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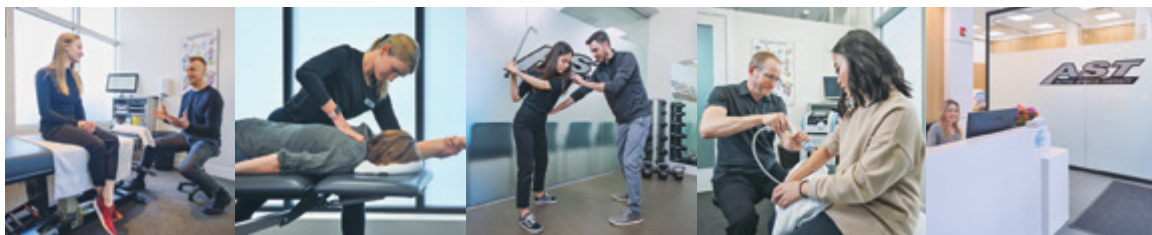
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What is the MCA?

Community Associations are volunteer-led, non-profit organizations that represent specific communities in the city of Calgary. At the Mahogany Community Association (MCA), we believe a strong community is built on inclusion, shared experiences, and the simple feeling that you belong here. Whether you are new to the neighbourhood or have been here for years, we are here to help you meet your neighbours, get involved, and feel at home. Our mission is to create a connected, inclusive, and vibrant Mahogany by bringing people together through meaningful events and programs, celebrating the diverse cultures that make our community unique, speaking up for residential interests, and improving quality of life through thoughtful partnerships and well-used public spaces. We imagine a Mahogany where every voice is heard, every contribution matters, and every resident feels proud to call this place home. We are committed to caring for our environment, supporting resident well-being, and working together so that Mahogany stays one of Calgary's more welcoming and lively communities. Our board consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and six directors who oversee volunteering, collaboration, member benefits, environmental stewardship, communication, and civic engagement. Our focus this year is on growth, engagement, and differentiation, with growing committees in various areas building on the momentum we have created. Through quality engagement, visibility, trust building and responsiveness. We are focused on making Mahogany one of the greatest communities in Calgary. (With member benefits to be proud of).



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.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Mahogany,

Summer doesn't feel over and yet it's back to school time for all our young Mahogonites! Happy September everybody! This is a time for renewed routine, excitement, and busyness. The weather is still gorgeous, and it reminds me of what I love about our special community. I love the pathways, the friendly people, the kids riding bikes, everyone walking their dogs, the front yard gardens, the smell of folks barbecuing, and the sound of birds chirping through the air. Let's enjoy those wonderful remnants of summer as we begin our September schedules.

Aimee

MCA President



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"Hello, I have lived in Mahogany for 11 years and in previous years volunteered with the HOA. I'm excited to join the Mahogany CA and share my passion for the environment as Director of Environmental Stewardship. I have been involved in horticulture and gardening for over 40 plus years and look forward to sharing my knowledge to make Mahogany a more sustainable and earth conscious community."



Plant Talk

We're starting a garden and wetlands Q&A with our Director of Environmental Stewardship Ken. Send us your questions and check back here for Ken's response! Info@mahoganycommunity.ca.

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Not a member yet? Join today and start saving!



Looking To Get Involved?



The Mahogany Community Association (MCA) is looking for residents who want to make a difference and help ensure the voices of their neighbours are heard.

To better represent all areas of our growing community, we have divided Mahogany into zones (see map above) and are looking for one to two volunteers from each zone to join a new community committee.

As a committee member, you'll help bring forward local perspectives and discuss topics that matter to residents, including:

- Traffic and transportation concerns
- Parking issues
- Community events and activities
- Neighbourhood improvements
- Other ideas and opportunities that help make Mahogany an even better place to live

This is a great opportunity to connect with your neighbours, stay informed about community initiatives, and play an active role in shaping the future of Mahogany.

Whether you've lived here for years or are new to the neighbourhood, your input and experience are valuable. By having representation from each zone, we can ensure that concerns, ideas, and opportunities from across the community are heard and considered.

Interested in representing your area? We'd love to hear from you!

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The Bird Blurb



You've seen them around. Maybe you've even heard them tapping on your house. Are they a pest or are they a beautiful part of our local bird inhabitants?

