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Councillor Report

I hope everyone had a restful holiday season. My best wishes to you and your families for 2024!

Budget

As of the time I write this, deliberations on The City's budget have only recently concluded. Council approved a 7.8% increase to property taxes.

Residential Parking Permits

Through the budget, Council approved lower fees for residential parking permits than originally proposed. As a reminder, the new fees only apply to areas where permits are already required. There are no plans to impose permits or fees on new areas automatically. Visit calgary.ca/rpp to learn more.

Property assessment

Property tax assessment notices are mailed out this month. The customer review period runs from now until March. Questions or concerns? Contact The City's Assessment department at 403-268-2888 or visit calgary.ca/assessment.

Calgary Awards

Nominations for the Calgary Awards to recognize outstanding individuals, groups and businesses in our community are now open. Visit calgary.ca/awards to learn more and nominate someone for their contributions to our city.

Sidewalk clearing

A reminder that sidewalks must be cleared by property owners or occupants within 24 hours after a snowfall. Be a Snow Angel! Consider helping out a neighbour by clearing their walk.

Outdoor activities

January is a great time to get outside to enjoy all of the best that winter has to offer, like pleasure skating, hockey, crokicurl, cross-country skiing and tobogganing right here in Ward 1. Visit calgary.ca/parks to find activities near you!

Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1

Community and Residents Associations

Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association

403-879-2820 • communications@rrroca.org • www.rrroca.org

Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association

10709 Rocky Ridge Blvd NW
Calgary, AB T3G 4G1
403-547-6633 • info@rrrha.ca • www.rrrha.ca

Royal Oak Estates Homeowners Association

info@roeha.ca • www.roeha.ca

The Cascades in Royal Oak Residents Association

Email: contact@cascadesroyaloak.com
Website: cascadesroyaloak.com

Elected Officials

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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

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**

St. Sylvester School News

Winter is an exciting time at St. Sylvester School in Silver Springs. Our children have sung all their Christmas Carols on repeat for the past few months and performed their personal bests at our annual Christmas Celebration on December 7th.

On December 20th the staff and students at St. Sylvester celebrated the last day of school before Christmas break. As a bonus everyone wore their wacky and fun Christmas sweaters. Our hopes for all to have a safe and restful holiday season and return back to school on January 8th, 2024.

The registration for Fall 2024 student enrollment is open on January 8th. It will be a first come, first serve basis. Please do not hesitate to call the school for any questions and concerns that you may have.

Progress reports of the students will be issued on January 18th followed up with Parent Teacher Conferences on January 25th and January 26th. Our teachers are available throughout the year for appointments should you or your child need to address their specific learning needs .

Nicole Deutscher, St. Sylvester School Parent



ROCKY RIDGE RANCH

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Rocky Ridge Ranch Homeowners Association

10709 Rocky Ridge Blvd NW

Calgary, AB T3G 4G1

Phone: 403-547-6633 Fax: 403-547-6634

www.rrrha.ca info@rrrha.ca

Office Hours

Updates to office hours are available online.

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2024 at Rocky Ridge Ranch:

- Babysitting Course for Youth
 - Valentines Day time
 - Spring vendor market
 - Spring Camp for ages 8 to 13
 - Easter Party
 - Youth Market
 - Yoga
 - Dance classes
 - Karate Classes
 - Line Dancing
 - Good Food Box
 - Halloween
 - Holiday Market
 - Christmas at the Ranch and more... Stay Tuned.
- For more information email us to: info@rrrha.ca



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Embrace the Winter Wonderland: Volunteer Opportunity for Outdoor Ice Rink

We are on the lookout for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to join us in creating and maintaining the enchanting winter outdoor ice rink at RRROCA Park, adjacent to William D Pratt School. This beloved community amenity thrives on the dedication of volunteers like you. Whether you're skilled in freeze-in procedures, adept at maintenance tasks, excel in volunteer coordination, or simply passionate about spreading the word, every form of assistance is valued and welcomed. Your involvement can make a significant impact. If you're ready to contribute to this winter wonder, please reach out to us at parks@rrroca.org or connect through our social media channels. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community, forge connections with your neighbors, and ensure that everyone can relish the cherished Canadian tradition of outdoor skating and hockey. Thank you in advance for your invaluable support in making our winter experience truly magical. The winter outdoor rink is not possible without the dedicated service of volunteers.

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.



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

Please email
volunteerlead@rrroca.org
to sign up.

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.



Calgary's First Mall

With the Christmas and holiday season behind us, let's reflect on the buildings that help us get it all done: the shopping mall.

