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We meet on a weekday evening, once a month. All DRCA members are welcome. To attend, email the Board secretary; our emails are on the website.

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Centre Hours (subject to change)

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Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Key Staff

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Newsletter

Your *Deer Run Villager* is published twelve times per year. The submission deadline is the first of each month for the following issue.

Please email your articles or community event listings as an attachment, in an MS Word file, to the DRCA Communications Director at commdirector@deerruncalgary.com.

Community-related digital photos and art are welcome. Ensure recognizable people in images have given their permission. Send a caption and/or the names of people. The requirements are 250 KB for a smaller picture and 1 to 3 MB for a cover picture. JPEG format is preferred.

Our Mission

Facilitate a variety of fun programs and activities to encourage community involvement and volunteer opportunities.

Our Vision

Deer Run is a thriving community that provides opportunities to support our families and neighbours.

Board of Directors

We are always looking for enthusiastic and community orientated residents to join our board and volunteer committees. It's a great way to contribute to Deer Run. Visit the volunteer page on our website for details.

Spring Ice Safety: Stay Off the Ice as Temperatures Rise

by *The City of Calgary*

As Calgary moves into spring, rising temperatures make ice on rivers, lakes, and storm ponds even more dangerous. While these bodies of water may still appear frozen, the ice is thinning and becoming unpredictable. Falling through can happen in an instant, putting you at risk of hypothermia or drowning.

Ice Safety Tips

- Avoid the ice. As ice weakens, it becomes unsafe for any activity. Stay off all ice-covered rivers, lakes, and storm ponds.
- Stay back from the edges. Melting ice along riverbanks and lakeshores is unstable and can collapse under your weight.
- Call 9-1-1 in an emergency. If someone, or a pet, falls through the ice, do not attempt a rescue yourself. Call for help immediately.

If You Fall Through the Ice

1. Stay calm, keep your head above water, and control your breathing.
2. Call for help while keeping your hands on the ice.
3. Try to pull yourself onto the ice on your stomach and roll to safety.
4. If you can't get out in under ten minutes, stop struggling, anchor yourself, and keep calling for help.

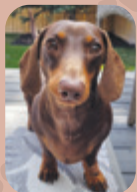


If You See Someone Fall In

1. Call 9-1-1 immediately and provide a landmark so emergency responders know exactly where to go.
2. Stay back and avoid the ice yourself.
3. If possible, throw a rope or branch to help them reach safety.

As warmer weather continues, ice conditions will only become more hazardous. Avoid unnecessary risks—stay off the ice and keep yourself and others safe this spring.

Cats, Canines, & Critters of Calgary



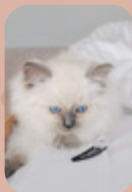
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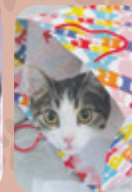
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Website: www.flcseniors.ca/activities/taichi

Adult Volleyball

Adults, Monday to Friday evenings.
Ashley: ashleymiller6@live.com

Jazzercise

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 am.
Chris: vanreenenchris8@gmail.com

Country Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.
Line dancing is fun for everyone. No partner required. It's good exercise, lots of fun, and a great social outing.
Email: gwen_nclد@outlook.com, gwen_newell@yahoo.ca

Bliss Within Yoga

Monday (with Alena) 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Wednesday (with Laurie) 9:30 to 11:00 am, Wednesday (with Heather) 7:15 to 8:45 pm, Thursday (with Heather) 1:00 to 2:30 pm, Thursday (with Laurie) 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
Laurie Hislop: hislopl@shaw.ca, 403-585-9045
Alena: alenatul@hotmail.com, 403-605-8929
Heather: heatherwongken@yahoo.com, 403-862-1133

Yoga Fundamentals Drop-in with Shawna

Wednesdays, 6:45 to 8:00 pm.
\$10 per class.
Great for beginners!

Parade of Garage Sales May 3

Stampede Breakfast June 21,
9:00 am to 12:00 pm



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There are tables set up for visiting, coffee/tea, and playing games. The group also meets for breakfasts, lunches, picnics in Fish Creek Park, and other special activities. We're a very inclusive and supportive group that takes each member's comfort level into consideration when planning events.

DEER RUN 2025 PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

It's that time of year again – Spring Cleaning Time!

