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Message from the Vice President

I hope everyone has been having a great summer and that you all enjoyed a happy and safe Stampede! We were really pleased to be able to join up with the Shane Homes YMCA this year for their Stampede Breakfast and we are really grateful to them for including us in the fun. The event was a really good time and we were happy that so many people made it out despite the rainy conditions. I can't wait for next year when we are able to once again host our own Stampede breakfast for the community.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the City of Calgary for setting up both, the Interactive Play Park as well as the Skate park for our neighborhood kids to enjoy. I hope all the kids in the community had as much fun at the parks as mine did.

As always, the Community Association would like to extend an invite to anyone who would like to help out with these fun events and community programs. If you have the time and interest just sent an email to **volunteer@rrroca.org**.

I hope everyone has a great finish to the summer holidays, and that the rain is well past us!

Dino Petrakos
RRROCA Vice President



Badminton. Would You Be In?

In lieu of the 3-on-3 Basketball (which didn't draw enough interest to hold last year), we are considering putting on a Badminton program in the Fall for community members and friends.



Before moving forward with planning the program, we like to gauge the interest from the community. Would you participate in a Badminton program within RORR?

Please send us your comments and suggestions to **programs@rrroca.org**

Volunteer Corner

Your Community Needs Your Leadership

Volunteers are always important to RRROCA, so if you have a few hours of spare time in a month and are interested to help for the community you are living, why not consider volunteering for RRROCA? There is flexibility in time to volunteer for RRROCA and board meeting is always close to home. You will also learn new skills, gain valuable volunteer experience and meet more neighbours. Please email volunteer@rrroca.org if you are interested in the following positions.

Programs Co-Chair

The Programs Co-chair will provide the opportunity for the communities' diverse residents to participate in sports program and activities.

Time commitment: varies/month

Events Leads

With direction from the Events Chair, the Events Leads help execute specific events, from the planning stage to the wrap up.

Time commitment: 7 hrs/month

Newsletter Editor

Curating content from the community and the RRROCA Board, the Newsletter Editor works with the publisher to create RRROCA's official newsletter, the RRROCA View.

Time commitment: 5 hours/month

Signage Lead

The Signage Lead works with our Communications team to announce important information. This person takes care of a couple of those bold signs on the side of Rocky Ridge Road.

Time commitment: 0 – 3 hours/month

Events Chair – *occupancy pending*

The Events Chair directs the planning and execution of RRROCA events, making sure plans are on track. The Event Leads closely support for this position in juggling several events.

Time commitment: 10 hrs/month

Sponsorship Co-Chair – *occupancy pending*

The Sponsorship Chair develops and maintains relations with sponsors for RRROCA events and programs.

Time commitment: 10 hrs/month



Did You Know?

Volunteering for RRROCA as a Board or a Committee member will:

1. gain valuable volunteering experience and essential work skills;
2. know the first-hand community news;
3. get the RRROCA membership (\$30) or one sport registration for free (\$50 or \$65) every year;
4. the most important: help us to build a thriving community!

Want to receive emails about any volunteer opportunities for the community association?

Please email volunteerlead@rrroca.org to sign up.



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View from the Communications Chair



Top 3 Common Misconceptions in RR/RO

If you have ever sent an email to RRROCA asking questions such as “Please, how much is community fees, and does it give me access to the park?”, then one of these two things is true:

Either you’ve wound up in one of the common misconceptions of what RRROCA is/does, or you trust that RRROCA, your faithful community association, is here to help you with answers about life in the community. I certainly hope it’s the latter, and in this article, I will briefly address the most common questions as they pertain to RRROCA.

Over the past two and a half years, I have had the privilege to be the first point of contact for general inquiries typically via rrrroca.org. Here are the three most common topics I have encountered:

1. HOAs and RAs:

First, not every house in Rocky Ridge – Royal Oak belongs of a Homeowners Association (HOA) or a Residents Association (RA). Secondly, RRROCA (Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association) is neither an HOA nor an RA; we are, well, a CA – a community association.

So what are the differences?

In general, a CA focuses on building community, and also liaisons with the government; membership is voluntary. On the other hand, HOAs/RAs maintain certain amenities and infrastructure, and build community. Membership and fees for HOAs/RAs are involuntary if applicable to your address.

The three main HOA/RAs in our community are:

1. The Cascades in Royal Oak Residents Association (CRORA) – www.cascadesroyaloak.com
2. Royal Oak Estates Homeowners Association (ROEHA) – www.roeha.ca
3. Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association (RRRHA) – www.rrrha.ca

There are several other RAs, and I intend to include these in a later article.

2. Community Hall and Parks

The Rocky Ridge Ranch is managed by the RRRHA. The Ranch’s park and building provides several amenities for its members. It has the only general purpose hall in the community, and its facilities are open to rent to its members and the public. However, the park area is for members-only and accompanying guests.

