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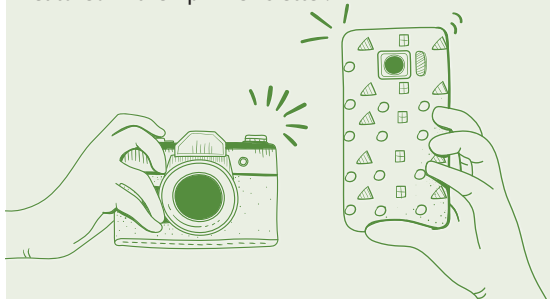
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Help Us Find a Cover Photo!

Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

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.





IN THE COMMUNITY

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The community of Ranchlands is such a gift! As I take on the role of President, I am amazed at the depth of commitment the members of our association display. Coming into a volunteer community board that is so solid is a real treat. Our facility is well-run and cared for, our volunteers (particularly the ice rink at this time of year) are committed, and our relationships with other groups, including schools and churches, are in great shape. Our finances are in good shape and are being well-managed.

It is evident that the belief that we are "Neighbours by chance, community by choice" determines how the board sets priorities for the community. This phrase was coined by our Past President, Anita Raffaele, who led the association well for the past three years and remains a key contributor to the association.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

At our monthly meetings, we have reports from our community representative from the City of Calgary, from our three levels of government (federal, provincial, and municipal), and from the Calgary Police Service. Our community is a safe place to live, to work, and to play, for all ages. We have a wonderfully diverse neighbourhood, with everyone enriching what we can do. I have lived in Ranchlands for over 35 years and while some things have changed, the underlying community spirit and desire is the same – we want a great community to live in, good neighbours, good amenities, and support from the city and from the businesses we give our business to.

Our board will be having a strategic planning retreat in February to go through the priorities for the year ahead to decide where to spend our time, our energy, and our money to continue building and maintaining the community.

As our new board gets rolling, I will have more to share about initiatives that come from the City, collaboration with the schools, and grants we have received and are pursuing.

I look forward to meeting many of you as you come forward with ideas – I can be reached at president@ranchlandscommunity.org or by leaving a message with the office.

Sharing Food, Sharing Kindness: Our Community Pantry Story

In our neighbourhood, we're all about being good to each other. So many people that live in Ranchlands are always helping out and trying to make sure everyone feels cared for. We may have arrived in Ranchlands by chance but so many of us stay here by choice. The Ranchlands Food Pantry (RFP) is one reason many of our neighbours choose to stay in our community.

Monday is a busy day at the Ranchlands Community Centre, as the RFP team comes together to fill the boxes with staples for some of our neighbours who need extra help to put food on the table for their family. As well as the staples, practical items like toilet paper are added. Then Zen Lee, our RFP manager, arrives around 4:00 pm to finalize everything and coordinate the distribution between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

Extra items that you don't always think about are added, like toothbrushes and toothpaste depending on availability. If someone has a birthday, they might get a cake mix. And then there is the opportunity to shop the items laid out on the counter to add to their hamper. And finally, to make the contents even more well-rounded, families can select items from the freezer, as well as the fridge that is stocked with a host of non-perishable items. The whole process is a kind, respectful, and well-oiled machine.

RFP really is a fabulous opportunity for all of us to come together. The need is always there. If you require food, please call us – the online application is simple. If you can help keep the shelves stocked, please do. You can donate and drop items off in the RFP box located at the RCA entrance or you can make a cash donation at the office.

It's clear that here in our neighbourhood, we've got each other's backs. It is good that in our community we help each other out and are dedicated to making sure nobody goes without. That's what Ranchlands community is all about—showing kindness and

making sure everyone knows they're not alone. More information about the RFP is on our website at ranchlandscommunity.com/rfp/.



Zen Lee ready to distribute hampers

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RCA Quarter Two Photo Contest!

The overall winning photo submitted between January and February 29 will grace the cover of our April Roundup, and the winning photographers from each category will be entered into the running for the grand prize of Photo of the Year in 2024!

Contest Details:

Theme: Joy (Open to your interpretation)

Submission Deadline: February 29, 2024

Image Specifications: 1MB, 300DPI, Landscape orientation.

Location: While extra points will be awarded for photos taken in the Ranchlands community, it is not a requirement.

Categories: 14 years old and under, 15 to 18 years old, 18+ years of age.

How to Enter: Clearly indicate your age category when submitting your entry by emailing it to contest@ranchlandscommunity.com with the subject line "RCA Q2 Photo Contest Entry". We can't wait to see your entries!



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Board Bytes: Getting to Know Kathy Ervin, RCA President - Ranchlander Since 1988

Kathy has lived in Ranchlands for 35 years and has an extensive background in volunteering. A leader in many community organizations of various fields including sports, church, Toastmasters, and (formerly) Girl Guides, she has professional and volunteer experience with budgeting and financial reporting, as well as extensive administrative experience.

