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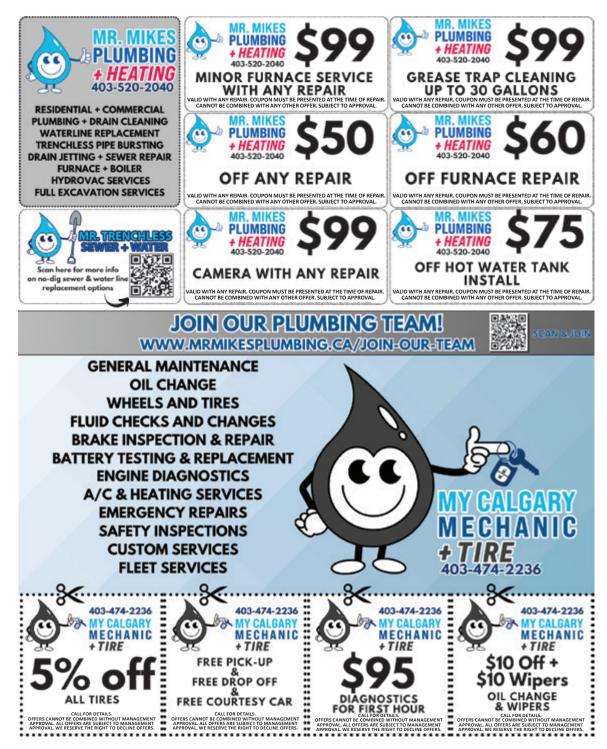


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We are looking for people to join our volunteer base and lend a helping hand with community events such as, Stampede Shutdown, Community Clean Up, Annual Casino Fundraising, etc. If you would like to be added to this list, please visit our website and subscribe to our volunteer newsletter. You will find this under the Your Community tab – Community Events!

#### If you're interested in volunteering on our Association's Board of Directors, please send an email to our Board President at president@midsun.org.

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#### **RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES**

# The Many Faces of Canada



by Danielle Robbertze

"My dream is for people around the world to look up and to see Canada like a little jewel sitting at the top of the continent." – Tommy Douglas

July 1, 1867, marks the day the British North America Act was decreed which set the way for the celebration of Canada Day. As an immigrant of Canada, it is always such a delight to see the diversity in culture, race, religion, and ethnicity being celebrated. I understand, as with any country, there is always room for improvement in establishing a truly democrat, equal society. However, I feel Canada is often a leader in this regard and an exemplary example of equity, diversity, and national pride.

Canada is not represented by only one face but by many. It is important to honour those who first called Canada home. The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples have overcome significant adversity to shape the foundation of this beautiful country. Never giving up, they continue to impart their important cultural contributions all over the nation.

Canada is one of the most welcoming nations, with over 8 million immigrants according to 2021 statistics. This means that nearly one-quarter of Canada's population consists of immigrants or former immigrants (who have now obtained citizenship). Immigrants help shape the diverse fabric of Canada, contributing positively to its multiculturalism and fostering a culture of acceptance for all people.

Canadian citizens cannot be defined by just one race, ethnicity, or culture and this is something I find so fascinating and which I hope others do too. Throughout the year, there are so many festivals and gatherings that celebrate the diversity of Canada, and I know this will be no different on July 1.

Happy Canada Day to everyone who calls this wonderful jewel of a country home.





Mid-Sun Community Centre will be undergoing a Roof Replacement during the Summer. This will result in a building closure to Staff & Public from June 27th - TBA (September) (Administration staff will be available by email only)

We are eager to re-open post-September long weekend. However, with the uncertainty of construction, we can not guarantee an exact date. Follow our social media and website for updates on re-opening.

Mid-Sun Community Association would also like to give a very big thank you to two organizations in particular. This renovation would never have been made posible without Grant Funding from the following:

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# **Oh Kanata!**

The name "Canada" comes from "Kanata", a Huron-Iroquois word for village. However, in 1535, explorer Jacques Cartier misunderstood the meaning of this word. The Iroquois used the word to tell Cartier the way to Stadacona (now known as Quebec City). But Cartier thought it referred to the entire region, and the name stuck!



