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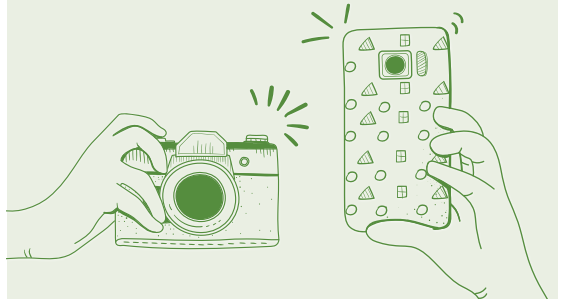
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Help Us Find a Cover Photo!

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.





May and June Focus

Our RCA Board is moving onto anticipating what can and will happen for the community in May and June. Our board has a follow-up retreat on May 10 to continue evolving our structure. We will be presenting changes to our bylaws to allow for three additional Board members, including the Past President as part of the board and updating the quorum requirements for membership voting. The plan will be to call a Special General Meeting to approve for submission to Corporate Registry to be able to implement at our Annual General Meeting (November 2024).

Community Improvements

With the help of our Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, RCA is accessing grant money to improve spaces in the community, including the area surrounding the hall and our building. We appreciate the support of the City.

Ranchlands Food Pantry continues to support many residents during difficult times. We encourage people to share their Facebook post requests – I know this is effective as last week after I shared, two people – one in another neighbourhood and another in Nova Scotia made donations! Please keep spreading the word, and know that every donation, regardless of size is valued.

Community Events for May and June

We are hosting a 'Jane's Walk' on Sunday, May 5 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will explore the pathways and walk for about 90 minutes around the neighbourhood sharing stories, past and present. This is the link to register for Ranchlands Community Walk - Jane's Walk: calgarycommunities.com.

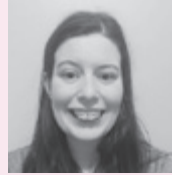
From May 9 to 12, all young and not so young kids and parents are invited to join the community hunt in the first ever Pollen Pursuit. It sounds like it is going to be lots of fun. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the Parade of Garage Sales (June 1), the Treasure Chest (June 2), and the Community Cleanup (June 8). More details to follow.

I look forward to meeting many of you at one of our events.

Kathy Ervin

RCA President

Board Bytes: Jessica Brander



Jessica moved to Ranchlands in 2022 and absolutely loves the walkability of our community. After meeting so many friendly and welcoming people, she decided to join the board to contribute to the neighbourhood and bring some fresh ideas and creativity to the RCA.

Jessica is on her second term as a Director at Large and has the opportunity to bring her unique perspective and expertise to support the community. Jessica enjoys being able to contribute to planning events and assisting with event coordination. It's a great role to work directly with community members and see good ideas through the finish.

Fun Facts about Jessica

Morning Brew: I like to start my day with either a French vanilla or a hot chocolate.

Travel Tales: I like Florida. I got to spend Christmas there and really enjoyed the nice weather instead of freezing.

Spill the local Beans: I lived in PEI. Did you know you can go tip to tip in four hours. There also is red soil and sand, potato fudge, and over 90 beaches there.



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Exclusive Interview with the Artist Crafting Our Mystery Signs

Seven years ago, a very special, extremely talented incognito Ranchlander decided to use their creativity to liven up the entranceway to our community. Despite keeping a low profile and operating clandestine operations, we were lucky enough to have an interview with our local artist. Enjoy!

What inspired you to start, and how did you come up with the idea?

It was inspired by the desire to bring more fun to the neighbourhood. My partner and I had already been living in Ranchlands for many years and would drive by the Ranchlands sign every day. I started envisioning making the sign more fun by putting something up on the yellow sun. One day, I had the idea of putting sunglasses on it and just could not get the idea out of my head! That idea percolated for a while, and then we went through the process of building giant sunglasses out of wood. I had no idea where it would lead, but knew I had to take the first step.

What was the first sign you did?

The first one was the original sunglasses. We've recreated versions of them a few times over the years.

What is your favourite or most memorable sign?

Oh, that's a tough one. So many favourites. One memorable one was the Santa hat from 2017. It was made with a mesh wire frame and red velvet fabric. It was a real challenge to build, and it kept falling off the sign, I had to go out in a snowstorm to put it back up a couple times, but it was worth it! I also loved the Halloween Ghostbusters, the "Welcome to Ranchlands", the snowboard goggles, the watermelon, the flamingo scene, and the melting popsicle.

Have you encountered any challenges or obstacles while changing the signs?

In the beginning, we thought there might be some disapproving neighbours, who would want the sunglasses taken down, but then it was featured on the *Ranchlands Roundup*, and we realized that the community was actually enjoying it! Parking and running across the busy street with a ladder can be a bit of a challenge. Sometimes weather is an obstacle - rain and extreme temperatures have occasionally caused the signs to come off, but I have learned from it and now use much lighter materials and better mounting techniques.

How do you think your sign changes have impacted the neighbourhood and its residents?

For quite some time, we were totally unaware of the impact or if people liked it, but when the RCA started posting photos of the sign changes on social media, it was incredible to read the comments from community members! We were blown away by the enthusiasm and love for it, and by people's stories of joy and anticipation around it. It really filled our hearts. From what we've heard, the kids really enjoy the changes. We always try to keep in mind that one of the main audiences are the local kids, so the signs are always family-friendly and fun. We have heard stories of people who talk to friends and family from across the country about the sign changes, some who say they always talk about a sign change with their neighbours, and many who laugh and delight over the excitement of a new sign with their kids on a drive home. What we do is a small thing, but it has become something that has spread joy and connection. I couldn't think of a better outcome. We would love to hear more about how it has impacted people!

Have you ever been busted while installing a change?

When we first started, we were worried about getting caught, so we did the first one late at night. Someone who lived right across from the sign saw us from their backyard and asked us what we were doing, so we quickly finished up and left! Now we find it is best to do it in the middle of the day, at a time when the road isn't busy and when people won't be worried about shadowy characters in the dark with a ladder.

How do you decide on when to change it, which events to memorialize, and what design to use?

We really just follow our inspiration, trying to keep it changing in fun ways. We often do signs for the various holidays and seasons since these are a shared experience for the most part. The sign is something we want as many people as possible to enjoy. It's great to have kids get in on the creativity. In the past we have gotten ideas from a local elementary school, where students drew their ideas, and we chose a few to put up. That was really fun, we would do that again! The "Welcome to Ranchlands" one was inspired by a family we know who was moving to the neighbourhood, and one of the Easter Bunny signs was drawn by my five-year-old nephew.



What happens to the designs after they are taken down?

After they're taken down, they are recycled (they are now made with corrugated plastic); we have kept a few for reuse and some as art over the years. We have discussed donating them for sale in the future to raise money for community projects, including a proposal from some local friends of mine looking to refurbish the paint and the wood on the original sign structure; get in touch with the RCA if you are interested in a donation in exchange for an upcoming sign that you like!



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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!



Rancho 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 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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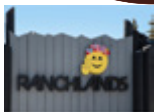


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In their ongoing effort to provide more volunteer opportunities for community members, Rise is working towards increasing their capacity. As part of this initiative, Rise Calgary is developing a learning platform that will feature a series of e-modules designed to educate, and train practicum students and community volunteers, transforming them into resourceful humans. Each module will deliver guidance, and instruction, progressively equipping newcomers with the behaviours, knowledge, and skills necessary to assist members of Ranchlands effectively and empathetically.

The learning portal launches in June. If you’re interested in learning more or have any questions, or wish to sign up as a volunteer, reach out to us through email at info@risecalgary.ca.

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