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## Remembrance Day



## Councillor Report



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## TCA President's Message

As we head into November, people are starting to pack away the Halloween decorations (some of which are incredible!) and planning for the upcoming holiday season. The busy-ness of “before” is back in full swing.

I hope though, that in the middle of the busy-ness you take time on November 11 to stop and remember the sacrifices so many of our fellow Canadians made on our behalf. Whether you choose to wear a poppy, make a silent tribute or attend one of the many public ceremonies across the city, we should all honour those who served our country so well.

As it gets darker outside earlier, please be aware of pedestrians, cyclists and wildlife that are making their way around our community. It's up to all of us to help keep each other safe.

Speaking of keeping safe, as it gets colder it's tempting to leave your vehicle running with the keys inside to warm it up. This is a perfect opportunity, however, for thieves to steal your vehicle. Don't make it easy for them. Remember the 9pm routine to check that your vehicles are locked and that your house is secure before going to bed.

And finally, if you have time, please consider giving back to your community by volunteering for the Tuscany Community Association. You may contact president@tuscanyca.org for more information.

*Erin Chrusch*  
*President, Tuscany Community Association*

## DID YOU KNOW??

Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called “Armistice Day” to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.



# École Tuscany School

## November 2023

### Welcome to November!

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and you were all able to enjoy time with family and friends.

We were thrilled to continue our annual Halloween Howler Dance this year and it was a smashing success! Thank you to everyone who came out to join in the fun. Pumpkin Fest at the end of October was a major triumph again this year. The kids (and maybe a few parents!) showed off their sweet carving skills. The kids had a great time displaying their pumpkins in the school field before taking them home for the big event on Halloween night.

In November, we commemorate Remembrance Day, both in the school and in our community. Students will do work in their classrooms to learn about this important day and will gather in assemblies to remember the sacrifices of the past and honour those who fought for our country.

Our School Council is asking for donations of winter jackets, snow pants, hats and mittens that are clean and in good condition for donation to Jacket Racket. Collection started mid-October and will run until November 8. Please place your donations in the marked bins inside the front entrance of the school, or send them along with your child to school in the morning clearly labelled "Jacket Racket."

Our upcoming FUNdraiser Treat Day is Friday, November 3 (Kernels). The next Fun Lunch (Subway) for Grades 1-5, as well as Kinder Snack Day, is on Thursday, November 23. Please log into [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca) (Grade 1-5 students) and submit your orders the Friday before to ensure your child can participate. Don't forget to wear your Spirit Wear! A big thank you to our fabulous volunteers who make these Fun Lunch and FUNdraiser Treat days possible for our kids.

Tuscany School Council is pleased to announce that Kiss 'n Drop is back in full swing! If you need to use this service, please adhere to all protocols by remaining in your vehicle and allowing the volunteers to assist your child to exit your vehicle. Please ensure your child enters and exits your vehicle from the curb side of your car and not into the active traffic lane. If the Kiss 'n Drop

area is full, please do not double park as this is meant to be an active loading/unloading zone at all times. As always, the Kiss 'n Drop team is always looking for volunteers to help out. The sign-up genius is now live and can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EAEA72AA1FA7-44513751-kiss#/> If this is something you could assist with, please email [tuscanykissndrop@gmail.com](mailto:tuscanykissndrop@gmail.com) for further details.

Back by very popular demand this year, we will be having our 2nd annual Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser! Purchase your holiday sweets and help raise money for the school! Further details will be forthcoming through council emails including order due dates and chocolate pick-up dates.

Tuscany School students and parents are encouraged to come out and help The Tuscany Community Coalition "Light up the Christmas Tree" on November 25. This is the tree near St. Basil along the path that residents have been decorating. We are encouraging families to come visit the tree with plastic decorations of their own to contribute to the neighbourhood tree.

As we head into the cooler months, please remember to check the lost and found area frequently for any items that may have gone wandering. Items are marked with the date they are found and are donated to charitable organizations that provide for those in need if they go unclaimed longer than one month.

### Important dates in November include:

- Professional Learning Day – no school November 9
- Fall Break - no school November 10 to November 14
- School resumes - November 15
- Parent Teacher Conferences - November 23 (evening) & 24 (morning)
- Light up the Christmas Tree – November 25

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 in-person at the school. Please check our website at [www.tuscanycouncil.ca](http://www.tuscanycouncil.ca) for up-to-date info and follow us on social media: Facebook [www.facebook.com/tuscanycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/tuscanycouncil) Instagram @tuscanycouncil and Twitter @TuscanyCouncil for reminders and photos of our adventures together. If you have any questions about becoming involved with the School Council or volunteering for a committee, please email [tuscanycouncilchair@gmail.com](mailto:tuscanycouncilchair@gmail.com).

You can also follow Tuscany School on Twitter @Tuscany\_cbe.

