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Neighbour Day Excitement...

Neighbour Day 2026 was another exciting time from more than one perspective. We had many, many people come to enjoy the day, the food, their neighbours, and the activities.

Then... right at the height of the party, the Hall experienced a blockage in our plumbing system. We appreciated the support and understanding of our event guests. The day amped up pretty quickly.

The teamwork of the volunteers, staff, and Board helped make the best of a bad situation! With teamwork and cooperation, we were able to:

- Perform an initial assessment of what was going on,
- Procure a plumbing company to provide an emergency response,
- Connect and work closely with the booked renters,
- Rent two porta-potties to support our weekend evening booked rentals,
- Have the City of Calgary 3-1-1 respond,
- And most importantly carry on having all the people enjoy the extravaganza!

Neighbour day 2025 had the challenges of lots of rain and moving indoors preceded by a power failure that morning that almost had us unable to host the event.

Keep your fingers crossed that for Neighbor Day 2027 (June 19) that our event has no unplanned circumstances to contend with!

Monthly RCA Board Meeting – Everyone is Welcome!

Our Board meets the first Monday of each month, with occasional adjustments due to long weekends – you can confirm dates with the office. Residents are welcome to come to raise concerns that we can help address or facilitate where to report concerns. Typical concerns around traffic flow, speed on roads, pedestrian safety, reporting, etc. are topics we are happy to discuss at our board meetings. We have representation (or access to reps) from Calgary Police Services, City of Calgary coordinator, our City Councillor office, our MLA and our MP.

Ranchlands Annual General Meeting

Save the date for our AGM – Sunday November 8 at 2:00 pm. The items to note are:

Bylaws: For the third, and hopefully final time, we will approve the revised bylaws. The ones that were passed at our meeting in 2025, has one reference missing and Alberta Registries denied it. Third time's a charm!

Elections: As always, all Board positions are available for election. As some current members not returning, we will have vacancies, (that is no incumbent), for the secretary and three directors at large. I would be happy to discuss this with you, to explore your interest and answer questions.

Regards,

Kathy Ervin

President, Ranchlands Community Association





IN THE COMMUNITY

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Come On In — Let's Chat

Ever walk by the rink and notice the 'Open' sign on at the community centre? That's your cue to come on in. Whether you'd like to say hello, check the bulletin board, grab some bread from the bread shelf, use the restroom, or just warm up for a few minutes, you're always welcome.

If the sign is on, the Ranchlands Community Association office is open and happy to see you. It's a good time to stop by, ask a question, share an idea, or let us know what's working well in the community—or what could be better. We love hearing from our neighbours.

The office is open Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Wednesday from 12:00 to 5:00 pm, unless otherwise posted.



Lego Club is Here for the Summer!

Looking for something fun to do on Friday afternoons? Join us for Lego Club all summer long!

Whether you're building a towering castle, a speedy race car, or creating something completely unique, Lego Club is a great place to get creative, make friends, and have fun!

Fridays, 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

Kids who are comfortable participating on their own are welcome to attend independently, however, parents and caregivers are encouraged to stay and build alongside younger children. While Lego Club is not a supervised program, Community Association staff are available in the office should any assistance be needed.

If you would like your child to attend, please visit our website for full program details. You'll find more information under the Events section, along with a waiver form that parents or guardians can complete.



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Neighbour Day 2026 – What a Carnival!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's carnival themed Neighbour Day! We were absolutely blown away by the incredible turnout and the energy our community brought to the celebration. Seeing families enjoying the games, kids laughing with friends, neighbours connecting over a meal, and smiles everywhere made all the months of planning completely worthwhile.

Events like this take a tremendous amount of planning, organizing, and teamwork behind the scenes. The greatest reward we could ask for is seeing our community come together and create wonderful memories, and this year's celebration did exactly that.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated staff, Tracy and Anita, for taking on this project and bringing the vision to life. We also couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers. Your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to lend a hand made the day run smoothly from start to finish. We are so grateful for each and every one of you.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors. Thank you to Ranchview Physio, Chiro and Massage and Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services for helping make this event possible. Your support allows us to provide free, family-friendly events that bring our community together.

A special thank you to our MLA, Julia Hayter, for helping everyone beat the heat with delicious slushies. We would also like to thank ATCO for generously providing the BBQs and volunteers who manned the BBQ and adult only zone.



