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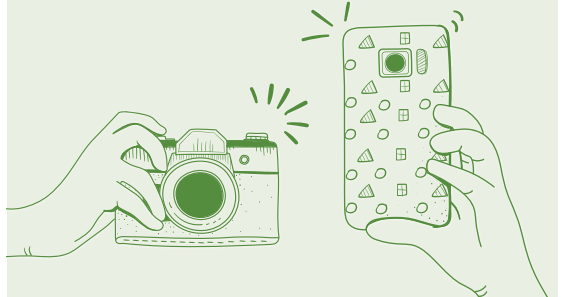
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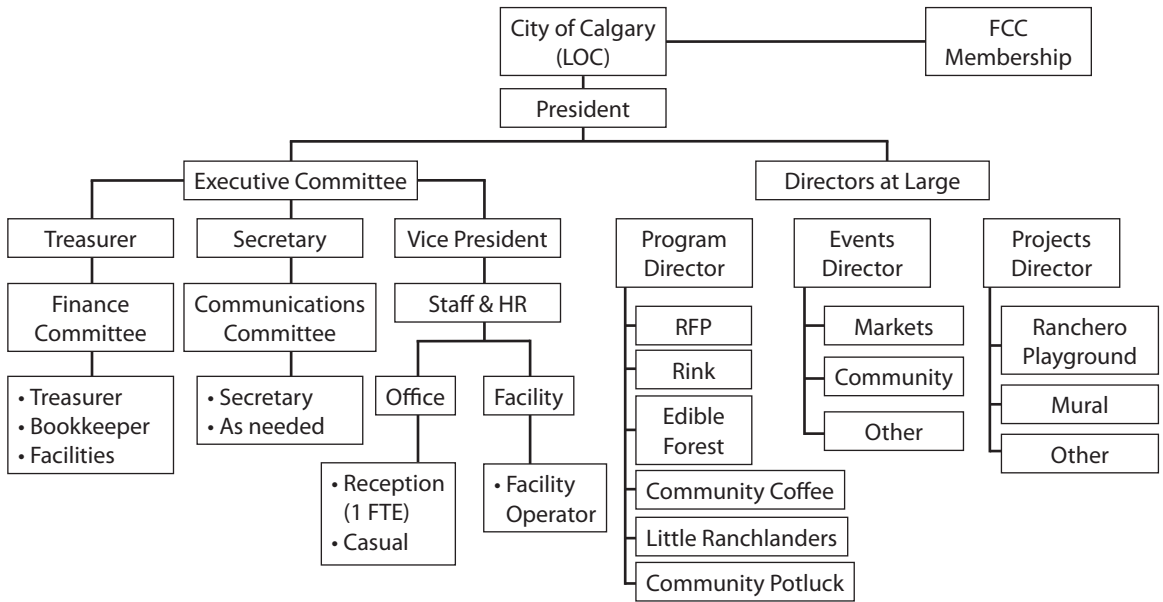
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Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

The Ranchlands Community Association is looking for monthly contributions to grace the cover of the *Roundup*. **These images need to be 1MB and 300 DPI.** Photos can be taken in or of the community, be based on the seasons or holidays, or just a genuinely great photo!

For more information, or to submit your photographs, please contact the Community Association at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com. **Entries must be submitted by the fifth of the previous month to be featured in the newsletter.** E.g.: March 5 to be featured in the April newsletter.





The RCA board members continue our quest to have Ranchlands be a lovely community with solid leadership. In February, we gathered as a board to look at what we have in place, what we can improve, and what we need that is new. During our time together on Family Day (yes, we really are family-esque and spent time together), we reviewed topics under these headings with actions coming from each. The great news is that with the diversity of backgrounds and passions from our members, we have ideas that will complement each other.

Community Engagement: A sub-committee has been struck, working with the City to proceed with the playground replacement at Ranchero Park.

Facility Policies and Management: Ensuring all aspects of safety documentation are current and shared with our staff, board, volunteers, and renters is important to the continued operation of our building.

Community Events: Plans are underway for new and renewed community events for our neighbours to enjoy Ranchlands and each other including a scavenger hunt in April and the Potluck events starting up again. (Facebook-RanchlandsCA).

Creating opportunities for our residents to share ideas and meet the board is important to us. You are invited to our pre-board meetings on April 3 and May 1 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Community residents are also invited to stay for the board meeting!

From this chart you can see how information and consultation flows within our board.

Kathy Ervin

President, RCA

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Did you know every Wednesday, we host the Little Ranchlanders Play Group?

From 10:00 to 11:30 am in the main hall, come meet the neighbours and enjoy a free coffee or tea while the kids play. We have a variety of toys, including soft play equipment, kitchens, scooty cars, and more. Open to children aged six and under, and free for RCA members or \$2 suggested donation for non-members.

“The Ranchlands Playgroup was a great opportunity to meet other parents in the community and as a new stay at home parent it made all the difference in the world to me. Especially in the winter when it was too cold to play outside or during the really hot summer weather,” says Anita reflecting on her preschool parenting days.

This is an inclusive group, and we welcome moms, dads, parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers.

Ranchlands Food Pantry Update

As of the beginning of March, we've successfully fulfilled 29 hamper requests this calendar year, providing essential support to 17 individuals and families within our community. Your ongoing support and contributions are invaluable, serving as the backbone of this sustained initiative that extends a helping hand to our neighbours.