# Scouts Canada in Tuscany, Calgary

## A Year Full of Adventure and Growth

As the year unfolds, Scouts Canada in the picturesque Tuscany neighborhood, has been buzzing with activity and excitement. The youth organization has been keeping its members engaged and enthusiastic about learning and leadership. Here's a glimpse into what's been happening and what's on the horizon:

### Outdoor Adventures

September saw our older sections embark on four memorable nights of tenting at camp, embracing the beauty of nature and honing their outdoor skills. An unforgettable group campout at Owl Campground brought together 39 eager youth, aged 6 to 17, and 13 dedicated adult volunteers, known as Scouters. Perfect weather set the stage for a weekend filled with bonding, exploration and skill-building. Youth enjoyed linking activities between sections, went on invigorating hikes, mastered the art of miniature catapult lashing and discovered the art of crafting Swedish fire logs. The older sections, Scouts and Venturers, aged 11 to 17, expanded their horizons by participating in a multi-group campout in Dorothy, Alberta. This unique experience not only allowed them to connect with other groups from across Alberta, but also provided insights into specialized areas such as medical and culinary services. Even an evening-wide game in the rain couldn't dampen their spirits during this epic adventure!

### Welcoming New Members

Registration this year has been a resounding success. Scouts Canada 243 Tuscany welcomed approximately 20 new youth into its diverse and vibrant program, ensuring that more young individuals can benefit from the organization's values and experiences. The commitment to recruiting adult volunteers and Scouters remains strong, as it enables youth on waitlists to advance in their scouting journeys. Please go to [www.myscouts.ca/ca/join](http://www.myscouts.ca/ca/join) to sign up as an adult volunteer today!

## DID YOU KNOW??

Approximately 18,000,000 poppies are distributed around the world every year.



### Community Support and Fundraising

The Tuscany community has shown unwavering support for youth programming, exemplified by the Scout Bottle Drive on October 14. It's a testament to the community's dedication to nurturing the potential of its young members.

### Looking Forward to November

November promises to be another exciting month as our youth members plan their next epic adventures. Stay tuned for more updates on the incredible experiences that lie ahead.

In Tuscany, Scouts Canada continues to thrive and provide enriching opportunities for youth. With a focus on adventure, learning and community involvement, the organization remains committed to empowering young minds and fostering a spirit of camaraderie among its members. Thank you, Tuscany, for your continuous support in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow. The journey continues!

## Shop Local This Holiday Season!

This year is a great time to shop locally and support our local artisans and small businesses. In November, there are numerous craft fairs taking place in many local communities, and around the city. With many vendors under one roof, you can find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for all of your loved ones on your Christmas list.

Be sure to check out your local community for fairs in your neighborhood!



# A Message from Eric Harvie School Council

The leaves have fallen and winter is in the air! Wishing everyone a lovely November from Eric Harvie School Council!

We hope everyone had a spook-tacular time at the Halloween Dance and a safe Halloween. On November 30, the school councils of Eric Harvie, Tuscany School, TMC and Bowness will join in hosting a Parent Night with Dr. Alan Donsky, an expert in child psychology, capacity building and mindfulness. (More info on how to register for this event will be shared through your School Council emails).

### Poinsettias And Christmas Wreaths

Our annual Growing Smiles Christmas fundraiser is here! Get your poinsettias and gorgeous Christmas wreaths through the school and all proceeds will go directly back to our students. Deadline to order is November 5.

### Casino Night

We are still looking for volunteers for our upcoming casino fundraiser event on December 9 and 10 at Pure Casino. Our last casino event raised \$67,000 for Eric Harvie School and supported the purchase of new technology, sports, art, science, and literacy materials, as well as numerous special events and learning opportunities for our students. Please come join other parents for a fun night of volunteering. Volunteers get free food and drinks (non-alcoholic) during their shift and it is a great way to meet other parents at the school. No experience is required and you will be provided training when you show up for your shift.

To sign up, use the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44AFAB28ABF94-44870414-ehscasino>

### Supporting Eric Harvie School

Our EHS School Council and Enhancement Society do an amazing job of fundraising to support great learning opportunities at our school. Their efforts help reduce fees for swimming, field trips, learning residencies and in replacing ageing technology at the school. It also provides many extra learning resources in the learning commons and in the classrooms that help our teachers offer improved learning opportunities.

If your family would like to support these efforts but prefer the option of a one-time donation over taking part in campaigns such as holiday plant sales, monthly

fun lunches or other fundraisers, you are able to donate through Education Matters. You will receive a tax receipt for any donation above \$20 and funds are used directly for new technology, learning commons resources and other learning resources.

Please visit <https://www.educationmatters.ca/project-matters/eric-harvie-school/> to donate. Thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting learning at Eric Harvie School.

