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Key Things to Know About in February

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All-Season Rink Updates

To ensure a positive skating experience, we will be updating our website with the latest ice conditions on our all-season rink as they occur. www. RiverbendCommunity.ca.

Upcoming Events

Family Day Skate

February 19 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Join us for a fun-filled Family Day Skate. We will be having food trucks, and the KidSport Skate Shack will be on site for skate rentals. Visit our website for more information:www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/family-day-skate-2024.

March Dinner and a Movie Facebook Poll: Voting Starts February 1 at 12:00 pm

Vote for our next film!

We will be conducting a Facebook poll where you can vote for our next movie. The poll opens on February 1 at 12:00 pm and ends February 19 at 12:00 pm.

Nominations are *Strange World, Elemental*, and *Wish*.

More information is available on our website at www. riverbendcommunity.ca.

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The content varies monthly, due to seasonal availability. The boxes contain the maximum produce to ensure our clients are getting the most value for the price.

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55+ Cards and Coffee

February 9, February 23

Join us in the Elbow room every second and fourth Friday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

\$2 donation appreciated. No pre-registration necessary.

Please note that this event will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions. If this happens, cancellation will be announced on our website and social media.

Updates From Your RCA

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Riverbend Community Association (RCA) offers an opportunity to advertise on the RCA Rink Boards.

Details:

- The size of the sign is 3ft x 7ft
- RCA will coordinate printing and installation of the sign
- The cost is \$1,200 + GST for a two-year period
- *Businesses that offer benefits to RCA Members will receive an additional 10% discount for rink board advertising.

If you are interested in this opportunity, visit our website to fill out an application form at https://www. riverbendcommunity.ca/outdoor-rink.

Partner with Us to Offer RCA Member Benefits/ **Discounts!**

In recognition and appreciation of the member benefits offered to RCA Members, RCA agrees to:

- Provide a listing on our website under the Memberships page with a hyperlink. Our webpage, www.riverbendcommunity.ca, is visited by about 1,000 visitors every month.
- Provide a listing in the Riverbend Connects newsletter on the Memberships page. Our printed newsletter is delivered to over 4,000 households and enjoys over 80% readership.
- Post a new benefit announcement post with your logo on our social media platforms. Our Facebook page has 2,400+ followers, Twitter page 700+ followers, and Instagram page 900+ followers. Our posts often reach a few thousand people.
- · Provide one additional post on RCA social media platforms per year.

Visit our website to sign up at https://www. riverbendcommunity.ca/membership.



RCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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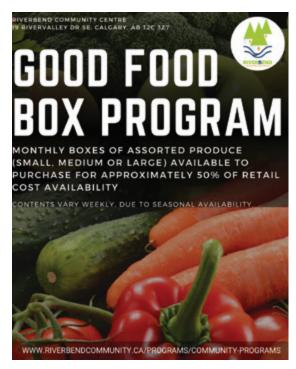
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Seven Key Things to Make Your Relationship Work

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What can you do to create a lasting relationship? Get a copy of John Gottman's *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Below is a sneak peek:

Enhance your love maps. Happy couples are very familiar with their partner's world. According to Gottman, these couples have "a richly detailed love map — my term for that part of your brain where you store all the relevant information about your partner's life." You know everything from your partner's favourite movies to what's currently stressing them out, you know some of their life dreams, and they know yours.

Nurture fondness and admiration. Happy couples respect each other and have a general positive view of each other. Fondness and admiration are two of the most important elements in a satisfying and long-term relationship. If these elements are completely missing, the marriage can't be saved. A helpful activity to remind couples of the partner they fell in love with is called "I appreciate." List three or more of their partner's positive characteristics along with an incident that illustrates each quality. Then read your lists to each other.

Turn toward each other. Romance isn't a Caribbean cruise, an expensive meal, or a lavish gift. Rather, romance lives and thrives in the everyday, little things. "Real-life romance is kept alive each time you let your partner know they are valued during the grind of everyday life." For instance, romance is leaving an encouraging text for your partner when you know they are having a bad day. Or romance is when you are running late but take a few minutes to listen to your partner's bad dream and saying that you'll discuss it later (instead of saying "I don't have time"). This might seem boring but turning toward each other in these ways is the basis for connection and passion. Couples that turn toward each other have more in their "emotional bank account." This account distinguishes happy marriages from miserable ones. Happy couples have more goodwill and positivity stored in their bank accounts, so when rough times hit, their emotional savings cushions conflicts and stressors.

