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#### Girl Guides of Canada - Pathfinders Program Update!

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates about what the 90th Pathfinders have been up to.

#### **Exploring the World Around Us**

Our Pathfinders are embarking on a journey of exploration and discovery! Along with outdoor adventures and community service projects, the girls have attended the Calgary Area STEM Day to get hands-on experience, helped the Sparks with crafts and events, and explored Canadian culture.

#### **Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders**

The girls have been working hard to achieve their Canada Cord, which is the highest award they can get in the Pathfinder program. The girls have been planning and leading all the meetings so far this year, which gives them lots of time to figure out how to be good leaders. Two of the girls, who are close to finishing their Canada Cord, will be leading our camp in April to give them practical experience in organizing and running an event. The girls have recently been exploring what feminism means and how it impacts how they understand and interact with the world.

#### **Creativity Unleashed**

This year has been filled with artist expression as we have discussed and learned about topics related to nature, Girl Guides, and Canada's history. Almost all the girls have earned their studio badge as art is quickly becoming our favourite way to express ourselves.

#### **Friendship and Fun**

Last but certainly not least, so far, we have had so much fun and memorable experiences together, whether that is just from being ourselves or making up funny characters in a skit.





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## Save The Date: May 28 Is Our Annual General Meeting!

#### Dear Neighbours,

Did you know that for the past seven years, 30 different community volunteers have devoted over 1,200 hours to work on building relationships, raising awareness, and getting your input on the design and build of Symons Valley Park?

30 people who work and raise families just like you, have given that extra time towards the mission of building an outdoor amenity and recreation destination that the people of Symons Valley so desperately need and deserve. Even after dedicating all these hours, and many successes, we still need our community neighbours engaged, interested, and involved in a project that can be the true centrepiece of the four communities of Kincora, Nolan Hill, Sage Hill, and Sherwood.

Every day is a new opportunity for people to get involved in community initiatives, and you would be giving us a generous gift if you took the time on May 28 to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM is important to us because it allows us to achieve a vote of confidence towards our activities and ensure the business of the board can be conducted.

Imagine with me what Symons Valley Park could bring to our communities:

- Providing affordable and financially sustainable community-level recreational programs, events, and services.
- Serving a culturally, age, and economically diverse population.
- Promoting community well-being by providing recreational and leisure amenities that support opportunities for physical activities, mental health, and social interactions.
- Being a recreational and community hub where all residents (and the public) are welcomed and can experience a sense of community belonging.
- Providing leisure amenities that encourage people to connect in public spaces.
- Continuing to bring residents from four area communities together, volunteering and serving our neighbours, in the spirit of collaboration and partnership.

- Promoting the development of bicycling skills of all ages with an onsite bicycle park.
- Providing a direct connection to community and regional pathway networks.
- Being accessible to those with mobility concerns.
- Being designed as an outdoor space, with minimal maintenance needed.

Come join us and be part of the group that steers this project forward towards completion. Volunteering can be as simple as helping out on a committee, or as fulsome as joining the board as a director. The AGM is where ordinary community members become extraordinary by stepping up and joining us as that 26th or 27th volunteer.

If you're ready to contribute your skills and time to our cause, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to us through our website, https://www.symonsvalleypark. ca, Facebook page, or by email at hello@symonsvalleypark. ca, and see you on the 28th!

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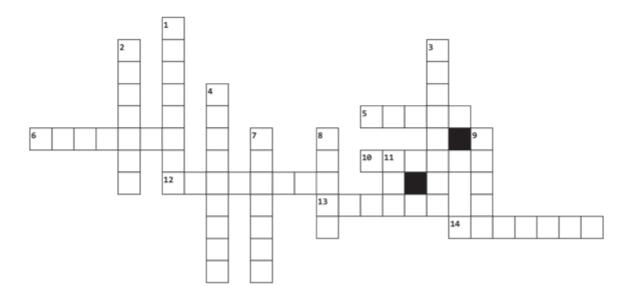
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## **April Crossword**



#### Across

5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Sweet Pea are April's official birth flowers.

6. This famous Leonardo was born on April 15, 1452.

10. In April of 1970, \_\_\_\_\_ 13 launched and famously ran into difficulties 56 hours later.

12. *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, recently made into a feature film directed by Martin\_\_\_\_\_, was originally published on April 18, 2017, and written by David Grann.

