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Councillor Report

Hello Ward 1! It's May, the time of year when we start to think more and more about outdoor activities. Ward 1 is an excellent place to enjoy the outdoors with our variety of parks, trails and landscapes. Want to help keep these spaces beautiful? Calgary Parks is hosting its 55th Pathway and River Cleanup from May 15 to 17th.

- More details on the expended alcohol in parks pilot project are coming soon. This year, in addition to bookable picnic tables, there will be more fire pits and designated open park areas where alcohol can be consumed. Details will be on Calgary.ca as soon as they are available.
- The City of Calgary offers complimentary compost for Calgarians made from our own food and yard waste. Book your appointment for pickup between April 25 and June 11.
- The City runs various engagement projects throughout the year to collect your feedback on City services. Visit engage.calgary.ca to see what engagement projects are running in your community.
- Council has set its Strategic Direction for 2023-2026. This document sets out the priorities of Council has a whole and will be used to inform the service planning and budget process later this year. You can read this document in its entirety on Calgary.ca.
- Lastly, transit safety remains a top priority for me. I want to assure you that I see social disorder problems we face on Transit, and I will continue working with Calgary Transit to see that this problem is properly addressed. Details on everything mentioned here are on Calgary.ca.

Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1



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

Please email volunteerlead@rrroca.org to sign up.

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. Please check out our website at www.rrroca.org for all volunteer opportunities.



Programs Chair(s), and Lead(s) [CRITICAL]

The Programs team provides opportunities for the communities' diverse residents to participate in various programming and activities. The team will develop, implement and evaluate programs and activities in the community, coordinate and oversee the annual spring youth sports program (i.e. soccer, tball), and look for opportunities to expand programming (learn to skate, basketball, field hockey, etc). Planning for 2022 spring sports needs to begin immediately, if you believe you can assist, please reach out ASAP.

Time Commitment: Minimum 10 hours/month, will vary based on scheduled programming

Sponsorship Chair

This role works to help establish connections and fosters relationships with businesses and organizations in the community. By developing sponsorship opportunities that support Community Association events, programming and initiatives, and searching out partners in the community to fund or support these, the Sponsorship Chair is integral in providing services to residents, and connecting businesses to residents.

Time commitment: 10-20 hours/month

Membership Chair

The Membership Chair promotes, encourages and sees to administration tasks associated with managing the members of the Community Association. The Chair also explores and works with other committees to implement opportunities of benefits for membership.

Time commitment: Approx 10 hours a month

Safety & Security Chair

The Safety & Security Chair educates and liaises with the community to reduce crime, promote awareness of safety-oriented initiatives, helps to identify needs of the community and work to solve or educate residents in order to encourage behaviours to ensure safety and security. Time commitment: 8-10 hours a 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: Approximately 2-5 hours/month (not including event attendance)

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) annually;
4. the most important: help us to build a thriving community

Child Writers Wanted!

Do you have a child or teen at home who enjoys writing?

Would they like to share this passion in the community newsletter? Perhaps a teen who is studying journalism, or simply loves to write in general. Did you

know that RRROCA has a number of teens volunteering within our committees today? It is such a great experience for all involved and we'd love to get more youth engaged. If this is something of interest for your child, please reach out to the Communications team at communications@rrroca.org.



*"Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you
must keep moving."*

— Albert Einstein

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 some of the current benefits of RRROCA membership, please visit our website regularly for updates.

- Access to RRROCA's Babysitter Registry
- Register for community events and programs such as spring sports programs for children, parade of garage sales, etc. winning one of ten \$100 to hold block parties on Neighbour Day, etc.
- Borrow materials for hosting your own block party
- Purchase discounted tickets or enter draws as available annually
- Receive free pancake breakfast at annual Stampede Breakfast event
- Provide recreational insurance at Sports Program offered by RRROCA
- Accepted by Calgary West Soccer for their program registration
- Receive product and services discounts at participating local businesses (Membership Perks). Visit our website at www.rrroca.org to review the active offerings. **

We are continuously working to expand our Membership Perks Program. If you are a business owner who would like to provide product and/or services discounts to RRROCA members, please contact our membership team at membership@rrroca.org.

RRROCA Membership Registration

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

\$30 ☐ New membership ☐ 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.