The word "mall" can refer to different destinations, such as outdoor pedestrian promenades or covered markets. For now, let's focus on large, enclosed shopping centres. These began popping up in North America as suburbs developed after WWII. One of the first opened in a Minneapolis suburb in 1956.

Originally called "Calgary Centre", North Hill Centre is Calgary's first mall. It opened in 1958 in Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill. The area was subdivided and annexed by the City in 1906 and was established as a neighbourhood in 1953. It was homesteaded by Thomas Riley and Georgina Hounsfield Riley in 1888. Their lodge was located on the site of Bethany Care Centre, which opened in 1946.

North Hill's original freestanding anchor tenant was Simpsons-Sears. This was the first Sears in Calgary and one of its first A-class stores in Canada (Sears closed in 2018). The mall was billed as the largest in Western Canada at the time, with 30 stores and services in one place, including a grocery store and bowling alley. In 1973, North Hill's strip mall feel was eliminated when the anchor stores were enclosed with the other shops, forming one building.

Chinook Centre (built in 1960) was next to arrive in Calgary, an open air complex anchored by Woodward's department store. It was merged in 1972 with Southridge Mall (built in 1965). By 1974, Market Mall, Northland Village and Southcentre Mall were all operating. Large malls have seen plenty of alterations over the years as tastes have changed and competition for our entertainment dollars has increased. In the mid-1990s, North Hill's grocery store, bowling alley and theatre were demolished, replaced by more retail spaces and

restaurants. I remember in 2000 when my first job as a grocery clerk transferred across the mall to the newly built Safeway. By 2004, twin 8-storey condo towers were completed. This ushered in a new era for North Hill as a mixed-use residential and services hub, preserving a key anchor of Calgary's urban growth.

Anthony Imbrogno is a volunteer with The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC

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Aerial view of northwest Calgary, 1957 (Glenbow Library and Archives Collection)



Hounsfield Lodge, 1905-1906 (Glenbow Library and Archives Collection)



North Hill Centre, 2023 (Anthony Imbrogno)



Thomas Riley farm, Hounsfield area, 1895-1899 (Glenbow Library and Archives Collection)



View of North Hill Shopping Centre, 1960 (City of Calgary Archives)

Sledding Safety

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use;
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times;
- Wear a ski helmet designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or icy;
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences;
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing



- drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged;
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill;
- Children should be supervised by an adult; try not to toboggan alone;
- Sledding at night is not advised.

Plan ahead

- Anticipate weather changes and plan accordingly;
- Wear warm, insulating layers closer to the body, and wind/waterproof layers on the outside;
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones;
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up;
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite; therefore, attempt to cover up any exposed skin at all times;
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first getting out of the cold environment, or at least sheltered from any wind-chill;
- Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water, until re-warmed.

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.

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

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Calgary Coyotes

It's dusk and a grey shadow flits across a greenspace in your neighbourhood. Its tail is pointed down as it runs. Just before it disappears into the brush, its yellow eyes glance your way.

Coyotes are elusive as they are present in our city. Weighing between 9 to 23 kilograms, (roughly a medium-sized dog), coyotes are one of the larger predators adapted to our urban habitats. What brings them into our city? Can we co-exist with them?

Food is the primary reason coyotes settle in our city. Their natural diet includes small mammals like mice, squirrels and hares, and larger ungulates like deer. They will also feed on berries and other vegetation, as they are omnivores. Their natural rodent-consuming habits are a coyote-positive aspect of their presence.

They are opportunistic feeders, and alternative food sources can include unsecured garbage, birdfeeders, pet food, pet feces, and small, off-leash or free-roaming pets. Coyotes do not always eat garbage or birdseed themselves, but the other prey species that this food attracts, like mice and other small mammals. Keeping your yard clean of attractants will reduce the wildlife traffic in your area.

Coyotes are monogamous, staying with the same mate for several years. They live in small packs, though will hunt in smaller groups or even alone. Their mating season



is in February and March with pups being born in April and May. Litter size depends on available food sources, but the average is three to seven pups. Coyotes are protective of their young and will feel threatened if off-leash pets are near their den with young pups. Coyotes exhibit escorting behaviour during this time. This is where a coyote will follow people who have crossed into their territory, escorting them at a distance until they exit their territory as a protective measure of their young.

While coyote-human conflicts are rare, coyotes are wild animals and can be dangerous. If you encounter a coyote and it seems to be focused on you, make yourself big, make loud noises, and throw sticks or rocks (not with the intention to hit, but scare) to deter the coyote. Do not run away from coyotes as this can trigger their instinct to chase. Coyotes can run over 60 km/hr, so running isn't a great plan! Help coyotes stay shy by making them uncomfortable when near humans. This helps us co-exist! Coyotes who are bold and desensitized tend to result in more conflicts.

