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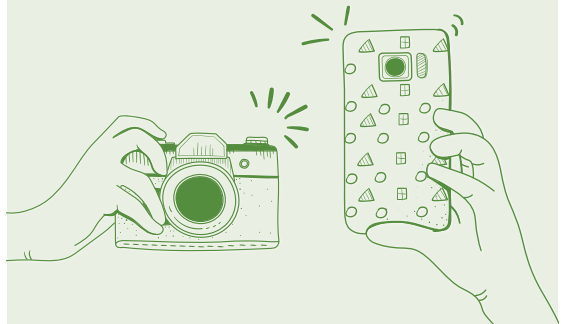
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Help Us Find a Cover Photo!

Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

The Ranchlands Community Association is looking for monthly contributions to grace the cover of the Roundup. **These images need to be 1MB and 300 DPI.** Photos can be taken in or of the community, be based on the seasons or holidays, or just a genuinely great photo!

For more information, or to submit your photographs, please contact the Community Association at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com. **Entries must be submitted by the fifth of the previous month to be featured in the newsletter.** E.g.: March 5 to be featured in the April newsletter.





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Good Food Box: Ranchlands’ Depot is St. James Anglican Church

Join Us as a Food Pantry Outreach Coordinator

Are you a social connector with a passion for meaningful relationships? Introducing the Ranchlands Food Pantry’s Outreach Coordinator role. We need an outgoing self-starter to join us from November to March. You’ll approach local businesses on behalf of our pantry, helping to secure donations to support neighbours in need while helping businesses reduce their food waste. Just a few hours a month can make a big impact!

Your Role:

- **Connect and Build:** Set your own schedule, approach businesses, highlight partnership benefits.
- **Logistics Pro:** Coordinate donations, secure items for the RCA food pantry.
- **Monthly Meetups:** Attend RCA meetings (first Wednesday every month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm) to update the board on your progress.
- **Tools Provided:** Templates, recognition materials, and support for success.

Ideal Candidate:

- Brings passion and enthusiasm – no experience needed.
- Natural go-getter who sets their own schedule, loves connecting.
- Values reducing food waste and community support.

Monthly commitment from November to March: Approach two businesses, attend Community Association meetings.

Ready to make a difference? Email ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com by October 15. Let’s strengthen our community together! Join the Ranchlands Food Network team today!

The Most Important Ranchlands Event of the Year! We Need You!

Save the Date!

Ranchlands Annual General Meeting

November 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW

Not only do you get to elect a new board that will drive our community forward next year, but we have door prizes totalling over \$1,300 retail value to give away to the first 25 attendees! Plus, we’ll be holding our silent auction with unique items to raise money to support our community.

Last month, we shared opportunities to shape the future of Ranchlands, and they’re still open for you to get involved!

Join the Ranchlands Board of Directors!

From Community Association President, leading the way in community development, to the Directors at Large, bringing unique perspectives and expertise to the board. You can make a difference!

The commitment involves attending one board meeting per month (approximately two hours) and taking the lead in planning one event, assisting in planning another event, and being the lead on one grant application. Depending on your role, you can expect to dedicate around five to 15 hours per month. Express your interest by emailing ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com by November 15 or visit www.ranchlandscommunity.com/volunteer-with-the-rca/ to read more about the positions on the board.

If you aren’t ready to join the board, come join our AGM Dream Team from 2:30 to 7:00 pm on November 19 instead. We need helpers to set up tables, door prizes, and the silent auction, as well as welcome and check in members at the door. Email us at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com by November 10 to join!





Capture the Magic of the Season: RCA Photo Contest!



Our first special seasonally themed photo contest is wrapping up! The submission deadline is November 30, 2023.

Theme: New Beginnings (open to your interpretation)

Image Specifications: Minimum 1MB, 300DPI, landscape orientation

Location: Extra points will be awarded for photos taken in the Ranchlands community, but it is not a requirement.

Categories: 14 years old and under, 15 to 18 years old, 18+ years of age.

Prizes: The overall winning photo between all three categories will grace the cover of our January Roundup, and the winning photographs from each category will be entered into the running for the grand prize of 'Photo of the Year' in 2024.

