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February 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Brentwood Community Centre (1520B Northmount Drive NW)

February 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Vivo for Healthier Generations (11950 Country Village Link NE)

**February 27**. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Genesis Centre (7555 Falconridge Blvd NE)

**February 28**, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Beddington Theatre Arts Centre (375 Bermuda Dr NW) YYC HAR.





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#### Session d'information publique : Réhabilitation de la piste ouest de YYC

20 février de 18:30 à 20:30 p.m. - Brentwood Community Centre (1520B Northmount Drive NW)

22 février de 18:30 à 20:30 p.m. - Vivo for Healthier Generations (11950 Country Village Link NE)

27 février de 18:30 à 20:30 p.m. - Genesis Centre (7555 Falconridge Blvd NE)

**28 février** de 18:30 à 20:30 p.m. - Beddington Theatre Arts Centre (375 Bermuda Dr NW)



## Word of the Month

Besotted: adjective (be-sot-ted)

To be blindly or completely infatuated.

After 50 years of marriage, he is still as besotted with his wife as the first day he met her.



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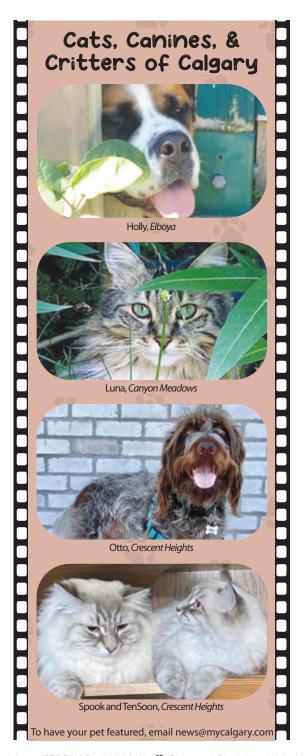
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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HHCA

Check out what's happening at HHCA this month!

We are so excited to invite everyone for our annual free Family Day Skate! Grab those skates and helmets and get ready for a fun time on the ice this winter. All ages and skill levels are welcome to join us. We will also be providing snacks and refreshments to help keep you fuelled for a fun day on the ice with your loved ones. Don't forget to bring the whole family along. Taking place on Thursday, February 15 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars and we can't wait to see you there!



The monthly sessions of Parent and Child Groups are in full swing this New Year. Sign up for one of two groups for a chance to spend some time with your littles ones while engaging with other parents over fun activities and great conversation. This month, Parent and Child Groups will be taking place on Saturday, February 24. Choose between the Just for Mom's group or the Me and My Dad group. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity! To sign up or get more information, contact cassandra@ huntingtonhillscalgary.com.

Our drop-in programs have been a hit this fall and winter season. Our ice drop-in will be continuing into March, so you still have plenty of time to come down for a fun and relaxing time on the ice. Our ice drop-in includes Public Skating, 50+ Skating, and Stick and Puck. Or you can also drop in for Yoga on Friday morning, or drop-in for some pickleball, various times available Monday to Friday!

Prioritize yourself this New Year and sign up for our evening Yoga programs. Choose between Slow and Strong on Tuesdays or Flow Yoga on Thursdays. Whether you're experienced or a beginner, our Yoga classes are a safe space for you to enjoy some me time! Each session is five weeks in length, the sessions will be starting on February 13! Registration is now open, secure your spot today!

Get those sliders and brooms ready! The Huntington Hills Curling Club is offering free drop-in open doubles this February. The free drop-in will take place on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We hope to see you there! Open now!



