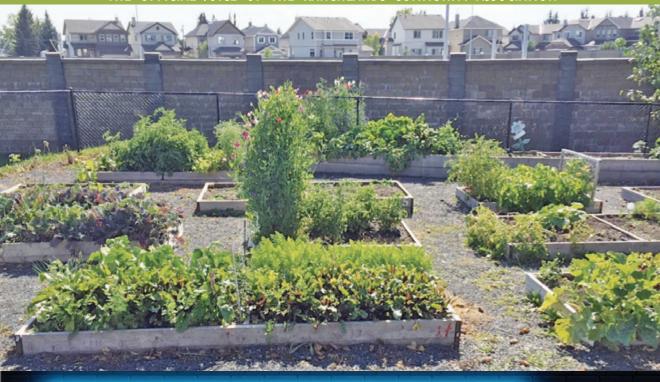
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe how quickly time flies; we are already in June!

Last month marked our one-year anniversary of our solar panel system being installed on the community association building. The entire project was funded by the City of Calgary and Enmax through the Community Solar Fund, and we couldn't be more appreciative to have been a recipient. The system collects sunlight, converting it into electricity that is fed directly into the grid, and we receive a credit on our utility bills for the power we produce. In our first year, the solar panels generated an incredible 50,240-kilowatt hours, which reduced our utility bills by over \$2,000 during this first year and has the potential to generate 100% of our annual electrical usage!

It's important to remember that while the RCA does generate revenue through rentals of the building, grants and donations are our primary income so any cost savings on utilities has a massive impact on our bottom line, allowing us to redirect more funds into programming and events for the community.

## Speaking of events in the community, we have a few more events coming up this summer, including:

On June 3, we will be hosting our annual Parade of Garage Sales plus a trunk sale at the Community Hall. To register your garage sale on the map, it is \$5 for non-members and free for RCA members. To book a spot for the trunk sale, it is \$10 for non-members and only \$5 for RCA members. Please visit our website and check out the "upcoming events" page for a link to register.

We also have our community cleanup coming up on Saturday, July 8 in collaboration with the City of Calgary. We hope to have a few different partners joining us on this event, but we do need volunteers to make this happen. To register as a volunteer, please check out our website or Facebook for a link to the volunteer signup page.

Lastly, we are thrilled to announce that we will be having our casino fundraiser event on Thursday, August 31 and Friday, September 1 at Ace Casino. This is the single biggest source of funding for the RCA and helps us fund repairs to our building. If you have questions about volunteering with this event, please reach out to the office and we will provide a registration link closer to the date.

It goes without saying that we couldn't do everything we do without volunteers like our board directors and program hosts, but we always need more! We have already had to cut back on our events calendar because we didn't have enough volunteers to plan or coordinate events like our annual Stampede Breakfast and had to trim back our Community Cleanup last year. Unfortunately, if we can't get enough volunteers, we may need to reduce our community events even further and that definitely isn't what we want.

We have open positions on our board of directors, open slots for program hosts, and of course, always need day-of volunteers for helping to run events. If you might be interested in volunteering, please check out our website to see open availability or reach out to the office and we can provide more information. It's a great way to contribute to your community and meet your neighbors!

Anita Raffaele

President



#### **Community Association Town Hall**

Join us on June 8 at our next Ward 2 Town Hall.

We will be gathering in person from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Ranchlands Community Association (7713 Ranchlands Dr NW).

If you were unable to join us at our Virtual Town Hall, this is a great chance to meet with the community, ask questions, and engage with folks from The City of Calgary.

Spots are limited, and will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please submit your questions in advance to ward2@ calgary.ca.





#### **Ranchlands Community Garden**

Did you know that Ranchlands has a community garden?

Do you want to save money on groceries?

Are you interested in vegetable gardening?

Are you willing to help maintain the garden?

Open to individuals, families, and schools.

More than one lot can be purchased depending on availability.

Rental cost is for one year. A smaller lot is \$15; a larger lot is \$20 per single lot.

Contact Wendy at 403-239-1114 to reserve or email info@westviewchurch.ca.

Located at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW (SW corner), at the end of the Westview Baptist Church parking lot.



#### St. Rita School

Spring is in full swing, and it is hard to believe that we are entering into the last month of the school year. At the end of May, St. Rita hosted an Open House for anyone wishing to learn more about our wonderful school community. We also had a Trickster Theatre residency that culminated in a performance for our families as well as an art showcase to display our beautiful student art pieces created during our Passion for Glass artist-in-residence.

Though the year is winding down, the activities at St. Rita School are not. Staff and Students alike are excited for our June Play Day taking place at the Spray Lakes Center in Cochrane, as well as our year end mass taking place at St. Peter's Parish.

We have had a wonderful year at St. Rita and are already looking forward to what next year will bring!



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The Ranchlands Community Association is looking for monthly contributions to grace the cover of the Roundup. These images need to be 1MB and 300 DPI. Photos can be taken in or of the community, be based on the seasons or holidays, or just a genuinely great photo!

