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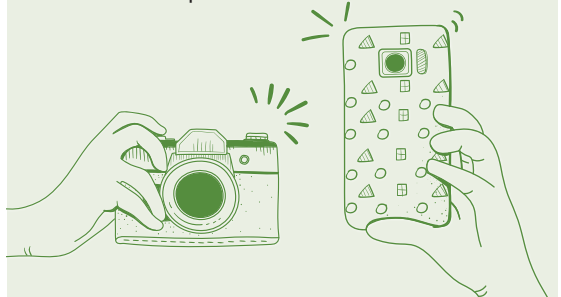
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Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

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

If you hold a belief that Balzac Billy the gopher was correct on Groundhog Day (February 2), and there was to be six weeks of winter, then we only have two more weeks until spring is in the air! Which means more and more activities will be underway for us in Ranchlands; chances for us to be with one another outside, and have fun with and support our neighbours. Plans are underway to resume community potlucks on the second Sunday of the month, possibly a night market late spring/early summer, and some general fun community family events. Please follow our Facebook page @Ranchlands Community Association - Calgary or Instagram to stay informed and up to date on all the activities.

In collaboration with our Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator from the City of Calgary, we are pursuing grant money through the Inspiring Neighbourhood Grant, focusing on Beautification and Placemaking to continue to enhance the Edible Forest close to the hall. Through this, we will add to the beauty of our community space and have opportunities for the schools and other groups to support and learn about growing food. This spring we will have more opportunities for people to come and participate.

March is Community Association Awareness month, promoted by the Federation of Calgary Communities and the City of Calgary. During this month you can check out

www.calgarycommunities.com/march-community-association-awareness-month/ to see how we in Ranchlands are strong in our operations and how we live and play here. It is also an opportunity for associations to go head-to-head on a membership drive. If you have not done so already, consider purchasing your RCA membership during March 2024 and join us to further ensure Ranchlands is a great place to live, work, and play.

By the time of this report, our board and supporting groups will have had our retreat to plan and consider the following key questions and themes:

- Community Engagement: What does the Ranchlands Community Association do for the community and our residents? Why? How?
- Facility Policies and Management: How do we maximize our facility for financial and community purposes?
- Community Events: What are the most valuable events for community residents? How do we decide? What framework should we use to evaluate? What criteria must be in place for a successful event?

I look forward to sharing the ideas and outcomes from our discussions with you all next month.

Happy March!

Kathy Ervin

President



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We're looking to expand the Ranchlands Food Pantry team with a new volunteer opportunity – the Inventory Coordinator! This role plays a crucial part in streamlining our efforts to keep our pantry well-organized and stocked for food hamper distribution. The Inventory Coordinator will sort and check expiration dates on non-perishable donations and organize them by date and item type within the pantry.

Shifts are weekly on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. We are seeking two individuals who can each take two shifts a month.

Please email us at rfp@ranchlandscommunity.com if interested.

