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Rocky Ridge Royal Oak
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Calling all rink volunteers! The winter skating rink season is approaching fast. We hope to have two ice surfaces again this winter at the RRROCA Park but need your help. Our ability to maintain the winter ice surfaces depends on the dedication of volunteers to set boards and to build and maintain the ice surfaces. Preparatory work could begin as early as November (weather dependent). If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, please contact us by email at volunteers@rrroca.org or parks@rrroca.org.

The annual general meeting of the Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association will be held on Thursday, November 24, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Royal Vista Multi-Service Station located at 16 Royal Vista Way NW. All members of the Community Association are invited to participate.

Congratulations to the WD Pratt Fundraising Society for completion of the new sport courts at WD Pratt Middle School. We are happy to have been able to support this project.

Please follow the RRROCA Facebook page for updates and information

*Yours truly,
Jason Kellock*

Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association

Did You Know... These Facts About November

- The birthstone for the month of November is the topaz.
- There are two zodiac signs that fall in November: Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) and Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)
- The chrysanthemum is the birth flower for November.
- November is believed to derive from 'novem' which is the Latin for the number 'nine'. November was the ninth month after March, the first month in the ancient Roman calendar.
- Bell Telephone Company introduced to the public the push button phone on November 18, 1963.
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963.

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

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/



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

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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.



St. Sylvester School News

Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

St. Sylvester School council is currently selling beautiful, locally grown poinsettias, planters and wreaths to help raise money for our school. These plants make great gifts and decorations for the upcoming holiday season. Funds raised through our school council fundraisers go towards school council funded activities and initiatives, as well as to support field trips. If you would like to make a purchase to support our school, please visit stsylvesterschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com. Order deadline is Thursday, November 17. Orders to be picked up at the school on Friday, December 2.



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.



DID YOU KNOW??

Approximately 18,000,000 poppies are distributed around the world every year.



Councillor Report

Hello Ward 1! It's November, and another year is almost over. It's now been over a year since being elected as your councillor, and it remains just as much of a privilege to serve the residents of Ward 1 as it was a year ago. I want to thank my team in the Ward 1 Office for all of their hard work over the past year. They do a tremendous job helping me manage the issues you raise, so please continue to get in touch with any questions or concerns you have about Ward 1 or The City.

This month, Council will spend a week deliberating on the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budget. Thank you to everyone who submitted feedback through The City's processes or to me directly. I will be fighting for a responsible budget that addresses the issues raised by Ward 1 residents. You can follow along with what's happening at Council at agendaminutes.calgary.ca or on the Ward 1 website at Calgary.ca/Ward1.

This fall, we heard concerns about the safety of the intersection at Sarcee Tr and 34 Ave NW. Thanks to your feedback, we worked with The City's Mobility unit to install barriers and improve safety. Thanks to everyone who reached out with their concerns.

Community safety remains one of the top priorities as your councillor. We are working with City Administration, Calgary Transit, the Calgary Police Service and other partners to address rising crime in Calgary. You can help ensure we have the most accurate info on crime trends by reporting crimes to the online at calgarypolice.ca or by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234. In an emergency, always call 911.

Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1





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Office Hours

Updates to office and park hours
will be available online.

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Office hours:

Changes to office hours will be updated online.

BOARD UPDATE:

Snow and Ice Maintenance

Effective October 30, 2022, RRRHA will no longer be conducting snow and ice maintenance on City of Calgary properties. Once available, a new map will be provided and will be uploaded online.

Please contact 311 for any questions or concerns relating to pathways or sidewalks that require attention.

RANCH ACTIVITIES:

Ice Skating and winter activities

As winter settles in, the process of getting the ice ready for skating will be underway. A common question is "when will the ice be ready?" The answer to that is weather dependant, as the ice must freeze to a minimum depth prior to being prepared for skating. At the time that this publication is delivered the ice preparation may already be underway. The frozen lake will again be divided into separate areas for hockey and skating.

Ice updates will be posted on our website, social media, our road signs and communicated by mass email.

EVENTS:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) –
November 24, 2022 7:00pm

All members in good standing are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association on Thursday November 24, 2022 at 7:00pm. This is your opportunity to voice your opinions and thoughts on matters specific to the HOA as well as get an update on what has transpired since last year's AGM. Audited financials for 2021 will be presented, along with a draft Capital budget, and the election for the Board of Directors.