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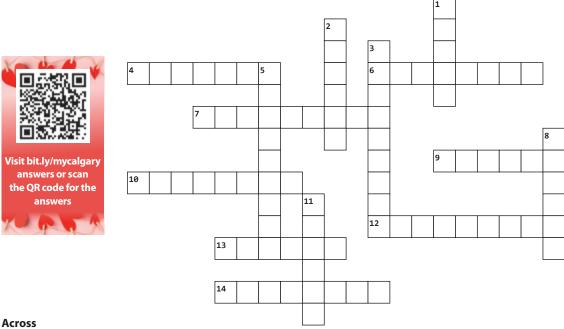
### SUPERHERO OF TIME

We all know Leap Day occurs on February 29 every four years. But did you know without leap day swooping in every four years, our calendar would be like that friend who's always fashionably late—except 24 days late every century! We'd be celebrating Christmas in



January and New Year's in February. Thank goodness for leap day, the superhero of timekeeping, saving us from the chaos of a wonky calendar!

## **February Crossword**



- 4. This historical fiction novel was released on February 10, 2009, and made into a major motion picture starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, and Emma Stone.
- 6. A ring made with this birthstone had a carved image of Cupid and is said to be worn by St. Valentine.
- 7. This American painter, well-known for his artwork "American Gothic" was born on February 13, 1891.
- 9. On February 15, 1965, this country officially received its flag, 100 years after becoming a country.
- 10. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won gold in this category in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.
- 12. This well-known annual league championship takes place every year on the second Sunday in February. It will be played on February 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas this year.
- 13. The official flower that represents birthdays in February.
- 14. The popular heart-shaped candies with cute messages were originally used as \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Down

- 1. This dwarf planet was discovered on February 18, 1930, and was named by 11-year-old, Venetia Burney.
- 2. February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Year of the .
- 3. This festival, which takes place on the same day as Shrove Tuesday, celebrates the end of the pre-Lenten season with colourful masks and parades.
- 5. Released in February 1940, this Disney motion picture featuring the beloved character Figaro, was the first animated feature to win a competitive Academy Award.
- 8. In 1990, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Helen Hunley, introduced this day to celebrate and honour loved ones.
- 11. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, better known as The \_\_\_\_\_, was born on February 16, 1990, in Scarborough.

#### TAKE ON WELLNESS

## From the Heart: Show Your **Cardiovascular System Some Love This Valentine's Day**

From The Primary Care Network

Love is in the air and with February being Heart Month, there's no better time to show your cardiovascular system some love.

Heart disease is the second leading cause of death in Canada - luckily the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation says up to 80% of premature heart disease and stroke can be prevented through lifestyle choices.

#### Here Are Some Tips for Improving Heart Health:

- **Prioritize a Healthy Diet** Maintaining a heart healthy diet is an important factor in heart health. Navigating all options and information can be challenging. Calgary Foothills PCN has a team of register dietitians and nurses and offers workshops.
- Set Health Goals Set achievable health goals with the support of health management nurses. Incorporate exercise into your daily routine, manage stress, quit smoking or vaping, and get assistance with access to services for high cholesterol.
- Focus on Mental Health Stress can cause the heart to work harder and increase your risk of heart disease and stroke. The Calgary Foothills PCN mental health team offers one-on-one counselling and workshops.

Register for free support online at cfpcn.ca. If you're not sure where to start, talk to your family doctor who can help with your care plan.



## Dont Get Stung by the Bee!

The shortest month of the year is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. February is like that mischievous word that trips up even the most seasoned spellers! It's the spelling bee's sneaky little riddle, playing hide-and-seek with that elusive "r" and making a twisty-turny challenge out of a seemingly simple month!









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## **Eggplant and Sundried Tomato Pasta**

bv Jennifer Puri

Simple, healthy, delicious eggplants, also referred to as aubergines or brinjals are used in the cuisines of many countries around the world, especially in China (Sichuan Eggplant) and India (baingan bharta).

Glossy, purple, green, or white in colour, the eggplant is a member of the nightshade family and has white flesh and small edible seeds. Due to its "meaty" texture it is sometimes used as a meat substitute in vegan and vegetarian dishes.

Eggplants are a high fibre, low-calorie food rich in nutrients and vitamins, which can help control blood sugar and aid in weight loss. Antioxidants such as lutein, which may help prevent age-related macular degeneration and zeaxanthin, along with natural plant chemicals called polyphenols are also present.

