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Last 12 Months PANORAMA HILLS MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
January 2024	\$ 432,450	\$ 419,600
December 2023	\$ 587,000	\$ 585,000
November 2023	\$ 389,950	\$ 394,950
October 2023	\$ 307,000	\$ 315,000
September 2023	\$ 427,400	\$ 422,250
August 2023	\$ 409,800	\$ 432,000
July 2023	\$ 399,900	\$ 425,000
June 2023	\$ 409,900	\$ 428,000
May 2023	\$ 379,900	\$ 375,000
April 2023	\$ 439,000	\$ 432,500
March 2023	\$ 589,350	\$ 594,350
February 2023	\$ 427,400	\$ 423,500

Last 12 Months COUNTRY HILLS MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Median Asking Price	Median Sold Price
January 2024	\$ 449,450	\$ 467,000
December 2023	\$ 387,450	\$ 376,350
November 2023	\$ 529,900	\$ 510,200
October 2023	\$ 454,850	\$ 490,000
September 2023	\$ 392,500	\$ 415,500
August 2023	\$ 525,000	\$ 517,500
July 2023	\$ 407,500	\$ 432,500
June 2023	\$ 437,450	\$ 459,035
May 2023	\$ 387,500	\$ 418,500
April 2023	\$ 419,900	\$ 423,000
March 2023	\$ 630,000	\$ 650,000
February 2023	\$ 304,900	\$ 304,500

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



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

As many of you are aware, there is an annual global community science competition which documents urban diversity in 460 cities.

Find Wildlife. Take a Picture or Record. Share! Public bioblitzes are held across Calgary with local stewardship groups. The challenge engages citizen scientists in finding and documenting plants, animals, and other living organisms in urban areas. Since parks are for everyone, use only designated pathways and trails. Respect wildlife and keep your distance. Use designated garbage bins. Keep dogs leashed and pick up after them. Respect other visitors.

The 2023 City Nature Challenge involved taking pictures from April 28 to May 1, and then identifying them. In all there were over 1.8 million observations, nearly 58,000 species, and 66,394 participants. For example, Urban Bee Flies were among one of the species identified and they are important pollinators in Calgary. One of Calgary's most observed butterflies, in spring and fall, was the Mourning Cloak. Common Greenshield Lichen and Red-stemmed Feather Moss were also observed in Calgary. A Water Strider was observed in Bowness Park. A Boreal Chorus Frog was also observed in a threatened wetland of Calgary. The Canada Goose in Calgary's urban ecosystem was also observed. An Orange-Crowned Warbler in Weaslehead Natural Area was also identified. Find pictures of all these species and more at www.citizenblitz.ca/.

Yes, the City Nature Challenge will take place again this year. The dates for the event are April 26 to April 29: Taking pictures of wild plants and animals. April 30 to May 5: Identifying what was found. Canadian and global results will be announced on Monday May 6, 2024. This will be the sixth year for Calgary Region participation and there are awards for the top cities. It can be any plant, animal, or any other evidence of life found in the City. Take a picture of what you find or record a sound. Be sure to note the location. Share your observations. The set up for the project page, working with the global organizer team for materials, and more can be found at: www.inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-2024-calgary-metropolitan-region.

March Gardening Magic: Nurturing Your Calgary Garden

by Carolyn, Calgary's Home Gardener Helper



March in Calgary signals the slow but steady awakening of the garden from its winter slumber. As the city experiences a transition from winter to spring, gardeners can leverage the changing weather to kickstart their gardening endeavours. Here's a guide on what Calgary gardeners should focus on in March.

1. Soil Assessment and Preparation: Snow farming in Southern Alberta involves strategically managing snow accumulation in the winter to serve as a water resource during dry periods. With Agriculture Canada predicting drought-like conditions in 2024, snow farming becomes crucial for sustaining moisture in your soil. Stored snow provides essential moisture for plants, mitigating the impact of water scarcity.

2. Indoor Seed Starting: March is a prime time for indoor seed starting in Calgary. Start seeds for vegetables, annuals, and herbs indoors, taking advantage of the longer days. While outdoor conditions may still be unpredictable, nurturing seeds indoors ensures they're ready for transplanting when the frosty days subside.

3. Pruning and Grooming: Before the growing season gains full momentum, Calgary gardeners should engage in pruning and grooming tasks. Trim dormant trees and shrubs to encourage healthy growth, removing any dead or damaged branches. Groom perennial plants by cutting back dead foliage and inspecting for signs of winter stress.

4. Plan and Design: The fluctuating weather in March makes it an ideal month for garden planning. Calgary gardeners can use this time to finalize garden layouts, considering factors like sunlight exposure, wind patterns, and plant placement. A well-thought-out plan ensures a harmonious and visually appealing garden.