Items in Low Supply: If you're looking to contribute to a cause that directly benefits your community, consider donating items in current demand, such as cereal, nut butters, canned vegetables, and canned fruits. Drop-off donations are accepted at the Ranchlands Community Association RFP box, conveniently located in the foyer at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW. Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with extended hours until 6:00 pm on Mondays. Additionally, we are in need of toothbrushes and toothpaste. Your support is deeply appreciated!

Volunteer Opportunities: Join us in making a difference! We're actively searching for an individual to assist in packing food hampers from 1:30 to 3:30 pm every second and third Monday of the month. Moreover, we're excited to announce a pilot expansion of our program in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Rescue. We're in need of three volunteers to monitor the food rescue app, identifying donations that align with our pantry needs. These volunteers should have a flexible schedule to pick up donations from various locations across the city and deliver them to the Ranchlands Community Association from Monday to Friday. While there are no set hours for this role, we anticipate it will require no more than three hours a week of a volunteer's time.

If you're interested in volunteering or have questions, please email rfp@ranchlandscommunity.com. Your commitment and support contribute significantly to the success of our community initiatives.

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Ranchero Park: Rebuild an Important Community Space!

The playground that sits in Ranchero Park on the west side of Ranchlands is past its useful life and is needing to be replaced. This month, the Ranchlands Community Association put some thought into the make-up of the committee of Ranchlanders we need to lead the charge and oversight to renew this landmark space in our community. The goal is to rebuild the old playground and create a brand-new play space.

In partnership with the City of Calgary, the Ranchlands Community Association is looking for people to join the committee and share their creativity and ideas. So, watch this space. Should you choose to accept this new opportunity, you will have the opportunity to engage with local groups and residents on the design, coordinate and choose the final playground design, help in small ways with fundraising, and support the logistics of the build to create this new space. You could also help with planning the party when the park is completed! The Committee will be fully supported by The City of Calgary and The Calgary Parks Foundation.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this new committee, please reach out to the Ranchlands Community Association. We are so pleased and excited to lead this important community initiative.



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Ranchlands Collaborative Network (RCN)

Did you know that Ranchlands has a collaborative network that meets every two months to connect resources together to make Ranchlands a great place to live? This network includes representatives from the Ranchlands Community Association, local schools, local churches, government, and local agencies, all of whom are invested in the well-being of Ranchlands. The Network's overarching goal is to serve the needs of the neighbourhood and our neighbours by sharing information, networking, and partnering with one another.

The RCN is a group of passionate organizations, representatives, and volunteers that work in Ranchlands and promote community building through connection, knowledge sharing, and referrals to support the diverse and unique character and needs of Ranchlands that creates a vibrant and exciting community to live and work in.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Network or would like to join, please reach out to Dan at communityengagement@stjamescalgary.com.

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Community Potlucks, What Are They Good For?

[Pot-lucks] A meal or party to which each of the guests contributes a dish: "a potluck supper".

Having a community potluck once a month is a great way to meet your neighbors you see everyday, but never actually speak to. It's a fun and tasty way to bring people together. Surprises are the best. You never know what other potluck participants might be contributing. It's a way to try new things and share in the luck of whatever is provided. It's a great opportunity to sample lots of different dishes at one meal and share recipes. Also, another important ingredient of a potluck: socializing. Potlucks are century-old traditions.

Come join the RCA community on Sunday, April 14 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm for this year's first Community Potluck. Located at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW.



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Board Bytes: Sharon Blackwell



Sharon Blackwell has been a resident of Ranchlands since 1987. Although recently retired from a 40-year career with the Government of Alberta, she is now working as a consultant with the non-profit sector.

Sharon is eager to support initiatives to spruce up the community and regenerate a sense of pride to ensure that Ranchlands as a community is regarded as a desirable place to live and play. She will be the chairperson of the Rancho Park Playground Redevelopment Committee.

Sharon served on the 2022/23 board as a Director at Large for four months before stepping into the role of Secretary and this year into the dual role of Vice-President and Secretary.

Sharon's Rapid Round

Bookworm or Movie Buff: Just finished reading *Lessons in Chemistry*. My favourite line in the book was, "when you start doubting yourself, whenever you feel afraid, just remember, courage is the root of change – and change is what we are chemically designed to do."

Local Love: My favourite walk in the community is along the boulevard, up to Rancho Park, along Range Road, and back. I love this as you see the Rockies to the west and downtown to the south and east; I see kids playing and other dog walkers and enjoy seeing the trees through the seasons.

Seasonal Bliss: My favorite season is any besides winter. I love gardening and I love seeing the world come back to life in the spring, all the beautiful flowers in the summer, and the myriad of changing colours in the fall.

Furry Friends: I am most definitely a dog person and can be seen regularly seen walking #myfriendbailey around the neighbourhood and the wonderful parks in Calgary and surrounding areas.

Spill the Local Beans: I was born in Coleraine in Northern Ireland, near Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Distillery.

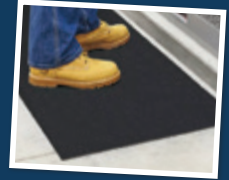
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