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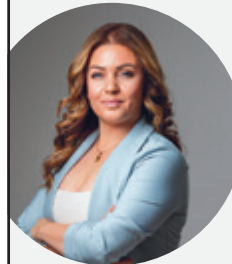
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Good Food Box: Ranchlands' Depot is St. James Anglican Church

SHIPWRECKED

Of course, it is nearly impossible to know the exact number of shipwrecks on the ocean floor. However, the current estimate is that there are about three million shipwrecks scattered down there. These wrecks include everything from sunken war ships to small, abandoned recreation boats.

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Become a Volunteer Tax Preparer!

Ranchlands Community Association (RCA) is in the process of planning to host tax preparation sessions for Ranchlanders in 2025. Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, RCA will be able to host free tax clinics where volunteers can complete tax returns for people with a modest income and a simple tax situation. We plan to host these sessions in the spring and will have more details to share in the coming months.

To make this idea a reality we will need volunteers. Community Volunteer Income Tax Program volunteers can take on many different roles. Whether you prepare tax returns or provide support, you will be helping people who are unable to do their taxes on their own. Although it's helpful, you don't need experience doing tax returns to volunteer. All volunteers are offered web-based training on how to do taxes, using tax software, and determining their responsibilities. Online training can be supplemented with in-person training or virtual training sessions. We will need volunteers to host and review documents as well as prepare. And it is also possible to do the tax preparation online.

RCA will be coordinating the access to training. If you are interested in being part of this program, please call the office at 403-241-0335 or send an email to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

More information about the Community Volunteer Income Tax program itself can be found online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program/learn-a-hand-individuals-roles-responsibilities.html>.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is really here! Now that we are into the meteorological and astronomical fall/autumn season, we have water restrictions (hopefully) behind us. What are you going to do with your extra one hour on Sunday, November 3 when our clocks turn back one hour? I invite you to come and spend it with your neighbours at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Our meeting will take place at 1:00 pm at the community hall. While hanging out with your neighbours and your RCA board should be incentive enough, we will have door prizes and snacks to ensure that all who attend will know that they make a valuable contribution to the community. You are needed to help elect the Board of Directors, approve financial documents (budgets and audited financial statements), and adopt proposed bylaw changes. Unfortunately, we did not get a quorum of people for our Special General Meeting on September 4, 2024 to discuss the proposed bylaw changes so this will be an agenda item at the AGM in November.

Elections will take place at the AGM and all positions are available for people to put their name forward. There is a section on the RCA website that outlines the duties of each position, that can be found here: <https://ranchlandscommunity.com/volunteer-with-the-rca/>. We welcome everyone who wishes to contribute to the wellbeing of Ranchlands, both formally and informally.

Events – I recommend you follow our Facebook page and check in on our website. Events that are planned, upcoming, or proposed will be posted about to keep you up to date on what is happening. There are many great initiatives, and we hope to be able to help or deliver as our finances and volunteer capacity allow.

Rentals – We have recently finalized some long-term rental contracts which contribute to our sustainability and ability to consider programs. Our short-term or one-time rentals continue to grow also. As always, for your own personal events, or for others you know, please consider our RCA space for your needs. We are always available to schedule a walk-through to ensure our space meets the needs of our community residents and other partners.

As always, I thank you for continuing to support our community, our Food Pantry program, and for providing ideas and input to keep us strong.

Kathy Ervin

President, Ranchlands Community

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The Ranchlands Food Pantry

So far this year, the Ranchlands Food Pantry has filled roughly 90 hampers for 40 households in the community. This program is made possible due to amazing neighbours helping neighbours. The Ranchlands Food Pantry could not exist without the generosity of donations and the time that Ranchlanders give to the program.

If you live in the community and need food assistance, a food hamper can be requested on our community webpage at <https://ranchlandscmmunity.com> under the 'Programs' section.

If you would like to volunteer, we currently have vacant volunteer positions. Email rfp@ranchlandscmmunity.com to express interest in the following roles:

Hamper Pickup Host

We are looking for a friendly and experienced individual to join us as a Hamper Pickup Host. Ideal candidates should have prior experience working or volunteering with confidential information. In this role, you will warmly greet individuals picking up their hampers, guide first-time visitors through the process, and put away any extra food items at the end of your shift. This position is a monthly commitment, occurring on the third Monday of every month from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. The location is the community association kitchen (7713 Ranchview Drive).

