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Transportation Safety in Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak

By Durotolu Aro, RRROCA Director of Transportation



The new school year just started and I think this is the best time to remind ourselves of transportation safety around schools and in our community in general. The main complaint we got last year was about parents using private driveways around our schools for turning around. Here are a few reminders:

Playground Zone Safety

- It is illegal to make a U-turn in a playground zone.
- It is illegal to pass (overtake) a car in a playground zone.
- Playground zones must be observed year-round.
- When a pedestrian light in a playground zone is flashing after playground hours, all vehicles must observe the playground zone speed limit (30km/hr).

Community Safety

- U-turns are not permitted at intersections with traffic lights, except when a separate sign indicates U-turns are allowed. In Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak, U-turns are not permitted at any of the traffic lights in or at the entrances to the community.

- Pedestrians have the right of way at every intersection (with or without a marked crosswalk) in our community. Pedestrians should wave to indicate their intention to cross a street.
- Pedestrians crossing the road at any point apart from an intersection or marked crosswalk do not have the right of way and must yield to motorists.
- Legal U-turns can only be made at an intersection that is not in a school zone.
- The maximum speed limit on all roads in the community is 50km/hr except where indicated (e.g., Rocky Ridge road is 60km/hr).
- On a two-lane road you may pass another vehicle on the right if that vehicle is waiting to make a left turn.
- Cyclists who are biking on the road are considered motorists and must obey all traffic rules (stop for pedestrians, stop at stop signs/red lights, yield to vehicles, etc.).
- Bicycles must be equipped with a bell.

For additional information about traffic/road safety, please see the following resources: http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2002_304.cfm&leg_type=Regs&display=html and <https://www.albertadrivere Examiner.ca/driverhandbook.pdf>

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President's Message

Fall is upon us.

By Tessa Sakamoto, RRROCA President

It's that time of year where we start new routines and get back into old

ones. Remember that our local schools are working hard to educate their students and parents on traffic safety as well as drop off and pick ups. Please be patient and leave yourself a little extra time to get where you need to go. Be aware of school buses, pedestrians, rules of the road. Show consideration for neighbours and their properties.

September is a busy month for RRROCA. We have two great events planned for the month - our 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament at the Official Opening of the new Community Park on September 24, as well as our Community Clean Up. Start looking through your garage and basement for things you'd like to throw away. We'll see you at London Drugs on September 17, 2017!

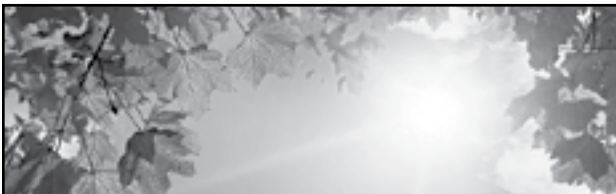
As always, we are always open to feedback and we welcome those who would like to help out. Contact me at president@rrroca.org if you have any questions.

~Tessa Sakamoto



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **September 4:**
Labour Day
- **September 17:** RRROCA
Community Cleanup
- **September 24:**
Official Community
Park Opening/3-on-3
Basketball Tournament



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: All content submitted to the Editor for publication must be both community-related and family-friendly.

Please note that we are no longer accepting announcement requests (e.g., birthdays, weddings, etc.) for publication in the newsletter.

Articles should be no more than 500 words in length. They should not contain any advertorials, creative writing (short stories or poetry), political statements/messages, or anything of a highly charged nature. Photos should be high-resolution JPEGs (300dpi or greater). Both professional and amateur photographer's submissions are welcome. Though it is not possible for us to offer monetary compensation for submissions, you will receive credit for the photo (i.e., your name printed alongside your photo). If selected, photos will appear either on the cover or in the Local Photographers Page.

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RRROCA Parks

Community Park Update

By Dave Spencer, RRROCA Director of Planning and Development



Creating a new park in the City of Calgary is a long and challenging process. RRROCA's community park was first proposed in 2010; at that time, a hockey rink was the sole amenity. After consultations with residents and feedback that our community was deficient in family neighbourhood parks, the vision grew to include a community hub, a social space, and multi-generational amenities.

The new and improved vision was designed by professional landscape architects and engineers. Our permit was released in the Fall of 2016 and work commenced in late October, with the intention that the park would be completed in at least two phases, depending on funding. RRROCA has been putting aside funds raised through our volunteer events at the casino for many years, specifically for the park. Our funds plus provincial and local funding allowed us to construct the infrastructure, basic site servicing, and the hockey rink. Almost 60% of the park's full build-out was completed in the Fall of 2016. Community residents were getting excited to finally see something happening.

Additional finishing work was completed in the spring of this year, after which the construction fence came down. We have been so pleased to see families coming to enjoy the pathways, picnic tables, and open play areas. The rink is used frequently for roller hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. We have been able to achieve our goal of creating a family friend place for our residents to enjoy all year round thanks to the numerous grants we received from generous contributors.



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Thank you to all the volunteers!

By Joanna Tija, RRROCA Director of Volunteers

Thank you for everyone who volunteered for our Stampede Breakfast! You have helped us serve about 4,000 attendees. We received lots of positive feedback from the community about this event.

