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The Simpsons



The Simpsons made their grand debut on Fox with the holiday episode "Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire" on December 17, 1989. That means Homer, Marge, Bart. Lisa, and Maggie have been making us laugh for 35 years — and counting!





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PARKLAND HALL WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAIN ROOM:					
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	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658		
	8:00 to 9:30 pm	Karate (private booking)			
TUESDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083		
	1:15 to 2:45 pm	Bliss Yoga	rosemary@blissyogacalgary.ca		
	5:30 to 7:45 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083		
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658		
	1:00 to 5:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
	6:30 to 8:00 pm	Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597		
THURSDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083		
	2:00 to 5:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
	5:15 to 7:45 pm	Vanshaw Dance Academy	vanshawacademy@gmail.com		
FRIDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083		
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658		
	1:00 to 7:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
	6:00 to 9:00 pm	Baha'i Community of Calgary	403-278-7307		
SATURDAYS	8:45 to 9:45 am	Pilates	engagemobilepilates@gmail.com		
	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Shakthi Shethralaya Indian Classical Dance	403-667-7689		
	12:00 to 5:00 pm	Light of Jesus - The Feast (Third Saturday of each month)	604-349-9573		
SUNDAYS	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597		
	3:30 to 6:30 pm	Keys of Kingdom Church	403-370-5604		
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MONDAYS	9:00 am to 6:30 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
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TUESDAYS	9:00 am to 5:30 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
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	6:30 to 8:00 pm	Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597		
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	7:00 to 9:00 pm	Parkland Board Meeting (Last Thursday of each month)	403-278-5330		
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Bow View Ringette (One Thursday a month)	www.bowviewringette.com		
FRIDAYS	9:00 am to 12:30 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330		
	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Parkland Book Club (Third Friday of each month)	403-278-5462		
	6:00 to 9:00 pm	Baha'i Community of Calgary	403-278-7307		
SATURDAYS	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Knitting classes	403-278-5330		
	10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Military Classes	703-270-3330		

Please contact Erika at parklandca@telus.net or 403-278-5330 for hall rental information or to view. Remember: Parkland Community Association members receive a discounted rental rate.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Knitting at the Hall December 7

Knitting lessons on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to noon.

The cost is \$50 and community membership is required. You don't need to live in Parkland to purchase a membership! If you do not have a membership, one can be readily purchased from the office. The cost is \$25.

Drop-in is now available - the charge is \$15 per drop-in.

You don't have to sign up for all classes, doing drop-in as needed is fine!

To register, email the hall at parklandca@telus.net.

If you have any questions regarding suitable projects, or any questions at all, feel free to email the hall at parklandca@telus.net or phone 403-278-5330.

Parkland Hall Has a Meeting Room That Can Hold Meetings, Training Sessions, and Tutoring Sessions!

Parkland hall's meeting room has audio visual equipment included as part of the rental cost. Our meeting room holds up to 20 people and there are tables that can be folded and moved aside if need be. We have daytime spots available and some later evenings, as well as Saturday afternoons.

Give the hall a call at 403-278-5330 if interested, or email parklandca@telus.net.



Parkland's Community Cleanup

Judging by the amount collected, the cleanup was a whopping success! Following is an account of what was gathered:

- Four full garbage trucks of material which included lots of decks and fences, mattresses, and ancient furniture
- One full metal bin
- 2,900 kilograms of electronics
- One truck of donations

There were non-stop cars from 8:30 am to 1:45 pm! Thanks to the volunteers, Josh and Rich on 'Metal', Our awesome Greeter Steve, and the muscles helping remove items from your vehicles and trailers, Mario, Mike, John, Dawson, and Stacey. Nick from The Gardener also used their truck to help neighbours move large and bulky items!

To the community, a big thank you as we raised over \$400 from the collection of beverage containers and cash donations for Parkland Cares Christmas initiatives. Our tummies were full thanks to MLA Myles McDougall and No Frills, who donated gift cards used for food, water, and power snacks for our team. We greatly appreciate your support. Performance Waste, Technotrash, and Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta also helped make the day a success. Next year, watch for notices to volunteer and join our team!

