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Arbour Lake will be the most desirable community that encompasses world class amenities, a sense of welcoming and engaging residents to live the exclusive lake lifestyle.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Arbour Lake Residents Association is a limited company that was registered under the laws of Alberta on July 19, 1991. The purpose of this company is to care for, and improve upon, the Arbour Lake amenities, with the main focus being a pristine ten-acre lake in the heart of the community.

ARBOUR LAKE RESIDENTS HALL RENTALS

Please see our website at www.arbourlake.com for rental information or visit the lake office.
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COMMUNICATION

We are in the digital age at Arbour Lake Residents Association. Please send an email to info@arbourlake.com to let us know what your email address is. All future AGM information and billing invoices will be sent to registered members via email, so please confirm your information with us.

Hall Rentals Basics

Can I Rent the Hall?

Any person over the age of 21 may rent the hall. The hall can be rented for independent group programs, presentations, and personal events such as birthday parties.

When Can I Book Hall Rentals?

Hall rentals must be booked at the Lake office. You must come into the lake office to book your rental, as we must go through a rental contract and necessary information with you.

What Do I Need to Rent the Hall?

You need your photo ID, payment for the hall rental, and a damage deposit cheque for \$400 at the minimum. If you will be having alcohol at your event, you must obtain a liquor license and Party Alcohol Liability Insurance. Proof of these must be given seven days prior to the event.

Where is More Rental Information?

Website: www.arbourlake.com
Email: info@arbourlake.com
Phone: 403-241-2628

Hall Programs

The Arbour Lake Residents Hall hosts various programs through the ALRA, as well as through independent groups. Keep busy and connect with others through our various offered programs!

Child Safe Canada Programs: Child Safe Canada offers various safety programs at the Arbour Lake Residents Hall. The programs are offered throughout the year and include "Strangers & Dangers," "Don't Touch! It's my Body," "Home Alone Safety," and the "Red Cross Babysitter Program." For more information or to register, please visit www.childsafecanada.com.

If you would like to host your program at the Residents Hall, please email us at info@arbourlake.com.



ALRA MONTHLY UPDATES

Hello Arbour Lake Residents!

We hope you are enjoying the winter season. As we move through 2026, we are excited to continue planning engaging programs and events for our community and look forward to welcoming you at the lake throughout the year. If you have suggestions for activities, programs, or events you'd like to see this year, please share them with us by emailing info@arbourlake.com.

Lake Fees

The 2026 fees are due and, as of January 1, have begun accumulating interest. These fees can be paid at the lake office by cash, cheque, debit, Visa, or Mastercard. You can also pay through your online banking using the external reference number noted on your invoice. If you have not received your invoice or have any questions, please contact the lake office. Be advised that this fee is mandatory, and you cannot opt out of paying it.

Make sure to get your payment in soon!

Watch the Flags!

Flagpoles are located around the lake and at the front entrance, which indicate ice conditions as follows:

- Red Flag: Full closure of the lake area (stay off and far away from the water).
- Yellow Flag: Partial closure (contact the lake office or check the website for updates).
- Green Flag: Lake is open for all activities for the summer or winter season.

Helmet Rule at Arbour Lake

- All skaters under the age of 18 must wear a helmet while on the ice at Arbour Lake.
- Anyone playing hockey must wear a helmet. No exceptions.
- Hockey sticks and pucks are only permitted on the designated hockey rinks.
- Ice fishing holes will be drilled by lake staff only. Personal augers are not permitted.



WHAT'S UP AT THE LAKE

Happy February Arbour Lake Residents!

We have had a great winter season with skating in December and many exciting holiday events. From our Light the Night event where we shone lights in the community with horse-drawn wagon rides and a visit from Santa. Our kids Christmas parties were each a magical time with Santa, crafts, and games. Throughout the winter season we accepted Toy Drive Donations for the Ronald McDonald House of Calgary to help families in need. This year we had an incredible amount of donations from the community. Thank you for helping make a difference! Are you brave enough to take the plunge? Our annual Polar Plunge event takes place March 7 for Special Olympics Alberta. Support this worthy cause and participate as a jumper or come watch and cheer on the brave plungers! Stay updated on what is going on at the lake by checking out our website and social media, [@ArbourLakeResidentsAssociation](https://www.instagram.com/ArbourLakeResidentsAssociation) on Instagram and Facebook.



