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2026 HOA Fees

CHOA fees are now past due. Any outstanding accounts have been sent to collections. Thank you to all members who paid their fees.



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Support Victoria Fortuna and Her Family After a Tragic Highway Accident



In the early evening of February 8, 2026, the Fortuna family's life was forever altered by a devastating and senseless accident.

Victoria (21) and her father, Paul (53), were the innocent victims of a tragic vehicle accident that occurred in Edmonton. Sadly, her father succumbed to his injuries at the scene, and Victoria has been left with life-threatening and life-altering injuries. She is currently fighting for her life and receiving critical medical care at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

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Frequently Asked Questions - The CHOA

Why Do We Have to Pay Fees?

The purpose of an HOA is to offer enhanced value within the community, through the operation and maintenance of privately owned facilities, certain amenities, and features within the community that are not maintained by the Municipality. These may include entrance signage, ornamental parks and ponds, boulevard landscaping, pathways, fencing recreational buildings, and more.

What Are the Fees Used For?

Annual fees are used to:

- Maintain the amenity features including the hall, spray park, storm pond fountain, and grounds.
- Provide enhanced snow removal and landscaping on City pathways.
- Provide the community with quality programs and value-added events that appeal to our diverse membership.

Where Can I See Details About the CHOA's Financials?

On our website under the members portal. The audited financials for the past ten years are available, along with operating budgets for the last five.

How Can I Have My Say in What I Want to See, Or What I Think Brings Value to the Community?

Engagement is the key to understanding what the community members want and/or see value in. We encourage all residents to complete surveys, provide direct feedback through email/phone/in person conversations, attend town halls/AGMs, and participate in constructive discussions. These are the tools we

lean on to help guide decisions. The CHOA must then formulate action plans about how to best move forward, taking into consideration other required financial obligations, timing, and feasibility.

Who Is Responsible for Community Landscaping?

It depends. The CHOA has entered into the Enhanced Landscape Maintenance (ELM) program with the City of Calgary, which allows the CHOA to mow and trim certain City green spaces, within the parameters set out by the City. Limitations include naturalized areas, trees, watering, and herbicide application.

The CHOA is working with the City to ensure that the West Park is rehabilitated over time to allow for regular maintenance of the CHOA. This is an ongoing, multi-year project.

For a full list of frequently asked questions regarding landscaping, operations, and engagement, please visit crestmonthall.com. To address any questions or concerns not listed here or online, feel free to contact our office at admin@crestmonthall.com.

Did You Know?

Did you know the CHOA website has a wealth of information available to members?

Bylaws, financials, and AGM and Town Hall documents (including meeting minutes) are all available under the 'Important Documents' tab. If you don't yet have access, contact us at admin@crestmonthall.com to request a login.

Did you know the CHOA sends out regular email updates?

Stay informed about community news, events, and important notices. If you're not already receiving our emails, let us know at admin@crestmonthall.com and we'll add you to the list.

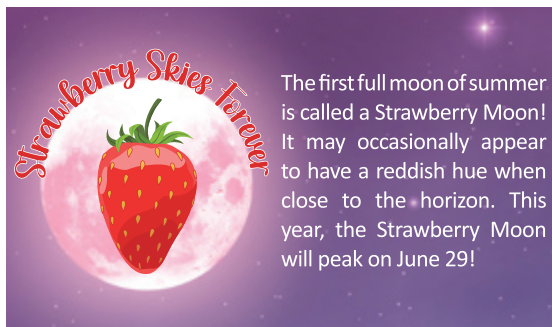


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Strawberry Skies Forever

The first full moon of summer is called a Strawberry Moon! It may occasionally appear to have a reddish hue when close to the horizon. This year, the Strawberry Moon will peak on June 29!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Please visit Crestmont Hall's website for up-to-date information on classes and events!

Crestmont Tae Kwon-Do

Crestmont Tae Kwon-Do offers classes for kids, teens, adults, and families. Classes for ages six and up meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Lil' Kickers (ages four to six) meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and runs in six-week sessions. For the most up-to-date information, visit crestmonttkd.com.

Sportball

Offered at Crestmont Hall on Friday mornings. Non-competitive sports programs for every kid, at every stage. Please visit Sportball Calgary's website for details and registration.

Little Stars Daycare

Little Stars daycare is a licenced childcare program located in the lower level of the community centre. We offer childcare for children ages 19 months to six years from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. Our daycare is open all year round and closed only on weekends and stat holidays. We can accommodate 34 kids, which makes us a great fit for parents not wanting a huge daycare. We accept full time, part time, and even drop in.

