

THE CASS REPORT

Community Newsletter October 2026,
Issue 17

A Note from Our Community

"If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour." Victoria Erickson

Important Dates

- Monday October 12 - Thanksgiving (Stat)
- Saturday October 31 - Halloween

Find the Swirl Contest

Somewhere in this newsletter, we've hidden the CASS swirl logo! Think Where's Waldo style.

Find it, send it to us @ newsletter@c-a-s-s.org, and you'll be entered to win our monthly prize!



Contest Winner

Congrats to
September's winner:
Amanda



Happy Halloween!

CASS

Dinner Club

Wednesday October 7

6:00pm (please don't arrive
earlier than 5:45pm)

Boston Pizza
Westbrook Mall

1313 33 St. SW

RSVP to:

dinner-club@c-a-s-s.org



Training Information



**Mental Health
First Aid**

October 22 (full)

suicide...

You can
TALK to me



safeTALK

suicide alertness for everyone

Dates coming soon!



Thursday October 15,
2026

9:00 am- 3:30 pm

For more info or to register email:

reception@c-a-s-s.org

New online Health & Safety Suggestion Box!

Better together
Safety and Wellness Ideas for a Safer Workplace
We value your input!

If you have any suggestions you would like to share,
please submit them using the form below.
Your suggestions are completely anonymous and you
only need to share the information you are comfortable
with.

Use the QR Code or go to
<https://www.c-a-s-s.org/suggestions/>



CASS SAFETY SEGMENT



See it. Fix it. Prevent it.

 Did You Know...?

CASS has a Health & Safety Policy! 

(You may remember reviewing it when you started your CASS journey.)

The quick version? Safety is everyone's job! 

We're all responsible for:

-  Following safe work procedures
-  Using required PPE
-  Reporting hazards and incidents
-  Taking part in required training
-  Speaking up if something feels unsafe
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See something unsafe? Say something! Let your supervisor know and take reasonable steps to help prevent someone from getting hurt.

Management's job is to make sure we have the resources, training and direction needed to work safely.

-  Want to know more? Check out Policy 504 – Health & Safety in the CASS Policy & Procedure Manual:
Staff Resources → CASS Policy & Procedure Manual

Got questions about safety?

Email Gary at: safety@c-a-s-s.org



October Free Events

Contribution from Vlad Truta

October in Calgary is a magical time with crisp autumn air, vibrant fall colours, and a city full of community events for everyone to enjoy. The CASS team has gathered this month's best free, low-cost, and family-friendly events so that you can make the most of this beautiful season. Whether you are looking for spooky Halloween adventures, local markets, cultural experiences, or creative outlets, there's something wonderful here for everyone in our community. Let's explore October together!

Annual Bearspaw Fall Market

📍 Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre — 253220 Bearspaw Road, Calgary, AB

📅  October 24–26, 2026 | ⌚ 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily

A beloved multi-day fall market overflowing with artisan goods, seasonal products, and a wonderful sense of community. Three full days to browse, shop, and soak up the autumn spirit!

Gluten Free Fall Market by Lokal

📍 Marda Loop Communities Association — 3130 16 Street SW, Calgary, AB

📅  October 4, 2026
⌚ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A thoughtfully curated gluten-free market featuring local vendors with unique and delicious offerings. Perfect for those with dietary restrictions or anyone looking to discover special, locally made goods.

FREE, FREE, FREE

The Confluence Artisan Market

📍 The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland — 750 9th Ave SE, Calgary, AB

📅  October 25–26, 2026 | ⌚ 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily

Shop stunning handcrafted goods from talented local artisans in a breathtaking riverside setting. A beautiful way to spend a fall weekend while supporting Calgary's creative community.

Halloween Costume & Pumpkin Carving Contest

📍 202 29 Ave NE, Calgary, AB
📅  October 25, 2026 | ⌚ 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

A FREE and festive community celebration featuring a costume contest and pumpkin carving competition! Great for families, kids, and anyone who loves dressing up and getting creative. Come share the Halloween spirit with your neighbours!



October Free Events

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Cornerstone Music Café

Comedy

📍 139-14919 Deer Ridge Drive SE, Calgary
📅 October 2nd 2026
Doors 5:30 PM, Show 6:30 PM

A warm, welcoming monthly stand-up comedy night at Cornerstone Music Café in Deer Ridge. Amateurs, seasoned comics, and first-timers all get their moment on the mic, creating a fun, supportive atmosphere full of genuine laughs.

Beacon Original Art Fall Show & Sale

📍 Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association — 917 Centre Avenue NE, Calgary
📅 October 18-19, 2026 | 🕒 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily

Browse and purchase original works created by talented local Calgary artists. Support the local creative community and find one-of-a-kind pieces that will bring beauty into your home for years to come. A wonderful fall outing for art lovers!

