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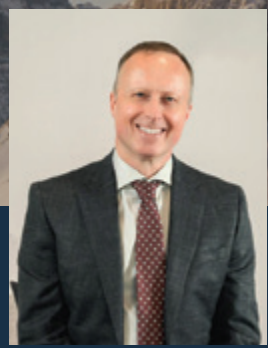

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We have strong community spirit in West Springs Cougar Ridge. Do your part and join the Community Association and, if you can, volunteer to make it even stronger – we can always use more help and it's a great way to meet residents of your community! Visit wscr.ca for more information.

WSCRCA Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at Wolfe Chevrolet GMC Buick Calgary - 756 101 Street SW and online via Microsoft Teams. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend these meetings. If you would like to discuss a particular issue or idea, please notify our Executive Assistant by email a week before the meeting at admin@wscr.ca.

What does the WSCRCA do?

- We run youth and family related programs.
- We are your voice at City Hall. Dealing with planning and development proposals, traffic, parks and recreation, and a direct voice to our local City Councillor.
- We support community initiatives and events. Community clean up, Charity Stampede Breakfast, community garden, and so much more!

Community Association Versus Residents Association

The community of West Springs/Cougar Ridge encompasses several subdivisions, some of which have a Residents or Homeowners Association. Both play an important, but different role, in the community.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
✓ Membership is voluntary	✓ Membership is mandatory
✓ Represents all households in the WSCRCA boundaries	✓ Annual fees registered against property title. Fees must be paid in full prior to the sale of the home.
✓ Organizes community wide events and programs	✓ Maintains the landscaping and other amenities in the public green spaces for a specific subdivision

Check out our website, www.wscr.ca, for all that we do! Want to stay up to date and have early access to all our events and offerings? Become a member!

Become a West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association Member
$25 per Household or $15 for Seniors

That gets you:
- Priority registration and discounts for WSCRCA run program and events.
- Support for a more vibrant community by supporting community-based initiatives.
- Members only emails.
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- Eligibility to vote at the AGM
- Access to up-to-date information about upcoming events & programs including offers from our sponsors

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Christmas Tree Composting

When the holidays are over, give your real Christmas tree a green goodbye by choosing one of the following options:

Green Cart Pickup: Remove all decorations (lights, tinsel, ornaments) and cut the tree into small pieces so it fits inside your green cart with the lid closed. Place any extra branches in a paper yard waste bag, rolled shut, and set it at least two feet away from your cart.

Drop-Off (From December 26 to January 31): Remove all decorations and do not wrap or bag your tree. Take the whole tree to a designated drop-off site. Find your nearest location at calgary.ca/christmastree.





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Recycle More This Holiday Season

by City of Calgary Waste and Recycling Services



Due to new upgrades at our recycling facilities, you can now recycle even more holiday waste this year. As you clean up after holiday gatherings, remember to put these items in your blue cart:

- Paper and plastic gift wrap
- Foam packaging
- Flexible plastic bags, wrappers, and food pouches
- Cardboard and shipping boxes
- Food and body aerosols, like cooking oil spray, whipped cream cans, and hairspray
- Metal food cans, glass jars, and plastic containers

Place all items empty, clean, and loose in your blue cart. Do not bag or bundle them.

Thank you for sorting right and helping keep more holiday waste out of the landfill!

Learn more at calgary.ca/holidaywaste.

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Drop-Off Site:
From December 26 to January 31, you can take your whole tree to a designated drop-off site. You can find the location closest to you at calgary.ca/christmastree. Please ensure all decorations have been removed and do not wrap or bag your tree when dropping off.

Kick Off 2027 With Fireworks, Music, and Celebration!



