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~ Tara Petitfor photo



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President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



I hope everyone had a great start to 2016! I am really looking forward to all of the exciting events planned in our community this year. Our volunteers have been working hard to put these and other projects together. **Here's a sneak peek of what's coming up in 2016:**

- We are going to announce our Community Traffic Safety initiative very soon. We will need your support for this one - more details to come!
- Our first official event of 2016, Family Movie Afternoon, is on Saturday, February 13th. Join us at Royal Oak Victory Church to see Minions! See page 6 for details.
- Work continues on our Community Park. RRROCA is hard at work to get all of the approvals in place to move forward. Fingers crossed to break ground in 2016!

We are always looking for more people to help! Check out France's call for volunteers to see where you can help (see page 10). We have positions ranging from 1 to 5 hours per month and can utilize a variety of skills. We would love to have you! Plus, volunteering is a great way to meet people and feel connected to your community.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings – the next is on Monday, February 22nd at Charlesglen Toyota at 7:00 p.m. I'm always happy to hear your input, please feel free to e-mail me at president@rrroca.org.

~ Tessa Sakamoto

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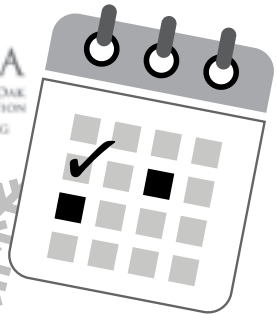
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 1 Registration for Spring Sports Program Starts (see page 12)
- February 13 RRROCA Family Movie afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 at Royal Oak Victory Church. Join us for a viewing of Minions (see page 6)
- February 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- February 15 Family Day (Provincial Holiday)
- February 18 Coffee with Ward 1 Councillor Ward Sutherland at 6:30 p.m. at Café Fresco (see page 6)
- February 22 RRROCA Board of Directors Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Charlesglen Toyota (public welcome to attend)
- March 26 Join North West Family Church and RRROCA for a Community Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. at the greenspace west of Royal Oak School on Royal Birkdale Drive

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Hello Ward 2!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked hard to get the new portion of Sarcee Trail open from 128th Avenue NW to 144th Avenue. Many thanks to United, Walton Development and Management, Volker Stevin and the City of Calgary for getting this road open. This important stretch of road is now open to traffic providing better accessibility to 144th Avenue. It is also helping to reduce heavy truck congestion on Country Hills Boulevard, 112th Avenue and Shaganappi Trail.

I encourage Ward 2 residents to visit my new updated Web site at joemagliocca.ca for information on civic issues, transportation projects, my blog and other articles of interest for Ward 2. Additionally, for up to the minute Ward 2 information, please follow me on Twitter @Joe_Magliocca or Facebook at www.facebook.com/joe.magliocca.calgary

The City's civic census is conducted annually and is currently recruiting census takers. The City needs nearly 1,000 flexible workers to help with the door-to-door physical Census collection and data recording in April. Census takers need to be able to walk in seasonable weather conditions and easily operate a tablet computer. Census takers are provided with essential training, to be completed at home online and must be available for an in-person session in March. Applications can be downloaded online and are accepted in person, at The City of Calgary Election and Information Services office, 1103 55 Ave NE, between 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information please visit www.calgary.ca/census

JOE'S TIP

When it snows, make sure to give yourself extra time to reach your destination and leave extra distance between you and the car ahead of you. Calgary.ca/snow is a one-stop shop for winter driving tips, the road conditions map, FAQs, updates and more.

As always, if you have any snow removal challenges in your neighbourhood, or any other civic issue please do not hesitate to contact me or call 3-1-1.



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All content appears at the discretion of the Board as well as Mind's Design Publishing. All copy may be edited due to space as well as grammar and usage.

We welcome all community content including Community Event listings, area schools updates, good news stories, Senior and Youth content and Letters to the Editor. The editor welcomes and encourages writers from our community to write for this newsletter; either one-time articles or ongoing columns.

Political representation is accepted but limited to elected representatives of this community (ie: if their name appeared on a ballot and they were elected).

Submission Deadlines: community content is due on the 8th of the month for the following month's issue. Articles should be no more than 500 words in length.

