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What Grand Theft Auto VI can teach us about virtual romance

"The only way we're gonna get through this," Lucia tells Jason in Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA6), "is by sticking together."

GTA6 is, unlike its predecessors, built around a relationship between two lead characters. The game tracks their level of intimacy on a four-point scale: running on empty, partners in crime, crazy in love and hot together.

As a player, you must actively maintain the bond between them — by having them be nice to each other, go on dates and of course work together to commit crimes. And yes, they even have sex. The game has a relationship meter that allows players to watch the connection between the two rise and fall.

Rob Nelson, Rockstar North's head of development, told The Verge: "You can still play it the old way, you can reject all of this stuff. But for people who do engage, it's meaningful — you're earning it, you're working at it, just like in a normal relationship."

For some people, this idea, that a video game is trying to simulate a normal human relationship, will immediately set off alarm bells about the dangers of digital intimacy, especially for teenagers.

I don't think there is much to worry about. GTA6 is an immersive experience, to be sure, and players are definitely going to become invested in Lucia and Jason's romance. But their interactions are scripted.

Will artificial intimacy diminish us?

Recently we have heard lots of dire warnings about what MIT researcher Sherry Turkle calls "artificial intimacy." Turkle has recently published a book warning about the risks of emotional connections with artificial entities. In it, she says:

"If these are the relationships we choose, we will be left in a world of non-relationships. Artificial intimacy is positioned to colonize and diminish the human kind."

Governments are also increasingly concerned about the risks of AI companionship, particularly for minors. China has prohibited AI companions for underage users. In the United States, several states have passed laws restricting or banning AI companions. U.S. congress is considering a federal law that would prohibit minors from using them.

Tens of millions of people, including, inevitably, many teenagers, will play GTA6 in the coming months, and will experience first-hand the artificial intimacy between Jason and Lucia.

They will spend hours deliberately fostering and building that intimacy. Should we be worried?

A game that encourages empathy

Turkle is mostly concerned about AI companions that engage users in open-ended conversations and respond directly to their emotional needs. These bots can create the impression of a reciprocal relationship with a partner who is responsive and emotionally invested. That's a very different experience from developing a relationship between two fictional characters within a game.

Also, GTA6 offers a notably positive vision of romance. Turkle argues that digital technologies allow us to experience the comforts of companionship without having to face up to the demands of human relationships. She argues that artificial intimacy is too easy, and this turns us off the messiness that comes with real attachment.

GTA6 models something different.

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What Grand Theft Auto VI can teach us about virtual romance -Continued

Jason and Lucia have to nurture their bond. They must talk to each other and be attentive to each other's needs. Lucia reminds Jason: "Relationships are about communication, Jay." And because players can switch between characters, they experience the relationship from both sides.

As Rob Nelson, one of the three creative leads on GTA6 at Rockstar North, told The Guardian: "We've tried for the first time in a GTA to provide mechanisms that encourage empathy — for those who want it."

Arguably, Lucia and Jason show us just the sort of relationship that Turkle believes is threatened by technology.

A transactional logic

Though we definitely shouldn't panic about GTA6's digital intimacy, I do think there are aspects of the relationship that are worth noticing.

The game is built around optimization. Players raise the couple's bond meter through specific actions and the rewards are concrete. As the meter rises, the couple holds hands and kisses. At the top tier, the game unlocks the option for sex.

Affection is a score, and intimacy becomes something the player earns by supplying the right inputs. Once the meter is maxed out, the couple never fights. In this way, it reproduces the sort of transactional logic that worries many critics of AI companions.

In the game, these things are pretty harmless. The relationship is between two fictional characters, rather than between a user and a machine that claims to care about them. And no one profits from how attached the player becomes to Lucia or Jason. But the dynamic parallels some of the ways AI companion apps operate, and these can be more insidious.

With these apps, the equivalent mechanics — reminders that your companion misses you, intimate content that is unlocked through engagement or by paying — are central to the business model.

The laws of virtual romance

As we debate whether and how to regulate AI companionship, the lesson here is not to target an entire class of technology.

Blanket bans on AI companions are not the answer. Artificial intimacy can be harmless, or even positive, for users. Rather, we should focus on specific design features that can cause harm, particularly to young people.

We should, for instance, look at the way AI companion apps are designed to maximize engagement, the way they use emotional pressure as a retention tactic and the way they present affection and sex as a reward for specific behaviours.

Jason and Lucia are poised to become the digital world's two most famous outlaws. It would be a nice irony if they end up teaching us a lesson about how to write better laws governing virtual romance.