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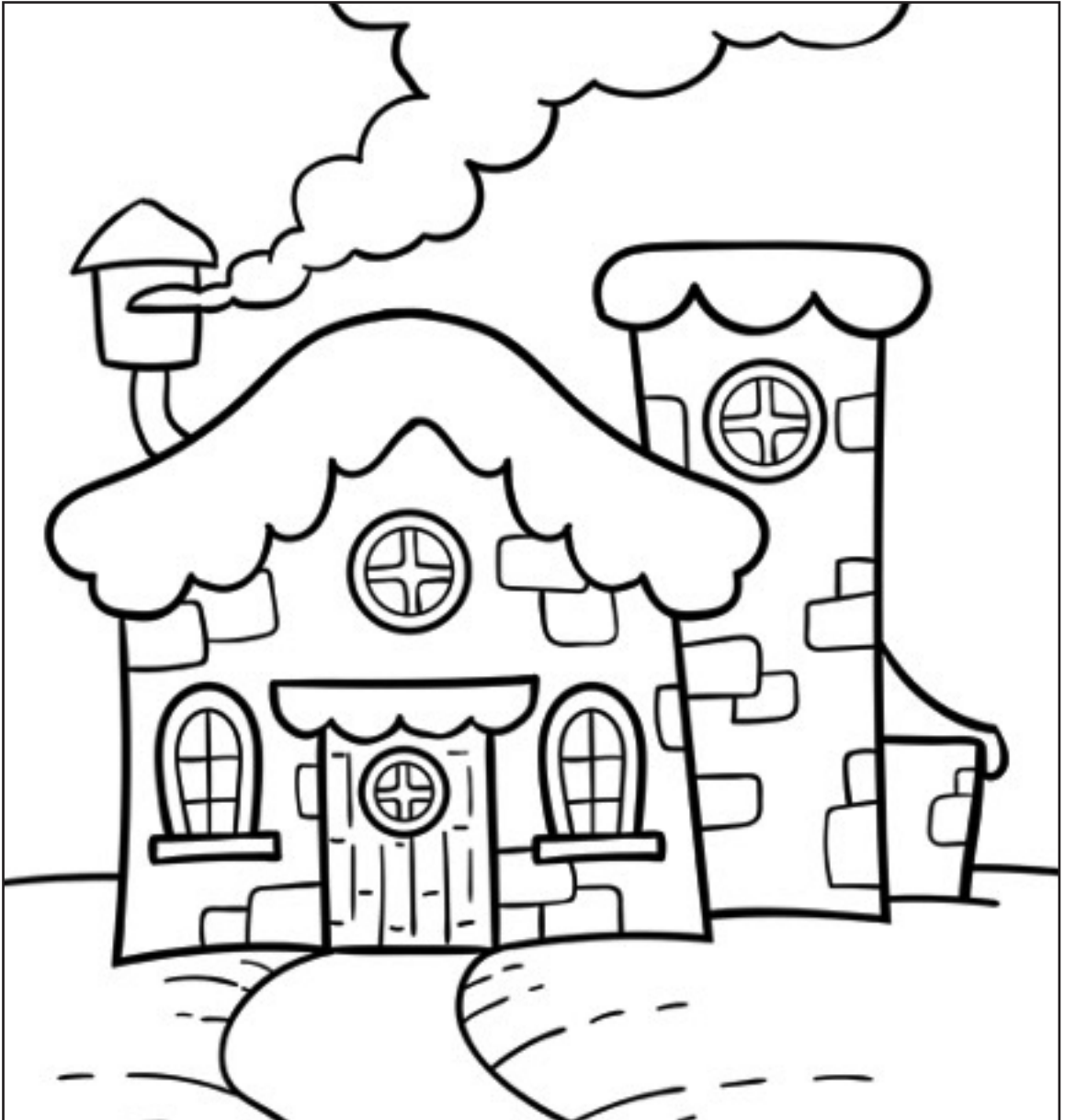
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Ranchlands Community Mural Project: Seeking Your Ideas!

Exciting news for our Ranchlands community! The Ranchlands Community Association is delighted to announce that it has successfully secured a grant from Calgary Arts Development to sponsor an outdoor mural on our community association building. The primary objective of this initiative is to capture the distinct spirit of Ranchlands and craft a visually stunning masterpiece that mirrors the vibrancy of our community.

The mural's theme, 'Explore Stories of Your Community,' perfectly aligns with our mission to foster pride and a strong sense of identity among Ranchlands residents. We invite all community members to contribute their perspectives on what makes our community special. Share your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions with us at facility@ranchlandscommunity.com.

Upon completion and installation on the west side of the Ranchlands community association building, the mural will serve as a celebration of our community and elevate the aesthetic charm of our association building. The project is set to commence in early 2024, with the mural expected to be finalized and installed by October 2024.

Local artist Julian Lee will breathe life into our vision. We extend our gratitude to Calgary Arts Development for their support and eagerly anticipate embarking on this artistic journey together. Share your ideas and become an integral part of this exciting adventure!



IN THE COMMUNITY

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

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

Book Swap Success!

We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who participated in the first ever Book Swap event! In honour of Family Literacy Day, we collected over 45 large boxes of books and sent about 20 boxes on to new homes and bookshelves. After the event, we also had dozens of "mystery book bags" picked up, we were able to donate a large pile of books to the Ranchlands School Library and the remaining items will all be passed along for the Calgary Reads book sale at the Calgary Curling Club in May.

