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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

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Program Survey

Dear Neighbours,

We want to hear from you! As part of our commitment to fostering a vibrant and engaging community, the Ranchlands Community Association is launching a survey to gather your input on the types of programs and events you'd like to see offered. Your feedback will help us create activities that cater to all ages and interests, ensuring everyone in our community can participate and enjoy.

Our survey is quick and easy, taking only a few minutes to complete. We're interested in knowing which days and times work best for you, the types of programs you're most excited about, and the age groups that would be participating. Whether you're interested in family-friendly events, adult education classes, children's activities like day camps and playgroups, or social gatherings, we want to know!

Additionally, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to host or assist with these programs. If you have a passion for community building and some time to spare, let us know through the survey.

Your opinions matter and will directly influence the planning and scheduling of future programs. By participating, you help ensure that our community events are inclusive, fun, and meaningful for everyone.

Scan the QR code below to take the survey and make your voice heard. Thank you for your participation and for helping us make Ranchlands an even better place to live!

Warm regards,

The Ranchlands Community Association Team





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is here! For many people, September marks the beginning of a new year, with children returning to school, a weather change, and many programs for all ages starting up. For the Ranchlands Community Association, this is no different.

The September board meeting on Wednesday, September 4 will include a special meeting to approve amendments to our bylaws to be able to expand the number of directors, along with some housekeeping. Please attend at 6:15 pm to pass this. We would love to be able to have these in our bylaws before our Annual General Meeting in November. We need 20 members to attend to pass the proposed changes. Light refreshments will be served. Memberships can be purchased on our website at https://ranchlandscommunity.com/.

Over the summer, our board members invested time in one regular meeting, along with three additional get togethers. We worked through our opportunities to offer programs that will sustain our community and offer value to our neighbours. As we looked at all the ideas, we vetted them through some filters to ensure that each idea is a financially viable proposition, has the commitment of a leader to oversee the logistics and volunteers, identified that the risks are manageable, and most importantly that the proposal meets our mission of "Enriching the lives of our residents by developing and maintaining a vibrant community through programming, services, and events."

Board meetings include in-person reports from our Alderman's office, the Calgary Police Service, our Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, and periodically from our MLA and MP. Our August meeting had a very encouraging report from our CPS officer - in the month of July, our crime rate was very low, reflecting that we are a safe community. We also had a very encouraging report from our Alderman's office regarding bylaw complaints. The most encouraging for me was that there were only seven reported watering violations. This speaks to our community spirit - regardless of what we agree with or not, we have recognized the importance of being part of citywide solutions. And finally, the support we have from our neighbourhood partnership keeps us strong and viable, with grant recommendations, advice on best practices, and how to set up for success in our planning.

As you are reading this, it is likely that we are back into a stage four water restriction. I know I personally feel the weight of this, again, and see the weariness in people. To keep us on the optimistic side, we are hosting a contest! Please submit your creative (or ordinary) ways that you have been able to conserve water, keep flowers, gardens, and lawns healthy, keep your home in good repair, or help a neighbour. You can submit to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com and the board will choose winners at our October board meeting.

Thank you for continuing to support our community, our Ranchlands Food Pantry program, and provide ideas and input to keep us strong.

Kathy Ervin

President, Ranchlands Community





Join the Ranchlands Food Pantry Network Team!

So far this year, the Ranchlands Food Pantry has filled 70 hampers for 35 households. 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.

We currently have vacant volunteer positions. Email rfp@ranchlandscommunity.com to express interest in the following roles:

Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator

This role requires exceptional organizational skills. You will create, manage, and coordinate the monthly volunteer schedule, and write updates for the monthly Roundup community newsletter to advertise any vacant volunteer roles. As the primary contact for Food Pantry Volunteers, you will handle shift scheduling and coordinate onboarding shifts between established volunteers and new volunteers, ensuring a mutually convenient time for them to meet when the main hall at the community association building is not in use. The time commitment is roughly three hours monthly, and this role can be done remotely from the comfort of your home. However, training will involve shadowing shifts for all volunteer roles (occurs on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:30 pm and Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm) at least twice to understand the program and various positions.

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 NW) 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 6:30 pm. We average one to two drop-offs per week, all within the Ranchlands community.



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 inperson 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/lend-a-hand-individuals/roles-responsibilities.html.





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Also, if you or someone you know is at risk of violence:

- Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- Call 310-1818 to access local supports for family violence – help is available 24/7 in over 170 languages.
- Chat in English at alberta.ca/safetychat available daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.





Reflections on Community

I joined the community garden before becoming a board member. With the support from our Ranchlands community, our garden thrives this year, with the most participation and abundance in plant diversity.



Saying hi to the growing plants while watering and meeting peer gardeners while visiting are two of my favourite elements about our community garden. In the garden we acquaint, exchange names of ourselves and the plants we are growing, share our gardening stories, and laugh together when dealing with poky plants like radishes.

Becoming a resident in Ranchlands is not by choice but meant to be. The photo of the big tree in my backyard captivated me and the universe guided me through



the transition. Serving on the board is an honour and gardening just grows my love for life deeper and deeper, particularly my home community, Ranchlands.

Thank you for reading my joy of gardening.



Get Ready for Guiding

Time flies! We hope you are having a lot of fun this summer.

The guiding year aligns with the school year, where guides expand their learning and growing outside of school at unit meetings. We wrapped up a fantastic guiding year,



2023-2024, in June and now can't wait to kick off our guiding year 2024-2025 mid-September.

What do we do? We learn and grow together through camping, crafting, singing, soap making, festival attending, fire station visiting, library exploring, ice skating, shopping, playing, and more.

We grow with the girls we guide and the families we serve. This guiding year, there will be three Girl Guide Units serving our community right at the Ranchlands Community Association:

- 76th Sparks: ages 5 to 6
- 60th Guides: ages 9 to 11
- 82nd Pathfinders: ages 12 to 14

Spots are limited. Sign up soon! We also welcome volunteers to help us. If you are interested in joining or have cookie inquiries or any other questions, please feel free to reach out at any-calgaryglacierdc@girlguides.ca and/or 60thcalgary@guides.girlguides.ca.



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by Anne Burke

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee advises the City about urban biological diversity in the natural world in all its forms. The aim is to advance a Plan based on The Durban Commitment: Local Governments for Biodiversity. The City must work toward better protection of natural area biodiversity and has introduced targeted grazing, naturalization, and the elimination and prevention of invasive plant species. While the City has developed certain policies and procedures, the Advisory Committee continues reviewing City initiatives impacting biodiversity and measures their progress against the City's strategic plan.

The Advisory Committee reports to the Community Development Committee and to City Council when it provides an annual progress report. The Committee has 15 members appointed by Council, ten from the public with specialized knowledge and relevant experience, including one youth (18 to 30) and five staff from specific departments who meet regularly in person (or join online). Meetings are open to the public. However, despite many accomplishments, the mandate to engage Council as citizen scientists who make recommendations has proven to be difficult.

The Committee struggled in past years to gain their attention and staff time is limited. Now even the status of the Committee is in doubt. With the end of the Calgary ten-year Biodiversity Strategic Plan (2015-2025), City Council voted to dissolve the Committee next year on what will be its 10th anniversary. ("2024 Annual Update from Boards, Commissions, and Committees") An option to collaborate with the Anti-racism Committee, regarding access to natural areas, was put on hold to explore the merger of the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee with the Climate Advisory Committee. Nevertheless, the members are preparing a full and final report for 2025. Past reports are available at www. calgary.ca/committees/biodiversity-advisory.html.



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