Hamper Drop-off Driver

We are seeking a reliable individual for this weekly volunteer role, which involves picking up completed hampers from the Ranchlands Food Pantry (7713 Ranchview Drive) on Monday evenings (or Tuesday evenings if Monday is a statutory holiday) and dropping them off at the doorsteps of Ranchlanders who have requested a hamper. Drop-offs are contactless. You must be available on Monday evenings (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday) from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. We average one to two drop-offs per week, all within the Ranchlands Community.

Items in Low Supply

If you're looking to donate items to the food pantry, consider donating items in current demand, such as cereal, canned vegetables, fruits, meats, and soups. Drop-off donations are accepted at the Ranchlands Community Association RFP box, conveniently located in the foyer at 7713 Ranchview Drive NW. Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, with extended hours until 5:30 pm on Mondays. Your support is deeply appreciated!



186 RANCLANDS SCOUT GROUP

Scout Troop Re-Opened in September!

We have some exciting news! The 186th Ranchlands Scouting Group re-opened our Scout Troop this September. We already have awesome Beaver Scouts (ages five to seven) and Cub Scouts (ages eight to ten) who love our adventures and activities. Now, we're looking forward to welcoming Scouts (aged 11 to 14) to join in the fun.

Our Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts have been busy with outdoor adventures, camping trips, and community projects. With the new Scout Troop, we plan to keep up the fun and learning for even more kids.

To make this happen, we need your help! We're looking for a volunteer Fundraising Coordinator to help us raise money for our programs. We also need more adult volunteers. Volunteering with us is easy and fun, and it's not just an hour a week (wink, wink). You'll have a blast and make a big difference in our Scouts' lives.

A huge thank you to all our current volunteers. Your hard work and dedication have made our Scouting Group amazing. We couldn't do it without you! If you want to join us or learn more about volunteering, please contact us at tindall.christopher@gmail.com. Let's make this the best year ever for our Scouts!

Christopher Tindall

Group Commissioner

186th Ranchlands Scouting

Nobel Canadians



Nobel Prize winners are announced in the first two weeks of October. Since the very first awards, Canada has won 27 Nobel Prizes. From 1923 to 2021, Canadians have received the award for everything from Economics and Physics to Literature.

Did You Know?

Seven Back to School Safety Tips

1. Don't stop or park within five metres of a crosswalk. It reduces visibility of people using them to cross.
2. Do not park or stop in an area marked with "No Stopping" signs. Obey time restricted zones.
3. Do not stop or park in a designated bus zone, even if it appears clear.
4. Do not make U-turns in school intersections or crosswalks. Go around the block if necessary.
5. Do not stop next to parked cars and leave your vehicle idling to 'quickly' run inside.
6. Never walk out from between parked vehicles. Always use the marked crosswalks.
7. Remember school zones are all designated as playground zones. The speed limit is 30 km/hour from 7:30 am to 9:30 pm whether it is daylight or not.



Upgrades to the Community Garden Are Coming! We Need Volunteers

Looking for a way to contribute to Ranchlands? Interested in construction?

The Ranchlands Community Garden is located at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW. It has been in operation for over ten years. We are in the process of upgrading our 23 garden boxes because the current boxes are not in the best shape. Our new plans are based on a visit to the Silversprings Community Garden, where our group received a wealth of information from the Garden Co-chair.



So now we are seeking volunteers to help rebuild garden boxes and other tasks associated with enhancing the garden. The assembly of the garden boxes requires energetic volunteers who enjoy the physical labour associated with construction or have creative ideas. Interest in gardening is not required, nor is membership with the community. You just need to have a desire to contribute to getting things ready for the next planting year.

Construction will take place over the next year. If interested, please contact Glenn, Ranchlands Community Garden volunteer, via email at glswanson@shaw.ca.



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Mmm, Coffee!

October 1 signifies not only the start of a new month, but an occasion that has sparked events all around the world in celebration of one of our favourite hot (or cold depending on how you like it!) beverages. It is International Coffee Day! So, especially on this day, make sure to enjoy your coffee, however you take it!



Unveiling a New Ranchlands Community Mural!

We have exciting news for our Ranchlands community! The Ranchlands Community Association is thrilled to announce that the outdoor mural, sponsored by Calgary Arts Development, is nearing completion and will soon adorn our community association building.

After gathering community input and completing three rounds of revisions with the Ranchlands Board of Directors, we have finalized a design that beautifully captures the essence and stories of Ranchlands. This autumn, you might spot the talented artist Julian Lee working on the mural outside the community association building. Feel free to stop by and say hello while you watch the mural come to life.

