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Victoria, a 21-year-old student at MacEwan University, and her father, Paul Fortuna, 53 years old, were the innocent victims of a horrific and tragic vehicle accident that occurred in Edmonton, Alberta. Sadly, her father, Paul, succumbed to his injuries at the scene, and Victoria has been left with catastrophic, life-threatening, and life-altering injuries. She is currently fighting for her life and receiving critical medical care at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

Donate to this GoFundMe by scanning the QR code to help ease the inconceivable financial hardship the Fortuna family is facing. The family is deeply grateful for the kindness, prayers, and support they have already received. Your generosity, through a donation or by sharing this GoFundMe, will allow them to focus on supporting their beloved Victoria through her long recovery journey. It takes a village and every donation counts.

Thank you for standing with them during this unimaginably difficult time.

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Proposed Updates to Your Local Area Plan

City Council directed City Administration to update six of the approved local area plans (LAPs) to limit where rowhouses and townhouses can be developed

The proposed updates would apply the same location-based Limited Scale Policies in the Westbrook Communities and Heritage Communities LAPs to the rest of the approved LAPs.

What are the proposed changes?

The proposed updates would limit where rowhouses and townhouses are supported to parcels that have a rear lane and meet one of the following location criteria:

- within a transit station area,
- along or adjacent to an identified main street,
- on a corner parcel,
- or adjacent to a school, park or open space.



Scan here for more information and to join an **information session!**



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Renfrew Community Association Presents

HALLOWEEN JELLYBEAN DANCE

23 OCTOBER

6-9PM
LIVE DJ
CONCESSIONS
PRIZES
PUB OPEN

PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE



Renfrew Community Association

Crafternoon

Design your own Tote bag

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7
1-3 PM**

Stamp it. Stencil it. Make it yours!

Join us for a creative afternoon at the Renfrew Community Hall and design your own one-of-a-kind canvas tote bag. We'll have fabric paints, stamps, stencils and markers available for you to experiment with and create a design that's completely your own. Come with an idea in mind or find some inspiration when you arrive! No crafting experience is needed, and your tote bag and all decorating supplies are included.

Ages: 8+
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Advance registration is required. Space is limited.

**\$10 for Renfrew Community Association Members
\$15 for non members**
Please register here



Explore your Love your Name your Parks Contest

We are lucky to have some beautiful parks and green spaces right here in Renfrew! This summer, we invite you to get outside, explore your neighbourhood parks, and tell us what makes them special.

Visit one, or all of Renfrew's parks, then submit your favourite park name suggestions along with what you love about each space. Every email submission counts as one entry into our draw to win a Renfrew Prize Pack, so the more parks you explore, the more chances you have to win

Submit your park name suggestion along with what you love about the park using this form



**Contest Deadline
October 31, 2026**

Learn more about the Renfrew park naming project by visiting our website



Questions?
Reach out to Eva
director2@renfrewyyc.ca

RENFREW ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

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

contact Lara at
assistant@renfrewyyc.ca

RENFREW COMMUNITY PACK WALK

JOIN US FOR A RELAXED COMMUNITY GROUP DOG WALK- A
CHANCE FOR AND YOUR PUP TO MEET THEIR
NEIGHBOURHOOD PACK AND MAKE SOME *FUR-IENDS*

JOIN US THURSDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

**OCTOBER 22 - HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE
NOVEMBER 12
DECEMBER 10**

MEET ON RENFREW
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
LAWN- WE'LL START THE WALK
FROM THERE



A NOTE ON SAFETY

TO HELP KEEP THIS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR
EVERYONE

- DOGS MUST BE COMFORTABLE AND SOCIAL AROUND OTHER DOGS AND PEOPLE
- ALL DOGS MUST REMAIN ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES
- DOGS MUST REMAIN UNDER OWNER CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE WALK
- PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF YOUR DOG'S BEHAVIOUR AND GIVE SPACE WHEN NEEDED
- IF ANY CONCERNS ARISE DURING THE WALK, THE WALK WILL BE PAUSED OR ENDED TO ENSURE THE WELL BEING OF DOGS AND PEOPLE

HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO EMILY AT EVENTS@RENFREWYYC.CA

The Pub



The RCA Social Room, affectionately known as “the pub” by regular members, is a hidden gem in the heart of Renfrew. Located in the basement of the community centre, the Social Room is a relaxed spot that is part neighbourhood pub and part game room. It’s open to RCA members and their guests, and minors can join when supervised by a parent.

