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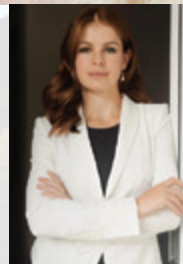
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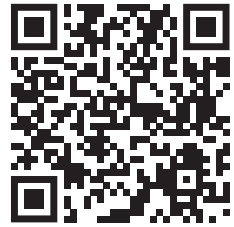


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Glenbrook Community Association

3524-45 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T3E 3V2

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Social Committee	Emily
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Hall Rentals

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Hall:

- Monday to Thursday, Daytime (cut off 5:00 pm)
 - \$30 per hour, minimum three hours
 - Damage Deposit of \$250
- Monday to Thursday, Evening (5:00 to 10:00 pm)
 - \$35 per hour, minimum three hours
 - Damage Deposit of \$250
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (8:00 am to 3:00 am)
 - \$400 day rate
- Wedding Package: Friday evening (5:00 pm) to Sunday (12:00 pm)
 - \$700

Security Deposit:

A \$500 security deposit is required for all hall rentals (unless otherwise noted) to be returned up to seven days past the event.

Boardroom:

- Monday to Thursday
- \$30 per hour, minimum three hours (daily maximum of \$250)
- Not available for rental Saturday or Sunday

Storage Rooms:

- Small (8'x16') – \$100 per month
- Large (12'x14') – \$120 per month

Note:

The sport shack, parking lot/parking spaces, and outdoor rinks/sport courts are not for rent. They are for community association use only.

GCA Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

- December 4 (AGM)
- January 8
- February 5

Did you know that anyone can attend meetings of the Glenbrook Community Association? They aren't only for board members. Everyone in our community has a voice and we would love to hear them.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, from September to June, at 7:00 pm in the Glenbrook Hall (3524 45 St SW).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy December Glenbrook!

This month, we warmly invite all community members to attend our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, December 4. This is your chance to hear updates on neighbourhood initiatives and help shape the future of our community.

Looking ahead in December, be sure to come out for our ice-skating party on Sunday, December 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Community Association Rink. Bundle up and join us for a festive afternoon of skating and holiday cheer. The KidSport Skate Shack will be onsite to supply skates for those who don't have their own. Bring your family, invite your neighbours, and make some magical winter memories!

In 2026, we're excited to continue building a strong, inclusive, and engaged community. Stay tuned for updates on community events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to get involved. As the year draws to a close and the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to thank our many community association volunteers for helping to make our neighbourhood such a vibrant and welcoming place. I would also like to extend thanks to all community members. Whether you joined us at our holiday makers market, participated in the spring cleanup day, stopped at Shirley's Greenhouse in the summer, or came to our Movie in the Park event, your presence and support matters. Thank you!

I'll leave you with a stanza from the poem *Ring Out, Wild Bells* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson that summarizes the feeling of leaving one year behind and moving forward to the next.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a peaceful start to the new year.

All the best,

Kim

President, Glenbrook Community Association



Pets of Glenbrook



Tweeter (tabby) and Maestro (tuxedo) are 14-year-old littermates adopted in Vancouver through the Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue Association. Maestro is very friendly and will come to the door to greet any visitors. Tweeter (so named for the tweeter - or treble - type of loudspeaker) is shyer, but once she gets to know people, she will welcome head scratches and belly rubs. Both are very snuggly with their humans and enjoy the large picture window in the house for daily cat TV.

To have your pet featured in the Glenbrook Globe, send a short write-up and photo to glenbrookglobepets@gmail.com.

Events Committee

Are you interested in how the Glenbrook Community Association plans its yearly events and want to help us with the next one? Come check out our Events Committee! See how you fit into our existing events or propose a brand-new idea. We meet on the second Wednesday of most months. Reach out to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca with any questions. We hope to see you there!