We would not have been able to have this event without the support and donations of our community, and the hard work of the volunteers who helped with sorting, setup, and cleanup.

We're hopeful we can run this event again next year, as well as many others, so if you are interested in helping out, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@ranchlandscommunity.com.

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Community Potlucks Are Back!

Nadine Bird has two passions: preparing food and building community. It is not surprising she has found a way to knit these two talents together. Starting in April 2024 Nadine will be hosting and coordinating the Community Potlucks. This will be a time to come hang out at the Ranchlands Community Association and meet your neighbours while having a bite to eat.

Mark your calendars – the scheduling is easy – meet on the second Sunday of the month from 3:00 to 6:00 pm! Thank you, Nadine, for being such a great community builder!

Ranchlands Community Potlucks Are Back

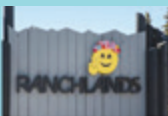
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Potlucks foster a sense of community. Everyone contributes, and the collective effort creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Board Bytes: Quick Questions with Bukola Abdul



Bukola moved to Ranchlands in 2022 and wanted to find a way to contribute to her new community. As a CPA with experience in non-profits and grant writing, she felt joining the Ranchlands Board of Director as Treasurer was a great fit.

As Treasurer, Bukola is in charge of balancing the RCA books by taking charge of the budget, financial records, and reporting. The board has already seen that Bukola has a knack for numbers and financial management, and she has helped guide us as we make crucial financial decisions and maintain the financial health of our community. Bukola is also developing a great working relationship with our talented bookkeeper. Together the RCA will be stronger thanks to her leadership and expertise in this important financial accountability role.

Bukola's Rapid Round

Morning Brew: Tea, My favourite brand is good old Lipton.

Bookworm or Movie Buff: Bookworm. The last book I read was *Making Life Less Taxing* by Kim G.C. Moody.

Top Tunes: The Summons by John L. Bell, Daddy by Lara George, and Alabaster Box by Cece Winans.

Signature Dishes: My favorite dish to cook is catfish pepper soup. Fresh basil chopped loosely in the soup gives it a flavour to die for.

Furry Friends: I am a dog person. Though I was attacked by a German Shepherd some years ago, I will always be a dog person. The scar on my arm just reminds me to be wary of other people's dogs.

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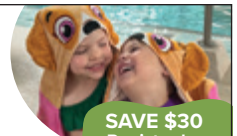
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186 RANCHLANDS SCOUT GROUP

Celebrating Scouting Adventures and Community Support with the 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group!

The 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group is buzzing with excitement as our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouters dive headfirst into a whirlwind of activities and adventures.

First and foremost, a huge thank you to our community for rallying behind our recent popcorn campaign. Your generous support enables us to fund our activities, purchase essential gear, and provide invaluable experiences for our Scouting youth. We couldn't do it without you!

Our Beavers recently made a splash, quite literally, as they worked on their Aquatics badge during a fun-filled swimming trip at the Y. They're gearing up for even more excitement with an upcoming sleepover at Telus Spark - an experience sure to ignite their curiosity and spark lifelong memories.

Meanwhile, our Cubs have been embracing the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with a series of engaging projects. From building and experimenting to discovering the marvels of the natural world, our Cubs are honing their skills and fostering a love for learning that will serve them well into the future.

As if that weren't enough, our Cubs are eagerly anticipating an upcoming winter camp. With the guidance of our dedicated Scouters, they're gearing up for an unforgettable experience filled with outdoor adventures, team-building activities, and memories to last a lifetime.

The 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group is a hive of activity and enthusiasm, thanks to the unwavering support of our community. As we continue on this journey of exploration and growth, we extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for making it all possible!

A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteer Scouters - the program wouldn't run without you!

Yours in Scouting,

Christopher Tindall

Group Commissioner

186th Ranchlands Scouting

Let's Rebuild an Important Community Space!

The sad news - the playground that sits in Rancho Park on the west side of Ranchlands is past its useful life and is needing to be replaced. The good news - to support the Rancho Park rebuild, the Ranchlands Community Association is setting up a committee to lead the charge 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. As members, 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. 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 on 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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The Ranchlands Rink is official opened. Thanks to all our community volunteers. To keep up to date visit www.ranchlandscommunity.com/ranchlands-rink/.



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