Photographs are welcomed from both local professional and amateur photographers for inclusion on the cover or inside the issue. Please email high quality JPEGs to the Editor (email attachments are acceptable). We cannot pay for photos but will give credit as the photographer's personal name.

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Don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR!



I am pleased to welcome Terri Gilson to the RRROCA Reporter team as our new volunteer Monthly



Food Column contributor. Terri is a

resident of Rocky Ridge and looks forward to bringing her love of food to our great community.

February is the month of love...what will you do to show your loved ones that you care? Cards, chocolates and flowers are the traditional approach, but why not prepare a special Valentine's Day breakfast (nice and easy this year as Valentine's Day falls on Sunday). Check out Terri Gilson's new Food Column (page 8) where she highlights red velvet pancakes with sweet cream cheese butter filling. Yum!

I wish you all a very Happy Valentine's Day,

~ Sheryl Khanna



FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON

Join us on Saturday, February 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 for a screening of "Minions" at the Royal Oak Victory Church.

Doors open at 2:30 and popcorn and drinks will be provided by RRROCA.

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COFFEE WITH THE COUNCILLOR - TWO-YEAR REPORT CARD PRESENTATION

Interested in what's going on in your community? Do you have any community, ward, City or Council-related questions? Now is your chance to ask me. In 2016, I am presenting a two-year community report card to inform you on what's happened, changed or planned for the future since I

was first elected in 2013. Following my 30 minute presentation, there will be an opportunity for a Q&A period.

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Ward I communication and research analyst Christine Louie at ward01@calgary.ca.

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cafe Fresco - 124 500 Royal Oak Dr NW

Please note that the two-year report card presentation will begin at 6:40 p.m. Q&A session will begin at 7:10 p.m.

I would like to thank Cafe Fresco for allowing me to use their facilities.

Stay connected! Sign up at www.wardsutherland.com to receive my monthly e-newsletter, which contains council-related news, community Q&A, and my Vice Chair Finance Blog. To view my February issue, visit: <http://bit.ly/1NE0mGi>.

~ Ward Sutherland

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Red Velvet Pancakes with Sweet Cream Cheese Butter



**By Terri Gilson,
Rocky Ridge
Resident and
Volunteer
Contributor**

You may be thinking of ways to show your sweetheart(s)

how much you love them this Valentine's Day. These pancakes will definitely send that message, as they are the ultimate breakfast indulgence.

RED VELVET PANCAKES

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk (or make buttermilk): 1 tsp vinegar to each 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup white granulated sugar
- 3 Tbsp. red food coloring (see Tip to the far right)

Directions:

1. Sift all dry ingredients except granulated sugar. Mix eggs, buttermilk, granulated sugar and red food coloring in separate bowl.

2. Add dry ingredients to wet ingredients in thirds, just until it is combined (will still be a little lumpy). Do not over-mix.

3. Preheat griddle/frying pan to medium and grease with butter or non-stick cooking spray.

4. When hot, add pancake mix – add about 1/4 cup mix for each pancake

5. Flip when the first few bubbles start to break on the surface of the pancake.

6. When the other side is soft and pillowy to the touch, it's done. Cut into heart shapes, if desired.

SWEET CREAM CHEESE BUTTER

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract

1. With an electric mixer, whip butter and cream cheese together for 3-5 minutes until smooth, scraping sides to ensure proper blending.

2. Add vanilla extract and the powdered sugar, one cup at a time until blended.

3. Assemble: Stack one pancake on a plate and spread on a layer of cream cheese butter. Repeat with remaining pancakes and sprinkle the top with powdered sugar.



TIP

Red Food Coloring: I recommend using Wilton brand 'no taste' red food/icing gel color. Don't even bother with the grocery store food coloring. You have to use such an excessive amount that it affects the taste. And you still won't get a deep enough red color to make it worthwhile.

Questions about this recipe or other cooking/baking questions?

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



**By Frances Kalu, RRROCA
Director of Volunteers**

All RRROCA events for the year have been planned and ready to go for the year starting this month. Take a look at the opportunities below and see if you can help out with one of the roles. Please send an email to volunteer@rrroca.org. You can also sign up to volunteer as your renew your membership for the year. We are currently updating our volunteer database and invite you to send an email if you will like your name to be added for future events.

