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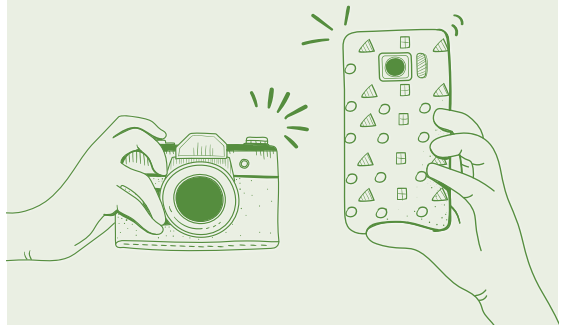
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## Help Us Find a Cover Photo!

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.





## IN THE COMMUNITY

**Rise Calgary (formerly Bowwest Community Services):** 14 – 1840 Ranchlands Way NW

**Westview Baptist Church:** 1313 Ranchlands Way NW

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**Good Food Box:** Ranchlands' Depot is St. James Anglican Church

## Join Us as a Food Pantry Outreach Coordinator

Are you a social connector with a passion for meaningful relationships? Introducing the Ranchlands Food Pantry's Outreach Coordinator role. We need an outgoing self-starter to join us from November to March. You'll approach local businesses on behalf of our pantry, helping to secure donations to support neighbours in need while helping businesses reduce their food waste. Just a few hours a month can make a big impact!

### Your Role:

- **Connect and Build:** Set your own schedule, approach businesses, highlight partnership benefits.
- **Logistics Pro:** Coordinate donations, secure items for the RCA food pantry.
- **Monthly Meetups:** Attend RCA meetings (first Wednesday every month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm) to update the board on your progress.
- **Tools Provided:** Templates, recognition materials, and support for success.

### Ideal Candidate:

- Brings passion and enthusiasm – no experience needed.
- Natural go-getter who sets their own schedule, loves connecting.
- Values reducing food waste and community support.

Monthly commitment from November to March: Approach two businesses, attend Community Association meetings.

Ready to make a difference? Email [ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com](mailto:ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com) by October 15. Let's strengthen our community together! Join the Ranchlands Food Network team today!

## RCA Quarter Two Photo Contest!

The overall winning photo submitted between January and February 30 will grace the cover of our April Roundup, and the winning photographers from each category will be entered into the running for the grand prize of 'Photo of the Year' in 2024!

### Contest Details:

**Theme:** Joy (Open to your interpretation)

**Submission Deadline:** February 30, 2024

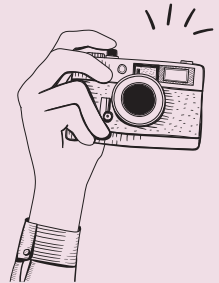
**Image Specifications:** 1MB, 300DPI, landscape orientation.

**Location:** While extra points will be awarded for photos taken in the Ranchlands community, it is not a requirement.

**Categories:** 14 years old and under, 15 to 18 years old, 18+ years of age.

**Prizes:** The overall winning photo will grace the cover of our April Roundup, and the winning photographers from each category will be entered into the running for the grand prize of 'Photo of the Year' in 2024.

**How to Enter:** Clearly indicate your age category when submitting your entry by emailing it to [ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com](mailto:ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com) with the subject line "RCA Q2 Photo Contest Entry." We can't wait to see your entries!



### CHECKLIST

## 9 PM ROUTINE



- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light

# The Ranchlands Rink – A Legend in Itself

Our Ranchlands rink team is full. Thank you, Ranchlanders!

Did you know, the rink was built in 1991 and was fully operational in 1992.

The rink is full sized and measures 200 feet by 85 feet – precisely the right size for a game of shinny or a chance to practice a toe loop or Salchow!

Over the years, there have been a number of upgrades to the rink to keep it looking up to snuff. Thanks to the Enmax Energizing Spaces Grant in January 2021, the old halogen lights were replaced with high efficiency LED lights with built in photosensors.

Late November 2023, the Ranchlands rink was selected as the filming location for a TV commercial to feature the new lighting system. Despite making the best of plans, sometimes things just take a turn in another direction. First of all, there was no ice thanks to our unseasonably warm early winter. Undeterred the filmmakers used some tricks with camera angles and brought in two to three pick-up trucks worth of snow to set the scene around the player box. Finally, the sun was a bit lower in the sky and it was darker, the photosensors were in full form, bringing on the lights, and the filming successfully began.

So don't be surprised to see our very own Ranchlands rink featured on a local TV channel or on YouTube.

In case you did not know, the RCA website has a dedicated page for the rink. Very prominently featured on that page is the "rink status", so everyone can know when the rink is officially open.

[www.ranchlandscommunity.com/ranchlands-rink/](http://www.ranchlandscommunity.com/ranchlands-rink/).





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# The Circle of Life: Presidential Hello-Goodbye

At the RCA AGM, we said farewell and sincere thanks to our outgoing president, Anita Raffaele and welcomed long-time resident Kathy Ervin to the role of RCA President. These are two exceptional, hardworking women with similar passions for our community and with strong leadership skills. And with the passing of the torch, we thought we would have a bit of fun as we remember and learn a few fun facts about them and compare their Ranchlands journeys.

