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President's Message



As summer draws to a close and signs of fall start to emerge, it often signals a return to the routine of classes, work, extra-curricular activities, and preparations for the colder months ahead. Many families in our community are focused on the return to school. Please be mindful of playground and school zones as students return to in-person classes.

Our Community Cleanup was held on August 22 and was well attended. Thank you to all volunteers who helped make the event a success and to Sobeys Royal Oak for their support. The Events team continues to work on planning events for the community through the fall. Events continue to represent a significant focus area for RRROCA. We would love to see you out to join us at one of our upcoming community events!

We are looking forward to another season of ice rink operations at the RRROCA Park. We hope that community residents will come by the Park during one of the organized events or make use of the amenities at their convenience. Ice rink operations will resume as weather permits. We will be looking for volunteers to help with ice rink maintenance activities. Please direct any inquiries regarding facility bookings and volunteer opportunities to the parks team at parks@rrroca.org. The Community Association is monitoring several development and rezoning applications within the community. Residents should be aware of resources through the City of Calgary <https://www.calgary.ca/categories/category-buildingandplanning.html> and Federation of Calgary Community Associations <https://calgarycommunities.com/events/lunch-n-learn-what-is-zoning-2/> regarding zoning, development, and other processes related to land use and development in our community.

The annual general meeting of the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association will be held in November. We would encourage all who are interested to attend the meeting. For those looking to give back to their community, we are also seeking individuals to serve on the Board of Directors and in various other roles. Check out the RRROCA website and Facebook pages for details on the AGM and current volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you around the community this fall.

Sincerely,
Jason A. Kellock
President,

Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association

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Do You Have Your RRROCA Membership?

In addition to the benefits listed below, 100% of membership fees go directly into program and resources funding, and future facilities development. The greater our membership base, the more funds we will have for projects, programs, and initiatives! We need your help with funds to continue dealing with municipal and provincial issues that affect your daily life.



Please visit our membership page at rrroca.org to sign up for a membership, or email membership@rrroca.org if you have any questions.

Benefits of RRROCA Membership

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
- 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 always working on expanding our membership perks. If you are a business owner who wants to give incentives to our members, please contact Monique Chiasson at membership@rrroca.org.

RRROCA Membership Registration

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

\$30

☐

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

Important Phone Numbers

If you require emergency supports to meet basic needs, income support is available 24-7.

- Income Support Contact Centre: 1-866-644-5135

For anyone facing family violence, bullying or abuse, the following resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 170 languages:

- Family Violence Info Line: 310-1818
- Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-387-KIDS (5437)
- Bullying Helpline: 1-888-456-2323

Help is also available 24-7 for anyone dealing with mental health challenges.

- Mental Health Helpline: 1-877-303-2642

You can also contact the Alberta Supports Contact Centre at 1-877-644-9992 (toll free) for information regarding AISH, Child Care Subsidy, Disability Supports, Financial Supports, Health Benefits, Career Information, Seniors Benefits, Public Guardian/Trustee.



Volunteer Corner

Volunteer from Home



Volunteers are always important to RRROCA as we work to make Royal Oak & Rocky Ridge an even better community. Thankfully, most of the work required can be done from your home. So if you are interested in living in a great community, and can spare a few hours in a month, please consider volunteering for RRROCA!

In addition to making an impact, you will certainly learn new skills, gain valuable volunteer experience and meet more neighbours. Please email volunteer@rrroca.org if you are interested in the following positions or have any questions about volunteering with RRROCA.

Vice President

Assist in developing and maintaining positive relations among the Board, committees, staff and community to enhance RRROCA'S mission. Act as leader in the absence of the President/Chairperson. Assist President whenever possible, works closely as a consultant and advisor.

Time commitment: 10 hours/month

Volunteer Chair

Keep community members informed of volunteer opportunities through emails, website and monthly newsletter. Recruit board and committee members as needed. And other related work as required.

Time commitment: 12-15 hours/month

Events Lead

With direction from the Events Chair, an Event Lead helps to execute specific events, from the planning stage to the wrap up. **Time commitment:** 3 - 7 hrs/month

Administration Assistant:

With direction from the Secretary, assist with mails and messages and other required by board members.

Time commitment: 2-5 hours/month

Sponsorship Lead

With direction from the Sponsorship Chair, the Sponsorship Lead helps to develop and maintain relations with sponsors for RRROCA events and programs.

