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Key Things to Know About in December

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Thank You!

Thank you to Tammie Vosin for organizing another fantastic Fall Fair. Also, a shout out to the 77th East Glenmore Scout Group for helping set up, and all the other RCA volunteers who helped make this a fantastic event.

Annual General Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AGM this year. Please visit our website for a full recap of the AGM highlights. www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/annual-general-meetings.

RCA Holiday Hours

- December 25, 2023 Closed
- December 26, 2023 Closed
- December 27, 2023 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- December 28, 2023 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- December 29, 2023 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- January 1, 2024 Closed

Upcoming Events

Annual Kids' Christmas Party Presented by Remington December 2, 2023, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Join us for another fun-filled afternoon of crafting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

Thank you to Remington for generously sponsoring the event this year!

Register online to book your time for photos: www. riverbendcommunity.ca.

Winter Plant Fundraiser Pick Up December 12

Thank you for your purchase of these fantastic winter arrangements. The proceeds from the fundraiser will also support future community beautification projects. Pick up information can be found online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/winter-plant-fundraiser-2023.

Mayors Annual Food Drive

Riverbend Community Association is once again participating in the Calgary Food Bank's event, the Mayor's Annual Food Drive!

Anyone looking to donate items can find drop-off bins in the front foyer of the Riverbend Community Centre from November 18 to December 12, 2023.

Good Food Box Program

The content varies monthly, due to seasonal availability. The boxes contain the maximum produce to ensure our clients are getting the most value for the price.

- \$30 Small Box (20 to 25 lbs)
- \$35 Medium Box (30 to 35 lbs)
- \$40 Large Box (40 to 45 lbs)

Order deadline: Monday, January 15, 2024

Pick up: January 25, 2024, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the community centre.

Order online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs/community-programs/good-food-boxes-community-kitchen.

55+ Cards and Coffee

Join us in the Elbow room every second Friday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

\$2 donation appreciated. No pre-registration necessary. Next date is December 8. 2023.

Updates From Your RCA

Host Your Next Event with Us!

Looking for a spot to host your next event? It is never too early to start planning your Christmas party! Look no further than your own community!

The perfect spot for a wedding, family celebration, birthday party, or business meeting.

Main level with two rooms to serve your needs, 175 or 64 banquet seating capacity.

Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, and AV capabilities.

Fully accessible kitchen with commercial fridge, commercial dishwasher, and warming ovens.

Book your event today! www.riverbendcommunity.ca/facility-rentals.

Rink Board Advertising

Riverbend Community Association (RCA) offers an opportunity for placement of advertising images on RCA Rink Boards.

Details:

- The size of the sign is 3ft x 7ft.
- RCA is going to coordinate printing and installation of the sign.
- The cost is \$1,200 + GST for a two-year period. *Businesses that offer benefits to RCA members will receive an additional 10% discount for rink board advertising.

If you are interested in this opportunity, visit our website to fill out an application form at https://www. riverbendcommunity.ca/outdoor-rink.

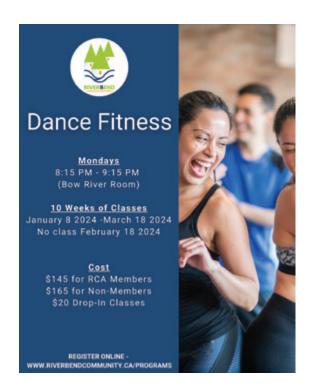
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- · Provide one additional post on RCA social media platforms per year.

Visit our website to sign up at https://www. riverbendcommunity.ca/membership.









Riverbend Community Association Contacts

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District Representatives

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RCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Memberships are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

First Name:
Last Name:
Email:
Spouse/ Partner Name:
Address:
Postal Code:
Phone Number:
Number of Children:
Ages of Children:
Please let us know what communications you would like to receive from Riverbend Community Association! Volunteer Opportunities Special Events & Community Surveys (as occurring) General Riverbend Community Communications (monthly)
Membership cost: \$\sigma\$ \$25 +GST (\$26.25) - Individual/ Family or Associate \$15 +GST (\$15.75) - Seniors Household
Please mail completed form with appropriate payment to Riverbend Community Centre, 19 Rivervalley



it off at the Riverbend Community Association's office.





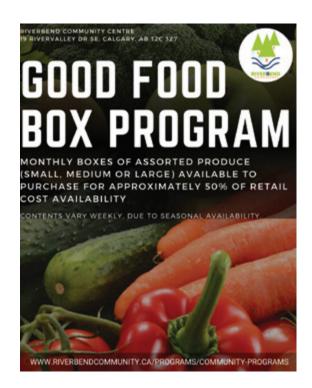


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January to March 2024

Register online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs.

Programs

Pilates with Yoga

Each class will include a flowing series to warm the body, hold postures to build strength, and balance postures to increase stability. Classes will end with gentle stretches and relaxation. If you are new to physical activity, please check with your physician prior to starting a new exercise routine.

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm (in the Bow room)

For 10 weeks starting January 9, 2024, to March 12, 2024 Cost \$145 for RCA members | \$165 for non-members

Members use coupon code PFW24 to receive a \$20 discount.

Dance Fitness

Dance Fitness is an easy-to-follow cardio dance class with a mix of popular and international rhythms guaranteed to make you sweat! A portion of the class is dedicated to toning choreography with the use of light hand weights.

Mondays, 8:15 to 9:15 pm (in the Bow Room)

For 10 weeks starting January 8, 2024, to March 18, 2024 No class February 18, 2024

Cost \$145 for RCA members | \$165 for non-members | Drop-in price \$20

RCA members use code DFW24 at checkout to receive a \$20 discount.

Coupons cannot be used for drop-in classes.

