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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.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move through spring and into summer our community is flourishing. With the rather cool weather into May turning warmer, our trees should be fully green to enjoy. We encourage you as you are out and about, to please take and submit pictures – we need them for our *Roundup* newsletter for all to enjoy. Pictures can be submitted to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.



Jane's Walk is a worldwide opportunity for people to gather and walk through neighbourhoods – getting to know communities and neighbours. Sunday, May 5 saw a group of us trek three kilometres discussing some of the history of Ranchlands, seeing

some of the spectacular views, and enjoying the variety of home styles. Thanks to all who joined.

Neighbour Day is an annual celebration that started to acknowledge neighbours helping neighbours after the 2013 Calgary floods. Mark your calendars! Ranchlands will host a neighbour event on Friday, June 14 after 7:00 pm. We will have games, snacks, and opportunities to meet your neighbours. Watch our Facebook page for more details, search RanchlandsCA to find us. Everyone is welcome.

Promoting Our Community and Our Hall

Our facility is a very versatile space for parties, celebrations, meetings, gatherings, and the list goes on. We encourage you to consider renting our space and promoting it to family and friends as well. Our rental contract is under revision to simplify and automate the booking process. The revenue from our rentals helps us to be able to support programs and ensure the building is well maintained.

Monthly board meetings are open to everyone. You are welcome to come a few minutes early to meet board members and understand the successes and issues of our community. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 6:45 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Kathy Ervin

RCA President





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Board Bytes: Meet Laurie Lin, RCA Director



Laurie has called Ranchlands home since 2013. She has served Ranchlands in many ways, like through her involvement in public services during the census, the election for all three levels of government, and her

journey with Girl Guides of Canada since 2017. With her interdisciplinary experience and multicultural background, Laurie strives to dedicate herself to developing and sustaining a great living environment for all Ranchlands residents to feel included, inspired, and proud of our community.

Fun Facts about Laurie

Furry Friends: I am neither a cat person nor a dog person - I am an animal person! I have two four-yearold cats, Apollo, and Hercules, who give awesome little-foot massages and play fun fetches. Their 16-year-old big sister, Galaxy and I have delivered creature feature programs for various communities, including my girl guides which is always a highlight.

Festive Faves: I just attended Jane's Walk in Ranchlands for the first time, and I met new people and got to know our neighbourhood better. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year so I will be looking forward to it next year. Join in! I also can't wait to return to Prince's Island Park for my 16th visit to Calgary Folk Music Festival - a place to enjoy music, run into friends, and dance in a magical atmosphere.

Signature Dishes: My Walnut-Chocolate-Chip-Banana Bread, which I bake and give to people to express my gratitude and best wishes, is a big hit with my friends. My Kung Pao Chicken has won me an "exceptional cook" compliment from colleagues I traveled with during our whooping crane conservation journey through the United States. On the same trip, I learned how to make dumplings from scratch, and they were better than the ones served at the restaurant in the Chinatown of Washington DC. **Pay It Forward:** I pay it forward through volunteering, speaking up, and standing up. I want to make the world a better place. Volunteering helps me learn, grow, and enjoy life individually and with like-minded friends and family. By speaking and standing up, for example against bullying and discrimination, I find I can cultivate thoughts and actions for myself, my cohorts, and the future generation, and help change happen.

Travel Tales: Taiwan, where I was born and raised, is my most frequent travel destination. I enjoy creating sweet memories with my beloved family and friends and reconnecting with the island. I also love Vancouver Island, probably because I spent two summers in Bamfield studying Marine Science and enjoying the beautiful Northern Pacific Ocean shore.





The City has launched a monthly 'Living in Calgary' newsletter to provide Council updates, events, and other information.

You can book City greenspaces online to host outdoor events. There are lots of different spaces. Booking requests must be in a minimum of 30 days in advance of the event, and there is an application and fee. Please check https://www. calgary.ca/bookings/parks-greenspaces.html for the application.