RRROCA’s facility is the Community Park in Royal Oak. The ice rink / basketball courts opened to the public last year, and can be reserved for private functions. The park is currently in development, and will include a fitness area in the near future.

3. Maintenance and Beautification

Questions regarding the following features of the community are best answered by the appropriate HOAs/RAs or Condo Board. The three main HOAs/RAs in our community provide jurisdiction maps on their respective websites (see above list).

- Pathways and sidewalks – the snow removal and general maintenance is the responsibility of the City of Calgary, with extra assistance from certain HOAs, and Condo Boards.
- Beautification (e.g. landscaping, street entrances) and shared residential structures (e.g. fences, retaining walls) are handled by your HOA/RA or Condo Board.

In future articles, we will further explain each of these three topics, and more. Please watch this space.

Immanuel Nwachukwu,
Communications Chair



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Membership Card

We are emailing digital copy of membership cards to all 2019 RRROCA members by fall. Members will be able to print or show their membership cards on cell phones to prove the validity of membership. All members living in the same household will be able to prove their membership status by showing both the RRROCA membership card and a government issued photo ID card. Watch your email for the membership and more details.



- Receive discounts at Cloverdale Paint, Servus Credit Union, Stealth Alarms and iLoveKickboxing.
- Provide recreational insurance at Sports Program offered by RRROCA
- Accepted by Calgary West Soccer for their program registration

We are working on expanding our membership perks. If you are a business owner who want to give incentives to our members, please contact me at membership@rrroca.org.

Joanna Tjia Membership Chair - RRROCA

Benefits of RRROCA Membership

We are excited to introduce a new membership perk offered by iLoveKickboxing in Royal Oak. RRROCA members will receive 50% off trials and a \$100 gift card for signing up iLoveKickboxing packages at Royal Oak location. Details will be emailed to all current 2019 RRROCA members.

Here are all the current benefits of RRROCA membership, please visit our webpage regularly for updates.

- Access to Babysitter Registry
- Register for Community events and programs, including Spring Sports Program for children, Parade of Garage Sales, winning one of ten \$100 to hold block parties on Neighbour Day, etc.
- Borrow materials for holding Block party for free
- Purchase discount tickets or enter draws for free tickets to the shows at Shane Homes YMCA
- Receive free pancake breakfast at annual Stampede Breakfast event

RRROCA Membership Registration

One Membership per household; valid January 1 to December 31 annually.

\$30

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New membership

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Membership Renewal

Your personal information will be used for Association purposes only and will never be given to third parties.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Email*: _____

* Please note e-mail is used to communicate your membership number. If you choose "No" for updates below, the e-mail will be on file but won't be included in our news mailing list.

Would you like RRROCA news and updates by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Send form and cheque to: **RRROCA Membership**
P.O. Box 91009, RPO Royal Oak
Calgary, AB T3G 5W6

Photographers Corner



Red Winged Blackbird, Royal Oak by Mike Smith

To submit or for guidelines, send your photos as high quality JPEGs to newsletter@rrroca.org. Who knows, you just might see your photo(s) in print!



Pathway in Royal Oak by Mike Smith



Peter Lougheed Provincial Park by Carole Westlake



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Monday – Sunday 9:00am – 9:00pm
unless otherwise indicated.

RRRHA August Update

Summer Update

The cool temperatures and rain in July made for a less than ideal month of greenspace mowing and landscape maintenance. The wet conditions often sidelined our crews, specifically those on the mowing and trimming detail. Faster than usual grass growth in the dry pond and soccer field resulting from the City of Calgary's irrigation system that was never turned off, resulted in some catch-up work for collecting the piles of grass that the mowers could not mulch.

Thank you to our members for your patience and understanding.

On a positive note, the warm days we did have saw the park, pool and lake well used. Several new pieces of lake equipment were purchased to meet the demand of usage, enhancing the overall experience for our members.

Fall Programs

Classes will resume the week of September 9th. A tentative schedule has been included and online registration will be available by mid-month. Any changes will be flagged with red asterisks**.

Fall Festival

Tentative date – Saturday September 14th 10-2pm

Please visit our website for details about the festival.

Information will also be provided in the mass email and on our Facebook page.

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The RRRHA AGM will be held on Thursday October 24th at 7:00pm. Registration will take place beginning at 6:30pm, and members must have a piece of identification to present that has both their legal name and property address on it.

**AGM notices will be sent out electronically via email, however we understand that not all members use email or wish to provide theirs to us out of concerns for privacy. AGM notices will be mailed to those properties for which no email is on file.*

By the beginning of September, a mass email will be sent out to provide an update to members about upcoming events. If you have not received a mass email from us please contact the office via info@rrrha.ca to have your email added to the contact list by September 21st.

