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### Rental Information for the Community Centre:

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## McKenzie Lake Preschool

Register online at [mckenzielakecommunity.com](http://mckenzielakecommunity.com)

All Classes have a \$50 non-refundable registration fee that you pay online by credit when registering.

For children, ages three and four, this is a time of wonder, questions and curiosity as well as cognitive, social, emotional, physical learning and development. McKenzie Lake Preschool creates a safe, fun, caring and positive environment that enables the child to have a positive early educational experience.

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### Guess That Animal!

1. Male \_\_\_\_\_ are the only creatures in the animal kingdom to undergo pregnancy and give birth.
2. This tree-hugging marsupial's fingerprints are almost indistinguishable from humans, which has confused some forensic crime scene investigators.
3. This monogamous species mates for life and courts one another by gifting each other pebbles.
4. This large rodent is one of the friendliest in the animal kingdom and has been known to befriend crocodiles, monkeys, dogs, and even humans!
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the only mammal that can truly fly and not simply glide.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are the only venomous primates; their armpits secrete venom that they lick to coat their teeth before attacking and biting.



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### Nature's Ottoman

Capybaras, the largest rodents on Earth, are one of the friendliest creatures in the animal world. They're referred to as "nature's ottomans" because they'll allow birds, monkeys, rabbits, and other small critters to cuddle with them or hitch a ride on their backs. Capybaras will even befriend crocodiles and ride on their backs!

# FRIENDS *of* Fish Creek

## **The September Fish Creek Speaker Series - Bats of Alberta**

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 7:00 to 8:00 pm - Online and in person

Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace, 13931 Woodpath Rd SE

Presented by Susan Holroyd MSc, Calgary Regional Coordinator, Alberta. The Alberta Community Bat Program's mission is to raise awareness of bat conservation issues, help residents manage bats in buildings, and to collect data needed to monitor and better understand bats in the province. Susan Holroyd of the Alberta Community Bat Program will discuss this province's bat species, the threats bats face, the ecological services that they provide, and how Albertans can help with bat conservation. At this presentation, you can also learn about what to do if you find a bat, how to construct a bat house, and have your questions answered about these fascinating flying mammals. Free for Friends members and \$10 for non-members. Free for youth 16 years of age and younger with a registered adult. Registration is required. To register, visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/fishcreekbats](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/fishcreekbats).

## **Dedicate a Bench in Fish Creek and Leave a Lasting Legacy!**

You may have seen Friends' dedication benches throughout Fish Creek Provincial Park. These beautiful and sturdy benches present the perfect opportunity for you to show your support for Fish Creek Provincial Park while providing a comfortable place for park visitors to rest and appreciate nature. If you are interested in a bench, please complete the online dedication bench form. This will ensure that you are added to the waitlist for a bench so that we can contact you in the future when a bench becomes available. There are approximately 105 bench locations in the park and each year several benches become available. In 2024, there will most likely be some benches available in the west end of the park - Bebo Grove, Shannon Terrace, and Marshall Springs areas. Special thanks to Alberta Forestry and Parks and the Venturers Society of Calgary for supporting the Friends in the delivery of this very special program in Fish Creek. For more information, please visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/dedication-bench](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/dedication-bench).



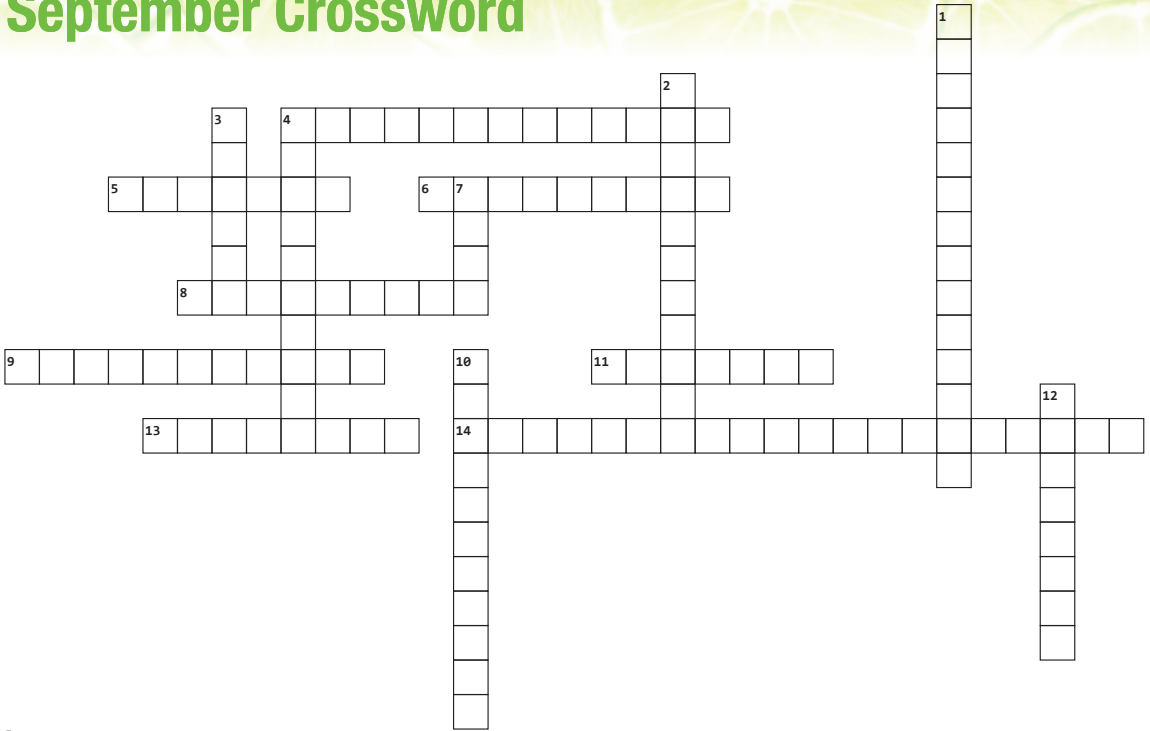
## **Become a Fish Creek Provincial Park Protector Today!**

