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Our community board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm
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ARE YOU PLANNING AN EVENT?

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Book your event early!

Dating Safely: Recognizing the Red Flags of an Unsafe Relationship

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



Dating can be exciting. However, it's a time when we overlook warning signs because our attraction leads us to want to believe the best about someone. According to security expert and author Gavin de Becker in his bestselling book *The Gift of Fear*, our intuition is one of our greatest tools for recognizing danger. Learning to trust our instincts and identify red flags can help us avoid unhealthy or unsafe relationships before they become deeply established.

One of de Becker's central messages is that fear is not something to dismiss. It is valuable information. Many people who later experienced emotional abuse, coercion, or violence report that they had an uneasy feeling early on but talked themselves out of it. Rather than ignoring these feelings, de Becker encourages us to pay attention to them.

A common red flag is boundary violations. Healthy people respect your "no," your need for space, and your personal preferences. An unsafe person may repeatedly push your boundaries while disguising their persistence as affection or determination. One of de Becker's most important observations is that when someone ignores

a small "no," they are often testing whether they can ignore a larger one later.

Another warning sign is forced teaming. This occurs when someone creates an artificial sense of connection by speaking as though you are already a team. Statements such as "We're exactly alike," "No one understands me like you do," or "We're in this together" early in a relationship may be attempts to accelerate trust and intimacy before it has naturally developed.

Becker also describes the danger of love bombing, where a person overwhelms you with attention, gifts, praise, or declarations of love very early in dating. While genuine affection develops gradually, love bombing often creates pressure to reciprocate feelings that have not had time to develop authentically.

Another tactic he identifies is charm versus genuineness. Genuine people do not need to work hard to convince you they are good people. Excessive charm, flattery, and polished behaviour can sometimes be used to lower your guard. As de Becker notes, charm is often a strategy intended to persuade, while genuine kindness expects nothing in return.

Watch for loan sharking, another concept from *The Gift of Fear*. This occurs when someone does favours, buys gifts, or provides help that you did not ask for, then expects gratitude, access, attention, or compliance in return. Healthy generosity is freely given without creating a sense of obligation.

Becker also discusses typecasting, a manipulation tactic where someone makes a subtle negative comment in order to provoke you into proving them wrong. For example, "You're probably too busy to talk," or "You seem like someone who wouldn't give people a chance." The goal is often to influence your behaviour by triggering a need to defend yourself.

The most important lesson from *The Gift of Fear* is simple: trust your instincts. If you feel pressured, confused, manipulated, or unsafe, you do not need to justify those feelings. Your intuition exists to protect you. Healthy relationships feel respectful, safe, and consistent. When something feels off, listen to that inner voice, it recognizes danger before your conscious mind can explain it.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy August, Neighbours!

I wanted to take a moment to recognize and celebrate a long-standing member of our community. Ann Clarke is beginning a new chapter as she leaves Kingsland after 30+ years of dedicated service.

Most recently, you may have recognized Ann's bubbly personality while organizing and running the "Free Table" at our annual Community Cleanup Day. Whether serving on the Board of Directors in various positions including President or volunteering behind the scenes, Ann has generously given her time, energy, and heart to making Kingsland a better place for everyone. Ann challenged the City of Calgary on numerous occasions around planning and illegal dumping. She was also instrumental in improving safety in our neighbourhood by championing traffic-calming initiatives and advocating for road closures to help protect our residents.

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions, the affordable housing development Clarke Court on 6 Street SW was named in her honour in 2017. Today, Clarke Court provides affordable homes for 32 individuals and families—a lasting tribute to Ann's dedication to creating a welcoming and caring community.

Ann truly embodies the spirit of volunteerism. Her kindness, leadership, and willingness to serve have inspired countless residents over the years, and her contributions have helped shape the Kingsland we know today.

