**Parks Wayfinder: Map shows amenities in Calgary parks**
Summer is in full force and it’s the perfect time for Calgarians to enjoy the outdoors through visiting the many parks in the city. The Parks Wayfinder Map shows amenities owned by Calgary Parks. You can search for the nearest washroom, drinking fountain, waste/recycling disposal, firepit, picnic table, off leash area, sports field, park vendor and other amenities available in City parks. Visit the Parks Wayfinder Map at <https://maps.calgary.ca/ParksWayfinder/>. To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at [https://mapgallery.calgary.ca](https://mapgallery.calgary.ca/).

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**Measuring Main Streets**

Successful main streets bring people together. To help understand how Calgary’s main streets are doing, The City of Calgary is conducting the annual Main Street Metrics Program, which will collect and track data related to how our main streets:

* Support a social and healthy environment.
* Facilitate improved mobility and functionality.
* Demonstrate a unique character and identity.
* Create areas of economic vitality.

**Help us measure Calgary’s Main Streets!**

* [**Public Survey**](https://engage.o2design.com/CityofCalgaryMainStreetsMetricsPublicSurvey/app/) – Do you visit main streets? Take this survey to share insights about the user experience, such as how safe you feel, what types of businesses you visit, and more.
* [**Business Survey**](https://engage.o2design.com/CityofCalgaryMainStreetsMetricsBusinessSurvey/app/) – Do you own a business on a main street? Take this survey to share information about your business to help us understand the economic vitality of the street.

As someone that uses our main streets everyday or just occasionally, your insights are very valuable to this process! These inputs will be used alongside other types of data to help paint a comprehensive picture of the current successes and challenges of each main street.

To find the survey’s and learn more about Calgary's Main Streets, visit [calgary.ca/mainstreets](https://www.calgary.ca/mainstreets/).

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**Calgary students get creative with digital designs for the Level Up Calgary Minecraft Education Edition Challenge Season Two**

The City of Calgary’s *Resilient Calgary* program continue the collaboration with the Calgary Board of Education (CBE), the Calgary Public Library, and Microsoft Canada to deliver *Level Up Calgary* Season Two. Watch the presentations and learn more at [calgary.ca/levelup](https://www.calgary.ca/planning/level-up.html).

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**Memorial Drive extension**

The City of Calgary is undertaking a Functional Planning Study (FPS) for the extension of Memorial Drive from Abbeydale Drive to the east city limits at 116 Street E. The roadway extension is part of The City’s plan to establish better connectivity between communities and businesses on both sides of Stoney Trail.

The roadway extension will include a new crossing of the CN rail line and an east-west overpass across Stoney Trail (without on-or-off-ramps from Stoney Trail). All options also include connections to the Rotary Mattamy Greenway to enhance active mode connectivity for those walking and wheeling.

We have posted the [What We Heard Report](https://hdp-ca-prod-app-cgy-engage-files.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/9616/8657/9204/Explore_Phase_-_What_we_heard_Report.pdf), which took place May 1-22, 2023, to [our website](https://engage.calgary.ca/MemorialDriveEast?redirect/memorialdriveeast). Our goal from Phase 2: Explore was to develop and evaluate potential design concepts based off the community priorities and feedback we heard during Phase 1: Discover.

We’re pleased with the continued interest shown by the community: we received 3,591 engagement portal page views and 282 contributions of feedback. You can find additional details on the engagement opportunities, how we communicated with the community, and verbatim comments in the full report.

We’ll continue our conversations during Phase 3: Reveal later this fall. The team will present the preferred design concept for feedback and review. Once Phase 3 dates are confirmed, we will share more information on our website.

For more information about the study and to learn about Phase 3 dates and engagement opportunities, please visit [Engage.Calgary.ca/MemorialDriveEast](http://www.engage.calgary.ca/memorialdriveeast) or contact us at MemorialDriveEast@Calgary.ca.

1. **Calgary City Council approves bylaw changes to short-term rental business licences**
	1. On June 06, 2023, amendments to the bylaw were approved governing short-term rental business licences in the city. The Business Licence Bylaw changes will come into effect on January 01, 2024 and will apply to new and renewing short-term rental licences.
	2. Learn more about the about short-term rentals and download the Good Host and Good Guest guides [here](https://www.calgary.ca/for-business/licences/short-term-rentals.html)!
2. **Watch our previously recorded webinars**
	1. Looking to renovate your basement or transform your backyard? Watch our growing library of recorded webinars on calgary.ca/webinar. Webinars are hosted through Microsoft Teams.
	2. Have you attended one of our webinars? Let us know how we did by completing our [survey](https://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=d5b5ba34-d314-45a5-a023-dbee2922cbf2). This survey will take less than five minute to complete. Your feedback will help shape future webinars and all answers will be anonymous!
3. **Get your permits for garage projects**
	1. Are you planning on updating or building a garage this year? Do you have the permits you need?
	2. Watch the following video, [here](https://www.calgary.ca/development/home-building/garage-permitting.html), to learn more from our industry expert Jonathan Haase, Safety Codes Officer, at the City of Calgary. Find out what you need for your garage project so you can ensure it’s safe, built to code and that you have the proper permits in place before you start.
	3. Learn more about permits for your garage projects at <https://www.calgary.ca/development/home-building/garage-permitting.html>

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**Marda Loop Main Streets**Construction of the Marda Loop Main Streets project is happening in a phased approach this summer until weather prevents us from continuing. Understanding the unique character and dynamics of Marda Loop, we aim to maintain and grow the area's vibrancy. We are working closely with the Marda Loop BIA to ensure Calgary knows Marda Loop is still open to enjoy, including the Marda Gras festival and summer Night Markets.

