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This month we are continuing to help a local family in need with a Meal Train. Go to the Meal Train website and type in "Meal Train for Deer Run Family" to find what we are talking about.

All the details are on the Meal Train site, or you can contact us for more information.

Thank you for your support!

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Come join us for South American entertainment! A day where we celebrate the Mexican victory over the French. Mariachi Duo for Cinco De Mayo.

Saturday, May 4th at 2:00pm in the Dining Room

Tai Chi

Join us for this purposeful and meditative class with **Constellations Yoga to celebrate National Senior** Health & Fitness Dav.

Thursday, May 30th at 2:00pm in the LBV Building



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MAIN ROOM :				
MONDAYS 9:00 am to noon		Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083	
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658	
	6:00 to 7:00 pm	Thistle Dog Training	Dogtrainerlaura54@gmail.com	
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	Sparks and Embers	403-283-8348	
	8:00 to 9:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330	
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083	
1:00 to 5:00 pm		My Tai Chi	403-271-9658	
		Available for booking	403-278-5330	
		Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597	
THURSDAYS 9:00 am to noon 1:00 to 2:00 pm 2:00 to 5:00 pm 5:15 to 6:15 pm 5:15 pm		Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083	
		Intro to Tai Chi	403-271-9658	
		Available for booking	403-278-5330	
		Vanshaw Dance Academy	vanshawacademy@gmail.com	
11:30 am to 12:30 pm		Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083	
		My Tai Chi	403-271-9658	
		Available for booking	403-278-5330	
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Baha'i Community of Calgary	403-278-7307	
SATURDAYS 8:45 to 9:45 am 10:00 am to 12:00 pm		Pilates	engagemobilepilates@gmail.com	
		Shakthi Shethralaya Indian Classical Dance	403-667-7689	
	12:00 to 5:00 pm	Light of Jesus - The Feast (One Saturday a 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		Kings of Kingdom Ministry	403-370-5604	

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.



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MEETING ROOM:				
MONDAYS 9:00 am to 6:00 pm 7:00 to 8:00 pm		Available for booking	403-278-5330	
		Al Anon	403-266-5850	
TUESDAYS	5:30 to 7:45 pm	Sparks and Embers	403-283-8348	
	8:00 to 9:00 pm	POSA	403-278-5330	
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	6:30 to 8:00 pm	6:30 to 8:00 pm Harvest International Baptist Church		
THURSDAYS	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Art journaling/scrap booking (One Thursday a month)	403-803-5336	
	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Art journaling/scrap booking (One Thursday a month)	403-803-5336	
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	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	

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Knitting in May at the Hall

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

Dates: May 4, 11, 25, and June 1.

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 for \$25.

Drop-in is now available! The cost is \$15 per drop-in.

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 audiovisual 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.

Farm Stand is Back!

Shirley's Greenhouse will be at the hall on May 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm!

Upcoming Events at the Hall

- Volunteer Recognition Tea June 8 from noon to 2:00 pm at the hall.
- Parade of Garage Sales June 15. Sponsored by Jamie Newton and Associates.
- Canada Day July 1.
- Clean up day September 29.





MLA Calgary - Fish Creek Myles McDougall 7 – 1215 Lake Sylvan Drive SE ♥ 403-278-4444 ♥ Calgary.FishCreek@assembly.ab.ca ♥ @MylesYYC | ◎ MLAFishCreek

For the first time since 2001, the Alberta Government has authorized the Drought Command Team, which will begin negotiating water agreements with water-license holders. The negotiations have been overseen by the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, the Honourable Rebecca Schultz, to secure significant and prompt reduction in water use.

As many Albertans know, due to El Niño Alberta is currently experiencing one of its warmest and driest winters on record, resulting in the province being at a significant risk of experiencing drought. The government is swiftly responding and will begin meeting with major water users, with the goal of developing voluntary agreements to share water if there is a severe drought. This will include meetings with municipalities, irrigation districts, industry, and other major users to develop voluntary water-sharing agreements. At least one water-sharing agreement will be developed for each of the Red Deer River, Bow River, and Oldman River Basin.