Fish Creek Provincial Park is a cherished natural green space that we are fortunate to have in the city. All the Friends' programs and activities are designed to help preserve biodiversity and ensure a sustainable park environment so that future generations can enjoy this area as much as we do. We rely on a variety of funding sources like grants, memberships, program fees, sponsorships, fundraising efforts, as well as corporate donations and personal donations from community members like you to support our conservation, stewardship, and engagement activities here in this park. We are inviting community members to become Park Protectors and help support the Friends and the park. Through the Park Protector program, a monthly donation will be effortlessly withdrawn from a credit card of your choosing, and you will receive a valuable tax receipt for your contribution. The Park Protector monthly donor program is the most convenient way to support Fish Creek Provincial Park everyday. For more information on becoming a Park Protector, please visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup).

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# September Crossword

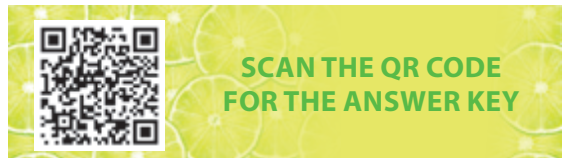


## Across

4. On September 23, 2023, also known as the \_\_\_\_\_, night and day are approximately the same length.
5. On September 1, 1905, this Canadian province was named after Queen Victoria's daughter.
6. Published by John Ronald Reuel on September 21, 1937, this novel is a prequel to one of the most popular fantasy series of all time.
8. On September 13, 1969, CBS aired this cartoon mystery series, and as a result, this day is known as \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
9. Born on September 21, 1947, this well-known horror author's work has been adapted over 50 times for film.
11. Once called the Mayor Daley Marathon, this marathon, which first took place on September 25, 1977, is one of the world's six major marathons, the others being Berlin, Boston, London, New York, and Tokyo.
13. This Kyoto-based company was founded by Fusajiro Yamauchi on September 23, 1889, and originally produced handmade Japanese playing cards.
14. Published by Gaston Leroux on September 23, 1909, this novel was originally published in segments in a French newspaper called *Le Gaulois* but has also been adapted into a film and musical.

## Down

1. Set in the Stone Age, this popular animated family show premiered on September 30, 1960.
2. On September 12, 1970, the \_\_\_\_\_ was the first to launch a robotic probe that brought back rock samples from the Moon to Earth.
3. The Battle of the Plains of Abraham, which lasted 15 minutes and took place on a farm, led to the surrender of this city.
4. On September 13, 1899, the first ever recorded fatal \_\_\_\_\_ crash occurred in the United States.
7. This iconic Enrique Iglesias song was released on September 3, 2001.
10. This coming-of-age novel, set in 19th century Massachusetts and written by Louisa May Alcott, was published on September 30, 1868.
12. International \_\_\_\_\_ Day is observed on the third Saturday of September and is intended to bring awareness to this endangered, ring-tailed mammal.





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The McKenzie Lake Residents Association is a non-profit organization geared towards providing a wide array of recreational services, programs and facilities for our members and their guests. We serve 3,200 residents and over 11,000 members and their families. In addition to the lake, members have access to tennis courts, basketball courts, a beach volleyball area, a toboggan hill and other recreational activities.

McKenzie Lake is a 43 acre lake combined with an 18 acre park for a total of 61 acres. The Association provides its members with access to equipment such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats. To ensure a safe and fun environment, we provide life jackets for boating purposes. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout in May, June and September of each year. In the winter time the Association provides a variety of skating surfaces including illuminated hockey rinks, an ice skating pad with a fire pit, and a 2.5 kilometre skating path around the lake. Skating areas are machine groomed with our own zamboni.

