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- Supply & install one corner caddy & soap dish
- Supply & install new subfloor
- Installation of new tile flooring
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Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm; everyone is welcome.

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DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC REPORT

I would just like to highlight what has been happening/ going on behind the scenes this past month, in no particular order:

Thank you, Steve D. and our ice rink volunteers for your many hours of service! Our rink is closed for the season.

Thank you, Peter F. and all our casino volunteers! We raised a record \$82,956.03 at our casino this year! Great timing for our hall rebuild!

I met with the Executive Director of the Federation of Calgary Communities. We have asked that the FCC raise concerns with regards to the engagement process/model that the City is using. The FCC will focus on asking the City to revamp the process as Council has directed. We have provided two specific examples for them to use in their communication—the sale and development of Richmond Green, and the derailed engagement process for GamePLAN.

We have run out of time to settle our hall insurance claim. We have reached the two-year mark and filed a Statement of Claim with the Courts for over \$600,000. Unfortunately, an engineering report shows that there were pre-existing deficiencies with the floor system, so the insurer did not budge much off of their original offer. As we do not have the funds to sue them in court, we have settled for less than \$100,000. At least now we can move forward with the engineering process and apply for grants to help us rebuild. This has been a long and arduous process, and we are not there yet. We will be putting a call out for short-term assistance (i.e. moving things from the hall to the sea can) and appreciate your support and continued patience. Thank you.

Save the Date – Our Community Cleanup will be September 13 this year. Thank you, Rosa M. for submitting our application!

Neighbour Day will be June 21 this year. Danny Greene has indicated an interest in organizing this event again and will be looking for volunteers.

Canada Lands will be making some changes to the CFB West Master Outline Plan in order to preserve some buildings and reduce the size of the business area. We will continue to share updates via our e-newsletter and Facebook page.

If you have not already signed up for our email updates, please do so at our website, www. rutlandparkcommunity.com. The City often gives us very short notice for upcoming events, and this is the quickest way for us to reach you. Please also join us on Facebook—Rutland Park Community Association. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Leanne Ellis

Executive VP and Development and Traffic

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail or drop off your completed application to: Rutland Park Community Association, 3130 - 40 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6W9 or membership@rutlandparkcommunity.com

Select Membership Type:

☐ Family: 1 year - \$15; 3 year - \$36 ☐ Single: 1 year - \$5; 3 year - \$1	2
Senior: 1 year - \$5; 3 year - \$12	

Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.

Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

Our Mission and Values:

Name:

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent fashion
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole

- V. Communicating board decisions with one voice
- VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- connectedness: bringing people together
- · knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
- pleasant surroundings/maintaining green space and excellent community facilities
- pedestrian friendly: easy walking, cars secondary to people
- self contained: close to amenities, community garden, sustainable
- accessible, age friendly
- · desirable quality of life: all season activities
- promote accessible recreational activities

Rutland Park Community Hall Rentals

3130 - 40 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6W9

Current Rental Rates Hourly Rate: \$50/hour Friday, Saturday, Sunday – full day rate: \$400. Non-refundable admin fee: \$50. A four-hour minimum rental is required on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you are interested in renting the hall or would like more information on any of the classes running at the hall, please contact Lola at 403-474-3845 or email hallrentals@rutlandparkcommunity.com. Visit the Community Association website to see what our beautiful hall looks like: www.rutlandparkcommunity.com/hall-rentals/.



Window and Balcony Safety

by Alberta Health Services

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.





Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months RUTLAND PARK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2025	\$879,000	\$856,500
February 2025	\$0	\$0
January 2024	\$999,900	\$995,000
December 2024	\$349,000	\$370,000
November 2024	\$0	\$0
October 2024	\$592,500	\$593,500
September 2024	\$885,000	\$885,000
August 2024	\$689,900	\$689,900
July 2024	\$367,400	\$389,250
June 2024	\$794,949	\$789,250
May 2024	\$749,900	\$735,000
April 2024	\$949,900	\$1,025,000