William D Pratt School Sport Court & Playground Update

Some of you may not be aware, but William D Pratt School is finally getting a Playground space... And ground-breaking is expected to start in April!! The school and the Fundraising Society have been hard at work over the last year planning the space that would best suit the needs of their students in grades 4-9, while also contributing a unique and accessible space for our Royal Oak and Rocky Ridge community.

Most of the funding has been secured already, through the generous Alberta Education Playground Grant, the Parks Foundation Building Communities Grant and the Calgary Flames Foundation Amateur Sport Grant, as well as the school's past Casino fundraisers. We have not quite achieved our goal, and the Fundraising Society continues to pursue meaningful initiatives to work towards this project – for example we had a Fruit and Vegetable fundraiser, a Winter Greenery and Purdy's Chocolates, and there may be something more coming this spring. We will share these via our school website and the RRRO Families Facebook page, so all are welcome to participate. Huge thank you to everyone who has supported our school!!

The school's playground space will include a multi-sport Court, which will feature tennis, pickleball, basketball and volleyball; Gaga-ball pits, Nine-Square game and bamboo climbing structures. It will also feature an outdoor classroom space to expand educational opportunities & support the building of community values, healthy collaboration & interaction. The plans have been finalized and approved and the contract has been awarded. Feedback was sought from all stakeholders, including our school neighbours, students and school staff, and was incorporated into the plans as much as was feasibly possible.

We hope this space will be a hub for educational, sport and play opportunities, primarily for our school, but also for our community as a whole. We hope the space will complement other community areas and offer value for all. It is the goal to make a positive impact for the school and the community, contributing to overall well-being & positive community spirit! Our school's name-sake, William D. Pratt, was a Maverick, who was a leader for many community projects with a lasting legacy...

eg. Heritage Park, '88 Olympics, Calgary Stampede, to name a few. We strive to continue his "Maverick" spirit, supporting a vibrant, active community for years to come! Thanks to everyone in Rocky Ridge & Royal Oak for their patience and ongoing support in this important project for our school community!

Wdprattfundraising@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

RRROCA has partnered with local businesses to bring product/services discounts to their members.

The list continues to grow. Check out current discounts here:
https://rrroca.org/en/businesses_discount/



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Office Hours

Updates to office and park hours
will be available online.

The office will be closed on January 1st.

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Updates from the office

Annual Fees: Just a reminder to homeowners that outstanding invoices can be paid online or through the office. Interest has been waived however outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Miller Thomson LLP for collection in September, and all communication will then be conducted through Miller Thomson LLP. Please contact the office if you need assistance with the online system or wish to make arrangements to pay through the office. Please be reminded that members with outstanding HOA fees are not able to access the park facility until fees are paid.

Spring Programs: Drop-in is available for any class that is currently running, with the exception of the Better Back class on Wednesdays. Please visit our website for details about class offered.

Tennis Lessons: TBA

RECREATION NEWS:

PARK: The staff and Board would like to remind our members and guests of the following guidelines:

- The Park is open from 9:00am to 9:00pm daily.
- Children under the age of 11 must be supervised in the park at all times.
- There is no lifeguard on duty.

POOL: It will be our goal to have the pool open for the first weekend of June. ** Please be sure to stay out of any area that has safety fencing around it, and until there is an

announcement on our website and/or Facebook page, do not enter the pool area as the chemical levels may be high in preparation for opening.

- A plastic diaper or little swimmer must be worn by children up to 36 months.

If required by provincial regulations surrounding capacity, a booking system will be used. Please keep an eye on our website for updates and instructions as this will be an evolving situation.

LAKE: Equipment (kayaks, pedal boats etc.) will be brought this year once the pool is open**

- Lake equipment will be available for use in 30-minute time slots between the hours of 11:00am – 7:00pm on weekends until the end of June and then daily during July and August. ** **PFD's (personal floatation devices) must be supplied and worn by all participants at all times.**
- A waiver must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian (16 years or older) each time lake equipment is used. A piece of ID, park access card, keys (or similar) will be held in the office until the waiver is returned to the office.
- Children under the age of 12 are not permitted to use lake equipment unattended.

TENNIS COURTS:

Use of the tennis courts is by booking only. Please visit <https://rrrha.appointlet.com/> or give us a call to make a reservation outside of tennis lesson times.