The Beach Club facility also has a function hall available to rent exclusively for the members.

The activities of the Association are determined and governed by an elected board of Directors comprising at least three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) members, that is, residents of the McKenzie Lake Residents Association. The Board of Directors have hired a General Manager who has been assigned responsibility for managing the day-to-day operations of the Association including the operations at the lake complex.

*Board of Directors, McKenzie Lake Residents Association*

## RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

### Stargazing with Pat J

#### Supernova: Going Out With a Bang

*by Patricia Jeffery © 2023 Calgary Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada*



In 1054, Chinese astronomers noticed a new star that was so bright that it was visible during the daytime for three weeks before slowly fading from view.

Every star begins life as a cloud of gas and dust. Gravity causes the cloud to condense which increases pressure and temperature until nuclear fusion occurs in the core and the star ignites. As hydrogen is converted into helium, energy is released, which produces an outward force that counteracts gravity, creating a delicate equilibrium that can persist for millions, even billions of years.

The fusion reaction in a massive star needs to happen at a faster rate in order to sustain the balance with gravity. As a result, these stars burn brighter and hotter, shortening their life span in some cases to only a few million years.

When a star runs out of hydrogen, the core can no longer generate energy by nuclear fusion, but as it contracts, heat is generated, which causes the star's outer layers to expand and cool, transforming the star into a red giant.

After converting all the helium to carbon, the star works its way through the periodic table, fusing elements which produce less and less energy until it arrives at iron, which unfortunately produces zero energy. Suddenly unopposed, gravity squeezes the core, raising its temperature to over 100 billion degrees Celsius. The pressure is so great that electrons and protons combine to form neutrons. The moment this occurs, the compressed neutrons rebound with such force that they overcome gravity and the star explodes. If the recoil isn't strong enough, gravity will crush the core into infinity, creating a black hole.

The supernova that the Chinese astronomers witnessed is known today as M1: the Crab Nebula. Located in constellation Taurus, M1 is all that remains of a star ten times larger than our Sun; yet, its heart still beats in the form of a wildly spinning neutron star, which like a lighthouse, ejects twin beams of radiation out into space at 30 pulses per second.



## Facility Status

Please visit our website at [www.mlra.ca](http://www.mlra.ca) for all information regarding the park status. Changes can come into effect at any time so please visit the website prior to coming to the facility.

## Grants from the Alberta Government

On behalf of the members of the McKenzie Lake Residents Association, the Board of Directors extends a big thank you to the Alberta Government for their generous donations through the Alberta Lottery Fund to help fund renovations completed to the interior and exterior of the buildings over the last couple years. Thank you, Alberta!

The most recent grant we received was to help fund a large project that will completely change the park. The concrete pad and surrounding area have been upgraded substantially and now include a basketball/bounce court, a deck with a trellis feature and fire pit, new seating areas, upgraded paving stone pathways, artistic letters for play, new trees and shrubs, and an ice trail that will be a skating loop in the winter. We hope you enjoy!

## Annual Membership Fees

Fees for the 2023/24 season were invoiced this past March and were due May 1. Normally fees are due April 1, but we extended the date to May 1 this year due to notices going out later than usual. If you haven't already done so, please pay your fees as soon as possible. We are now denying access to members with outstanding fees. You can access your invoice via PerfectMind, which is a web-based system we are currently using for our member database. You should have already received a few emails from us with instructions on how to access your account. If you are having troubles accessing your account, please email the office at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca).

Important: Membership fees are mandatory, not optional. Membership fee charges are secured by an encumbrance which is registered on the title to your property. If you are not sure whether you must pay the fee, please review the most updated version of your certificate of title and determine if there is an encumbrance registered by McKenzie Lake Residents Association. If there is an encumbrance on the title,

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## Programs

We offer affordable youth and adult programs all year round and we have a fall lineup coming up! Visit our website at [www.mlra.ca](http://www.mlra.ca) for a full list of programs. You can also contact [programs@mlra.ca](mailto:programs@mlra.ca) with any questions or concerns. Programs fill up quickly so register today!

## Beach Club Rentals

The Beach Club is open and available to our members for rent. Contact the office today for additional information at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca). Bookings must be made with the main office.

## Volunteer Committee

We are currently recruiting members to fill positions on our volunteer committee. Volunteers will primarily be responsible to help with special events. Our goal is to offer more fun activities and special events throughout the year, and we need volunteers to make it happen! The Committee will be responsible for all fundraising and organizing of the events. If you would like to see more events and activities offered and are willing to donate your time, then please contact us today at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca).

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January	23	9	9	\$559,900	\$585,000
December	22	6	8	\$498,950	\$481,000
November	22	5	14	\$436,900	\$436,375
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