For more information, or to submit your photographs, please contact the Community Association at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com. Entries must be submitted by the fifth of the previous month to be featured in the newsletter. E.g.: March 5 to be featured in the April newsletter.





#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RCA

**RCA Room/Space Rentals:** If you are looking for a place to host a birthday party, family gathering, or corporate event, why not check out the RCA! We have space for daytime bookings. You can now check hall availability and start a booking online. Check our website for more info at www.ranchlandscommunity.com/rentals.

For any questions about rentals not answered on our website, please contact the office at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

**Community Coffee:** Drop-in program taking place Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the West Hall. Come and meet your neighbours and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly, inclusive environment. Open to all.

**Little Ranchlanders Playgroup:** Now happening on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the West Hall. Free for RCA Members! Parent supervised, please bring a nut-free snack. Contact the office for more information.

**Monthly Board Game Night:** Happening on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the West Hall. Open to all ages! Feel free to bring along any games you might want to share or let others try out for the night.

**Donations Needed! Ranchlands Food Pantry:** We are always in need of donations to help fill hampers for Ranchlands in need of some help. Food donations can be dropped off in the wooden RFP box in the front lobby and we also accept cash and gift card donations at the office, Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Large donations are eligible for a tax receipt, so if you want to claim one, please include your name, address, and the purchase receipt when you drop off donations.

If you need food support, please reach out to the office to arrange a pick-up time. The only requirement to access this program is that you live in the Ranchlands community.

**YYC Growers and Distributors:** Wednesday pre-order pick up from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the main lobby of the RCA building or outdoors weather permitting.

**Living Springs Church:** Here at the RCA, Sundays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Contact Glen Switzer for more details at 403-701-7668.



#### IN THE COMMUNITY

Rise Calgary (formerly Bowwest Community Services): 14 – 1840 Ranchlands Way NW

Westview Baptist Church: 1313 Ranchlands Way NW

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**Good Food Box:** Ranchlands' Depot is St. James Anglican Church

#### **Have Your Say**

Did you know you can report neighbourhood potholes and track the status of a pothole needing repair. Here is the link: https://maps.calgary.ca/potholes.

Parks and Opens Spaces (Parks) is looking for your valued perspective on the Calgary's Future Parks Plan to ensure they are accessible and meet the needs of all Calgarians. Have your say here: https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan/parksplan-calgarians.

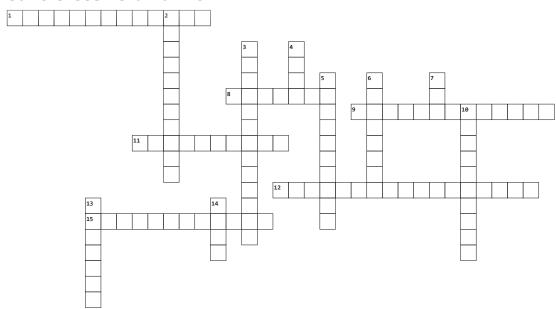
Did you know the City of Calgary is building a list of top issues that matter to Calgary. Have your say here: https://engage.calgary.ca/YYC-matters-2023.

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#### **June Crossword Puzzle**



#### Across

- 1. Born on June 27, 1859, Mildred J. Hill composed this song, which is considered to be one of the most wellknown songs in the English language.
- 8. In Sweden and Finland, Midsummer Day is traditionally celebrated by singing and dancing around this.
- 9. Canadian singer-songwriter Alanis Morissette wrote this breakup song in about 30 minutes.
- 11. Midland, Ontario holds an annual festival in honour of this classic Canadian pastry every June.
- 12. Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery's debut novel, which was released in June of 1908.
- 15. This Calgary landmark was opened to the public on June 30, 1968.

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#### Down

- 2. The song "I Will Always Love You," first recorded on June 12, 1973, by \_\_\_\_\_ gained renewed popularity with a re-release by Whitney Houston.
- 3.43 years ago, this NHL hockey team relocated to Calgary.
- 4. The month of June is named after this Roman goddess.
- 5. In North America, National celebrated on June 8.
- 6.29 years ago, this popular Disney movie, based on Shakespeare's play, Hamlet, was released.
- 7. The first Friday after Father's Day is National Take Your to Work Day.
- 10. On June 2, 1967, this band released their iconic album, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," in the US.
- 13. This European country experiences the longest summer solstice due to its geographical location.
- 14. The official Father's Day flower.

# 186 RANCHLANDS SCOUT GROUP

Here we are in June - the end of the school year, and the end of our 2022-2023 Scouting year. It's been a year full of adventure for our Scouting youth - I'm flipping back through photos to remind myself of all the Group has accomplished. It all starts in the fall with our Investiture of our new Beavers and Cubs, usually outside with the first "mug up" of the year. Indoor and outdoor adventures follow through the dark and cold months of winter, which also have their advantages for activities like stargazing and headlamp snowshoeing. There are the usual traditional adventures like Kub Kars and Beaver Buggies, which bring exciting racing every year. And now into the summer adventures of camping and paddling. It's amazing to watch the youth grow in teamwork and confidence as they learn new skills, and to watch the older kids take on leadership and coaching roles with the newcomers.