Submission Process: Clearly indicate your age category when submitting your entry by emailing it to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com with the subject line "RCA Photo Contest Entry." If you are submitting multiple entries, please submit one photo per email.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up quickly, taking place on Sunday, November 19. Doors open at 3:30 pm, with the meeting scheduled to start at 4:00 pm. This meeting is absolutely critical to our continued operations, but we know it can be hard to find the motivation to come sit through a fairly dry meeting, so this year we have a few new features. Not only will we have door prizes of some incredible items including high end toiletry items, pet supplies, and household items (all graciously donated by two incredibly generous Ranchlanders!), but we will have free snacks and even a silent auction! Political representatives from all levels of government have been invited, though none have been confirmed by publishing time for this newsletter.

We really hope those who hold an RCA membership will find the time to attend and help their voice make a difference within our community and the association.

Also coming up is the Winter Craft Market on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm when we will have 35+ different vendors selling some incredible items to help check off everyone on your holiday shopping list. Entry to the market is by donation to the Ranchlands Food Pantry, either of non-perishable food items or cash.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to thank all the amazing volunteers who have helped over the last year, specifically I want to thank the 2022/2023 Board of Directors. The last 12 months have gone by so fast, but the four incredible ladies who sat on the board alongside me have all been working tirelessly to plan events, coordinate building repairs, work towards our casino, and support even the boring operational and administrative side of things. We have achieved some incredible things this year, none of which would have been possible without this team.

Next month, the 2023/2024 Board of Directors (as elected at our Annual General Meeting on November 19) will take the reins and I can't wait to see what next year will bring.

Anita Raffaele

President



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Join the Ranchlands Board of Directors: Shape Your Community's Future!

Be a driving force behind the growth and vibrancy of our neighbourhood. Consider running for a position on the Ranchlands Board of Directors this November! The Ranchlands Board of Directors is composed of seven dedicated volunteers, filling the roles of four executive officers and three directors at large. Each of these roles comes with unique responsibilities, offering you the chance to contribute in a way that aligns with your skills, interests, and availability.

Community Association President: Leading the Way

As the President, you will be at the forefront of community development. You'll oversee all board activities, guide decision-making processes, and represent Ranchlands in liaising with government representatives and city departments. This role requires excellent leadership and communication skills. It's a time-intensive position, but the satisfaction of delivering positive change is immeasurable. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately ten to 15 hours.

Community Association Vice President: Supporting the President

The Vice President's role is to back up the President in their responsibilities and preside over meetings in their absence. This position requires a keen understanding of the community's needs and the ability to collaborate effectively with the entire board. You'll be an essential pillar of support and leadership. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately eight to 12 hours.

Secretary: Keeping Things Organized

As the Secretary, you'll be responsible for managing communications, taking meeting minutes, and ensuring smooth information flow within the board and the community. This position demands excellent organizational skills and attention to detail. You'll play a vital role in keeping everyone informed and connected. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately six to ten hours.

Treasurer: Balancing the Books

The Treasurer takes charge of the budget, financial records, and reporting. If you have a knack for numbers and financial management, this role allows you to make crucial financial decisions and maintain the financial health of our community projects. You will work closely with our bookkeeper. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately eight to 12 hours.

Directors at Large: Your Creative Input Counts

Directors at large have the opportunity to bring their unique perspectives and expertise to the board. These roles involve planning events, assisting with event coordination, and spearheading grant applications. If you're looking to be directly involved in community engagement and project execution, this is the role for you. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately five to ten hours.

Commitment and Expectations

For directors and executive officers alike, the time commitment involves attending one board meeting per month (approximately two hours) and taking the lead in planning one event, assisting in planning another event, and being the lead on one grant application. On average, you can expect to dedicate around five to 15 hours per month, depending on your role.

Get Involved!

