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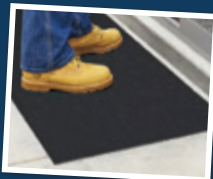
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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are being held in person at the community hall. All community residents are welcome to meet 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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Tuxedo School Site Survey - We Need Your Opinion!



The Tuxedo Park school site located on 28th Ave NE between Centre Street and 1st Street NE has been acquired by the City of Calgary from the Calgary Board of Education. In an effort to advocate on behalf of our community needs and have a voice come development time, the TPCA would like to survey the neighbourhood to gather information on what residents and neighbours would like to see in place of the old school.

Please take a few minutes to help us have a voice. You can complete the survey by visiting www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca (home page) or by scanning the QR code. If you have any concerns with the current state of the old school, please submit calls/tickets to 311.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Tuxedo Park and welcome to February, the month of love and keeping cozy and warm! As we snuggle in, the TPCA Board of Directors is looking towards the spring, making plans for the rest of this year, and preparing for our upcoming AGM. Stay tuned for more details!

As we make those plans, we have a few key volunteer roles to fill. We're seeking a Communications Chair who is passionate about our community and loves spreading the news! To keep Tuxedo residents in the loop, we also need a new Editor for the Tuxedo Park Gazette.

We also need a Facilities Chair to help our staff maintain and improve our little hall. We're also looking for a Membership Chair - the volunteer in this position ensures that our members are taken care of and connects with our business community.

All of these volunteer positions only require a few hours per month, and we are happy to provide training. So, if you're looking to make a difference in our community and build your resume, now's the time! Contact me for more details.

Anne Johnson

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Tuxedo Park Classes and Events

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Upper Hall.

Date: Mondays.

Time: 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Cost: Free for members.

TPCA Seniors Fitness with Pat began October 2!

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 mins early to sign waiver.

Instructor/Host: Pat.

Valentines Cookie Decorating Class

In this hands-on workshop, kids will be provided with freshly baked cookies and an array of colourful, edible decorations like icing, sprinkles, and other decorations. Our instructor will guide the children through various decorating techniques, from simple designs to more intricate patterns, allowing their imaginations to run wild.

Lower Hall.

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$35/child, includes all supplies.

Instructor/Host: Jenn Aguilar with Flip Appeal Designs.

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.

Let's Skate Tuxedo!

Hopefully by the time you read this the ice rink at the Tuxedo Park Community Centre is in great shape. After warm weather allowed our large team of great volunteers to assemble the boards that would help keep in the ice. That same warm weather continued and put a delay in getting the ice built up. Now that the cold snap has passed, we are able to say we are officially open. During the month of February, we hope to have a few events to animate the space during the weekend.

If you see one of our volunteers working, give them thanks for the hard work, as it takes a little more than water and cold to make this happen. They are typically out Thursdays and Sunday evenings maintaining the ice or after a big snowfall getting rid of the snow.

Want to help out? Come say hello when we are out there or send an email to pastpresident@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.

Leapers and Leaplings Special Day

Four million leap day babies? Did you know the odds of being born on February 29 is one in 1,461! Leap day babies are better-known as 'leapers' or 'leaplings'. Hats off to these time-defying, once-in-a-blue-moon birthday legends!



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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Some features produce a positive response in visitors, as a focus for passive recreation, education, and interpretation; they remain opportunities for interpretation of bedrock themes in the park. Among the landscape features are large sandstone boulders several metres across. Those in north slope coulees may contain fossil clam shells, as remnants of a wave cut terrace which tumbled onto valley glaciers.

The Nose Hill pre-glacial gravels in the eastern portion of the Hill extend throughout the hilltop. In the Burnco gravel pit - and the slopes leading to this area from 19 Street and from Charleswood Drive - several trails and junctions in the south-facing areas are where exposed gravel from the Hill use in the 1960s and 70s would have been visible unless remediation was done with nurse and native grasses, after re-rooting foot traffic while the repair was undertaken.

A review of land uses of Nose Hill revealed that areas more severely damaged by vehicles, horse and cattle grazing, and gravel extraction were slowly regenerating. Although rutted trails remained, some already had grass growing in them due to less traffic. Ravine trails were heavily overgrown by tall grasses, thistles, and nettles, so that people used them less.

Firefighting, weeding, and controlled burns with vehicles damaged the plateau and slopes above the Porcupine Valley bike path. Widened and two-track trails are from social use; trail braiding on steeper hillsides due to wet, icy, or poor conditions. An on-hill project was raking to prevent new desire lines. Work was needed on the old motorcross routes up the bluff south of Porcupine Valley and along the Many Owls Valley Road where the trails had been washed out or deeply grooved. Pedestrian use of old vehicle roads slowed regeneration and remediation was warranted.



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February is an exciting month in Calgary, particularly for Calgary-Klein! I am looking forward to seeing you at the many community events that help get us out and moving, and at some of the warm, indoor gatherings as well.

One of the top issues I've been hearing about in the last few months is retirement security and concerns about the provincial government opening a path to pull Albertans out of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) - replacing it with a newly created Alberta Pension Plan. The CPP is an internationally respected pension plan with good returns, and your official opposition is advocating against moving to a riskier and unproven model. Join us at our town hall on February 24 to share your thoughts on the CPP. For details and to sign up, please go to albertasfuture.ca. I will be joining my colleagues that day and we're very excited to hear from you.

