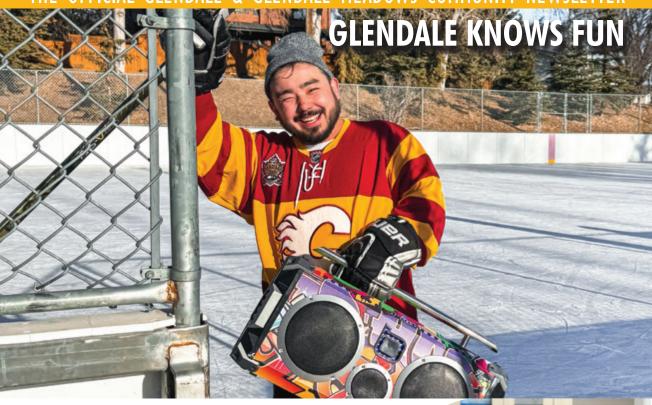
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Len's Biscayne, the lightest base-model is heater-radio-clock-delete, with flat steel panels where those would have been. And it's here in the Calgary area.

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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Join us in person at the community hall, or email president@myglendale.ca for the virtual link.

Annual Community Memberships \$35, Tennis Membership \$70, plus \$20 key deposit

To submit content for publication in the Thumper, please email thethumper@myglendale.ca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah, March! The month that supposedly holds the first day of "spring", but we in Calgary know what it really means. Third (or fourth) winter. No need to fret when that wet snowfall comes because we can always use the moisture in our dry climate. The name March comes from the Latin word Martius meaning, "of Mars", referring to the Roman god of war. March is the first month in the ancient Roman calendar so if January and February didn't go your way, hit the reset button and start 2025 over the Roman way.

Speaking of Romans, with all that's going on in the world today it certainly can be mentally draining, so looking to the advice of the last great Roman Emperor might be helpful. Marcus Aurelius tells himself, "You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength."

Days of significance this month include St. Patrick's Day, which is a wonderful excuse to wear green, drink green (beer), and get together with friends to celebrate with the Irish. Keep an eye on your calendar for spring break when the kids won't be in school. The malls, pools, rec centres, and libraries will all be busier than usual. Some families choose this time to go on vacation which I think is a smart choice because you won't have to coordinate complex childcare solutions. As a parent myself I know how challenging it can be juggling the family schedule and planning camps for kids throughout the year. It's about as complicated as doing your taxes...speaking of taxes, that is in season in March too!

Your Glendale Board is busy working on adopting a new membership and booking platform. We can't wait to share the news formally with you later this year. Being a member of the Community Association is something we hope you all consider. Membership cost is nominal compared to the benefits that you experience. And, if you have ideas for additional membership benefits that can be brought into our community to add value to you and your neighbours, please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know.

I'd like to extend a big thank you to our rink flooding volunteers who maintained the outdoor ice this past skating season. We know you have high standards and take pride in that ice surface and want you to know your community greatly appreciates your time and effort.

Lastly, keep an eye out in the coming months for a few key community volunteer opportunities including our Community Cleanup, Stampede Breakfast, and Casino fundraiser. These are fun events and a great way to meet your fellow Glendalians.

Myles Trawick





Pets of Glendale

Auggie is a big doggy with big feelings. When he feels safe, he's a big friendly boy with dogs and humans alike; when he feels unsure, he has a big bark and bounce. He enjoys his neighbourhood walks and his countryside jaunts.

To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short writeup to thethumper@myglendale.ca. (Our Cat-alogue is steadily growing, and birds, fish, reptiles are welcome too!)