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Light the Night

Each year, our community comes together to shine bright at Light the Night, illuminating Arbour Lake with over 100,000 festive lights. The evening was made even more magical with a special visit from Santa and memorable horse-drawn wagon rides.



Kids Christmas Party

Our Kids Christmas Parties were a wonderful success! We gathered to celebrate the holiday season with festive crafts, sweet treats, and a joyful visit from Santa.



Christmas Day Skating

Christmas Day skating was extra special with a visit from Santa, plus cookies and hot chocolate to keep us warm. Everyone shared in the holiday cheer on the ice.

Family Day

by Danielle Robbertze



From big to small, blood related or chosen, family forms an important aspect in all our lives.

That is why Family Day, celebrated on February 16 this year, is a delightful honour to those we hold so near and dear in our lives. Family Day in Alberta was first celebrated in 1990 and introduced by then Premier Don Getty. In fact, Alberta was the first province to declare Family Day as a statutory holiday. Over the years, other provinces followed Alberta's example. They include British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.

The aim of the day? To highlight the importance of family values. Moreover, Family Day gives us a much-needed break during one of the coldest months of the year. Before Family Day there was a large gap between statutory holidays (New Year's Day to Good Friday).

So, what exactly is family? Family can be defined in many different ways depending on the person you ask. From nuclear to single-parent families, adoptive to chosen families, blended to extended families, and even work families—we all find a way to be part of a familial bond. With such a diverse population in this province, a single Albertan's family could be separated by five kilometres to 15,000 kilometres.

And with Family Day falling so close to Valentine's Day each year, February truly is solidified as the month of love in Alberta. Remember this Family Day to call that long-distance relative, hug the ones close by, and celebrate all the family memories created over the years, and while you do all that you can create even more long-lasting memories.



Toy Drive for Ronald McDonald Charity

Each year residents of our community donate presents for the Ronald McDonald house to help families. Thank you for your kindness and for helping make the holiday season brighter for those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Bingo | February 14

Get ready to say BINGO! Join us on Valentine's Day for a fun afternoon with family and friends.



Polar Plunge | March 7

Are you brave enough to take the plunge? Our annual polar plunge with Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics Alberta takes place on March 7. This is a winter fundraising event whereby individuals have the "honour" of bravely jumping into freezing cold waters in the middle of the bitter Alberta winter. They can participate by securing donations from friends, family members, co-workers, local businesses, and their community. It's a great way for everyone—individuals, organizations, and businesses—to get involved in support of Special Olympics and show winter who's boss.



Arbour Lake Safe Space Initiative

The ALRA Safe Space Initiative is dedicated to creating a welcoming inclusive environment that embraces the diversity of our residents, guests, staff, and community. Through continuous education, awareness campaigns, and outreach efforts, this initiative aims to create a foundation that respects and accepts every individual, irrespective of differences, without biases. Our policies and conduct are designed to ensure that residents, patrons, and staff uphold the principles of this initiative. This initiative is dedicated to nurturing a safe and inclusive space that fosters a sense of belonging within the community, where individuals feel respected and valued.



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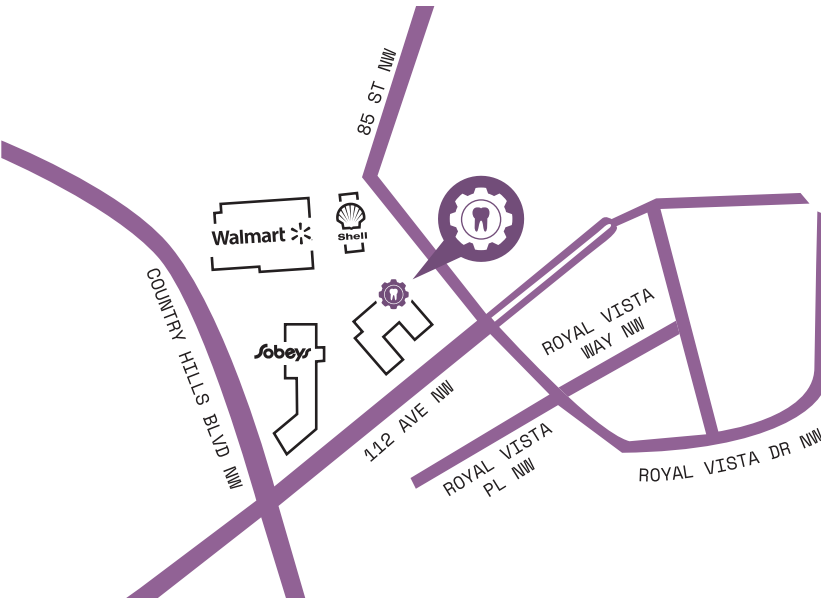
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by The City of Calgary

Your 2026 property assessment is mailed out January 14. The 2026 Customer Review Period (CRP) runs from January 14 to March 23. CRP is your opportunity to review and ensure the accuracy of your 2026 property assessment and learn more about how your assessment was determined.