Coyotes have over eleven types of vocalizations! Their yipping howls are easily recognizable at night, though exact meanings continue to be as elusive as the animal itself.

Found injured or orphaned wildlife? Please contact Calgary Wildlife at 403-214-1312.

Calgary Wildlife

1 Yip the Dishes.

**Come on!
Dinner is served!**

Unsecure food waste attracts wildlife. Keep clever coyotes hunting in the wild by ensuring garbage, compost, and recycling are in secure bins.

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École Tuscany School Council News

Happy New Year, and welcome back! Classes resume Monday January 8th, 2024.

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2nd Annual Purdy's Chocolate Campaign. This fantastic fundraiser will allow our School Council to help fund numerous initiatives such as an artist in residency through Evergreen Theater and new instruments for our Music Program, mental health resources for our students and inclement weather resources to keep our students busy when they cannot play outside. We are excited to head into 2024 following through on these and many other amazing initiatives.

Our Teacher Appreciation team has been very busy this year, showing not only Tuscany Teachers our love and appreciation, but also our Facility Operators, Cleaning Staff and Support Staff members. We are certain there are more delightful surprises in store for January!

Kindergarten / Grade One Registration
Registration for our English Kindergarten and Early French Immersion Kindergarten will start on Monday January 15th, 2024. The Early French Immersion program is open to students from Tuscany, Royal Oak, Rocky Ridge and Rockland Park. A virtual open house will be held on January 9th at 5:30 pm regarding the Early French Immersion program. A link for the meeting can be found on the École Tuscany School website. Please see the school website for registration details <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/tuscany>. Our "Welcome to Kindergarten" open house will be scheduled in the spring.

Our upcoming Fun Lunch (Tim Hortons) for Grades 1-6, as well as Kinder Snack Day, is on Thursday, January 11th. The next FUNdraiser Treat Day is Friday, January 26th (Out of Chaos). Please log into www.healthyhunger.ca (Grade 1-6 students) and submit your orders the Friday before to ensure your child can participate. Don't forget to wear your Spirit Wear! A big thank you to our fabulous volunteers who make these Fun Lunch and FUNdraiser Treat days possible for our kids.

Since winter is now upon us, the roads are slippery and traffic volumes have increased in the mornings, please remember to give yourself some extra time as more students get a ride to and from school during the cold weather. Also, please follow all traffic and

pedestrian by-laws and refrain from J-walking as this creates additional safety concerns for motorists and our students. As a friendly reminder, the area to the west of the school, on Tuscany Hill is a passenger loading zone only between 8:00-9:00 am and again 2:30-3:30 pm. If you need to use this area to drop off and pick up your child, please adhere to all protocols by remaining in your vehicle and allowing your child to exit/enter your vehicle. Please ensure your child enters and exits your vehicle from the curb side of your car, and not into the active traffic lane. If this area is full, please do not double park, this is an active loading/unloading zone at all times. The teacher parking lot is off-limits to ALL other vehicles during school hours, please do not park in the parking lot or in front of the entry way as this creates a safety hazard for our students and staff.

We care very much about Traffic Safety around our school and everywhere, and this year the Council has started a series of fun contests to help generate discussion with the children about no jaywalking, cluster crossing and respecting traffic signs. The response by the students has been amazing and there were so many entries submitted for the Traffic Safety Colouring Contest in all of the proceeding months! Thank you all for encouraging your kids to participate and for discussing Traffic Safety with your family.

A few other upcoming activities to look forward to:

- Classes resume Monday, January 8, 2024.
- Non-instructional day Monday, January 15th – No school
- Evergreen Theatre Residency begins January 29th
- Blackfoot Elder Shirley Hill will visit the school in the New Year.

Our next hybrid council meeting of the 2023-24 school year will be held on Thursday, January 18th in person at the school, and on-line at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone again! Please check out our website at www.tuscanycouncil.ca for up-to-date info, and follow us on social media Facebook www.facebook.com/tuscanycouncil; Instagram @tuscanycouncil and twitter @TuscanyCouncil for reminders and photos of our adventures together. If you have any questions about becoming involved with the School Council or volunteering for a committee, please email tuscanycouncilchair@gmail.com.

You can also follow Tuscany school on Twitter @Tuscany_cbe.

Christmas Tree Composting Program

Help keep Christmas trees out of the landfill by using your green cart.

Put your cut up tree in your green cart

- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and tree stand
- Cut your tree into small pieces
- Place in your green cart (make sure lid can close)
- If your green cart is full:
- Put cut branches in paper yard waste bags and roll tops closed
- Set bags 0.5 metres (2 feet) from side of your cart
- **Please note:** Trees that are not prepared properly will not be collected.