Please note that RRRHA does not, under any circumstance, provide phone/email contact or personal information to anyone, at any time.

Board of Directors

Nomination forms will be available through the office for those members wishing to stand for election at the AGM. Please stop by or email info@rrrha.ca for more information.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars and join us at one of our member functions taking place over the coming months. Our parties are family friendly environments with various entertainment and/or activities. Please be sure to check for more details online or in the upcoming editions of the Suburban Journal.

- **Fall Festival** – September 15th 11:00am - 2:00pm
- **Annual General Meeting** – October 25th 7:00pm
- **Halloween Party** – October 27th 1:00 - 3:00pm
- **Holiday Market** – November 24th 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Christmas Party** – December 15th 1:00 - 3:00pm

Facebook Page

Check out our Facebook page for the latest updates from the Ranch! facebook.com/rockyridgeranchHA

Fall Programs

The session will run from September to December. Registration (and class descriptions) are available online at www.rrrha.ca or through the office.

ADULT CLASSES

BALANCED YOGA 12 classes
Mondays w/Marcy: September 9th – December 9th (*excl. Oct 14 and Nov 11*). **Time:** 9:30am – 10:45am **Cost:** \$155.00 (member); \$170.00 (non-member) *Minimum 5 participants*

PILATES 12 classes
Mondays w/Laurie: September 9th – December 9th (*excl. Oct 14 and Nov 11*) **Time:** 7:30pm – 8:20pm. **Cost:** \$145.00 (member); \$155.00 (non-member) *Minimum 5 participants*

THERAPEUTIC YOGA FOR A BETTER BACK 14 classes
Tuesdays w/ Vanitha: September 10th – December 10th
Time: 8:00pm – 9:00pm. **Cost:** \$170.00 (member); \$185.00 (non-member) *Minimum 6 participants*

50+ YOGA 14 classes
Wednesdays w/ Vanitha: September 11th – December 11th. **Time:** 10:00am – 11:30am. **Cost:** \$180.00 (member); \$195.00 (non-member) *Minimum 6 participants*

YOGA 14 classes
Thursdays w/ Vanitha: September 12th – December 12th
Time: 9:00am – 10:30am **Cost:** \$180.00 (member); \$195.00 (non-member) *Minimum 6 participants*

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

MUSIC FOR LITTLE MOVERS AND SHAKERS
Thursdays w/Becki 6 classes **Dates TBA**
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am 1 – 2 years old parented
Cost: \$60.00 (members); \$75.00 (non-members)

YOGA FOR MOM & BABY
Tuesdays w/Sylvia 8 classes **Dates TBA**
Time: 10:00am – 11:00am
Cost: \$75.00 (members); \$85.00 (non-members)

Other Programs At The Ranch

ROCKY RIDGE ROCKERS: Join the Rockers every Tuesday at the Ranch from 1-3pm for coffee and crafting (bring a project to work on). Free and open to everyone.

CALGARY GOJUKAI KARATE: calgarygojukai.com

DEBORAH LAXTON SCHOOL OF DANCE:
deborahlaxtondance.com

SPORTBALL: www.sportball.ca/calgary

YOUNG REMBRANDTS: www.youngrembrandts.com

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Councillor Report

Immediate Tax Relief for Calgary Businesses

The drastic decrease in market value of a small number of high-valued downtown properties has resulted in the redistribution of property taxes to other, non-residential, properties. In turn, this created a double-digit property tax hike for businesses. Council addressed this crisis by providing immediate tax relief for Calgary businesses.

On Monday June 10th, Council approved to mitigate the increase in non-residential property taxes. Council directed Administration to permanently reduce operating costs by \$60 million and immediately apply the savings to help Calgary businesses. \$70M that was put aside for one-time relief will be combined with the \$60M of cuts, to total \$130M in relief.

The proposed reductions may include, but are not limited to, reductions or elimination of programs, services and staffing positions, and voluntary wage roll-backs. These permanent reductions will be used to reduce the tax burden on non-residential properties in the future. This will result in a minimum 10 per cent reduction in the municipal portion of non-residential property taxes caused by the redistribution of 2019 property assessments. More details of the cuts will be presented in the July council meeting.

My guiding principles to determine which \$60M in cuts would cause the least harm to services was passed by Council. To view my 13 guiding principles for Administration, sign up for my interactive newsletter at www.WardSutherland.com or visit my City website at www.Calgary.ca/ward1.

Ward Sutherland, Councillor, Ward 1



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Backyard Play Safety

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a 9 inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends 6 feet out in all directions from the play area.



Water Hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres(*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (**Alberta Building Code*)

Lawn and Garden Tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect Bites and Stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.

Alberta Health Services