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#### **Deer Run Community Centre**

2223 - 146 Ave SE Calgary, AB, T2J 6P8 Phone: 403-278-3117 Fax: 403-278-4961

Email: info@deerruncalgary.com

#### **Centre Hours (subject to change)**

Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

#### **Key Staff**

Centre Manager Rob Garnett 403-278-3117 Childcare Director Mercy Musakanya 403-271-3704

#### **Newsletter**

Your Deer Run Villager is published twelve times per year. The submission deadline is the first of each month for the following issue.

Please email your articles or community event listings as an attachment, in an MS Word file, to the DRCA Communications Director at commdirector@deerruncalgary.com.

Community-related digital photos and art are welcome. Ensure recognizable people in images have given their permission. Send a caption and/or the names of people. The requirements are 250 KB for a smaller picture and 1 to 3 MB for a cover picture. JPEG format is preferred.

#### **Our Mission**

Facilitate a variety of fun programs and activities to encourage community involvement and volunteer opportunities.

#### **Our Vision**

Deer Run is a thriving community that provides opportunities to support our families and neighbours.

#### **Board of Directors**

We are always looking for enthusiastic and community orientated residents to join our board and volunteer committees. It's a great way to contribute to Deer Run. Visit the volunteer page on our website for details.



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#### DRCC Summer Camp Registration is Open Now!

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Our summer camp program strives to foster personal growth for children by providing them fun, safe educational/recreational activities, outdoor experiences, and group activities during summer. We have highly qualified educators who are committed to making sure children have fun while making new relationships! Our daily activities will include emergent and planned activities to cater to children's needs and interests. We also have weekly fieldtrips and neighbourhood walks.

Cost is \$250 per week. Come join us!



### Open Board Meeting for Our Community

Big changes are planned for the DRCA, and you are invited to the Board Open House on June 7. If you feel Deer Run Community Center serves you, you should come out...all communities residents are welcome. Topics include a community needs survey, a new gym, solar energy, new asphalt for a rink/summer tarmac, a new garage, new indoor space for increased childcare, and rental and community use of the building.

We want you to be a part of the process. We are looking for committees made up of those who have gifts in project management, procurement, repairs, etc. A specific and immediate committee we've created is going to spruce up the sign on 146 Ave and Bow Bottom – it's looking old - what can be done? We could just refresh the wood and paint or do something else - but we can't do it without volunteers. Come out on June 7. If you already know you want to volunteer, please call Rob at the center at 403-278-3117 and he will get you in touch with the current committee head.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's been some time since I wrote a president's letter. Staff and board members have been hard at work behind the scenes and the community is in good health. We are looking for a few more people to join our board, as well as volunteers for various events each year. We will also be forming two committees, the first will be a group of people to help plant and maintain the new cement flowerpots and the flower beds in front of the centre. The second will be a group to clean up the 146 Ave sign for Deer Run and come up with possible options to replace the sign. Please leave your name with Rob at the centre if you are interested in being a part of either or both committees.

Stampede breakfast is upon us again, volunteers are needed to make this event the success it always is. We will also be sending out doorhangers in June and will be asking what you would like to see us work towards bringing to the community at www.deerruncalgary.com/survey. This includes programs but also additions to the facility to offer other services.

#### Some of the ideas/options are:

- No changes or improvements
- Indoor sports simulator such as golf
- · Board one of the outdoor rinks
- · Lawn bowling greens
- · Indoor social/meeting space
- Outdoor spray park
- Indoor climbing wall
- Additional indoor gymnasium
- Move tennis courts closer to parking lot and/or add more pickleball courts
- Improve kitchen
- · Add more equipment to the gym
- Purchase Zamboni surf simulator
- · Additional adult ball diamond
- · Indoor hockey arena

We have had a community centre for over 40 years now and other complexes are offering more. To ensure we remain vibrant, these are some options that have been brought up. Please take the time to do the quick survey so we all get our say on what our community will look like.

Please buy your membership and see you at the stampede breakfast.

Yahoo!