There are many tasty ways to eat eggplant as it can be steamed, stir fried, roasted, stewed, curried, pickled, or added to pasta noodles with whipped ricotta cheese and sundried tomatoes as shown in the recipe below.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 3 to 4

#### Ingredients:

- 1 large eggplant
- 2 small shallots, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 small jar oil packed sundried tomatoes
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 500 g cooked spaghetti (al dente)
- 1 cup whipped ricotta cheese
- ½ cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 medium sized tomatoes chopped
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 tsp red chilli flakes
- 1 cup shaved parmesan cheese



#### **Directions:**

- · Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.
- · Arrange eggplant slices on a foil lined baking tray. Brush each slice with a little olive oil and then flip over and repeat. Place the tray on the middle rack of the oven and bake for about 20 minutes or until eggplant slices turn a light brown. Remove tray from oven and set aside.
- Add 2 tbsp of olive oil, chopped shallots, and garlic to a large frying pan and sauté on medium heat for two minutes. Separate the sundried tomatoes from their oil, slice each piece in half and add to the pan along with the fresh chopped tomatoes and a few basil leaves. Stir fry for about two minutes then add the ricotta cheese, red chilli flakes, and salt and pepper to taste.
- Finally, add the cooked spagnetti to the pan and gently blend with the sauce. Remove from heat and garnish with shaved parmesan cheese, a few basil leaves, and serve.

Bon Appétit!



## **Seven Key Things to Make Your Relationship Work**

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



What can you do to create a lasting relationship? Get a copy of John Gottman's *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Below is a sneak peek:

**Enhance your love maps.** Happy couples are very familiar with their partner's world. According to Gottman, these couples have "a richly detailed love map — my term for that part of your brain where you store all the relevant information about your partner's life." You know everything from your partner's favourite movies to what's currently stressing them out, you know some of their life dreams, and they know yours.

**Nurture fondness and admiration.** Happy couples respect each other and have a general positive view of each other. Fondness and admiration are two of the most important elements in a satisfying and long-term relationship. If these elements are completely missing, the marriage can't be saved. A helpful activity to remind couples of the partner they fell in love with is called "lappreciate." List three or more of their partner's positive characteristics along with an incident that illustrates each quality. Then read your lists to each other.

Turn toward each other. Romance isn't a Caribbean cruise, an expensive meal, or a lavish gift. Rather, romance lives and thrives in the everyday, little things. "Real-life romance is kept alive each time you let your partner know they are valued during the grind of everyday life." For instance, romance is leaving an encouraging text for your partner when you know they are having a bad day. Or romance is when you are running late but take a few minutes to listen to your partner's bad dream and saying that you'll discuss it later (instead of saying "I don't have time"). This might seem boring but turning toward each other in these ways is the basis for connection and passion. Couples that turn toward each other have more in their "emotional bank account." This account distinguishes happy marriages from miserable ones. Happy couples have more goodwill and positivity stored in their bank accounts, so when rough times hit, their emotional savings cushions conflicts and stressors.

**Let your partner influence you.** Happy couples are a team that considers each other's perspective and feelings. They make decisions together and search out common ground. Letting your partner influence you isn't about

having one person hold the reins, it's about honouring and respecting both people in the relationship.

**Solve your solvable problems.** There are two types of marital problems: conflicts that can be resolved and perpetual problems that can't. It's important for couples to determine which ones are which. According to Gottman, "One way to identify solvable problems is that they seem less painful, gut-wrenching, or intense than perpetual, gridlocked ones." Solvable problems are situational, and there's no underlying conflict. Gottman devised a five-step model for resolving these conflicts that can be found in his book.

