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**Rocky Ridge Royal Oak**  
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# Councillor Report

**H**ello Ward 1! Summer is almost here. June is Calgary's highest risk month for flooding as the melting of snow and ice in the mountains accelerates. While the risk of severe flooding in any given year is low, it's a possibility that we must always prepare for. The City of Calgary is well equipped to respond to flooding, with preparation well underway and continuing work on further flood mitigation. You can find out more about flood risk and preparations at [Calgary.ca/floodinfo](http://Calgary.ca/floodinfo).

The City of Calgary hosts a number of day camps for children with programs beginning July 4. Arts, sailing and outdoor rec camps are all available. Learn more at [Calgary.ca/daycamps](http://Calgary.ca/daycamps).

The City has new guidelines for patios on public property in 2022. This popular program began in response to COVID-19 but has become a great contributor to the vibrancy of Calgary streets. The new guidelines make accessibility and pedestrian safety a priority. Details are at [Calgary.ca/patios](http://Calgary.ca/patios).

Did you know that your property might contain a utility right-of-way? This is a zone on residential properties where utility providers can place their infrastructure, above or below ground. Utility providers are permitted to access this area without necessarily obtaining your permission. You can find out more about rights-of-way on your property at [Calgary.ca/ROW](http://Calgary.ca/ROW).

Transit safety continues to be a high priority issue for our office. Councillor Sharp held meetings with Calgary Transit, City Administration, the Calgary Police Service and other agencies in May to continue to work on solutions to social disorder issues. We appreciate all of the feedback we have received from Ward 1 residents.

**Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1**

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

Please email [volunteerlead@rrroca.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:communications@rrroca.org).



*"Life is not a problem to be solved,  
but a reality to be experienced."*

*- Soren Kierkegaard*



# 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](http://rrroca.org) to sign up for a membership, or email [membership@rrroca.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:membership@rrroca.org).

## 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

# 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.



## **\*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](mailto: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](http://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>**

**"YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE, but if you do it right, Once is enough."**

**— Mae West**

## **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/](https://rrroca.org/en/businesses_discount/)



## **Healthy Rivers: Map Shows Watershed Areas in Calgary**

Calgary is fortunate to have two rivers and a network of smaller creeks and streams flowing across our city. From supporting clean drinking water and flood resiliency to contributing to biodiversity, they are a defining aspect of our daily lives and a unique characteristic of our city. Our Healthy Rivers Story Map allows you to connect with and learn about Calgary's watersheds, rivers and riparian areas, and explore actions you can take to protect the health of our rivers. Visit the Healthy Rivers Story Map at <https://maps.calgary.ca/HealthyRivers>.



To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at <https://maps.calgary.ca>.

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## ROCKY RIDGE RANCH

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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#### Office Hours

Updates to office and park hours  
will be available online.

## ROCKY RIDGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

### Office hours:

Once the pool is open, office hours will be Monday –  
Sunday 9:00am – 9:00pm

### Spring Programs:

Drop-in's are still welcome to participate on our ongoing  
programs. Please check out our full listing online for  
details.

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entrepreneurs (ages 14 and younger) and provide an  
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services! We will also have a selection of used children's  
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spot at the Market, please contact the office. We will require  
a short description of the item(s) you are producing to sell,  
a picture of yourself and the item(s), and a consent form  
signed by a parent or legal guardian. Please note that proof  
of age is required (ie: health card, birth certificate).

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featured in the upper hall. Click here for a registration  
form, and a consent form.

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\$25 for space in the lower hall. There are limited spots  
available, and you will receive an email to confirm your  
registration. Click here for a registration form, and a  
consent form

### Pool and Lake news:

RRRHA is hopeful to have the pool open and running  
in early June. Please refrain from entering the pool or  
touching the water until we have announced the official  
opening. Updates will be available on our website, and the  
opening announcement will be posted on our main road  
sign as well as our Facebook page.

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 worn by  
all participants at all times.***

### Park and Tennis court news:

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.

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.
- Children up to 36 months are required to wear a plastic  
diaper/little swimmers when in the pool.



- 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.

***RRRHA would like to remind members and neighbours that the Clothing bin is meant for the collection of clothing and other cloth items. It is not meant to be used as a waste disposal site, for appliances, mattresses, or other household items.***

## Community News:

### Community Safety:

As daylight hours extend into the evening and we have more time for outdoor activities, it is a great opportunity to create some new habits as a family.

Establishing a home security routine, whether you're at home or travelling, is a substantial deterrent for thieves and an effective way to ensure your home and belongings are secure.

Break and enters, car prowling, and stolen vehicles are most often crimes of opportunity. Nearly half of those occurred via an unlocked window, door, garage, or vehicle. In an ideal world, forgetting to lock a door or close a window may not seem like a big deal. In reality, it's common for thieves to take advantage of these forgetful moments, which can result in devastating consequences. That's why it's important to create and practice a home security routine as a family. That way, when your children are old enough to stay home alone for short periods of time, they will know how to practice home security. The Calgary Police Service encourages citizens to incorporate the 9pm Routine into their nightly routine, so it becomes habit.