Kids and Youth

Girl Guides of Canada

Girl Guides of Canada is the largest organization for girls and women in Canada. Meetings take place every Wednesday at 6:30 pm from September to June. Sparks (ages: 5 to 6) are in the Elbow River Room; Brownies (ages: 7 to 8) are in the Bow River Room; Guides (ages: 9 to 11) are in the Carburn Park Room; Pathfinders (ages: 12 to 14) are in the Heritage Room. Contact ggcinfo@ calgarygirlguides.com or www.girlguides.ca for more information.

Calgary Young People's Theatre

CYPT provides professional calibre mentorship, training, and performance opportunities to youth ages 4 to 18. Our extensive year-round programming includes productions, camps, classes, workshops, and new play development. Register online at www.cypt.ca/classes/. For more information, please email ad@cypt.ca.

Little Steps Before and After School Care/Out of School Care

For children ages 5 to 12 years old attending Riverbend Elementary School and Holy Angels. Open Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, September to June. Closed all statutory holidays, open all PD days.

Contact littlestepspreschool@telus.net, 403-554-3605, www.littlestepschildcare.ca/riverbend-preschool/, or www.littlestepsbac.ca for more information.

A CAST OF CHARACTERS

In December, it is common to watch a good Christmas movie or two. A popular film around this time of year is *The Polar Express*. Although there are lots of things to love about this film, you may not know that Tom Hanks plays six different roles! He is the voice of Santa Claus, Hero Boy, Scrooge, Father, Hobo, and the Conductor. Talk about talent!



TREASURER

Key Responsibilities:

- · Responsible for accurate financial records of the organization
- · Present regular account of revenues and expenditures to the Board
- · Support annual audit process
- Present audited financial statements at AGM
- · member of the Executive Team with additional responsibility for business administration affairs of the organization
- holds signing authority for the organization

Helpful Skills:

- · Accounting/finance experience
- · Familiarity with accounting apps such as Dext/ OBO/ Plooto

RCA Board Roles:

- Time commitment of approximately 10 hours per month
- · 2-year term
- · Open to Riverbend Residents only

Board experience can be used towards annual professional development hours for many professions

To Apply visit www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering



Riverbend FYI

The RCA is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization.

Our mission is to create a vibrant, active community, and to encourage participation and a spirit of belonging.

Values - Riverbend CONNECTS!

- Community Oriented: We put our community needs first and provide opportunities to bring the community together.
- **INtegrity:** We are open, honest, and responsible in our dealings with our community stakeholders and amongst ourselves.
- Nature: We value the proximity of green spaces, pathways, and the river in our community.
- Engagement: We are committed to keeping our community informed about all things Riverbend, ensuring participation in programs, events, and volunteer opportunities.
- **Connection:** We want to foster positive, supportive connections for our community members.
- **Teamwork:** We work together to support our community stakeholders, and to address community concerns.
- **Sustainability:** We take care of our resources responsibly to ensure they can benefit future generations.

Stay connected to all things Riverbend at www. riverbendcommunity.ca, Facebook, X, and Instagram @riverbendyyc.

To purchase Riverbend swag, visit our Spirit Gear online store at www.riverbendcommunity.entripyshops.com. Order countless items and customize the design in an unlimited number of ways.

Let's All Show How We Love Riverbend!

What Does an RCA Membership Get You?

- The opportunity to participate in community gatherings and build in-person relationships.
- The knowledge that you are supporting many programs and events that the RCA offers.
- Enjoyment of recreational programs and activities right in your neighbourhood.
- Entitlement to vote at the RCA Annual General Meeting to choose the people you'd like to see on the Board of Directors.
- The ability to join the RCA Board of Directors and make a lasting impact on the community.

Discount Offers:

- 15% off Riverbend Community Centre rentals.
- Discounts on community programs and events.
- Priority registration for free community programs and events.
- 10% discount for paddleboard rentals and paddle board classes from SUP&Flow.
- 25% off burglary, smoke, panic, and medical alarm monitoring fees with Stealth Alarms.
- 25% off paint and 15% off paint supplies at Cloverdale Paint.
- 10% off at Original Joe's restaurant in Quarry Park. (Some conditions apply.)
- One free materials drop-off a month at Ecco Recycling landfill.
- Free week trial and rate discount at F45 Quarry Park Riverbend.
- New 2023: 10% discount on all services. Willow Park Scholars
- New 2023: 10% discount on all products at Backyard Meats using code RIVERBEND10.
- New 2023: 10% discount on any order made online at Joy in Colours using code RIVERBEND, or via Instagram or Facebook messenger.
- New 2023: 5% discount on services from Bhinder Exteriors
- New 2023: 5% discount on auto and home insurance from Toole Peet. Use code FEDYYCMEMBER.

How to Purchase and Renew RCA Membership?

- Online: The best option is to purchase your membership via our website, www.riverbendcommunity.ca/ membership.
- **Via mail:** Cut out and complete the membership form from *Riverbend Connects*. Mail to Riverbend Community Association: 19 Rivervalley Drive SE, Calgary AB, T2C 3S1.
- In-person: At the Riverbend Community Centre for those without computer access. Exact cash amount or cheque only.

Want to Offer a Member Benefit/Discount?

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Please note:

- Overhead costs of processing membership applications not submitted online are high, therefore we strongly encourage everyone to utilize our online
- Registrations that are mailed in take longer to process; you may not receive your membership confirmation right away.







YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Take Steps to Help Protect Your Household Pipes from Freezing

by City of Calgary



Every winter some Calgarians experience frozen water pipes which can result in water outages. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth and configuration of water pipes, and history of freezing.

However, recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing.

- 1. Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- 3. Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- 5. Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- 8. Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.

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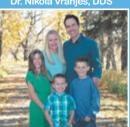
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