### Important Dates To Remember For November:

- Parent Council Meeting, November 8 at 6:30pm. Join us at the school in-person or online through Teams
- Remembrance Day, November 11
- FALL BREAK. No school for students November 9 - 14
- School conferences, November 23 (evening) and 24 (daytime).
- No school for students Friday, November 24
- November 30: Parent Night with Dr. Alan Donsky at Tuscany School

### Join Parent Council!

You do not have to “do” anything. While we would love to see you at our monthly meetings, if you are unable to attend we still want you to be a part of EHS Parent Council. You will receive emails about upcoming events and fundraisers!

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EHSchoolCouncil> and on our NEW Instagram page @ericharvieschoolcouncil for information about upcoming events and up to date news about the amazing things our school is doing!

## How Should The Poppy Be Worn?

The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that the poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment and / or as close to the heart as possible.

The official start of the Poppy Campaign and the distribution of poppies to the general public begin on the last Friday in October and run until November 11.

The lapel poppy may be worn throughout the whole of the remembrance period and is removed at the end of Remembrance Day. Many people place their poppy at the base of the cenotaph, as a sign of respect, at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony.

# Councillor Report

Hello Ward 1! As we head into our snowy season, I'd like to remind everyone to take extra caution on our streets and pathways. Help keep yourself and others safe by slowing down and staying alert to vehicles and pedestrians.

This month we recognize Remembrance Day. I invite all Ward 1 residents to consider attending a Remembrance Day service in honour of those who have defended our country, whether here in Ward 1 or elsewhere across the city.

## Budget adjustments

Later this month, Council will debate adjustments to The City's budget for the upcoming year. As part of this year's adjustments, Council is considering additional investments in a number of programs, like Transit safety and the housing strategy.

The budget that Council approved last year will already require The City to collect more in taxes in 2024. It will simply not be possible to fund all of these investments while keeping taxes reasonable.

It's important I hear from Ward 1 residents about what we need to prioritize. Visit [calgary.ca/ward1](http://calgary.ca/ward1) to learn more about the proposed investments and to submit your feedback.

## Residential parking permits

As part of budget adjustments, Council will also be reconsidering the fee structure for residential parking permits this month. The implementation of fees was delayed earlier this year to allow time for Calgarians to request a review of the parking restrictions in their areas.

Visit [calgary.ca/ward1](http://calgary.ca/ward1) to get the latest information on these changes or to share your comments.

## Snow and Ice

When snow stops falling, The City begins its 7 day snow plan. The City prioritizes major routes and pedestrian areas with a high volume of traffic, followed by major community and Transit routes. The City will also level ruts in residential areas as needed, but does not clear snow from residential streets.

Visit [calgary.ca/snow](http://calgary.ca/snow) to learn more about snow and ice clearing and to see current road conditions. Visit [calgary.ca/311](http://calgary.ca/311) or call 311 or report a concern.

*Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1*

# Reducing Food Waste

Reducing food waste can help you make the most of your food budget, reduce trips to the grocery store and positively impact our community, economy, and environment.

Here are some actions you can take to start saving money, time and food in your home:

- Use a grocery list and meal plan to avoid buying food you won't use.
- Schedule one day a week to cook from the freezer and cupboard only.
- Label leftovers so they don't become mysteries in the freezer.
- Set aside the fridge's top shelf as a 'leftovers' or 'eat first' shelf.
- Use blemished or unused produce in soup, smoothies, or baking.
- Check out more tips at [calgary.ca/foodwaste](http://calgary.ca/foodwaste).

*City of Calgary, Waste & Recycling Services*



# Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

For everyone's safety, it is important for motorists to understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles with their lights & sirens activated. You can help EMS, police & fire get to the scene quickly & safely by following these rules of the road.

## When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection;
- On a one or two lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal;
- Move right or left to the nearest curb on one-way streets;
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal;
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal;
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., in order to safely pass other traffic.

## When operating a vehicle:

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights activated (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.). This law applies to the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it's recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light, or making an illegal turn.



Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area;

- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300.00 and three demerit points;
- Do not drive within 150 meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150 m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.

*Alberta Health Services*

## Did You Know... These Facts About Poppies

- When we think of Poppies, usually the bright red variety is the first to come to mind. Poppies come in a variety of colors; orange, yellow, white, pink, and purple.
- Inspiration for the Poppy campaign in Canada was inspired by Colonel John McCrae who wrote the famous poem, 'In Flanders Fields'.
- The seeds are edible, and often a favorite for bakers and chefs who add them into loaves and muffins, salad dressings and cooking oils.
- Poppies are symbolic for 'eternal sleep' (as portrayed in 'The Wizard of Oz'), 'resurrection after death' (classical mythology) and 'remembrance' (wartime symbolism of the blood of fallen soldiers).

