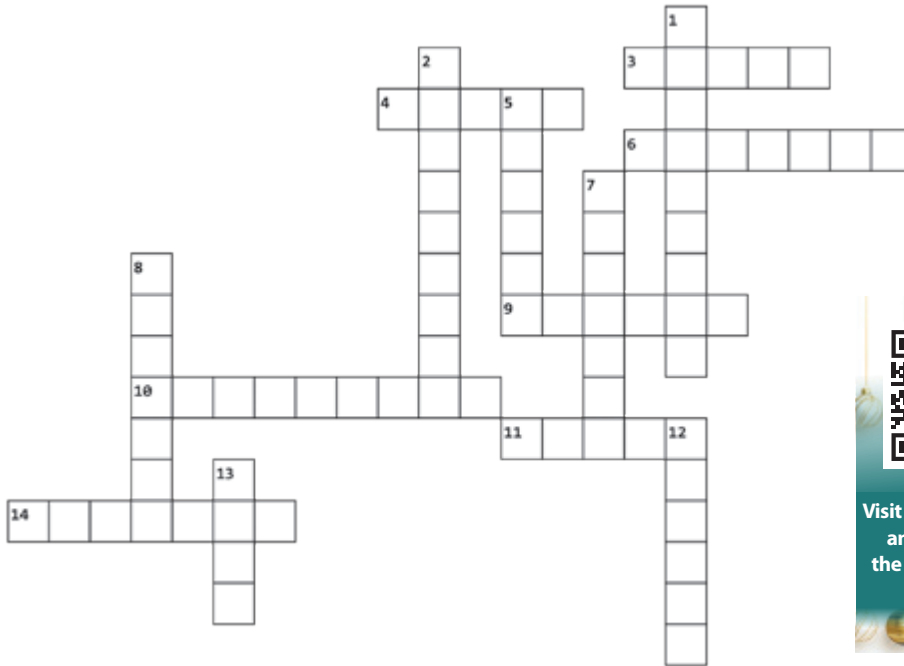
## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Phase 3 of the Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan is underway, and the draft plan was shared with the public and partners before Council's expected approval in early 2025. You can send questions or comments directly to the project team by emailing [parkspan@calgary.ca](mailto:parkspan@calgary.ca). Please note that these will not be included in the final Phase 3 What We Heard Report. A Park is a space set aside for enjoyment, recreation, education, cultural or aesthetic use, or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. An urban forest includes trees and shrubs intentionally planted, naturally occurring, or accidentally seeded within city limits. This means all trees in parks, river valleys, streets, roadways, natural areas, and commercial and private lands.

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# December Crossword



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## Across

3. On December 5, 1991, Jostein Gaarder's novel, *Sophie's \_\_\_\_\_*, was published and tells the story of a Norwegian teenager on a journey of discovery about the history of philosophy.
4. *Driving Miss \_\_\_\_\_*, starring Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur to an elderly widow played by Jessica Tandy, was released on December 13, 1989.
6. Canadian singer, Nelly \_\_\_\_\_, was born on December 2, 1978, in Victoria, British Columbia.
9. This Christmas tree decoration, originally made from real silver that was shredded, was first invented in Germany in 1610.
10. December's official birthstone has the same name as the colour that it is.
11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel \_\_\_\_\_ Prize on December 10, 1964.
14. James Cameron's \_\_\_\_\_ was first released on December 19, 1997, and is one of the highest-grossing films ever.

## Down

1. International \_\_\_\_\_ Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and takes place every year on December 5.
2. December's birth flowers are the \_\_\_\_\_ (also known as paperwhites) and the holly.
5. On December 24, 1818, a choir in Austria first performed the popular Christmas carol "\_\_\_\_\_ Night".
7. This annual holiday celebrating African American culture is observed from December 26 to January 1.
8. On December 29, 1989, the Associated Press named hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis player \_\_\_\_\_ Navratilova Best Athletes of the Decade.
12. Canadian actor and comedian, \_\_\_\_\_ Levy, was born on December 17, 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario.
13. On December 1, 2003, the final film of *the Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the \_\_\_\_\_*, premiered in New Zealand.



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