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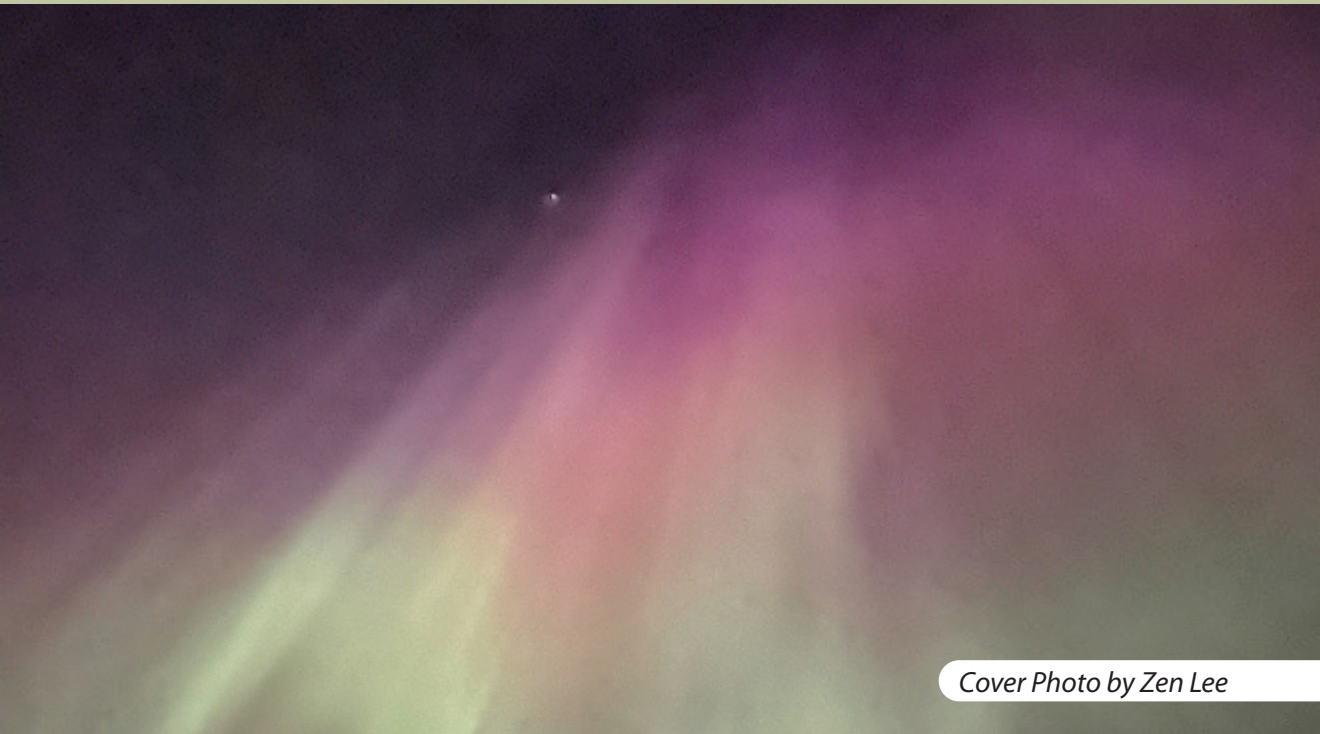
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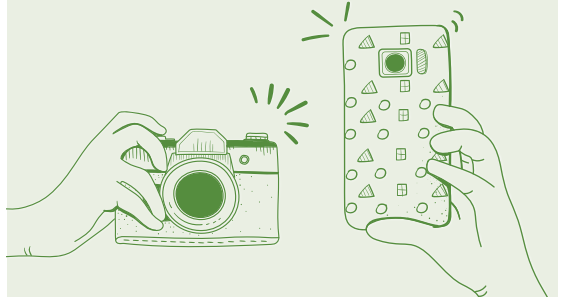
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Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

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.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Neighbours by chance, communities by choice" is the lens that our association is using as we plan how to continue to support and serve our Ranchlands community. We will have hosted our Neighbour Day Eve event as you read this. The ideas and enthusiasm that flowed from the board members at our retreat evening in May to celebrate were creative and fun! Many other ideas are percolating at the same time. If you have an idea for an event, please email me at president@ranchlandscommunity.ca for consideration. We also welcome community members to attend our monthly board meeting to provide input and be a part of putting on events.

Ranchlands Hall Promotion

Continuing from last month, we really want to promote the rental of our hall – both short-term and long-term rentals help pay for the cost of operating the building and providing us with an anchor to run our programs. We get good reviews from our renters, so please promote our space to your family and friends. <https://ranchlandscommunity.com/rentals/>.