GLENBROOK COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

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Your community association is a group of volunteers who work to make your community a great place to live for residents of all ages. You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

1. Become a member – when you purchase your annual Glenbrook membership, your dues are used to offer you and your neighbours many programs and activities.

2. Become a volunteer – Glenbrook Community Association relies on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways to volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time, you will make new friends and learn new skills.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off at the Glenbrook Hall mail slot, mailed through Canada Post to the Hall (address listed above), or purchased at community events. Debit and Credit payments are now accepted.

Membership fees: \$25 per family (includes any family member living at same address) or \$20 for Senior (55 years and older) or individual.
(September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cell:

Email:

Membership type: Family (\$25)

Senior 55+/Single (\$20)

Payment type: Cash Cheque

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45 St SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3V2

Debit/Credit:

(payable to Glenbrook Community Association)

Volunteer – we are always looking for volunteers to help with various events within the community. Volunteer opportunities include the following
- Skating events, skating rink maintenance, Community cleanup day, sports events, Casinos, other community events, etc.

Contact for Volunteer canvas: Yes..... No.....

With this membership you will be added to our email list.

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CONNECTING GLENBROOK

The Glenbrook Community Association is pleased to offer a number of free clubs and activities throughout the month, taking place at the community hall. If you are interested in trying out one or more of these, please email glenbrookevents@shaw.ca so we can gauge interest. Long-term participation in these programs will require purchase of a community membership.



Tai Chi

We have been gathering at the hall weekly to practice a Qi Gong 18 form modified Tai Chi exercise program. The program consists of a warm-up, two sets of 18 stand-in-

place exercises, and some upper body stretches to cool down with a few spontaneous laughter sessions thrown in. Combine this with some socialization and it makes for a fun time. We will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. Come out and give it a try.

Contact Gary at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Book Club

Our book for December is *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. We will meet on Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 pm. For January, we are reading *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Coffee Social

Come celebrate the joy of the season with entertainment, Christmas treats, friends, and neighbours. Join us on Friday, December 19 from

10:00 to 11:30 am at the community hall.

Contact Audrey at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GLENBROOK CASINO

We are looking for volunteers to help us run our 2026 casino fundraiser on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19. No experience necessary. Meals will be provided.



Location: Elbow River Casino (218 – 18 Ave S.E.)

Times include:

- Day Shift (11:15 am to 7:30 pm)
- Evening Shift (7:00 pm to 3:15 am)
- Count Room Shift (11:30 pm to 3:30am)

If interested, please email: glenbrook.community@shaw.ca

Letter from the Editor

Hello, Dear Reader!

My name is Noel, and I am the media editor for the Glenbrook Community Association. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of *the Globe*, whether in print or online. We love to hear from the community and get to know our readership, so if you have any feedback, questions, ideas, or just want to say hi, feel free to email glenbrook.community@shaw.ca and we will get back to you.

Thanks!



The Art of Finding Work: When Job Searching You Are Being Compared

by Nick Kossovan



Job hunting is a ‘winner takes all’ competition in which you’re compared and judged against other applicants. Putting in an application for a job is no different from entering a baking or short story contest. However, there’s one difference: there’s no second place—silver medal—nor does “everyone win for doing their best,” hence why giving participation trophies does a disservice to children; it fails to prepare them for two universal life truths that they’ll one day confront:

1. Everything in life is earned. (Yes, birthright exceptions exist. Choosing to squander your time and energy, resenting those who’re an exception doesn’t change this truism.), and
2. Sometimes, your best isn’t good enough to beat those you’re up against.

Job searching intensifies these truths.

Irrespective of your feelings about the “fairness” of having to do “what it takes,” you don’t rise through the ranks of whatever career path you’ve chosen by being meek. Be it corporate, artistic endeavours, athletics, or military, without a competitive spirit, you won’t have a career comparable to someone who does. Thus, generally (keyword) speaking, CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, higher-ranking military officers, celebrities, and elite athletes tend to be hyper-competitive.

