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Tiny Tots Organizer Receives 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award

Allison Perkins is the recipient of the RCA Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with Tiny Tots. She helped another mom, Amy, revive the group in February 2023. Renfrew's Tiny Tots had been running for many decades but was put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tiny Tots is a unique program in the city. It is a drop-in, unstructured play group for children aged zero to five that runs weekly on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the community centre. "Generally, we have up to eight kids," says Allison. "There are gym mats and lots of toys, such as a train table, plasma cars, megablocks, a play kitchen with food, a barn and farm animals, a doll house, balls, hula hoops, construction toys, and vehicles."

In 2025, another neighbourhood mom, Angela Dang Atkinson, started an off-shoot of the group for babies (newborn to 12 months) called Tater Tots. Tater Tots is now run by neighbourhood mom, Amanda Woo, on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

"We moved to Renfrew in September 2022 when our son was just over a year old. I was looking for a play group in the neighbourhood and an opportunity to meet other parents," says Allison. "We've met several new friends through Tiny Tots."

"My son will soon be five and aging out of the program," says Allison. We are looking for new volunteers to help in the fall. "You can help out by running the whole group, being a back-up, opening up and getting out toys, or starting a different day/time."

Please join the WhatsApp group to learn more or email membership@renfrewyyc.ca.

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Do you care about Renfrew and want to make a difference? Join our **Renfrew Enhancement Committee** to help enhance and create beauty throughout our community

If you are interested in joining the committee or getting more information

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Renfrew Sensory Garden

Stanley Jones Park – 825 6 St NE

What's Happening

The City is developing a new sensory garden in Stanley Jones Park. This space is designed to create a welcoming, accessible destination where visitors can experience the park through sight, scent, touch, and sound. The garden will be located in an existing open grass area and connected to current park pathways. This is a small-scale improvement that will add a new, accessible gathering space to Stanley Jones Park while supporting pollinators and enhancing the natural environment.

What To Expect

Work is expected to take place through the fall, with no impact to park or pathway use. The project will introduce:

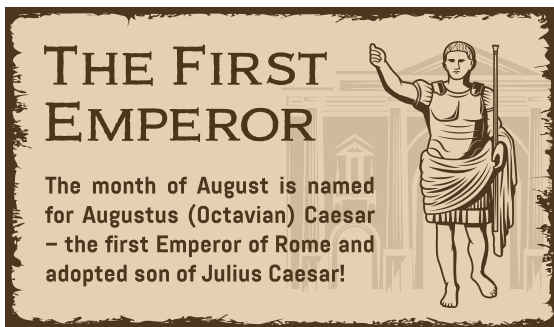
- A variety of plants including fragrant herbs, grasses, flowers, and native species.
- Features that encourage sensory interaction, such as textured plants and natural elements.
- Accessible pathways and seating, including a looped layout for easy movement.
- Spaces for quiet rest and observation.
- Pollinator-friendly planting to support bees and other wildlife.

Plant selections will focus on durable, drought-tolerant species suited to Calgary's climate.

Why It's Being Done

This project aims to:

- Create a more inclusive and accessible park space.
- Enhance the park's biodiversity and ecological value.
- Provide a unique recreational and community amenity.
- Support long-term sustainability through resilient planting.



Renfrew Park n' Play



August 4 to 7, 2026, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Ages 6 to 12 Years

The City of Calgary Park n' Play are safe, supervised programs helping children to make new friends and learn. Games and activities are designed to encourage them on their path to healthy and active lifestyles.

- Sign up on site.
- Walks-ins will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

This program is outdoors and may be cancelled due to extreme weather events.

Location: Renfrew Community Association

Address: 811 Radford Road NE

Mobility Access: Wheelchair Accessible

More Information

Looking for some fun, free outdoor activities this summer? The City of Calgary offers a variety of free summer programs for all ages across Calgary! Between supervised programs for kids or fun activities for the whole family, there are all kinds of options to make memories, connect and play this summer. Find some fun at calgary.ca/free.

Renfrew Park Naming Project

Welcome to the Renfrew Park Naming Project! We have beautiful parks of all sizes in Renfrew and many of them are still unnamed. The City of Calgary has approved 12 of these parks for the community to name.

We are looking for your help in finding wonderful names for our parks that reflect our pride of community and also meet City criteria. We are looking for names with provenance – some historical or community-wide significance preferably with documented evidence of such. You may have noticed that Google or other online sources provide names for some of these parks, but they are not officially sanctioned City names.

Summer is the perfect time to visit and get to know our parks, and you are encouraged to do so with park naming in mind. Some of you may know the history of a particular park already or may be enticed to do some research on a park you know little about. You are welcome to forward your naming recommendations and background information at any time to director2@renfrewyyc.ca. Deadline for submissions will be October 31, 2026.

A list of all recommended names received will be shared with the community for review and comment. Then, we will compile the applications for park naming and along with all documentary evidence, send it to the City of Calgary for consideration. The final decision to approve a name for a park rests with City Council.

Included here is the list of parks, available for naming, with their corresponding unique REN number. Also provided is a map of Renfrew with the parks available for naming, identified by diagonal lines. The parks indicated in light green, without diagonal lines, have already been named.

- REN001 – 448 Edward Street
- REN120 – 720 - 13 Street
- REN121 – 1410 Phair Avenue
- REN782 – Thomson Avenue
- REN783 – 1300 Child Avenue
- REN784 – 1208 Child Avenue
- REN786 – 902 Robert Road
- REN788 – 1106 Remington Road
- REN789 – 1116 Rupert Road
- REN790 – 1124 Reader Crescent
- REN793 – 625 - 14 Avenue
- REN898 – 864 Bridge Crescent



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Word of the Month

Syzygy: noun (si-zuh-jee)

A nearly straight line-up of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system.

During an eclipse, the Earth, moon, and sun align to form a syzygy.

September at Renfrew Community Association

SEPTEMBER

9

6 PM - 9 PM

Makers Mingle

SEPTEMBER

11

6 PM - 11 PM

*Community Pub Night
Sewcial*

SEPTEMBER

12

11 AM - 4 PM

*Community Street
Painting Party*

SEPTEMBER

16

7 PM - 9 PM

*Renfrew Community
Conversations:
Jeremy Klaszus from The
Sprawl*

SEPTEMBER

17

6:30 PM - 8 PM

Pack Walk

SEPTEMBER

18

7 PM - 11 PM

*Community Pub Night
Family Game Night*

SEPTEMBER

25

6 PM - 11 PM

Jellybean Dance

OCTOBER

2

7 PM - 11 PM

Oktoberfest

OCTOBER

3

1 PM - 4 PM

*Crafternoon:
Beading Workshop*

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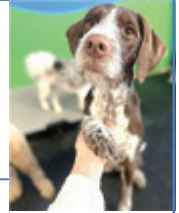


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