The northern flicker is the most unique and wide-ranging of the woodpeckers. Even with their tree-climbing abilities, flickers have a tendency to hug the ground. With that odd behaviour, their beautiful plumage, and their noisy vocals, flickers definitely stand out amongst their woodpecker family.

Fun fact: Northern flickers do enjoy fruit from time to time, but ants are their cuisine of choice. Their long tongues make them the perfect ant hunters.

Fun fact: Flicker pairs communicate with one another via intimate tapping patterns reserved only for their partner. To announce their territory, they will hammer on the loudest surface they can find.

Fun fact: With partially reversed sex roles, the male northern flickers take the lead in building the nest and taking care of the eggs. However, females do remain slightly involved so it isn't a full role reversal.

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Pawsome Neighbour



Kaito and Saya are retired escape artists who have proudly called Mahogany home for the past six years. These two food-driven pups love humans almost as much as they love snacks, and they've successfully tolerated their own humans for over 10 years now. They love taking advantage of the beautiful greenery Mahogany has to offer on their daily walks and outdoor adventures. If you spot us around the community, there's a good chance Kaito and Saya are busy goofing around, running in circles, or playing an intense game of tag. Fair warning if they get excited meeting you, they may not be able to contain themselves from jumping up for attention and giving out plenty of smooches!

Yard Clean Up

Tips from our resident horticulturalist!

In our area, the goal of fall garden cleanup is to protect plants through harsh winters while preserving habitat for beneficial insects, birds, and soil organisms. Instead of removing everything, focus on selective cleanup.

Leave Some Plant Stems Standing

Many native bees and other beneficial insects overwinter inside hollow or pithy stems.

Leave Seed Heads

Seed heads provide:

- Winter food for birds such as chickadees and finches.
- Shelter for insects.
- Visual interest in snowy landscapes.

Leave the Leaves (Mostly)

Leaf litter is important habitat for butterflies, moths, beetles, spiders, and other wildlife.

Compost Healthy Garden Debris

Protect Young Trees and Shrubs

- Water deeply before the ground freezes.
- Add mulch over the root zone.
- Install tree guards if rabbits, voles, or deer are a problem.

Avoid Excessive Fall Pruning

Many shrubs and perennials benefit from waiting until spring.

Leave Wildlife Habitat

These provide winter shelter for birds, amphibians, beneficial insects, and small mammals.

Plant for Spring

Fall is an excellent time to:

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs.
- Divide hardy perennials.
- Plant hardy trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.

THE FUN RUN OF THE YEAR!

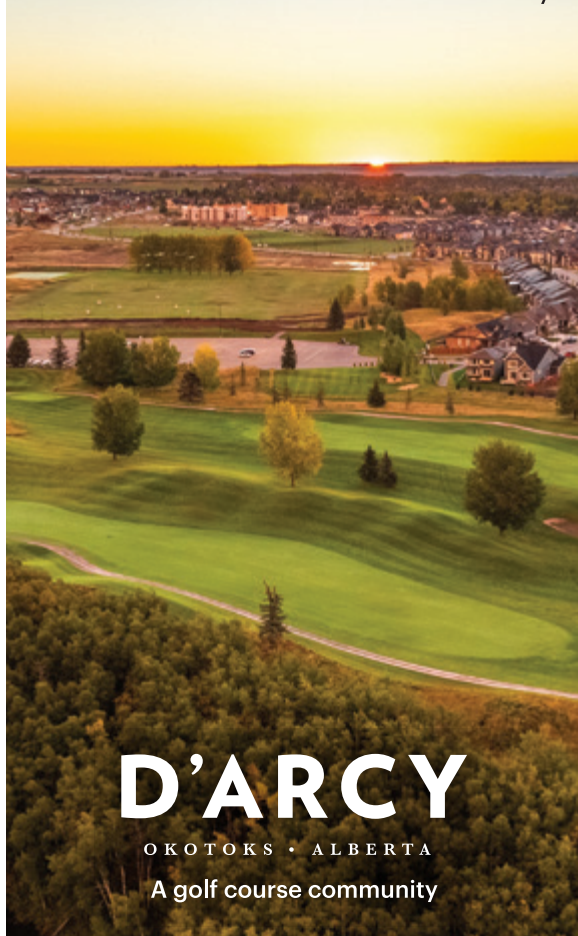
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Back to School Safety

by Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play—road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop—motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights—unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert

and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

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Apple Crisp

by S. Law



If you have had the chance to stop by your local Farmers' Market, I'm sure you've seen an abundance of apples. What better way to deal with such an overhaul then by making something delicious. Personally, my favourite way of using fresh apples is making apple crisp. It's easy, requires almost no tools, and is always a hit. If you've got some apples to spare, why not give it a try!

Ingredients

Filling:

- 2 cups of apples, sliced or chopped
- ½ cup of white sugar
- 2 tablespoons of cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of nutmeg

Base/Topping:

- 1+1/2 cups of rolled oats
- 1 cup of flour
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- ½ cup of butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon of salt

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 425°F degrees and prepare a 9 x 9-inch baking pan.
2. Begin by washing and cutting your apples into thin slices or small chunks. There is no need to peel them unless desired. Place all the apples in a bowl with your white sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Massage everything together until your apples are well coated. If the mixture seems too dry you can add a teaspoon of lemon juice to add a bit more liquid.
3. In another bowl, combine your oats, flour, and salt.
4. Take your butter or margarine and tear it into chunks overtop of the mixture. Begin crumbling the butter between your fingers, turning the dry ingredients into a slightly wet mixture.
5. Press around 1/3 of the oat mixture into the bottom of your pan. Press very firmly to create a solid base.
6. Pour the apples into the pan and spread evenly.
7. Taking the remainder of your oat mixture, add the brown sugar and mix gently, do not fully combine, the lines of brown sugar are what caramelize on top of your crisp.
8. Add the rest of the oat mixture to the top of your crisp, it doesn't need to be pressed, just evenly distributed across the top.
9. Bake in the oven for 30 to 45 minutes until golden and bubbling. Remove it from the oven and let it rest for at least 20 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, or anything else of your choosing!