We know that improving safety for people walking, cycling, and driving in the area is a key priority for people who live, work, visit, and travel through Marda Loop. By creating new sidewalks, a multi-use pathway, and improved pedestrian crossings we are working to create safe and reliable experiences through speed separation, improved visibility, and accessibility.

Construction is variable. Although we do our best to plan accordingly to reduce the impacts on residents, construction in an older community like Marda Loop means that sometimes we run into surprises. We don't anticipate any issues, but timelines may change should we discover any unexpected conditions. We could see adjustments to our schedule throughout the construction season, so for the most up-to-date construction timing and information please visit our website [calgary.ca/MardaLoop](https://www.calgary.ca/planning/projects/marda-loop-main-street.html?redirect=/mardaloop). Don’t forget to sign-up for our newsletter to receive project updates direct to your inbox.

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**Right call. Right response.**A safe community means feeling comfortable wherever you are at all times of day. We all deserve to feel safe, no matter where we live, work, learn or play. [This list](https://calgary.ca/rightcall-rightresponse) helps you connect to local teams that can help you when you are presented with situations that could make you feel unsafe.

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**Four-legged friends seeking homes**

For a limited time only, adopt your furever companion at Animal Services at a reduced rate!

Now only $100.00, the adoption fee covers:

* spay or neutering surgery
* microchip implant for identification
* a twelve-month City of Calgary licence
* first set of vaccinations (excluding rabies)
* de-worming
* a bag of pet food

Shelters and rescue agencies in Calgary and the surrounding area are currently at capacity with an overpopulation of homeless animals. Due to the overwhelming number of animals, the City has reinstated its adoption program to assist with this crisis.

Adopting from Animal Services not only provides a loving home for a deserving animal but also helps reduce the number of homeless pets in the community and supports the important work of the shelter. By adopting from a local shelter, individuals can make a direct impact on saving a life and contribute to the overall welfare of animals in their area.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet is encouraged to check out the adoptable animals on [calgary.ca/pets](https://www.calgary.ca/content/www/en/home/pets.html).

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**When it roars, stay indoors**

Summer is a beautiful time of year to spend outside under the warm sun, but it’s also Calgary’s most active storm season. While storms can be mesmerizing and exciting, they can also be dangerous.

Calgary is prone to intense and sometimes dangerous summer storms. Keep yourself, your family and your property safe during a summer storm by signing up for emergency alerts and making an emergency plan suited for your family.

In addition, thunder, lightning, rain, and wind, summer storms often bring hail which can damage houses and cars and cause injuries. Protect your home and property by parking under shelter, secure items that might blow away, and removing weak branches and trees.

Public weather alerts for Alberta and Alberta Emergency Alerts let the public know when a strong storm is coming. A “severe weather watch” means the conditions favour a specific type of hazardous weather, and a “severe weather warning” means that the weather event will happen in the next 30 minutes.

During a storm, the best place to be is in an enclosed building or hard-topped vehicle. Stay away from high ground, isolated trees or telephone poles, picnic shelters and open spaces, to avoid being hit by lightning. Keep yourself and your pets inside until the storm has passed.

Learn more about disaster risk in Calgary and how you can prepare by visiting [calgary.ca/getready](https://www.calgary.ca/home.html).

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**Register for a free webinar about the benefits of deconstruction and how demolition impacts the environment**

The City of Calgary invites you to the [From Demolition to Deconstruction](https://www.calgary.ca/environment/climate/climate-change-webinar-series.html) webinar on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, from noon – 1 p.m.

The free webinar is in partnership with [Light House](https://www.light-house.org/) and covers:

* Reducing construction, renovation, and demolition waste
* The impacts of embodied carbon on the environment
* How Canadian cities are moving away from demolishing buildings to deconstructing them and salvaging valuable materials for reuse

**This is the second webinar in the Going Circular in the Built Environment series**

[Learn more about the Going Circular in the Built Environment webinars](https://www.calgary.ca/environment/climate/climate-change-webinar-series.html)

[Learn more about Climate & Environment](https://www.calgary.ca/climateplan)

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**Prepare for Calgary’s changing climate with this handy and helpful guide**
Calgary’s summers are getting hotter, drier and lasting longer due to climate change.

Hazards like wildfire smoke, extreme heat, hail and flooding are becoming more common and severe. As a result, there is increasing risk to Calgarians’ homes, properties and health.

Although climate change is a complicated issue, the solutions don’t always have to be. There are simple steps you can take now to prepare and adapt to climate-related impacts.

[The Climate Ready Home Guide](http://www.calgary.ca/climatereadyhome) informs choices you can make during a renovation or construction project to prevent damage to your home and protect your health from extreme weather events. It also provides routine low or no-cost maintenance advice and simple safety tips to build resilience to climate change impacts at home.

Visit [calgary.ca/ClimateReadyHome](https://www.calgary.ca/ClimateReadyHome) for more information.

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