Calgarians are invited to ring in the New Year at the City's official New Year's Eve celebration. A night of free, family-friendly fun at Eau Claire Plaza and Prince's Island Park. Starting at 7:00 pm on December 31, the evening will feature live entertainment, interactive activities, local food trucks, and an outdoor skating party. As the clock strikes midnight, a dazzling fireworks show will launch from Prince's Island Park, perfectly timed to music on CJSW 90.9FM. The display can be enjoyed from both celebration sites or watched from home via livestream at calgary.ca/NYE. Let's ring in 2027 together! Learn more at calgary.ca/NYE.

Fats, Oils, and Grease



Put fats, oils, and grease (FOG) in their place this holiday season. When FOG goes down the drain, it builds up in your pipes and can lead to messy and time-consuming sewer backups. Remember to cool it, scrape it and compost it instead. Learn more at calgary.ca/protectyourpipes.

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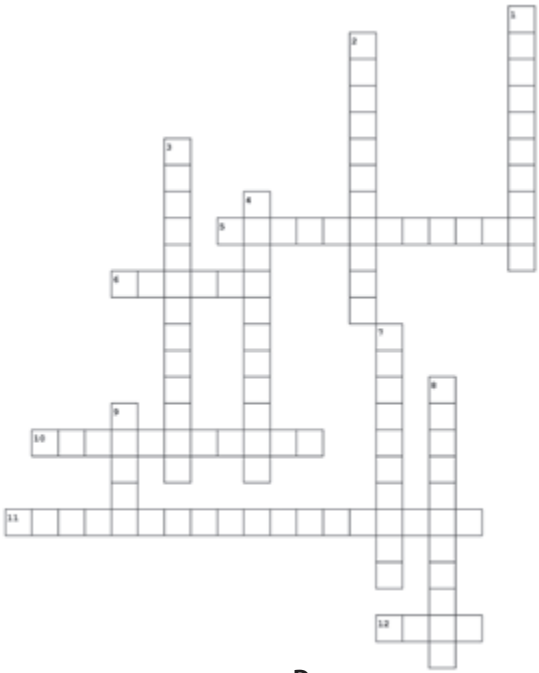

Across

5. Warm, delicious, and served with whipped cream or marshmallows. This tasty treat is perfect after a long day in the cold.
6. In Spain, it is customary to eat this many grapes at midnight on New Year's Eve.
10. Popular during the winter, this spiced dessert is decorated with royal icing.
11. Founded in 1925, this dance company has put on the *Christmas Spectacular,* since 1933.
12. "Last Christmas I gave you my heart" are the lyrics to a Christmastime favourite, sung by this pop duo.

Visit bit.ly/mycalgaryanswers or scan the QR code for the answers

Down

1. Six-sided and infinitely complex, these ice crystals are the result of freezing rain.
2. This 2019 film directed by Greta Gerwig was released December 25, and had a star studded cast, including Saoirse Ronan, Florence Pugh, Emma Watson, and Timothee Chalamet.
3. Unlike hockey players, these athletes use their blades to perform jumps, spins, and lifts.
4. On December 10, every year, these awards are given for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace.
7. Born December 16, 1775, this author is known for her six famous novels, including 1813s *Pride and Prejudice*.
8. Seen in your local grocery store during the holiday season, these bright red plants are indigenous to Mexico.
9. Made from carved blocks of compacted snow; these shelters rely on the insulating properties of snow to keep dwellers warm.

Presence, Not Presents: What Does Christmas Really Mean?

by Rebecca Pink



There's a certain feeling that comes with Christmas. The lights begin to appear and twinkle, familiar traditions find their way back into our every day, and there's an excitement in the air that makes it feel like a little magic is just around the corner. As a mom, there is nothing quite like seeing the season through my daughters' eyes and finding so much joy in their anticipation, excitement, and creativity.

But I will admit, I'm sometimes a little slower to get there. I know, like so many of you out there, how much goes into creating that magic, and it can feel like a lot! The shopping, the planning, the decorating, the baking, and all the little things that somehow find their way onto the Christmas to-do list. We do all these things lovingly, but between the planning, shopping, wrapping, gatherings and countless little details, December can quickly become a season of doing rather than being.

