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Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### **SCA Board of Directors**

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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

Dear Neighbours,

As the leaves start to change and the refreshing autumn air arrives, our community embraces a unique charm. Fall in SCA is not merely about the drop in temperature, it's about uniting, honouring traditions, and getting ready for a warm festive season ahead and settling dayto-day routines.

The autumn season is truly a time for connection. From kids selecting costumes for Halloween to families coming together for Thanksgiving feasts, this time of year unites us. We invite everyone to decorate, get involved, and infuse our neighbourhood with seasonal cheer in any way possible. Whether it's distributing candy, organizing a pumpkin carving contest, or sharing a cozy meal with loved ones, let's ensure this fall is unforgettable.

This past summer was a productive one for our community association. You may have noticed activity in the area, the SCA managed to complete some very important safety projects.

- Structural repairs to the columns of the building on the lower level, main entrance and north side - this ensures our facilities remain safe and welcoming for years to come.
- Pothole repairs in the parking lot improving safety and access for all visitors.

We are excited to share that the SCA has revamped our website to better reflect our vision for the community and, more importantly, to enhance user-friendliness. This marks a significant advancement as we progress in the digital age of technology. Our commitment to innovation and improving our site will remain strong to ensure an optimal user experience. We invite you to explore our fresh design at www.scacalgary.ca and share your thoughts with us!

Our community thrives on the passion and dedication of residents who step up to help. Right now, we have two important opportunities where your skills could make a real difference:

- · Board Secretary (Volunteer Role): We are seeking a detail-oriented and organized resident to join the Board as Secretary. This role is vital for keeping records, supporting Board meetings, and helping guide our community's future.
- Marketing and Communications Specialist (Paid Role): The Community Association is hiring a Marketing and Communications Specialist. This individual will help us share updates, promote programs, and connect with our residents in a new way.

If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the us for more details at info@scacalgary.ca.

#### **Fun Fact About Aspen Woods**

The areas that currently define Aspen Woods were incorporated into the City of Calgary in 1956. Prior to its development, this region was characterized by rural farmland and open prairies, but its name pays tribute to the groves of aspen trees that once flourished across the area. It officially transformed into a residential neighbourhood in 2001, with a master plan focused on spacious estate lots and a design that caters to families. As you navigate through Aspen, you'll observe the broader streets, which were purposefully designed to foster a more open suburban atmosphere while supporting larger lots and a family-centric layout.

As we look forward to Halloween fun and Thanksgiving gatherings, let's continue to support one another and celebrate what makes our community unique in a safe and inclusive way. Together, we've accomplished so much this year—and with your involvement, the best is vet to come.

Your Board of Directors



## Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
October 9	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Flower Basket Workshop
October 15	7:00 pm	SCA CA Board Meeting
October 24	5:00 to 7:30 pm	The Great Pumpkin Carnival
November 19	7:00 pm	SCA CA Board Meeting
November 28		SCA CA Moonlight Serenade Seniors Dance
December 6	10:00 am	SCA CA Christmas Craft Fair

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Please Note: Community Association members are welcome to attend SCA board meetings by appointment. Contact info@scacalgary.ca.

#### **MONTHLY NOTICES**

#### SkipTheDepot and Donate to the SCA

We have partnered with SkipTheDepot to allow you to donate the money from your recyclables to the SCA.

It's easy! Just follow these steps:

- 1. Download the app or register online
- 2. Enter your home address and pick a date
- 3. Cash out or donate to charity

SkipTheDepot will count your bags and credit your account within 48 hours after pickup. Funds will be donated to the SCA! Sign up at app.skipthedepot.com/scacalgary.

#### **Add Your Name to Our Babysitter Listing**

Check out our listings at www.scacalgary.ca under Community Directory. If you would like to add your name to our list, email your name, age, community, and phone number to info@scacalgary.ca.

#### **E-Newsletter**

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#### YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

#### **The 2025 General Election Is Here**

by The City of Calgary

Eligible voters can cast their ballots for the 2025 General Election starting October 6, 2025.

During Advance Vote, from October 6 to 11, voters can vote at any of the Advance Vote stations, regardless of the ward in which they reside.

On Election Day, October 20, voters must vote at their designated voting station.

