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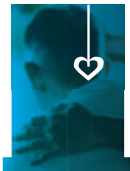
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**All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.
Our Board Meetings are always the third Tuesday of
the month at 7:00 pm!**

Mission: The Dalhousie Community Association provides programs and services that reflect the varied interests of the community by engaging and supporting staff and volunteers.

Vision: Our vision is to ensure Dalhousie is a vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive community that promotes involvement.

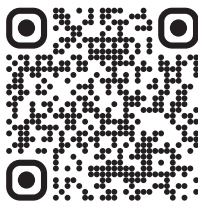
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Season's Greetings Dalhousie!

A warm fire, a cup of cocoa, the glittering lights of the Christmas tree as carols play in the background. That's the vision, isn't it? In reality though, we all have different experiences of the holiday season. Some of us must work, some blaze from event to event wondering when we can get some actual down time, some of us can enjoy some family time, and some of us are alone. Everyone has their winter holiday story.

Do you know what the secret to happiness is? When you give. And though during the holidays we often give gifts, the most valuable gift you can give is your time and energy. By being the first to give of ourselves, we can change someone's holiday story for the better. Does your neighbour's driveway need a shovel? Offer to help. Is someone you know missing their family this year? Take some time to visit. Has someone moved in who is still trying to find their place in our community? Drop off some cookies and a warm smile. When you give from yourself, you yourself will receive a deposit of happiness, as well as the person whose life you have touched.

Let's make this a truly happy holiday by giving of ourselves and making someone's holiday story even better.

James Reimer

President, Dalhousie Community Association

Mark your calendars!

DCA's Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00

Held at the Dalhousie Community Centre

Door prize draw for attendees, and wine
and cheese social to follow.

Meet you Board, find out what's going
on in the community, and discover how
you can help!

Registration and more info at www.dalhousiecalgary.ca

Good Food Box Program



The Good Food Box Program, (GFB) is under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby anyone can purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price.

Order pickup is at Dalhousie Church (5511 Baroc Rd NW) between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. Late pickup and limited delivery available upon request.

Small Box \$25 | 20 to 25 lbs.

Medium Box \$30 | 30 to 35 lbs.

Large Box \$35 | 40 to 45 lbs.

ORDER DATE (TUESDAY)	DELIVERY DATE (WEDNESDAY)
TBD	TBD

Dalhousie Out of School Care (DOSC)

Days and Hours of Operation

All program locations run from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, including professional development days. We provide care to children on location at West Dalhousie School, Dalhousie School, and in the kindergarten program at the Dalhousie Community Centre.

Currently, space is available for children attending West Dalhousie School and the community kindergarten program, with a waitlist for children attending Dalhousie school. For more information, please call the DOSC Directors, Shelley or Saima, at 587-487-8218, or email doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

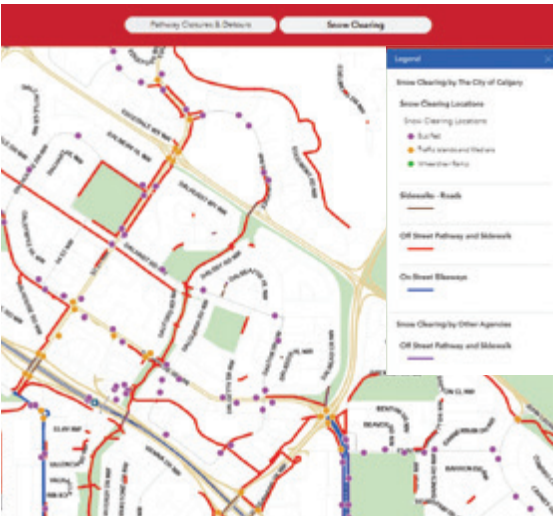
Snow is Back

by Brent Clark

It's that time of year again. Snow has arrived, bringing opportunities for many great activities in and around our community, building snow forts, sledding, skating at the DCA ice rink, or snowshoeing, fat biking, walking, and running on Nose Hill. However, snow can also make it more difficult for Dalhousie residents to get around, particularly those of us with mobility challenges, people pushing a wheelchair, stroller or Chariot, and our young and elderly residents. While the City takes responsibility for roads, many pathways, and some sidewalks (including transit stops), the responsibility to clear sidewalks bordering our properties falls to us as residents.

Let's continue to make it easy for our friends, neighbours, and visitors to get around safely and conveniently. We can do this by clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks along our properties, and, if we have some extra time and energy, also clearing any walkways that run along the side or back of our properties that are not cleared by the City. See the map below to see what pathways are cleared by the city in Dalhousie.