Glendale Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2025	\$799,900	\$777,000
December 2024	\$699,000	\$715,000
November 2024	\$949,000	\$920,000
October 2024	\$900,000	\$880,000
September 2024	\$729,900	\$715,000
August 2024	\$767,000	\$753,750
July 2024	\$715,000	\$701,500
June 2024	\$849,900	\$827,000
May 2024	\$720,000	\$717,500
April 2024	\$839,900	\$875,000
March 2024	\$794,900	\$801,000
February 2024	\$789,000	\$775,000

Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold	
January 2025	5	3	
December 2024	1	1	
November 2024	2	1	
October 2024	7	7	
September 2024	2	3	
August 2024	3	4	
July 2024	7	4	
June 2024	4	3	
May 2024	6	6	
April 2024	6	5	
March 2024	6	7	
February 2024	4	5	

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **glend.mycalgary.com**

Glendale Hall Rental Rates

Please contact rentals@myglendale.ca or visit myglendale.ca/hall-rentals (includes a 3D walkthrough).

Full Space (Hall, Kitchen, Boardroom)

Monday to Thursday: \$95 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Friday Evening: 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Saturday:

Full Day, 10:00 am to 2:00 am, \$1,050. Afternoon, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, \$600. Evening, 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Sunday: Full Day, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, \$900.

Wedding Weekend: Friday evening through Sunday, \$2,500.

Boardroom

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, \$50 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Security Deposit

\$500, returned seven days post-event.

Rates do not include cleaning and are subject to GST.



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The Big Step Forward for Naturally, Glendale!

by Monika Smith, Master Gardener

Some really good news for Naturally, Glendale and the community! Our application for the Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant has been approved. Many thanks to the Parks Foundation Calgary for their support. Check out their website for the fabulous work that they do.

The Foundation states that "parks matter to Calgarians. They are cherished places where we play, connect with each other and immerse ourselves in nature. Parks development is vital to the creation of healthy, innovative and liveable cities." Just what we are trying to do in our park.

This organization funds projects and offers support to help communities and groups achieve their goals by promoting stewardship of new and valued community spaces and creating a healthy outcome for all. This is what the Glendale Community Association is doing.

The Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant Program provides seed money for the development of a concept to reenvision Calgary's parks, pathways, and natural areas with grants of up to \$5,000.

If you didn't know this, the Glendale Community Association relies on grants to operate, keep our building in good repair and up to the latest building codes. The community association building is not like your house. It is a public building so the standards to what and how we do things are very different from what you can do (or ignore) about your house. It's somewhat similar with the grounds. The City owns and cares for all the trees we have and has expectations of tidiness and maintenance. The Community Association is the custodian of these grounds and the building. We have a responsibility to take good care of them and must follow certain policies and guidelines.

We have beautiful, unique grounds, about two acres in front of the hall and to the west. Yet, we are lacking a few things that would make our park extraordinary.

The folks involved in Naturally, Glendale spent last year learning about the City of Calgary's Lease/License

of Occupation (LOC) policies and guidelines. We also worked with our Parks liaison to understand just what we have and received feedback on potential changes to the grounds! The Calgary Horticulture Society, also a partner with the City of Calgary programs, has provided learnings. Many people have been consulted for their expertise both within our community and outside. And personally, I undertook more courses and achieved my Master Gardener certification. Indications that this would be a welcome project? A big yes. However, the devil is in the details.

Receiving the Stella Grant is an important step. Next will come using the grant to hire a landscape architect to develop plans. Ideas proposed for the garden have included pathways, a scalable and easy to use community garden, a gazebo, a garden shed and teaching area, picnic tables, a critter fountain, pollinator plants, and ultimately making the space beautiful. The landscape architect group will offer expert advice, direction, costs, and communications. However, it has to go to a few more hands, such as the City (Parks department), reviews by Glendale's Board and an expert panel.

You, as residents, will be involved in the process and will be asked for feedback. There is a third step, which involves a multi-year process and more grants to make our 'yard' amazing.

We are nowhere near shovels in the ground. But that will change in 2025.

Stay tuned!

If you have ideas for Naturally, Glendale, contact Monika at naturally glendale@myglendale.ca.



