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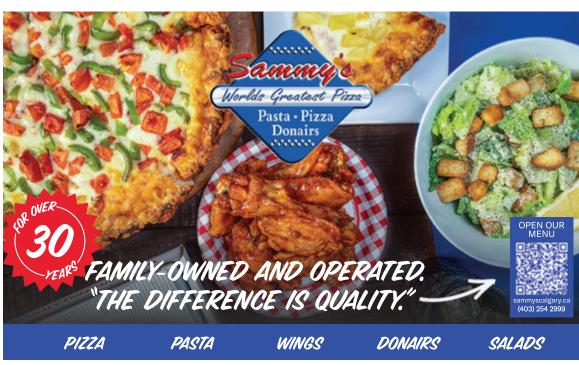
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#### If you're interested in volunteering on our Association's Board of Directors, please send an email to our Board President at president@midsun.org.

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## Mid-Sun Social Seniors' Group

Welcome April! Welcome Spring! Mid-Sun seniors are a vibrant group of diverse people who gather together to socialize and enjoy what each day brings. With the support and guidance of the Mid-Sun Community Association Board and the assistance of the MSCC office staff and facility operator, a small committee of senior volunteers organize and plan events that local 55+ residents attend. In 2025, we have expanded weekly card and games events to two sessions in order to accommodate growing numbers. Evening Bingo games returned to the delight of enthusiastic players. Members gather monthly to enjoy a meal in a local pub or restaurant and meet occasionally to share a potluck meal. In February, the weather co-operated to provide a mild day for an annual, well-attended wiener roast. During each event, the atmosphere created provided an accepting, welcoming space.

As the year continues, the committee is working to offer potlucks, celebrate special days, invite speakers to share knowledge on topics of interest to seniors, plan picnics at the community lakes, and explore other outings and events. We encourage all community seniors to join us. For further information on our activities, please contact seniors@mid-sun.org.

The Mid-Sun Seniors are proud to support Calgary Food Banks. We have a donation box available each Thursday for members to contribute non-perishable items. During the November 14, 2024, to February 27, 2025, time period, our card group donated 489 items, weighing 508 lbs., and added a generous cash donation to the Hope Mission for Calgary families. We are currently collecting food items for the Calgary Veterans. Well done, seniors!

#### **April Events**

#### **Cards and Games at MSCC**

## Thursday, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00 am to noon or 1:30 to 3:30 pm

We play a variety of games at all levels from beginner (we teach) to expert. Coffee, tea, and snacks provided at no charge. After an initial "check-us-out session", participants will be required to hold a MSCA membership.

#### Bingo at MSCC Monday, April 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

This is a cash only event. Cards are available at \$5 for a pack of ten cards. Ten games will be called with cash prizes. A small cash concession will be available. Registration and MSCA membership required.

#### Pub Nite at Swiss Chalet (265 Shawville Blvd SE) Tuesday, April 29, 5:00 to approximately 7:00 pm

We have reserved this space for our group. Each person is responsible for their own bill plus a standard large group 18% tip. The menu is varied. If you plan to attend, please register at seniors@midsun.org.

For further information or to be added to our information e-mails, please contact seniors@midsun.org or 403-254-8058.



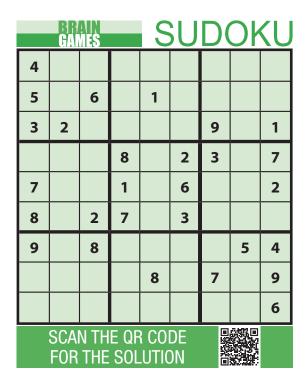
## **Mid-Sun Community Garden**

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## GAMES & PUZZLES Guess the Flower!

- 1. This flower's colour depends on the acidity of the soil.
- 2. Named after the Greek messenger of the gods, this flower comes in nearly all colours of the rainbow except red.
- 3. Despite misconceptions, this spring-blooming bulbous plant is not officially the Dutch national flower.
- 4. This prickly pink plant became Alberta's floral emblem in 1930.
- 5. The national flower of South Africa belongs to one of the oldest families of flowering plants on Earth approximately 300 million years!
- 6. This flower's Greek name, Galanthus, translates to "milk flower".





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# Joke of the Month



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Thank you to everyone who attended my town hall last month with Ministers Schulz, Fir, Jones, and Mclver 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.

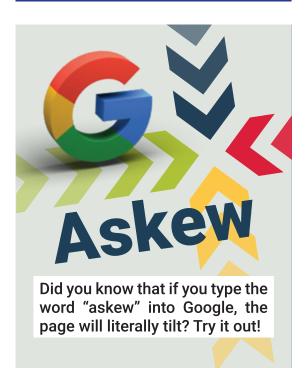
To support Alberta's rapidly growing population, we are making historic investments in education and health care, with the largest budgets ever allocated to these critical sectors. Additionally, the budgeted contingency provision has been increased to \$4 billion to manage potential cost pressures, respond to natural disasters, and accommodate upcoming public sector bargaining agreements with nurses, teachers, and other employees, as well as address potential tariff impacts.

For all those in the community celebrating, I would like to wish you and your family a happy Easter. If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office at Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca.

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#### Instagram

Did you know we have an Instagram page? Have a look and follow our page.

#### **Annual Fees**

Please remember that your annual lake fees were due on January 1, 2025. Any accounts with outstanding balances as of January 31, 2025, will be denied access to the park.

#### **Tennis Lessons**

Please follow our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages. We will be offering both adult and child tennis lessons in the spring (starting in May).

Child classes will be on Wednesday nights and adult classes will be on Friday nights.

#### Save the Date

- Saturday, April 19 Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Hunt. (Please note that you must pre-register for this event – details will be on the website, Facebook, and Instagram)
- Thursday, June 19 Annual General Meeting

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