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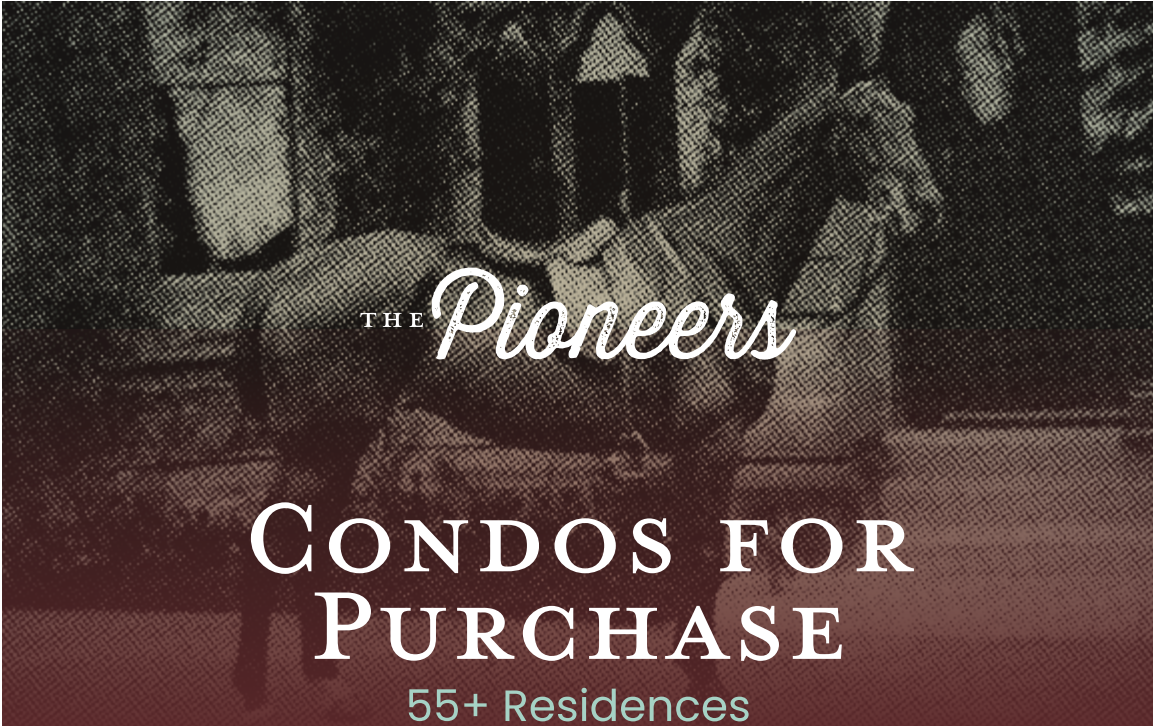
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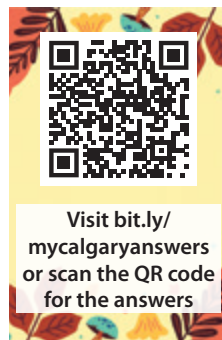
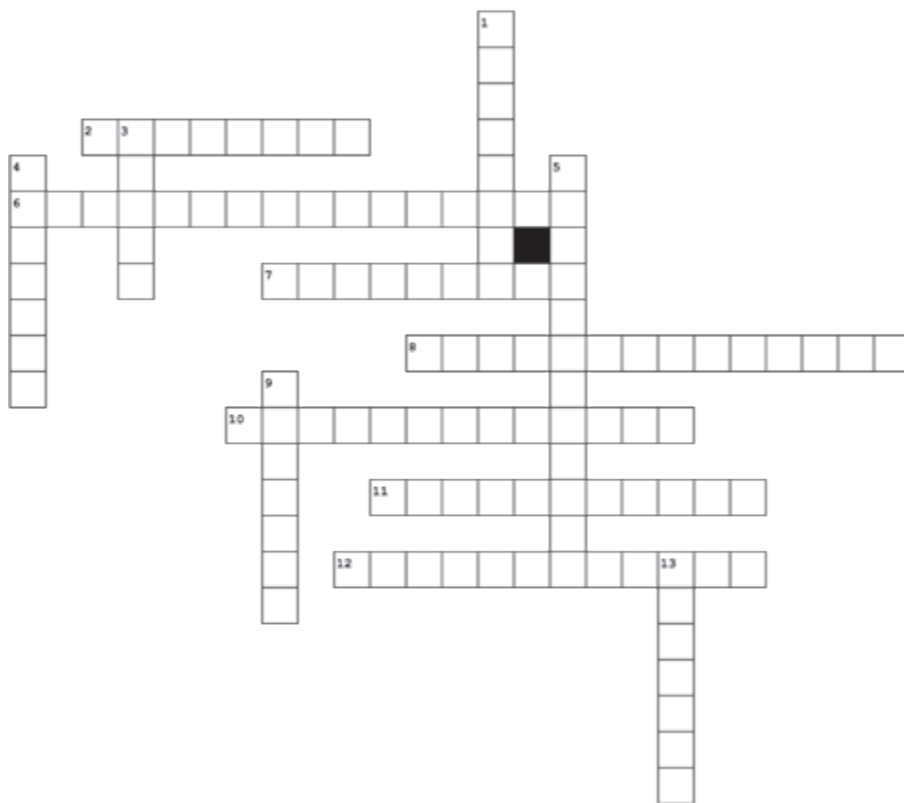
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September Crossword



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2. Used for carrying textbooks and other school supplies, this item is a back-to-school essential.
6. This American band is known for their classic songs, "Let's Groove" and "September."
7. These bears are the smallest variety found in Canada.
8. First airing in 2013, this fun kid's cartoon follows a young boy with his gem companions across the galaxy.
10. Make a stop here in September and you will find a variety of apples, pears, and figs for sale.
11. *The Long Walk*, a film starring Copper Hoffman, is an adaptation of the novel by this famous author.
12. *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess*. The album released September 22, 2023 was written by this up-and-coming pop singer.

