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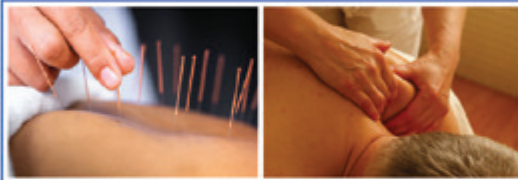
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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are being held in person at the community hall. All community residents are welcome to meet 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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TPCA is Hiring! Hall Rentals Manager Job Posting

Tuxedo Park Community Hall is currently looking for a new part-time Hall Rentals Manager. We are looking for someone that is friendly, customer service oriented, tech savvy, flexible, and enjoys a challenge.

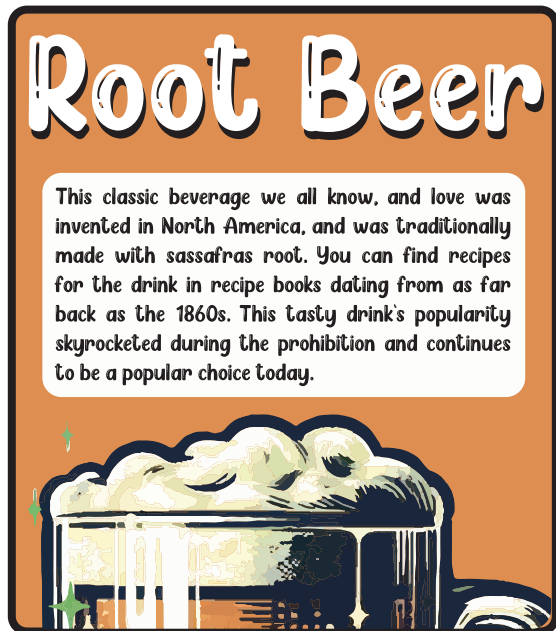
Our hall is a very busy event rental space and programming space.

The Hall Rentals Manager would be responsible for showing the hall to potential renters, booking rentals, invoicing, processing payments, giving tours, and following up after events. Must be on call 24/7.

Working hours are approximately ten to twelve hours a week at a rate of \$25/hour, with approximately 50% of that time spent in the hall office meeting renters. Some work can be done remotely. The position is not an employee position but a contractor position (no taxes or benefits paid).


View the full job posting on the TPCA website: <https://www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/>.

Email gm@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca your resume. Thank you!



Root Beer

This classic beverage we all know, and love was invented in North America, and was traditionally made with sassafras root. You can find recipes for the drink in recipe books dating from as far back as the 1860s. This tasty drink's popularity skyrocketed during the prohibition and continues to be a popular choice today.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the TPCA board prepares for the summer season, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our residents, for your ongoing support. We know many of you, especially those who live near the

park, have construction fatigue. The city's installation of the dry pond was long (longer than expected) and complicated. It was an investment in our community that has paid off greatly. Our community now has a beautiful park, lots of usable greenspace, and one of the best playgrounds in the city. And, to top it off, houses around the park and our hall no longer flood!

Now, we await the city's final leg of construction, the installation of four beach volleyball courts on the NE corner of the park. Luckily, that project is much smaller and will only take three to four weeks to complete once it is started. At the time of writing the content for this issue, the TPCA hasn't received a start date, but has been told it will likely be early July. Please follow us on social media for more timely updates. We're doing the best we can to keep everyone informed, but we're short on communications volunteers. If you'd like to help your community by volunteering, please contact me.

And a big thanks to our Social Committee for organizing the second Annual Tuxedo Park Summer Festival on May 25! Once again, they brought our community together for an afternoon of fun! I hope you all enjoyed the chance to get out and meet your neighbours and sample wares from our local business community.

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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.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Artist!

1. Born on May 11, 1904, in Spain, this artist is probably best known for their work titled "The Persistence of Memory".
2. This Italian artist is often called the founder of the High Renaissance, and identified as one of the greatest painters of Western art.
3. Born in 1853, this artist famously cut off his left ear.
4. This artist is one of the most famous American visual artists for his pop art pieces.
5. Based in England, this street artist and political activist is well known across North America, with one of their popular artworks titled "Balloon Girl".
6. This Spanish painter and sculptor is best known for his cubism and surrealism.