13. This popular holiday, typically in April, is thought to be named after the goddess "Eastre".

14. Noah \_\_\_\_\_\_ copyrighted this eponymous, well-known dictionary used by many on April 14, 1828.





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#### Down

1. After a 1,500-year break, this international multi-sport event was reintroduced in Athens on April 6, 1896.

2. Famously nicknamed "The Unsinkable", this ship went down on April 14, 1912, in the North Atlantic Ocean.

3. This year, the World Ski and Snowboard Festival will be held the second week of April in \_\_\_\_\_\_, BC.

4. This cultural hub of Canada was incorporated into the country as a city on April 6, 1886.

7. Ford released the first version of this beloved muscle car on April 17, 1964.

8. "I Want to Break Free" by \_\_\_\_\_ was released in April of 1984, with a controversial yet playful music video.

9. Vancouver-born \_\_\_\_\_\_ Smulders, who famously plays Robin Scherbatsky in *How I Met Your Mother*, celebrates her birthday on April 3.

11. On April 11, National \_\_\_\_\_ Day is celebrated and advocates against animal violence and cruelty.



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#### **Rain Barrels: Make Every Drop Count**

With another dry summer expected this year, we all need to do our part to conserve water and use it wisely. A rain barrel is a great way to do this. You can use what you collect to water your trees, lawn, and garden – even when outdoor water restrictions are in place.

#### **Keeping Storm Drains Clear This Spring**

Calgary has about 60,000 storm drains working to capture water and melting snow off sidewalks, streets, and roads.

If it's safe and possible to do, remove debris or snow blocking the drain. Create a channel, if need be, to help water flow.

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If the storm drain remains submerged for more than 90 minutes or you cannot safely clear ice and snow away, take a photo and submit it via the 3-1-1 app or a web request. Attaching a photo goes a long way in helping our crews respond on a priority basis.

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Greetings Residents of Calgary-Foothills!

Spring is just around the corner and Alberta's legislature is still in full swing. I've been here in Edmonton continuing to advocate for the issues our community is concerned about. I've been hearing from people who are concerned about the healthcare system in Alberta and their struggles to find a family doctor. I have also heard from concerned parents worried about their children's education and future as Alberta's funding remains the lowest per student than any other province in Canada. This is why I am bringing together the Calgary-Foothills community associations to advocate for building the local schools we desperately need.

This is a very important time for the diverse cultures that make up our riding. I want to wish a Happy Easter, Happy Vaisakhi, and Happy Holi to all those that celebrate, and Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim neighbours. I had the privilege of attending the Alberta NDP Iftar dinner at Symons Valley United Church and brought greetings at Friday Prayer, where we discussed what matters most to the Muslim community.

It has been an incredibly busy session as the government rolled out the budget for 2024. Danielle Smith and the UCP have cancelled their promised tax breaks and once again, there was insufficient funding to address the issues in healthcare, despite staff shortages forcing emergency rooms to close for more than 38,000 hours in 2023. I will continue to work on the issues that matter to you, from diversifying our economy to protecting our environment and building transit.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with my office, please contact me! A reminder that you can follow my work by connecting on social media @CourtEllingson. Don't hesitate to contact Calgary. foothills@assembly.ab.ca to learn how your MLA can support you!





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It is tax season, and I hope you have received my annual "Tax Tips" for 2023 which contains information about tax changes. It is not a comprehensive list of tax-saving measures, nor is it tax advice, so for more information about specific deductions, please visit the Canada Revenue Agency website or seek professional advice. The deadline for individuals to submit their tax returns is April 30, 2024.

On April 1, the government will raise taxes on beer, wine, and spirits. This will happen without a vote in Parliament - for the eighth year in a row. I have tabled Private Members Bill C-266 to restore Parliament's power to set the tax and give elected officials the final say on taxes instead of letting the government raise them automatically.

I am a member of the Standing Committee on National Defence, and regularly question Canada's Senior Military Officers, bureaucrats, industry experts, academics, and the Minister of Defence. The Committee heard that a cyberattack in September shut down the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) re-location system for weeks. It is still unknown if CAF personal information was compromised during the attack. We also received testimony that rising rent and access to housing is driving people out of the CAF. In 2015 this Liberal government promised to be, "the most open and transparent Government in Canadian history" but after eight years the Minister of Defence admitted that his department fails to respond to 40% of Access to Information requests it receives within 30 days as required by law. Some requests are ignored for years.

Feedback from Calgarians is very important to me and informs the work I do on your behalf in Ottawa. If you would like to share your thoughts with me on national issues, please feel welcome to contact me through my Calgary office.

It remains my honour to represent you at the House of Commons as your Member of Parliament.





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