While we are sad to see Ann leave the community, we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done and the legacy she leaves behind. On behalf of the Kingsland Community Association and our entire community, thank you, Ann, for your years of service, friendship, and leadership. We wish you nothing but happiness and relaxation in your next chapter!

Ann's story is also a reminder of the incredible difference volunteers can make. If you've ever thought about getting involved, we'd love to welcome you. We currently have Board of Directors positions open. If you're interested in helping shape the future of Kingsland, please contact admin@kingslandcommunity.ca.

Carmen Buckner

President and Casino Coordinator, Kingsland Community Association

GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Flower

1. This native wildflower, known as the Devil's Nettle, grows in small clusters of single-coloured blooms. The most common variety is white, but other light colours, such as yellow and peach, may also be found.
2. This flower, featuring bright red and orange hues, became the floral emblem of the province of Saskatchewan in 1956.
3. This member of the buttercup family is one of the first plants to bloom during Alberta's spring.
4. This flower is famously known for following the sun – but mature plants primarily face east.
5. This plant, known for its unique heart-shaped bloom, has cultivars native to both North America and Eastern Asia.
6. This blue flower, a native perennial, is easy to remember from its distinctive yellow centre!

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Tanghulu

by S. Law



Looking for a fun way to use your fruit? Try making tanghulu at home! This classic Chinese snack is easy to make and the perfect treat, check out the recipe below!

Ingredients

- Any fruit that can be pierced on a skewer.
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/2 cup of water
- Wooden skewers

Directions

1. Wash and dry your fruit of choice, cut it into 1 to 2 inch pieces. For berries keep them whole.
2. With your wooden skewers, pierce the fruit, pushing each one down until your skewer is full, leaving enough room at the end for you to hold. Set aside.
3. Pour your sugar and water into a pot, making sure the pot is not too full.
4. Stir the water and sugar together until fully combined, then turn the heat on medium and cover with a lid. Do not stir while the pot is heating! The water will prevent the sugar from burning, stirring only agitates the crystals making the mixture clumpy.
5. Once the sugar water begins to boil, you can remove the lid and let it cook.
6. You are waiting for the sugar to become golden in colour, do not stir with a spoon, but you can lift the pot above the heat and gently swirl the contents, so it cooks evenly.
7. Once you think the sugar is close to being done, prepare an ice bath in a large container that will fit your skewers.
8. When the sugar turns that golden shade, remove it from the heat immediately and begin carefully dipping your prepared skewers. The sugar will be very hot, so be careful not to burn yourself.
9. As soon as they have been dipped, place them into the ice bath so the sugar hardens, and you're done!
10. Enjoy your hard-earned treat with family and friends.

It's time to lock up. 9 p.m. Routine



- ✓ Remove valuables from car
- ✓ Lock your car
- ✓ Lock your house & windows
- ✓ Close & lock garage door
- ✓ Turn on exterior lights

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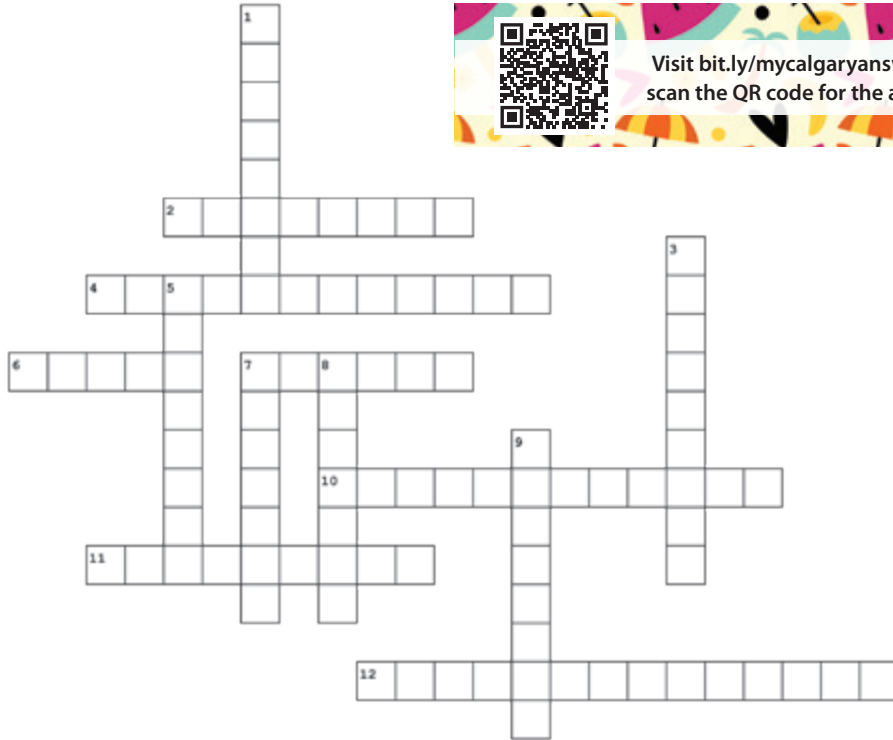
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August Crossword