Voters can use the "Where Do I Vote?" tool on the Elections Calgary website to find their nearest Advance Vote location, as well as their designated voting station on Election Day.

Special (mail-in) ballots are available for request for voters who cannot vote during the Advance Vote or on Election Day for any reason. The last day to request a mail-in ballot to be mailed to you is October 3.

The last day for in-person pick-up is October 20 at 10:00 am. All mail-in ballots must be received by the Elections Calgary office by 12:00 pm (noon) on October 20. Mail-in packages can be requested online or by calling 403-476-4100.

More information on where, when and how to vote, voter identification requirements and other important information about the 2025 General Election can be found at electionscalgary.ca/vote or by calling 403-476-4100.



#### MANY OTHER PACKAGES AVAILABLE!

## BATHROOM RENOVATION SALE

#### SUPREME ULTIMATE

- Remove all old materials from bathroom and job site
- · Supply & install new acrylic soaker tub
- Supply & install new toilet with soft close seat
- Supply & install new Delta pressure balance taps
- Supply & install new showerhead & diverter spout
- Supply & install new mold-resistant board
- Supply & install new tile to ceiling

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Some restrictions may apply. Reg: \$17,679

- · Supply & install one corner caddy & soap dish
- Supply & install new subfloor
- Installation of new tile flooring
- Supply & install new vanity
- · Supply & install new granite or quartz countertops with undermount sink
- Supply & install new Delta vanity tops
- Supply & install new drain system & pop-up stopper

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- Tile Schluter base
- Supply & install new tile to ceiling
- · Supply & install custom shower doors
- · Supply & install new Delta pressure balance taps

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- · Supply & install new toilet with soft close seat
- · Supply & install new corner caddy with soap dish
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- · Installation of new tile flooring
- Supply & install new vanity
- · Supply & install new granite or quartz countertops with undermount sink

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#### **RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES**

## The Art of Finding Work: Job Seekers: Be Clear on Your "Secret Sauce"

by Nick Kossovan

Most job seekers present themselves to employers as a jack of all trades, master of none, when they should be presenting a unique set of skills.

You think you're talented.

Everyone you're up against thinks they're talented.

What makes you special?

When you apply for a job, possessing the necessary skills and qualifications is not enough. You need to find ways to differentiate yourself; otherwise, you will blend in with the other job seekers you're competing against.

The key to differentiating yourself and rising above all the noise so you're seen and heard rather than ignored lies in your "secret sauce"—the unique skills, experiences, and attributes that make you one-of-a-kind. Thus, you become what most job seekers aren't: memorable.

### Asking Yourself the Following Questions Will Help You Define Your Secret Sauce:

## In My Current or Previous Positions, What Were My Favourite Tasks?

For the most part, we enjoy activities we're good at (e.g., working with numbers, designing costumes, conducting research, organizing events, writing blogs). Our inherent strengths and aptitudes create a natural talent for the activity, thereby making it enjoyable since you're not fighting who you are.

List everything, work-related and non-work-related, you enjoy doing.

## What Feedback Have I Received from Colleagues or Supervisors Regarding My Work?

Reflect on your career journey. Think of all the positive and negative feedback you received, whether in formal performance reviews or an offhand manner, regarding your work or something you did.

- "I enjoy sitting in on your presentations."
- "You have a knack for listening."
- "The way you motivate your team is impressive."

### What Problems Have I Successfully Solved in Previous Positions?

Every position exists to solve a problem. For instance, accountants are hired to monitor a company's incoming revenue and outgoing expenses and oversee its compliance with local tax laws.

What problems have you solved for your employers? Increased website traffic? Decreased spending? Increased customer satisfaction? Decreased safety violations? Increased sales? (employers' favourite).

### What Unique Experiences or Backgrounds Do I Have That Contribute to My Skill Set?

A candidate who grew up in Québec City will have a competitive edge being fluently bilingual over someone who simply attended French immersion in Calgary, Alberta. The same could be said for a candidate whose mother was a social worker, making them more attuned to the needs of others, or their father who was a pharmaceutical representative, thus exposing them to human dynamics that influence.