We offer a Flight inspired program where your child gets to help develop what we are learning about and what activities are exciting. We learn through play and have lots of discussions to help the children learn concepts of literacy, math, science, art and music. We go outdoors in our full-fenced yard or use the large greenspace in the lovely weather. We also have special guests that will come in and talk to the children. We had a visit from Spiderman and Santa last year. If you are looking for childcare, please visit our website www.lilstars.ca, call the daycare at 403-241-6261 or email us lilstarsyyc@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram!



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Property Tax Due Monday, June 30

by The City of Calgary



Property tax bills were mailed out in May, with a payment due date of Tuesday, June 30.

Property owners can also access online their current year's tax bill, and four previous years, through the City Of Calgary's secure website, calgary.ca/mytax.

The City's Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) is the most popular payment method. You pay the same amount as your annual property tax bill, but instead of one large lump sum payment in June, you pay smaller monthly instalments. TIPP makes budgeting easier, and you reduce the risk of late payment penalties.

Signing up for TIPP is easy and you don't need to re-apply each year. The easiest and fastest way to join is using TIPP Online. It's easy, safe, and secure. Through TIPP online, your customized agreement will be processed automatically. Once you submit, you will receive an email confirming your enrolment. To access TIPP Online, go to Calgary.ca/TIPP and click on the Join TIPP box.

Plan enrolment must be completed by the due date shown on your tax bill to avoid a late payment penalty.

If you're already on TIPP, you can visit calgary.ca/TIPP to learn how your monthly TIPP instalments are calculated and adjusted.

Spring Gardening Tips for a Beautiful Yard

by The City of Calgary



The City of Calgary's YardSmart program offers free, local gardening advice from local experts – Calgary Horticultural Society. Here are three ways to get your yard summer-ready:

1. Have good soil – and lots of it. Add a base of at least eight inches of good quality soil for a healthy garden or lawn. You can also improve your soil by adding compost.
2. Add a garden bed. Replacing a small part of your lawn helps your yard stay beautiful longer and use water wisely. Follow these YardSmart Basic steps for success:
 - a. Start with lots of good soil. "Soil is the foundation of a sustainable garden. It plays a vital role in supporting plant growth, improving water retention, and enhancing over all landscape sustainability," says Kath Smythe, Calgary Horticultural Society.
 - b. Design your garden to save water. Direct your downspouts to tree wells or garden beds, and group plants with similar water needs together.
 - c. Put the right plant in the right place. Explore YardSmart's plant lists for plants that thrive in Calgary and where to plant them.
 - d. Add mulch to garden beds to prevent evaporation and keep weeds in check.
 - e. Water wisely. New plants need lots of water to get established, consult plant tags for specific directions and consider installing a rain barrel.
3. Get local gardening advice to help your yard thrive. Local experts know what works in Calgary's climate – saving you time, water, and effort.

Visit calgary.ca/yardsmart to explore YardSmart's free plant lists, design layouts, how-to videos and yard care tips.

How Calgary Homeowners Can Boost Value Without Costly Renovations

by Virginia Cooper



Calgary homeowners getting ready to sell often run into the same real estate selling challenges: buyers expect a fresh, move-in-ready feel, but a full renovation can drain both time and your budget fast. The hardest part is the gap between what a home is truly worth and how its value is perceived during a showing. Strong pre-sale home presentation can close that gap by helping spaces read cleaner, brighter, and more cared for, often with less stress than major upgrades.

Understanding Perceived Value in a Showing

At the heart of smart pre-sale prep is a simple idea: buyers don't add up your renovation receipts, they react to what the home signals in the first few minutes. Good home staging uses light, layout, and cleanliness cues to help rooms feel easy to live in. This matters because you want the cheapest fixes to create the biggest shift in confidence. Many agents push quick exterior wins because 92% have suggested sellers improve their curb appeal before listing, which shows how powerful first impressions can be.

Mock Up Refresh Ideas in 10 Minutes Before You Spend

Once you know buyers are reacting to how a space feels in the first few minutes, it helps to test presentation tweaks before you commit any money. An AI drawing generator can give you fast, low risk "what if" visuals. With a generator, you can upload a photo of your current room, then create concepts that reflect easy-to-imagine improvements. When you can see which direction lifts

the room, you'll feel more confident choosing the small changes that will matter most.

Use This Pre-Sale Refresh Checklist

A strong first impression usually comes from lots of small, low-cost wins, not one big renovation. Use this checklist to turn the mock-ups you played with earlier (paint, finishes, small layout tweaks) into a focused weekend plan that helps your home feel brighter, cleaner, and easier to tour.