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What's Happening at the RCA

Board Game Night – Mark Your Calendars!

Next Board Game Night: June 4

On the first Tuesday of the month, you all can dust off your dice and shuffle those cards for

Board Game Night at the RCA! Happening from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (or whenever you finish gloating after winning).

Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring just your lovely selves or bring a boardgame to introduce to others. And there might be a snack or two!

Community Potlucks, What Are They Good For?

Did you know potlucks are a century-old tradition.



In April 2024, we had a lovely potluck. It was so good for those who came out to meet our neighbours and a tasty way to bring people together. Surprises, as always, are the best - you never know what other potluck participants

might be contributing and it was a great opportunity to sample different dishes during one meal and share recipes. But the most important ingredient of our potlucks is socializing.

So come join the RCA Community Sunday, June 16 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm for our third Community Potluck at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW.

Curbside Treasure Hunt

On Sunday, June 2 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Ranchlands is holding our first ever Curbside Treasure Hunt! This event follows directly on the heels of our Parade of Garage Sales and will be a great opportunity to re-home your gently



loved items while supporting waste reduction.

Simply place the items you are offering on your driveway or curb and label them with a sign!

Printed signs will be available for pickup at the Ranchlands Community Association during office hours, or print them yourself at home, and you can share your offerings (or your amazing finds) on social media using #RCATreasure.

The Fine Print:

Please only have items out from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and items must be removed from the curb at the end of the event.

If you see something, you will have to plan in advance for transportation of large or bulky items.

Please only take items labeled with a Treasure Hunt sign or tag.

Farmstand

The City of Calgary's Farm Stand Program supports various local and regional farmers and vendors to bring more fresh Alberta fruits, veggies, and artisanal products to more Calgary communities.

In partnership with The City of Calgary and the Ranchlands Community Association, we are very pleased to announce Shirley's Greenhouse will be running our very own farm stand. Starting in early June, we will be able stop by on Monday afternoons and grab some fresh Alberta veggies and meat to spice up your dinners.

'Tis the Season for Our Annual Ranchlands Parade of Garage Sale (POG)

The Ranchlands Community Association is excited to be hosting our Annual Ranchlands Parade of Garage Sales on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



There is two ways to get involved!

You can register your address with us to be added to the POGS map by visiting https://square.link/u/PtiW8BKt.

If you are interested in booking a table for the Trunk Sale, you can visit https://ranchlands-communityassociation.square.site/product/2024-trunk-sale/51?cp =true&sa=true&sbp=false&g=false.

The POGS is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

The Trunk sale is \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members.

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Maps will be available at the hall the day of the event, and a link will be shared on our social media.

Pollen Pursuit – Mission Complete!

With the weird weather, the Ranchlands Edible Forest did not get their expected and much-needed pollen quota to pollenate the flowers and produce fruit in our Edible Forest. But we all know Ranchlands is a special place and so we were not surprised when a swarm of very friendly bees made their way to help us out. Unfortunately, their eyes were bigger than their wings and the poor little guys were too tired to make it all the way to the Ranchlands Community Association.

Thankfully, many of our junior Ranchlanders buzzed into action and helped our weary bees collect their pollen and brought both back to the Ranchlands Community Centre for a reward. Each hero received a prize and got to keep the bee as a buzzing new companion!

Just look at the smiles in these lovely photos below.





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Ranchero Park Redevelopment: Come Join the Planning Team to Rebuild an Important Community 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. 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 fully be 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.

Community Garden

You are invited to rent a garden box at the Ranchlands Community Garden at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW. Check out the improvements to the garden located in the SW corner of the property. Prices remain the same as last year: \$15 for a regular-sized 4x6 box, and \$20 for one of the large 4x10 boxes. Please email wendy@westviewchurch.ca or call 403-239-1114 to inquire about availability and to rent a garden box. Look forward to hearing from you!





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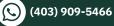


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