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Un-Wined Stitches Group Weekly Drop-In (Free)

📍 (The Landing, Bowness Community Association) 7904 43 Ave NW, Calgary, AB
📅 October 6, 13 & 20, 2026

A relaxed weekly drop-in for anyone who loves yarn, thread, and good company. Bring your knitting, crochet, or needlework project, grab a warm drink, and enjoy a cozy evening stitching alongside fellow makers. Whether you're brand new or a seasoned crafter, this friendly community group welcomes everyone. Drop-in no registration required. Bring your own supplies.

Whispers of the Ancestors

📍 The Plaza Theatre, Calgary, AB
📅 October 3, 2026

A meaningful community screening celebrating Indigenous voices and stories, while raising important funds to support Indigenous communities. A deeply moving and enriching experience for all who attend we encourage everyone in our community to join.

October PAID Events

ScreamFest Calgary's BIGGEST Halloween Event!

📍 GMC Stadium, Calgary, AB

 **Oct 9, 10, 16, 17, 22–25 & 29–31, 2026**

This is THE Halloween event of the year, and we can't stop talking about it! ScreamFest transforms GMC Stadium into Calgary's most terrifying, thrilling, and electrifying Halloween destination. Think haunted houses that will genuinely make you scream, spine-tingling rides, carnival games, incredible costumes, and an atmosphere that is 100% pure Halloween magic. 🎃 🧛 🕷

Freshtival

📍 Globe Cinema — 617 8 Ave SW, Calgary, AB

 **October 17–18, 2026**

An independent film festival celebrating fresh voices and new cinema. Check Globe Cinema's website for screening schedules and ticket pricing information. A great opportunity to support indie filmmaking!

Pumpkins After Dark

📍 WinSport — 88 Canada Olympic Road SW, Calgary, AB

 **Until October 12, 2026**

Over 6,000 hand-carved pumpkins, glowing sculptures, fall treats, and family-friendly fun await! An utterly unforgettable autumn night out — don't miss it before it's gone! 🎃

Fall Ghost Tours

★ **FAIR ENTRY ACCEPTED**

📍 Heritage Park — 1900 Heritage Dr SW, Calgary, AB

 **October 1–15, 2026**

💰 **\$9.99 with City of Calgary Fair Entry Pass**

Spine-chilling guided tours through Heritage Park after dark! Hear haunting tales, ghostly encounters, and eerie legends of Calgary's past. City of Calgary Fair Entry Pass holders can attend for just \$9.99 an incredible value for such an immersive experience. 🕷

Fish Hatchery Tours Bow Habitat Station

📍 Bow Habitat Station & Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery — 1440 17A St SE, Calgary, AB

 **Tuesdays–Fridays | 🕒 2:30 PM | 💰 Starting at \$7.00**

Take a behind-the-scenes look at one of Alberta's most important fish hatcheries! These staff-led 30-minute guided tours offer a close-up view of the trout lifecycle and even a chance to feed thousands of rainbow trout. A fantastic educational outing for families, nature lovers, and anyone curious about Alberta's aquatic ecosystems.

October TIPS



Tips for October Events

Dress in layers, Calgary evenings get chilly fast in October, so come prepared!

Arrive early to markets for the best selection of artisan goods and fresh produce.

Bring cash for artisan vendors, as not all may accept card payments.

Always verify event details with organizers before attending, as times and dates may change.



PARKS

Calgary's parks are absolutely breathtaking in autumn stay tuned for upcoming park programming! In the meantime, enjoy the spectacular fall colours along Calgary's beautiful river pathways. Grab a warm drink, bundle up, and take in the season at its finest. 🍁

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (DEAM) EVENTS AND JOB FAIRS IN TREATY 7

BLOOD TRIBE EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS TRAINING

OPPORTUNITY FAIR

2026
Your journey begins here

Build Connections, Discover Opportunities and take the next step on your Career Path

 Thursday October 1, 2026
 10:00 AM - 03:00 PM
 Multi purpose Building Standoff, Alberta

✓ Employment Opportunities
 ✓ Post Secondary Institutes
 ✓ Training Opportunities
 ✓ Community Resources

FOR MORE INFO
 (403) 737-8149
 jblood@bloodtribe.org




Job Fair

DEAM

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

October 28th 2026
 Time: 11am - 3pm
 Location: Bears paw Youth Centre , Miñi Thnî, AB

Program Highlights

- Meet with employers hiring in your area
- On the spot, interviews
- Networking
- Door Prizes
- Free lunch

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 DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

PIIKANI-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

DEAM - JOB FAIR

October is recognized as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM). We invite you to join us in a lunch and Learn Workshop on Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion for Supportive Employment.