We want to thank our Ranchlands residents for your amazing support throughout the year. Our bottle drives are foundational for running our Group and our last few have been hugely successful. These help us cover everything from rent to activity fees. We also launched a WestJet Raffle and 50/50 fundraiser in May with a draw at our end of year Family Camp. But the biggest gift you can give us is your time – we are still looking for volunteers to support our Scouters and Group Committee next year. Please reach out to us directly at 186thRanchlandsScouts@gmail.com if you have any interest in supporting the Group.

We'll be on hiatus through the summer, picking up meetings again in the fall. This will be my last post as the Group Commissioner, as we make some adjustments to the Group to switch out some long-time volunteers. We're really hoping to be able to bring back a Scout Troop to Ranchlands in the fall, to keep the tradition going.

Have a safe and adventurous summer!

Yours in Scouting,

Tara Barnett

186th Ranchlands Scouts



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This Stampede, stay safe and have fun!

Sometimes, the best way to avoid the crowds and enjoy the Stampede is by using taxis and rideshare apps like Uber. Here are some things you can do to stay safe while having a good time.

Passengers should make some checks before they get into any vehicle, during Stampede and throughout the year. Apps like Uber provide a photo of the driver, the licence plate number, the make/model of the vehicle, and GPS tracking. If you're hailing a taxi, make sure to check that the driver and vehicle are both licensed. A taxi plate verifies these on the car's rear bumper, and the driver's ID must be posted in a visible location. Also, make sure to take note of the taxi number, company, and colour of the vehicle. For more information and safety tips, visit calgary.ca/taxi.

#### **Preparing Your Property for Rain**

Along with warm weather, Calgary summers can also bring heavy rainfall. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- Be sure to clean out eavestroughs, downspouts, and any storm drains near your house.
- Extend downspouts away from your home. Direct them onto your garden or lawn so the water can soak into the ground.
- If you have a swale on your property, remove yard debris to ensure water flow.
- If you have a sump pump, check to make sure it's working. Consider adding a circuit breaker alarm to the pump to notify you if the power supply is lost.

During intense rainfalls, storm drains can become overwhelmed and may take time to drain. If you see water pooling around storm drains and it hasn't drained within 90 minutes, take a photo and submit it at calgary. ca/stormdrains. If immediate safety is a concern or water is entering a building, call 311.



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#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

#### **Guess That Book!**

- (Carallele II)
- 1. A nurse accidentally time travels to the 18th century.
- 2. On Long Island, a bond salesman rents a bungalow next to a wealthy man.
- 3. Humans are artificially bred and sorted based on intelligence.
- 4. A former physics postdoctoral student goes on a road trip with his girlfriend.
- 5. A forbidden romance ruins the lives of two close-knit Yorkshire families.
- The 200-year-old protagonist is interviewed by a reporter.

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# Adoption Event Come meet adoptable dogs & puppies! Friday, June 30 2pm – 6pm In collaboration with: pet value 7026-2060 Symons Valley Pkwy NW 587-230-3188 petvalu.ca

#### **Beef Taco Salad for Six**

## Taco Salad Dressing Ingredients:

- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cup of mayonnaise
- ½ cup of taco sauce
- 1 lime, squeezed

## Beef Taco Salad Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1/2 cup of water
- Lettuce, chopped
- 15 ounce can black beans
- · 3 tomatoes, chopped
- ½ cup black olives sliced
- 1 avocado, chopped
- · 2 cups of cheddar cheese, shredded
- 3 cups tortilla chips, crushed

#### Instructions

- To make dressing, mix all ingredients together.
- In a large skillet on medium high heat, add ground beef and cook until no longer pink, breaking apart as you cook.
- Add taco seasoning to water, stir, add to skillet, and cook until water is evaporated.
- In a large bowl, add the all ingredients, pour dressing over salad, and toss.







by Anne Burke

Spring brought renewal and awakening of Mother Earth in April. There was a three-hour interpretive walk to connect with cultural landscapes through the ages in Nose Hill Park where attendees could be closer to the stars.

The group at the John Laurie Blvd parking lot began the 2.2 km route on pathway and gravel trail. The leaders were Crystal Many Fingers, a Blackfoot member of the Kainai First Nation of Treaty 7, and Laureen Bryant, a professional archaeologist who focused on human occupation.

Legends and sharing stories are an integral part of an oral culture. The importance of Nose Hill to pre-contact indigenous people is highlighted by sites such as the buffalo rubbing stone for ceremonies, vision questing, and fasting.

A natural area is a City-owned park with a natural/ native plant community. Our primary role is to preserve the natural significance. Conservation protects these (relatively) undisturbed parcels of land. Damage can be repaired while loss can be restored.

Public engagement and feedback from tourists will contribute to Calgary's 20-year Park Plan. After a draft proposal, there comes a final version by spring 2024, before presentation to City Council. For more information, visit https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan.







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