- Do a fast declutter sweep (15 minutes per room). Buyers aren't judging your stuff; they're trying to picture their own routines, and open space helps them do that.
- Create a simple "staging bin" system. Create a "showings" bin is for everyday items you'll need later (pet bowls, extra toiletries, small appliances) so you can do a five-minute reset before a viewing.
- Make lighting consistent and bright. Good lighting upgrades photos and makes rooms feel larger without changing a single wall.
- Spend an hour on the quick functional repairs: tighten loose handles, replace missing doorstops, silence squeaky hinges, and make sure every door latches smoothly
- Stage for function, not furniture quantity
- Clear the front walkway, shake out the doormat, wipe the front door, and add one simple seasonal touch (a tidy planter or a clean, neutral wreath).
- Choose five daily habits you can keep up for the entire

listing: empty kitchen sink, clear counters, bathroom towels replaced, and a quick floor sweep in the entry and kitchen.

Seller Questions About Low-Cost Value Boosts

Q: What are the biggest buyer turn-offs I can fix without renovating?

A: Start with what feels neglected in real walk-throughs: bad smells, burnt-out bulbs, scuffed walls, and sticky doors. If you only do one visual upgrade, a fresh coat of paint in a neutral tone is a safe bet.

Q: How do I know if an upgrade is worth it or just a home improvement myth?

A: Ask, "Will this be obvious in the first 60 seconds?" and "Does it remove a buyer objection?" Focus on cleanliness, function, and brightness before style trends. If an idea is mainly for personal taste, skip it.

Q: Should I replace flooring or just make what I have look better?

A: If floors are clean and consistent, polishing, spot repair, and tidy transitions can be enough. Replace only when damage, odour, or mismatched patches pull attention away from the rooms.

Q: Can I skip the kitchen and bathroom if I cannot afford updates?

A: Yes, as long as they feel sanitary and maintained. Re-caulk, clean grout, replace a dated light, and fix drips so buyers see "cared for," not "project."

Q: When is a renovation too expensive for resale?

A: A quick guardrail is the 30% rule, which suggests keeping remodelling costs within 30% of your property's value.

Build Buyer Confidence with Presentation-First Home Selling Moves

When it's time to sell in Calgary, it's easy to feel stuck between spending big on renovations or risking a low offer. The more reliable path is choosing presentation over renovations, enhancing home appeal so buyers notice the space, light, and care, and not a list of projects. Done well, this approach boosts perceived value, reduces doubts during showings, and supports stronger, cleaner negotiations while preparing homes for sale. Presentation sells the home you already have, not the renovations you wish you'd done.

The Calgary Foundation

by Anne Burke



The Calgary Foundation provides grants which must benefit Calgary and area communities for grassroots community initiatives and other purposes. Its mission is to inspire philanthropy, support the charitable sector, and build a permanent endowment for the current and future needs of people living within these boundaries. The organization was incorporated provincially in 1955 as the Calgary Community Foundation, and is a registered charity. It launched with an endowment of \$100,000, from twenty donors each pledging \$5,000, and its first grants totalled \$1,500. The first Board Chair was author and historian Grant MacEwan (1902 to 1986) who was a Calgary Alderman, Mayor of Calgary, MLA and Party Leader, then Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. He was invested with the Order of Canada in 1975. Daryl K. "Doc" Seaman was described as a hero, icon, pioneer, philanthropist, visionary, and legend. Donor legacies, such as the Grant MacEwan Nature Protection Fund, the Daryl K. Seaman Canadian Hockey Fund, and MacEwan Family Charity Fund, made larger-scale grants possible. By its 70th anniversary, support for community priorities increased with grants to an estimated 1,313 groups. The organization remains focused on reducing poverty, stronger relations with Indigenous communities, creative living, boosting mental health, and a sustainable future. Today the organization carries on its mandate, with scholarships, awards like the Brenda Strathern Writing Prize, and bursaries. Major grants significantly benefit large-scale initiatives with transformational impact to broadly enrich the community. The Community Grants Program aims to strengthen the charitable sector and engage communities. Strategic Opportunity Grants provide support to small charities. Grassroots Grants like Stepping Stones and Neighbour Grants are smaller amounts. Since 1990, The Sherling Animal Welfare Fund pays for capital projects, animal or public education programs, or services for animals brought to a shelter.

WORD OF THE MONTH

Peristeronic

adjective (puh-riss-tuh-rah-nick)

Of, relating to, or resembling pigeons.

That statue is rather peristeronic.



Albertosaurus

Did you know that Alberta has its own dinosaur? The *Albertosaurus*, or “Alberta lizard,” was a large theropod first discovered along the Red Deer River, near Drumheller, Alberta in 1884.