Clean out your closets, drawers, garages, basements and sheds and turn those unwanted items into \$\$ on **SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 - 9 AM to 3 PM**. If you do not have enough stuff, join up with a neighbour or make it a street event! Last year's participants were very pleased with the turnout and we know this year should be another big success for all of us out there "selling our stuff".

To register and have your garage or yard sale advertised **free of charge**, please go to our website to register:

deerrun.yycgarage.sale

Lawn signs, directional maps, and a list of all participating homes will be available for pick-up at the Community Centre the evening before the sale.

On the morning of the sale, directional signs will be placed on the main streets directing buyers into the community.

Registration deadline is April 28, 2025



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Jazzercise - 9:30 am Adult Volleyball - Evening Genbukan Daigo Dojo - 7:00 to 8:30 pm Svaroopaa Yoga with Alena - 7:00 to 8:30 pm	FLC Seniors Tai Chi - Morning Adult Volleyball - Evening South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Beginners' classes, 6:15 to 7:15 pm Ki Aikido - 7:00 to 9:00 pm South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Advanced classes, 7:15 to 8:30 pm	Jazzercise - 9:30 am Svaroopaa Yoga with Laurie - 9:30 to 11:00 am or with Heather, 7:15 to 8:45 pm Country Line Dancing - 1:30 to 2:30 pm Adult Volleyball - Evening Yoga Fundamentals Drop-in with Shawna - 6:45 to 8:00 pm. \$10 per class. Great for beginners! Genbukan Daigo Dojo - 7:00 to 8:30 pm	FLC Seniors Tai Chi - Morning Adult Volleyball - Evening Svaroopaa Yoga with Laurie - 6:30 to 8:00 pm	Jazzercise - 9:30 am Adult Volleyball - Evening Ki Aikido - 7:00 to 9:00 pm South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Advanced classes, 7:00 to 8:30 pm	South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Preschool class, 9:20 to 10:00 am, beginners' class, 10:00 to 11:00 am, and advanced classes, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm	Ki Aikido - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Pickleball - 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Community Food Bank - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Community Food Bank
Every Sunday at 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Food goes fast so get here early!
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Shaping Calgary's Future Through Community Engagement

by *The City of Calgary*

The Federation of Calgary Communities, in partnership with The City of Calgary, bring you Partners in Planning, a free, award-winning certificate program. Through a series of engaging events, residents are empowered to help shape the city's future. This year's program features workshops aimed at fostering collaboration and deepening community understanding of city planning. Here are some upcoming events:

Crafting Calgary: Planning Implementation Unveiled
April 5, 9:00 am to noon
Capitol Hill Community Association

This workshop delves into the complexities of city planning, offering insights into how the City of Calgary implements change. Learn about the balance planners strike between policies, the Land Use Bylaw, and five community needs through various application reviews, including land use amendments and development permits.

Navigating Calgary's Blueprint: Understanding Planning
May 31, 9:00 am to noon
Capitol Hill Community Association

Explore Calgary's planning framework and the legislative policies that guide it. This event covers the Municipal Development Plan, Local Area Plans, and how these policies work together to prepare Calgary for future growth.

Elective One: Built Forms Walking Tour
June 22, 9:00 am to noon
Marda Loop Communities Association

Join this walking tour to learn about different built forms in low-density residential districts. Attendees will explore architectural elements and how they contribute to the urban fabric, highlighting how these elements enhance established communities.

Join the Federation of Calgary Communities and The City of Calgary for these insightful events and be part of shaping Calgary's future!

Use Your Water Meter to Check Your Home for Leaks

by *The City of Calgary*

Did you know that 40 percent of homes have some water fixture leakage? Using your water meter to check for leaks, inside and outside the home, is one way you can do your part to use water wisely.

Using your meter to check your home for leaks is easy:

1. Turn off all taps and water-using appliances – inside and outside your home.
2. Watch the flow register on the face of the meter. The register could look like a gear or a needle depending on the model of meter you have.
3. If it keeps turning, you have a leak somewhere in your house.
4. Check all water devices, such as your toilet, taps, humidifier, hot water heater, and water softener. To learn more about common sources of household water leaks, including some helpful repair tips, visit calgary.ca/waterguide.



Joke of the Month



Dressed Up

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Amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw for Short-Term Rentals Are Now in Effect

by The City of Calgary



Starting April 1, 2025, there will be several changes to Calgary's short-term rental (STR) regulations as part of The City of Calgary's commitment to adapt to our evolving short-term rental market.