### The 9pm Routine includes:

- Removing valuables from vehicles. This includes electronics, loose change, sports equipment, mail, and important documents and garage door openers. Criminals can use garage door openers found in vehicles to gain access to the garage and your home if a door leading into the residence isn't locked.
- Ensuring vehicles are locked, windows are closed and, if possible, parked in the garage. If you must park outside, try to park in well-lit areas.
- Closing garage doors and windows.
- Locking any doors in the garage, including those leading into the house.
- Checking that all of the house doors - front, back, side, and garage - are locked.

- Ensuring all windows are shut.
  - Turning on an exterior light so that any suspicious activity around your house can easily be seen by passersby.
  - Setting a home alarm system, if you have one.
- Make the 9pm Routine a habit for your whole family. Your children are never too young to start getting in the habit of locking things up and being on the lookout for suspicious activity. Develop a routine with them to make sure windows are closed when leaving the house, toys are brought inside at the end of the day or locked up, and doors are always locked. Teach your kids about what is considered suspicious activity in your neighborhood and what to do if they see it.

Securing the outside of your home is important, too, including front and back yards. Keep all ladders and other tools that could be used to break into your residence locked up and out of sight. Also, make sure to avoid leaving new purchases and deliveries outside your residence. Instead, have a trusted neighbor pick up any parcels left on your front step or opt to have packages delivered to a post office or depot for pick-up. Finally, get to know your neighbors and be able to recognize suspicious activity in your community. If you or your children see any suspicious people or activity, report it to the police immediately by calling the non-emergency number at 403-266-1234 or call 9-1-1 for a crime in progress.

Let's all do our part to keep our homes, communities, and families safe.

***Mark Neufeld is the Chief Constable of the Calgary Police Service.***

## Do You Know Your Neighbor? You Should!

We owe it to ourselves and our children to work together to create a safe and engaged community; a community where people know each other and are proud community members. We want a community where it's safe for our children to play outside and walk to school.

It is important for families to discuss safety plans in case of an emergency (such as an accident), or in the case of school-aged children that are old enough to play at community parks unattended, if they feel unsafe. Similarly, it is important for those living alone to understand who to contact in the event that they feel unsafe, or are unsure as to whether something requires further attention. The Calgary Police non-emergency line can be reached at (403)-266-1234. In the event of emergency, please call 911.

# Stepping into Summer

Routine plays an important role in developing life skills and establishing healthy habits. With the school year ending, moving into the summer months with some structure can help reduce stress and anxiety. It equally can contribute to a more comfortable transition for back to school.

For a flexible routine, which supports good mental health, we can think of the “The Big 5 to Thrive”. We want to be mindful of exercise, sleep, supportive relationships, healthy nutrition, and helping others.

Here are some tips on how to support each of these pillars:

- **Exercise:** It is important to move our body in ways we enjoy! The general recommendation is ensuring we get 150 minutes of vigorous exercise each week, which can include activities like riding your bike, playing team sports, or going for a brisk walk.
- **Sleep:** A healthy sleeping pattern includes getting adequate hours of rest and establishing a good nighttime routine. General recommendations for children under 12 years old is 9-12 hours of sleep, while those ages 13-18 should be aiming for 8-10. During this time, the brain is developing and becoming specialized. A good nighttime routine can include monitoring technology and stimulating activities before bed. Instead, shift the focus to calming activities such as, meditation, stretching or reading a book.
- **Supportive Relationships:** Be mindful of who is around you. Work towards ensuring you have positive connections with family, friends, and others in our community. Together, you can support and comfort one another in both times of joy, but also during hardship.
- **Nutrition:** You want to enjoy what you eat, but it is equally important to make sure you are getting all the necessary nutrients. Healthy eating is associated with a healthy heart, strong bones, better energy levels, improved mood, and brain health. Experiment with recipes and find the joy of fueling your body!
- **Helping Others:** Helping when we volunteer, donate, or share our time with others boosts our mood and our well-being. This summer, strive to get involved in your community!



These pillars of health can seem basic, but we can always find something to work on. Improving one can often have positive effects on the others, so this summer, strive to thrive with the Big 5!

*Community Health Promotion Services Team,  
Alberta Health Services*

## The Origin of Father's Day

The tradition of Father's Day moved to Canada from the U.S., and is also celebrated on the third Sunday of June.

The idea of a Father's Day celebration originated with Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, a loving daughter from Spokane, Washington—as she per chance listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

The 27-year-old pondered if there is a day to honor mother then why not for father? She began a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day with the Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) supporting her cause. As a result Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Though there was initial hesitation, the idea gained gradual popularity all over the U.S. and Father's Day came to be celebrated in many countries around the world.

