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2022 Single Family Home Sales in Oakridge **57** 

Oakridge Single Family Home Benchmark Price

\$695,473 Up 14.1% from 2021



2022 Total Residential Sales in Oakridge

109

Oakridge Residential Benchmark Price

\$520,436

Up 8.9% from 2021

#### 2023 OAKRIDGE EVENTS



3rd Annual Oakridge Parade of Garage Sales Sunday, June 4, 2023



3rd Annual Oakridge Pumpkin Patch Giveaway
October 2023



3rd Annual Skate with Santa Sunday, December 24, 2023



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\*Open two Saturdays per month

# **OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

#### **Complex**

9504 Oakfield Drive SW Calgary, Alberta T2V 0L1 Telephone: 403-238-0007 Fax: 403-238-1115 Email: oakcomm@telus.net www.oakridgecommunity.ca

#### **Office Hours**

8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays

#### **Complex Manager**

Sandy Fitzgibbon

#### **Maintenance**

Ron Lukie, Jay Stewart, Matt Brewster

#### **Hall Rentals**

- Contact Sandy weekdays at the Centre, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- Space available for socials, meetings, wedding receptions
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#### Social Media

The Oakridge Community is now on Facebook and Instagram!

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#### Oakridge Community Centre Abuse Policy

The Oakridge Community
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Abuse or harassment towards
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President	Brian Pedlar	587-830-2793
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VP Civic Affairs	Terry Kemp	403-616-9935
VP Community Affairs	Dale Evans	403-281-3473
VP Communications	Gary Davies	587-890-8609
Directors at Large	Ian MacRae, Rachael McCarthy	

#### **DIRECTORY**

DIRECTORT				
Beavers/Cubs/Scouts	Lori Baher 403-253-8662 loribaher@hotmail.com			
Before/After School Care	Kelly Krebs	403-238-9322		
Bingo Volunteers	Sandy Fitzgibbon	403-238-0007		
Silverbirch Girl Guides	anycalgarysilverbirch@girlguides.ca			
Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator	Cathi Groves	403-476-7290		
Curling Oakridge Echo	Rick Waraksa oakridge.echo@gmail.com	403-281-4733		
Elm Obedience School	Eda Milne	403-281-7937		
Holiday Adventures	Kelly Krebs	403-238-9322		
Jump Start	Kelly Krebs	403-238-9322		
Line Dancing	Mary Rochfort	403-238-4692		
Netball	Paula MacWilliam	403-281-8348		
Quick Fit	Sandy Fitzgibbon	403-238-0007		
Ringette	Steve Hutchison	403-238-3538		
Soccer	Gene Pawlak	403-238-2199		
Southwest Hockey Association	admin@southwesthockey.ca			
Weaselhead Society	Maureen	403-701-7474		
Yoga with Jane		403-281-7553		
Tools for Kids Preschool	Nicole Rosendorff	403-460-0389		
Tai Chi with Jane		403-281-7553		
Oakridge Seniors	Manager	403-801-7254		
Oakridge Community Garden	Bev Romerman	587-437-2494		

#### **Keep the Oakridge Community Centre Smoke-Free**

Please be aware that smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of the Oakridge Community Centre entrance, per City of Calgary Bylaw 57M92 the provincial Tobacco Reduction Act

The Tobacco Reduction Act prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces, and within 5 metres of any doorway, window or air intake. If you do smoke, please be sure to do so at least 5 metres from the entrance. We appreciate your cooperation.



### **Looking For Volunteers**

If you have ideas about potential community events and some time to help organize them, the Oakridge Community Association would like to hear from you. Please send us an email to oakcomm@telus.net with your idea(s) and contact information, and we will be in touch.