Christmas tree drop-off locations – open Dec. 26 to Jan. 31

Take your tree to a temporary drop-off location. This program is for residential use only.

- Remove all ornaments, lights, garland, tinsel and tree stands
- Do not wrap, tie or bag your tree, even if the bag is labelled as compostable or biodegradable.
- If you wrap or bag your tree to transport it, remove the bag before dropping off.

Visit <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/christmas-tree-recycling.html> for a list of drop off locations.

City of Calgary,
Waste & Recycling Services

Sudoku Corner Solution

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

Experience the Magic of Chinook Blast

Calgary's ultimate winter festival returns Feb. 2-19, 2024. This year's event will warm up our city with a celebration of community, culture, and civic pride, where the best of Calgary's art, music, theatre, sport and recreation will be on display.

For the past three winters, Chinook Blast has captivated Calgarians and visitors by bringing downtown Calgary to life with an incredible lineup of activities and performances to help you beat the winter blues. This year will again feature a sizzling lineup of art installations, live music, thrilling winter sports, local markets, live shows and so much more.

Get ready to experience the magic as we transform the city into a winter wonderland. Mark your calendars and follow Chinook Blast on social media or at chinookblast.ca for the latest updates. It's going to be a winter extravaganza like no other!

Chinook Blast 2024 is presented by The City of Calgary, Tourism Calgary, Calgary Arts Development and Calgary Economic Development, along with numerous other community partners and sponsors.

Online Map Shows Calgary's Snow and Ice Road Conditions

Winter is in full force, which means a potential for snowfall in the city. The Snow and Ice Road Conditions map shows the process of snow clearing operations, locations of snowplows, priority routes and visuals of road conditions from traffic camera images. This map is located at <https://maps.calgary.ca/RoadConditions/>.



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

City of Calgary

Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the current program status?

- As part of the 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budgets review, Council has approved new user fees for parking permits.
- The introduction of user fees allows the program to recover the operational costs from those who benefit from the program and aligns with the Council-approved User Fees and Subsidies Policy.
- The Council-approved user fees for residential parking permits will be effective December 4, 2023.
- Council also approved new user fees for the Market and Low-Income Market Permit that will be effective for the January 2024 permits.

When will Calgarians start paying for residential parking permits?

- User fees for residential parking permits go into effect on Monday, December 4, 2023.
- Calgarians will be required to start paying the new user fees upon permit renewal or when a new permit is issued.
- Existing permits have been automatically extended until February 5, 2024. As a result, current permit holders will have a 60-day window, starting from the day the fees become effective, to either renew their existing permits or apply for new ones.

When will the new rate for Market Permits go into effect?

- The new rates for the Market Permit and Low-Income Market Permit will go into effect for the January 2024 permit.
- Current Market Permit holders do not have to take action at this time. Their existing parking permit will automatically begin to renew at the Council-approved reduced rate for the January 2024 permit.
- Current Standard Residential Permit holders who will be eligible for a Market Permit upon their permit expiry in February 2024 will need to apply for a Market Permit in January 2024.

Can Calgarians still request parking restrictions on their street be modified?

- Yes, Calgarians can submit a request through 311 or fill out an online service request. A parking study will be conducted to assess the request.

How do parking studies work?

- A parking study assesses whether a street qualifies for modified parking restrictions based on parking availability.
- If on-street parking usage falls above 50 per cent of available spaces, the existing signage is considered appropriate and remains unchanged.
- If on-street parking usage is less than 50 per cent, that means there is over 50 per cent availability, indicating lower demand for on-street parking, then the restrictions can be adjusted to a lower restriction.
- Removing restrictions without proper data evaluation can result in a sudden surge in on-street parking.
- This increase may prompt Calgarians to request reinstating parking restrictions.

How are Calgarians informed about the outcome of the parking study?

- If the parking study determines the signage is appropriate and requires no changes, the decision will be communicated to the requester through 311.
- If the parking study determines the restrictions can be lowered, residents of the affected street will be informed by The City about the modification and the timeline for its implementation.
- The updated restrictions will take effect once residents are notified of the modification. The physical signage may take longer to update.
- Permit holders living on these streets should wait on a decision before deciding to renew or buy a new permit.

How does The City ensure that only those with valid permits park in the designated areas?

- Areas with residential parking restrictions are enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week, using a combination of photo and on the ground techniques.

Where can Calgarians get more information?