Voting on the following will take place:

1. An Ordinary Resolution to approve the appointment of Chow-Connolly LLP as auditor of the Society for the ensuing year, and authorization for the directors to determine the remuneration to be paid to the auditor;
2. The election of Directors for the Society for the ensuing year;
3. The transaction of such other business, as may properly be put before the meeting including
 - a. Updated Mission Statement
 - b. Offering of seasonal passes to non-members on a trial basis for 2023

Registration will begin at 6:30pm. Please come prepared with picture ID. 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 November, 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 November 3rd.

Christmas Market – November 26th 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. Watch for details in the October edition.

Christmas Party – December 7th

Seating 1: 10:30-12:00pm

Seating 2: 1:00 – 3:30pm

Our most popular party is a hit with young and old alike! This very holiday-themed family event is complete with a visit from Santa! Member-families with children 11 and under are welcome to attend. There is a maximum of 2 adults and 6 members per household.

*RSVP will begin November 1st and will be available until capacity is reached. Due to the capacity restrictions, only those families that have RSVP'd are able to attend.

Winter Programs

Registration for the Winter session of fitness classes, which

runs from the week of January 9th until the week of March 31st, will be available online or through the office. Our full program listing will be available on our website closer to the end of the month at www.rrrha.ca.

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

Please email volunteerlead@rrroca.org to sign up.



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Shop Local This Holiday Season!

This year is a great time to shop locally and support our local artisans and small businesses. In November, there are numerous craft fairs taking place in many local communities, and around the city. With many vendors under one roof, you can find unique, one-of-a-kind gifts for all of your loved ones on your Christmas list.

Be sure to check out your local community for fairs in your neighborhood!



National Child Day

National Child Day (NCD) is a day to recognize the rights of children, youth, and adolescents. Marked on November 20th, Canada has made a commitment to ensure children are treated with dignity, respect and are given opportunities to reach their full potential. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child has developed and implemented 54 articles that are essential in raising healthy and happy children and youth. The commitment within these articles includes children having the right to the best health care and other basic needs; the right to voice their opinion; and their right to good quality education.



You can show support in many ways to celebrate the rights of children and youth. The following are ways to contribute:

- Go blue – encourage your friends, colleagues, and community to join in by wearing blue clothes, painting your nails blue or writing messages in blue, be creative!
- Be active on social media – tag @NatlChildDay on your posts and use the hashtag #NationalChildDay and #childrenhaverights to reach to larger audiences
- Follow @NatlChildDay on Twitter – follow along with facts about NCD starting at the beginning of the month!
- Learn about children's rights and the 54 articles
- Provide opportunities for children and youth to learn about their rights and how they can contribute to their own prospects but also in the community they reside in
- Show support nationally by donating to charities supporting children and their future
- Spend the day with a child or youth in your family or community (an event, a meal, activity)
- Be thankful to those that were in your lives as children

Increasing awareness of children's rights will help to promote and improve the health and wellness of Canadian children and youth. We all play a significant role so let us utilize our individual resources to make every day National Child Day!

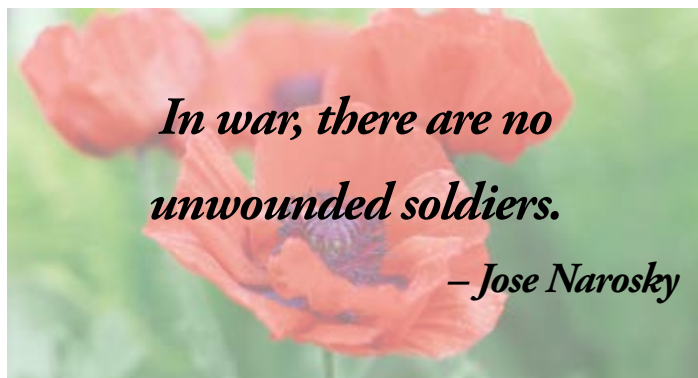
*Community Health Promotion Services Team,
Alberta Health Services*

Remembrance Day Facts

- Remembrance Day commemorates Canadians who died in service to Canada from the South African War to current missions. It is held every November 11.
- The first Remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. From 1923 to 1931, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. Thanksgiving was also celebrated on this day.
- In 1931, MP Allan Neill introduced a bill to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day—November 11. During the bill's introduction, it was decided the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice." The bill passed and Remembrance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931. Thanksgiving Day was moved to October 12 that year.
- The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise money for Veterans.



www.veterans.gc.ca



How Should The Poppy Be Worn?