Halloween Party

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parkland Community Association Halloween Dance. Judging by the number of cars parked at the hall and on the streets around the hall, it was a well-attended event! There were so many fabulous costumes and decorated cakes, it was hard to choose the winners! A special thanks to our sponsors and those who donated; our MLA Myles McDougall who donated candy and jellybeans for our 'guess the jellybeans in the jar contest' and to the City of Calgary for providing signage leading up to our event.

Baseline DJ and Photo Booth did a great job helping us dance the night away in their costumes. Attendees were able to enjoy food from the Blues Delight Food Truck, and last, most importantly, thank you to the organizers Lana Bedard, Mary Simon-Johnston of Jamie Newton and Associates, and our volunteers whose assistance was invaluable: Corey, Claire and Noah Simon-Johnston, Lisa, Jason, Jacelyn and Gia Gallant, Willow Anderson, Connor Haight, Jennifer Rocker, Pat Teed, and Blake Robinson.



Parkland Cares

Parkland Cares is a community-based organization of families and neighbours committed to helping others.



Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas to all our Parkland friends and community members. Let's spread some joy! At this time of year, it can be very fulfilling to lend a helping hand and heart to others in need. We have several opportunities to contribute this season!

This Is Our Ninth Year Helping the Senior Secret Service! Early in November we received the profiles for six seniors. Teams then shop/buy, wrap, label, and deliver the gifts to a designated Calgary Police Station. It's a great way to spread some holiday cheer.

Warm Feet on the Street: From November 1 to 22, we collected toiletries and warm socks for the Calgary Drop-In Centre for "Warm Feet Warm Hearts". There were so many generous donations. Thank you to all who contributed and volunteered. As well as a huge thanks to the Lake Bonavista Community Association for the room to assemble the packs.

Fish Creek United Church Adopt-A-Family: We are hoping to make teams again and help one to two local families fill their Christmas wish lists. Let us know if you would like to help spread Christmas Cheer.

Grocery Gift Card Collection: Can you contribute a grocery gift card or two? We will be collecting grocery cards to help local families in need celebrate the season. Families to receive the cards will be identified through local schools. Runs December 1 to 17. Drop off at Park96 office or mailbox.

Take care and take time for kindness.

Please contact us if you have ideas for ways to encourage strong community connections, or if you would like to help with any of our planned events.

Parkland Cares Calgary

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Absquatulate: Verb (ab-skwoch-uh-leyt)

To run away or leave abruptly.

The sneaky cat managed to absquatulate any time the door was open.

Five Benefits of Longer-Term Therapy

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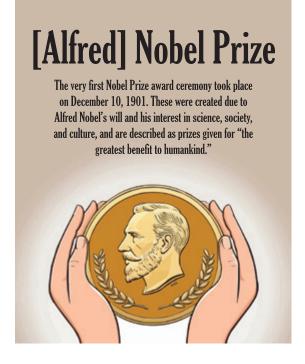
Longer-term therapy offers a more comprehensive, sustainable, and transformative approach to mental health compared to crisis management. While both approaches serve important roles; longer-term therapy provides deeper benefits beyond immediate relief, by addressing the root causes of psychological distress and fostering long-lasting personal growth.

- 1. Addresses Root Causes Crisis management focuses on immediate stabilization and symptom relief. Its primary goal is to help us regain control in acute moments of psychological distress or trauma. While this is vital in emergencies, crisis management often lacks the time or depth to explore the underlying causes of our mental health challenges. Longer-term therapy allows us to delve into the root causes of our issues that may stem from our childhood experiences, unresolved trauma, or ingrained behavioural patterns. By addressing these underlying factors we can work through our long-standing issues, leading to more profound and enduring changes in our mental health.
- 2. Develops Self-Awareness One key advantage of longer-term therapy is the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of ourselves over time. Therapy is a journey of self-exploration where we learn to recognize patterns in our thoughts, emotions, and behaviours. Conversely, crisis management doesn't usually allow the time needed for introspection. With regular sessions over time, we can identify our emotional triggers, unhealthy coping patterns, or self-defeating behaviours. This heightened self-awareness helps us not only resolve our current issues but helps to prevent future crises due to the healthier strategies we've adopted through longer-term practice and accountability.