The government is currently monitoring the snowbanks, rainfall, river levels, and water uses levels throughout the province, to help understand how much water will be available this year. Alberta has five stages in its water management plan, ranging from Stage One, which is a minor drought, up to Stage Five, which is a province-wide emergency. We are at a Stage Four right now.

In addition, the Alberta government is committed to improving both Alberta's drought resiliency and water management for Albertans now and for future generations. That is why through Budget 2024, the government will be investing over \$251 million in multi-year funding for new flood and drought mitigation projects concerning Alberta's berms, dams, reservoirs, and flood walls. The funding will also help launch new projects that will protect homes, businesses, and lives.

I wish all the constituents in Calgary-Fish Creek a wonderful May!

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

How to Create Personal Happiness

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



Creating personal happiness is a multifaceted journey that varies for each individual. The following are some tips to guide you to a more fulfilling and content life:

1. Self-Awareness – Understand yourself. What are your values, strengths, weaknesses, and what already makes you feel happy. Think about how you show up in the world. Read a book or listen to a podcast on emotional intelligence.

2. Positive Mindset – Cultivate a positive outlook on life. Focus on gratitude, optimism, and self-compassion. Smile more and give compliments. It's okay to acknowledge unhappy times and feelings, accept them and then move on.

3. Healthy Relationships – Seek to surround yourself with supportive, positive people who uplift you, encourage your growth, and contribute to your happiness. Become friends with yourself. Go out to dinner or a movie alone.

4. Work-Life Balance – Create healthy boundaries around working hours and away from work disconnection. Prioritize activities that bring you joy and fulfilment outside of your work and work responsibilities. Create weekly structure and habits.

5. Self-Care – Take care of your physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Focus on exercise, nutrition, sleep, and stress management. Slow down and breathe. Journal your thoughts and feelings. Spend less time on socials and your phone.

6. Set Goals – Establish realistic and meaningful goals. Ensure these align with your personal values, character, and aspirations. Remember to celebrate your progress and milestones along the way. Avoid comparing yourself to others. What you see outwardly may not be as it seems. Plan something new, like a trip, to look forward to.

7. Be Mindful and Present – Practice mindfulness to stay in the moment. Appreciate the small things happening daily. Declutter your space. A disorganized, cluttered space creates anxiety and can be distracting.

8. Contribute – Find a purpose. Seek the fulfilment of giving back to others. Volunteer, practice random acts of kindness, or support a cause you believe in. Having things to do keeps your mind engaged leaving less time for rumination.

9. Learn and Grow – Seek opportunities for personal and professional development. Learning new things and personal growth significantly contribute to happiness. Trying new things is also a great way to meet new people.

10. Acceptance – Embrace imperfections and accept yourself as you are, while also striving for growth and improvement. Accept the things you have the power to change and let go of the ones that are out of your control. It's okay to fail. Learn to let go and practice forgiveness. Forgiveness is for you, not the other. Holding onto resentments is like drinking poison and expecting the other to die.

Personal happiness is an ongoing journey. You don't have to do it all alone. Seek support from friends, family, coaches, mentors, or mental health professionals along the way.

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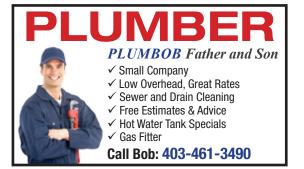


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1	Highest Price	\$1,042,000	Highest Price	\$1,300,000	Highest Price	\$776,000	Highest Price	\$415,000
	Number of Sales	4	Number of Sales	7	Number of Sales	2	Number of Sales	1

- Calgary Benchmark Price March 2024 - \$597,600, 11% gain over March 2023

- March 2024, lowest inventory levels since 2006 due to high levels of interprovincial migration

- Market favours sellers - demand exceeds supply by far



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