Everyone has a unique story of how their place of birth and experiences, especially first experiences, developed their strengths and passions. Explaining to an employer that your enjoyment of and passion for providing customer service comes from having spent your weekends and summers working the front desk at your family's 85-room hotel in Estevan, Saskatchewan, has much more impact than simply saying, "I like helping people."

### What Skills Have I Gained Through Hobbies or Volunteer Work?

I once hired a call centre agent who volunteered at a local suicide prevention hotline for several years. And a candidate who coached a little league baseball team turned out to be one of the best first-time managers I ever hired.

Don't ignore the skills and experience you've acquired outside your employment or education. Skills, experience, and knowledge aren't just acquired at work or school. The skills and experience you gain from volunteering, starting/running a business, being a parent, playing in a sports league, or serving on your condo board can be valuable to employers.

If the above questions don't solicit as many skills as you'd like, seek the opinions of family members, friends,



and colleagues. Ask them what they think your key strengths are. Their insights may surprise you.

Once you've identified your hard and soft skills—your soft skills (e.g., communication, critical thinking, time management) are the most important to employers you need to communicate your unique skills as selling points. Merely listing your "skills" and "qualifications" doesn't distinguish you from other applicants. You must describe who you are and what you offer in a straightforward, memorable narrative conveying your unique value proposition.

Not memorable: "I speak French."

Memorable: "I was born in Québec City. French is my mother tongue."

Additionally, frame your skills and qualifications in terms of how they can benefit an employer.

No value add: "I have strong analytical skills."

Value add: "During my seven years as a financial analyst at Wayne Enterprises, I developed above-average analytical skills that enabled the company to take advantage of several initial public offerings that turned out to be quite lucrative. One recommended buy resulted in a \$7.5 million gain within less than a year."

Based on my experience, most candidates fail to emphasize their uniqueness; hence, they don't stick in my head. Given the number of candidates I've interviewed throughout my career, one would think I'd have heard many inspiring, funny, entertaining, and sad career and life stories. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Job seekers need to work on being mentally sticky. In a competitive job market filled with qualified candidates, articulating your secret sauce will ultimately set you apart.



## **GAMES & PUZZLES Guess the Squash!**

- 1. This winter squash is popular in making Jack-o'-lanterns.
- 2. The British refer to this summer squash as a courgette.
- 3. This elongated squash grows on a vine and has a bulbous bottom that stores its seeds.
- 4. This squash resembles the shape of a flying saucer!
- 5.This squash shares its name with an elongated yellow fruit.
- 6. Like the fruit of an oak tree, this squash shares the same name and shape.





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#### Thanksgiving Flower Basket Workshop - October 9

Join us for a cozy, creative class making your own fall flower basket. Register by October 6; bring a friend and get a 10% discount.

Workshop to start at 6:30 pm in the Founders Room.

For more information, visit www.scacalgary.ca.

#### SCA CA The Great Pumpkin Carnival - October 24

Step right up to The Great Pumpkin Carnival, a festive night of carnival games and activities for the whole family. There will be prizes and of course candy! Food trucks will be available on site and members receive a free hotdog and pop for the first 150 guests. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in their favourite Halloween costume to be part of the fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This event is open to SCA Members and their families. www.scacalgary.ca.

If you are willing to help, please volunteer here: https://scacalgary.getcommunal.com/volunteeropportunities/1238.

#### **SCA CA Free Class Fridays in November**

Save the date. More information to follow.

#### SCA CA Moonlight Serenade Seniors Dance -November 28

7:00 to 10:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Join us for Moonlight Serenade Seniors dance featuring the smooth, nostalgic sounds of Calgary's own Silence In B'tween. Their repertoire is impressively diverse: expect everything from Swing, Foxtrots, Rumbas, Tango, Polkas, Waltzes, Cha Chas, Two Step, and contemporary dance styles, all crafted to get the crowd involved and moving.

Light snacks (pretzels, chips), coffee, and cash bar available through the evening.

Whether you're dancing, chatting, or just soaking in the music, it's a relaxed, memorable night focused on connection and the moments in between.

SCA CA member price: \$5 (two ticket limit). Register online: https://scacalgary.getcommunal.com/parent\_ programs/2291.