- STR business licenses will now be classified as either primary or non-primary. If you currently have a licence, you will be asked to verify your property type as part of your next renewal. Fees will vary based on the licence type.
- Short-term rentals now include rentals up to 180 consecutive days. If you own a short-term rental offering stays between zero and 180 consecutive days, you require a business licence to operate in Calgary.
- New applicants will be responsible for complying with their condominium bylaws, The City will no longer require condo board consent.
- A ban on issuing licences for homes designated as affordable housing.

Additionally, if the Purpose-Built Rental Vacancy Rate drops below 2.5%, The City will impose a temporary pause on issuing new non-primary licences. This would not apply to new primary residence applications or existing licenses.

These changes aim to balance housing affordability, safety, community impact, and enforcement, while continuing to support property owners and the economic benefits STRs bring to Calgary.

Enhancing regulatory processes will improve STR management and foster market innovation to benefit the community. Visit calgary.ca/str for more information.



Word of the Month



Ebullient: adjective
(ih-buhl-yuhnt)

**Liveliness, enthusiasm,
overflowing with
excitement.**

**He was in quite
an ebullient mood.**

Green Calgary Rain Barrel Sales

by The City of Calgary

Did you know, water use in Calgary communities increases up to 20 percent in the summer months? Capturing rainwater can help you and your community build resiliency during times of hot and dry weather while keeping your yard and garden healthy. Rain barrels typically fill up after a single rainfall and help keep water on your property, so less dirt and contaminants wash into the rivers.

Made locally with recycled material, Green Calgary rain barrels can be used to water the plants in your yard. Rain barrels are \$75 after rebate for a limited time with pick-up and delivery options available.

Visit greencalgary.org for details on all sales event dates and locations. Join the thousands of Calgarians already conserving water by using a rain barrel. Pre-order yours at greencalgary.org, starting April 1, 2025.

Noise Barrier Retrofit Program

by The City of Calgary

The City of Calgary is committed to reducing the impact of transportation noise heard in residential areas through the Noise Barrier Program. Where residential areas next to an eligible roadway exceed The City's noise level criteria, a barrier may be constructed.

Several approved noise barrier locations across Calgary will be moving forward with construction in 2025, with completion expected by the end of 2026. You can check the status of the noise barrier construction in your community on our website here: calgary.ca/roads/noise-barriers.html.

To learn more about the Noise Barrier Program, or to submit a request to have a noise measurement completed, visit calgary.ca/NoiseBarriers.



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U8 Fundamentals

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Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Langdon

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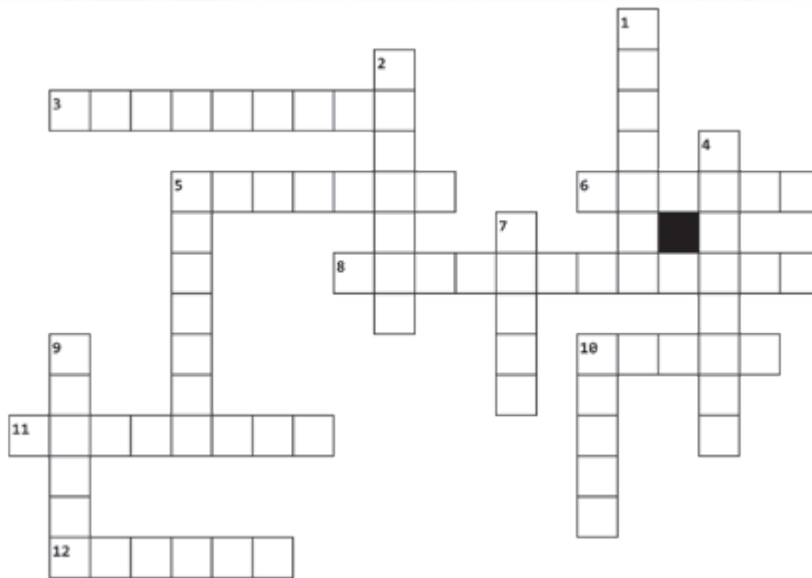
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April Crossword



Across

3. Simon & Schuster released the first-ever _____ puzzle book on April 18, 1924, delighting word game enthusiasts around the world.
5. On April 1, 1919, the Stanley Cup Final between the Montreal Canadiens and the Seattle Metropolitans was cancelled due to the _____ flu pandemic.
6. On April 30, 1952, Mr. _____ Head became the first toy ever to be advertised on television.
8. Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, in St. John's, _____.
10. This meteor shower takes place in April every year.
11. ABBA won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest with their song _____ on April 6.
12. This space telescope was first deployed into orbit by the space shuttle Discovery on April 25, 1990.