The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that the poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment and / or as close to the heart as possible.



The official start of the Poppy Campaign and the distribution of poppies to the general public begin on the last Friday in October and run until November 11.

The lapel poppy may be worn throughout the whole of the remembrance period and is removed at the end of Remembrance Day. Many people place their poppy at the base of the cenotaph, as a sign of respect, at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony.

www.veterans.gc.ca

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you ~~from~~ failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

—John McCrae

How to Report a Crime

Reporting crimes committed against you or someone else is an important part in helping to keep yourself, your loved ones and your community safe. If you have information about a crime that has been or may be committed or about someone involved in committing a crime, your information may help the police solve crimes and prevent future crimes from happening.

You can report a crime in person, over the telephone and online. Depending on the urgency, choose the method that best suits your situation and makes you feel most comfortable.

911

- Emergencies or crimes in progress

Non-Emergency Line (403) 266-1234

- Non emergency crimes can be reported by calling the non-emergency line
- The Calgary Police Service encourages Calgarians to report all crimes, in order to identify trends and better direct their patrols

Citizen Online Police Report System (www.calgarypolice.ca)

- Report lost property or theft under \$5,000 (except firearms, license plates or government-issued funds or ID)
- Report damage/mischief to property or vehicle under \$5,000
- Report theft from vehicle under \$5,000

District Office

- You can report non-emergency crime by visiting your district office. Location information at www.calgarypolice.ca

Drug Tip Line (403) 428-8100

- The Calgary Police Service takes calls from people who want to report drug related crime and wish to remain totally anonymous
- The Drug Tip Line is one way citizens can assist police by providing information and without having to identify themselves or testify in court

*"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain."*

- Dolly Parton

Crime Stoppers – Talk, Type or Text

- Call 1-800-222-8477, submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca or text ttTIPS to 274637
- Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that takes calls from people who want to report a crime and wish to remain totally anonymous

311

- Report graffiti to the City of Calgary

*A message from the
Federation of Calgary Communities*

Start in a Better Place With Your Food Waste

Reducing food waste can help you make the most of your food budget, reduce trips to the grocery store and positively impact our community, economy, and environment.

Here are some actions you can take to start saving money, time and food in your home:

- Use a grocery list and meal plan to avoid buying food you won't use.
- Schedule one day a week to cook from the freezer and cupboard only.
- Label leftovers so they don't become mysteries in the freezer.
- Set aside the fridge's top shelf as a 'leftovers' or 'eat first' shelf.
- Use blemished or unused produce in soup, smoothies, or baking.

Check out more tips at calgary.ca/foodwaste.

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Green Line LRT Update

As the largest infrastructure investment in Calgary's history, with \$5.5B in unprecedented contributions from all three levels of government, the Green Line LRT will shape mobility for generations.

Phase 1 of Green Line, from Shepard to Eau Claire, will connect the Southeast to Downtown and into the existing Red and Blue lines and four MAX BRT routes building 13 stations, 18 km of LRT track and three park and ride facilities.

This phase alone delivers almost 20,000 new direct and supporting jobs, provides new LRT access to Calgarians through more than 50,000 daily boardings and removes 26,750 GHGs annually. The economic impact of this investment will directly benefit local contractors, trades and suppliers while delivering over \$2.2B in long-term city-shaping benefits.

When people ask “when is Green Line construction starting”, the answer is that it has. Constructing mega projects, like Green Line, starts with early works construction to make way for the main infrastructure.

Phase 1 early work includes over \$300 million in utility, road, sidewalk, pathway and other infrastructure upgrades and projects such as remediation of two landfill sites and a tunnel under existing railway tracks. Early works in the southeast are complete with the focus now on the Beltline and Downtown.

The Green Line is a long-term investment in Calgary's future and as our city grows, we will make sure we all can live, work and play in sustainable and affordable ways. For more information and to sign-up for updates, visit calgary.ca/greenline.