The Ranchlands Community Association President leads the way. As the President, Kathy will be at the forefront of community development. She will oversee all board activities, guide decision-making processes, and represent Ranchlands in liaising with government representatives and city departments. Ranchlands is very fortunate to have Kathy in this role as she will be able to apply extensive and well-honed leadership and communication skills as she leads change and builds on the community spirit of those who have gone before.

Kathy's Rapid Round

Morning Brew: Coffee – every day! Love the smell of freshly brewing coffee.

Bookworm or Movie Buff: Bookworm – recently read *Becoming Kin* by Patsy Krawec – a very insightful book into Indigenous perspectives and the future.

Local Love: All the streets in Ranchlands are wonderful. I once mapped it out and if you walk on every street, crescent, cul-de-sac, etc., we have 33 km of roads to explore.

Pay it Forward: Sports! I have been coaching Special Olympics athletes for over 10 years – very fun and very rewarding.

Seasonal Bliss: Meteorological fall! September 1, it is like a new year opportunity – the air is crisp, and my favorite constellation, Orion is very visible.

186th Scouts

Hello Ranchlanders!

This month, I'd like to touch on the Scout Promise:

"On my honour, I pledge to do my best, to respect my country and my beliefs, to help others at all times, and to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law."

This concise promise not only embodies a universal commitment to honour and service but also resonates deeply with the members of the 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group.

The Scout Promise, a global pledge taken by Scouts, serves as a moral compass, signifying a personal commitment to honesty and uprightness. "I promise that I will do my best" emphasises the pursuit of excellence in learning new skills, serving communities, and fostering personal growth—a sentiment cherished by Scouts worldwide.

"To respect my country and my beliefs" underscores patriotism and cultural identity, values instilled within Scout groups across the globe. This commitment is accompanied by an acknowledgment of the importance of respecting diverse beliefs, creating an environment of inclusivity and understanding within local communities.

"To help other people at all times" is a fundamental tenet that resonates strongly within the Scout movement. Scouts are actively encouraged to extend a helping hand, cultivating empathy and a sense of responsibility towards building a better society.

"And to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law" encapsulates the overarching principles that define the Scout movement, guiding individuals within various Scout groups with virtues such as trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, and bravery.

In essence, the Scout Promise is not just a recitation but a call to action that holds particular significance for Scouts globally. It shapes its members into responsible, compassionate, and service-oriented citizens, contributing positively to both their local communities and the broader global Scout movement. Through this pledge, Scouts forge a connection with a broader community committed to honour, service, and the pursuit of a better world.

Knot of the Month: Bowline

Unlock the power of the Bowline this month. Known as the "King of Knots," it creates a secure loop that won't slip under load. Perfect for securing tents, rescues, or forming a fixed loop at the end of a rope. Master this knot for a myriad of practical applications.



Ranchlands Community Mural Project: Your Ideas Wanted!

We're excited to share fantastic news with our Ranchlands community! The Ranchlands Community Association has secured a grant from Calgary Arts Development to fund an outdoor mural on our community association building. This project aims to capture the unique spirit of Ranchlands and create a visual masterpiece that reflects our vibrant community.

The mural theme, 'Explore stories of your community,' aligns with our goal of fostering pride and a sense of identity among Ranchlands residents. We want your input and ideas to shape this incredible project. All community members, including students from Ranchlands School and St. Rita School, are invited to share their perspectives on what makes our community unique. Send your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions to facility@ranchlandscommunity.com.

Once completed and installed on the west side of the Ranchlands community association building, the mural will celebrate our community and enhance the aesthetic appeal of our association building. The project, starting early in 2024, will culminate with the mural's completion and installation by October 2024.

Local Calgary artist, Julian Lee will bring our vision to life. The Ranchlands community association board will oversee the maintenance plan to ensure the mural's longevity.

We appreciate the support of Calgary Arts Development and can't wait to embark on this artistic adventure together. Share your ideas and be part of the journey!

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3. This pop duo from the 60s are well known for their song "I Got You Babe".
4. These frenemies, created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, have been playing cat and mouse since 1940.
5. This fantasy duo set out on a journey through the misty mountains to save Middle Earth.
6. This superhero duo attempts to thwart the evil plans of villains in Gotham.



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Leapers and Leaplings Special Day

Four million leap day babies? Did you know the odds of being born on February 29 is one in 1,461! Leap day babies are better-known as 'leapers' or 'leaplings'. Hats off to these time-defying, once-in-a-blue-moon birthday legends!



Medieval Tinder

Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. Did you know that in the Middle Ages, love was a fashion statement? Back then, singles played a name-tag game, pinning their Valentine's name on their sleeves for a week! Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve - literally!





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