Time commitment: 0 – 3 hours/month

Social Media Lead

Administrate the creation and publishing of relevant, original, high-quality content. Be an advocate for

RRROCA in social media spaces, engaging in dialogue and answering questions where appropriate

Time commitment: 8-10 hours/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.

Photographers Corner



Flower By Yashu Mattapalli

Halloween Safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31st approaches. Take some time to review these simple tips and reminders to help ensure your Halloween is a fun and safe night for everyone.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers, or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within, and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing, or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

Alberta Health Services



Sudoku Corner

The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes contains the digits 1 – 9 only one time each.

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9:00am-9:00pm unless otherwise stated

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Implementation of Restrictions Exemption Program:

At the time of publishing this information was not yet available. Rentals and classes were suspended as of September 15, 2021. Please visit our website for further details.

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

All members in good standing are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association on Wednesday October 27th, 2020 at 7:00pm. In the event that quorum is not met for the 7:00pm meeting, the second meeting will be called to order at 7:30pm.

Notices will be delivered electronically via email during the first few days of October, to all members that have a valid email address in our database. Paper copies will be mailed to those properties for which no email is on file. Please contact the office directly if you do not receive a notice by October 6th.

Please be advised that based on the Provincial restrictions that came into effect on September 16th 2021, the AGM is scheduled to be held virtually and a registration link will be available on the RRRHA website. For authentication purposes, the email used to log in to the RRRHA registration portal needs to be the

same email address used to log in to the zoom account accessing the meeting.

In addition:

- Cameras must be on;
- Legal name and membership # must be displayed
RRRHA staff will be logged in and available to walk you through changing your name to include the membership number;
- Members will be able to unmute themselves but must raise a hand up if they wish to speak;
- Voting will be done by poll. Results will appear immediately however inclusion of proxy votes will need to be accounted for prior to votes being ratified.
- Each encumbered property has one vote, regardless of how many attendees from one household take part. Once registrations are received, if there is more than one person wishing to attend using a separate login, the office will email the link and membership number to one user only.

Further details and specifics will be available on our website and will be included in email communications to members.

Calendar of Events:

We are tentatively hoping to be able to offer the following:

TENTATIVE* Halloween Party – October 30th 1:00-3:00pm*

Although this year things will be different than our past annual spooky spectaculars, we are hoping to have a pumpkin hunt in the park! Please visit our website regularly for updates as they are provided from AHS, as any activity we hold will be in compliance with the regulations issued.

*RSVP will begin October 1st.

TENTATIVE* Holiday Market – November 27th 10:00am-2:00pm*

If you are looking for unique gifts to give away during the holiday season, be sure to check out the Holiday Market. We will have a variety of vendors selling a wide array of treasures.

*Number of interested vendors and requirements for physical distancing will factor into the ability to proceed. Please contact the office for further details.

Will you Commit to Check for Leaks?

Did you know a broken or worn out toilet flapper could add hundreds of dollars to your water bill each month? Since most toilet leaks are silent, it's best to check for leaks every six months along with your other seasonal home maintenance.

To avoid wasting water and money:

- Check toilets for leaks and make any necessary repairs.
- Fix any leaky faucets.
- Use your meter to check for other hidden leaks in your home.
- Remind friends, family and neighbours to check for leaks, too.

You can put a notification in your calendar as a reminder to check again in six months.

For more detailed faucet and toilet leak repair information, as well as how to use your meter to check for leaks, visit calgary.ca/waterguide.

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Photographers Corner



By Carol Westlake

2021 Municipal Election

The 2021 municipal election is taking place this fall. Voters can cast their ballot during the advance vote (Oct. 4-10) or on election day (Oct. 18). If you are unable to vote during the advance vote or on election day because of a physical disability or absence from the city or working as an election worker, you can request a mail-in ballot online by visiting www.electionscalgary.ca.

Voter checklist:

1. Check your eligibility to vote.
2. Some ward boundaries are changing on election day. Look up which ward you will be in as of Oct. 18.
3. Find out who is running in your ward and what is on the ballot.
4. Make a vote plan - look up your designated voting station for the advance vote and election day (available after Sept. 21) or watch the mail for your Voter Information Card to decide when and where to vote.
5. Make sure you have one of the several acceptable forms of ID with your name and current address on it.
6. Get out and VOTE!

Voting is an important responsibility for every Canadian. It's how we shape our communities and choose which leaders will represent us. Voting connects citizens with the political process and with each other. When you take part in an election and express your view, you make democracy work.

Visit electionscalgary.ca for more information, to learn about job opportunities and to sign up for the Elections Calgary eNewsletter.