Non-members price: \$30. Visit here to begin your purchase/renewal: https://scacalgary.getcommunal. com/memberships.

If you do not wish to register or purchase online, please visit the SCA office during office hours Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

#### SCA CA Christmas Craft Fair - December 6

Save the date. More information to follow.





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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### \$20 Annual Family Membership

SCA membership fees are only \$20 per family to encourage as many residents as possible to enjoy the benefits of community membership:

- Summer access to the SCA CA tennis courts in Strathcona and Christie
- Winter access to the SCA CA ice rink and skating pond
- Free admission to special events and activities
- Ability to register with many sports organizations that require community memberships
- Satisfaction of supporting and belonging to our great community
- · Email updates and information about upcoming events (optional)

SCA members enjoy discounts at community retailers through our Perks Program.

Simply print out the card that comes with your membership and show this card to local retailers to enjoy discounts on products/services. Visit our website for more information: www.scacalgarv.ca.

If you do not wish to register online, please visit the SCA office to purchase a membership during office hours.

#### Rink Volunteers Welcome

Join our great group of rink volunteers and lend a hand maintaining the ice this winter. Give as much or little time as you can. Many hands make light work! If you can help, please register at https://scacalgary.getcommunal. com/volunteer-opportunities/1317.

#### Join Our Walking Group

Walks take place every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Meet outside the gazebo beside Sobeys. Dogs and strollers are welcome. Please register at www. scacalgary.ca or by calling our office at 403-249-1138 so we can share information on routes. No membership is required to take part.



SCA 2025 Schedule							
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	
A Child's Garden: Morning and Afternoon Pre-school Programs (3 to 4 years old) Seedlings Spanish Preschool: Morning and Afternoon Pre-school Programs (2 1/2 to 5 years old) KidZinc before and after school care Grades 1 to 6							
Jazzercise, 9:30 am	Ignite Yoga, 7:00 am	Yin Gentle to Flow Yoga, 7:00 am	Adult Art, 10:00 am	Jazzercise, 9:30 am		Pathfinders, 6:30 pm	
Older Adult Yoga, 12:00 pm, 1:15 pm	Zumbini, Main hall, 9:30 to 10:30 am	Jazzercise, 9:30 am	Gentle but Strong Yoga, 12:00 pm	Sit Fit Yoga, 11:00 am			
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm, 2:45 pm	Adult Art, 1:00 pm	Older Adult Yoga, 10:00 am	Goga Play, 3:30 pm	Bridge, 12:30 pm			
Level Up Learning, 5:30 pm	Kings Dance, 4:30 pm	Tai Chi, 11:00 am	Zumba Fitness, 5:15 to 6:15 pm	Older Adult Dance, 1:00 pm			
CYP Theatre, 5:30 pm	Level Up Learning, 5:30 pm	SCA Line Dance, from 1:00 pm	CYP Theatre, from 5:30 pm		PRIVATE RENTALS		
Sparks, 6:30 pm	Chinook Country Line Dancers, 6:00 pm	Level Up Learning, 5:30 pm	Scouts, 6:15 pm	]	ATE R		
Rangers/Pathfinders, 6:30 pm	CYP Theatre, 6:30 pm	Karate, from 6:30 pm			ENTA		
Karate, 6:30 pm	From our Roots, 6:30 pm	Pathfinders, 6:30 pm			LS		
Toastmasters, 7:30 pm		Numbers in Bloom 6:00 to 8:00 pm					
		Flow Yoga, 7:30 pm					

#### **SCA PROGRAMS**









#### **Pre-Schools and School Age Care**

#### A Child's Garden Preschool Ltd.

Ages 3 to 5

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Contact Marilyn at 403-217-5658 or visit www.achildsgarden.ca.

#### **KidZinc School Age Care**

Ages 5 to 12

Before and after school care.

Contact 403-240-2059 or visit www.calgarykidzinc.ca.

#### **Seedlings Spanish Preschool**

Ages 2 ½ to 6

Half or full day.

Contact Judith at 403-210-0604 or visit www.seedlingspreschool.ca.

#### **Children's Programs**

#### **Calgary Young People's Theatre**

Mondays at 5:30 pm, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Thursdays at 5:00, 6:30, and 7:00 pm

Visit www.cypt.ca.