Neil McArthur
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The gift shift: Holiday experiences that shine



Gifting experiences is something that continues to grow in popularity. The most recent JLL Canada Retail Holiday Survey found that Canadians are allocating 39 per cent of their holiday budgets to experiences, instead of material gifts.

There are many benefits to gifting an experience: You're not contributing to clutter, and the recipient can enjoy the anticipation of what's to come in addition to the excitement of opening the gift. Instead of "stuff" you're providing a fun opportunity for shared quality time where you can strengthen your relationships and create unique lasting memories.

"The excitement of a purchased gift may eventually fade, but a thoughtful experience can stay with us for a lifetime," said Adam Vaughan, Canadian spokesperson at global wellness provider Therme Group. "Experiences create lasting value because they become part of our personal story."

Experience-based gift ideas:

Entertainment: Popular choices include tickets to see a favourite band, performer, play, musical or sporting event. It could also be a membership or passes to a favourite cultural attraction, such as a museum, art gallery, aquarium or zoo.

Wellness experiences: Gift options for the health-conscious include spa experiences like massages or facials, sauna visits or thermal bathing, which is growing in popularity across North America. For example, Therme Group is opening its first Canadian location in Toronto, offering affordable large-scale thermal bathing options, alongside a waterpark—all set within a tropical environment.

Culinary experiences: Feed the foodie in your life with a gift card to a favourite restaurant or one they've been hoping to visit. Another option that feels indulgent is gifting a private chef service at home. If they're more hands-on, consider booking a private or group cooking class.

Travel: Weekend getaways don't require time off work or significant advance planning. Perhaps there's a small town they've wanted to visit, so booking a stay at a local inn or bed and breakfast could be appreciated. A short escape from daily life can go a long way towards feeling refreshed and renewed.

Shifting away from worrying about the perfect "thing" to buy can help you refocus on ways you want to spend time with the people closest to you.

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Air-Fried Sticky Prune and Chili Smashed Potatoes



Add something unexpected to your next holiday buffet with these crunchy, sticky prune and chili smashed potatoes. Golden and crisp, they're tossed in a tangy and savoury prune sauce, then drizzled with chili crisp for a delicious hint of heat. The combination of sweet, savoury and spicy flavours makes these potatoes an easy, crowd-pleasing addition to any festive spread. Using premium prunes, such as those from California, adds more natural sweetness, moisture, and gives the sauce a smoother texture.

Air-Fried Sticky Prune and Chili Smashed Potatoes

Prep time: 10 minutes • Cook time: 54 minutes
Yields: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 1½ lbs (720g) mini white potatoes, about 60 potatoes or 4 cups
- 1 tbsp (15ml) olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup (250ml) California Prunes, divided
- ¼ cup (60ml) maple syrup
- 2 tbsps (30ml) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15ml) sesame oil
- 2 tbsps (30ml) store-bought chili crisp
- 2 tbsps (30ml) sliced green onions

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, toss potatoes with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Line air-fryer basket or air fryer baking sheet with parchment and add potatoes. If air fryer basket is small, split potatoes into 2 batches. Air-fry at 400 F (205 C) for 25 minutes, or until golden and tender. Tip: For the oven method, place potatoes on a large parchment-lined baking sheet and follow recipe directions, but set oven at 375 F (190 C) on convection. Times may vary.
2. Remove hot potatoes to a cutting board and smash each with the bottom of a thick glass or flat food-safe object to achieve a ¼-inch thickness. Place smashed potatoes in a single layer back into air fryer (or oven, if using) for an additional 20-25 minutes, or until the potatoes are crisp.



3. Meanwhile, chop ½ cup (125 ml) prunes and set aside. Place remaining ½ cup prunes, maple syrup, soy sauce and sesame oil in a blender cup, and purée until smooth.
4. In a large bowl, toss hot crispy smashed potatoes with purée and reserved ½ cup of chopped prunes until well coated. Return to air fryer for 3-4 minutes at 375 F (190 C).
5. Serve crispy smashed potatoes drizzled with chili crisp and a sprinkling of green onion.

You can find more recipes at californiaprunes.ca.

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WHITE BUTTE MUSEUM

We want to hear from you!

The White Butte Museum is collecting the memories, photographs and stories of the people who helped build the region of White Butte.

Did your family farm this land? Do you remember the early days of White City, Pilot Butte, Balgonie or surrounding communities? Were you part of a local organization, business, community event or a moment that shaped our region?



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- White City Town Office
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Councillor's Corner

with Nichole Posehn

Community Updates & the Spirit of Giving

Council has passed the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan review, and the revised documents are now with the Government of Saskatchewan for approval. Once the province completes its review, I will use a future Councillor's Corner article to explain the changes in clear, plain language.