GLENDALE NEWS BOARD

Board Updates

At our February Board meeting, we had a great discussion about the potential to increase GGMCA's relationship with local businesses. A few businesses have approached us with offers and opportunities that benefit Glendale members. This initiative has great potential, and neighbouring communities such as Killarney already have very active community member benefits programs. If you are interested in supporting a members' benefits program, contact president@myglendale.ca.

The Board has also been working hard to secure various grants to help make our hall and grounds and engaging space for all residents. This includes a decision to engage a landscape architect on the Naturally, Glendale program (stay tuned for more info!) and an artist to create a mural to beautify the grounds. We would also like to make improvements to the signage at the driveway entrance.

The Board would like to thank Kent Viccars for his efforts on the Board and coordination the rink volunteers this year. He has notified the Board that he will be stepping down from the Board at the end of March.

With that, the Board is open to welcoming and working with Glendale residents who would like to volunteer either on the Board or to help coordinate some of the events we have planned over the spring and summer. Many hands make light work! Contact president@ myglendale.ca if you are interested in hearing more about what could be possible.





January Winter Fun Day

On Saturday, January 25, we had a bit of a change in plans! The originally planned Winter Fun Day could not go forward due to a change in plans for volunteers. However, a local company, Drip & Roll, reached out to the Board

about a test event they were able to use the outdoor rink for, and the result was a lot of fun had by all!

Updates From the City of Calgary

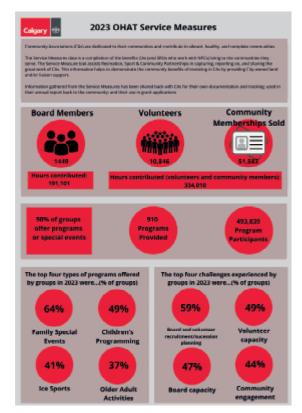
Green Line LRT Update: Calgary City Council voted yes on the Green Line LRT, getting shovels in the ground this year in the southeast and beginning work immediately on the connection into the downtown. This decision reflects months of work with the Province of Alberta on a path forward for the largest infrastructure investment in Calgary's history. More information is available at https://www.calgary.ca/green-line.html.

Calgary Parks is running their tree education sessions again this spring, while the events are not until March spaces fill up quickly. Registration for "Right Tree, Right Location" is now open on the website as well as other resources for those looking to plant or maintain trees in the city. Other sessions will be posted on the same page closer to March visit https://www.calgary.ca/parks/trees/education-workshops.html for more details.

The Travel Safe Student Video contest is open to Calgary students from kindergarten to Grade 12 (https://www.calgary.ca/roads/safety/travel-safe-video-contest.html). The deadline is April 30. Have fun!

Calgarians will soon see big savings on their Blue Cart fee on their Enmax bill, which will drop to just \$2.17 per month—that's a \$7.17 per month savings for every household as a result of Alberta's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system.

Have you ever wondered what exactly community associations do? The City has put together these helpful infographics, which help paint the picture about the work of community association across the city!



Upcoming Events

Most events are free, and we ask that all participants have an active community association membership. Watch myglendale.ca/events for the following fun activities and to register.

- March 11, 10:00 am to Noon Glendale Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the hall from 10:00 am until noon. Check https://myglendale.ca/book-club/ for the upcoming titles or contact Manibh at manibh@shaw.ca. March's book will be *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.
- March 11 at Noon "Coffee and Learn" at the Glendale Hall with Le Family Dental on the Canadian Dental Care Plan benefits. Everyone is welcome. Did you know? Le Family Dental is also offering free dental exams when you show your Glendale Community Association membership card when you book your appointment.

- **Spring TBD** We are waiting to hear from the City on our assigned date for the annual Community Cleanup Day stay tuned!
- May 2 to 4 Calgary Artists Tour. Artists applications close March 15. See https://www.calgaryartistsstudiotour.com/.
- May 3 to 4, TBD Jane's Walk is a global event held annually on the first weekend in May. Stay tuned for more information on the Glendale event!
- May 31, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Glendale's annual Parade of Garage Sales is back! Register by May 28 for free at www.glendalegaragesale.ca.
- July 12 Hold this date for Glendale's annual Stampede breakfast!
- July 20 to 21 Glendale's casino fundraiser date has been assigned! Volunteers needed! Stay tuned for more information.