If you want to find out more about what areas the City clears, you can click on "Snow Clearing" on <https://maps.calgary.ca/PathwaysandBikeways/>. If you want to find out all the details about snow clearing in Calgary, visit <https://www.calgary.ca/roads/conditions/snow.html> and <https://www.calgary.ca/bike-walk-roll/pathway-snow-clearing.html>.



Ongoing Programs at the DCA

Activity Name	Contact for Registration	Dates and Time
Banzai Karate	banzaikaratedojo@gmail.com	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 pm
Calgary Folk Club	www.calgaryfolkclub.com	Second and Fourth Weekend of each Month, 7:30 pm
Dalhousie Senior Drop-in Cribbage	403-286-2555, ext. 101, dalhousiecalgary.ca	Wednesdays, 1:30 pm
Girl Guides of Canada, Guides, and Pathfinder Programs	204-471-4672	Contact 204-471-4672 for more information
Karuna Yoga	info@karunayoga.ca	Wednesdays, 9:15 am, Saturdays 9:00 am
Mommy Connections Calgary	katherinemcyc@gmail.com	Wednesdays, 10:30 am
Stagecoach Theatre Arts Calgary	stagecoachschools.ca	Saturdays, 2:45 pm
Spring Life Dance	xwzhang88@gmail.com	Contact xwzhang88@gmail.com for more information
Raymond Wong/Tai Chi/Kung Fu	403-650-9191	Contact 403-650-9191 for more information
Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	www.tops.org	Mondays, 9:30/9:45 am
Weight Watchers	weightwatchers.com/ca/en/find-a-workshop/ 1022241/ ww-studio--calgary-nw-calgary-ab	Mondays, 10:00 am, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Fridays, 12: 30 pm
Heart to Core Fitness	thoiles@gmail.com	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 pm
Gentle and Therapeutic Yoga	monica.espinosa@soultemplewellness.com	Mondays, 11:15 am
Christ The Fountain of Love Church	anugomjoy@gmail.com	Sundays, 9:00 am
Dance Beyond Borders	lisa.senn@albertaballroomcompany.com	Contact lisa.senn@albertaballroomcompany.com for more information
Vital1Fitness Essentrics Classes	403-208-3307, classes@vital1.ca	Mondays, 10:30 am
One Step Ahead Dance	403-247-3607, office@onestepaheaddance.com	Contact office@onestepaheaddance.com for more information
RCCG Living Spring Chapel	http://www.livingspringchapel.ca/, 438-940-3828, rccglsc21@gmail.com	Sundays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bible study on Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm (Online)
Rahmi Fitness	info@rahmifitness.com	Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Check our website or call for the most up-to-date events and times.

Who's at the DCA

At the DCA, many different user groups have found a home. We have opened our doors to church members, dance clubs, Yoga, Zumba, cardio training, Scouts, Girl Guides, weddings, birthdays, baby showers, and engagement parties. We are engaging with the community on many different levels as we discover the new interests of our guests and renters. Let us know if you're interested in joining or if you would like to be a renter and offer your own event. Contact us at admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

Land Acknowledgement

The DCA gratefully acknowledges that we live, learn, work, and play in the traditional territories of the people of Treaty 7, as well as the Métis people of Alberta.

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Ice Rink Update

by Barry Olsen

The drop in temperature can only mean one thing... winter fun activities at the DCA.

Just like every winter for the past 20 years, the DCA will have a pleasure skating rink available for use by everyone, located behind the community centre. After last year's expansion of the boards, the size is about half the size of a regulation rink, perfect for pleasure skating, beginner skating, and beginner hockey. As with other years, the rink schedule prioritizes pleasure skating, but if the number of skaters is low, full hockey games are permitted.

For those that can help with the rink maintenance, there will be a few shovels to help clear the snow when you're there with your little skaters. If you want to step up to do more, Tom is always looking for more dedicated helpers that will be given the code to the C-can which has a couple snow blowers and hopefully, a sweeper (if I can get it fixed up in time). Flooding usually takes place later in the evening a few times a week and is temperature dependant as you don't want it too warm or too cold.

If you are able to help with some of the rink maintenance, you can either leave your contact information with the DCA front desk or email Tom at thmsgood@gmail.com.

Our rink has been well used the last few winters and we hope to continue to have a large number and variety of users, from young to old. Skating is great exercise and a great way to interact with those in your community. We hope to see you this winter.