What to look for when reviewing your assessment:

- Is your market value assessment a reasonable estimate as of July 1, 2025?
- Are the property details we have on record, correct?
- Is your assessment fair when compared with others in your neighbourhood?

Each year, The City and the Province separately set a budget and decide how much money they need from property tax. Your share of property tax is based on your assessment class and the assessed value of your property. Your 2026 property tax bill will be mailed in May, but you can get an estimation of it now by visiting calgary.ca/taxcalculator.

To help you review your property assessment we offer general resources on calgary.ca/assessment and property specific tools through the secure log in feature of calgary.ca/mytax. By logging onto myTax you can:

- Check your property details and ensure they're correct. *Incorrect property details can result in your assessment not accurately reflecting the value of your property.
- Compare your property's assessed value to similar properties in your area.
- Review real estate market trends and learn how your property was assessed.

Questions? Visit calgary.ca/assessment or call 3-1-1. Customer Review Period ends March 23.



Hey, everyone! Colour the picture and drop it off at the lake office for a chance to win a great prize!



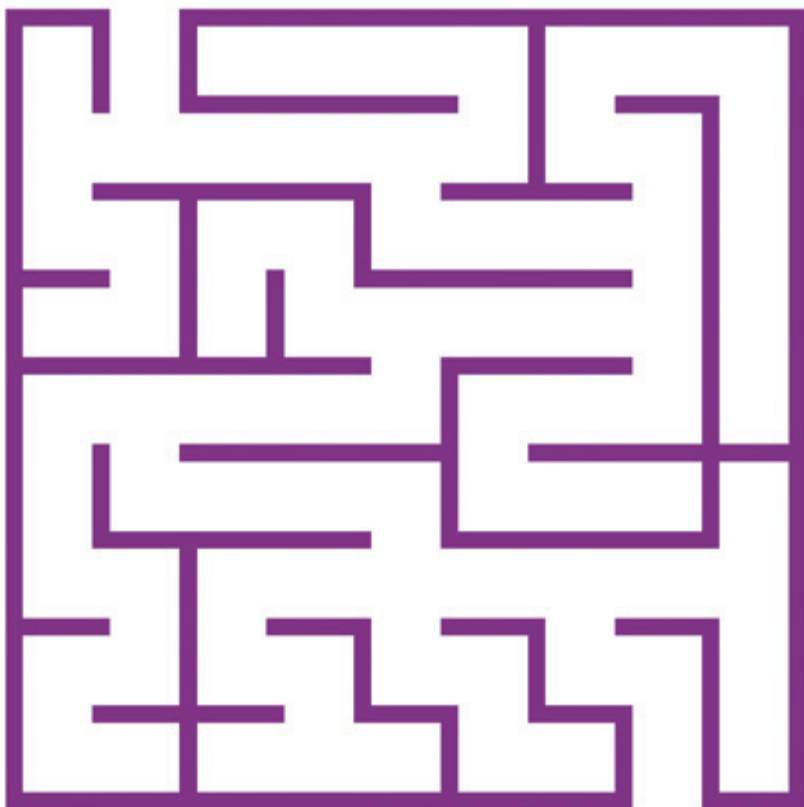
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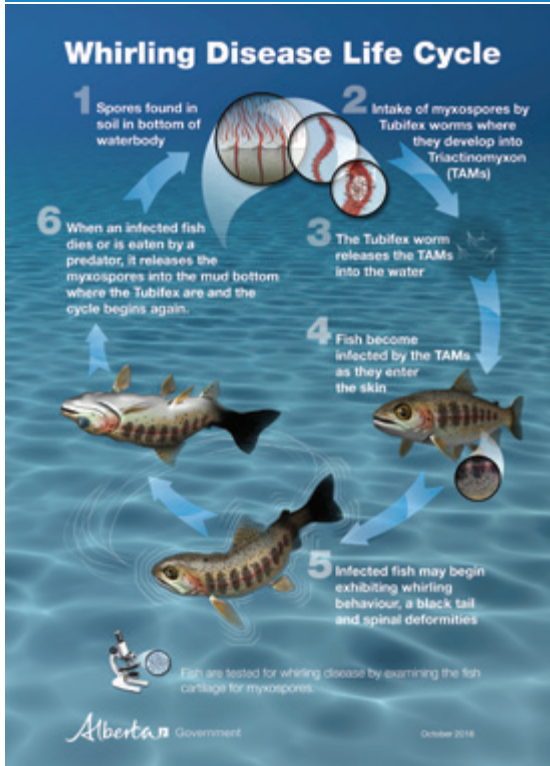
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Fishing is Catch and Release Only!

