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What is the MCA?

Did you know… the history of community associations in Calgary dates back over one hundred years.

A community association is a non-profit volunteer run organization that represents the interests and concerns of a community. Community associations are formed by residents, whereas HOAs are created by the developer. Both benefit the community in unique ways.

In Mahogany everything "inside the fence" is the HOA, including the lake, the beach, and the beach club. Everything that is public land can be utilized by the MCA with proper city permits etc.

The MCA and the HOA are different, but we can work together for the benefit of Mahogany residents. We all have the goal of a more connected, inclusive, and vibrant Mahogany.

Our MCA Logo

The MCA logo symbolizes all the road roundabouts in our community of Mahogany, and the colours represent the diversity in our community. Designed by Liz Araujo.

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Are you following our socials? Check us out on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates on what's happening in Mahogany, what your MCA is up to, and city updates.

Help us reach our goal of 1,000 Facebook followers by the New Year!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Mahogany,

December is a month of celebration for many, but it is also the end of the year and a time of reflection and anticipation. As we end 2026, your MCA looks back on this year fondly as we have created momentum, built relationships and partnerships, established community initiatives, and had fun doing it all. With a full board leading your Community Association, we reflect positively on the year behind us, and we look forward to 2027 with greater connection, inclusivity, and joy. We want our collaborations to be meaningful, our events to be bonding and playful, and our projects to be positive in enhancing Mahogany and maintaining what makes it so special. We want everyone to feel safe and connected.

Farewell 2026, you were lovely! Cheers to 2027! May you be full of kindred harmony in our beautiful community!

Your MCA Board of Directors

Mahogany Community Association

Meet Your MCA President—Aimee Artindale!



"I've lived in Mahogany for the past 3.5 years with my husband, my teenage daughter, and our beloved Chi-Chi fur baby. We adore this vibrant community and its many gems, from the stunning lake and expansive wetlands to the fantastic restaurants. I champion community engagement and our core mission as community associations (CAs) to cultivate a connected, inclusive, and thriving Mahogany. As MCA President, I aim to infuse joy and connection into every initiative we undertake, and I look forward to meeting all my fellow Mahogonites!"

Get Involved

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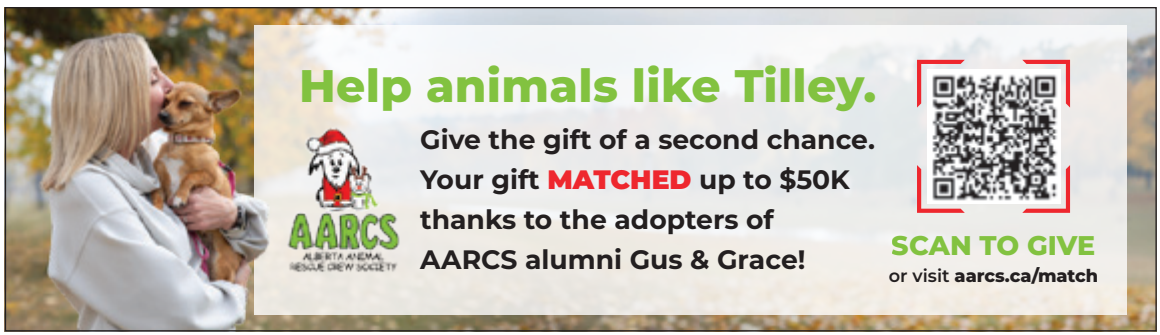



Upcoming Events and Initiatives

Here are some exciting things your Mahogany Community Association has coming up over the next year. Watch out for more details!

- Parade of Lights float
- Mahogany Fun Run
- Environment Expo
- Wranglers Group Event
- Foxtail Clean Up
- Private Movie Screening

… and more!

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The Bird Blurb



Did You Know?
Chickadees, woodpeckers, and magpies all stay in Calgary throughout the winter. They grow extra fluffy feathers during this season to keep warm and insulated. They even shift their eating habits away from insects to seeds, suet, and hidden dormant insects. And they get their hydration by eating snow.

Backyard bird feeders can help these birds survive the winter.

The best foods to use in your backyard feeder during winter are black-oil sunflower seeds, high fat suet, and nuts (like peanuts, but only unsalted). Avoid heated bird baths, as wet feathers can freeze quickly in below-zero temperatures.

The Nutcracker





In 1892 Tchaikovsky premiered his third ballet, "The Nutcracker" in Saint Petersburg, and while in recent times it is know globally and considered a Christmas tradition for many people, the ballet was not well-loved upon release. In fact, it did not gain popularity until closer to the 1950s when companies began performing it annually, marketing it as a Christmas feature.

Member Benefits

Hey Mahogany! Are you in need of some gift ideas? Wanna save some money and have some fun experiences?!

Did you know that being a Mahogany Community Association member comes with some great perks? You can use these discounts and savings to buy gifts for your friends and family. You can purchase gift cards for wonderful experiences like the ballet, sports games, Broadway shows, movies, golf, and more. Check out our website for our complete and ever-growing list of participating businesses. These discounts are our thank you to you for supporting the MCA with your membership. Just $30 per family per year is all it costs to become an MCA member. Join today and enjoy the perks!