I keep the following phrase from American author Ashley Antoinette in my head: “You can’t compete where you don’t compare.”

When entering any competition, for instance, job searching, it’s crucial to understand the standards and benchmarks—your ego may insist you have the skills and qualifications. But do you really against those which you’ll be compared; therefore, consider the following:

Awareness of Standards

Knowing and accepting what employers in your profession and industry will most likely expect from you is critical.

If you’re applying for any job requiring strong writing skills (e.g., grant writer, content creator, communications manager), it’s a given that your writing skills need to be well above average. When applying for a sales position, your sales record and ability to sell yourself will be evaluated.

Along with industry and profession expectations, employers evaluate applicants based on the expectation of applying professionally.

I repeatedly see sloppy applications and an unprofessional appearance as the biggest hindrance to a successful job search. Even with all the online job search advice, typos, grammatical errors, incomplete LinkedIn profiles, and dressing inappropriately for interviews—dress for the position you’re interviewing for—are common. In 2025, there’s still a strong conservative element in the workplace, albeit not as strong as before.

Self-Assessment

You can identify your strengths and weaknesses by honestly comparing yourself to those you’re competing against. My advice: To be competitive and considered a contender, focus on your strengths (read: lead with) and be less concerned about your weaknesses.

My “go with your strengths” story:

Years ago, over a Thai lunch, I asked my then-boss how he managed to work so fluidly. He never seemed stressed; it was as if he floated through his workday, accomplishing high-level tasks. His answer: “I work with my strengths. As long as my weaknesses do not hinder me from doing my job, I don’t spend time and energy trying to overcome them. I spend my time and energy improving my strengths.” The food wasn’t memorable,

but my then-boss's words were. As a result of ignoring my non-detrimental weaknesses and focusing on my strengths, I've become a stronger competitor and have benefited from it.

Strategic Positioning

Knowing where you stand in relation to your competitors helps you improve your strategy.

The words uttered by another ex-boss during what I think was a friendly dust-up some 20 years ago, "There's always someone younger, more skilled, and hungrier than you," have stayed with me all these years. His words remind me that I must always be at least one step ahead of those nipping at my heels. I've seen many careers implode because the person rested on their laurels.

It's surprising how many people don't try to stay relevant by learning and becoming proficient in the technological advances affecting their profession and industry, AI being the latest.

Demonstrating continuous learning and adaptation is what employers like to see in candidates and their employees.

Always know where your skills and experience stand and what you can offer employers in terms of measurable value. Calling yourself "talent," as many nowadays do without quantifying how your supposed talent will make money for an employer, isn't a compelling argument for why an employer should hire you.

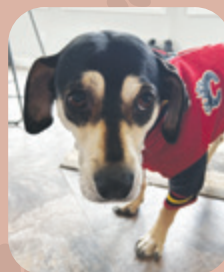
I hear from many job seekers experiencing the "Silver Medal Curse," where they land interviews and then hear, "We went with someone else." Clearly, their resume and LinkedIn profile are competitive, which anyone can achieve with all the resume help available. However, one thing no one can do for you is your interviews, the meetings where the hiring manager assesses your suitability for the position and the company and compares you to the other candidates they're interviewing.

My tip for making your interviewer see you as a contender for the job is to prepare specific examples that showcase your skills and achievements and aligning them with the job requirements. The best strategy for beating your competition is to show employers that you are a winner who has produced measurable value (key) for your previous employers.