“Come down to the pub with your friends and families and enjoy a Friday night out with cheap drinks and games,” says Brent, the Social Room Director. He joined the RCA Board “to contribute and meet folks from around the neighbourhood, and to be a bartender.” Since filling the director role, he gave some TLC to the bar area, secured the donation of a solid foosball table, and replaced the sound system.

“It’s a fun environment,” says Brent. “There’s a shuffleboard, pool table, foosball, and dart set. We also have board games and books. You are welcome to bring your own games, and your own food.”

“We need to get the word out that we are open every Friday more consistently,” he says. The pub had inconsistent opening hours since COVID and that has impacted attendance. Check out the RCA Events Calendar on our website to stay up to date on themed nights and other special events.

Social Room Pub

Open every Friday!

Minimum hours 6:00 to 10:00 pm, but we will stay open if it’s busy!

RENFREW COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Heritage Calgary

Hidden Histories: The Ghosts of Renfrew
Renfrew is full of ghosts—and not only the scary kind. Beneath the familiar streets and buildings are traces of earlier communities, vanished landscapes, neighbourhood gathering places, and the people whose everyday lives helped shape the community we know today.

Join Heritage Calgary for an evening exploring the people, places, and wonderfully unexpected stories hidden in Renfrew’s history—from teddy-bear makers and aviators to a local school that once served as an emergency hospital and morgue. Along the way, we’ll consider what, and who, becomes part of our shared history, and how the stories of a community are remembered and carried forward.

Whether your family has lived in Renfrew for generations or you’re renting here for a year, you’re part of its continuing story. Come discover some of Renfrew’s ghosts, share a few stories of your own, and consider what traces today’s community might leave behind!

October 14, 7-9pm

Renfrew Community Association Social Room

ROLE PLAYING GAMES

FOR FAMILIES AND BEGINNERS OF ALL AGES!

Curious about tabletop role-playing games but not sure where to start? Whether you’re hoping to play with your family or learn how to become a Dungeon Master (DM)/Game Master (GM), this beginner friendly workshop is for you. Join experienced DM/GMs while teaching you the basics of storytelling, character creation, running a game. No experience necessary, just bring your imagination!

Attended our April workshop? Come back for more! This session builds on the fundamentals with a brand-new adventure, new tips and techniques, and plenty of opportunities to continue developing your skills as a player or Game Master. Beginners are still warmly welcome, so everyone can jump in together.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16
6-9pm
Renfrew Community Association

Please register in advance so we can plan your adventure!

Learn the basics. Have an adventure. Meet your neighbours.

SEWICIAL CLUB

CONNECT, SIP & SEW

HOW IT WORKS:

- BRING YOUR SEWING MACHINE AND WHATEVER SEWING PROJECT YOU'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON.
- SHARE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE WITH OTHERS.
- BUY A BEER, MAKE FRIENDS, RELAX AND FILL YOUR BUCKET

WHEN:

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6-8:30PM

WHERE: RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALL

WHO ITS FOR:

- SEWISTS WHO CRAVE COMMUNITY
- SEWISTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST A BASIC LEVEL OF SKILL (THIS IS NOT A CLASS)
- SEWISTS WHO ARE WORKING ON A PROJECT OF ANY KIND
- SEWISTS WHO ARE AGED 18+ (BEVERAGES AVAILABLE)

WHAT TO BRING:

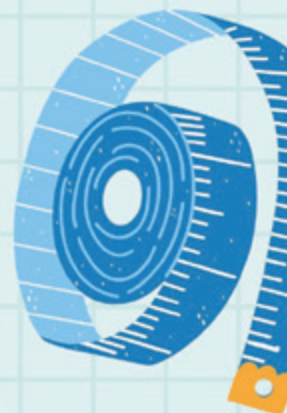
- WHATEVER PROJECT YOU'RE WORKING ON
- YOUR SEWING MACHINE & TOOLS
- CASH OR CARD FOR A DRINK AT THE BAR
- AN OPEN HEART FOR CONNECTION AND CREATIVITY

FRIDAYS 6-8:30PM

OCTOBER 9

NOVEMBER 13

DECEMBER 11



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? REACH OUT TO EMILY_EVENTS@RENFREWYYC.CA

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Join today and make a difference!