 Thursday, October 22nd, 2026
 10AM - 2PM
 **Piikani Community Hall**

✓ Piikani Employment Services Updates
 ✓ Meet representatives from Community Futures Treaty 7 - Learn about CFT7's Programs & Services
 ✓ AI and your Business

Open to Departments/HR Managers, Employers and Community Support Workers. First 30 Registered will have a chance to win a Lap Top!
FREE LUNCH.

 Contact Charmaine to Register: 403.965.2002

SETS FALL JOB FAIR

IYIKITAPIIYI - "Bravery can be shown in all forms"

 Thursday, OCTOBER 15th, 2026
 Deerfoot Sportsplex

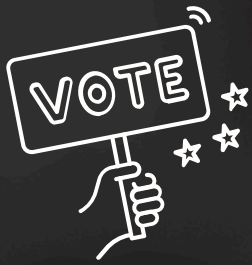
10am-12pm DEAM Event

October is recognized as Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM). We invite you to join us as various organizations highlight inclusive employment opportunities within the workforce.

12pm - 3pm Job Fair

Door Prizes, Guest Speakers, Booths, Lunch served to first 200 registered participants.



2026 ALBERTA PROVINCIAL REFERENDUM

Albertans will vote in a provincial referendum on October 19, 2026. The ballot will include 10 questions covering issues such as immigration, access to provincially funded programs, voting requirements, constitutional matters, and Alberta's relationship with Canada.

What are the questions about?

Questions 1-5 focus on immigration, eligibility for certain provincial programs, health care and education fees, and whether proof of Canadian citizenship should be required to vote in Alberta provincial elections.

Questions 6-9 address constitutional issues, including provincial involvement in judicial appointments, the Senate, federal funding for provincial programs, and the relationship between provincial and federal laws.

Question 10 asks whether Alberta should remain a province of Canada or whether the provincial government should begin the legal process toward a future binding referendum on Alberta separation.

The referendum provides Albertans with an opportunity to express their views on these questions. The referendum results themselves are not binding. In the case of Question 10, a vote supporting the separation option would not make Alberta independent. It would support beginning the legal process toward a future referendum.

Key Dates

- October 13-17, 2026: Advance voting
- October 19, 2026: Referendum Day
- September 25, 2026: Deadline to request a special ballot
- October 16, 2026: Deadline for Elections Alberta to receive special ballots by mail

For the complete questions and official voting information, visit [Elections Alberta: 2026 Referendum](#).



Calgary Alternative Support Services, Inc.
525 28 St SE Suite 310, Calgary, AB T2A 6W9

REFER A FRIEND

WE ARE HIRING!

**CASS IS OFFERING A \$750.00 REFERRAL BONUS FOR
CURRENT STAFF WHO REFER A FRIEND TO WORK AT CASS.**

THE CATCH?

- Anybody employed or contracted by CASS (excluding members of the CASS Senior Leadership Team) is eligible to receive a referral bonus.
- Your referral must indicate that you referred them during the hiring process.
- Your referral has to be hired as a non-relief employee, or contracted as a Support Home Provider or Supportive Neighbour.
- Both you and your referral must maintain full/part-time employment or a contract for six continuous months from the time of hire before you receive the referral bonus.
- If your referral is first hired into a relief position and later moves into a non-relief position, you will receive the referral bonus once your referral has maintained six continuous months in the non-relief role.

SCAN ME



**PLEASE FORWARD YOUR REFERRALS TO JOBS@C-A-S-S.ORG AND
BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR REFERRALS MENTION YOUR NAME IN THE
COVER LETTER AND DURING THE HIRING PROCESS!**

KJ

TROPICALS

— PLANTS • PASSION • PURPOSE —

*Bringing tropical beauty
to your space*



QUALITY PLANTS



CAREFULLY GROWN



SUSTAINABLY MINDED



PACKED WITH CARE



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WHAT IS A CASS-PRENUER?

A **CASS-Prenuer** is someone who works for or is supported by CASS and also has a side hustle.

Or, perhaps, you have a passion or hobby and want to share far and wide (well, as far and wide as the CASS Community that is)

Email us your side-hustle or hobby, and we will publish it in the next edition!

WE LOVE HEARING FROM THE CASS COMMUNITY!

Whether you're a client or staff member with a great idea to share, we'd love to hear from you. The CASS Report is all about showcasing what matters to our community – so send us your side hustles, gardening tips, brain-teasing puzzles, favourite local events, or even upcoming festivals.

If you'd like to contribute to the next issue of the CASS Report, please send your submissions by **October 25, 2026**.

✉ Email your ideas to: newsletter@c-a-s-s.org