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Image courtesy of City of Calgary

Business Improvement Areas: Online Map Shows Calgary's Business Improvement Areas (BIA)

Did you know that Calgary has 15 Business Improvement Areas (BIA)? A BIA is a group of businesses, within a defined geographic area, that work together on local improvements. Established under the Municipal Government Act of Alberta, BIAs are funded by an annual levy which is collected from the area's businesses by The City and transferred to the BIA board of directors as stipulated in the regulation. An interactive map and dashboard are available which provides information on where Calgary's BIAs are located, as well as demographic information, such as household lifestyle, income, people and businesses within the BIA. To view this map, visit <https://maps.calgary.ca/BIA/>. To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at <https://maps.calgary.ca>.

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Facts About Remembrance Day

- Remembrance Day used to be known as 'Armistice Day'. This day observed the moment at the 11th hour, on the eleventh day, during the 11th month in 1918 that the armistice agreement ended the First World War
- In 1954, the United States renamed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day.
- The poet for 'In Flanders Field' was Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He was born in Guelph, Ontario and was a Canadian army doctor.
- 54 Commonwealth members and even others who are not members, such as France, Poland and Belgium, observe Remembrance Day.
- Did you know there is a poppy store on the official Legion website? You can find a variety of ways to show your remembrance during November, and year round. What a great way, as well, to support our brave Veterans.

Larynda McKay

Beyond the Royal Yacht Britannia

Queen Elizabeth II's Connection to a Calgary Suburb

Calgary's Britannia community, located on upland above the Elbow River, is an attractive, mature neighborhood of well-kept homes and treed lawns.

In the heady days before World War 1 Calgary was claimed to be "the fastest growing city per capita on the American Continent". Various plans were laid out for Britannia (yes, the name goes back that far) including one where the streets were laid out in a grid pattern without regard for the cliff and considerable topography. These early dreams of development were not fulfilled. Today older Calgarians remember Britannia as a place from their childhood where they rode horses or shot gophers.

After two wars and a severe depression everything changed when oil flowed from the plains and people flowed to Calgary. In 1952, Elizabeth II was crowned Queen of England (and Canada). It was time to develop Britannia. The hills were graded and new streets with new names surveyed. Appropriately, the streets reflected the names of the royal family as well as such names as Britannia Drive, Coronation Drive, Crown Avenue and Imperial Way.

Before development in the early 1950's, Elbow Drive was only paved to Sifton Boulevard where the street car tracks terminated. At that time city planners, rather than developers, laid out the subdivisions, installed services and sold lots. Britannia was chosen to be the

first "upscale" community built since World War 2. Lots were offered first in 1952 in the range of \$4,000 to \$8,000. Considering that the average lot price was closer to \$250 these prices were high, and when coupled with an economic downturn, few sold. The city tried again in 1954. Lot prices were halved to about the \$2,500 to \$5,000 range. This time lots sold.

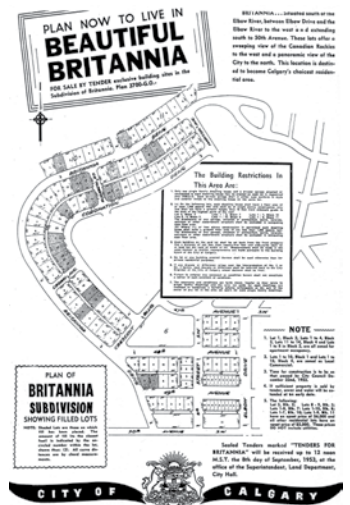
With its diverse architecture featuring conventional two stories, flattops, butterfly roofs, "contemporary" and ranch style, Britannia was judged fit for the Queen and on a bright summer day in 1959. As part of her city tour, she was driven along attractively landscaped Britannia Drive in an open car past applauding residents. After that the community was on the city bus tours for years.

Adapted from "An Original Owner Looks Back on Britannia" by R. Erickson, 1990 by Karen Paul, a Director of the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society
To discover more about Calgary's heritage, visit:

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Visit of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in 1959, *Calgary Herald*. Courtesy of Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary. The visit included a tour of Britannia. The Queen was pregnant with Prince Andrew.



Britannia Dr 2022 (CHI)



David and Muriel Kovitz' home on Britannia Drive, 1959 by Rosettis Studio. Courtesy of Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary