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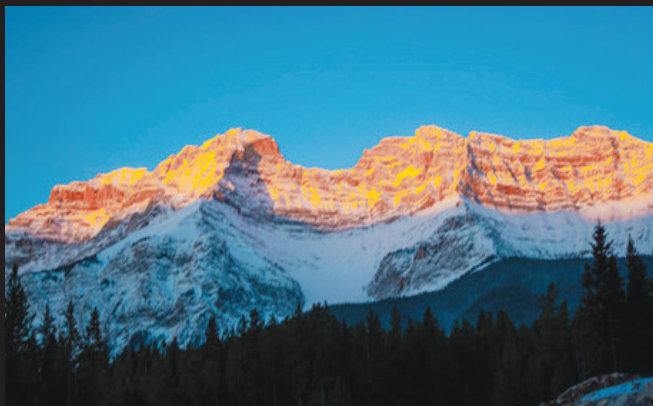


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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm and are being held in person at the community hall. All community residents are welcome to meet 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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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 100 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.

Both spaces have modern wood flooring and modern paint colours.

Spaces are great for weddings, family gatherings, birthday parties, anniversary events, training events and all those social events that we have missed so much of!

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



Protect Your Household Water Lines and Meter from Freezing

by the City of Calgary

Every winter, some Calgarians will experience frozen water pipes, service lines, and water meters, resulting in a water outage. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth, and configuration of water pipes and a history of freezing.

Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.



Arts Manager Update

Hello! I wanted to give the community a brief update on what I have been up to since being brought on as the Arts Procurement Manager for the TPCA. The Holiday Party was a great success owed largely to the wonderful work of our volunteers, board members, and TPCA President. I was fortunate enough to help by bringing in local artists to facilitate a craft during the event and provide live music. This was generously supported by a successful grant application from the Ward Community Event Fund through the City of Calgary.



The bulk of my time has been spent researching and beginning the process of implementing visual arts projects, which the TPCA hopes to unveil this summer. We are excited to announce that we are in the process of applying for grants and hiring a professional artist to design and create a mural. The mural will live on the Southwest side of the hall (facing the playground). We welcome your input and hope you will take the time to fill out the short Google survey below.



Lastly, we hope to provide some other arts related events in the late winter which will help to get us all through those challenging cold days in March and April. Keep your eyes open for something soon!

Thank you all for the support and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to arts@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



Dustyn Richardson

Cats, Canines, & Critters of Calgary



Bear, *Palliser*



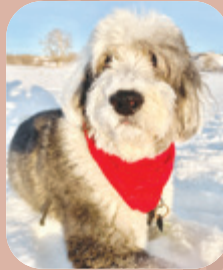
Buster, *Hamptons*



Lizzy, *Huntington Hills*



Mirabella, *Lower Mount Royal*



Poupie, *Deer Run*



Toby, *Douglasdale*



Luka, Kiba, Shinji, and Von, *Shawnessy*

To have your pet featured, email news@mycalgary.com

Tuxedo Park School Update

Located on 28 Ave between Centre Street and 1 Street NE, the 1920 original school building and the 1956 annex have been in the City of Calgary's possession for several years after purchasing the buildings and land from the CBE. Both buildings have not been used in years and are in extremely poor condition.

TPCA has been pressuring the City to better maintain the buildings and move forward with decision making for the property for years. TPCA has been told that the City has a "holding" phase. However, the City has now decided to demolish the annex (the newer 1956 building) starting in the spring of 2025 and finishing at the end of summer 2025, while continuing to hold the 1920 original building.

The 1920 building is on Heritage Calgary's watchlist. The City states "The City respects Calgary's heritage buildings and wants to save the historic 1920 school... Right now, the heritage school is being kept in cold storage until we make a conservation plan and find funding to fix it".



1920 Building

Once the annex building comes down, the City plans to gravel the area, although TPCA is pressuring the City to place grass as an alternative. Unfortunately, the basketball hoop on the North side of the school will likely be removed with the annex. TPCA is also pressuring the City to retain or rebuild a basketball hoop, although it's a derelict area, the hoop is greatly used and we feel strongly about keeping public, accessible assets in our community for residents. TPCA has obtained a letter of support from Sport Calgary to maintain a basketball asset in the area. We will continue to ask the City to work on a solution.



1956 Annex

It is important to advocate for your community needs, it makes a difference and makes our community better. Ways to advocate:

1. Use 3-1-1 to report any vandalism, issues, dereliction, bylaw infractions - we need 3-1-1 calls to make the City take action!
2. Write your Councillor Terry Wong: ward7@calgary.ca.
3. Send TPCA your thoughts: gm@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.

For questions regarding the future use of the school site, please email tuxedoparkschool@calgary.ca.



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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE SOLUTION

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.

For more information, contact CTS at contact@calgarytennissociety.org or 403-870-8952.

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On January 24, 1984, Apple Computer Inc introduced the world to their Macintosh personal computer. Apple hyped it up just two days earlier with an epic Super Bowl ad directed by Ridley Scott. The ad, inspired by Orwell's *1984*, boldly declared Apple was here to smash conformity—and it worked!

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.

Hatha Yoga

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.

Upper Hall.

Date: Mondays.

Time: 6:15 pm.

Cost: Free, all are welcome.

Instructor: Jennifer Clarke.



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



The Art of Finding Work - Jobseekers: Introduce Yourself with Style

by Nick Kossovian

Years ago, I attended a dinner party at which a relationship therapist was present. We were twelve, and some of us had never met. As you've probably experienced when attending a gathering, there's a tendency to split into pairs or trios, resulting in fragmented discussions. However, the relationship therapist took control by asking everyone at the table: "What's on your unofficial résumé? I'm a relationship therapist with a private practice. I enjoy hearing people's stories and how they got to where they are today."

Not

- "How you're doing?"
- "What do you do for a living?"
- "How do you know Jackie and Nunzio [our hosts]?"

Her question probed deep, and all eyes were on her. How she introduced herself was an education in making a memorable introduction by being interesting and interested.

More impressive, while fictional, is how James Bond introduces himself to a glamorous woman, Sylvia Trench, and subsequently to the movie viewer, who's going head-to-head with him while playing chemin de fer at one of London's finest clubs, Les Ambassadeurs.

Bond: I admire your courage, Miss...?

Sylvia: Trench... Sylvia Trench... and I admire your luck, Mr...?

Bond: Bond... James Bond.

Of course, there's much more to this scene, such as Bond's playful mirroring of "Trench... Silvia Trench." After Sylvia loses her next hand, a man taps Bond on the shoulder, and Bond politely excuses himself. While walking to the front door, he arranges dinner with Sylvia and casually tips the doorman as we see on Sylvia's face, "Who is this man?" At no time does Bond linger.

I bring up the opening scene of the first Bond film, Dr. No (1962), because in under two minutes, you know

everything you need to know about James Bond: smooth, debonair, supremely self-confident, and risk-taking.

It's an art to introduce yourself in such a way that the other person wants to learn more about you, an art well worth learning. Whenever you meet someone for the first time, at a dinner party, the person you're paired up to play golf with, a new neighbour and especially your interviewer, how you introduce yourself is everything!

Are you introducing yourself as effectively as Bond or as memorable as the relationship therapist, cutting to the essence of who you are?

Most people are bad at introducing themselves—fumbling, rambling, and underselling themselves—even more so, thanks to social media eroding social skills. This is a problem. Like it or not, the first impression we make makes or break opportunities.

Being aware of what you're projecting about yourself is the first step in formulating an introduction that makes you interesting and, therefore, memorable so the other person is compelled to learn more about you.

Don't Get "Lumped In"

When introducing themselves, people usually state their title and workplace. Wrong! When you say, "I'm an accountant for Wayne Enterprises," the other person immediately lumps you into their preconceived notion(s) of what you do and whom you work for. Engage their imagination instead.

Bad: "I'm a software engineer at Yoyodyne."

Good: "I build tools for venture capitalists at a quirky startup called Yoyodyne; it's been a great ride so far! Technically, I am an engineer; therefore, I find myself dealing with product and design work, which I've discovered I'm good at."

Tell A Micro-Story

If you want to make a memorable introduction, introduce yourself in the form of a story. Storytelling is how humans learn because stories are mentally sticky.

Bad: "I moved to Toronto for work. I'm a project manager at BXJ Technologies."

This introduction is boring because most (hand-raised) people in Toronto moved to Toronto for work.

Good: "I'm a bit of a third culture kid. I grew up in Singapore and London, which explains my accent. I moved to Toronto to experience new energy. Ultimately, I fell in love with project management, Cabano's Cheeseburgers and Toronto's bubbly art scene."

Consider "Hooks"

Ideally, your introduction should lead to a meaningful conversation; therefore, try to fill your introduction story with a hook, such as a unique experience, an interesting fact or a comparison—a great way to create a visual—to arouse interest and spark a conversation.

Bad: "I'm a financial lawyer."

Good: "Have you seen the movie Dark Waters about the guy who took Dupont to court for millions of dollars? Well, I'm like that guy, only less stressed and famous, and I work for a bank."

Highlight Your Unique Journey

Everyone has a story. Introducing what makes yours unique will make you interesting and memorable.

Most likely, like me, you've had an unconventional career path:

"Believe it or not, I began my career as a barista. Pouring coffee gave me considerable experience in customer service and time efficiency. With those skills, I now manage St. Eligius Hospital's administration staff, ensuring the inpatient experience is as stress-free as possible."

Consider weaving into your introduction:

- Countries or cities you've lived in: "I've called three continents home..."
- An unusual hobby: "When I'm not crunching numbers, I'm usually rock climbing..."
- Volunteer experience: "I spend my weekends..."
- An unexpected skill: "My theatre experience often proves useful in board meetings..."



Storytime Reader

Are you a retired schoolteacher, librarian, or other literary enthusiast? The TCPA is looking to try story time reading for children (aged 0 to 5) and their caregivers once a week in the New Year. This would be a trial basis one to two times in the month of February to gauge interest.

For more information, please contact arts@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.



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Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or too icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.

- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; never toboggan alone.
- Sledding at night is not advised.

Plan Ahead

- Anticipate weather changes and plan accordingly.
- Wear warm, insulating layers closer to the body, and wind/waterproof layers on the outside.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite; therefore, attempt to cover up any exposed skin.
- If frostbite has occurred, treat it by first getting out of the cold environment, or at least sheltered from any wind chill.
- Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water until re-warmed.



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Tuxedo Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2024	\$ 749,900	\$ 749,900
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

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2024	7	5
October 2024	11	11
September 2024	14	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

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Joke of the Month

Why did the pony get detention?

Because he was horsing around.





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Remembering Zhou

Video games have become a popular pastime for many Canadians, offering entertainment and a sense of community. However, as with any activity, moderation is key.

A teenager in our community passed away in October in a suspected case of extreme exhaustion brought on by excessive and prolonged gaming. His name was Zhou, and he was a high-achieving student with a secret problem.

Video game fatigue occurs when individuals spend excessive amounts of time playing video games, leading to physical and mental exhaustion. This phenomenon is particularly concerning among our youth, who are more susceptible to its effects. The symptoms of video game fatigue can range from eye strain and headaches to more severe issues such as sleep disturbances and decreased academic performance.

Video game fatigue has a big impact on physical health. Prolonged gaming sessions often result in poor posture, leading to musculoskeletal problems. Additionally, the sedentary nature of gaming can contribute to obesity and related health issues. It is crucial for gamers to take regular breaks, engage in physical activities, and maintain a balanced lifestyle.

Mental health is another area of concern. Excessive gaming can lead to increased stress, anxiety, and even depression.

If you are having difficulty disconnecting, visit the www.gamequitters.com website for tips and help. Ignoring the problem won't make it go away.

Parents and guardians play a vital role in mitigating the risks by setting limits on screen time, encouraging outdoor activities, and fostering open communication about the potential dangers of excessive gaming. Schools and community organizations can also contribute by promoting awareness and providing resources to support healthy gaming habits.

Let's remember Zhou and help raise awareness about this growing health problem. Gaming can be a fun activity, but it is important that it is just part of a healthy life, not a way of life.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

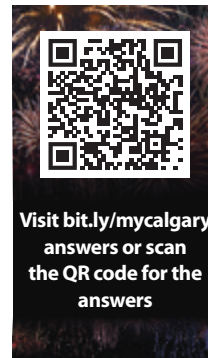
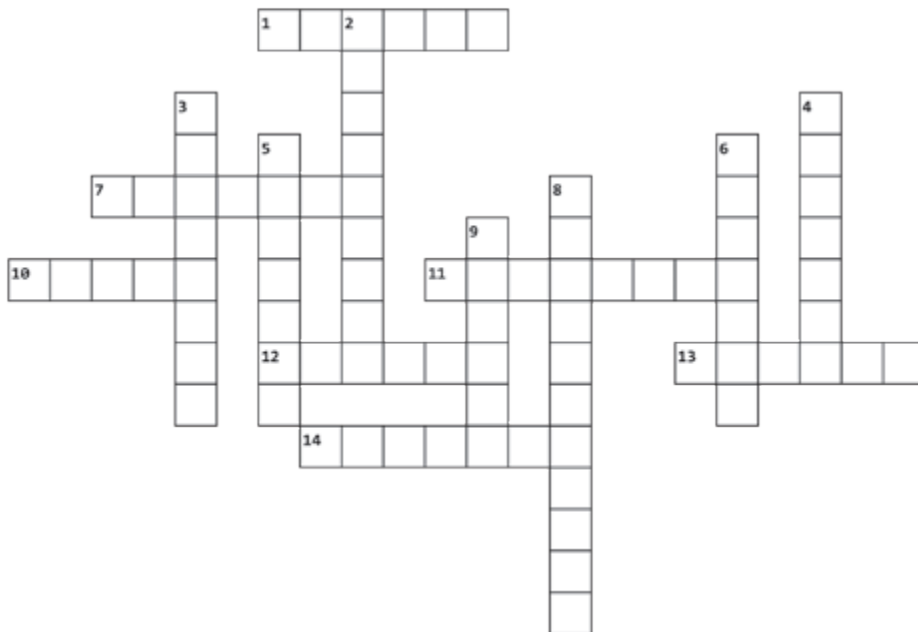
Alberta's Provincial Parks Act, introduced in 1930 and amended in 2000, provides for preservation of provincial parks, wildland parks, and provincial recreation areas to benefit current and future generations. There are rules and regulations about certain activities and restrictions. Important sites for conservation management are the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas, and Heritage Rangelands. More information at <https://albertaparks.ca/>.

The original Plan for Parks (2009-2019) is archived online. A new Plan for Parks: Engagement guide and fact sheet were posted. The first phase of engagement collected feedback from Albertans to inform a Plan. In the second phase, Albertans review the draft and provide input. The proposed vision statement has added cultural benefits and Indigenous reconciliation. There may be additional fees, some partner groups, increased tourism, recreation, and campgrounds.

An Online Survey asked how often you visit parks, what do you most value, what will Alberta Parks look like 100 years from now? If you agree that Albertans should be informed and engaged in park issues, what ways are important to you: a) increase opportunities to provide input into decision making for provincial parks; b) establish clear deliverables and milestones in the new ten-year Plan for Parks; c) consistently report on progress and achievement?

Since Parks conserve nature and connect people with nature, providing access to a variety of nature-based experiences will be important, so that building an appreciation for natural values is a key priority. Which of the following options would you support? a) create more parks to increase conservation and nature access; b) collaborate to improve how information about conservation activities in parks is shared; c) expand interpretive and educational programs to inform and inspire visitors; d) add volunteer opportunities to promote hands-on nature and conservation education.

January Crossword



Across

1. Ice-hockey player and co-founder of a popular restaurant franchise, Miles Gilbert "Tim" _____, was born on January 12, 1930, in Cochrane, Ontario.
7. World _____ Day on January 4 marks awareness of a form of communication for blind and visually impaired people.
10. On January 2, 2010, American singer-songwriter _____'s debut single, "TiK ToK," reached number one on the Billboard Hot 100.
11. This iconic Aretha became the first female artist to be inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on January 3, 1987.
12. This TV series first premiered on January 12, 1966, starring Adam West as the titular character and tells the story of a superhero who fights crime in Gotham City.
13. Legendary comedian, Jim _____, was born on January 17, 1962, in Newmarket, Ontario.
14. Disney's popular TV movie, *High School Musical*, premiered on January 20, 2006, starring Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale, and Vanessa _____.

Down

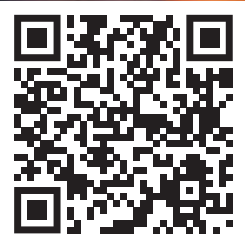
2. Franklin D. _____ was sworn in for his fourth term as US President on January 20, 1945, becoming the only US President to do so.
3. Romance novel, *Call Me by Your Name*, by André Aciman, was published on January 23, 2007, and later became a film starring Timothée _____.
4. On January 7, 1610, Galileo Galilei discovered the first three moons of this planet – the largest in our solar system.
5. British actress and singer, Cynthia Erivo, who plays _____ in *Wicked*, was born on January 8, 1987.
6. Steve _____ and Steve Jobs officially incorporated Apple Computer, Inc. on January 3, 1977, in California.
8. "Wedding March", composed by Felix _____, was first played at the wedding of Princess Victoria and Prince Frederick William of Prussia on January 25, 1858.
9. The first Winter Olympic Games officially opened on January 25, 1924, in Chamonix, _____.

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