Down

1. This vibrant blue stone representing loyalty and the divine is also the birthstone for September.
3. This bright purple flower is considered September's primary birth flower.
4. Born September 4, 1981, in Houston Texas; this famous singer got her start in the girl group Destiny's Child.
5. This English author wrote *Animal Farm* and *1984*. These novels are typically assigned reading in schools even 80 years after their release.
9. In the world of theatre, speaking the name of this Shakespearean play is considered bad luck. Instead, they refer to it as, "The Scottish Play."
13. This mythical beast is sometimes called, "Canadian Nessie."

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Broken Hearts and Broken Investment Portfolios

by Christopher Bungay, Divorce Lawyer



Divorce does not just break your heart. It also breaks up your investment portfolio. According to Alberta law, investments that were acquired during a marriage are defined as family-owned property. This means that, after most divorces in Alberta, each spouse is entitled to 50% of any investments that were purchased during the marriage. There are two important points to remember about this 50/50 splitting rule:

- It applies regardless of which spouse purchased the investments.
- It applies to the initial investment purchase, plus any growth in the investment that occurred during the marriage.

The following scenario of a fictional couple demonstrates how this works: The Johnsons were married in 1990. They did not live together until after the marriage started. Unfortunately, things did not work out, and they separated in May 2026. Shortly after their 1990 wedding, Mr. Johnson bought \$100,000 in shares in the popular fast food chain McDonald's. These shares were bought in his own personal name. His wife, Mrs. Johnson, was not listed as a shareholder. On the date when this couple separated, the McDonald's shares grew in value from \$100,000 to \$4 million dollars. In this scenario, as part of their divorce, Mrs. Johnson would be entitled to 50% (\$2 million) of the total \$4 million in McDonald's shares.

50/50 Applies to RRSP Investments

Even if Mr. Johnson had purchased the McDonald's shares within an RRSP, his wife would still be entitled to 50% of the value. While RRSPs protect your investments from being taxed while they grow over the years, RRSPs do not protect you from the consequences of divorce. If the \$4 million in McDonald's shares were held in Mr. Johnson's RRSP, he would likely be required to transfer \$2 million of these shares into Mrs. Johnson's RRSP account as part of the divorce proceedings.

50/50 Does Not Apply to Investments Before Marriage

The 50-50 split rule does not apply to investments made by one spouse before the relationship began. For example, let's say Mr. Johnson bought \$100,000 in McDonald's shares in 1989, the year before he married Mrs. Johnson. In this scenario, the original \$100,000 investment would belong exclusively to Mr. Johnson alone after the couple separated/divorced. However, Mrs. Johnson would still be permitted to share in any growth in value of the McDonald's shares which occurred after the day they were married. In other words, of the total \$4 million, Mr. Johnson would get \$4.1 million and Mrs. Johnson would get \$3.9 million to account for the initial \$100,000 investment made by Mr. Johnson before their marriage, which belongs exclusively to Mr. Johnson.

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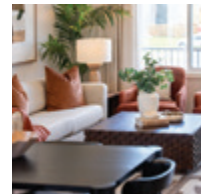
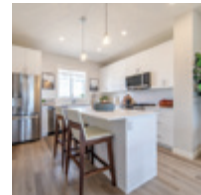
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The American Mink— *Neogale vison*

by Kristina Quapp



The American Mink is a small, amphibious weasel that inhabits wetlands throughout Canada. Weasel refers to slender, small, carnivorous mammals belonging to the family Mustelidae. While the American Mink is most abundant along the coastline of British Columbia, you may have spotted them around Calgary as well!

Minks appear in varying shades of brown and black, often with patches of white on their chest and abdomen. Like beavers, minks have two layers of fur; a dense, insulating underfur that keeps them warm, and an outer layer of fur covered in an oily sheen that prevents water from soaking through to their skin. Unlike other varieties of weasel, the American minks' coat does not turn white in the winter. While their coat grows thicker in the colder months, it remains a dark shade to help them blend into the vegetation along streams, ponds, and riverbanks. Given their habitat, the minks' paws are partially webbed, allowing them to remain dexterous on land and in the water. Minks' can range in size from 1 to 1.8 kg in weight, and roughly 60 cm in length.

During the summer months, the mink's diet shifts to take advantage of warm-weather prey. This often includes crayfish, frogs, fish, and ducks. As the weather cools down, the minks' diet relies heavily on small land mammals including voles, mice, muskrats, and rabbits. Since the mink often resides in the water, thick brush, or on rocky river edges, it has few natural enemies. On occasion, minks will be preyed upon by coyotes, bobcats, large snakes, and birds of prey.