Marilyn's delicious rhubarb pie earned the title of the judges' favourite, making her our very first Ranchlands Pie Baking Champion. A huge thank you to everyone who entered the competition. Every pie was beautifully made and absolutely delicious, and we loved seeing so many talented bakers share their creations with the community. We're excited to make the Pie Baking Competition a new Neighbour Day tradition and can't wait to see what everyone bakes next year!

We're already busy brainstorming ideas and planning for Neighbour Day 2027, and we can't wait to make it even bigger and better. Thank you for making Ranchlands such a wonderful community—we'll see you next year!

Let's Canvas

the Situation

On August 21, 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre. It took twenty-eight months for the painting to be returned. Today, the Mona Lisa is valued so highly that most would simply call it priceless.



Discover the Hidden Gems of Ranchlands

Ranchlands Community Association
Hidden Gems Photo Contest
Email your photo, name, age & photo title
to contest@ranchlandscommunity.com
by July 26



The top 3 photos in each category will advance to online voting from July 27 – August 4

Winners receive a \$25 gift card!

Categories:
Under 12
13–17
Adults (18+)

Let's celebrate the beauty of Ranchlands!

Sometimes the most beautiful places are the ones we pass every day.

That sunny pathway lined with wildflowers. The quiet pond reflecting a summer sunset. A colourful front garden that makes you smile. A towering tree that has watched over the neighbourhood for decades. Ranchlands is full of hidden gems—you just have to slow down and look.

This summer, the Ranchlands Community Association is inviting residents of all ages to see our community through a new lens by taking part in the Hidden Gems Photo Contest!

Whether you're an experienced photographer or simply enjoy taking pictures on your phone, this is your chance to capture what makes Ranchlands special. We're looking for the unexpected moments, peaceful corners, beautiful gardens, wildlife, neighbourhood landmarks, and everyday scenes that showcase the character and beauty of our community.

The contest is open to everyone with three age categories:

- Under 12
- 13 to 17
- Adults (18+)

To enter, simply email your photo, your name, age, and a title for your photograph to contest@ranchlandscommunity.com by July 26.

A panel will select the top three entries in each category, and those finalists will move on to community online voting from July 27 to August 4. Winners in each category will receive a \$25 gift card and, more importantly, the bragging rights of capturing one of Ranchlands' favourite hidden gems!

So grab your camera, head outside, and take a fresh look at the neighbourhood. You might be surprised by what you discover just around the corner.

We can't wait to see Ranchlands through your eyes!



The Continental Divide is an area in Western Canada that helps to form the geographical boundary between Alberta and British Columbia. It also acts as a hydrological divide – water in the western portion flows to the Pacific Ocean, while water in the east flows to the Atlantic.

Ranchlands Dog Park Mayor Election (Header)



It's time to elect the top dog of Ranchlands!

The Ranchlands Community Association is inviting local pups to campaign for the honorary title of Ranchlands Dog Park Mayor. Whether

your dog is known for making friends, chasing tennis balls, or keeping a watchful eye on the squirrels, this is their chance to lead the pack!

Each candidate will create a campaign poster that will be displayed at the Ranchlands Community Centre and featured on our website. Residents will be able to learn about each candidate before casting their vote.

Online voting will take place September 2 to 14, with the winning dog announced on September 19 at the Ranchlands Community Centre. The winner will receive a prize package and have a sign installed for one year at Ranch Hill Dog Park (located between Ranch Estates Drive and John Laurie Boulevard).

Interested in entering your pup? Full contest details, rules, registration information, and voting details can be found on our website. With only 20 candidate spots available, be sure to register early.

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Kids Bingo

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The Dog Days Are Here

The popular phrase, "the dog days of summer," actually has nothing to do with pets!

It originated from the Greeks and Romans, who saw the rising of Sirius, the brightest star in the Canis Major constellation, and associated it with the growing heat.

Before Summer Slips Away

Discover something new. Share it with your neighbours

It happens every year.

One minute we're celebrating the arrival of summer, and the next we're wondering where July went. August has a way of reminding us that the season won't last forever—but there's still time to make the most of these long, warm days.

Before backpacks replace beach towels and calendars begin to fill with activities, why not make one last date with your neighbourhood?

You don't have to travel far to discover something special. Ranchlands is full of winding pathways, quiet parks, colourful gardens, mature trees, and unexpected views.