**Overcome gridlock.** The goal with perpetual problems is for couples to "move from gridlock to dialogue." What usually underlies gridlock is unfulfilled dreams. "Gridlock is a sign that you have dreams for your life that aren't being addressed or respected by each other." Happy couples believe in the importance of helping each other realize their dreams. The first step in overcoming gridlock is to determine the dream or dreams that are causing your conflict. The next steps include talking to each other about your dreams, taking a break (since some of these talks can get stressful), and making peace with the problem. "The goal is to 'declaw' the issue, to try to remove the hurt so the problem stops being a source of great pain."

Create shared meaning. "Marriage isn't just about raising kids, splitting chores, and making love. It can also have a spiritual dimension that has to do with creating an inner life together. A culture rich with rituals, and an appreciation for your roles and goals that link you, that lead you to understand what it means to be a part of the family you have become." And that's what it means to develop shared meaning. Happy couples create a family culture that includes both of their dreams. Being open to each other's perspectives and opinions, happy couples naturally come together.

Bonus: Intentional date nights. If you struggle with ideas for date nights, grab a copy of Gottman's Eight Dates. Being intentional about having regular date nights is an important factor to continued connection.

If you need some help along the way, look for a level three trained Gottman therapist to keep you accountable and help your relationship thrive.



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Last 12 Months Huntington Hills
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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price	
December 2023	\$ 409,000	\$ 462,000	
November 2023	\$ 480,000	\$ 510,000	
October 2023	\$ 543,950	\$ 539,200	
September 2023	\$ 514,900	\$ 515,000	
August 2023	\$ 504,950	\$ 510,000	
July 2023	\$ 527,000	\$ 540,000	
June 2023	\$ 450,000	\$ 473,000	
May 2023	\$ 529,900	\$ 542,500	
April 2023	\$ 443,000	\$ 430,000	
March 2023	\$ 475,000	\$ 477,000	
February 2023	\$ 497,450	\$ 495,250	
January 2023	\$ 455,000	\$ 464,250	

Last 12 Months Huntington Hills MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold	
December 2023	6	11	
November 2023	11	7	
October 2023	15	18	
September 2023	16	18	
August 2023	25	24	
July 2023	20	20	
June 2023	26	25	
May 2023	28	29	
April 2023	18	15	
March 2023	21	17	
February 2023	7	12	
January 2023	12	10	

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by Anne Burke

Some features produce a positive response in visitors, as a focus for passive recreation, education, and interpretation; they remain opportunities for interpretation of bedrock themes in the park. Among the landscape features are large sandstone boulders several metres across. Those in north slope coulees may contain fossil clam shells, as remnants of a wave cut terrace which tumbled onto valley glaciers.

The Nose Hill pre-glacial gravels in the eastern portion of the Hill extend throughout the hilltop. In the Burnco gravel pit - and the slopes leading to this area from 19 Street and from Charleswood Drive - several trails and junctions in the south-facing areas are where exposed gravel from the Hill use in the 1960s and 70s would have been visible unless remediation was done with nurse and native grasses, after re-rooting foot traffic while the repair was undertaken.

A review of land uses of Nose Hill revealed that areas more severely damaged by vehicles, horse and cattle grazing, and gravel extraction were slowly regenerating. Although rutted trails remained, some already had grass growing in them due to less traffic. Ravine trails were heavily overgrown by tall grasses, thistles, and nettles, so that people used them less.

Firefighting, weeding, and controlled burns with vehicles damaged the plateau and slopes above the Porcupine Valley bike path. Widened and two-track trails are from social use; trail braiding on steeper hillsides due to wet, icy, or poor conditions. An on-hill project was raking to prevent new desire lines. Work was needed on the old motorcross routes up the bluff south of Porcupine Valley and along the Many Owls Valley Road where the trails had been washed out or deeply grooved. Pedestrian use of old vehicle roads slowed regeneration and remediation was warranted.

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What is the significance of the number 6,670,903,752,021,072,936,960? And how do you even say it? This is the total number of solvable Sudoku puzzle layouts. It is six sextillion, 670 quintillion, 903 quadrillion, 752 trillion, 21 billion, 72 million, 936 thousand, 960. Try saying that five times fast! Super easy right?

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