The official unveiling will take place outside the community association building on October 27. The exact time is still to be determined, so please stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting addition to our community with you! A big thank you to Calgary Arts Development for their generous financial support, which made this mural possible.

Edible Forest Just Keeps Getting Better and Better!

If you have been by the Ranchlands Edible Forest recently, you might notice something new!



Over the past couple months, our staff have been working hard on grant applications to expand the Edible Forest and were able to secure not one, but two grants to fund this!

We want to extend a huge thank you to ChangeX who provided the bulk of the funding through the AWS In Communities Calgary Fund, as well as the City of Calgary for additional funding through the Inspiring Neighbourhoods grant.

Over the September long weekend, ten concrete planters and three concrete benches were moved into position thanks to an amazing Ranchlander who

volunteered their time to run the heavy equipment for us. Once the trees get a bit bigger, the canopy will provide a beautiful, shaded place to sit and enjoy some fresh air.

While our initial plans did also include adding fruit bushes, that portion had to be put on hold due to the water restrictions, so the remaining grant funds are being held in reserve until spring when we can continue with this work.

We are thrilled to make progress on this project and to have already had fruit produced on the trees this year. Though a quick reminder to please not harvest from the trees just yet, they are still quite young and require a very gentle hand for harvest to avoid damages. Also, please do not take cuttings from the trees.

The Mischievous Witch Hat Hunt

This autumn, something unexpected has happened in Ranchlands! Recently, a group of friendly fairy witches gathered together to view the new mural at the community hall. Inspired by the amazing design, each witch went all out, not only dressing to impress with fancy hats, but also bringing along a little animal companion.

As the night drew to a close, their faithful but playful companions got a little bored and decided to pull a trick on them, stealing all of their hats! Having hidden them across Ranchlands, in bushes, trees, and other surprising spots, the fairy witches had no choice but to head home without the hats and they have asked us to collect them on their behalf. As punishment for being so naughty, the silly animals who caused all the trouble are being forced to remain behind and help with the search.

We are asking all Ranchlanders, big and small, to be on the lookout for one of these very special hats.

If you find one, bring it to the Ranchlands Community Association office (7713 Ranchview Drive NW) during office hours, and you'll be rewarded with a special prize!

Hints will be posted as we learn them, from October 27 to October 30 and found hats can be returned Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Nose Hill Park is one of the largest urban parks in North America and is distinguished by its unique geological, ecological, and anthropological history (<https://inaturalist.ca/projects/nose-hill-park-bioinventory>). With an abundance of remarkable flora and fauna, this project aims to record observations made by Park users. This information and a quick update were posted on our Facebook page about how the Nose Hill Park iNaturalist project is going. There have been many awesome observations this year. Since January over 2,600 observations have been added. We have nearly 10,000 iNaturalist posts made for the Park. Let's keep the momentum going! Hopefully, we will be close to 11,000 by 2025 and encourage everyone to share their photos of flora and fauna on the Hill. We recently surpassed 200,000 posts made within the City of Calgary municipal boundaries. Of course, you can post (on iNaturalist generally) your biodiversity photos from anywhere in the world, including your own yard and other favourite parks. All this data will help to guide the Nature Calgary updated "Green Book" which is currently in the data collection phase.

World Migratory Bird Day is on the second Saturday in October and again in May. The goal is to raise awareness of issues affecting migratory birds and to inspire action around the world to take measures for their conservation. Migrating birds may fly from 24 kms to 960 kms or more per day. Hawks, swifts, swallows, and waterfowl migrate primarily during the day, while many songbirds migrate at night. Calgary has over 200 bird species and is one of Canada's first Bird Friendly Cities certified by Nature Canada. Bylaws preventing off leash dogs and encouraging people to stay on designated paths can lessen disturbance and decrease the risks to sensitive grasslands species.



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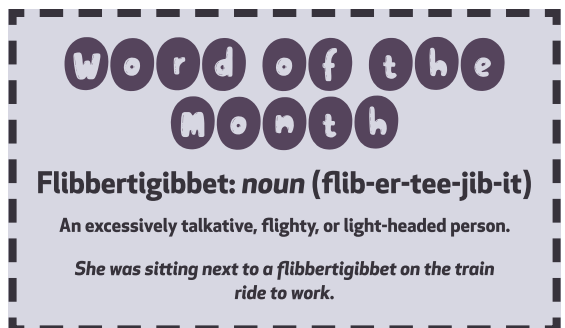


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Flibbertigibbet: noun (flib-er-tee-jib-it)

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