Keeping our community informed is important to me, especially when it comes to decisions and documents that guide the future of our municipality.

Watch for a dedicated Zoning & Official Community Plan update in early 2027.

Giving Back This Christmas

Giving back is what Lions do, and this December I am excited to share something new from the White City Emerald Park District Lions Club: our first-ever 10 Days of Christmas Giveaways!

Our Lions Club has worked hard all year raising funds through events and community activities. What better time to give those funds back to the community that has supported us?

This year, 10 local clubs and organizations will benefit from the 10 Days of Christmas initiative. These groups support youth, recreation, education and community initiatives, all of which help make our community a great place to call home.

This year's recipients are:

1. White City Garden Club
2. Storm Softball League
3. Broncos Baseball League
4. Prairie Minor Football
5. White Butte Museum
6. Hunter's Headstrong Initiative
7. Emerald Ridge Grade 8 Grad Committee
8. École White City Grad Committee
9. Greenall Grade 12 Grad Committee
10. White Butte Museum

If you are not familiar with Lions, Lions Clubs are all about service. We are neighbours, friends and community members who volunteer our time where help is needed. We raise funds, support local causes, volunteer at community events and work together to strengthen our communities.

We are always happy to welcome new members, but you don't have to become a Lion to lend a hand. You can also become a "Friend of the Lions," a great way to stay connected and help out when we need extra hands for an event, fundraiser or community project.

To everyone who supported the White City Emerald Park District Lions Club this year, thank you. Your generosity allows us to give back to the community that makes this work possible.

That is what being a Lion is all about.

Lastly, I want to congratulate and welcome our new Division 2 councillor, Randy Schulz. The voters in Division 2 chose a strong local voice to represent them. I look forward to working with him.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and all the best for a happy and healthy New Year!

Nichole Posehn



Nichole Posehn,
Division 3 Councillor





6TH ANNUAL BRICKSTORIES
LEGO SHOW AND SALE

From colossal medieval castles and entire model cities to a detailed Batmobile and a fierce dragon's head. It looks like a fantastic way to support the local library while exploring incredible, brick-built creations.

DEC 5 & 6, 2026 **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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We will be closed December 24 to 31st

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DECEMBER 2026 PROGRAM & EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Craft & Chat 1:00 PM EAL Language Circle for newcomers 6:00 PM	2 Family Christmas Crafting 6:00 PM Drop-in	3	4 Mobile Early Learning Christmas event 10:00 AM Ages 0-5	5 BrickStories LEGO Show & Sale 10AM-3:00PM **Annual Book Sale**
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13	14 Adult Puzzle Time 1:30 PM Drop-in	15 Craft & Chat 1:00 PM Drop-in	16 Family Christmas Crafting 6:00 PM Drop-in	17	18 Preschool Storytime 10:00 AM Drop-in Christmas Party	19 Crochet Club 10:00AM LEGO Club 1:00 PM Ages 6-12 Drop-in
20	21 Board Games All Ages 1:30 PM Drop-in	22 **Last Delivery**	23 **Last Open Day**	24 **Closed for the Holidays Dec 24 - Jan 3**	25 →	26
27 →	28	29	30	31		

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime
Fridays @ 10:00 AM
December 11, 18

A drop-in program for children 0-5 years and their caregiver. Join Gail for stories, rhymes and a simple craft. No registration required.

Mobile Early Learning
Christmas event for preschool children
Friday, December 4th 10:00am-12pm.
Stories, a craft, sensory activities and more!
A Drop-in program!

A Family Event – LEGO BrickStories
6th Annual LEGO Show & Sale
December 5 & 6th 10AM-3PM
$5 per person (cash only).
Huge Annual Book Sale Dec. 5 & 6

To register for programs, call 781-2118.

ADULT PROGRAMS

EAL Language Circle
Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM
December 1, 8

Free English Classes facilitated by Southeast College. For more information: www.southeastcollege.org/courses/english-language-training/

Craft & Chat
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 15th at 1:00pm

A casual drop-in social group where people gather to work on creative projects while hanging out and socializing.

Family Christmas Crafting
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
December 2, 9, 16

Join us for an evening of making tree ornaments and decorations. A drop-in program for all ages!

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- AudioBookCloud - Stream audiobooks
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Holiday Storytime
At the Library

Featuring a story, sensory activities, a craft and more!