#### **Child Safe - Babysitter Program**

Ages 10+

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Parented: No

Cost: \$67.95 +GST. What to Bring: doll/teddy bear (build-a-bear size!), water bottle, peanut-free lunch, and pen/pencil.

To register or for more information: childsafecanada.com.

#### **New! From Our Roots**

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

From Our Roots, We Rise. An invitation to grow, play, and build community (ages 8 to 11). Find your power through joyful movement, breath, playful expression,

and art. This six-week program starts October 21 and each week focuses on a theme: connection, rhythm, growth, courage, emotion, and acceptance. Led by Amanda, former teacher, currently supporting students at MRU.

Contact Instagram: @from.our.roots.yyc. Email: amandawilson197@gmail.com.

#### **Girl Guides**

Sunset Hills Guiding needs Spark, Embers, and Guide Leaders!

Classes for Sparks, Pathfinders, and Rangers. any-calgarysunsethills@girlguides.ca.

#### **New! Girls That Math**

This ain't your average tutoring program. Girls That Math is a small group math program. Yep, for girls! It is led by Erin, a certified math teacher with over a decade of teaching experience. This program builds skills and confidence in a hands-on supportive environment.

Wednesdays.

Grades 5 to 6 - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Grades 7 to 8 - 7:00 to 8:00 pm

For more information, visit www.scacalgary.ca. Email: erin@numbersinbloom.com.

#### **New! Goga Play Kids**

Program for ages 3 to 5. Thursdays, 3:30 pm.

One of a kind visual storytelling with puppets and many uniquely designed props where your child participates throughout! Also included, yoga inspired dance segment and arts and crafts tailored to the stories.

Go to Gogatoys.com for more information and to register.

#### **Karate Classes**

Mondays at 6:30 pm (Parent and child, ages 7+) Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Ages 7 to 12) Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (Adult beginner, ages 13+)

Contact Jeffrey Jukes at 403-228-5039.









#### New! Kings Dance - Kids Hip Hop

Welcome! Are you looking for dance classes that focus on having fun, learning to move your body, and making new friends in the community? Then you are in the right place!

Hip Hop (Ages 12 to 15) on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with Miss Vanessa King.

Register: https://www.kingdancinginc.com/classesregistration.

#### **New! Level Up Learning Tutoring**

At Level Up Learning, we are dedicated to enabling students to reach their academic goals. Beginning in September of 2025, we will be offering drop-in tutoring for math and science courses for students in grades 9 to 12. It's a great place for students to get help with concepts and get their homework done in a supportive environment. Tutors will be available to give students immediate support as they work through their assignments or study for upcoming assessments. The tutoring centre will be located at SCA and will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

More information at https://www.level-uplearning.com.

#### New! Zumbini

Program for ages 0 to 3. Tuesdays, 9:30 am.

The ultimate bonding experience for ages 0 to 3 and their caregivers. Music and Movement, upbeat singalongs, rhythmic instruments, scarf play interactive dance tunes, and more!

More information at www.gogatoys.com.

#### **Scouts**

Thursdays, 6:15 pm

Email strathcona215gc@gmail.com or visit www.scouts.ca.

#### **Adult Programs**

#### Adult Art

Discover your creative self! If you have ever wanted to learn how to paint in either watercolour or acrylics or hone the skills you might already have, consider joining our classes! Your experienced instructor will guide you as you discover how fun and rewarding it can be to express yourself on paper or canvas. All levels welcome.

Watercolours – Tuesdays, September 16 to November 25 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm (No class on Remembrance Day November 11).

Acrylics – Thursdays, September 18 to November 20 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Ten weeks - \$165 + GST

Contact your instructor Karin Richter to register for this class at karinrichter@shaw.ca.

#### Chair Yoga (Beginner and Intermediate)

Chair yoga offers a gentle yet effective way for people of all ages and abilities to experience the benefits of yoga in a safe and supportive environment. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, strength, posture, reduced stress levels, better concentration, and a greater sense of overall well-being. Offered both in-person and online through Zoom.

Chair Yoga (Seated Only) - Mondays, September 8 to December 15 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm (No class October 13).