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Tuxedo Park Volleyball Update

The Tuxedo Park Community Association is keen to improve accessible local amenities that draw residents outdoors and improve connection and wellbeing, and also benefit our local businesses. So, when the Parks and Open Spaces department of the City of Calgary approached us and suggested that they would like to install beach volleyball courts in the under-utilized corner of our park, our board thought it would be a great idea due to positive response from residents. The beach volleyball courts will provide a great activity for residents.

The derelict Tuxedo Park School has been increasing social discord, but with the new walking paths and green space due to the dry pond construction and an amazing playground, we are seeing less discord and improved community connection due to our residents having an outdoor gathering space. The City's beach volleyball courts will provide another gathering space, bringing more people to the park, which will make our area more vibrant and should further decrease the social angst we have been battling.

A community survey done in 2021 by the TPCA showed that residents and neighbours wanted to see more amenities in our community including an improved playground, walking paths, and skating rink (which have been accomplished). We also heard that gathering spaces and picnic areas are of interest, and sporting opportunities, including sport courts, were highly ranked.

"I'm right across the street and it would be lovely to see more activity in the community. Increases vibrancy, encourages activity, and furthers a sense of community." - TPCA Resident

The TPCA polled residents in early 2022 over a six-month period, and 84.3% of respondents were in favour of beach volleyball courts in our greenspace, 7.8% were not in favour, 5.9% were undecided, and 2% with no opinion. That information was shared via our monthly meetings and our AGMs in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Residents close to our new dry pond green space do have construction fatigue as the City took much longer than anticipated to complete the construction. We do understand that the volleyball court construction will

add to this construction fatigue, and we have been advocating for a speedy construction period to the City of Calgary. Residents have expressed concern about the upkeep of the courts. Calgary Parks and Open Spaces has assured us and residents that they will maintain the courts well and they will be an asset for our community.

The TPCA does not have the court design plans or construction timing yet from the City of Calgary. The City recently estimated that the courts could be ready by mid to late August 2024.

Joke of the Month

What do you get from a pampered cow?

Spoiled milk.



Crossing Niagara

June 30, 1859, is a date to mark in your calendar and remember! It was on this day that Charles Blondin crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope! This feat has since been replicated by many, with the most recent being Nik Wallenda on June 15, 2012.

Backyard Play Safety

by Alberta Health Services, EMS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children this summer. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, always ensure play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suited to the age and skill of the children using it. Check the equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. It's also advised to set up play equipment on top of a nine-inch layer of shock-absorbing material which extends six feet out in all directions from the play area.

Water Hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four.
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate (*Alberta Building Code).

Lawn and Garden Tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment.
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces.
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.



Insect Bites and Stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions.
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors.
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home.
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect, always wear footwear outdoors.
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it.
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 911.

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For more information contact our Hall Manager at hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca or call 403-277-8689 or visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/hall-rentals.



Ribbit

Frogs are amazing Creatures! Though they have lungs that allow them to breathe just like humans, they are also able to absorb water and respire through their skin! It is quite permeable, so as long as oxygen levels in the water don't get too low, frogs can breathe on land and underwater!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Nose Hill is an isolated remnant of the upland plain that flanks the Bow River Valley. It also includes side slopes (escarpments) and ravines that cut into the upland plain. Domestic dogs are a major user of Nose Hill Park. The remaining large mammals on Nose Hill are deer and coyotes. Almost one third (31%) of users are dog walkers and many leave their animals unleashed. It was recommended that bird and rare plant inventory be conducted for Nose Hill as a baseline against which impact predictions can be tested. The Park is a grassland-dominated natural area, along the western edge of the Foothills Fescue Natural Subregion, where it abuts the Foothills Parkland Ecoregion. The deciduous forest (aspen and balsam poplar), native (rough fescue) grassland, and tall willow communities are primary foraging and breeding habitats in the Park.

The grass known botanically but popularly as "rough fescue" was adopted as the grass emblem of Alberta. It was designated officially in 2003 due to the efforts of the Prairie Conservation Forum. www.albertapcf.org/. The province has the largest area of rough fescue grassland in the world and is the only place in North America that hosts the plains, foothills, and northern variations. Rough fescue provides excellent year-round forage for wildlife and livestock; and is a symbol of Alberta's prairie heritage and the need for the conservation of our rich biodiversity of native grasslands.

The City of Calgary has unveiled its new brand as "Blue Sky City." The provincial shield already features blue skies over a range of snow-capped mountains with green hills, prairie land, and a wheat field in front. The great horned owl, which is a year-round resident, was adopted as Alberta's official bird, in 1977, after a provincewide children's vote.

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