We are currently looking for the following positions:

BOARD

Director of Events

The Director of Events will be responsible for organizing events for RRROCA within the community, updating information on upcoming/past events on the website and monthly newsletter. Will be expected to attend monthly board meetings.

Time commitment: Varies/month

Director of Communications

The Communications Director will manage the newsletter and website with the support of lead volunteers, support event communications, facilitate production of signage and management of bold sign, develop and implement overall communications plan and strategy.

Time commitment: 5 hours/month

Membership



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**By Muoi Leong,
RRROCA Director of Membership**

Membership sign-up for 2016 is now underway. Please go to our Web site (www.rrroca.org) under "Join Us" to sign up for a membership. Membership is required to register for RRROCA

sponsored programs, such as adult fitness classes, and spring soccer and slo-pitch for children. Membership (new and renewal) costs \$30 and will be valid until December 31, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at membership@rrroca.org.

**Send the membership form and your payment to Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association or RRROCA:
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Director of Parks

The Director of Parks will be in charge of parks within the community. Be responsible for updating information in the monthly newsletter and websites on parks within the community. Will be expected to attend monthly board meetings.

Time commitment: 5 hours/month

Director of Schools

The Director of Schools will liaise between the schools zoned to community and the board. Be responsible for updating information in the monthly newsletter on schools in the community.

Time commitment: 5 hours/month

COMMITTEES

Signage Lead

Working closely with the Director of Communication, you will be responsible for advertising events in the community. This will involve putting up bold signs and sandwich boards, and other advertising needs that may arise.

Time commitment: 2 hours/month

Volunteer Coordinator

Working closely with the Director of Volunteers to organize the volunteer database, communicate with volunteers when needed and be present at events for volunteer coordination.

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2016 Spring Sports Program

By Marin Leci, Director of Sports



Registration for the 2016 Spring Sports Program starts February 1 and closes on March 13. It is available online only - a link can be found on rrroca.

org under Sports. Register early to avoid disappointment! As you may be aware, we have implemented a new software system that will better suit our needs. Under the software system, those of you who have not registered in prior years will need to set up a new account. Those of you joining us again will not be required to do so. RRROCA Programs are available for registration to those who have a RRROCA Membership. If you do not already have one, it will be automatically applied during the registration process. Memberships are \$30 annually per household. Registration is open to non-residents as well, as long as a RRROCA Membership is purchased.

SCHEDULE

Programs run for 8 weeks starting on Saturday, April 25 and ending Monday, June 22, 2015. To be eligible to register, players must be born before March 31, 2013.

VOLUNTEER

Our program would not be able to run without the help of people like you! Should you choose not to volunteer, a \$50 fee is applied to your registration. If you would like to volunteer, you will be prompted to choose the capacity during the registration process. There are plenty of opportunities volunteer, examples of which currently available include:

•A director or committee position on the RRROCA Board

of Directors - A variety of positions available, please email if you are interested or would like more information.

•Age Group

Coordinator - Required before registration starts.

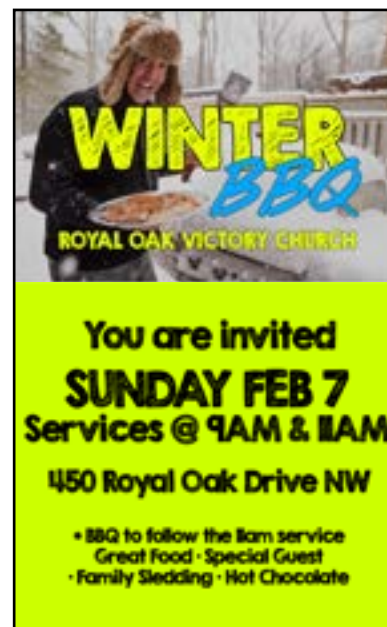
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U06 Soccer	2010	Thurs.	6:30pm - 7:30pm	\$65
U08 Soccer	2008/2009	Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	\$65
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The following positions will be available only when registration starts.

- Team Creator - Compile all players in an age group and create teams.
- Field Marshal - Check field playability once weekly.
- Coach
- Sports Lead
- Team Manager
- Community Events - A variety of events and dates available.