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Bobcats in Calgary

Bobcat sightings have been increasing in Calgary, and Dalhousie is no exception. Bobcats are a natural predator in North America, typically feeding on small rodents and mammals such as gophers and prairie hares. Bobcats thrive in Calgary due to an abundance of green spaces, streams and creeks, and food sources. Unfortunately, bobcats will also feed on pets, including housecats and small dogs. So, what do you do if you spot a bobcat in the neighbourhood? Firstly, ensure your pets are indoors. Do not attempt to interact with a bobcat. If it is safe, open a gate and do not block exits so that there is a clear escape route.

You may want to warn neighbours of the sighting by posting on the Dalhousie Community Facebook Page. If you are concerned about your safety, call Alberta Fish and Wildlife at 403-297-6423. The City of Calgary can also be contacted at 311. This information can help city planners make better choices about land management.

You may want to ensure your property is not attractive to bobcats. Consider the following tips:

- Remove food and water sources (like dog dishes, birdfeeders, and birdbaths) from your yard.
- Enclose spaces under decks and sheds.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places.
- Install motion detector lighting along pathways and driveways.
- Use garbage bins and ensure that the lids are closed.



Preschool and Kindergarten Registrations

January is the typical month for kindergarten and preschools to hold Open Houses and take Registrations. Find information for our local community programs here:

- Dalhousie Community Kindergarten: K and JK (dcakids.com)
- Dalhousie Community Preschool: 3- and 4-year-old Preschool (dcpreschool.ca)
- Dalhousie Elementary: K to 5
- St Dominic: K to 6
- West Dalhousie Elementary: K to 6
- Dalhousie Elementary School: K to 5
- The Dalhousie Community Association offers an Out of School Care program to the families of the Community Kindergarten Program, West Dalhousie, and Dalhousie Elementary (dalhousiecalgary.ca/programs/out-of-school-care)



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Dalhousie Preschool



We hope all our preschool families have an amazing winter break this year and can spend some quality time with family and friends. It's hard to believe we are saying goodbye to another year, but we will be ready to come back in January to continue the fun here at the Dalhousie Community Preschool!

Important Dates:

December 22 to January 9: Winter/Christmas Break
Registration for the 2022/2023 School Year is ongoing! We are currently accepting registration for both our 3- and 4-year-old programs. Space is limited.

*More information regarding our registration process can be found on our website.

If you have any inquiries or questions about the preschool, please contact doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.

Skip the Depot

If you would like to support our community preschool, you can easily do so by donating your empty cans and bottles! We have teamed up with Skip the Depot to help raise funds for our non-for-profit preschool!

1. Download the Skip the Depot app.

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/dcpreschool>.

2. Schedule a pickup time and leave your bags outside.
3. Funds will automatically be donated to the Dalhousie Preschool.

This is a simple, zero contact way to support the school, while decreasing your to-do list! Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any inquiries or questions about the preschool, please contact doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.

Planning Matters

by the Planning and Development Committee

On October 6, 2022, Council approved changes to the Land Use Bylaw, adding a new grade-oriented housing District “H-GO”, amending the Residential – Grade-Oriented Infill (R-CG)(R-CGex) and amending the General Rules of Multi-Residential Districts. Land Use Districts applicable to all areas of the city can be displayed on <https://developmentmap.calgary.ca/> and are described in <https://www.calgary.ca/planning/land-use/districts.html>.

The new H-GO designation is meant to encourage building residences that fall into the category of “missing middle” housing. This means housing such as duplexes, fourplexes, and courtyard complexes, that are in between (or in the “middle”) of single detached family homes and apartment buildings, both in terms of size of the residence and affordability. These types of dwellings have been “missing” as a housing option in many suburban neighbourhoods.

In Calgary, H-GO designated districts are aimed at areas of the city having:

- (1) A Local Area Plan and designated Neighbourhood Connector or Neighbourhood Flex Urban Form Categories, or
- (2) the Centre City or Inner-City areas identified on the Urban Structure Map of the Calgary Municipal Development Plan (“MDP”) and also within one or more of the following:
 - (a) 200 metres of a Main Street or Activity Centre identified on the Urban Structure Map of the MDP
 - (b) 600 metres of an existing or capital-funded LRT platform,

- (c) 400 metres of an existing or capital-funded BRT station, or
- (d) 200 metres of primary transit service.