5. Weather Watch for Frost: Calgary's March can bring occasional frosty nights. Keep a vigilant eye on weather forecasts and be prepared to protect tender plants if temperatures dip unexpectedly. Covering plants with frost blankets or using other protective measures can safeguard them from late-season frost.

In conclusion, Calgary gardeners can make the most of March by aligning their activities with the unique cycle of weather conditions found in this transitional month. We must embrace the opportunities that this month presents with the optimism of the approaching garden season.





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Playgrounds in Country Hills

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The playgrounds, from oldest to newest are located at:

- Country Hills Circle NW (erected 1998)
- Country Hills Way NW (erected 1998)
- Country Hills Grove NW (erected 2000)
- Country Hills Drive NW (erected 2005)
- Country Hills Close NW (erected 2013)

The Boosters have spent the last few months generating ideas and gathering information to bring safe, inclusive, and modern playgrounds to our communities so we can have vibrant, welcoming spaces for fun and togetherness.

The committee has enough members for now, but there will be lots of opportunities for Country Hills residents to have their say in the design of future playgrounds. Our first priority is the playground located at Country Hills Circle NW as this is a very well-loved playground.



Our Playgrounds Need Help!

Country Hills Grove Playground



Year Built: 2000

Overview and Conditions

MultiPlay Complex

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Country Hills Way Playground



Year Built: 1998

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Country Hills Drive Playground



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Country Hills Circle Playground



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Burns and Scalds

from Alberta Health Services

Each year Emergency Medical Services respond to emergencies involving young children who have sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching hot surfaces such as stoves, or making contact with electrical outlets. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

Degrees of Burn

- 1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable
- 2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop
- 3°: Severe. The deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for Burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or at least clean material to protect infection.
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label.
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of Burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds.
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks or food to spill on a child.

- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached.
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids.
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access.
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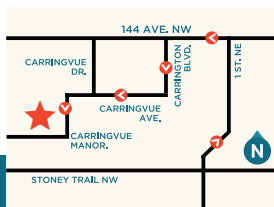


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by The City of Calgary



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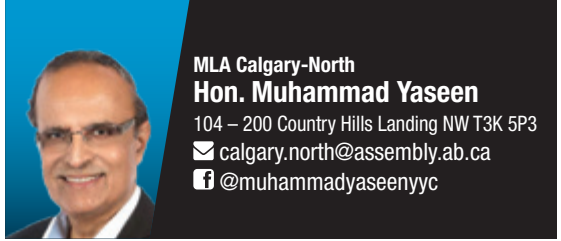
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To address the on-going housing affordability crisis, cities across Canada are taking steps to make home building easier. The City of Calgary is proposing a city-wide rezoning, which will allow duplexes and rowhouses to be built in more places across the city. Postcards were mailed to affected residents in January about city-wide information sessions.

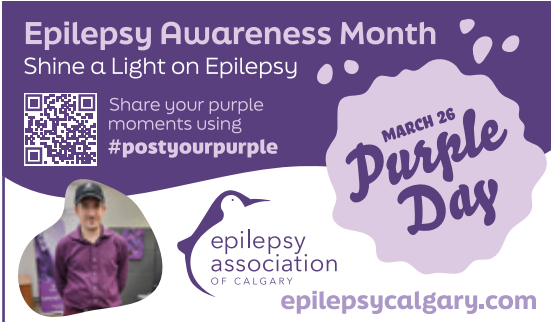
This month impacted landowners will receive additional notification of the proposal.

A public hearing date has been set for April 22, 2024. You can register at calgary.ca/publichearing.

You can learn more about how this affects you at calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing.

Single Use Items Bylaw Repeal

In January, City administration rolled out a Single Use Items Bylaw. Many residents reached out to my office to express concerns about the bylaw. There were requests for changes, as well as requests to fully repeal the bylaw. In particular, I heard frustration about the bylaw's application in drive-thru and fast-food establishments. After much debate about whether to change aspects of the bylaw, or scrap it, Council decided to proceed with a full repeal. Thanks to everyone who reached out to express their concerns.



The Alberta Culture Days grant is now open, and applications will be accepted until March 15, 2024 from communities and cultural organizations that are interested in hosting Alberta Culture Days events from September 1 to 30, 2024. Organizations may apply by visiting www.alberta.ca/alberta-culture-days.aspx.

Alberta's government is investing \$9.9 million to support 260 non-profit organizations across the province. Building strong and vibrant communities ensures Albertans have access to a range of opportunities to connect with their neighbours, learn new skills, and get involved in local activities. Funding from the CIP grants can be used by these organizations for programming and event hosting costs, equipment purchases, additional staffing, operating costs, technology enhancements, and marketing. The CIP empowers and supports non-profit organizations that deliver social, recreational, and cultural programs, and projects to help Albertans engage with their community.

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