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Sudoku Corner Solution

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6	1	2	8	3	5	4	9	7
5	9	7	4	1	8	2	6	3
8	2	4	3	5	6	9	7	1
1	3	6	7	9	2	5	8	4

Free Two-hour Parking – Now Available to Visitors to Chinatown

The City of Calgary, Calgary Parking Authority (CPA), and Chinatown Business Improvement Area (CBIA) are partnering to offer free two-hour parking to visitors coming to enjoy Chinatown's rich culture and all it has to offer.

"With all the improvements in the area, it's important for us to work with the community and CBIA to find new and innovative parking solutions that support the continued vibrancy of Chinatown and its businesses," says Sheryl McMullen, program manager for The City's Downtown Strategy, which is funding the parking subsidy.

"We're committed to optimizing and improving the parking services we offer to Chinatown residents and visitors," says CPA Acting General Manager Moe Houssaini. "And we're excited to continue to support local businesses through this collaborative parking promotion at one of our prime downtown surface lots."

Free two-hour parking is available at CPA Lot 888 (109 Riverfront Ave. S.E) when you register your licence plate at a ParkPlus pay machine. This temporary promotion is limited to one free parking session per vehicle, per day.

"The provision of 2-hours free parking is a continuing effort by the BIA to make Chinatown a 'must visit' destination and a great visitor experience that is available, accessible and affordable for everyone to enjoy noon hour dim sum, evening family dinners, and weekend cultural experiences," says CBIA Executive Director Terry Wong.

Chinatown is a distinct and special community in Calgary. It's an active place to visit and stays vibrant throughout the day, evening, and well into the night.

CBIA Chairperson Grace Su adds that this initiative is a much-needed boost to help encourage patrons to spend a longer time enjoying all the amenities and eateries of this unique cultural community.

This partnership was made possible through Tomorrow's Chinatown, a collaboration to create the first Cultural Plan and a new Local Area Plan for Chinatown.

The City will be collecting data from this parking initiative to help inform future funding decisions for the Downtown Strategy, and policy decisions in the new Chinatown Local Area Plan.



Free two-hour parking at the Riverfront lot in Chinatown runs until winter 2022.

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Origins of Thanksgiving

Many thanksgivings were held following noteworthy events during the 18th century. Refugees fleeing the civil war in the United States brought the custom of an annual thanksgiving festival to Canada. From 1879, Thanksgiving Day was held every year but the date varied and there was a special theme each year. The theme was the "Blessings of an abundant harvest" for many years. However, Queen Victoria's golden and diamond jubilees and King Edward VII's coronation formed the theme in later years. tory and the site of an eye-popping rockslide.

www.timeanddate.com



Trick or Treating Tips

Halloween can be a fun and exciting event for kids (and adults). Below are some informative tips to increase safety on October 31.

Residents:

- Turn on outdoor lights and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Clear a path from the road to your front door and remove any potential obstacles or tripping hazards.
- Keep your pets safe. Confine animals indoors away from the unfamiliar (and spooky) guests at the front door.
- Beware of potential food allergies; consider alternative goodies.
- If you're driving be cautious of Goblins, Ghouls and Ghosts out and about in your neighbourhood.

Parents:

- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping; and be light coloured to be easily seen at night. Having your child wear reflective tape will also help them be better seen by drivers.
- Use non-toxic makeup for the costume instead of masks as they can reduce visibility for your child.
- Create an easy-to-follow route with your children and teenagers.
- Travel in groups of three or four. Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Practice crosswalk safety. Make your way up one side of the street and cross to the other side looking both ways, don't crisscross back and forth.
- Double-check you child's goodie bags to ensure everything is safe to eat.

Remember:

Connect with neighbours! Halloween is a great reason to familiarize and engage with your community.

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Know Your Ward: Online Map Shows Calgary's Ward Boundaries

October 2021 marks the changing of ward boundaries in Calgary. To help Calgarians know their ward boundaries, The City of Calgary has an online map that shows current ward boundaries and will show the changes that are occurring on Oct. 18. Simply search by your address to find your designated ward. Additional information such as community boundaries, land use bylaw areas, police zones and districts and business improvement areas/business revitalization zones are shown on this map, too. It is located at <https://maps.calgary.ca/CalgaryBoundaries/>.

To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at [maps/calgary.ca](https://maps.calgary.ca).

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DID YOU KNOW??

If you see a spider on Halloween it is said to be the spirit of a loved one looking over you.