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Across

2. Described as a period of abnormally hot weather, August is a typical time for these extreme weather events.
4. *Everything Everywhere All at Once* stars _____ as Evelyn, a mother trying to save her daughter from the evil forces of Jobu Tupaki in every universe.
6. *I Barely Knew Her*; is the title of this new artist's first album.
7. Weeping _____, is a popular tree native to northern China, but is now found in many places in North America.
10. These freshwater fish have a deceptively colourful name and can be found in the Bow River.
11. This American artist released his album *Wishbone*, featuring the songs, "Vodka Cranberry" and "Eleven Eleven" in August of last year.
12. If you're out on the lake, you may see people participating in this relaxing water sport.

Down

1. In this popular card game, you and your partner need to accrue a total of 121 points to win, even better if you skunk your opponents.
3. This popular Broadway musical was recently performed here in Calgary, telling the story of Orpheus and Eurydice.
5. Anne Hathaway's character in *The Devil Wears Prada* wears this blue that "represents millions of dollars of countless jobs."
7. This award-winning horror film follows Julia Garner as she tries to find her 17 students that go missing in the middle of the night.
8. These public spaces often promote a summer reading challenge for young kids.
9. These cold, fruit-flavoured treats are well-loved on a hot summer day.



KINGSLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Your membership revenue helps to support a community-wide range of events, services, and facilities.

What we offer residents:

- Free annual Community Cleanup Day
- Family, social, and senior events
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The Kingsland Community Association annual membership year is July 1 to June 30

Choose your membership & provide your contact information:

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Accidental Poisoning

by Emergency Health Services

Emergency Health Services (EHS) paramedics would like to remind parents and caregivers of precautions they can take to help prevent accidental childhood poisonings around the home. Ingesting prescription or over-the-counter medication is a frequent cause of accidental childhood poisonings. Other causes include ingesting or contact with household items such as dishwasher/laundry tablets, mouthwash, chemicals such as paints/solvents, cleaning products, and button batteries.

Storage

- Place all medications in locked containers and store in an area inaccessible to children.
- For easy identification, store all medications in their original packaging; do not mix multiple medications in a single bottle.
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications and button batteries are kept.

Safety tips

- Child-resistant medication bottles are not necessarily child-proof. They can still be opened by a child.
- Take extra precautions with medicines designed to appeal to children such as chewable vitamins or flavoured cough and cold syrups.
- Promptly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use.

Prevention

- Store household products, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics in locked cabinets or drawers.
- Install child latches on cabinets children might also access by climbing on counters or chairs.
- Label all plants in and around your home and garden.
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even a small amount can cause serious illness if ingested.

Find poisoning information by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at 1-800-332-1414.

In Case of a Poisoning Emergency, Call 9-1-1

Provide the name of the product ingested and, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EHS paramedics to inspect on their arrival.