For more information regarding these volunteer opportunities, or if you have any questions regarding the sports program, please email me at programs@rrroca.org and stay tuned for more information regarding Child Fitness Tax Credits and Tax Receipts.

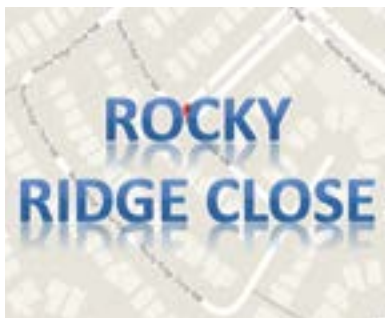


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Love, Mom and Dad



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If you're interested in a Block Party in the spring, please e-mail your ideas to rockyridgecloseyyc@gmail.com. We will be posting updates here too.

~ Your neighbour, Loretta

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to celebrate? Or perhaps a graduation, wedding, new baby or engagement announcement?

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Residential Break-in	7	6	
Robbery	1	-	Covering October
Sex Offence	1	-	10, 2015, to
Theft	8	19	January 10, 2016.
Theft from Vehicle	11	12	
Vandalism	2	2	
Vehicle Theft	3	7	



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Notes from the Office

HOA FEE REMINDER: Statements have been mailed out, and as of March 1, 2016, interest will be charged at a rate of 2% per month until fees are paid in full. Online payment is not available this year, so please stop by the office if you would like to pay with credit or debit card.

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH WINTER PROGRAMS 2016 –

Registration ongoing. Punch passes available. Please contact the office for details

MEMBER EVENTS:

Ice Skating Party February 6, 2016 11:30 – 1:30pm

Join us for lunch, ice skating, marshmallow roasting, and bouncy house jumping. Please RSVP to 403.547.6633 or officeadmin@rrrha.ca with your name, address, and number of children and adults that will be attending.

Program guide available at www.rrrha.ca and Facebook



The RRRHA Mission Statement:

To enhance the value and properties of Rocky Ridge Ranch through judicious self management of all lands, properties and assets and to enhance the programs made available through our Ranch Centre which best serve our community's diversity, providing additional homeowner value and benefit.

Getting engaged in 2016?

No rings needed! Buying a property in most areas of Rocky Ridge grants you membership of an exclusive neighbourhood club: the Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners' Association (RRRHA). And this year we want YOU to engage with us in making RRRHA even better.

RRRHA exists because the developers and home-builders created a homeowners' association with the responsibility of taking care of our common areas. Like astronauts, we homeowners have a mission statement: "To enhance the value and properties of Rocky Ridge Ranch through judicious self management of all lands, properties and assets and to enhance the programs made available through our Ranch Centre which best serve our community's diversity, providing additional homeowner value and benefit".

Residents are legally obliged to pay an annual encumbrance fee, which entitles us to enjoy a club house (the Ranch Centre), an enclosed park and amenities like a children's playground, tennis courts, a splash park and a lake for boating in summer and skating in winter. Along with this club membership we also get a say in how RRRHA is run and how it spends our money.

Like all clubs or societies, RRRHA members delegate the day-to-day business of the society to a small group of volunteers: a board of directors, elected each year at the society's Annual General Meeting (or appointed to fill vacancies if they occur between AGMs). This year's board of seven, as elected or affirmed at the December 2015 AGM, wants to engage many more of you in making sure that your money is spent wisely and well to make our community one of the best places to live in this city. Each of us is

keen to hear from every corner of our community about what YOU think would make Rocky Ridge even greater. What do you like? What don't you like?

Do you have a question, an idea or a complaint? Do you have a passion you'd like to share? Do you just want to get to know your neighbours? Do you have some time or expertise you could share with your community?

There are as many ways to contribute as there are residents and we urge you to stop by, pick up the phone, send us an email or stop for a chat as you see us walking by.

RRRHA is your club. The directors - like all the other members - are your neighbours. We want to get to know you and we hope you will take a moment to get to know us.

~ Anita Coulson, President, RRRHA

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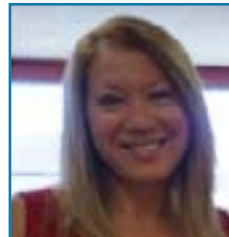
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