At present, most of Dalhousie is zoned for single detached homes (R-C1), with some areas of multi-residential of varying types and many green spaces designated Special Purpose for schools, parks, and community reserve (S-SPR). Dalhousie does not yet have a Local Area Plan, however, the area south of Dalhousie Drive, between Shaganappi Trail and 53 Street, is designated a Community Activity Centre, and Dalhousie Station is an existing LRT station and Primary Transit Hub. This means that H-GO housing could be proposed in Dalhousie. However, it’s important to know that there is no “blanket” rezoning to H-GO and that any changes in land use district would require a land use re-designation, which provides multiple opportunities for affected parties to comment on what they see as the benefits or challenges of the proposed re-designation. This includes speaking at a public hearing of City Council. While the Planning and Development Committee did not speak to the proposed land use changes, we do encourage residents to voice their views to City Council on matters that are of interest to you.



H-GO Example City of Calgary (<https://www.calgary.ca/planning/projects/housing-land-use-changes.html>)

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John Laurie Boulevard NW Safety Improvements

from The City of Calgary Website (<https://www.calgary.ca/roads/john-laurie-blvd-nw-safety-improvements.html>)

On November 1, 2022, The City of Calgary implemented traffic control changes at three intersections along John Laurie Boulevard NW. There have been a high number of collisions at these intersections over the past decade, especially at John Laurie Boulevard and Charleswood Drive. Collisions at this intersection resulted in injuries in 21% of cases, more than double the city average of 10% at other intersections. Based on this data, these traffic changes were needed to reduce collisions and improve safety. Changes include:

Charleswood Drive NW – A signalized intersection at Charleswood Drive and John Laurie Blvd to allow safer turning at this intersection. Traffic delays are expected to be minimal as the signals will mostly be on green to allow traffic flow. Operation of the signal will be monitored by the Traffic Management Center to ensure efficiency.

19 Street NW – Prohibit left turns during weekday peak periods (morning and afternoon) from northbound 19 Street NW to John Laurie Blvd.

Brisebois Drive NW – Prohibit left turns and through movements crossing John Laurie Blvd during weekday peak periods (morning and afternoon) from both Brisebois Drive NW and the Nose Hill parking lot on the north side.

Nose Hill Park Access – The new signal at Charleswood Drive NW and John Laurie Boulevard NW will not include pedestrian crossings across John Laurie Boulevard. The Parks Department considers Nose Hill Park north of the Charleswood Drive intersection as a sensitive area and does not want to encourage pedestrian activity to the area. Park users can use established crossing locations or other parking areas to access Nose Hill Park.

For more information, questions, or concerns, please call the City of Calgary at 311.



Kindergarten: Strategies for “Bigger” Emotions in Early Learners

The holidays can be a test for everyone's emotions, and early learners are no exception. Sometimes emotions can get too big. In our kindergarten classroom we teach about emotional “zones” with our children. “Yellow zone” can be a warning zone. “Red zone” means emotions are too big or out of control. Red and yellow zones can happen with any emotion – happiness, excitement, fear, frustration, anger, or sadness. Sometimes yellow zone is okay, as long as we can bring it back down and not get into the red zone. Ideally, we try to have children identify that they are moving towards the red zone before they get there. Big emotions are not always a bad thing but being able to control them and bring them back into a range that is more comfortable for both the child and everyone around them is an important skill. The ability to identify and manage their feelings is an important part of a child's development and is part of learning for preschool and kindergarten-aged children.

Emotional regulation is a big topic, with many interacting factors. The “whys” of how a child can get into the yellow or red zone are many. But once a child is there, what can you do? In our classroom, we often ask children to name their emotions and the zone they are in. This might not be easy to do without some practice but stopping to give a name to how the child feels is an important first step.

What Can You Do Next?

Take a break. This might mean entirely stopping what you are doing for a little while and switching to something a little calmer, like going outside, reading a book, or listening to music, or think of an excuse that will cause a pause that will temporarily distract them: “Can you come help me with ____?”

Count numbers or say the ABCs. Sometimes this is the only simple distraction that is needed to calm things down a bit.

Encourage your child to ask for help. Another child or adult can help with a task, mediate a situation, or offer advice.

Shake it out. Move bodies in a safe and brief way to release some of the tension or energy. This might mean jumping up and down, moving your arms like wings, going for a run, or “shaking your sillies out”

Take deep breaths. Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. Count in for four, out for four, or blow a pinwheel.

Stretch. Make cards with yoga stretches on them with names that are fun for kids. Downward dog. Tree. Crab. Warrior. There are many great ideas available online.

Get outside! Moving and being outside are both great calming strategies. Go for a walk together or play outside for of a bit of time.