- Visit calgary.ca/rpp
- Email rpp@calgary.ca
- Call 403.537.7000

Fast facts:

- Of all the reviews to modify parking restrictions we completed as of November 2023, 98 per cent resulted in parking restrictions being changed to a lower restriction.
- Calgary homes have an average of 3.3 parking spaces each and only two per cent of households in Calgary use the RPP Program.
- Managing parking effectively is vital to how people move around the city and the revenue generated from parking plays a significant role in contributing to the vibrancy of Calgary.

Background

The Residential Parking Permits (RPP) Program is a service offered to residents by request in busy residential areas where parking is at a premium. Without the RPP Program, parking on-street would be available to anyone, and residents would not have unique parking privileges. The program is only used by about two per cent of households in Calgary. Assigning fees to parking permits allows the program to be aligned with the User Fees and Subsidies Policy which ensures that the cost of running the service is covered by those who use it and not all Calgarians.

Without user fees, the program is funded by general parking revenue (lots, parkades and ParkPlus zones) that would otherwise be used to invest in improving our communities.

Managing the costs of parking permits also encourages residents to consider off-street parking options as well as other transportation options, while balancing the need for providing convenient parking options for people who need to drive.

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Explore Calgary Parks This Winter

Winter makes it possible to enjoy Calgary parks in a different way than during any other season. Many cold-weather park activities are also free with minimal equipment needed. Only in winter can you skate on outdoor rinks, marvel at beautifully lit ice trails, play Crokicurl and ride an ice bike in our parks. Plan an afternoon at your local community park snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. For easier skiing, visit a park or golf course that has groomed cross-country trails.

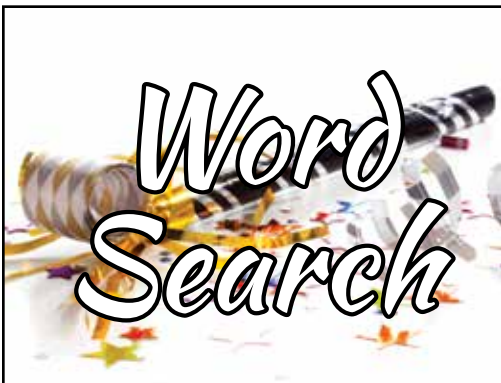
Take a walk through a park on a sunny winter day. You are sure to see birds and other wildlife. You can also pre-book an outdoor firepit at a park and have a winter picnic with friends.

For more ideas about how to stay active during cooler temperatures at city parks, visit <https://www.calgary.ca/events/winter-city/activities.html>.

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Single-Use Items: Bylaw Coming into Effect

Calgary's Single-Use Items Bylaw starts January 16, 2024. Single-use items such as plastic shopping bags, utensils,



straws and napkins are designed to be used only once before being thrown away. The bylaw aims to lessen what will end up as litter or go into landfill.

New paper and reusable shopping bags will only be provided on request and there will be minimum fees: \$0.15 for paper and \$1 for reusable. Bring your own reusable bags to avoid the fees and reduce waste or skip the bag when practical. This applies to in-store, takeout, drive-thru and delivery orders. Keep a small box, reusable bag, or lunch bag in your vehicle to hold your food while you drive. For delivery, indicate “no bags” on your order and provide instructions to put the order in boxes or bags you have set out.

Foodware accessories, such as cutlery, condiment packets, napkins and straws will only be provided on request. This also applies to dine-in, take-out, drive-thru and delivery. Use reusable utensils and straws where you can and only ask for them as needed.

By saying “no thanks” or using reusable options, we will use fewer single-use items. Download the handout (calgary.ca)

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Underground Utility Relocation is on Track as we Make Way for the Green Line

If you've been in the downtown or Beltline area of Calgary, you may have noticed the Early Works construction being carried out by Green Line. The Beltline Downtown Utility Relocation Project (BDURP) is an ongoing construction program expected to be completed in 2024. Its purpose is to relocate underground, street-level and overhead utilities, which is an essential step towards building the Green Line tunnel and stations in the downtown and Beltline.



The utility lines that run underneath the streets of downtown Calgary, such as water, natural gas and electricity, are being moved to new locations, away from the future Green Line tunnel. The BDURP Early Works construction is a significant investment

in infrastructure renewal and new relocated utilities will be built to accommodate the expected increase in population in the area in the future. This will contribute to the growth of Calgary's future development. To date, the Green Line Beltline work is 80 per cent complete for deep and 63 per cent complete for shallow, while the downtown work is 54 per cent complete. This progress is significant, completing this work now will help make the construction of the Green Line more time and cost efficient.

Learn more about BDURP construction:
<https://www.calgary.ca/green-line/green-line-construction/green-line-featured-construction-project.html>.

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