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Location: White City Library
All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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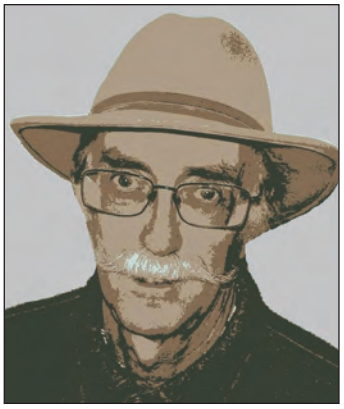
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Off the Beaten Track

- By John Panter



By the deadline for submitting this Off The Beaten Track column to the publisher, the R.M. of Edenwold council had not passed a new Code of Ethics bylaw to replace the disastrously flawed old one, but the process was well under way. Why is the old Code being taken (metaphorically) out to the back pasture to be mercifully put down?

Hard on the heels of the old Code being enacted came the filing of the first "ethics" complaint. (I have put "ethics" in quotation marks to distinguish allegations such as "lingering", "overhearing" etc. from what might otherwise be considered the real purpose of a Code of Ethics bylaw: to examine real ethics violations.)

Shauna Bzdel (who, incidentally was not the C.A.O. at the time the old Ethics bylaw was enacted) saw the legal issues and the horrendous cost to local ratepayers generated by the old Code and wants nothing to do with a repeat performance.

Is the new bylaw a significant improvement? A qualified "Yes", but with some reservations. For starters, an outside Integrity Commissioner, preferably with a legal background, will now handle a complaint file. Under the old Code the RM Administrator, who, let's face it, might be conflicted, was in charge.

The new Code says that the person accused of an ethics breach shall have the right to be represented by legal counsel during the investigation or the informal resolution process. What is not clear is whether or not the accused person has a right to counsel during the "trial" process, including the right to cross-examine witnesses or complainant, and if not, why not?

Also unresolved at the time this column was submitted is the issue of whether or not "witnesses" to the alleged offence, if they happen to be other councillors, could also sit as judge and jury during the "trial". That would be out of the question in the real world.

Are there other problematic areas in the new Code? It requires councillors to "serve their constituents conscientiously and in the best interests of the Municipality." What does this mean, and is it possible to always do both at the same time?

White City elects their councillors at large, each of whom then, presumably, represent the entire municipality. An RM councillor on the other hand, represents an Electoral Division which means that a councillor has a duty to, at the very least, consider what is in the best interests of the residents of their particular Division.

What happens when a development which would increase tax revenues for the municipality runs up against the objections of Division ratepayers who might be adversely affected by that development? Would a councillor be wrong to respect his constituents wishes? Ideally, this section of the new Code will never be tested.

On balance, the new Code is an improvement over the old. Let's hope that formal complaints are few in number and are reserved for serious ethics breaches and not mere hurt feelings.

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WHY IT MATTERS	A larger upfront deduction may improve near-term cash flow
BEFORE YOU INVEST	Eligibility depends on asset type, timing and CCA classification

Questions? Let's talk

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November Update

Greenall Remembers

The Remembrance Day Service was held this year on Nov. 10th presented by the SLC who plans and leads the service each year. Thank you to everyone who attended including community dignitaries.





Upcoming Dates

- Nov.24-25 PTI's
- Dec. 3-5 "The Addams Family" Performances



Greenall Basketball

The seasons are underway at Greenall. Thank you to all the coaches and congratulations to all the athletes on the teams. Have a great season. Go Griffins Go!





GreenALL Equity Club

Thank you, Greenall, for your incredible generosity during our 2026 Food Drive! Seeing our school come together to fill these tables is truly inspiring. 💙 This week, GreenALL Equity will deliver these donations to the Fort Qu'Appelle Food Bank to help support local families—and the giving continues!

Starting Monday, November 23, our Angel Tree begins! Please stop by the Christmas tree in the library to select a price group tag (or a few!) and bring back new, unwrapped gifts for families in need at the YWCA. Thank you for continuing to make a difference!

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The Addams Family

School Edition



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Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

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What do grandparents 'need' for Christmas?

If you're struggling to find a gift for a grandparent, you're not alone. Many Canadians can relate: You ask grandma what she'd like—she says she doesn't need anything. You ask grandpa, and he says the same, then changes the subject.

Most grandparents have spent their lives collecting anything they need, and often more. They already own the kitchen gadgets, sweaters and household items younger family members might normally consider as gift ideas. It's a good problem to have, really. Here are five ideas for gifts that won't end up at the bottom of their closet:

1. Turn family photos into something special

Thousands of family photos stay buried on phones and computers. A printed album or framed photo from a meaningful occasion can become something grandparents display proudly. You can also consider a digital frame that lets them enjoy an entire album in a single space-saving package.

2. Plan an outing instead of buying an item

A lunch date, theatre ticket, museum visit or afternoon road trip gives everyone something to look forward to and something to look back on fondly afterward.