In my work, I have the privilege of hearing people's stories and learning about the things that matter most to them. I often see how expectations, perfectionism, and anxiety can make it difficult for people to slow down and enjoy the moments that they're working so hard to create. Maybe this Christmas one question worth asking ourselves is this: what are we doing because we genuinely love it and actually want to do it, and what are we doing because we feel we should.

For some, Christmas also carries grief, loneliness, financial pressures, or complicated family relationships. Maybe we can give ourselves permission to simplify a little, say no when we need to, and let go of the pressure to make everything perfect, and maybe more importantly, offer ourselves the same kindness and understanding we so often extend to the people we love.

Perhaps the magic of Christmas isn't something we need to work so hard to create, but something we allow ourselves to experience when we slow down and become more present. Maybe the greatest gift we can give ourselves and one another is a little less pressure, a little more grace, and the time to simply enjoy being together.

Wishing you a peaceful and meaningful holiday season.

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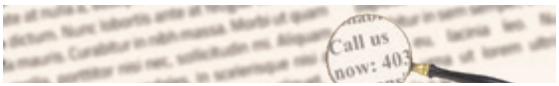

The Nutcracker

In 1892 Tchaikovsky premiered his third ballet, "The Nutcracker" in Saint Petersburg, and while in recent times it is know globally and considered a Christmas tradition for many people, the ballet was not well-loved upon release. In fact, it did not gain popularity until closer to the 1950s when companies began performing it annually, marketing it as a Christmas feature.



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	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
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September 26	26	13	$900,000	$875,000
August 26	28	20	$912,500	$929,000
July 26	26	21	$685,000	$685,000
June 26	36	31	$869,900	$860,000
May 26	53	23	$650,000	$640,000
April 26	41	22	$1,024,950	$997,000
March 26	23	21	$1,039,000	$999,000
February 26	37	12	$1,072,000	$1,067,100
January 26	22	7	$650,000	$758,000
December 25	12	11	$600,000	$589,000
November 25	19	17	$779,900	$774,900

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	Properties		Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
October 26	10	8	$802,450	$770,000
September 26	6	2	$1,374,900	$1,330,450
August 26	11	6	$759,950	$748,900
July 26	9	7	$895,000	$895,000
June 26	13	10	$772,000	$775,750
May 26	10	12	$799,900	$793,650
April 26	12	12	$787,450	$786,000
March 26	14	12	$749,950	$764,000
February 26	10	11	$849,900	$877,400
January 26	10	3	$869,900	$859,000
December 25	10	7	$800,000	$787,500
November 25	13	9	$762,500	$762,500

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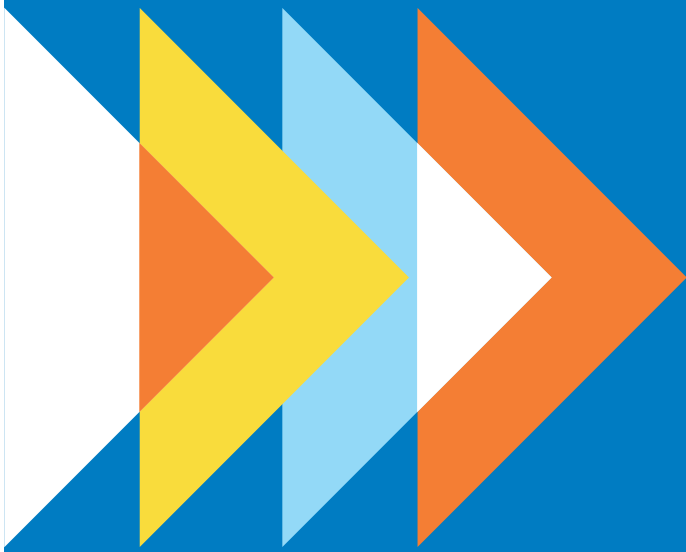

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