**Call Len T Wong** 

at 403-606-8888

for more info.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	Line Dancing 5:30 - 8:30 pm	Coffee & Chat 8:00 am - 12:00 am Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:00 am Yoga with Jane 7:30 - 8:30 pm	5	6 Line Dancing 9:30 - 11:30 am	7
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TOOLS FOR KIDS PRESCHOOL: Weekdays September to June, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm BASC PROGRAM (SCHOOL-AGE CARE): Weekdays September to June, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm



#### To View Additional Oakridge Content

#### INCLUDING

- News and Events
- Real Estate Statistics
- Crime Statistics

and More...



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## **Bingo Volunteers Needed**

The Oakridge Community Association requires volunteers to work monthly bingos at the Bingo Barn in NE Calgary.

For each bingo worked you would receive a \$50 bingo buck that can be spent on any activity that is run through the Oakridge Community, as well as numerous sports organizations, Tools for Kids Preschool, and Southland Leisure Centre just to name a few!

Please contact Sandy if you can help out at 403-238-0007.

#### **Residential Traffic Concerns**

The Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) is a unit created to specifically address residential traffic issues. Our strategy is to utilize citizen feedback to develop our operational response. We focus on playground zones, pedestrian rich areas, and other high-risk locations identified through collision data analysis. The RTSU is attached to the Traffic Section of the Calgary Police Service.

We strongly emphasize public awareness and education, facilitating citizen engagement by attending Community Association Board meetings to discuss the Traffic Service Request System (TSR). The TSR is a key tool to help Calgary Police Service monitor and track traffic safety issues.

The RTSU also utilizes strong collaborative relationships with City partners on traffic concerns requiring resolutions other than enforcement, such as sign changes, installation of crosswalks, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, extension of playground zones, etc.

We can further assist by liaising with established community partnerships. This includes MLA offices, City Councillor offices, and Neighborhood Committee Coordinators as we continue to expand events attended by the RTSU.







#### FREE FAMILY DAY SKATE

Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Oakridge Community Centre 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Indoor Ice as well as Outdoor Ice (weather permitting)

Mom and Dad, bring the Kids, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Betty and Uncle Jim!

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January 17 - March 7, 2023 BEGINNER: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ADVANCED: 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

#### **EVERY FRIDAY**

January 20 - March 10, 2023 BEGINNER: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ADVANCED: 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

OCA MEMBERS: \$40.00/Child NON-MEMBERS: \$50.00/Child

Registration opens January 2 at 7:00 am! www.oakridgecommunity.ca

PARENT PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF BEGINNER SESSIONS.

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#### **Death Education Series**

Oakridge Community Centre Upper Level
Thursday's February 16 to March 23, 2023
10 am to 11:30 am

There can be a lot of curiosity and uncertainty about preparing for the end of life, yet many people are afraid or uncomfortable talking about it. Having paperwork in order, understanding what may happen, and being able to create meaning in our lives can contribute to an easier and more peaceful death. This series gently explores different aspects of facing our own mortality and provides practical information that serves anyone, no matter their age or health status

Laura Silver is a Death Doula Candidate with the Home Hospice Association. After spending almost 20 years in provincial health care policy and systems project management, she has recently turned towards formalizing her knowledge and interest in helping people have "a good death". Death Doulas seek to provide loving and compassionate support to anyone nearing the end of life.

Workshop One: Introduction to the Work of Death Doulas Workshop Two: Your Life in Review - How to Create Meaning Workshop Three: What is a Legacy?

Workshop Four: Death and Dying
Workshop Five: What happens before and after death in Alberta?
Workshop Six: Grief and Bereavement



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Adult \$40.00 Family \$40.00 Seniors (60+) \$20.00

(Community Membership is from May 1 to April 30)

**HOURS** 

JRS Sept to June
Monday to Thursday 8 am to 8 pm
Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday 8 am to noon

Sept to June July / Aug 8 am to 8 pm 8 am to 5 pm 8 am to 4 pm 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday 8 am to noon closed
Sundays / Holidays closed closed

#### REGISTRATION

Sandy (403) 238-0007 oakcomm@telus.net

#### LOCATION

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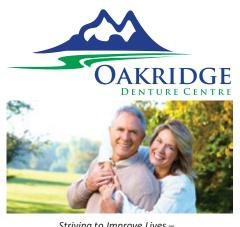
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# Oakridge Community Garden (OCG)

Have you started to plan for your gardening in 2023? It's never too late! Come join our fun-loving, nature focused, 'green' volunteers, both novices and experienced gardeners – we are all interested in learning more.