3. Give to a charity in their honour

Many grandparents have spent a lifetime caring for others and their communities. A donation to a charity that reflects their values can be a gift they love. There are numerous options, including supporting children's programs such as healthcare, food security or community empowerment. Children Believe, which Charity Intelligence features on its Canada's Top 100 Charities list, is one example of this type of charity, helping children and families overcome the complex issues causing poverty.

4. Record family stories

Many families wish they had asked more questions about earlier generations. A journal, memory book or recorded interview can become a treasured keepsake. It'll also create a legacy that can carry on their memory to the next generation.

5. Give your time

It sounds simple because it is. A promised monthly visit, regular phone call or day spent together may be the gift that matters most. Even the time spent planning dates in your calendars to ensure that meetups happen can be its own reward.

The secret to getting it right

The best gifts for grandparents are often the ones that acknowledge who they are rather than what they own. After all, many grandparents have spent years buying gifts for everyone else. This is a chance to return the favour; not with something larger or more expensive, but with something more personal. And if they still insist they didn't want anything? That's probably how you'll know you picked the right gift. Learn more about meaningful gifts at childrenbelieve.ca.

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Ways to connect, play and relax this winter

Living in Canada, cold weather is unavoidable. It can be tempting for those who don't participate in winter sports to curl up on the couch and turn on the television. But for those looking to warm their hearts as well as their bodies, there are lots of winter activities to try with friends and family. Here are a few ideas from global wellness provider Therme Group:

For the indoor enthusiasts

Arts and crafts sessions: No matter your skill set, there's no shortage of DIY activities to enjoy together. From painting mugs to knitting or making seasonal decorations, there's something for everyone to create and enjoy at home.

Board game tournaments: You can introduce others to the games you and your family grew up with. A simple deck of cards goes a long way, or games like charades are an option to get you up and moving while keeping it lighthearted.

Guided mindfulness: From daily stretching to simple breathwork, taking a few minutes to focus on your mental health has short and long-term benefits. Making it a group activity can help teach others helpful skills they can apply elsewhere.

Splashing around: Swimming at the beach during the winter months isn't an option, but water-lovers looking to recharge need not worry. Year-round facilities, like Therme Group's upcoming Toronto location, can satisfy the itch with everything from waterslides and wave pools to mineral pools and saunas.

For the outdoor adventurers

Winter walks: From urban trails to parks and forests, outdoor adventures change dramatically each season. If there's abundant snow, consider strapping on some snowshoes for a more vigorous workout.

Outdoor sports: Getting active doesn't need to be complicated or expensive. Local outdoor skating rinks are often free, while tobogganing at the park is as simple as buying a mat to sit on. For a bit more adventure, visiting a local ski hill for lessons or a tube ride can get the adrenaline pumping.

Community volunteering: Giving back is a fulfilling way to fuel the soul and there are many opportunities to get outside in the process. Some popular options include joining a community cleanup, volunteering at a food bank, making cards for seniors or hospital patients, or supporting local donation drives and fundraising efforts.

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ERES Community Council News

Next ERES SCC mtg: January 12 at 6:30pm
Online via Teams

All parents are welcome to attend as your input & ideas are welcomed and valued!

Support ERES Community Council!

Help support the ERES Community Council's initiatives by purchasing tickets for our Holiday Raffle!

Exciting prizes including Air Canada, Amazon, Browns Crafthouse, Coop Gas, Farmer John's, Home Hardware, Legacy MMA & Fitness, Lift. Move. Fuel., and South Country Equipment.

Tickets will be available throughout December. Visit the Emerald Ridge Elementary School website or Facebook page for ticket information.

Winners will be drawn at our Winter Celebration, December 15!
Don't Miss Out! Get your tickets and support our school community this holiday season!

Important Dates:

- **December 9** - ERES Winter Band Concert
- **December 11** - Grade 6-8 Skiing & Curling
- **December 14-17** – Christmas Spirit Week
- **December 15** - K-3 Winter Celebration (Afternoon and Evening Performances)
- **December 15** - Holiday Raffle draw
- **December 18** - Last day of classes before Christmas break
- **January 5** - Classes Resume
- **January 22** - ERES SCC Popcorn Day
- **January 27** - Family Literacy Day

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The next issue of the Community Newsletter will be distributed the first week of January.

All copy MUST be submitted on or before December 20th.

Everyone is welcome to put meeting dates, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. on the calender, free of charge.

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20	21	WHITE CITY Composting 22	EMERALD PARK Garbage; WHITE CITY Recycling	EMERALD PARK Recycling 24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY
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