Special Meeting Notice

Our bylaws that govern us were revised in 2017 and will have a small refresh in September. We are inviting everyone to a short Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm to approve the changes and submit. One item of discussion is increasing the number of board members to allow for greater input and diversity in our group. This would be wonderful if we could have these in place before our Annual General Meeting in November.

Solar Panels

You may be aware that Ranchlands was an early adopter of solar panels as a means of cost savings and reducing our environmental footprint. In May, Anita Rafaelle (our Facility Manager and Past President) and I were interviewed by Enmax inquiring about the impact and cost savings of the panel. As we answered questions, it became evident that sustainability of our building falls in line with the sustainability of a vibrant community... by choice!

Kathy Ervin

RCA President



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

Special Meeting Notification

Please plan to attend our Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm, preceding the regular board meeting to review and adopt changes to our bylaws to improve operations. We intend to amend the bylaws to:

- Include Past President as a voting board member
- Expand board of directors from three people to six people
- Modify the quorum requirements for AGM
- Modify the term length for executive members

Yahoo Cowtown!



Cowtown (that's Calgary's fun nickname) hosts its annual Stampede from July 5 to 14 this year. Back in 1912, when the very first Stampede kicked off, it drew a whopping 80,000 folks to town! Now, here's the kicker, at that time, Calgary's population was just 47,000!

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- Supply & install new subfloor
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- Supply & install new vanity
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Board Bytes: Meet Christy Edwards, RCA Director

Christy has lived in Ranchlands for 20 years. From the moment she arrived, she has been a dedicated and involved member, contributing to the vibrancy and spirit of Ranchlands. Christy is always game for researching, learning, and trying new things. Christy is a life-long volunteer in church ministries and with a range of not-for-profit organizations. Bringing her work experience as an event coordinator, a community engagement specialist, and supporting the economic development of towns and chambers of commerce across Alberta, Christy is excited about being part of the board and working hard to ensure our community is dynamic and that we have a strong vision for the future.



Fun Facts about Christy

Morning Brew: Starting my day with a delicious matcha or latte from Starbucks gives me the perfect kickstart to my morning routine!

Furry Friends: I am a devoted dog lover and can often be spotted walking my beloved Mya through Ranchlands and chatting with fellow residents along the way.

Pay It Forward: I am dedicated to serving my community, city, province, and country in various capacities, from organizing events to extending acts of kindness to those in need. I like to think my unwavering commitment to making a positive impact inspires those around me, and I want to leave a legacy of generosity and compassion that will echo for generations to come.

Top Tunes: "Born to be Wild", "Girls Just Want to Have Fun", "Don't Stop Believin'" are three songs that weave a tapestry in my life's soundtrack, capturing the essence of adventure, joy, and unwavering determination. They are the melodies that echo in my heart, inspiring me to embrace every moment and live life to the fullest, savour the moments of joy and spontaneity, to dance in the rain, and revel in

the company of cherished friends. It represents the vibrant colours and playful spontaneity that bring richness to your journey.

Spill the Local Beans: My family comes from Bell's Corners, a vibrant and historically rich neighbourhood in Ottawa, Ontario, which boasts a fascinating past dating back to the early 19th century. It was settled and named after Hugh Bell, whose tavern served as a pivotal stop for travelers in the 1830s.



St. Rita School Update

The month of June was busy with learning and fun. Our annual Activity Day was held this year at the Calgary Zoo, where our children visited the polar bears and other animals, played on the extensive playgrounds, and enjoyed themselves immensely! We hosted Randy Turning Robe, a fifth-generation powwow singer, to engage our students in celebrating Indigenous History Month.

On Thursday, May 16, we hosted an Open House, and welcomed families who were interested in learning more about our school.



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The Ranchlands Food Pantry

The Ranchlands Food Pantry team is now supported by 13 volunteers across seven unique roles. By the end of May, we will have averaged 2.5 hamper requests per week, with roughly 70% of these requests coming from families with children under the age of 12.

If you or someone you know in the community is facing food insecurity, the Ranchlands Food Pantry is here to help. You can request a hamper from our community webpage at <http://ranchlandscommunity.com> under the 'Programs' section. Please note that due to limited resources, we can only support Ranchlanders at this time.

Items in High Demand

If you're looking to contribute to a cause that directly benefits your community, please consider donating items in high demand, such as cereal, canned soups, vegetables, and fruits. Toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, and toilet paper are also often requested items. Donations can be dropped off at the Ranchlands Community Association RFP box, conveniently located in the foyer at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW. Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

Join us in making a difference! We're actively searching for individuals to fill two new roles. The first role involves organizing donations on the counter prior to hamper pickups from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on the first and third Monday of every month. The second role covers the same task on the second and last Monday of each month.