*Larynda McKay*



The Tuscany Club is operated by the Tuscany Residents Association (TRA) as a private recreation facility for the exclusive use of its members.

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## Regular Hours of Operation

### Current Park and Facility Hours:

Everyday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

## Access to the Tuscany Club

Are you new to Tuscany or have moved within the community?

- Register your home with the Tuscany Club to be eligible for TRA benefits (i.e., access to the park, participating in programs and events) by bringing in your land title certificate.
- Moving within Tuscany? Bring in your new land title and resident information to be added to your new address.
- If you are a renter, please have the homeowner complete a transfer of privileges form to obtain Tuscany Club privileges.
- Add your children to your account so they can enjoy our great programs.
- Update your email address to stay informed about Tuscany Club happenings.

## Tuscany Club Features

- Gymnasium
- Fitness and dance studio
- Outdoor basketball court & inline skating space
- Banquet and meeting rooms
- Permanent skate park (open 9am to 9:45pm daily)
- Winter outdoor hockey rink and skating oval (closed for the season)
- Summer splash park (closed for the season)
- NEW! Playground
- Two outdoor tennis/Four outdoor pickleball courts (by reservation)
- Outdoor volleyball court
- Kindercare/Out of School Care (currently full with closed waitlist)

## Rent Rooms at the Tuscany Club

Why not host your next event at the Tuscany Club? All rentals include tables and chairs. We have a variety of spaces to choose from including our banquet rooms with kitchen and BBQ access (perfect for weddings, family gatherings and meetings), studios (perfect for birthday parties and sports team gatherings) and specific weekend gym times. Email [rentals@tuscanyclub.ca](mailto:rentals@tuscanyclub.ca) for information on spaces to fit your needs. Available exclusively to TRA members for private events.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our events. Please visit [www.tuscany-connect.com](http://www.tuscany-connect.com) to download a Volunteer Application form. Completed forms can be dropped off at the Club or emailed to [recreation@tuscanyclub.ca](mailto:recreation@tuscanyclub.ca). Under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

## November Updates

### Seasonal Outdoor Amenities Closure

Our outdoor tennis, pickleball and volleyball courts are now closed for the season. Our skate park will remain open until the first snowfall. We do not remove snow from this amenity, therefore, please call to check before coming once the snow has arrived.

### Outdoor Rink Opening Information

When the daytime temperature is -5° Celsius and the nighttime temperature is -10° Celsius and holds steady for at least one week, we will begin the ice-making process. Please visit [www.tuscany-connect.com](http://www.tuscany-connect.com), Facebook and Instagram for regular updates.

### Fall Program Guide

Our Fall 2 programs run from November 2 to December 23 and registration is open and ongoing. Join us for youth tennis, adult sports & fitness programs, cardio tennis, Sportball, dance & theatre, art, basketball and more. Programs are always pro-rated for late registration, so it is never too late to register if space permits. Visit [www.tuscany-connect.com](http://www.tuscany-connect.com) to view the guide and register.

### Winter Program Guide

Available November 20 @ 9am Online

Registration Opens November 24 @ 9am Online

### Adult Fitness Mash Up

Schedule & Registration Available Online

Choose from Vinyasa Yoga, Body Tuning, HIIT, Zumba, Barre & More and Gentle Stretch. All our talented instructors are able to accommodate a variety of fitness levels and everyone 16+ years of age are welcome to register. Register early to avoid being disappointed if programs are cancelled. If the program is full, it is free to go on the waitlist and we will let you know if a spot comes available. Cancellations with 48 hours' notice or more will have fees credited to account. Non-members welcome.

### 50+ Drop In

Wednesdays 1:00-3:00pm

Looking to get out and play some games or meet new friends? Come join us for some social time. This program is free to attend and non-members are welcome. Registration is not required. Come every week or just when you can.

### Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 28 @ 11:00am to 2:00pm

Come celebrate Halloween early with us. There will be food trucks, crafts, games, prizes, a photobooth and more. The event is free to attend, except for the food trucks, and open to all Tuscany residents and their guests.

### Holiday Extravaganza Bake/Craft Sale

Saturday, December 2: 10am to 2pm

This event includes our holiday craft and bake sale, pictures with Santa, crafts, music and more. This event is free to attend and open to the public. There are still a few tables left; \$40 each for members and \$50 each for non-members (non-refundable/non-transferrable), one per address. Registration packages are available to download on our website. In-person registration only at the Tuscany Club.

### Sponsorship Opportunities

Did you know that the Tuscany Club hosts 12+ events per year including our Stampede Breakfast, 3 on 3 Tuscany Cup Classic Hockey Tournament and Children's Halloween Spooktacular? Sponsoring one or more of these events is a great opportunity to promote your business and engage with our Community. For more information and to view our 2023/24 Sponsorship Guide please visit [www.tuscany-connect.com](http://www.tuscany-connect.com)