Chair Yoga (Beginner/Intermediate) - Mondays, September 8 to December 15 from 1:15 to 2:15 pm (No class October 13).

Chair Yoga (Intermediate +) – Wednesdays, September 12 to December 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 am

Registered for 14 weeks: \$112. Drop-in is available for \$10 per class. Contact Sherry at sherrynormanyoga@ gmail.com or phone 403-542-0761.

#### **Chinook Country Line Dance**

Join our wonderful "Dance for Fun" Program as we take you on a beautiful journey learning how to dance. This activity slows down aging and sharpens our cognitive

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#### **SCA PROGRAMS - CONTINUED**









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#### **Gentle but Strong Yoga**

Thursdays, 12:00 to 1:15 pm

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Contact mjgerlitz@gmail.com.

#### **New! Gentle Vinyasa Flow Yoga**

Gentle Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class (50 minutes) lead by Dayna Steranka (Certified Yoga Instructor). Suitable for all levels – beginners welcome.

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. \$10 drop-in.

Message 403-771-8951 to join. Bring a mat and water bottle.

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#### **Jazzercise**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

A high-energy, low-impact version of the classic dance-based class format. Bring a mat for the floor work, weights are provided.

Passes are \$75 per month, \$20 drop-in, or \$150 for a ten-class pass.

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For more information, contact Maureen at jazzstrathcona@gmail.com or 403-461-7694.

Jazzercise has been offered at the Strathcona Community Centre for the last four decades.

#### **Karate Classes**

Mondays, 6:30 pm (Parent and child 7+ years) Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (7 to 12 years) Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (Adult beginner, 13+) The Karate Club offers classes for all age groups. The club is a member of Karate Canada, the official governing body of karate, with member clubs across Canada.

Contact Jeffrey Jukes at 403-228-5039.

#### New! King Dancing Inc. (Dance Studio)

Dance is meant to be fun! King Dancing Inc. is offering:

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#### SitFit + Yoga (Sherry) - Fall Classes

A full body workout that combines weights and resistance training within the mindfulness of yoga. Ideal for anyone who needs the comfort and/or safety of seated exercise (standing is optional). The class is held in the main hall of the Strathcona Community Centre as well as streamed online

September 12 to December 12.

Fridays, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Registered for 14 weeks \$112. Drop-in: \$10.

Contact Sherry: sherrynormanyoga@gmail.com.

#### **Toastmasters**

Mondays, 7:30 pm

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#### Yin to Gentle Flow Yoga

Wednesdays, October 1 to November 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 am.

Join me in the Founders Room Wednesday mornings for this Yin to Gentle Flow Yoga class. The class will begin with some yin style longer held poses to awaken the body and invite flexibility. We will slowly build into a









gentle flow (Hatha) style class to invigorate you for the day. To close the practice, we will rest in savasana allowing this new place of ease and balance to integrate into the body and mind. This class is suitable for all levels.

Registered for nine weeks: \$120. Drop-in: \$18 per class.

Contact Sue Fiedosiewich at vishnasue@shaw.ca.

#### **Zumba Fitness**

Are you ready to dance your way to fitness? Join me for a fun-filled Zumba class on Thursday evenings, where we'll groove to energetic music, burn calories, and have an amazing time! Everyone is welcome! Let's move, laugh, and stay healthy together! Thursdays at 5:15 pm. For more information contact Andrea at 403-816-6897.

Basics – Mondays, September 15 to December 15 from 2:45 to 3:45 pm (No class October 13 or 20).

Continuing 2 – Wednesdays, September 24 to December 10 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.



#### **SCA Fall Programs**

www.scacalgary.ca

Registration began July 15

#### Line Dancing (Mary and Peggy)

Ten weeks - \$95 + \$4.75 GST = \$99.75 (BOGO \$47.50 + GST \$2.38 = \$49.88) Discount of \$47.50

Wednesdays, September 24 to November 26

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#3: Improver (Level 2/3) 1:00 to 2:00 pm

#4: Intermediate (Level 4) 2:00 to 3:00 pm

#5: Advance (Level 5/6) 1:00 to 2:00 pm

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#### Line Dancing Drop-in (Peggy)

\$5 Drop-in Fee – Must have community membership

Fridays, September 19 to December 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

#### Tai Chi (Adrian Buzcek)

Twelve Classes - \$102 + \$5.10 = \$107.10

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#### Salmon and Broccoli Rice Bowl

by Jennifer Puri

Raw or cooked, broccoli is a nutrient-rich vegetable packed with vitamins, minerals, and fibre.