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It's provincial budget time again, and this year's budget is being presented under a thick veil of speculation and uncertainty, largely because of a new government to the south.

Even before the threat of tariffs landed on Alberta's doorstep, the finance minister was suggesting there would likely be cuts across most, if not all, ministries. Budget decisions, especially cuts, are rarely simple, but many of them have been unnecessary.

Recent moves from the government have either 1) granted benefit for a few, or 2) increased costs for many.

The committee that oversees MLA compensation, living allowances, and caucus funding, which is largely UCP members, voted to give themselves a big raise, far higher than an independent consultant recommended. They also changed the formula for caucus budget, adding \$1,000,000 to their political staff budget.

Clearly, the government knows the cost of living has gone up, which makes some of the following cuts a lot tougher to accept:

- Income supports like Alberta Works, Child Benefits, and AISH are no longer indexed to inflation.
- Funding was cut to three reputable organizations supporting adults with disabilities.
- They stopped providing coverage to children and seniors for partial eye exams and several other optometry services.
- They are raising the cap on car insurance hikes from 3.7 percent to 15 percent over two years.
- They refuse to improve the poverty wages of educational assistants.
- They removed local decision making from homelessness agencies during a housing and affordability crisis.
- They almost pulled funding for Calgary's low-income transit pass, until they realized it was bad press.

Unfortunately, this list is far from exhaustive. If you've been impacted by cuts, please reach out. These are certainly trying times, and you don't have to manage them alone. Your Calgary-Currie team is here to help.

Note From the Editor



Hi Glendale,

"It's in you to give!" That has been the slogan of Canadian Blood Services for several years, and I thought I would highlight how easy it is to donate in Calgary, in case you have never tried it!

Fully appreciating that some folks may not be eligible to donate or feel comfortable

with donating, this information is for those who have been curious.

One important thing to know about donating is: there's snacks! You are actively encouraged to enjoy a drink (water, juice) and some food (pretzels, cookies) before and after your donation. During your donation, your chair is reclined so you can put your feet up and watch a bit of TV. Think of it as a little 'me' time within your busy day.

Laura Nixon



Canada is home to 60% of the world's lakes, this equates to over 2 million shimmering bodies of water across this beautiful country we call home. But that's not all - Canada also has the longest coastline in the world stretching an astonishing length of 202,080 kilometres.

Glendale 2025 PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

It's that time of year - Spring Cleaning Time!

Clean out your closets, drawers, garages, basements and sheds and turn those unwanted items into \$\$ on SATURDAY, MAY 31 - 9 AM to 3 PM. If you do not have enough stuff, join up with a neighbour or make it a street event!

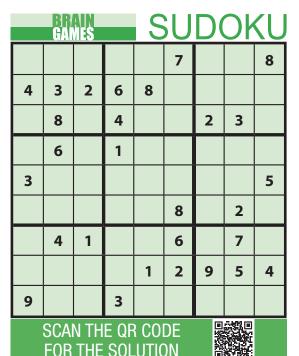
To register and have your garage or yard sale advertised free of charge, please go to our website to register:

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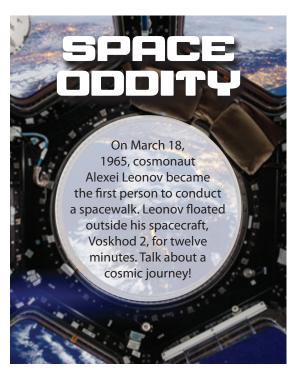
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Light up the Night in Violet Vibes! Light up your homes,
offices, and public spaces in
purple to show your solidarity.

Dress in Grape Glory! Show your support by wearing purple clothing or accessories on March 26th.

Spark a Purple Revolution! Be a part of the change! Donate or start a fundraiser.



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