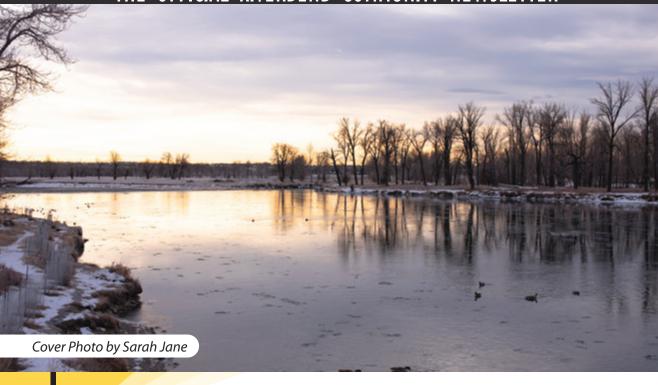
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Key Things to Know About in November

Stay connected to all things Riverbend at www.riverbendcommunity.ca, and Facebook, x (Twitter), and Instagram @riverbendyyc

Thank you to Girl Guides for a spooktacular Halloween Dance Party.

Upcoming Events

Fall Fair

November 4, 2023, 10:00 am to 4 pm

Join us for another fantastic Christmas shopping opportunity from local vendors.

YYC food trucks will be onsite. Visit our website for more vendor information.

www.riverbendcommunity.ca

Annual AGM

November 21, 2023, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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- Meet RCA Directors face to face.
- Vote in the election of new Directors.
- Hear about the RCA financial situation.
- Hear about our accomplishments over the past year -see 2022-23 Annual report on page 14.
- · Meet new RCA President.
- Network with your neighbours.
- Hear updates about issues impacting your community.
- Enjoy some wine and cheese.

This year's meeting will again be taking place in person at the community centre! Check out our website www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/annual-general-meetings for agenda and supporting documents.

Winter Plant Fundraiser Order Deadline November 21, 2023.

The gift that keeps on giving. By purchasing plants through this program, not only will you beautify your own space, the proceeds from the fundraiser will also support future community beautification projects. Order online at: www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/winter-plant-fundraiser-2023.

Mayor's 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, 2023, to December 12, 2023.

Annual Kids Christmas Party Presented by Remington

December 2, 2023, 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.

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, November 27, 12:00 pm for pick-up Thursday, December 7, between 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the community centre.

Order online: 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: November 10, 2023.

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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 of 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 \$1200 + 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 https://www. riverbendcommunity.ca/outdoor-rink.

Partner with us to offer RCA Member Benefits/ Discounts!

In recognition and appreciation of the member benefit offered for the RCA Members, RCA agrees to:

• Provide a listing on our website under Memberships page with a hyperlink. Our webpage (www. riverbendcommunity.ca) is visited by about 1,000 visitors every month.

- · Listing in the Riverbend Connects newsletter on Memberships page. Our printed newsletter is delivered to over 4,000 households and enjoys over 80% readership.
- · New benefit announcement post with logo will be posted on our social media platforms. Our Facebook page has 2,400+ followers, Twitter page 700+ followers and Instagram page 900+ followers. Our posts often reach a few thousand people.
- One additional post on RCA social media platforms per

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







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To report a historical crime and there is not an immediate need for police, please call the Calgary Police non-emergency line at 403-266-1234

For online reporting please visit - calgarypolice.cav

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RCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

- 1	First Name:
1	Last Name:
1	Email:
	Spouse/ Partner Name:
1	Address:
1	Postal Code:
1	Phone Number:
	Number of Children:
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	O 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)

I Membership cost:

- □ \$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** Dr SE, Calgary AB T2C 3S1, or drop it off at the Riverbend Community





Seven Ways to Break Free of a Trauma Bond

Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

What is a trauma bond or traumatic bonding? Trauma bonding happens when someone who has been in an abusive relationship, develops strong feelings for those who have abused them. A term you may have heard is Stockholm Syndrome. The abuse may range from emotional abuse to physical abuse and sexual assault. The victim may develop an emotional connection with the abuser, which can lead to incongruent intense feelings of attachment. These bonds can be challenging to overcome the longer the victim is with their abuser. There are 2 main factors involved in establishing trauma bonds: a power imbalance, and an intermittent reinforcement of good and bad treatment. These relationships are based on intensity, domination, and unpredictability.

What are some causes?

Attachment and dependence trauma bond can be formed when a victim experiences abuse and then remorse. For example: love bombing, trust and dependency, criticism, resignation of personal control, gaslighting, loss of self/self-esteem, addiction (to the cycle of push and pull).

Another cause can be biological responses which can aid the formation of trauma bonds such as: freeze response to a threat, and a cycle of dopamine and oxytocin (A.K.A. the honeymoon phase of abuser remorse and romancing).

When you feel trapped in a trauma bond, please know there is hope and help for you.

Here are seven ways to break free from a trauma bond:

Educate Yourself – learn the red flags of what relationships could turn into a toxic or abusive relationship, and the personality traits of an abuser. Read Patrick Carnes' *Betrayal Bond* and Gavin De Becker's *The Gift of Fear*.

Zero Contact – cut all contact, change your phone number, block, or quit all social media, ask friends to not give any personal information away.

Examine the Evidence – focus on what the abuser was/ is doing, not what they are saying. Their words mean nothing if their behaviour never matches them.

Practice Self-Compassion – don't blame yourself. This was not your fault. You are not stupid.