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Addie, Renfrew



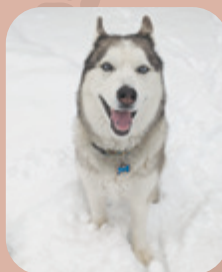
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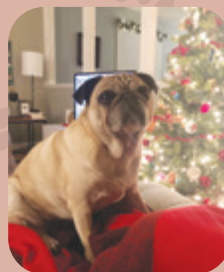
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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
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- I. BUDGET
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 - 2025-26 and
2026-27 budgets
 - 2024-25 audit
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 - II. COMMUNITY
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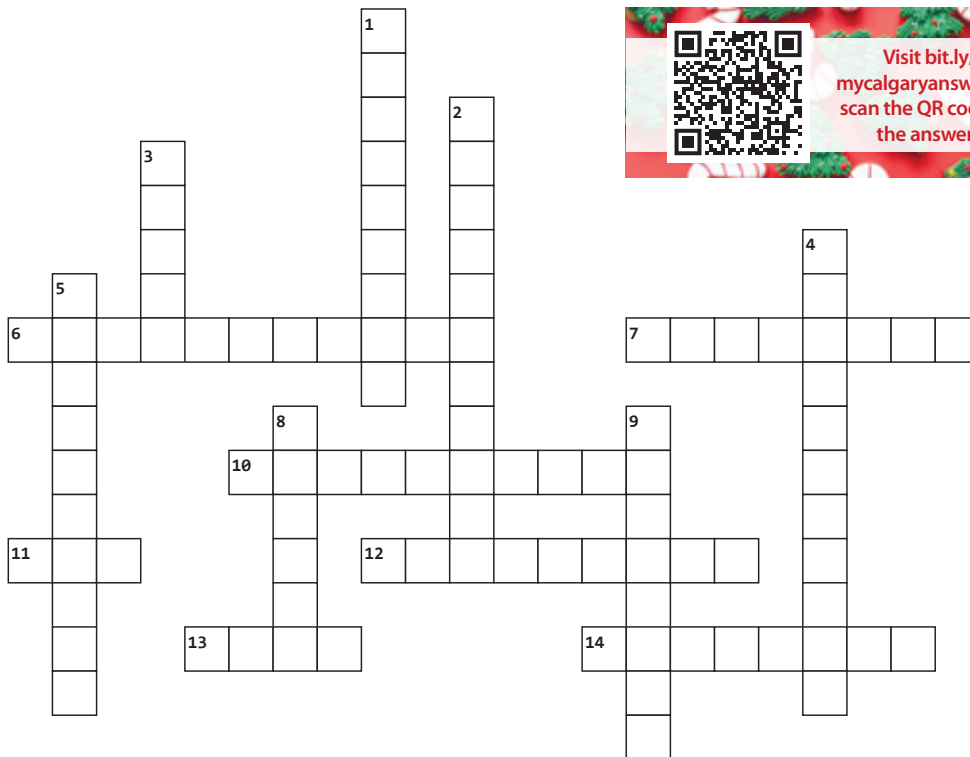


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December Crossword



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Across

6. The Statute of _____ passed on December 11, 1931, granting Canada full legislative independence from the British Empire.
7. Known for his role in *Stranger Things*, Canadian actor Finn _____ celebrates his birthday on December 23.
10. The _____ is also known as the Christmas flower.
11. "Gangnam Style" by _____ became the first YouTube video to reach one billion views on December 21, 2012.
12. In December 1612, astronomer Simon Marius made the first known telescopic observation of this galaxy.
13. *Star _____: The Motion Picture* premiered on December 7, 1979.
14. December 14 marks the start of this Jewish holiday.

Down

1. The bust of this Egyptian queen was found on December 6, 1912.
2. Annually on December 12, _____ House Day is celebrated.
3. The first human-to-human _____ transplant was performed on December 3, 1967, by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa.
4. _____'s ballet, *The Nutcracker*, premiered in Saint Petersburg on December 18, 1892.
5. Jane Austen's last novel, _____, was published on December 20, 1817.
8. Two years after being stolen, the "Mona Lisa" was returned to this museum on December 12, 1913.
9. Ferguson Jenkins born on December 13, 1942, in Chatham-Kent, was the first Canadian inducted into the _____ Hall of Fame.

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1967 Acadian Canso



Words and photo by Fred Nelson

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