Booking policy:

- Bookings are limited to a maximum of three one-hour bookings per week (2 weekdays, 1 weekend)
- Bookings can be made 2 weeks in advance, with new timeslots becoming available every other Sunday
- Members must be courteous of each other and abide by their designated timeslots

The above policy is subject to change at any time. We have put this policy in place to ensure that all members have equal opportunity to use the courts. We expect all members to be respectful of each other and staff - failure to do so may result in court privileges being revoked. Our goal is to provide access to our amenities while maintaining proper social-distancing measures, and we are relying on the members themselves to abide by these rules so that the system can run as smoothly and efficiently.

**** Pool opening, and availability of lake equipment are all dependent on weather and current Provincial guidelines. Most current updates will be available on our website at www.rrrha.ca**

MESSAGE FROM THE RRRHA CHAIR

Hello Neighbours, Here is what is happening right now! The Board welcomes a new Director At Large, Alvaro Alonso Santamaria, who joined us last month.

If you are also interested in joining us, please send an email to board@rrrha.ca and let us know! We'd love to have you participate.

As we get started on reviewing and revising our bylaws, one of the first steps is ensuring our mission statement reflects the goals and objectives of our association. The current mission statement reads:

"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."

The board has written a new draft mission statement which reads:

"Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners' Association serves its encumbered members by maintaining recreational amenities, offering inclusive programming, events and meeting spaces, as well as contributing to the surrounding communities at large."

This is where you come in! We would love members to give us some feedback on this draft mission statement. Please email board@rrrha.ca and let us know what your thoughts are on this important first step towards revamping our policies and bylaws.

Last month's Easter Egg Hunt and party, enjoyed the highest numbers of children participating than ever before (even pre-covid!).

It was fantastic to see so many families out enjoying the park, having their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, and snuggling and petting the animals brought in from Butterfield Acres! It was so nice to feel that sense of normal life beginning to return to our community. Here's looking forward to many more opportunities to mix and mingle with neighbours over the coming months! Watch for upcoming events on our outdoor signs as well as on our website www.rrrha.ca

The Cell Tower Termination party was a blast! If you attended, we were so happy to share in the celebration with you, if you were unable to attend, we missed having you there! The media came out as well as some local celebrities, but the guests of honour were truly

the members in attendance who came out to help us overcome the installation of the Freedom cell tower. We came together as a community and we were able to stop the cell tower from going up. It was a remarkable endeavour since it rarely happens to turn out this way. Congratulations to all of you!

We continue to look for help with our website and member portal upgrades, and we always are on the hunt for "Opinion Givers". Please let us know if there is anything you would like to tackle with us!

Tracy Cox
Chair, Rocky Ridge Homeowners' Association
Tracy@rrrha.ca

New Young Entrepreneurs Market & Used Clothing/Toy Sale:

Join us on

June 18th from 10:00-3:00pm as we showcase the efforts of local young entrepreneurs (ages 14 and younger) and provide an opportunity to purchase their wares! We will also have a selection of used children's clothing and toys to browse through, so there is something for everyone.

If you are a Young Entrepreneur and would like to secure a spot at the Market, please contact the office or visit our website for further details. We will require a short description of the item(s) you are selling, a picture of yourself and the item(s), and a consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Registration is \$5.00 and all young entrepreneurs will be featured in the upper hall. You will receive an email to confirm registration.

If you would like to purchase a spot to sell used children's clothing and/or toys, please complete a vendor application and submit to info@rrrha.ca. The registration fee is \$30 for a space in the upper hall and \$25 for space in the lower hall. There are limited spots available, and you will receive an email to confirm your registration.

Applications available online at www.rrrha.ca

Members we want your feedback on what kind of Stampede event you would like to have! We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete this survey <https://form.jotform.com/221004883383251>.

Park Cart Smart

When you set out your blue, green and black carts properly, you're helping to ensure safe and efficient operation of The City's waste collection trucks. That includes how you park on the street outside your home, especially in cul-de-sacs. A few simple reminders will help make everyone's day go smoothly:

- **Parking in a cul-de-sac:** All vehicles must be parallel parked with passenger side wheels to the curb, unless there are signs permitting angle parking. This helps collection trucks reach your carts and turn around in a cul-de-sac.
- Place your carts on flat ground, one metre away from your vehicle if parked on the street.
- Improperly parked vehicles block driveways for residents and restrict access for emergency and waste management vehicles.
- **Parking in an alley:** Do not block the end of a closed alley with parked vehicles. Collection trucks need space to turn around safely.