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

Thank you for your support!



by Anne Burke

The guided free Nose Hill Flower Walk on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm will meet at the parking lot on 14 Street and 64 Avenue NW. You are also invited to another exciting plan for a pair of weed pulls at the south-end of Nose Hill by the Winter Club, on Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 21 from 9:00 to 11:30 am. The Nose Hill ecologist (andrew.phelps@calgary.ca) says, for dense infestations, that early season pulling allows for a more effective application of herbicide throughout the whole plant later. July and early August are the busiest times to catch many weed species before they go to seed. Events are booked early to beat the heat. Jim Davis, the Program Coordinator for Activations and Education for Calgary Parks and Open Spaces, will assist and said to let him know of any questions at jim.davis@calgary.ca. He wrote: "Yes, we have been working to schedule two volunteer projects to address Canada and Notting Thistle at Nose Hill Park. The current plan is to start at 9:00 am on both days, ending around 11:30 am. We will be meeting at the Park's parking lot at the corner of the Winter Club and working on the south-end of the park, moving clockwise to the west/north. The event is open to up to twenty volunteers working alongside a couple of Parks' staff who will give safety and task demos and bring all required tools. Prospective volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and long pants, clothing suitable for weather conditions that day, and bring gloves if they have them. We also will have gloves available. Parks' staff will map the event, track weed removals, and drop them at a designated facility".

Exciting New Developments for Parks in Ranchlands Including Rancho Park

The Ranchlands Playground Rebuild Committee

The City, in partnership with the Ranchlands Community Association, is looking for people who are passionate about Ranchlands and the community parks to help rebuild old playgrounds. This is a committee that would work under the Ranchlands Community Association to help build brand-new play spaces in Ranchlands. As aging playground equipment meets the end of its lifecycle and as community demographics change, we will explore how these community gathering places can better meet the needs of residents. This may involve improving the existing play structures to align with current play and safety standards or reimagining the space to better serve the community needs.

These projects are being funded in part by The City's Parks and Playground Amenities Program (PAPA), a funding stream recently approved by City Council that focuses on improving park spaces that need it most. At these sites, we would like to explore with community members what park amenities might better meet their needs. Some playgrounds are at the end of their lifecycle and will be improved with the addition of new, enhanced playground equipment and amenities. The task of the Playground Rebuild Committee will be to engage the community to learn more about how they would like to use the park spaces within their neighbourhoods. The public engagement process focuses on exploring different amenities in select parks and greenspaces, not on repurposing these spaces for a different use.

If you are interested in sitting on this new committee, please reach out to the Ranchlands Community Association, and if you know anyone else who may be interested in joining the committee, please feel free to forward them the information.



Ranchlands School Update

Hello Ranchlands community,

It has been a great year at Ranchlands School, and I would like to say thank you to all our students, staff, and families for all their hard work and great learning. We will finish our school year on June 27, 2024, and I want to wish everyone a fun and relaxing summer.

I hope summer provides you lots of time to spend with your children and do activities together. Even the smallest events, such as riding bikes, going for a hike, and reading or playing games are great ways to enjoy and celebrate your children as they grow. Our school will reopen on August 26, with classes starting on August 29, 2024. We look forward to welcoming both returning students and new students. Have a great summer.

Kind Regards,

Steve Wigglesworth

Principal

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Parking Lot Positivity: A Hub of Community Goodness

The Ranchlands Community Association has always had a great parking lot for people coming to attend events and programs. Speaking of programs, we are pleased to report that the Community Coffee for Seniors and Little Ranchlanders Playgroup are both back up and running.

Over the last few months, the parking lot is doubling up to offer even more fun and excitement for Ranchlands to enjoy!

On Mondays, RCA welcomes the pop-up summer market with Shirley's Greenhouses!

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Every Tuesday until September 24, the Food Trucks pop-up will be going full steam from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. You never know what you and your family might enjoy. It could be burgers, tacos, lemonade, or cookie dough. Stop by the parking lot and be surprised or keep apprised of which Food Truck might be in the neighbourhood on the RCA Facebook page.

Look out for Harvey's Grill Truck who will be on location Wednesday, July 31 and Friday August 3, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to serve Ranchlanders some free burgers.

And don't forget the Clothing for a Cause bin. You can gather up all those clothes that you would like to pass on that could be enjoyed by someone else.



186 Scouting

A massive thank you to the anonymous donor who not only gave us an amazing new eight foot raised planter for our property, but also sent along a staggering 80 petunias!

We also want to thank the 186 Ranchlands Scouting Beavers troop for their hard work this week to plant flowers around the building, not just making everything look beautiful but also earning their Community Service badge in the process.

The 186 Ranchlands Troop has been in our community for decades and are just finishing off the year, but they will be returning in September with Beavers (ages five to seven), Cubs (ages eight to ten) and Scouts (ages 11 to 14) troops. Registration is open to new members from September 8 to 14, however space is limited based on the number of volunteer Troop Leaders; but if you become a Scout Leader, your child skips the wait list!

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