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- Get access to member-exclusive events, news, and invites
- Unlock special pricing and valuable benefits

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Go to www.RenfrewYYC.ca or scan the QR code:



JOIN THE RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS COMMITTEE

Help shape fun in our community!

Do you have ideas for events? Want to meet your neighbours and be part of something meaningful? We're looking for volunteers to help plan and support community events at the Renfrew Community Association!

What you will do

- Help plan events like community pub nights, dances, markets & more
- Share ideas and help bring them to life
- Support event setup, coordination, or promotion (as much or as little as you can!)

Why join?

- Meet new people in your community
- Build skills in event planning and teamwork
- Have a real impact on the neighbourhood
- It's fun (and a great way to get involved!)

Interested? Reach out to Emily at events@renfrewyyca.ca



Great Garden Goodbye and Thank You to Lisa Mulder



Lisa Mulder has been involved with the Renfrew Community Garden since inception. Lisa and a dedicated group of gardeners were instrumental in getting the RCG built. Without their tireless work since 2012, it may have never been the amazing community project that it is. It has always been a place to share the love of gardening but also to share knowledge. As the garden grew, so did the knowledge of the group due to generous people like Lisa sharing their wealth. After 15 years of getting her hands dirty, Lisa is stepping down as the Chair of the Renfrew Community Garden on October 31, 2026. Thank you for all you've done for Renfrew's gardening community! We wish you all the best and we'll see you "around the beds".



The Renfrew Community Garden is now led by Kate Husted as she takes the role of Community Garden Chair on the RCA Board. Reach out at garden@renfrewyyca.ca if you'd like to join the garden committee, help with the garden, or rent a bed for the 2027 season!

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RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY
OCTOBER

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OCTOBERFEST

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS

SATURDAY
OCTOBER

03

CRAFTERNOON: BEADING WORKSHOP

1 - 4 PM

FRIDAY
OCTOBER

09

SEWCIAL

6-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER

14

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: HERITAGE CALGARY

7 - 9 PM

FRIDAY
OCTOBER

16

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: ROLE PLAYING GAMES FOR FAMILIES AND BEGINNERS

6 - 9 PM

THURSDAY
OCTOBER

22

PACK WALK

6:30-8:30 PM

FRIDAY
OCTOBER

23

HALLOWEEN JELLYBEAN DANCE

6 - 9 PM

RENFREW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

November 2026

FRI NOV 6 **Adult Night**

SAT NOV 7 **Crafternoon: Tote Bag Decorating**

THURS NOV 12 **Pack Walk**

FRI NOV 13 **Sewcial Club**
Family Game Night: Card Tournament

WED NOV 18 **Community Conversation: Green
Calgary- Preventing Food Waste**

FRI NOV 20 **Annual General Meeting**

FRI NOV 27 **Jellybean Dance**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2026 CASINO♣ FUNDRAISER

OCTOBER 16
AND 17, 2026

AT COWBOYS
CASINO



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Renfrew Community Association

VACANT BOARD POSITIONS

Requirements:

- Must hold a RCA Membership for 30 days in good standing
- Be able to commit 5 to 15 hours a month depending on the role

Open roles are:

PRESIDENT of the RCA
VP Operations (Facilities)
Planning & Development
Transportation & Mobility

Please email membership@renfrewyc.ca if interested

Renfrew Community Association

PRESIDENT OF THE RCA

Become a community leader for one of Calgary's established inner-city neighbourhoods. You will represent the interests of over 7,000 residents and provide direction to a dedicated team of board and staff members. The position will begin following the AGM on November 20, 2026.

Please email membership@renfrewyc.ca if interested

Renfrew Community Association

OPERATIONS/ FACILITIES DIRECTOR

This role is responsible for the care and maintenance of the community centre which has two rental spaces and a retro pub/games room. Your role is supported by a Hall Rental Coordinator and an Administrative Assistant. This position is vacant and needs to be filled immediately.

Please email membership@renfrewyc.ca if interested

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SCAN THE QR CODE
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Bog Method

Did you know? The process of flooding a cranberry field to gather the fruits that float to the top is called the "bog method." With cranberries in season farmers are hard at work harvesting those delicious berries.



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