Steaming or roasting tends to preserve the most nutrients and flavour, but raw broccoli is also a great option when paired with dips or in salads.

Cooking broccoli can soften the tough fibres making it easier to chew and digest. Nutrient-rich and low in fat, broccoli can be a healthy, low-calorie snack.

When purchasing broccoli, choose bright green broccoli with crisp, dark green leaves and tightly closed buds. Store in the refrigerator and wash only when you plan to use it.

Create your own stir-fry sauce or use a store-bought one as shown in this simple and easy to prepare salmon and broccoli rice bowl recipe below.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 fillets of Salmon (4 oz. each)
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 tsp. black sesame seeds
- 1 crown of broccoli sliced
- ½ cup store-bought stir-fry sauce
- ½ tsp. crushed garlic
- ½ tsp. crushed ginger
- 1 tbsp. sesame seed oil
- 2 cups cooked white, brown, or black rice
- 1/2 avocado sliced

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2. Place salmon fillets on a foil lined baking sheet. Drizzle the olive oil on the fillets, sprinkle the salt and pepper, and then bake on the middle rack of the oven for 18 minutes or until salmon is cooked through. Remove salmon from oven, sprinkle with black sesame seeds,





and cut into small chunks.

- 3. Heat 1 tbsp. of sesame seed oil in a skillet, add the broccoli florets, and sauté on medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes.
- 4. Next add the garlic, ginger, and stir-fry sauce and continue to sauté until broccoli is tender.
- 5. To serve, divide the rice into two bowls and top with salmon pieces, broccoli, sliced avocado, and lemon wedges. Spoon additional stir-fry sauce on the broccoli if desired.

Bon Appétit!

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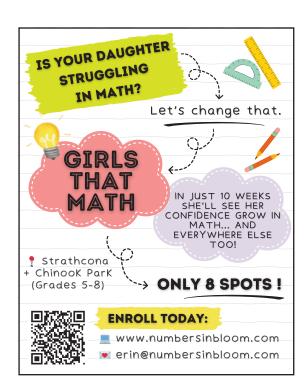
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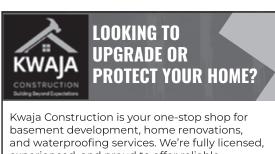
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		Properties		Media	n Price
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
August	25	14	6	\$937,250	\$909,000
July	25	8	9	\$939,900	\$938,800
June :	25	12	12	\$844,500	\$828,000
May	25	14	12	\$912,400	\$928,750
April :	25	25	15	\$725,000	\$715,000
March	25	4	7	\$850,000	\$835,000
February :	25	5	3	\$624,900	\$575,000
January	25	4	3	\$999,000	\$1,100,000
December :	24	5	5	\$629,000	\$639,000
November :	24	3	2	\$839,950	\$824,625
October	24	10	9	\$767,500	\$767,500
September :	24	9	7	\$918,000	\$1,068,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit str.mycalgary.com

## **REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY**

		Prope	erties	Media	n Price
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August	25	1	4	\$1,014,950	\$982,750
July	25	8	1	\$439,900	\$435,000
June	25	4	3	\$925,000	\$925,000
May	25	3	6	\$475,000	\$466,500
April	25	6	2	\$974,900	\$1,012,500
March	25	4	4	\$1,000,000	\$990,000
February	25	3	1	\$449,900	\$462,000
January	25	0	1	\$778,000	\$770,000
December	24	1	0	\$0	\$0
November	24	0	2	\$669,500	\$640,000
October	24	1	2	\$973,950	\$995,000
September	24	3	0	\$0	\$0

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#### RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

#### The State of Public **Education in Alberta**

by Brit Hart, Public School Board Trustee Candidate

Students in public schools across Alberta, including the CBE, face a potential teacher strike and here's what you need to know:

The vast majority of teachers in Alberta (95%) have set forward a motion to strike in the fall. The Alberta Teachers Association has requested wage increases and support to address overcrowded classrooms.