We are actively looking for volunteers to fill several board and lead positions. We desperately need a Fundraising Lead and a Community Park Coordinator for the new community park. We are also looking for volunteers to help plan the Spring Sports Program in 2018.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any healthy and active community. Your help will make our community a better place to live! Please email volunteer@rrroca.org if you are interested in volunteering for board or lead positions, and email volunteerlead@rrroca.org to volunteer for one-time events. Thank you in advance!

❖ BOARD

Programs Chair (two positions)

The Programs Chair provides opportunity for the community's diverse residents to participate in programming and activities. The Programs Chair will train and develop volunteers while overseeing the sports programs.

Time commitment: 10 hrs/month from February to April, with less hours in other months.

❖ LEADS

Fundraising Lead

The Fundraising Lead position is a new role geared towards planning and managing fundraising activities for RRROCA. Working closely with Treasurer and other Chairs, the Fundraising Lead will help raise funds for our new community park.

Time commitment: varies



Programs Lead

The Programs Lead will assist the Programs Chairs carry out duties for sport programs.

Time commitment:

2-5 hrs/month

Community Park Coordinator

This is a new volunteer position to oversee the ice rink condition as well as train and coordinate volunteers in the winter when the ice rink is open to the public. The coordinator will have the opportunity to attend workshops to learn essential ice-building skills. Additional duties include monitoring the condition of the community park and reporting any issues to the board when necessary.

Volunteer Lead

The Volunteer Lead will assist the Volunteer Chair in recruiting and coordinating volunteers for community events, and will set up the volunteer database.

Time commitment:

2-5 hrs/month

❖ EVENTS

Note: Please email volunteerlead@rrroca.org for inquiries or to sign up for the positions listed below.

Community Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to help for a shift from either 8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or from 11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on September 17, 2017 (Sunday).

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Volunteers are needed for equipment set up from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and/or take down from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 2017 (Sunday).

RRROCA Volunteer Corner

Recognizing our Volunteers

By Joanna Tija, RRROCA Director of Volunteers



Make a World of Difference



Dave Spencer

This month we are recognizing the volunteer work of Dave Spencer, who has devoted countless hours to the planning and development of our new community park. He has been the elected Director of Planning and Development for 2 years. Before being elected director, he was the un-elected Planning and Development Lead for 4 months. He was nominated for Volunteer of the Month by a few board members, including President Tessa Sakamoto and Treasurer Paul Watson.

Here is the interview with Dave (D).

Q: Why do you volunteer for RRROCA?

D: I have 40 years of experience in designing parks, communities and public spaces, so I wanted to give back to my own community by offering my expertise in improving and adding to the quality of life in Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak.

Q: What have you accomplished?

D: My biggest accomplishments have been guiding the design and approval process for the new Community Park and Rink, navigating the engagement and permitting process, successfully obtaining grant funding, and getting it built. I have also provided thoughtful input to future planning and development in the community by private developers, and engaging in public art initiatives.

Q: What have you learned through volunteering for RRROCA?

D: I was impressed by and continue to be amazed by how many of my neighbours have stepped up to volunteer for the community. My experience with other volunteer organizations is that a couple of people do all the work – how great is it to have committed and hard-working people engaged in RRROCA to generate ideas and get things done?

Q: Any future goal(s)?

D: Near future goal is to finish the Community Park. After that, maybe take on another community project. I hope to be working on creating renewable power generation and sustainable communities in the Bahamas, where I am active and where my parents have organized arts and cultural events for over 40 years.

Words from the Author

I hope you have enjoyed walking, cycling, or playing ball games at the new community park. I believe most of us are excited to skate in the ice rink in the winter, too. We are so fortunate to have Dave, an experienced park expert, who volunteers countless hours to design and follow up with the construction of our community park! We always need volunteers for our community. If you can help us with upkeep of our community park, please email me at volunteer@rrroca.org.

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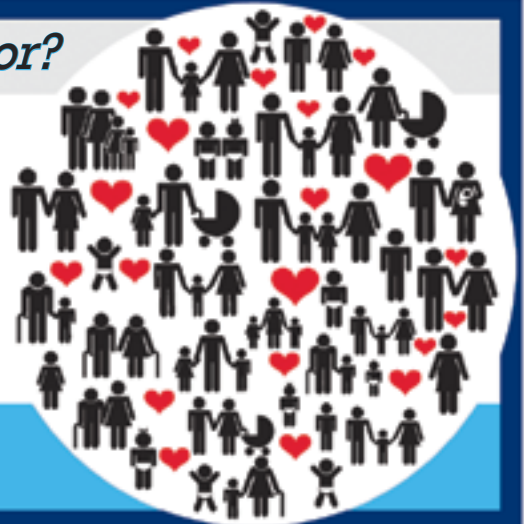
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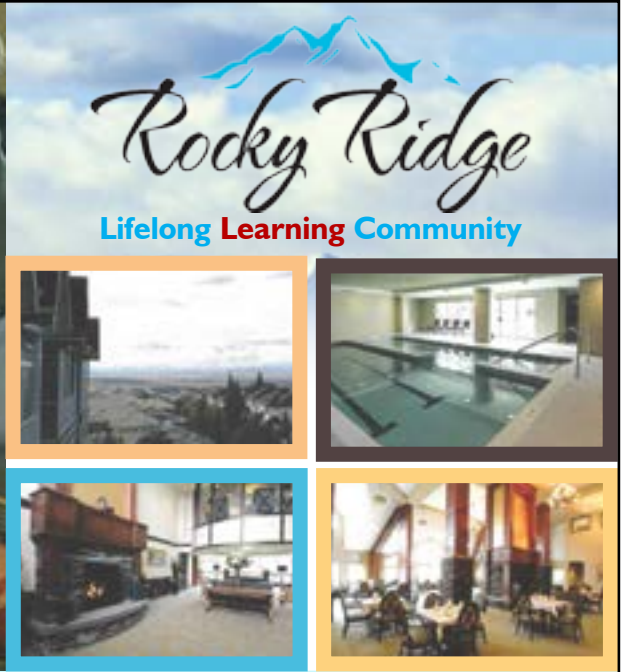
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Official Community Park Opening and 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