Before Summer Slips Away Try These 10 Simple Adventures

- Walk a pathway you've never explored before.
- See how many different birds you can identify on one walk.
- Find a garden that makes you stop and smile.
- Visit the Edible Forest and see what's growing.
- Pack a picnic or enjoy your morning coffee in one of our parks.
- Watch the sky at sunset and see how many colours you can count.
- Photograph something beautiful for the Hidden Gems Photo Contest.
- Put your phone away for ten minutes and simply listen to birdsong, the breeze, and the sounds of summer.

- Say hello to a neighbour you haven't met before.
- Discover one place that makes you think, "I never noticed this before."

The best adventures don't always involve a road trip. Sometimes they're found just around the corner.

Before summer quietly gives way to autumn, take a little time to wander. Look up, listen, or explore a different path. Admire someone's flower garden, watch a hawk riding the afternoon breeze or listen for the chatter of chickadees in the trees.

These small moments are part of what makes Ranchlands such a wonderful place to call home.

So before summer slips away, get outside, make a few more memories, and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

And we'd love to hear your story!

Complete this sentence:

Before summer slipped away, I _____.

Share your answer in 25 words or less. If you have a photo to go with your story, we'd love to see that too, but it's not required.

Email your story (and optional photo) to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com or drop it off at the Ranchlands Community Association office by September 5.

We'll feature some of our favourite memories in the next issue of the *Ranchlands Roundup* so we can hang on to summer good times as we wait for the snow to fly again!

THE FIRST EMPEROR

The month of August is named for Augustus (Octavian) Caesar
– the first Emperor of Rome and adopted son of Julius Caesar!



Calling Retirees: Help Shape Our Fall Daytime Programs at the Community Hall

Our seniors-focused Encore Club pilot program will be wrapping up soon. The program was offered twice a month and featured a variety of social and recreational activities designed to bring community members together. Those who attended enjoyed the diverse programming, but unfortunately participation levels were not high enough to sustain the program in its current format.

As we look ahead to the fall, the Community Association is exploring a different approach. Rather than offering a different activity every session, we are considering shorter daytime courses or activity series that would run weekly over several weeks. The goal is to create opportunities for retirees to try something new, meet new people, stay connected, and enjoy daytime activities right in our neighbourhood.

Possible ideas we are exploring include:

- Beginner line dancing.
- Bridge or card-playing groups.
- Painting or creative workshops.
- Book or discussion clubs.
- Chair yoga or wellness programs.

- Coffee and conversation groups.
- Hobby or interest-based gatherings.
- Guest speakers or local interest sessions.

With the Ranchlands Community Hall often available during daytime hours, we would love to explore how the space could support active, connected, and engaged retirees in our community. We also do not want to limit participation only to Ranchlands residents—retirees are welcome to bring along friends from other parts of the city as well.

We are also encouraging people to keep an eye out for interesting ideas being offered in other communities, seniors centres, libraries, or organizations that could potentially work well here in Ranchlands. Sometimes the best ideas come from hearing about something enjoyable or meaningful happening elsewhere.

So, if there is something you have always wanted to try now that work or family responsibilities have changed, let us know. Or if you are a retiree with a special interest, talent, or hobby—or know someone who could lead an engaging daytime session or short series—we would love to hear your ideas.

We would love to hear from you! Please share your ideas for programs, activities, or events with us at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com. Your feedback will help us shape daytime opportunities that reflects the interest, curiosity, and experiences of retirees in and around our community.

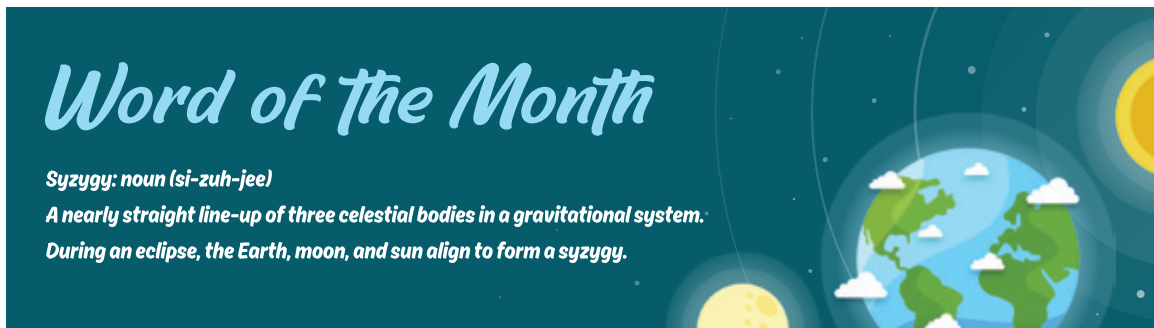


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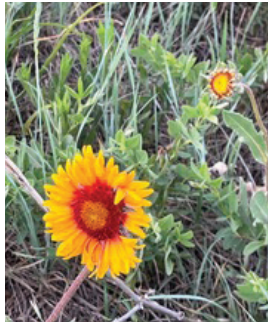
Syzygy: noun (si-zuh-jee)

A nearly straight line-up of three celestial bodies in a gravitational system.

