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881 RADFORD RD. N.E.

Growing Concern: Theft at Our Community Garden Plots

Our community garden has long been a place of joy, connection, and growth - where members rent plots, nurture their vegetables, and share in the beauty of the season's harvest. Unfortunately, a troubling trend has emerged this year: theft.

Over the past few weeks, several members have reported missing vegetables from their plots. What's especially disheartening is that many of these vegetables were harvested prematurely - pulled out before they were ripe, and in some cases, simply left discarded in the beds. This not only wastes the produce but also damages the plants and the spirit of the gardeners who have invested time, care, and resources into their plots.

For many, gardening is more than just growing food. It's a therapeutic activity, a way to connect with nature, and a source of pride. The recent thefts have left members feeling discouraged and questioning whether they'll return next season. This is a loss not just for individual gardeners, but for the entire community.

See Something – Report It!

We ask everyone if you see suspicious activity or notice someone harvesting from a plot that isn't theirs, please report it to rcacommunitygarden@gmail.com. We're also exploring ways to improve security and signage to remind visitors that these plots are privately rented and lovingly maintained. Let's work together to restore trust and ensure our garden remains a place of growth - for plants and for community spirit.

Have ideas for improving garden security or fostering community respect? We'd love to hear from you. Reach out to rcacommunitygarden@gmail.com. Interested further in what the Community Garden is all about? Check us out at <https://renfrewcommunitygarden.wordpress.com/> and always feel free to chat with any of The Smiling Gardeners you may meet onsite!



RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

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Annual General Meeting and Energy Efficient Future Introduction

**Friday, November 7, 2025
7:00-9:00 pm
Renfrew Community Association
811 Radford Rd NE**

A **FREE** workshop to help you understand your home energy use and how to take steps to make your home more energy efficient.

Everyone in attendance will take home a **Energy Efficiency Kit** that includes: weather stripping, window film, LED light bulbs, power bar, etc.

Register for your spot on our website.

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RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

HALLOWEEN JELLYBEAN DANCE

OCTOBER 24TH, 2025

6:00PM- 9:00PM

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\$5 PER PERSON \$20 FOR FAMILIES (UP TO 6)

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PRIZES!

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RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

20 December | 811 Radford Rd. NE.



HOLIDAY MARKET VENDOR CALL

OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EVERYONE ELSE TOO!

EMAIL ASSISTANT@RENFREWVC.CA TO BOOK YOUR TABLE!





Calling All Young Performers!

JOIN THE RENFREW
WINTER PRODUCTION

Winter PRODUCTION

Does your child love to act, sing, or shine on stage? The Renfrew Community Association is excited to host a Winter Play and we're inviting children from the community to take part (no experience necessary)!

Weekly rehearsals will run for 8 weeks at the Renfrew Community Centre and will end in a wintery fun community performance!

Interested? Email assistant@renfrewyyc.ca to sign up!

looking for volunteers too!

renfrewyyc.ca

Buy your Renfrew Community Membership

Memberships are \$15 per family or \$10 per adult.

Members receive access to members-only events, updates, invitations and special member pricing and benefits.



Scan the QR code or go to www.RenfrewYYC.ca




WE ARE HIRING!

Event Set Up and Take Down

We're looking for **reliable teens** (or any community members!) to help with **event set-up and take-down** at the Renfrew Community Centre.

This is a **casual position** based on event bookings—mostly **evenings and weekends, with some late-night shifts (11:00 pm–1:00 am)**.

You'll work as part of a small team to move tables and chairs (must be able to lift 40–50 lbs). A quick training session will be provided, and pay is minimum wage.

To apply, send an email to **Lara at assistant@renfrewyyc.ca** with a few sentences about why you'd like this gig and what makes you a good fit.

We'll be hiring on a rolling basis until we've built a strong team, with shifts starting in late August—so don't wait!

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Renfrew Community Association:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Have a Passion for Arts and Crafts?

Renfrew Community Association is looking for crafty individuals to lead Craft Projects this fall at our Makers Mingle Events.

Makers Mingle is held every second Tuesday of the Month in the Social Room and is a fun informal gathering of crafters.

for more information please email assistant@renfrewyyc.ca

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RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

HOLIDAY JELLYBEAN DANCE

NOVEMBER 28, 2025

6:00PM - 9:00PM

ALL AGES



\$5/PERSON OR \$20/FAMILY

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Renfrew Community Garden

This past summer the RCG had a hue of blue in several garden beds. This colour came from the fluffy Bachelor Button flowers which are native to Europe, but they thrive in Canada because they are a very hardy self-seeding plant.