Our class is busy preparing for a special concert for the children's families on December 14, with winter break starting December 23. When we return in January, we will be starting skating lessons on the community outdoor rink (fingers crossed) and preparing for registration for the next school year. Our Open House will be held on January 17. More information can be found on our website at dcakids.com.

Inn from the Cold Toy Drive, Veteran's Association Food Drive

by John Piera

We are collecting food donations for the Veteran's Association Food Drive, and toy donations for the Inn from the Cold Toy Drive!

We will accept donations for this food drive until mid-December. Items in highest demand are canned fish (salmon or tuna), canned chicken, and other canned meats (ham or Spam). Items that are always welcome are cereal, canned soup, dry or canned pasta (lasagna, spaghetti, fettuccini, linguini, macaroni, rigatoni, etc.). Items are not limited to food. Toiletries like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving razors, shaving cream, and lip balm are welcome donations. So are diapers, sanitary pads, wipes, and toilet paper.

Inn from the Cold provides shelter for families who are homeless. Again, this year, we are collecting donations of toys and gifts for children whose families are part of the Inn from the Cold program. Toys should be new and unwrapped. Donations are requested for all children ages 2 to 18.

Please bring your donations to the DCA this month to help fill someone's pantry or bring a smile to a child's face with a gift this holiday season.

From our City Councillor

"Greetings,

Community Safety exists on a continuum and requires continuous collaboration between governments, funders, service providers, community groups and businesses.

The City's investment and actions support increased safety, improved support and resilient people and communities.

The City regularly convenes partners to coordinate, leverage and support initiatives that improve access to services for Calgarians contributing to a vibrant, safe and secure Calgary for all.

A vibrant, safe and secure population is vital to a thriving downtown and a healthy economy.

Resilient People and Communities

Activities and updates:

\$4 million Downtown Revitalization grant agreement with Government of Alberta signed. Funds intended to be used by September 2023 in support of:

- \$1.2 million - programming and gathering spaces for cultural activities and entertainment
- \$1.8 million - enhance vibrancy and safety to make downtown living more attractive
- \$1 million - support the recovery of our business community to promote Calgary as a destination city

Data points of interest:

549 Naloxone incidents administered by Calgary Fire Department in August up from 483 in July

Calgary Police Service responded to 8,141 social disorder calls city wide in August down from 8,410 in July

Increased Safety

Activities and updates:

- 346 Unwanted/Trespassing calls were diverted to the Alpha House Mobile Diversion Team (District 1/ downtown) in September, up from 289 calls in August, with 19 minutes as the average time to arrive
- 562 patrols/visits to Dermot Baldwin Way and surrounding areas in August by community safety agencies and outreach supports

Mini-resource day in August for people sleeping rough in and around Dermot Baldwin Way, offered in partnership with the Drop-In Centre, Alpha House, The City and Calgary Police Service:

- Interacted with 31 people
- 17 people accessed the resource hub
- Two people connected with doctors
- Assistance provided to several people to connect with family outside of Calgary

Improved Social Support Access and Navigation

Activities and updates:

- 806 calls to 211 related to mental health and substance use in August down from 1,219 in July
- \$124 million in new funding over two years announced from the Government of Alberta to expand Alberta's response to the addiction crisis in Calgary and Edmonton

Funding approved through The City's Community Safety Investment Framework:

- for Calgarians experiencing homelessness during extreme weather
- for advice to police officers during mental health related calls
- for Community Mobile Crisis Response pilot in District 4 (East Calgary)"



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2023 Dalhousie Casino – Volunteers Needed

by John Piera



Would you like to hand out \$25,000? You could – as a Dalhousie Community Association volunteer for our casino fundraiser!

One of the surreal experiences when being a volunteer cashier at a casino, is handing out \$25,000 to one person! Over the years, I've done it several times and handed out over \$50,000 during one 8-hour shift. Or, you could be a banker, and count over \$500,000 in poker chips and cash during your shift. Incredible amounts of money to see all at one time.

If you would like to be a volunteer, our casino dates have been confirmed for February 2 and 3, 2023 at the Cowboy's Casino. We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: Manager, Banker, Cashier, Chip Runner, and Count Room. Currently all positions are available on both days.

This is a valuable fundraiser for the DCA, raising \$60,000 to \$80,000, all of which goes to paying for local programs, supplies, facility maintenance, and improvements. It raises more money for the amount of volunteer hours than any other fundraiser.