While predators aren't considered major threats to the mink, human activity, habitat loss, and environmental contaminants can affect the population. The minks' unique and luxurious fur remains in high demand in the fur trade. 47 American states and all Canadian provinces currently conduct limited trapping seasons on the mink, with the length of the season varying from place to place. The minks' habitat also plays a crucial role in their conservation. They rely heavily on streams, wetlands, and shores with dense vegetation to provide safe burrows, and prey to feed upon. The expansion of infrastructure development and pesticide application can impact their reproductive success and long-term health.

Mindful Mink Spotting

To see an American mink for yourself, head to densely vegetated waterways and riverbanks, particularly along the Bow River, the Elbow River, and local wetland ponds. Prime spots include the McKenzie Meadows area, Fish Creek Provincial Park, Lafarge Meadows, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Carburn Park, Weaselhead Flats, and Lafarge Meadows. Keep an eye on the water's edge, rocky shores, and amongst the brush. Keep in mind these key points while looking for our furry amphibious friends:

- **Maintain distance:** Use binoculars or a phone lens instead of approaching.
- **Keep waterways clean:** Pack out all trash, including food scraps.
- **Stay on marked trails:** Avoid trampling riverbank vegetation. Walking off trail can degrade the shoreline and damage hidden dens.
- **Never feed wildlife:** Feeding minks can disrupt their natural diet and may teach them to associate humans with food.

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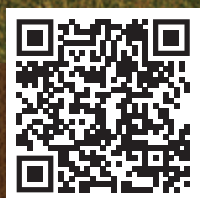
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September's Reflection

by Michelle Macdonald, Letter Writing and Mail Club Enthusiast.

Write about a relatively new social trend that you appreciate.

Dear reader,

Social trends are ever-changing, and many are for the better. One shift in particular is near and dear to my heart: the increasing value our society places on pets.

From the moment I could speak, I began asking for a pet dog. Every single Christmas I placed "dog" at the top of my wish list. The significant pressure I put on both Santa and my parents was to no avail; my parents were not "dog people".

Over three decades later, that yearning for a four-legged, furry friend had never faded. In early 2020, my family began fostering dogs from a local shelter as a "test run" to see if we could handle the responsibility. We quickly realized we could. Each time a foster dog went to their forever home, I grieved their absence. The extra work felt worth it. We were ready.

When the world slowed down in the spring of 2020, a combination of isolation and extra time made the decision to officially adopt our own dog quite easy. We weren't alone; statistics showed that an unprecedented number of Canadians brought a pet into their homes during that time. It drastically accelerated a shift towards celebrating the creatures that provide us with companionship and unconditional love.

Today, society is becoming a friendlier place for pet owners. I've noticed the City of Calgary has become exceptionally welcoming to dogs. New communities are intentionally designed with dog parks, and many outdoor patios welcome our furry friends. We even have a cat café downtown and puppy yoga throughout the city.

Our pandemic puppy, Luna, is six years old this year. She was the piece our family didn't know we were missing until she arrived and made us feel complete. She was worth the wait.

Happy writing,

Michelle

Write It Forward



Now it's your turn to write it forward. Write a friend, neighbour, or family member about our monthly reflection.



Discover, Experience and Celebrate Arts and Culture This September

by The City of Calgary



Calgary Culture Days is back this month—and the city is ready to celebrate. From September 1 to 30, Calgary comes alive with creativity, connection, and the vibrant arts and culture experiences that make our city so special.

Think film screenings, art exhibitions, live performances, festivals, and hands-on experiences—all happening in neighbourhoods across the city. Whether you're bringing the kids, planning a date night, or meeting up with friends, there's always something to discover. Even better, many events are free and family-friendly, making it easy to jump in and explore.

Calgary Culture Days celebrates the artists, organizations, and communities that shape our city's thriving arts and culture scene. It's a chance to connect with local talent, experience different cultures, and see Calgary from a fresh perspective. Behind every event are community members bringing ideas to life—helping make Calgary a more creative, connected, and vibrant place to live.