At this time, only catch and release fishing will be permitted at Arbour Lake, until further notice. There will be no keeping of any fish of any kind of size! This is a result of Alberta Environment and Parks shutting down all fish stocking within the bow river drainage area, of which Arbour Lake is included. Due to whirling disease found in the Bow River and commercial fish culture operations, no fish may be kept. Any fish that cannot be returned to the water, must be surrendered to a staff member.

More information regarding whirling disease can be found at www.alberta.ca/whirling-disease.

Fishing

- May only be done from the designated fishing docks.
- Hooks must be Barbless and egg hooks are not permitted. No triple hooks are to be used. This ensures the survival of released fish.
- No live bait, corn, bread, minnows, smelts, fish or nets may be used to catch fish.
- Only one rod per resident may be cast at any one time and fishing lines must be attended to at all times.
- Random tackle box, bag and hook checks will be performed to ensure all Rules & Regulations are being followed.

NOTICE

You CANNOT use live bait, corn, dough, bread, minnows, smelts, fish or nets to catch fish.

You CANNOT use barbed hooks, triple hooks or egg hooks!!!



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Injured fish that cannot be returned to the water, **MUST** be handed over to a staff member for disposal.

Eutrophication

Here is some information on how important it is to be careful with how much fertilizer you use on your lawn. When you use too much fertilizer on your lawn, the excess nutrients are carried away by the rain and other forms or irrigation. The nutrients mix with water and find their way into our beautiful lake. These nutrients cause the algae and plants in the water to multiply rapidly, creating an algae bloom. This excessive amount of algae prevents sunlight from reaching the bottom of the lake. The plants lacking sunlight will die at the bottom of the lake where decomposers will use up the oxygen. When a bloom occurs, there is too much organic matter ready to decompose and all the remaining oxygen in the water is used by decomposers to decompose dead plants. This can cause all our fish to suffocate from the lack of oxygen. With your help in preventing the overuse of fertilizer, we can work together to keep the lake healthy and beautiful for all residents to enjoy.



4-H INTRO CLUB

Youth “Learn to Do by Doing” with 4-H Intro Clubs

The 4-H motto is “learn to do by doing.” That is the idea behind 4-H Intro Clubs for youth aged 9 to 15. These six-week clubs give young people a chance to try new activities, learn practical skills, and explore their interests in a hands-on, low-pressure way. Youth get a taste of what it would be like to be a member of a traditional 4-H Club in these short programs, but the impact can be significant.

Intro Club members also have access to bonus events. Past events like the University of Calgary Vet Science Day and SAIT workshops in cooking and welding have allowed participants to explore careers, skills, and hobbies in a real-world setting. These events give youth experiences they may not get at school or at home.

Many bonus events include exposure to agriculture. Farm tours and projects let youth see where food comes from, learn about animals, and understand the work involved in growing plants or raising livestock. For children in the city, this connection to the local food system and community is especially valuable.

New bonus events are planned, including a microgreens workshop, a farm tour, an equine therapy workshop, and family tours at 4-H on Parade. Once a youth registers in an Intro Club, they can sign up for any available bonus events, most of which are free. These opportunities help children stay curious and learning outside regular club meetings.

Through Intro Clubs and bonus events, youth practice skills, explore interests, and gain experiences that help them make informed choices about hobbies, school projects, and future goals. At the same time, they connect with their community and learn about the role of agriculture in everyday life.

Try This at Home: Track Your Food

Pick one food item in your home and trace how it gets from farm to table. Who grows it? How is it processed or packaged? Why is it important to your community? This simple activity helps youth understand where food comes from and connects them to the local food system.



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