With winter in full swing, you can warm up at YYC Hot Chocolate Fest from February 1 to 29. Try out the amazing creations from your local businesses in Calgary-Klein, I know I will be! Chinook Blast is running from February 2 to 19 - offering a wide array of fun activities from markets to concerts to brighten up your winter. And as always, our hardworking community associations give us many opportunities to gather and connect as neighbours.

It is my pleasure to represent you and I always look forward to connecting with residents on what matters most to them. You can keep in touch with the office via email or telephone. You can also reach out through Facebook, Instagram, and X – my handle is @lizettendp.

I'm sure I'll see you out and about very soon, come say hello!

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The Calgary Plan will merge the Municipal Development Plan with the Calgary Transportation Plan to guide the way we move and use land across the city.

The new Zoning Bylaw (currently the Land Use Bylaw) will simplify the rules that govern the use of land and the form of buildings in the city.

The new Street Manual (currently the Complete Streets Policy and Guide) will provide updated direction for the design of Calgary's streets to support safe travel options for all Calgarians.

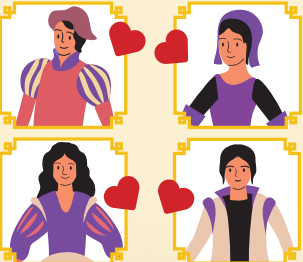


All three of these documents will be created based on public feedback, existing policies, Council priorities, partnering with the Indigenous community, and extensive consultation with subject matter experts and interested parties. This effort will impact every Calgarian for the next 30 years.

The second phase of engagement will focus on the initial proposed direction of the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Street Manual. We invite all Calgarians to share their input, either in person or online, from January 29 to March 3. Learn more and participate at calgary.ca/citybuilding.

Medieval Tinder

Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. Did you know that in the Middle Ages, love was a fashion statement? Back then, singles played a name-lag game, pinning their Valentine's name on their sleeves for a week! Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve - literally!



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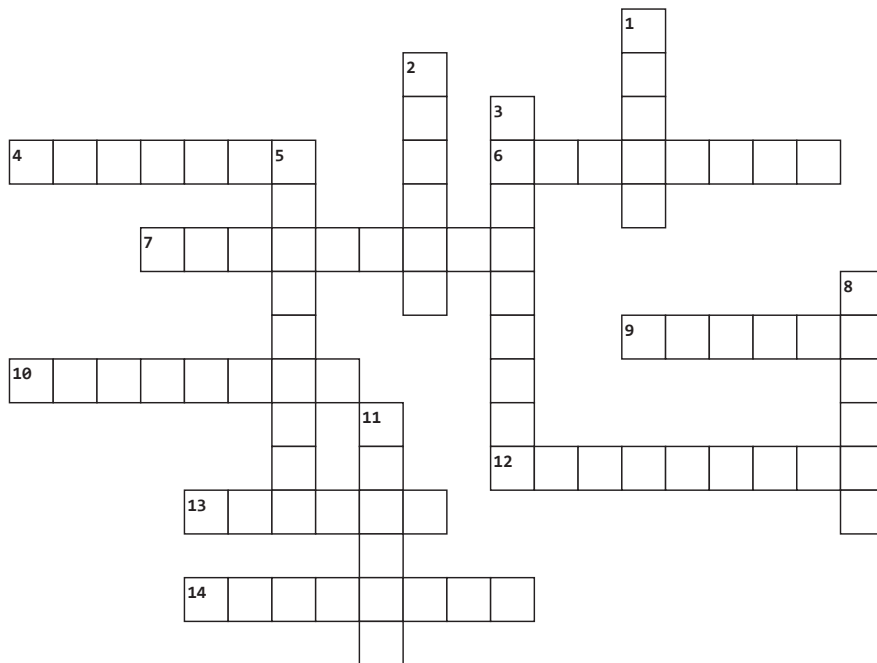


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February Crossword



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Across

4. This historical fiction novel was released on February 10, 2009, and made into a major motion picture starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, and Emma Stone.
6. A ring made with this birthstone had a carved image of Cupid and is said to be worn by St. Valentine.
7. This American painter, well-known for his artwork "American Gothic" was born on February 13, 1891.
9. On February 15, 1965, this country officially received its flag, 100 years after becoming a country.
10. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won gold in this category in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.
12. This well-known annual league championship takes place every year on the second Sunday in February. It will be played on February 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas this year.
13. The official flower that represents birthdays in February.
14. The popular heart-shaped candies with cute messages were originally used as _____.

Down

1. This dwarf planet was discovered on February 18, 1930, and was named by 11-year-old, Venetia Burney.
2. February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Year of the _____.
3. This festival, which takes place on the same day as Shrove Tuesday, celebrates the end of the pre-Lenten season with colourful masks and parades.
5. Released in February 1940, this Disney motion picture featuring the beloved character Figaro, was the first animated feature to win a competitive Academy Award.
8. In 1990, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Helen Hunley, introduced this day to celebrate and honour loved ones.
11. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, better known as The _____, was born on February 16, 1990, in Scarborough.



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