- **3. Builds A Therapeutic Relationship** The relationship between the therapist and ourselves is a crucial element of our healing process. In longer-term therapy, the relationship has the chance to develop trust, safety, openness, and healthy boundaries attachment. Overtime, we may feel more comfortable in sharing deeply personal experiences, feelings, and vulnerabilities that might not have surfaced during a short-term crisis intervention. This formation of trust creates a space where we can process painful emotions and difficult truths, allowing us to work through our challenges more effectively. Unfortunately, crisis management often doesn't allow for the time necessary for such a deep therapeutic relationship to form.
- **4. Prevents Relapse** Crisis management is reactive. It helps us cope with a crisis after it has occurred. It may provide immediate relief, but it does little to prevent future episodes. Longer-term therapy takes a proactive approach to mental health. Through ongoing support, we can build coping strategies, resilience and emotional regulation skills that reduce the likelihood of future crises. By working through the issues that contributed to past crisis, we can learn to manage stressors more effectively, decreasing the chances of relapse or recurrence of acute mental health episodes.
- **5. Personal Growth and Transformation** Longer-term therapy is not only about symptom reduction; it's also about personal growth and transformation. In the process of therapy, we often discover new aspects of ourselves, develop a stronger sense of identity, and cultivate a greater capacity for emotional and relational intimacy. This leads to a more fulfilling and authentic life, which crisis management, with its focus on immediate stabilization, cannot provide. Longer-term therapy encourages growth beyond just managing symptoms, helping us to thrive, not just survive.

While crisis management is necessary for short-term stabilization during emergencies, longer-term therapy offers a far more in-depth and sustainable approach. It allows us to explore root causes of our distress, build self-awareness, foster a strong therapeutic relationship, prevent future crises, and experience deep personal transformation. These benefits make longer-term therapy a more effective and holistic option for achieving lasting mental health and well-being.







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Building a Brighter Alberta: Progress Update for 2024

As we close out 2024, the Government of Alberta is making strong strides to improve affordability, strengthen essential services, enhance community safety, and protect the rights of Albertans. Here's a look at some key achievements from this year.

Affordable Housing and Education Expansion

Alberta is on track for a record year in housing, with nearly 30,000 new homes under construction from January through August—an impressive 44% increase over 2023. In education, the School Construction Accelerator Program (SCAP) is investing \$8.6 billion to create 200,000 new student spaces across the province, preparing for Alberta's growing K to 12 student population.

Healthcare Improvements

To better recruit and retain healthcare professionals, Alberta has introduced a competitive compensation package for resident physicians. As a result, the province had over 12,000 registered doctors by the end of September, a gain of more than 500 compared to last year.

Protecting Alberta's Energy Sector

In defense of Alberta's jobs and energy future, the government has launched a national "Scrap the Cap" campaign to raise awareness of the potential impacts of Ottawa's proposed cap on energy production. This campaign encourages Canadians to speak out against this plan and support Alberta's position.

Looking Ahead

The Alberta Government remains committed to building a strong, prosperous future for all residents. By focusing on affordability, essential services, and defending Alberta's energy sector, we're laying the groundwork for a thriving province for generations to come.

As the year wraps up, and we enter into the holiday season, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a bright New Year filled with joy, health, and happiness! May this spiritual season bring warmth to your heart and peace to your home.

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



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

As 2024 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the work I've done in Calgary in addition to my Parliamentary duties.

To kick off the new year, my office collected nine boxes of food items (thanks to generous Calgary Midnapore residents) and donated them to the Veterans Food Bank of Alberta. In February, I partnered with Don Bosco School in Deer Ridge to deliver handmade valentines to residents of the Canyon Meadows Retirement Home for my fifth annual Valentines for Seniors campaign.

In the spring I participated in Telus' annual Kits for Kids campaign, which provides school supplies to students in need. My team attended the Willow Ridge Community Association's Civic Affairs Night on my behalf. Also in the spring, nominations opened for the King Charles III Coronation Medal, I look forward to celebrating the twenty deserving constituents who were selected for the medal in early 2025.