Start exploring events happening across the city this September at calgary.ca/culturedays.

Curbside Treasure Hunt: One Weekend, Countless Finds.

by The City of Calgary

On September 12 and 13, join the city-wide Curbside Treasure Hunt! Set out gently used items on your curb and label them with a sign saying “free” for neighbours to take and/or explore your neighbourhood for free finds as well. It's a fun and easy way to give your things a second life and keep usable items out of the landfill.

How It Works:

1. Clear the Clutter.

Look around your home for items you no longer need, but someone else might love.

2. Label It “FREE”.

Clearly mark each item with a “FREE” sign so people know it's part of the Treasure Hunt. Download a template at calgary.ca/treasurehunt.

3. Set It Out.

Place your items neatly at the curb Saturday morning.

4. Remove items that are NOT part of the hunt.

Make sure anything on your lawn or on the curb that you plan to keep is removed, put away, or secured so it's clear what's free to take and what's not.

5. Treasure Hunt!

Explore your neighbourhood and discover free finds all weekend long (only take items clearly labelled as “free”).

6. Wrap It Up.

By Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 pm, remove any untaken items from your curb and consider donating them to a local charity.

For safety reasons, **please don't put out** items that could be hazardous or not safe to reuse, such as:

- Mattresses
- Toilets
- Unsafe or recalled items
- Baby gear or safety equipment that may not meet current standards

Do you live in a condo or apartment? You can participate as well! Coordinate with your property manager to establish a shared drop-off location.

Let's keep good things out of the landfill. Happy treasure hunting!



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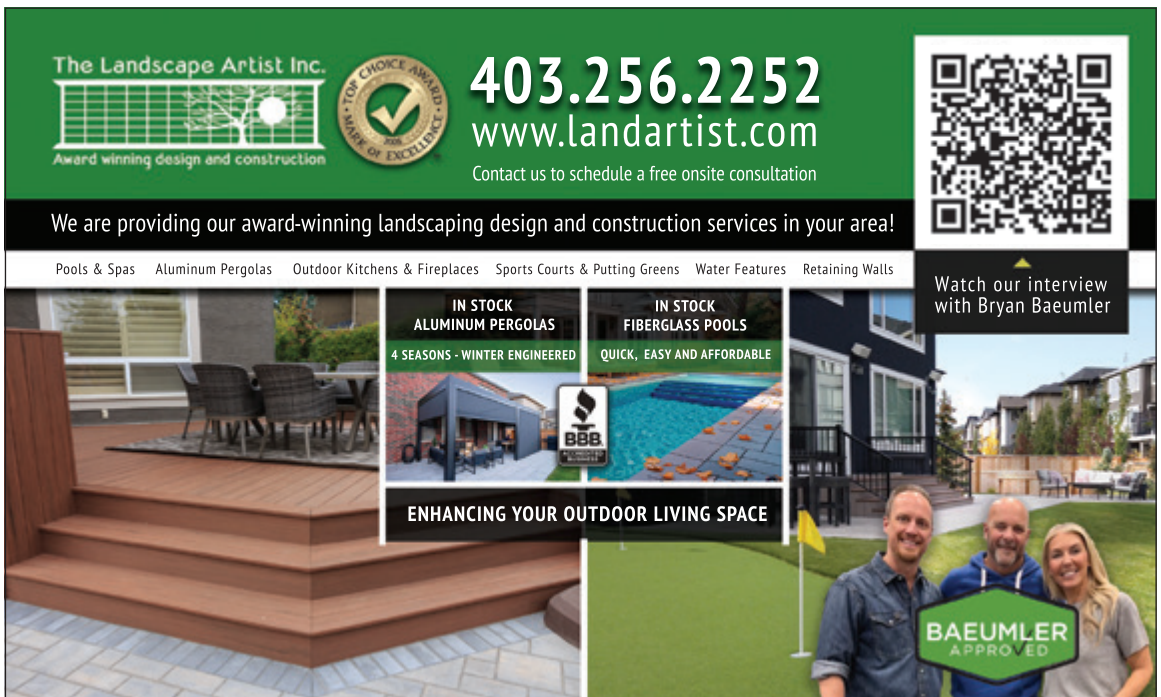
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