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The Tobacco Reduction Act prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces, and within 5 metres of any doorway, window or air intake. If you do smoke, please be sure to do so at least 5 metres from the entrance. We appreciate your cooperation.

Taxing Homeowners Guide

by Anne Burke



The City offers some helpful hints in their Homeowner's Guide. Pay your property tax bill on time to avoid penalties. Every property has its own unique nine-digit roll number. If you moved, make sure you have the correct one. If you sold a property, cancel your previous enrolment and then join with your new address. If you own multiple properties or a condo, pay the tax for each property using its unique roll number. For condos, each titled space (e.g., living space, parking, storage) has its own roll number and is considered a separate property. You can use a property tax calculator to estimate your bill. You will find recent previous tax bills in myTax, an online resource for more detailed information. Register for a secure account and sign up for eNotice to receive your assessment online. Join the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) to pay your property tax month-by-month. Review your property assessment every year. If you have concerns submit a request to discuss your property information and details. The team can explain how the market value was determined and refer you to sales of similar properties in your neighbourhood. You may also file a complaint about your assessment with the Assessment Review Board, if you believe the value is incorrect or if other information on your assessment notice is not accurate. You cannot appeal your taxes, but you can appeal your property assessment during the Customer Review Period. You must still pay your taxes on time, even if you plan to appeal. Call 3-1-1 if you have any questions. The assessment complaint process resets annually. If you disagree with your current assessment, you must file a new complaint. Assessment Notices and Property Tax Bills are translated into the most requested languages. Visit www.calgary.ca/property-owners/taxes/new-homeowner-guide.html for more information.



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What's blooming in FCPP this July and August

Who's up for going out into the park this summer to take in some blooming native plants? One thing a few of us who are at the beginning of our native plant species journey have noticed is that once you start to learn a few native plants, you see them everywhere. So, we thought we would share with you, Fish Creek Community, a condensed list of some of the plants you can expect to see blooming in July and August in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

July



Northern sweetvetch
Hedysarum boreale



Stiff sunflower
Helianthus pauciflorus



Nodding onion
Allium cernuum



Purple prairie clover
Dalea purpurea



Silky lupine
Lupinus sericeus

We can't guarantee all of these will be blooming in the exact month they're listed in, so don't fret if you see blooms a little earlier or later than expected.

Love native plants and Fish Creek Provincial Park? Our programs will help you connect with nature in the park, from volunteering with grasslands restoration and engaging with the public, to our new kids' summer day camp, and beyond. Visit our website at www.friendsoffishcreek.org or follow us on Instagram or Facebook @fishcreekpp to learn more about summer day camp and all our exciting programs.

August



Tufted fleabane
Erigeron caespitosus



Missouri goldenrod
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Dotted blazing star
Liatris punctata



Blue grama grass
Bouteloua gracilis



Tufted white prairie aster
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The Growth of Professional Soccer in Calgary and Canada



Since the launch of Canada's professional soccer landscape in recent years, Calgary has emerged as an important contributor to the sport's national growth. The rise of professional soccer in the city reflects a broader shift across the country, as communities connect more deeply with the world's game and its expanding future in Canada. As excitement builds toward the FIFA World Cup in 2026, communities across Calgary are finding new ways to feel connected to the global game through shared local pride.

That momentum is driven by a shared belief in soccer's power to unite communities, develop talent, and strengthen Canada's place on the global stage. Professional clubs now serve not just as competitive teams, but as local ambassadors for the sport, linking Canadian fans to an increasingly international game.

Set against the iconic backdrop of Spruce Meadows, Cavalry FC blends world-class facilities with a strong local identity. Emphasis has been placed on developing Canadian players - particularly those from Calgary and

Alberta - while integrating experienced international professionals who raise standards on and off the field. This approach plays a vital role in strengthening Canada's soccer pathway, supporting both domestic competition and the national team system.

Matchdays themselves have become a defining part of the experience. ATCO Field's intimate setting brings fans closer to the action, creating an atmosphere distinct from any other sporting venue in the city. Combined with the natural beauty and prestige of Spruce Meadows, it showcases what a uniquely Canadian soccer environment can feel like.

Beyond competition, Cavalry FC continues to make a meaningful difference through school programs, youth camps, community appearances, and grassroots partnerships. As Canada prepares to welcome the world in 2026, the legacy being built in Calgary centres on growing the game locally, strengthening community connections, and inspiring the next generation of players and supporters nationwide.

The Half-Finished Things Taking Up More Space Than You Think

by Shayla Moulton



By July, most of us have settled into the rhythm of the year. The ambitious goals we set in January have either become habits or quietly disappeared. Summer calendars are booked up. Vacation plans are underway. Work remains busy. Life keeps moving.

On the surface, everything seems manageable.

Yet many people carry a lingering feeling that they can't quite shake. A sense that there's always something they should be doing. Something they forgot. Something waiting for their attention.

Often, the source of that feeling isn't a major problem. It's the accumulation of half-finished things.

- A passport renewal that still needs to be submitted.
- A dental appointment that hasn't been booked.
- The pile of paperwork on the kitchen counter.
- The quotes you need to get to fix the garage door.
- The email that requires a response.
- The donations that have been sitting in your trunk for months.

None of these tasks are particularly difficult. Most could be completed in a few hours. Yet they remain unfinished, quietly occupying mental space day after day.

What makes these tasks so draining is not the amount of time they require. It's the fact that our brains continue to track them. Every unfinished task becomes an open tab. We may not be actively thinking about it, but part of our attention remains attached to it.

Over time, dozens of small open tabs can create a surprising amount of mental clutter.

This is one reason so many people feel busy even when they haven't accomplished anything particularly

demanding. Their energy is being divided among countless loose ends.

I've noticed that when people feel overwhelmed, they often assume they need a vacation, a new productivity system, or a complete life overhaul. Sometimes what they actually need is far simpler.

They need to close a few open tabs. July is an ideal time to do exactly that.

The halfway point of the year offers a natural opportunity to revisit the tasks and responsibilities that have been quietly following us for months. Not everything needs immediate attention, but most of us can identify a handful of lingering items that would bring an immediate sense of relief if they were finally completed.

A useful place to start is with appointments. Health checkups, vehicle maintenance, home services, and routine administrative tasks are often postponed because they feel inconvenient to schedule. Yet once they are booked, the mental burden often disappears.

The second area is paperwork. Forms, renewals, applications, and documents have a way of accumulating until they feel far more intimidating than they actually are.

Third, consider household projects. Not the major renovations, but the small repairs and organizational tasks that repeatedly catch your attention every time you walk past them.

Next, look at financial loose ends. Unused subscriptions, unanswered insurance questions, budget reviews, or savings goals that haven't been revisited since the start of the year.

Finally, take inventory of the decisions you've been avoiding. Some unfinished tasks are not tasks at all. They are decisions waiting to be made. The longer they remain unresolved, the more energy they consume.

The purpose of a mid-year reset isn't to become more productive. It's to create more breathing room.

Sometimes the biggest improvement we can make is not adding something new to our lives. It's finally completing the things that have been quietly following us around for months.

As the second half of the year begins, that may be the most valuable fresh start of all!

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Season Started May 1, 2026

The wait is over—Oakridge's outdoor racquet club season officially began May 1, 2026.

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New To the Racquet Club?

You don't need to be an expert to participate. If you're curious about joining, this is a great season to start. Playing outdoors is one of the easiest ways to build a new habit—especially when it's close to home and you can keep it social. If you have a friend, neighbour, or family member who's been saying "we should play sometime," consider this your sign to make it happen.

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