If you're eager to shape the future of Ranchlands, we encourage you to consider running for a position on the Ranchlands Board of Directors. The term is fixed at one year. You must be at least 18 years old, reside in the community, and hold a valid RCA membership. RCA memberships can be conveniently purchased online at ranchlandscommunity.com for just \$20. To learn more about the positions and the election process, or to express your interest in running for any of the positions, please reach out to the RCA office at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

Remember, elections take place at the Annual General Assembly on November 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the RCA. Join us in making Ranchlands an even better place to live, connect, and thrive. Your dedication and passion can lead the way to a stronger community for all of us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ranchlands Winter Craft Market

Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

An amazing opportunity to shop local this holiday season! We are searching for a few additional people who can join the Craft Fair Crew and help us set up tables at 8:00 am that morning. The perk is you get to shop first! If you would like to volunteer, please email us at volunteerrca@gmail.com by November 30.

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We're Expanding the Ranchlands Food Pantry Team!

We're looking to increase the abilities of the Ranchlands Food Pantry by growing our team. We are looking for some special and committed individuals to fill the following unpaid volunteer positions:

Food Pantry Outreach Volunteer: In addition to attending the RCA meeting on the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm to deliver updates on progress, this role will set their own schedule with the goal of approaching two local businesses a month to donate to the food pantry. This role is a six-month term and tools such as official letters to deliver to businesses will be supplied.

Food Pantry Inventory Auditor: This role has one shift on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and counts the Ranchlands Food Pantry's non-perishable inventory to ensure we have an accurate count of on-hand staples. Just let us know which month you'd like to pick up a shift!

Email volunteerrca@gmail.com to inquire or express interest for either of these positions!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

In 1993 a land use inventory was conducted of Nose Hill Park. This study reported on archaeological resources on Nose Hill from Alberta's original inhabitants and their land. For the Blackfoot, their culture and homeland have existed for as long as 6,500 years or more. This was their place for more than 350 generations. There are clues about their way of life from remains of the prehistoric past, such as tools, 10 campsites, a kill site, and a "cairn" or stone pile. Pre-contact cairns were used as small game traps, navigation markers, flagging for drive lanes, and burials.

Nose Hill has 18 known sites which contain stone circles from tipi lodges and cooking circles or a central hearth. Fire-broken or cracked rock is a by-product of stonepit boiling. The tipi covers and liners were held down by rocks from the tipi circles. The distribution and weights along the circle are a means of determining the season of use. It is presumed to be a shorter period based on the Nose Hill uplands, where tipi lodges are back from the escarpment edges or in depressed areas, so they were probably meat camps or transitory travel camps. People likely lived there in the early spring for the hunting of individual bison. There are more than 90 rings. The size of the lodge group can be estimated by the size of the ring. Given the number of skins and poles for a tipi, we learn about a group's transportation method. The number and distribution of the rings within a group reveal the size of a larger social group. Isolated rings, even when found in groups, may be vision quest sites.

Read more *Uncovering Human History: Archaeology and Calgary Parks* at: www.calgary.ca/parks/history.html.

60th Calgary Girl Guides in Full Swing

What a beautiful autumn! 60th Guides kicked off our first adventure with a visit to the Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park at the beginning of October. It was a perfect outing with our guides and their families. At the beginning of a guiding year, we focus on connecting, planning, and fundraising. It was beautiful to see how guides and even moms started to get to know one another. We learned about nature and culture through plants, spotted five deer, watched a choo-choo train go by, and passed by numerous cyclists.

Thanks to the support we have received in cookie selling. We are halfway there. If you are interested in getting your girl guide cookies for the session, please feel free to reach out at 60thCalgary@Guides.GirlGuides.ca. Our Guides are out and about door-to-door selling as well. They are shy yet practicing being brave. Skip a dish but not the Girl Guide Cookies! Your kind support will be much appreciated.

We still have spots available for your girl/family to join in. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at 60thCalgary@Guides.GirlGuides.ca.



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Check out the financial coaching, mobility coaching. And the 'Earn and Learn Matched Savings Program' offered.

Don't let financial barriers hold you back. Join one of our programs today to embark on a journey. Please reach out to a Rise Calgary team member or the Community Association to get connected and enroll today!

Farewell 2023 Community Garden

We had a bountiful year in the Ranchlands Community Garden, located by Westview Baptist Church. And as we anticipate the neighbourhood being covered in snow for several months, don't forget that gardening opportunities will come again and are around the corner in the new year.

Plan to be part of our gardening group next spring and you too could have a great harvest and enjoy the fruits of your labour and meeting fellow gardeners.