By Ali Oonwala, RRROCA Vice President



To help celebrate the official opening of our Community Park as well as Canada 150, RRROCA will be hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on September 24, 2017. There will be three divisions: 8-10 years, 11-14 years, and age 18+. If you want to participate in this tournament, you can register your team online at www.rrroca.org. We are also looking for some great volunteers; if you want to help out, please email volunteers@rrroca.org.

This event will be great fun for the whole family! Keep an eye out for more information about event day, and we hope to see you all there!



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RRROCA Events

2017 RRROCA Community Stampede Breakfast 13th Annual Family Fun Day

By Marcie Hawranik, RRROCA Director of Events



Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, and volunteered to help with the RRROCA Annual Community Stampede Breakfast on July 8th! Our community is only as great as the people in it: the Stampede Breakfast showcased Royal Oak and Rocky Ridge's fabulous community spirit and generosity! A special thank-you goes out to our dedicated volunteers who donated their time and effort to ensuring the event was a success. Please visit our website for more pictures from the breakfast at rrroca.org and to receive information on our next event in September.



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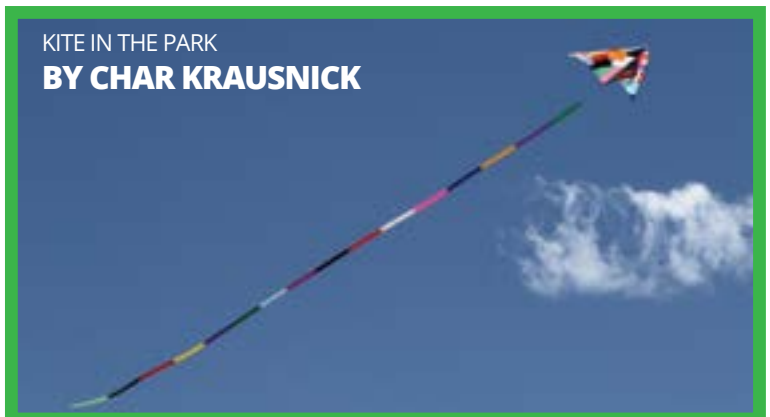
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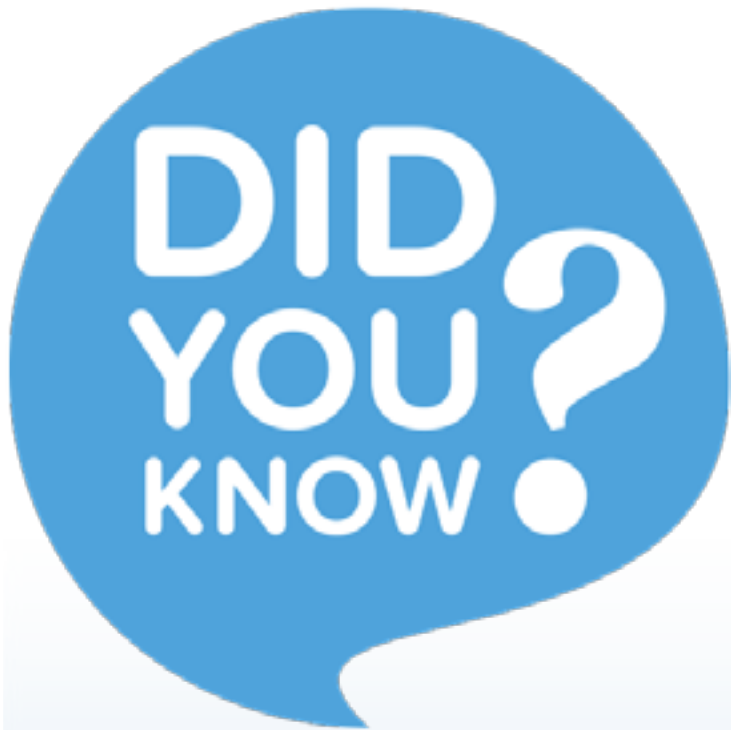


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