## What were you doing in 1987?

Anita: I wasn't born yet.

Kathy: Moving into Ranchlands for our son to be part of the neighborhood where he was going to preschool.

## What is your favourite part of Ranchlands?

Anita: The number of green spaces in the community are definitely my favourite. My "happy place" is the mountains, but if I can't get away, I can head to a park and enjoy a small slice of nature anytime.

Kathy: Any ball diamond! I was involved with softball for many years and spent many hours prepping diamonds, coaching teams, and even umpiring.

## What made you choose Ranchlands?

Anita: We have two friends who live in Ranchlands who suggested it, knowing we would love the park spaces and all the mature trees. They were right!

Kathy: It was (and is) a diverse community with many young families, great community, and schools that really promote families and caring for each other.

## What is the best change in the Ranchlands?

Anita: In the time since I moved to Ranchlands (2013), I've watched a lot of young families move into the community, which has been fantastic, but the best change has been the stronger community support for neighbours helping one another out.

Kathy: Every year the trees get more beautiful, and the amenities in the Crowfoot area make it easy to support local.

## What are your hopes for the year ahead for our community?

Anita: I would love to see more community engagement, like volunteers getting involved as well as some community beautification projects.

Kathy: Ensuring that everyone who wants a role in supporting our community and that has ideas to keep us strong, has a voice to share ideas.

Our community has been and will be in good hands with Anita and Kathy. Thanks to you both!



Anita



Kathy

## International Day of Education

January 24 is International Day of Education! The United Nations General Assembly solidified this annual observance to celebrate the role education plays in the development and peace within countries. Let's hear it for all our educators on this day, and every day!



## Girl Guides



Teambuilding is essential in Guiding. Each unit is like a team and with our families and friends, it sure is a little community we are cultivating. From camping and hiking to crafting, sewing, and baking, we learn so much about one another and ourselves.

The light is returning and so is the temperature. We are looking forward to spending more time exploring and discovering what nature will amaze us with when spring returns. February is a big month to us as we celebrate World Thinking Day on February 22 every year. In Calgary, we will have a big outdoor dance party and enjoy the fireworks together. We are grateful to be part of this global Guiding movement that highlights international friendship and gives us an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls, women, and the world.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Ranchlands Free Book Swap** **January 27 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** **Ranchlands Community Association Building** **(7713 Ranchview Drive NW)**

In honour of Family Literacy Day, Ranchlands will be hosting a book swap at the Ranchlands Community Association building. Book donations will be accepted from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday at the RCA office with extended drop off times on January 17 and 24 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort through donations and set them up on tables from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on January 26. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at [volunteerrca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerrca@gmail.com) by January 19.



### **We're Expanding the Ranchlands Food Pantry Team!**

We're looking to increase the abilities of the Ranchlands Food Pantry by growing our team. We are looking for some special and committed individuals to fill the following unpaid volunteer positions:

**Food Pantry Outreach Volunteer:** In addition to attending the RCA meeting on the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm to deliver updates on progress, this role will set their own schedule with the goal of approaching two local businesses a month to donate to the food pantry. This role is a six-month term and tools such as official letters to deliver to businesses will be supplied.

**Food Pantry Inventory Auditor:** This role has one shift on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and counts the Ranchlands Food Pantry's non-perishable inventory to ensure we have an accurate count of on-hand staples. Just let us know which month you'd like to pick up a shift!

Email [volunteerrca@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerrca@gmail.com) to inquire or express interest for either of these positions!

## 4-H Alberta Launches First Six-Week Intro Club in Calgary

by Lori Nielsen, Senior Program Coordinator for 4-H Intro Clubs



4-H Alberta has launched a new initiative called 4-H Intro Clubs, which brings six-week programming to youth in the city. The flagship club, explore 4-H, recently concluded its successful run on November 15. Throughout the six-week program, members were exposed to many enriching experiences. These activities included making healthy snacks and smoothies, exploring AI and 3D printing, and creating natural bath and body products. The club had a visit from a live hawk and members used their critical thinking skills to explore engineering with LEGO. Alongside these hands-on learning opportunities, members developed their leadership, record-keeping, and communication skills, ensuring well-rounded skill development. To culminate the program, members organized a delightful chocolate party for their families, celebrating their achievements and the bonds they had formed.

Youth programs, such as 4-H, help develop positive well-being in young people. The 4-H Intro Club initiative is a great way for young people to develop important life skills and make new friends without a huge time commitment. This innovative program offers a refreshing alternative to year-long commitments, making it highly accessible for families with busy schedules. 4-H Intro Clubs will continue to be offered in various locations throughout the city until July, with an upcoming sports-based club at Genesis Centre after school on Mondays and a Baking Club in the Brentwood area on Wednesday evenings starting the week of January 15. Registration for these clubs closes on January 5, and more information can be obtained by contacting [introclubs@4hab.com](mailto:introclubs@4hab.com).





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