[www.fathersdaycelebration.com](http://www.fathersdaycelebration.com)



# Going on a Holiday?

Going on a Holiday? Here are some tips to help protect your home while you're on vacation.

- Double-check your insurance policy to find out if you require someone to check in on your home. Most insurance policies stipulate that a home must be inspected once every 48 hours; otherwise, your insurance may not cover you if your home or belongings are damaged through crime or flood, fire, etc.
- Give a trusted neighbour a key and trip details. They are an ideal person to check in on your home.
- Leave a phone number where you can be reached with whoever is looking after your home.
- Don't advertise that you are going away.
- Ask your trusted neighbours to call the police if they see any suspicious activity around your home while you are away.
- Ask your neighbours not to inform inquiring strangers that you are not at home.
- Create a lived-in appearance. Be sure the lawn is cared for while you are away, and snow is shovelled in the winter. Have any newspapers or flyers collected from your door or yard. Set lights on timers so that your home is not dark during evening hours.
- Arrange to have someone open and close your drapes or blinds so they are left in different positions.
- Encourage a trusted neighbour to park their car in your driveway while you are gone.
- Turn down the ringer on your telephone, as an unanswered phone usually means there is no one home.
- Set light timers for interior and exterior lights and for radios. Test the timers first to make sure they are working properly.
- Turn the volume of the radio up and leave it on a station that has a lot of talking as opposed to just



music. The voices create the impression that someone is home.

- Ensure that your door and window locking devices are working and are locked when you leave.
- Disable your garage door while you are gone. Most have a switch that can be turned off. You can also put a padlock or similar device through the door tracks to ensure it cannot be opened.
- Put away or secure all lawn furniture or tools so they can't be used to assist a burglar in gaining access to the upper story windows of your home.

*A message from the  
Federation of Calgary Communities*

## Show Appreciation for Seniors June 6 – 12

June 6 to 12 is Seniors' Week and it's a great opportunity to show appreciation for older adults and the many contributions they make to our communities through volunteerism, assisting charities and by supporting family members and friends.

This year's theme is 'Move & Groove - finding inspiration that moves you.' It aims to inspire Calgarians to find joy through dance, music and different cultural experiences. A variety of free events will be held in-person, with some online options as well. Events include music and dance performances, drop-in fitness classes, nature walks, cultural celebrations, presentations and more. Participating Seniors' Week partners include Studio Bell National Music Centre, Calgary Zoo, Telus Spark, the THIRD ACTION Film Festival and various senior serving organizations.

Visit [calgary.ca/seniorsweek](http://calgary.ca/seniorsweek) for a complete list of activities taking place during Seniors' Week, as well as the Government of Alberta's website to learn more about the events planned throughout the province in recognition of older adults.

Seniors' Week has been recognized since 1986 to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions seniors make to enhancing the quality of life in Alberta.

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# Raise a Glass to Calgary's Lost Garden

Ever been to a Biergarten? Imagine swigging beer to German music under a summer sky. Did you know that Calgary once had a very different kind of beer garden?

In the early 1930's the son of the founder of the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company created the beautiful, public Brewery Gardens on its Inglewood grounds. Fronting 9th Ave SE, this depression-era make-work project became a tourist attraction, a venue for charity garden parties, and a winter wonderland.

Groves of trees and acres of lawn "as smooth as a bowling green", stretched from the brewery to a hedge of caragana along the street boundary. Perennials, sweet peas, a border of fragrant pinks, vivid petunias and lobelia – comprised a lovely "riot of colour. Wastewater from the brewery's condenser filled a limpid pool and crystal-clear water from a well fed a tiny creek, so-named "Buffalo", that descended over five waterfalls through a rockery of limestone and volcanic rock.

Before its transformation to "East-Calgary's beauty-spot", Mr. Gates, the garden designer, was faced with "heaps of discarded bottles.... prairie grass growing in rank profusion in waste spaces that surrounded the rubbish... and patches of cinders..."

"Brewery Flats" as it was known, evolved as a self-contained industrial park and remains a distinctive landmark. Founded by industrialist A. E. Cross - one of the Stampede's "Big Four", the company introduced barley growing to the province, and was the first commercial user of natural gas in the west. The brewery buildings date



Brewery Gardens (City of Calgary 01349-185500)

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from 1892 and include the largest number of sandstone buildings still in existence, outside of Stephen Avenue. Their most popular brew was "Calgary Export Lager".

The brewery changed hands many times, eventually being taken over by Molson, who ceased production in 1994. Plans for redeveloping the site are now underway, led by MATCO Development, the majority landowner. Wouldn't it be grand to see a nod to the now-lost Brewery Gardens incorporated into a public amenity on the site?

***Karen Paul is a Director of the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society.***

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