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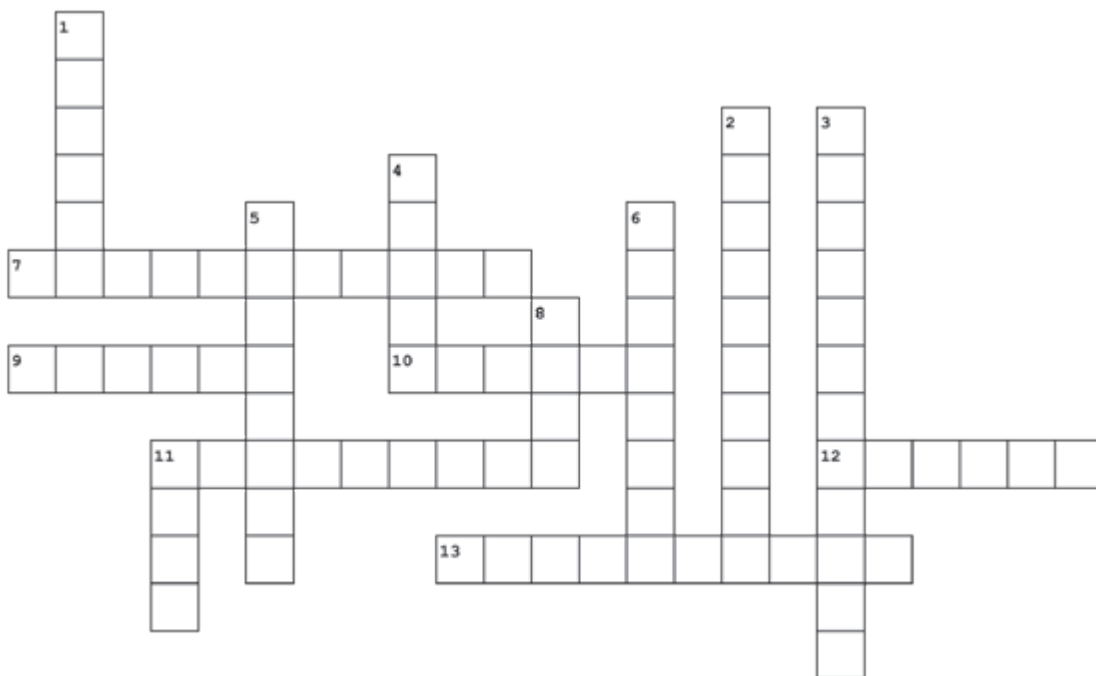
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June Crossword



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Across

7. This colourful *My Little Pony* represents the element of loyalty.
9. June 2025 saw the premiere of this live action adaptation; *How to Train your* _____.
10. These citrus fruits can be made into a refreshing drink on a hot June day.
11. This famous author published what she claims to be her final book, *In the Unlikely Event*, on June 2, 2015.
12. This water zodiac sign covers the last of June's birthdays.
13. This holiday, established Sonora Smart Dodd occurs on June 21, 2026.

Down

1. This famous singer, _____ Grande, was born on June 26, 1993, and was recently in the 2024 movie adaptation *Wicked*.
2. National _____ Peoples Day is celebrated in Canada on June 21.
3. This classic Spielberg movie about dinosaurs was released in theatres on June 11, 1993.
4. This gem associated with wisdom is also the birthstone for June.
5. *Elvis Presley* performed this song on June 5, 1956, on the *Milton Berle Show*.
6. The summer _____ marks the beginning of longer days in the Northern Hemisphere.
8. This white bird is commonly a symbol of peace.
11. _____ is the Roman counterpart to Hera, the Greek goddess of marriage.

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When Love Starts to Feel Like Logistics

Practical Psychology for Everyday Life

by Rebecca Pink, Registered Provisional Psychologist



It rarely happens all at once. More often it is a slow shift. Between busy schedules, work demands, and the mental load of daily life, conversations become practical. Connection gets replaced with coordination. “Did you grab the groceries?”, “What time is practice?”, “Can you handle bedtime tonight?”

And at some point, many couples find themselves wondering: When did we start feeling more like roommates than partners?

If this feels familiar, you’re not alone. This is one of the most common experiences couples share, especially as life gets busier and more demanding. It’s not necessarily a sign of deeper issues; it’s often a sign that life has simply taken up more space than the relationship.

Over time, interactions can become increasingly transactional. Necessary yes, but they can crowd out the smaller moments of connection that relationships rely on.

Connection is built in subtle ways: a comment about your day, a shared laugh about something that made

the day a little lighter, or even a small attempt to connect in the middle of a busy day. These moments are easy to miss, or just as easy to brush past when we are tired or distracted.