Last 12 Months LINCOLN PARK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

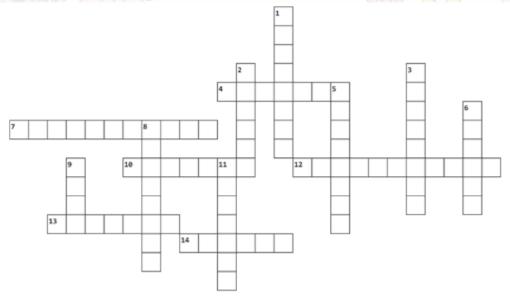
	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2025	\$299,900	\$296,000
February 2025	\$349,450	\$332,500
January 2024	\$369,900	\$361,500
December 2024	\$344,450	\$338,250
November 2024	\$305,950	\$304,700
October 2024	\$303,950	\$302,000
September 2024	\$369,000	\$369,000
August 2024	\$294,450	\$298,750
July 2024	\$274,394	\$273,250
June 2024	\$298,000	\$287,750
May 2024	\$329,900	\$330,000
April 2024	\$285,000	\$285,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit rutl.mycalgary.com, linc.mycalgary.com or curr.mycalgary.com

Last 12 Months CURRIE BARRACKS MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2025	\$489,900	\$459,900
February 2025	\$364,900	\$349,900
January 2024	\$686,950	\$667,500
December 2024	\$877,000	\$859,750
November 2024	\$725,000	\$750,000
October 2024	\$709,512	\$709,512
September 2024	\$350,000	\$345,000
August 2024	\$377,450	\$372,000
July 2024	\$734,895	\$734,895
June 2024	\$492,065	\$492,065
May 2024	\$1,500,000	\$1,472,000
April 2024	\$517,200	\$512,450





Cory ______, famous for his role as Finn Hudson on Glee, was born on May 11, 1982, in Calgary, Alberta. The first _____ Awards were held on May 4, 1959, with Ella Fitzgerald winning the award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance. Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil _____ Tyson was originally published in May 2017. On May 8, 1980, the World Health Organization declared that this disease, caused by the variola virus, had been eradicated.

Down

- 6. Fashion designer, Coco ______, released her eponymous perfume, ______ No. 5, on May 5, 1921.
- 8. Canadians celebrate the birthday of this Queen on May 19.
- 9. The month of May is named after ______, the Greek goddess of growth, fertility, and spring.
- 11. The Canadian government established the North-West ______ Police on May 23, 1873.



Across

- 4. This popular TV sitcom aired its series finale "The Last One" on May 6, 2004, in the United States.
- Pyotr Ilyich ______ was a guest conductor for the opening of Music Hall (now Carnegie Hall) on May 5, 1891.
- 10. On May 16, 1929, the first _____ Awards were held with the silent film *Wings* winning Best Picture.
- 12. The first-ever race of the Formula 1 World Championship was held on May 13, 1950, at this iconic English circuit, which is still used today.
- Amelia ______ started her first transatlantic solo flight on May 20, 1932, departing from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland.
- 14. *The ______ Reloaded* was released on May 15, 2003, starring Canadian actor Keanu Reeves and Canadian actress Carrie-Anne Moss.



Celebrating Calgary 150 - Sandstone City

by Anthony Imbrogno (The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC)

Why is today's downtown core located west of Fort Calgary? In the 1880s, Inglewood was growing in anticipation of the railway, but then Canadian Pacific Railway built its station where the Calgary Tower stands today. Much of the fledgling town picked up and moved.

Civic leaders then built bridges and ran the Stampede's forerunner, the 1886 International Seed Grain and Hay Exposition. The first General Hospital opened in a house, performing surgeries on the kitchen table.

Calgary's first buildings were constructed with wood, but 18 were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1886. Afterwards, town council mandated building with sandstone from the surrounding foothills.

Hence the nickname Sandstone City. See for yourself along Stephen Avenue National Historic Site. Imperial Bank helped make it Calgary's commercial core. The Alberta Hotel followed, and HBC built a department store in 1891.

Smallpox killed several people in 1892, sparking a riot when fearful residents attacked Chinese laundries, the purported source of the outbreak. Many thousands of Chinese had worked on the CPR and settled in Calgary.

An influx of Russian Germans fleeing persecution arrived in 1892 in Bridgeland-Riverside. Ukrainians and Italians followed. Nuns like Mary Greene established Sacred Heart Convent in 1885. Édouard Rouleau became head physician of Holy Cross Hospital.