The Bachelor Button has various names including Cornflower, Bluebottle, or Ragged Robin. Cornflower because this plant was a weed in the European corn fields, Bluebottle and Ragged Robin due to the flower's appearance and Bachelor Button because Victorian-era bachelors would wear a Bachelor Button flower in their coat's buttonhole to show that they were available for courtship. The blue Bachelor Button is also Germany's national flower and was painted by Vincent Van Gogh in the painting called Wheat Fields with Cornflowers, 1890.

Through history this plant has had its fair share of time in the spotlight, but it deserves to be talked about as it is also a great pollinator and plant companion. The sweet nectar of the plant attracts bees, butterflies, and ladybugs. Since the plant can bloom in early spring it is a good source of food for the pollinators when other blooms are still scarce. This attraction can help increase flower or vegetable garden yields and provide a natural pest control.

The Bachelor Button is an edible flower that can be used as a garnish on desserts and cheese trays or dried to be used in tea recipes. It also has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, and the pigment of the flower can be used to colour foods.

The Bachelor Button can be planted in the spring or fall. It can also be grown in a planter. This plant likes a sunny place with good soil drainage. Plants usually sprout within seven to fourteen days and grow to a height between one to three feet. This plant can also be invasive as it is a self-seeder, you have been warned.

So, this Thanksgiving let's be thankful for plants like the Bachelor Button that have survived all these years as pollinators, plant companions, and edible flowers that have a bit of folklore attached to its name.

Happy Thanksgiving Renfrew.

The Smiling Gardeners



MAKERS MINGLE
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OCTOBER 2025





OCTOBER | 8TH
NOVEMBER | 12TH
DECEMBER | 10TH

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Squash!

1. This winter squash is popular in making Jack-o'-lanterns.
2. The British refer to this summer squash as a courgette.
3. This elongated squash grows on a vine and has a bulbous bottom that stores its seeds.
4. This squash resembles the shape of a flying saucer!
5. This squash shares its name with an elongated yellow fruit.
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WORD OF THE MONTH

Phantasmagoria: Noun
(phan-tas-ma-go-ria)

A rapidly shifting scene or sequence of pictures, like those in a dream.

What happens next was a phantasmagoria of mystery.



HARRISON CLARK FOR WARD 9



Calgary's Future Announces Official Endorsement for Ward 9: Harrison Clark

Harrison Clark is a Curator of Community

Harrison Clark may be new to politics, but he has broad experience in community relations, management, and communications. Born and raised in Calgary, Harrison is an entrepreneur who values authenticity and quality. He has owned and operated Murphy's Mid-Century in Inglewood since 2018.

Harrison is an independent candidate dedicated to representing the needs of residents first. He's ready to be a champion for everyone, taking action to preserve the ward's unique character while also growing affordable housing options to allow more people to build lives in the community. Harrison has a plan to develop Ward 9 with a connected and diverse transportation network, turning it into a true cultural destination and community that can meet everyone's needs.

Here's why Harrison Clark is the right choice

Harrison Clark is a candidate who will listen first, act responsibly, and represent his ward, not just an ideology. He's focused on transparent communication and getting a fair share of investment for historic Ward 9, including his plan for an inner city recreation hub, a revitalization

strategy for the Music Mile and unlocking city owned land to build affordable housing. Residents deserve leadership rooted in honesty, hard work, and community engagement. After over a year of campaigning across Ward 9, Harrison is ready to bring residents' voices to city council.

Here's why we're endorsing Harrison Clark

- **Entrepreneur:** Owns Murphy's Mid-Century in Inglewood
- **Historic community builder:** Knows how to preserve character
- **Working Hard to Engage:** Campaigning for over a year

"The collective needs, wants, and hopes of the residents of Ward 9 are not ideological. They are the aspirations for a better quality of life".

— Harrison Clark, Calgary City Council Candidate for Ward 9



If you want to hear more about where Harrison Clark stands on the critical issues facing Calgarians, check out his answers to our Candidate Questionnaire

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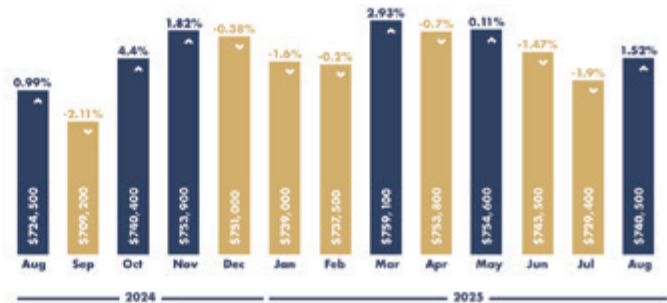
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Aug 2025

▲ **MONTH TO MONTH**
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▲ **YEAR TO YEAR**
ADOM are up, homes are selling 83.33% slower compared to Aug 2024



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