In addition to receiving unlimited snacks and drinks during your shift, you will also receive a meal. It is a great time to visit and get to know your neighbours. Please consider volunteering as we were a few volunteers short at the last casino. To volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact John Piera at 587-999-0321 or at johnpiera@hotmail.com, or our General Manager, Doug, at the DCA office. To access the volunteer form, please go to www.ALGC.ca/forms and search "Casino Volunteer Worker Application."

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The holiday season is upon us! I'd like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and all the best this holiday season. I hope your days are filled with family, friends, and all the love and cheer that comes with this time of year.

As I reflect upon the year that has been, I'm proud to see the great progress we've made in advancing Alberta's economy.

Calgary is known globally as a hub for some of the world's biggest energy companies, but we've started making waves in the tech world too. A recent study from LinkedIn Talent Insights found Calgary is experiencing the fastest growth in tech talent in North America and is home to the highest concentration of high-tech workers of Canadian cities. Leading multinational companies, including Mphasis and Infosys have large and growing operations in our city.

Over the third quarter of 2022, we saw economic diversification accelerate through business expansions and new investments. From renewable energy to aviation, manufacturing to technology, companies like TC Energy, De Havilland Aircraft, Infosys, and Level 42 AI are choosing Alberta as the place they want to be. That means good paying jobs for Albertans.

Our province is leading the country in job growth and people from Ontario, Manitoba, and BC are flocking here in unprecedented levels to take advantage of the opportunities Alberta provides.

While there are some predictions for a rough economic patch in early 2023, financial experts believe our province will ride out the turbulence better than others thanks to our energy sector and growing diversification.

Please plan to attend my annual Christmas Gathering in a few days time. Info is on the large signs near the entrances to your community.

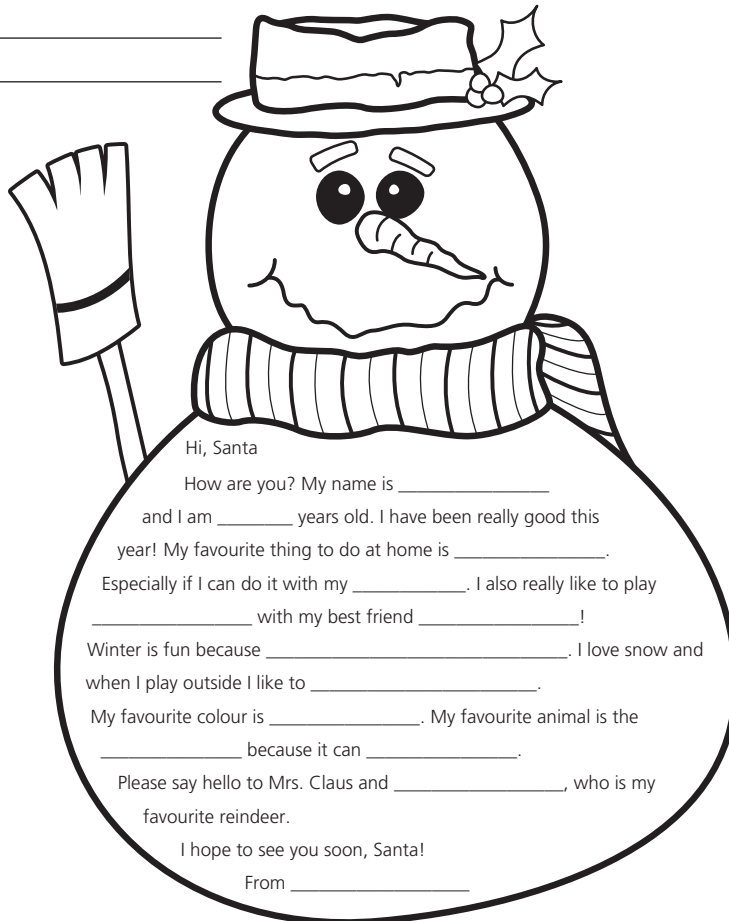
Write a Letter to Santa!

Once again, Canada Post is getting into the spirit of the season and helping deliver letters to Santa Claus. Anyone can write a letter, and, if your letter is sent before December 9, and you remember to include your return address, Santa will write back to you!

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My name: _____

My address: _____



To send a letter to Santa, write to this address:

Santa Claus
North Pole
H0H 0H0
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Be sure to include your return address if you would like a letter back. Here's a template to help you get started. You can also include a Christmas wish list!

Look for more templates and more information from Canada Post. Go to canadapost.ca and search "Santa Letter Program."

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