The CPR took advantage of the Rocky Mountains' picturesque landscapes. Near Siding 29, Banff townsite emerged in 1883. The presence of hot springs led the government to create a national park in 1887. Opened one year later, Banff Springs Hotel is a modern-day castle, with another one built on Horunnumnay ("little fishes' lake", aka Lake Louise).

The park's founding saw the exclusion of Indigenous people. They also faced Residential Schools that

isolated students from their culture and families under sometimes terrible conditions.

At today's Fish Creek Provincial Park, William Roper Hull built a two-storey Tudor Revival-style ranch house. Also, there was Shaw's family homestead and woollen mill. A store on Stephen Avenue sold their goods to many customers headed for the Yukon's Klondike Gold Rush.

Sandstone City was a beacon on the prairies, connected to the world via railway and offering opportunities to many.

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Colorectal Cancer Screening Saves Lives

by Alberta Health Services

Colorectal cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer deaths in Alberta, often affecting people over 50 with no family history of the disease.

Colorectal cancer develops in the colon (large intestine) or rectum and can begin as growths called "polyps" on the inner wall of the colon or rectum. Not all polyps turn into cancer, but some types can with time. Early-stage colorectal cancer and polyps can exist for years, without symptoms.

Get screened regularly, especially if you are between 50 and 74-years-old. Screening looks for early signs of cancer in people who feel well and have no symptoms. With regular screening, colorectal cancer can be found early, and many types of polyps can be removed before they turn into cancer.

Screening Tests for Colorectal Cancer

The two main screening tests for colorectal cancer are Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) and colonoscopy. You and your healthcare provider can discuss which test is right for you.

Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT)

FIT is the recommended screening test for people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer. Most people are at average risk. Average risk means those with no symptoms and no personal or family history of colorectal cancer.

FIT is an easy, at-home test that checks for hidden blood in your stool. You collect a small stool sample and take your completed FIT to the lab for testing. You should plan to do the FIT every year starting at age 50.

There are two easy ways to get your free FIT:

- Talk to your doctor about colorectal cancer screening. They'll give you a lab requisition form. Take this form to the lab to pick up your FIT.
- Order online at screeningforlife.ca or call AHS Screening Programs toll-free at 1-866-727-3926. We'll mail you a FIT.

If your FIT result is normal, it means that no blood was found in your stool sample. You should continue to



screen with FIT regularly. If your FIT result is abnormal, it means that blood was found in your stool sample. This can happen for different reasons.

While most people with an abnormal result do not have cancer, your doctor or healthcare provider may recommend a colonoscopy to find the cause of the bleeding.

For every 100 colonoscopies after an abnormal FIT, two to three cases of colorectal cancer are detected. Early detection leads to a 90% treatment success rate, making regular screening essential.

Colonoscopy

Colonoscopy is the recommended test for people at an increased risk of getting colorectal cancer. You may be at increased risk if you or someone in your family such as a parent, sibling, or child had colorectal cancer in the past. Colonoscopy is also the recommended follow-up test after an abnormal FIT result.

A colonoscopy lets the doctor see the inside of your colon. This test is done using a colonoscope, which is a long, thin, flexible tube with a light and camera on the end.

Colorectal Cancer Signs and Symptoms

Never ignore new symptoms including blood in your stool, a change in your bowel habits, pain in your belly, or unexplained weight loss. See your doctor or healthcare provider if you develop these or any other symptoms you're worried about. These symptoms may not be caused by cancer, but speaking to your healthcare provider can help you know for sure.

Children and The Common Cold

by Alberta Health Services

The common cold is a viral infection of the nose and throat. It is also known as an upper respiratory tract infection. There are over 200 different viruses that can cause colds. It is normal for children to have an average of six to eight colds per year. Having colds more often is not a sign of a weak immune system. Children develop their immune system by being exposed to many viruses over the years. As children get older, they get sick less often.

The 'flu' refers to a specific viral infection caused by the Influenza virus. This virus can make people quite sick, especially young children and older adults. People with the flu have more breathing difficulties and high fevers.