Kim Semeniuk

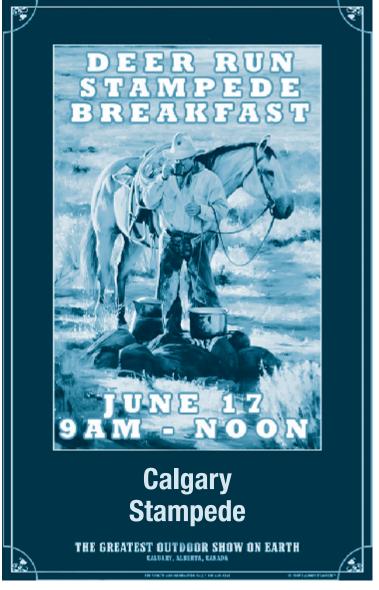
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#### **Stampede Breakfast**

June 17 from 9:00 am to noon 2223 146 Ave SE

All residents welcome. If the DRCA serves you - you are invited on June 17 from 9:00 am until noon for some sausages, pancakes, and coffee. Then stay for wagon rides, live music, and family fun like face paints, balloon animals, and parking lot games. If you can volunteer, please sign up online at https://deerruncalgary.com/stampede.

Bottom Line - write down the date, tell all your friends and neighbours, and please sign up to volunteer online!









#### **Your Opinion Matters!**



Our community centre is now 40 years old, and life has definitely changed since it was first built!

We have the opportunity to make some exciting changes, but we want to make sure we provide the facilities and programs that our community residents most want.

We have engaged the Har Group, an independent research firm, to conduct a community survey. Your responses will help establish priorities for the Deer Run Community Association.

We need to hear from everyone

- Whether your household is a community member or not
- Whether you use community services or not

The on-line survey will be conducted during June

You can access the survey by visiting:

www.deerruncalgary.com/Survey

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#### **Easter Event Thank-You**



Did you know 181 kids and their parents could fit into our gym for two hours? Well, they did. A crew of 15 teen volunteers from grades 5 to 12 and six adults pulled off a fantastic event on "Palm Saturday." Thank you, volunteers! We had a colouring and hoola

hoop contest, a cookie craft, bouncy castles, live game, e-games and bingo, and a preschool play area. The Easter Bunny came to visit, and he had his crew have four rounds of Easter egg hunts where we ran out of bags (more were made), but it was a lot more kids than we expected - the biggest ever!

Not only that but the following businesses partnered with us to donate prizes, cash, and supplies to make this an excellent event. Starbucks provided coffee, Richard Gotfried donated prizes, No Frills and Salon 5 helped with lunches for the volunteers, door prizes were donated by Deer Valley Vision (free pair of glasses!), Bow Bottom Veterinary Hospital, Kayla's nails, Strands, Phamtastic Esthetics and Spa, DQ, and Deer Valley Barber shop. Booster Juice supplied discounted teas and smoothies and we got to keep the profit.



#### **Jellybean Dance Thank-You**

Many thanks to the volunteers of the 60s Hippy themed Jellybean Dance which was 100% planned by the Grade 8 to Grade 11s of our community (and a couple of their friends). We also had adult volunteers ages 19 to 60+ — we clearly want to help the kids of our community have a safe and fun place to gather and hang out together. We had games, concession, hotdogs, a new set of black lights, glow bracelets, and 60's music and duds. Almost everyone dressed up in Tie Dye or 60s gear, 60s sweaters and dresses, bandanas, and round shades. We are going to be very thankful when the new air conditioning is installed (which should be done by the time you read this article). Opening the door to let out some heat of 92 kids kind of wrecks the vibes. The look-alike was given to a child dressed like Jim Morrison - the irony is the winner didn't know who Jim Morrison was - but he was very 60s. We had a great time! Many thanks to all the teen and adult volunteers.





### Got a Green Thumb in Deer Run or Deer Ridge?

We have gotten some new planters in front of the building. Why? It's actually a protection from cars that might go rogue, and it protects our kids and users of the building. Its a super way to beautify the building as well.

#### We Are Looking for Green Thumb Volunteers!

If you have a vision or just a helping hand and enjoy gardening - please call the center and talk to Rob at 403-278-3117.

#### **Mobile Farm Stand**

The DRCA is proud to host the Broxburn mobile farm stand. It will be open every Friday from May through October, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Deer Run Community Centre parking lot. This program is a partnership between the City of Calgary and Broxburn Farms.

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### 13th Annual Cleanup and Waste Disposal

Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Deer Run Community Centre (2223 – 146 Ave SE)

Items Accepted: Household and construction waste, metal, appliances, electronics, BBQs, bikes, car batteries only, propane tanks (disposal fee charged: 0 to 20lbs is \$2, over 20 lbs is \$5, cash only).

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We need volunteers for this to run smoothly so we can repeat it again next year! Web link to come. Please call the center to volunteer in the meantime at 403-278-3117.

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