Let your partner influence you. Happy couples are a team that considers each other's perspective and feelings. They make decisions together and search out common ground. Letting your partner influence you isn't about

having one person hold the reins, it's about honouring and respecting both people in the relationship.

Solve your solvable problems. There are two types of marital problems: conflicts that can be resolved and perpetual problems that can't. It's important for couples to determine which ones are which. According to Gottman, "One way to identify solvable problems is that they seem less painful, gut-wrenching, or intense than perpetual, gridlocked ones." Solvable problems are situational, and there's no underlying conflict. Gottman devised a five-step model for resolving these conflicts that can be found in his book.

Overcome gridlock. The goal with perpetual problems is for couples to "move from gridlock to dialogue." What usually underlies gridlock is unfulfilled dreams. "Gridlock is a sign that you have dreams for your life that aren't being addressed or respected by each other." Happy couples believe in the importance of helping each other realize their dreams. The first step in overcoming gridlock is to determine the dream or dreams that are causing your conflict. The next steps include talking to each other about your dreams, taking a break (since some of these talks can get stressful), and making peace with the problem. "The goal is to 'declaw' the issue, to try to remove the hurt so the problem stops being a source of great pain."

Create shared meaning. "Marriage isn't just about raising kids, splitting chores, and making love. It can also have a spiritual dimension that has to do with creating an inner life together. A culture rich with rituals, and an appreciation for your roles and goals that link you, that lead you to understand what it means to be a part of the family you have become." And that's what it means to develop shared meaning. Happy couples create a family culture that includes both of their dreams. Being open to each other's perspectives and opinions, happy couples naturally come together.

Bonus: Intentional date nights. If you struggle with ideas for date nights, grab a copy of Gottman's *Eight Dates*. Being intentional about having regular date nights is an important factor to continued connection.

If you need some help along the way, look for a level three trained Gottman therapist to keep you accountable and help your relationship thrive.







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Explore Businesses in Calgary with the Business Map

by the City of Calgary

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Calgary City Building

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The City of Calgary is updating plans that will shape the future of Calgary and make sure our city keeps on being a great place to live. As our city's population approaches two million, we must prepare to support this growth. The City Building program will align and strengthen our plans and tools to create a place where every Calgarian can thrive.

The Calgary Plan will merge the Municipal Development Plan with the Calgary Transportation Plan to guide the way we move and use land across the city.

The new Zoning Bylaw (currently the Land Use Bylaw) will simplify the rules that govern the use of land and the form of buildings in the city.

The new Street Manual (currently the Complete Streets Policy and Guide) will provide updated direction for the design of Calgary's streets to support safe travel options for all Calgarians.

All three of these documents will be created based on public feedback, existing policies, Council priorities, partnering with the Indigenous community, and extensive consultation with subject matter experts and interested parties. This effort will impact every Calgarian for the next 30 years.

The second phase of engagement will focus on the initial proposed direction of the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Street Manual. We invite all Calgarians to share their input, either in person or online, from January 29 to March 3. Learn more and participate at calgary.ca/citybuilding.



Help Us Shape Calgary's Future Floodplain Policies and Regulations

by the City of Calgary

Calgary's river valleys are essential to our city—they're at the core of our city's identity and its appeal as a place to live, work, and play.

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With the province's recent release of draft updated Flood Hazard Area maps reflecting the latest understanding of flood risk across Alberta and a new approach to flood hazard area zones, it's now up to municipalities to decide how to develop and regulate in these areas.

The City is planning for the future of our river valleys, including our flood hazard areas, through the Calgary River Valleys Project, which will shape how we plan, develop, and build in our river valleys.

Your input on how we make decisions on the use, conservation, and development of our river valleys and communities is important. This month, we're talking to Calgarians about the future of our floodplain policies and regulations. Visit calgary.ca/RiverValleys to join in the conversation.









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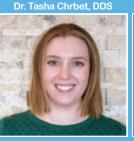
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