Personal Affirmations – work on self-esteem by connecting with your friends and family who support and love you. Practice positive self-talk. Treat yourself with the same kindness you would a friend.

Mindfulness – journal daily and keep your focus on the present not the past. Looking back can cloud your judgement of how bad things really were as we tend to reminisce about mostly the good.

Professional Help – look for a therapist that has the training and experience to help you overcome the challenges of leaving a toxic relationship. A therapist who will help hold you accountable in taking care of yourself, and help you build back your eroded self-esteem.





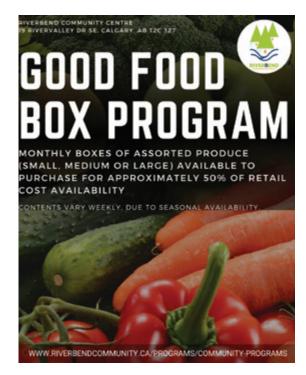




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A Ton of Tongue

Blue whales are the largest animals known to live on Earth. Not only are their bodies ginormous at a staggering 100 feet long, but their tongues are actually incredibly heavy, with the average tongue weighing over 8,000 lbs!













The Residential Parking Permit Program limits on-street parking in busy areas so residents have better access to parking near their homes.



The program is offered by request. Only about 2% of households use this service.



New fees ensure that the cost of running the service is covered by those who benefit from it.



You only need a permit if your street has parking restriction signs and you want to park on the street.

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community association

Annual Report 2022-2023



- Recruited and onboarded Secretary and 2 Directors at Large

 Actively searching for new Treasurer

 Developed 7 new policies and updated 2

- · Secured "LOW RISK" annual ranking from City of Calgary
- Received \$79,500 from Casino Fundraiser held in Jan 2023
- 2022-23 Fund Development Plan targets exceeded
 Secured \$46,600 in grant funding
 Secured \$13,000 via donations and fundraising activities

 - Organized a successful 'Spring Plant Fundraiser' event





- Renegotiated rental agreements with long-term tenants
- Hired, onboarded and trained new Maintenance Worker
- Developed processes for rink rentals and rink advertising boards



- New front doors with wave activated accessibility
- ENMAX Community Solar Program saw solar panels installed on the roof to help off set energy costs
- Increased security of the facility with security cameras and by making last three locks electronic



- Celebrated 'Rink Grand Re-opening' on Feb 11, 2023 with - Ward 11 Councillor- Kourtney Penner, MLA Tanya Fir, Parks Foundation CEO - Sheila Taylor and Harvey the Hound
- \$640,000 All-season Rink Makeover Project completed including the addition of 10 in-ground picnic tables
- Submitted final reports and closed all project grants

- Hosted a Riverbend Expansion Project information session in Nov 2022 and Sept 2023
- Supported Remington Development with sharing updates about their new development plans in Quarry Park
- Supported Ecco Recycling by hosting them at the Community Information session in spring of 2023
- Hosted Green Line LRT Community Information session in spring of 2023 about their proposed redevelopment



MEMBERSHIPS



- 4 new benefits for RCA members introduced Increased memberships by 45% compared to
- 31% of Riverbend households are now RCA members - higher than Calgary average of 20%

- Continued to expand audience and engagement: Facebook 2000+ followers
 - Instagram 800+ Followers
- Twitter 700+ Followers
 Hired and onboarded Communications Office Assistant
- Researched and published 'History of Riverbend' and
- 'History of RCA' and created History Installation

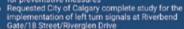


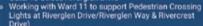
 2021 Community Engagement Survey results meant community beautification in the 2022-24 Strategic Plan was prioritized



- Funding from the Community Standards Grant from the City of Calgary saw 34 garbage cans wrapped with nature
- Collaborated with City of Calgary to address landscaping on the medians and boulevards on 18th Street Organized Litter Clean Up event
- Supported a weeding event in Carburn Park

- Implemented awareness campaign for traffic safety and 311 requests, reporting concerns to 311 up (15.6% increase over 2022)
- Raised awareness Deerfoot Improvements Project
- Sent letter to MLA Tanya Fir, Office of the Minister of Transportation and Ward 11 Councilor Kourtney Penner to flag community's concerns and advocate for preventative measures





Three SLOW (Speed Limit Observation and Warning System) trailers now in the community





- Formed Events & Programs Planning Working Group
 Held the Year of Celebrations event celebrating RCA 35th and Riverbend's 40th anniversaries
- Introduced new programs and events: 'Community Movie Nights', 'Seniors Cards & Coffee' and 'Good Food Box'
- Organized several successful events: Riverbend Fall Fair, Kids Christmas Party, Casino Fundraiser, Spring Plant Fundraiser, YYCFoodtrucks Fridays, End of School Dance
- 217 participated in our fitness programs and 35 in the Softball League

- · Recruited 3 new board members
- Followed up on 100% expression of interest for potential volunteers and increased volunteer hours
- Volunteers contributed over 120 hours for 7 community
- events, with 36 new volunteers for two day casino in Jánuary Volunteer board members contributed over 500 hours in
- planning, maintaining community events and facilities Held End of Year volunteer appreciation Celebration - Ken Schultz, Director of Facility projects recognized as 'Face of Community' - a Federation of Caigary Communities program
 Olga Maciejewski, departing President recognized for her commitment to Riverbend community with The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal



Actively advocated for better funding model for Calgary Community Associations via a media release that resulted in several publications











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For more details - www.riverbendcommunity.ca



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

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