If a strike happens the Alberta Teacher's Association must provide 72 hours notice before initiating job action.

The government's education budget released this year saw an overall spending increase of 4.5% while within this, private school funding increased by 13%.

Alberta spends nearly \$1 billion of public funds on private education each year, the highest in Canada.

Alberta public schools have the highest enrollment rate in the country, expecting to see 33,000 new students this year. 66.3% of these students are in public school, 23.1% separate, 5.3% private, 1.4% charter.

Alberta public school students receive the lowest funding in Canada, \$11,464 compared to the national average of \$13,692 according to Stats Canada.

Despite providing the lowest per student funding in the country, Alberta students rank second globally for science and literacy and seventh in math according to the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

Our teachers continue to do more with less each year. In 2012 Alberta was ranked third for student funding in Canada and in the last 12 years we have dropped to the bottom. While we continue to see the overall rate in which we invest in education decrease, our public school teachers continue to deliver students that rank among the highest globally in academics.

What our educators are asking for is a fair wage increase, more classroom supports, and a plan to reduce classroom sizes. The initial offer from the province included a 12 percent general wage increase and improved benefits



and \$405 million in classroom improvements. Note that there are 1,576 public schools currently in Alberta and this number does not account for projected builds. Classroom improvements can include items like salaries for custodians, building repairs and maintenance, and capital infrastructure costs.

While Alberta teachers are recognized to have some of the highest salaries in the country, their compensation (based on number of students per classroom) is ranked tenth, \$1,600 per student below the national average.

Below is a table outlining recommended classroom sizes vs actual classroom sizes in Alberta, provided by the Alberta Commission on Learning.

	Recommended	Actual 2023/24	Max Size 2023/34
K-3	17	22.5	37
4-6	23	23.4	42
7-9	25	26.3	46
High School	27	28.3	56

If you want more information, the CBE has a Labour Action page to help parents navigate the 2025/26 school year. If you have questions or want to support public education in Alberta it is encouraged that you write to your local MLA as well as the Minister of Education, Demitrios Nicolaides and the Shadow Minister for Education, Amanda Chapman.

#### **SAFE AND SOUND**

#### **Halloween Safety**

by Alberta Health Services



As a member of Calgary's Child Magazine Partners for Safety initiative, AHS EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

#### Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

#### **Parents**

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return

home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

#### Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flameresistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.





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Recently, a new recovery community opened in Calgary. This new facility provides holistic, long-term treatment for individuals pursuing recovery from addiction. It adds 74 beds and will help up to 300 Albertans each year. Calgary is the fourth of 11 recovery communities to open, with other communities operating in Lethbridge, Red Deer, and Gunn. All 11 communities, which include five in partnership with Indigenous communities, are expected to be complete by 2027. These recovery communities are giving people struggling with addiction a real chance to rebuild their lives and reconnect with family.

Alberta is facing growing financial challenges as global economic uncertainty affects Q1 projections. The first quarter update projects the 2025-26 deficit will reach \$6.5 billion, up \$1.3 billion from Budget 2025's forecast. The most significant factor in the deficit growth is related to a 38 percent decline of natural resource revenue, which has decreased from its peak of \$25.2 billion in 2022-23 to a forecast of \$15.7 billion in 2025-26.

Alberta is also facing added pressure from a growing population, projected to increase 2.4 percent in 2025-26. Other external factors including lower oil prices, tariff threats, and slowing global growth, impact the province's bottom line. Despite these challenges, Alberta remains committed to prioritizing essential services such as health care and education, while keeping everyday costs like childcare, utilities, and housing affordable for families.

The province continues to engage with federal partners to ensure Alberta's fiscal interests are protected, key industries are supported, and critical infrastructure is built. Despite external shocks, Alberta's economy remains resilient. Its real GDP is forecast to lead Canada, and the private sector continues to perform strongly with investment, construction, and labour market activity supporting stability.

Alberta's government is working on a broader strategy to further diversify the economy, reduce vulnerability to oil price swings and trade disruptions, and build a stronger, more resilient Alberta.

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