These simple but important steps help ensure safe and efficient cart collection. Learn more at calgary.ca/cartplacement.

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Winter Festival

I would love to say Thanks to all community members who joined in the Winter Festival to make it a successful event. I also thank all volunteers who put their efforts to bring this wonderful event to the community and to all businesses making this event a success. Special thanks to Marsela Kola for covering the event professionally. You can reach her @403-826-8948 to capture your memories in camera eyes. RRROCA members can get a \$100.00 credit towards artwork when you book a photo session with Naturela_Photography.

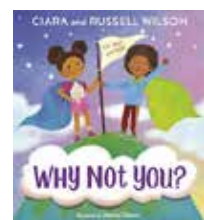
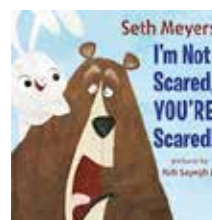


May Community Avid Readers

This month we would like to congratulate Nadine in grade 3. Nadine is currently reading Unicorn Diaries. Nadine will receive a \$10 gc from Chapters for her avid reading.

**We unfortunately missed our last month's avid reader winner – please congratulate Abi who is in grade 6. She loves the Wings of Fire book series! Abi will be receiving a \$10 gc from Chapters for her avid reading.

Here are some books being enjoyed and ones you can add to your reading list.



Enter to win your child/youth by sending their name, grade, age, and what book they are reading this month to schools@rrroca.org

Krista DeCarle, RRROCA Schools Chair

"Sometimes you can't see yourself clearly until you see yourself through the eyes of others."
— Ellen DeGeneres

Queen Victoria Toponyms in Calgary

The Victoria Day holiday in May is a time to reflect on our colonial heritage. Queen Victoria (1819-1901) reigned for 63 years, surpassed only by Queen Elizabeth 11, who celebrates her Platinum Jubilee this year. Queen Victoria's influence reached around the globe. Some significant historic sites in Calgary carry the name "Victoria" in her honour.

The Victoria Park district dates from the 1880's when land adjacent to the Elbow River, utilized by the North-West Mounted Police as grazing pasture, was developed for agricultural grounds, now part of the Stampede. The district falls between 11 Ave SE and 17th Ave SW, Centre Street S to the west and the Elbow River to the east. Sparked by the early success of the Canadian Pacific Railway and associated commercial activity, the area grew until the Post-World War I economy and successive economic busts restricted urban development. Recent planning initiatives to increase residential density in the urban core have encouraged a return to Victoria Park as it becomes a modern high-rise community integrated with its historic past.

The stylistic elements of two historic Victoria Park schools mirror the growth and recession patterns of the neighbourhood itself. The Victoria Sandstone School was built in 1903 in the Queen Anne Revival style. Various additions were added until 1912, the latest of which is the only portion of the school building still standing today. During the Spanish flu epidemic, the sandstone school was closed and served as an emergency hospital. In 1919 the Victoria Bungalow School was constructed on the same lot as an original stone school. The more modest structure features beveled wood siding instead of stone due to the post-war economic decline. Both schools were restored and designated as municipal heritage resources

as part of a land use re-zoning negotiation between a condominium development and the City of Calgary.

The Alberta Hotel (8th Ave and 1st St SW), like the province, was named for Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's fourth daughter, Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. The Princess was the wife of the Marquess of Lorne, Governor General of Canada when the District of Alberta was created in 1882 as part of the Northwest Territories. Constructed of sandstone in 1888 in the Italianate style, the hotel is one of a handful of surviving buildings from the period of Victoria's reign. It claimed to offer the best lodging in the city, had an excellent dining room, a favored barbershop, a billiards room, a reading room, and a renowned beverage room, famous for its 125'-long bar - supposedly the longest between Winnipeg and Vancouver. The hotel ceased operating in 1916 and the building was converted for other uses.

Sarah Ebbern is a Heritage Management Consultant, a Director of the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society and contributor to Heritage Inspires YYC.

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