Down

1. April's birthstone is the _____, a popular choice for engagement rings.
2. Stanley Kubrick's sci-fi adventure film, *2001: A Space _____*, premiered in April 1968.
4. The Royal _____ Air Force was officially established on April 1, 1924.
5. _____ *Island* by Dennis Lehane was first published on April 15, 2003, and later became a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo.
7. Comedian and actor Seth _____ was born on April 15, 1982, in Vancouver, BC.
9. The World _____ Organization was established by the United Nations on April 7, 1948.
10. On April 16, 2018, Kendrick _____ won the Pulitzer Prize for Music, becoming the first rapper to do so.



Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Collection Days Are Changing in April

by *The City of Calgary*

Starting April 22, many Calgary households will see blue, black, or green cart pick-up days moving to improve routes. These updates also align with the return of city-wide weekly green cart collection. The new collection schedules will be available on calgary.ca/cartschedule by April 8. Check your schedule to:

- Find out whether your blue, black, or green cart pick-up day is changing.
- Know when your weekly green cart begins.

Collection schedule changes update automatically if you have signed up for reminders.

Did you know that The City provides free reminders for your blue, black, and green cart pick-up days? All you need to do is sign up! When it's time to put your carts out for collection, we'll send you a reminder. When you sign up, you will get:

- Instant access to your pick-up schedule.
- Notifications about any changes to your collection schedule.
- Useful tips for using your blue, green, and black carts.

It's Easy!

Option 1: Go to calgary.ca/cartschedule.

- Type your address in the search box to view your collection days.
- Click on 'Get a reminder' to receive your preferred method. Choose to be notified by email, calendar, or phone, either the day before or the day of your collection.

Option 2: Download the Garbage Day App onto your phone.

- Available on the App Store or Google Play.
- Set notifications to remind you of your cart collection days.

Never miss another cart collection day again.

Travel Safe Student Video Contest is Now Open

by *The City of Calgary*

Calling filmmakers of all ages and abilities. Whether you are an aspiring movie producer, working on your stop-motion skills, or you shoot videos as a hobby, this is the contest for you!

The Travel Safe Student Video contest is open to Calgary students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Win great prizes and a chance to have your work showcased! The deadline is April 30.

The contest is not only a fun and engaging way for students to think about traffic safety, but also part of the Calgary Safer Mobility Plan, a partnership between the City and Calgary Police Service aimed at improving the overall safety of our transportation network.

"We know students have unique perspectives when it comes to traffic safety and we can't wait to see solutions through their eyes," said Jacquelyn Oriold, Mobility Education Specialist with the City. "Whether that's a video from a kindergarten student worried about safety as they walk or wheel to school, or from a middle school student concerned about speeding drivers, or a teenager's perspective on navigating rush hour, we can't wait to see their work."

Key Dates:

- April 30, 2025, at 11:59 pm: Contest closes
- May 14, 2025: Public screening event of finalists and winners announced at the Central Library in the Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall.

For full contest rules, eligibility, waiver, tips, and resources visit calgary.ca/travelsafevideo. For general inquiries about the contest, email streetsafekids@calgary.ca.





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Thank you to everyone who attended my town hall last month with Ministers Schulz, Fir, Jones, and McIver for a discussion on Budget 2025. It was fantastic to see so many constituents actively engaged in these important conversations. If your question wasn't addressed, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office to schedule a call.

Budget

On Thursday, February 27, Alberta's government introduced Budget 2025, along with a series of common-sense legislative proposals designed to enhance clarity, efficiency, and accountability. These measures aim to better address the challenges Albertans face.

Alberta's government remains focused on keeping our province as the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family. This includes lowering taxes by 20% on the first \$60,000 of income, saving individuals \$750 and families \$1,500 per year.

Budget 2025 includes a \$5.2 billion deficit that reflects key challenges facing Alberta such as the U.S. tariff dispute, population growth, and public sector bargaining. Budgeted 2025-26 revenues are projected to decline by 8.1% or \$6.6 billion year-over-year, primarily driven by a \$4.4 billion drop in expected non-renewable resource revenues and a \$2.3 billion decrease in investment income.

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