As the House of Commons rose for the summer break, I jumped straight into events across the riding from Ukrainian Fest in Acadia to the 50th anniversary of the Queensland Diamond Cove Community Association. I spent Canada Day in Parkland and then began the Stampede season with pancake breakfasts in Lake Chaparral, Deer Run, Lake Sundance, Acadia, Silverado, Lake Bonavista, and more! As the summer wrapped up, I spent some time with Calgary's Korean, Filipino, Venezuelan, Francophone, and Hong Kong communities.

Finally in the fall, I visited with volunteers at Deer Run's Annual Cleanup and paid respects to our fallen soldiers at the Field of Crosses.

This is just some of the work I've done over the past year. If you'd like to learn more about my work both here and in Ottawa, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at StephanieKusieMP.ca.



Councillor, Ward 14 **Peter Demong**

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Season's Greetings!

It is that time of year again. The days are short, the snow has flown, and that holiday spirit is in the air. Whether it be around the house or out and about, I hope you get a chance to spend special time with your loved ones. There will be many festivities to take part in. I will do my best to summarize them for you in the online version of my column and highlight some of the need-to-know municipal topics for the season like snow and ice control.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit calgary.ca/ward14 for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting calgary.ca/contactward14 or calling 403-268-1653.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Councillor Peter Demong



Royal Flush

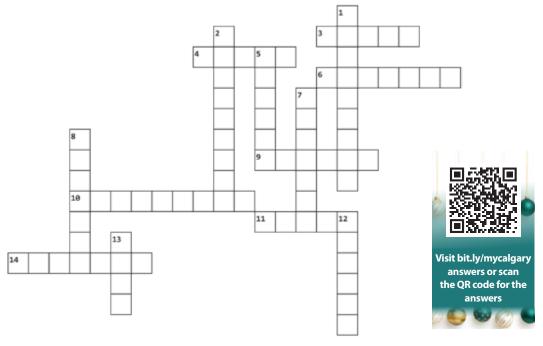
Alfred Hitchcock's movie Psycho is thought to be the first Hollywood movie to show (and really focus on) a toilet flushing on-screen. You can hear it as well! This was very unusual in 1960 when this movie was released. I guess you could say the movie was a Royal Flush!











Across

- 3. On December 5, 1991, Jostein Gaarder's novel, *Sophie's* ______, was published and tells the story of a Norwegian teenager on a journey of discovery about the history of philosophy.
- 4. *Driving Miss* ______, starring Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur to an elderly widow played by Jessica Tandy, was released on December 13, 1989.
- 6. Canadian singer, Nelly _____, was born on December 2, 1978, in Victoria, British Columbia.
- 9. This Christmas tree decoration, originally made from real silver that was shredded, was first invented in Germany in 1610.
- 10. December's official birthstone has the same name as the colour that it is.
- 11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel ______ Prize on December 10, 1964.
- 14. James Cameron's ______ was first released on December 19, 1997, and is one of the highest-grossing films ever.

Down

- 1. International ______ Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and takes place every year on December 5.
- 2. December's birth flowers are the _____ (also known as paperwhites) and the holly.
- 5. On December 24, 1818, a choir in Austria first performed the popular Christmas carol "______Night".
- 7. This annual holiday celebrating African American culture is observed from December 26 to January 1.
- 8. On December 29, 1989, the Associated Press named hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis player ______ Navratilova Best Athletes of the Decade.
- 12. Canadian actor and comedian, _____ Levy, was born on December 17, 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario.
- 13. On December 1, 2003, the final film of *the Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the* ______, premiered in New Zealand.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Holiday!

- 1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
- 2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
- 3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
- 4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
- 5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
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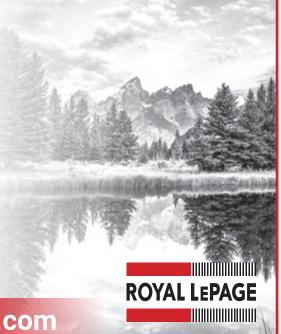
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