Please Note

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Wednesdays

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Friday

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Sunday

Second Sunday of Each Month - St. Brigid Catholic Church

Pssstt...

We love featuring the community in the newsletter and on social media. We'd love to see your garden, your favourite tree, your summer activities, or your outdoor projects or a story, poem or painting you've been working on and we'd love to publish it in the newsletter. Please send to admin@kingslandcommunity.ca.

August's Reflection

by Michelle Macdonald, Letter Writing and Mail Club Enthusiast.

List your favourite hobbies. Pick one that gives you great fulfillment. Why is it so special to you?

Dear reader,

It has taken me some time to figure out who I am and which pastimes I need to feel truly content. My favourite hobbies are reading, gardening, camping, hiking, and jigsaw puzzles. To properly nourish our whole selves, I surmise we each need a combination of hobbies that embody various aspects of our lives. For example, we need something active to move our bodies, something to challenge and sharpen our minds, something social to connect us to others, and something peaceful to help us relax.

Gardening is particularly special to me, fulfilling both my active and relaxation needs. I have had a deep affinity for the outdoors and growing things since childhood, heavily influenced by my parents. My dad always tended to the vegetable garden, while my mom creatively landscaped their farm in Southern Ontario.

Working with the earth is a natural lesson in hard work and reward. One morning this spring, I was roaming the backyard with my hot cup of tea, impatiently wondering when my peas would finally begin to sprout. When I noticed a flash of green, I was elated. A single pea shoot was poking proudly out of the soil, and my heart was happy.

However, gardening also requires realistic expectations and acceptance of things entirely outside of our control. Since those peas sprouted, I've had to battle hungry birds and mischievous squirrels. Losing plants to hail, insects, and other pests is simply part of the deal.

Gardening in a climate with a short growing season requires flexibility. It forces me to accept that hours of hard work could be thwarted on any given day by Mother Nature. Honestly, if I hadn't learned to accept that reality, I likely would have quit by now! Yet, despite the frequent challenges, it remains deeply rewarding. Soon enough, I will be eating fresh peas, lettuce, herbs, raspberries, and other delicious food that I managed to nurture, protect, and keep alive.