During an eclipse, the Earth, moon, and sun align to form a syzygy.



Ranchlands Nature Challenge



Before Labour Day, see how many of these neighbourhood visitors you can spot as you walk around the parks, pathways and sidewalks in our community!

- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Downy Woodpecker
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Hummingbird
- American Robin
- Magpie
- Rabbit
- Butterfly
- Bumblebee
- Coyote (from a safe distance!)

Think you've found one?

Snap a photo and bring it into the Ranchlands Community Association office (or email it to us). We'd love to create a community gallery of the amazing wildlife that shares our neighbourhood.

And who knows...there may even be a little surprise waiting for those who stop by! (While supplies last).

Streaming Killed the Video Star

Music Television, or MTV, first debuted on August 1, 1981. The first music video played was *Video Killed the Radio Star* by The Buggles, followed by Pat Benatar's *You Better Run* and Rod Stewart's *She Won't Dance with Me*.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

As I write, it is Calgary Aboriginal Awareness Week. In 1979, the Native Urban Affairs Committee was established to represent Aboriginal issues and concerns. In 1987, the name was changed to the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee. I was contacted by a grade nine Math and Social Studies teacher who wanted to plan a tour of Nose Hill by a First Nations guide. There are a few documents related to the protocol for inviting Indigenous Elders. If you are in the Calgary area and need to connect with an Elder or Knowledge Keeper, you can consult the City of Calgary Indigenous Collaboration policy or the CBE Indigenous Education Protocol for local guidance. In First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures, the Elders are leaders, teachers, role models, and mentors. The CBE Indigenous Education team has kept wisdom and teachings shared orally from Elders and community Knowledge Keepers for several years. The CBE document represents a summary of those teachings. It also includes knowledge gained from other organizations and districts. The Alberta Teachers Association offers a guide to accompany the Association's Stepping Stones, Truth and Reconciliation resources. Crystal Manyfingers and her family are all members of the Kainai Nation of the great Blackfoot Confederacy who signed Treaty 7 in 1877. Crystal holds a B.A., B.Ed., and a Master's degree in Education (Adult and Workplace Learning) from the University of Calgary. She has written numerous magazine articles, published a children's book, and was awarded the Faculty of the Year Award for 2020 from Bow Valley College as a Learning Design Consultant for Indigenization and Decolonization of Curriculum, Research, and Innovation. Crystal serves on the Board of Directors for the Calgary Public Library as well as the Alberta Library Trustees Association.

Tanghulu

by S. Law



Looking for a fun way to use your fruit? Try making tanghulu at home! This classic Chinese snack is easy to make and the perfect treat, check out the recipe below!

Ingredients

- Any fruit that can be pierced on a skewer.
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/2 cup of water
- Wooden skewers

Directions

1. Wash and dry your fruit of choice, cut it into 1 to 2 inch pieces. For berries keep them whole.
2. With your wooden skewers, pierce the fruit, pushing each one down until your skewer is full, leaving enough room at the end for you to hold. Set aside.
3. Pour your sugar and water into a pot, making sure the pot is not too full.
4. Stir the water and sugar together until fully combined, then turn the heat on medium and cover with a lid.

Do not stir while the pot is heating! The water will prevent the sugar from burning, stirring only agitates the crystals making the mixture clumpy.

5. Once the sugar water begins to boil, you can remove the lid and let it cook.
6. You are waiting for the sugar to become golden in colour, do not stir with a spoon, but you can lift the pot above the heat and gently swirl the contents, so it cooks evenly.
7. Once you think the sugar is close to being done, prepare an ice bath in a large container that will fit your skewers.
8. When the sugar turns that golden shade, remove it from the heat immediately and begin carefully dipping your prepared skewers. The sugar will be very hot, so be careful not to burn yourself.
9. As soon as they have been dipped, place them into the ice bath so the sugar hardens, and you're done!
10. Enjoy your hard-earned treat with family and friends.

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