We are planning extra raised beds for newcomers and lots of personal and common goals, activities, and events. This will be our fourth growing season and it is an exciting time to plant more edibles in our rented and common beds, including the vertical garden. There is such a diversity of edibles from many countries that we can try to grow and share with our families and friends.

Our perennial garden and food forest is filling out and the recent addition of a wooden canoe to reflect our 'Weaselhead' theme should enable gardeners and local residents to reflect on nature, smell the 'roses', and watch the blooming flowers and busy pollinators. Everyone is invited! Please use our free, little library so others can enjoy the books you have read or drop by and visit our notice board for more info on the OCG.

We hope to have some OCG member only events and visits in 2023 but also some more community events in the OCG and surrounding green spaces.

Watch out for details in February and March if you are interested in renewing your membership and/or renting a raised bed at https://www.oakridgecommunity.ca/.



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# Oakridge Community Association (OCA): Civic Affairs Report

# Budget and Plans for 2023-2026 and Oakridge Projects

Yes - Your property tax dollars. We have shared our list of projects with our Ward 11 representatives, and we also submitted our concerns and requests during the Public Hearing in November. We are cautiously optimistic that some of our projects will get approved, but transparency is limited. For more information, refer to https://newsroom.calgary.ca/2023-2026-service-plans-and-budgets-recap-council-decision-highlights/.

#### **Co-op Development Plans**

We commented on the Co-op DP2022-07408 - 2580 Southland Dr SW for the new store only on City Electronic Submission form. We had a few questions and requests about traffic efficiency and pedestrian safety, and we think these are being addressed. The current expectation is that work will begin on the new store in February 2023, with a completion/move in date of spring 2024. Note that we have yet to understand details of the tower blocks and hope to have more information shared with us in 102023.

# Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) with the Calgary Police Service (CPS)

The OCA was approached in mid-November by a representative from the Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU); a unit created to specifically address residential traffic issues. This is excellent news, and we are communicating with them further with some of our ongoing concerns – see last few editions of the Echo. The RTSU states that "Our strategy is to utilize citizen feedback to develop our operational response. We focus on playground zones, pedestrian rich areas and other high-risk locations identified through collision data analysis."

The RTSU also utilizes strong collaborative relationships with City partners on traffic concerns requiring resolutions other than enforcement, such as sign changes, installation of crosswalks, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, extension of playground zones, etc. They strongly emphasize public awareness and education, facilitating citizen engagement by attending

Community Association Board meetings to discuss the Traffic Service Request System (TSR). The TSR is a key tool to help Calgary Police Service monitor and track traffic safety issues.

#### District 32

We had our 18th meeting on November 10. We have been advised that the Local Area Planning activities have been delayed further to post-2025. However, many developments are proceeding, such as the Co-op and the review of playgrounds and green spaces. This incremental change without an overall plan remains a concern for District 32 participants. Our next zoom meeting, number 19, is anticipated for Thursday, February 23, 2023, and will review our near-term goals.

#### **Climate Change Emergency and OCA Mitigation**

The OCA Board is continuing to support placing solar panels on the OCA facilities, similar to the Southland Leisure Centre and select Heritage Park Facilities. Further discussions are planned for our Board meeting on December 20. The long-term economics looks attractive, and we continue to look at other climate enhancing opportunities.

Within Oakridge OCA, we continue to assess and plan to coordinate some actions on growing trees, electric charging stations, etc. We are also discussing other improvements such as bike routes between green spaces with 'Oh My Oakridge'.

If you are interested in supporting any of the above initiatives, please contact us at the OCA.



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