Happy writing,

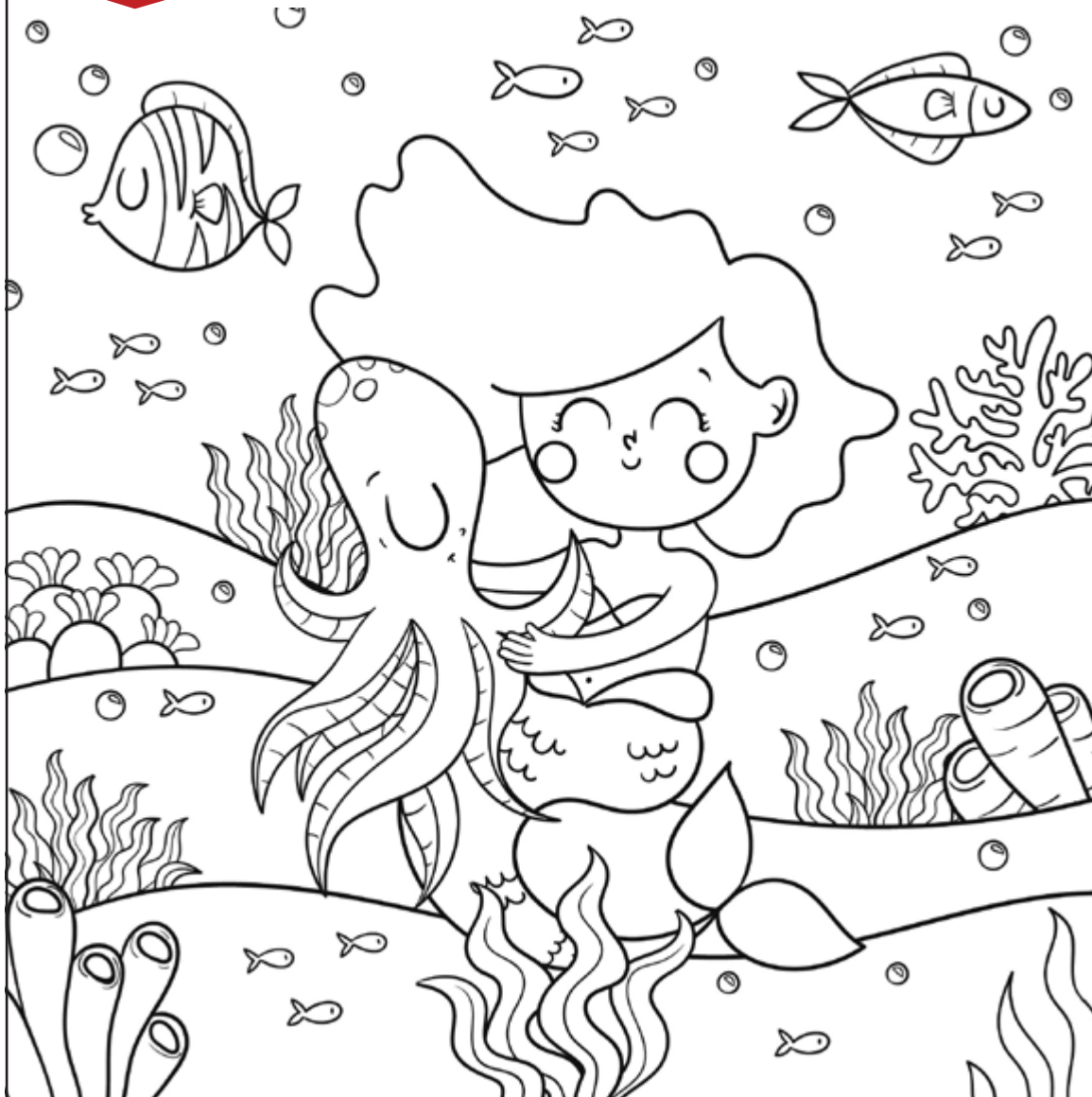
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Write It Forward



Now it's your turn to write it forward. Write a friend, neighbour, or family member about our monthly reflection.





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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Happy Summer, Calgary-Acadia!

It has been a whirlwind couple of months spending quality time connecting with you and your neighbours in the community. Through the wind, rain, and hail, we celebrated Neighbour Day across the riding, supporting young entrepreneurs at their lemonade stands, channelling our creative juices into painting tiles and wood blocks, and enjoying the live music when the weather permitted. It was a blast, and I am so grateful for the community associations and all the volunteer hours spent creating events like these.

This Canada Day felt especially significant as Alberta faces a referendum on its place in confederation. I am a proud Canadian and a proud Albertan, and vast majority of constituents have told me they feel the same. Many have expressed frustration with the referendum, particularly its cost and limited return, and would rather see those dollars invested toward strengthening public education and public health care, priorities that directly support families and communities.

From the Calgary Stampede and Folkfest to parades of garage sales, summer offers countless ways to come together and celebrate our thriving communities. Our third annual Haysboro Stampede Breakfast was part of that spirit, bringing thousands of neighbours out for pancakes, connection, and conversation with the Alberta NDP Caucus.

Your voices are essential, and it is a true privilege to serve Calgary Acadia. I am here to represent you, and the perspectives you share help shape the work I do every day. As the referendum approaches, I encourage everyone to stay engaged, take the issue seriously, and make the time to get informed about what is at stake for our province and our future. Please continue to share your thoughts and perspectives with me.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer.

Cheers,

Diana

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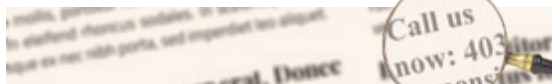
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