The Ranchlands Community Garden boxes will be available for annual rent in April 2024 at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW. More information will be available in the spring.



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Winter is coming, and with it comes a set of challenges for commuters. For those relying on Calgary Transit, knowing how to get in touch with the city for complaints and service requests can make all the difference. Fortunately, Calgary Transit has streamlined this process, ensuring that passengers can report concerns promptly and efficiently through their online platform.

Passengers can address bus schedule issues, route problems, and more at www.calgarytransit.com. Visit the "Contact Us" page, and then click "Learn more" at the bottom right. Here, you can submit a service request or complaint online, which helps The City track common issues and make adjustments for a seamless winter commute.

For a broader range of concerns, including transit issues, public safety, and even potholes, Calgary 311 is your go-to resource. You can call 311 directly, or visit www.calgary.ca/311 to submit complaints online or download the 311 app. This multifaceted platform empowers residents to actively engage with The City, ensuring that all issues, big or small, are tracked and resolved efficiently.

Using these online tools is not just convenient; it's a crucial way for the city to gather data and identify concerns swiftly. By reporting these issues, passengers contribute to a safer, more efficient transit system. Timely data empowers the city to respond to complaints, adjust routes, and enhance services in real-time, ensuring everyone's winter commute is as smooth as possible.

As winter approaches, your active involvement ensures a transit system that caters to your needs. By using both Calgary Transit's online complaint system and Calgary 311, you actively contribute to a city that responds promptly, making winter travels safe, convenient, and efficient for everyone. Together, let's navigate winter seamlessly, making Calgary Transit a service that truly works for the people it serves.



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Hello to everyone who lives in the beautiful communities of Calgary-Edgemont.

Since being elected as your MLA, my staff and I have been very busy setting up our new Constituency Office located at address is 202-1829 Ranchlands Blvd. NW, Calgary, AB T3G 2A7. I have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with community members at all the community events. From the Fall festival in Hawkwood, to Edgemont's Fall Exhibit and Dalhousie's Show and Shine followed by their Harvest market. I am so grateful for the conversations with you.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to help us celebrate the opening of the Calgary-Edgemont and Calgary-Foothills office space. It was a pleasure to gather and meet community members face-to-face.

The fall session has begun for the 31st Legislative Assembly and I look forward to representing your needs and interests into the upcoming legislative. It is an honour to represent this riding and be a voice for your concerns. Our Caucus has a vision for Alberta that works for everyone, so we are engaging in a long-term project to hear from Albertans and work on solutions together. Please check out our www.AlbertasFuture.ca website.

Should you require assistance with services such as notarizing documents, letters of support, please feel free to book an appointment with my office.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns, especially as they relate to provincial matters. We will do our best to help you navigate resources available to you. You can also reach our office at Calgary.Edgemont@assembly.ab.ca or (403) 288-4453.

I look forward to connecting with so many of you.



I enjoyed attending various fall celebrations in Calgary. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan and carry out successful events to help build our communities.

Since Parliament has returned this fall, I have worked diligently to represent you and ensure the government is being held to account. The federal government is responsible for the cost-of-living crisis, which continues to deepen. The federal carbon tax continues to make gas, home heating, and food more expensive. As winter approaches, it will force many Calgarians to make tough financial decisions.

Housing affordability has also become a crisis for many Calgarians. Home ownership is increasingly out of reach, mortgage payments are going up, and rent is increasingly unaffordable. In response to this crisis, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre recently tabled The Building Homes Not Bureaucracy Act that will require cities to increase the number of houses built by 15% each year, and then 15% on top of the previous target every single year. Federal transit funding provided to certain cities will not arrive until those stations are surrounded by high-density residential buildings. This bill would also require the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities to report on the inventory of federal buildings and land. He would need to identify land suitable for housing construction and to propose a plan to sell at least 15% of any federal buildings and all land that would be appropriate for housing. These properties would need be placed on the market within eighteen months.

I look forward to tackling these issues with common sense solutions during the fall sitting of the House of Commons.

Please reach out to me or my staff with questions, concerns, or requests for assistance at pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca or 403-282-7980.

Thanks!

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