Some Key Facts About the Common Cold in Children

Children with a cold will usually have:

- · Stuffy, runny nose
- Sneezing
- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Decreased appetite

Cold symptoms usually last for three to seven days. Often, symptoms like cough or runny nose, can linger for up to two to three weeks. Fevers usually happen on the first few days your child is sick. Fevers from a cold should get better within three to five days.

Some key points to remember about the common cold in children are:

- Colds are caused by many different viruses and are common in children
- Colds cause runny nose, sneezing, cough and fevers
- Colds get better on their own keep your child comfortable and hydrated
- If your child has a fever for five days or is not getting better, they should be examined by their doctor

When Should My Child See a Doctor?

There is no medicine to treat a cold, or make it go away faster. Your child's body will take care of the virus. The best thing to do is to make your child feel comfortable while they are sick.



While most children will have mild symptoms and get better in a few days, consider having your child seen by a doctor if they are:

- Younger than three months
- Having trouble breast or bottle feeding because of their stuffy nose
- Having fevers for more than five days
- Having a runny nose that hasn't improved after ten days
- Complaining of ear pain or fluid draining from their ear

Call 9-1-1 anytime you think your child may need emergency care. Seek immediate medical attention if:

- · Your child is having trouble breathing
- Your child's lips turn blue
- Your child is complaining of neck pain or stiffness
- Your child is lethargic (very sleepy)
- Your child is dehydrated (dry mouth, no tears, no pee)

Know Your Options

It can be scary when your child is sick. But in most cases, you don't need to go to the emergency department. If you're unsure, visit ahs.ca/options to learn about the options so you can get the care you need.

About AHS HEAL

The Alberta Health Services HEAL (Health Education and Learning) program was created by a team of doctors, nurses, and other clinical staff who work at the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital, to support families and patients with up-to-date and useful information about common childhood health concerns. Learn more at ahs.ca/heal.



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Dear Neighbours,

Spring is here and as the days heat up, many of us will be well into planning our summer holiday.

In Calgary, we are extremely fortunate to live at the feet of the Rocky Mountains, a breathtaking statement of the majestic beauty this corner of our province has to offer all who live here and those who come to visit.

So close to home, perhaps many of us can be guilty at times of taking those Rockies for granted. The same can be said for our incredible country and all it has to offer from coast to coast to coast.

The on-again, off-again threat of tariffs and Donald Trump's musings of Alberta becoming the U.S.'s 51st state have galvanized Albertans and Canadians in a newly ignited nationalism.

As Canadians, we have so much to be proud of, in addition to the natural beauty that surrounds us. Our public health care system that ensures everyone has access to essential medical services. A public education system that provides young minds with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive. Our world-class universities that attract students from around the world, reinforcing Canada's reputation as a leader in higher education.

There is no denying these are uniquely challenging times for our nation, but I am confident our pride, unity, and resilience will power the strength that will carry us through to a better, stronger future filled with prosperity.

Perhaps consider a staycation this summer and explore a corner of our beautiful country you have always wanted to visit.

I have no doubt that by supporting each other we will remain strong and free.

A reminder that my office is located at 205 5005 Elbow Drive SW. I am always happy to meet with constituents and hear what is on your mind.

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Create a Beautiful and Resilient YardSmart Yard This Spring!

by The City of Calgary

A YardSmart yard stays beautiful longer during hot and dry weather compared to yards completely planted with grass. The City's YardSmart program provides helpful resources that show you how to how to plan, build, and maintain your yard, including:

- Layouts and plant lists for all over your yard wet, full sun, partial sun, and shade areas.
- Easy to follow information on planting, watering, and maintenance.
- How-to videos including how to garden on a budget and creating a pollinator-friendly yard.

Remember, new plants need lots of water to get established, especially during the heat of summer. You can do your part to reduce your water consumption and help your yard and garden retain moisture by:

- Installing a rain barrel to use in your yard and garden.
 It is a simple, yet effective way to reduce your water use by acting as a backup source of water.
- Only giving plants the water they need.
- Mowing less often to keep your grass five to seven cm (two to three inches) high to shade the soil.
- Replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as low water-use perennials and shrubs, lawn alternatives, or groundcovers.
- Adding good quality soil to help retain moisture and mulch on top to reduce evaporation.

To learn more about how to create a beautiful, resilient yard and garden that uses less water, visit calgary.ca/YardSmart.



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