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Pumpkin Show and Scare

Our second annual Pumpkin Show and Scare happened at the end of October at the rock park wetlands entrance. We had an amazing turnout to watch our professional carver, Carlos, tackle two pumpkins in one hour. Wow was he ever amazing!! He did a classic basic carving in about five minutes and then took his time showing various carving techniques as he created an amazing skeleton before our very eyes!

















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September	26	75	33	$659,900	$654,000
August	26	53	49	$639,900	$630,000
July	26	78	50	$622,000	$604,000
June	26	79	49	$670,000	$655,000
May	26	83	48	$694,450	$692,500
April	26	71	27	$690,000	$685,000
March	26	49	39	$700,000	$690,000
February	26	42	36	$689,950	$680,000
January	26	48	23	$625,000	$620,000
December	25	51	47	$639,900	$625,000
November	25	66	45	$629,900	$612,500

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Presence, Not Presents: What Does Christmas Really Mean?

by Rebecca Pink



There's a certain feeling that comes with Christmas. The lights begin to appear and twinkle, familiar traditions find their way back into our every day, and there's an excitement in the air that makes it feel like a little magic is just around the corner. As a mom, there is nothing quite like seeing the season through my daughters' eyes and finding so much joy in their anticipation, excitement, and creativity.

But I will admit, I'm sometimes a little slower to get there. I know, like so many of you out there, how much goes into creating that magic, and it can feel like a lot! The shopping, the planning, the decorating, the baking, and all the little things that somehow find their way onto the Christmas to-do list. We do all these things lovingly, but between the planning, shopping, wrapping, gatherings and countless little details, December can quickly become a season of doing rather than being.

In my work, I have the privilege of hearing people's stories and learning about the things that matter most to them. I often see how expectations, perfectionism, and anxiety can make it difficult for people to slow down and enjoy the moments that they're working so hard to create. Maybe this Christmas one question worth asking ourselves is this: what are we doing because we genuinely love it and actually want to do it, and what are we doing because we feel we should.

For some, Christmas also carries grief, loneliness, financial pressures, or complicated family relationships. Maybe we can give ourselves permission to simplify a little, say no when we need to, and let go of the pressure to make everything perfect, and maybe more importantly, offer ourselves the same kindness and understanding we so often extend to the people we love.

Perhaps the magic of Christmas isn't something we need to work so hard to create, but something we allow ourselves to experience when we slow down and become more present. Maybe the greatest gift we can give ourselves and one another is a little less pressure, a little more grace, and the time to simply enjoy being together.

Wishing you a peaceful and meaningful holiday season.



HERITAGE CALGARY



"First public Christmas tree in Central Park, Calgary, Alberta." 1914-12-24, (Cu1122821) by unknown. Courtesy of Glenbow Library and Archives Collection, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary.

In 1914, during the hardships of the First World War, several Calgary citizens led by Mr. E.J. Riley organized a local branch of the Canadian Christmas Tree League. Their goal was to bring the community together through a public celebration and spread happiness during a difficult time.

The Calgary branch of the league was successfully launched on December 12, 1914. Soon afterward, plans were made to raise a public Christmas tree approximately 40 feet tall in Central Park, which is now known as Central Memorial Park.

According to *The Calgary Albertan*, the tree "will be prettily lighted and surmounted with a large cross or star." The newspaper also promised Santa Claus would arrive in a sled "drawn by the best team of reindeer Calgary can produce."

The celebration aimed to do more than mark the holiday. Organizers hoped it would "gladden hundreds of children and parents, and help them to forget, during the Christmas season at least, the sorrow spread over the land by the war." For families worried about loved ones, the event offered a welcome moment of joy, hope, and togetherness.

Although Calgary's new public Christmas tree tradition was interrupted later during the war, it returned to Central Park in 1922. Annual Christmas light-ups became a familiar part of the city's holiday season. After Olympic Plaza opened in 1987 ahead of the 1988 Winter Olympics, it became another home for Calgary's public Christmas tree until the plaza closed for renovations in early 2025. What began as a wartime effort to spread happiness grew into a lasting Calgary tradition.

Learn more about Central Memorial Park on the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources: https://www.heritagecalgary.ca/explore-inventory.

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Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen.
- 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.
- Seek further medical attention as required.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than about 35°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. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation.
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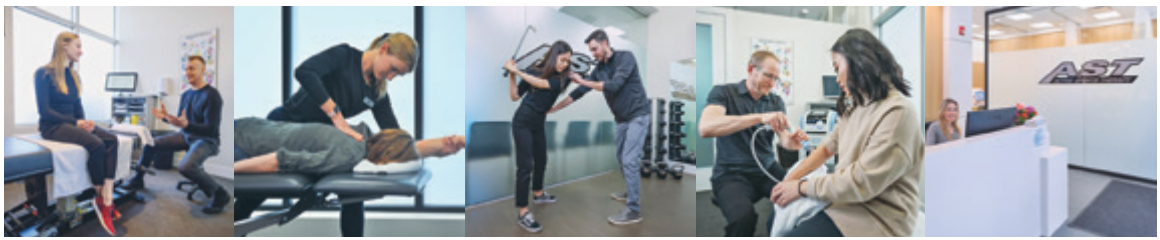

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