Rebuilding connection doesn’t require big changes. It often starts with noticing and responding to those small moments. Relationships are often built on many small moments, those shared rituals that keep connection feeling alive, meaningful, and fun.

Pausing to listen, looking up instead of away. Taking a few minutes to check in, not about tasks, but about each other. These moments may seem minor, but they add up. Over time, they help shift a relationship from simply functioning to feeling connected again.

If things have been feeling a bit distant lately, it may not mean you’ve grown apart, it may mean your connection needs a little more attention. Sometimes, even the smallest turn toward each other is where connection finds its way back, reminding us that we’re still in this together.

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Underfoot: The Broadleaf Plantain

by H.N Wells

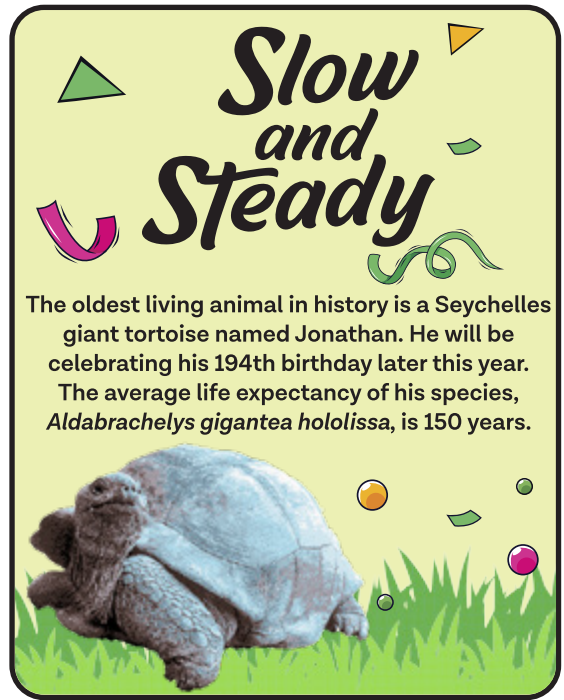


Plantago major, or, the broadleaf plantain, is a Eurasian plant commonly referred to as a weed in North America. It was likely introduced into the Americas during the seventeenth century and can now be found widespread across both Canada and the US. Plantain is an incredibly resilient plant, and thrives in almost any conditions, including compact or disturbed soil - as a result, *Plantago major* and other members of its genus tend to grow alongside human-made trails easily and are abundant in urban and agricultural settings.

This funky little flora has some interesting uses! Historically, the plant has been used for both its antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties, often as a quick in-the-field remedy. Its use dates back as far as the Romans! Pliny the Elder, in *The Natural History*, describes *Plantago lagopus* and *Plantago altissima*, relatives of *Plantago major*, as having natural cauterizing properties. Traditional herbalism also utilizes plantain (and its relatives) for these purposes. Plantain poultices were (and still are) very common. That being said, urban and agricultural weeds are often treated with herbicides, so tread carefully should you decide to try it out.

The broadleaf plantain has since become a naturalized plant - as in, it no longer requires human intervention to spread or to be maintained, as is the case with many ornamental plants. Flora of this category may become invasive should they begin to diminish the resources available to native flora. At this time, *Plantago major* is typically considered to be invasive.

The next time you're walking along the pavement, take a look at the ground! You might notice a small plant with round leaves and spike-like flower stems - that's the plantain, always underfoot.



The oldest living animal in history is a Seychelles giant tortoise named Jonathan. He will be celebrating his 194th birthday later this year. The average life expectancy of his species, *Aldabrachelys gigantea hololissa*, is 150 years.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Space Trivia

1. Which galaxy is closest to the Milky Way?
2. Which planet in our solar system has the most moons?
3. What gas is Saturn mostly made of?
4. What is the coldest planet in our solar system?
5. What was the name of the spaceship that recently flew past the moon before landing back on Earth?



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- Honest Advice
- Local Expertise
- Quick, Clear Communication
- Strong Advocacy During Negotiations
- A Smooth, Stress Free Experience

Client Reviews

Gerard has been great to work with. He is very knowledgeable about the real estate markets, especially in Valley Ridge and Crestmont. I would recommend his services to anyone looking to buy or sell their home in the near future.

Andy Suuralik – Past Crestmont Homeowner

We had an amazing experience working with Gerard! He helped us find our dream home in a new neighbourhood and sell our Valley Ridge home—all within a month. Gerard was incredibly responsive, knowledgeable, and provided the right expertise at the right time to make both deals happen smoothly. Highly recommend him!

Lyndsay and Dave