# Word of the Month

Tintinnabulation: noun (tin-tin-nab-u-la-tion)

A sound which emulates a ringing, jingling, or tinkling of bells.

The orchestra played a composition where the percussion section summoned a ceaseless tintinnabulation, creating a wonderful echo of sound.

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We are excited for our summer season.

Our rule reminder of the month is Number 15 which states that briquette fired barbeques are provided for use by members and their guests. Members are responsible to supply their own charcoal briquettes and starting fluid. Members may also bring in portable propane barbeques. No other combustible fuel, wood, or otherwise is to be used. Open fires are not permitted.

As always, please remember to bring your own life jackets if you intend to venture past the swimming area. The safety of our members and their guests is our primary concern.

#### Movie on the Beach

Save the date, our Movie on the Beach event is scheduled for August 10, 2024. Details to follow.

#### **President's Message**

I want to thank all the members who were able to come out to the AGM this past month. We appreciate your interest and involvement in the meeting.

Happy Canada Day! We enjoy seeing the beach full as we enjoy each and every summer day we are given. Please be mindful of safety as you take in the sun. There are ropes and rescue flotation rings posted at various signs along the beach, fishing shore, and dock should it ever be needed. We always intend to have a fun day at the lake - please just make a quick note of the safety features when you come to play. The lake is a little deeper this year courtesy of some timely rain... please familiarize yourself with the depth of the swim area and use the appropriate safety gear.

We love to see your pictures. Consider tagging the lake when you post your time at the lake on social media. Show us your tennis, pickleball, basketball, disc golf, picnic, or playground pictures. It's rewarding to see the lake being enjoyed by members and their quests.

See you at the lake,

Jen Hawkins

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For more information, visit calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere.

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# Summer Fresh Strawberry and Avocado Salad

#### by Jennifer Puri

Avocado is a large berry with a single seed and has much more fat than other fruit. Grown mostly in Central America and Mexico avocado trees can live up to 400 years.

Avocados have yellow or green flesh, a nutty flavour and are very popular in vegetarian cuisine. They are considered "heart-friendly" as their fat is monounsaturated plus they are gluten and cholesterol free and contain vitamins B, E, K, omega three fats, and potassium.

Loaded with fibre, avocados can be added to smoothies, used as a substitute for meat in salads and sandwiches, and as a spread on tortillas or sushi.

The flesh of avocados can be prevented from browning by adding lime or lemon juice. Avocado slices can be added to hamburgers, soups or served with fresh strawberries and spinach leaves as shown in this recipe for Summer Fresh Strawberry and Avocado Salad.

#### Prep Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

#### Ingredients:

- 150 gm fresh spinach leaves
- 500 gm fresh strawberries cut in halves
- 2 avocados
- 1/2 small red onion, finely sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded almonds
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup olive oil
- 1 tbsp. grainy Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsps. maple syrup
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. coarsely ground black pepper

#### Directions:

 Prepare dressing by combining the olive oil, Dijon mustard, maple syrup, lemon juice, salt and black pepper in a small bowl or jar, blend well and set aside.



 Place the washed spinach, strawberries, and sliced onion in a large bowl. Peel the avocados, remove the seeds, slice, and add to the salad mixture. Drizzle with the prepared dressing and gently toss until all the ingredients are combined. Garnish with shaved almonds and serve.

Bon Appétit!



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Parkland Cares and Bonavista Cares will be accepting donations for backto-school supplies at the BBQ. They are looking for new items such as pens, pencils, pencil cases, notebooks, binders, and backpacks. Please drop off your donations at their table or arrange a time to deliver them to my office.

I look forward to seeing you at my Stampede BBQ!

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca or 403-278-4444.

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