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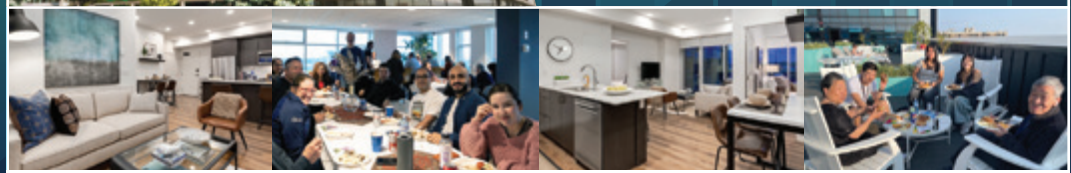
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I complete my third year as the President, it is rewarding to be part of a community that cares for each other and our neighbourhood. We have seen ideas come and blossom, and go and fade away. It has been great to get to know members of the community through different events and through your input. I have seen us work hard together to solve problems in an innovative way. The talents and time of our community members is remarkable. Our Food Pantry, due to the dedication of donors, staff, and volunteers continues to be an important service we provide.

Fall Activities

Our Association is hard at work expanding how we can serve the community. New programs are being tried, some implemented and some not quite the right fit. However, we are happy to try new ideas to see how they support us. Dates to note for the remainder of the year include our annual Winter Market (November 28) and our Winter Wonderland (December 13). Gathering with everyone are nice ways to come out to support the community and each other.

Ranchlands Annual General Meeting
November 8 at 2:00 pm

Annual General Meetings, which include a member review of our financial statements, an auditor's report, and an election are a required element of being a registered Association under the Society Act. While the numbers may be complex, they are a necessary step to proving our financial stability and good stewardship of our revenue.

The Association exists to provide benefit to the community, which we can do by working closely with the City of Calgary representatives, accessing grant money, maintaining the building, having access for a variety of regular long-term renters and a rental rate that is competitive and reasonable for people to come together for celebrations and events.

We wish to thank our three Directors at Large for their time and input this year as they are choosing not to run again for a Board position. Mike, Jeannette, and Amjad will transition to be great volunteer resources for the community.

RCA Casino Event February 26 and 27
Have You Saved the Date?

The Casino event supporting our Community Association and will be seeking volunteers to help out. New volunteers are most welcome. The shifts are 11:00 am to 7:30 pm; 7:30 pm to 3:00 am; or 11:00 pm to 3:30 am with various roles. We will collect names through the office and get everyone all set up as needed. Generally, the contribution from AGLC for working at a two day casino provides between $80,000 and $90,000 that we use to operate our Association and our facility.

Regards,

Kathy Ervin

President, Ranchlands Community Association



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.

Join the Ranchlands Board of Directors: Shape Your Community's Future!

Be a driving force behind the growth and vibrancy of our neighbourhood. Consider running for a position on the Ranchlands Board of Directors this November! The Ranchlands Board of Directors is composed of seven dedicated volunteers, filling the roles of four executive officers and three directors at large. Each of these roles comes with unique responsibilities, offering you the chance to contribute in a way that aligns with your skills, interests, and availability.

Community Association President: Leading the Way
As the President, you will be at the forefront of community development. You'll oversee all Board activities, guide decision-making processes, and represent Ranchlands in liaising with government representatives and city departments. This role requires excellent leadership and communication skills. It's a time-intensive position, but the satisfaction of delivering positive change is immeasurable. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately 10 to 15 hours.

Community Association Vice President: Supporting the President
The Vice President's role is to back up the President in their responsibilities and preside over meetings in their absence. This position requires a keen understanding of the community's needs and the ability to collaborate effectively with the entire board. You'll be an essential pillar of support and leadership. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately 8 to 12 hours.

Secretary: Keeping Things Organized
As the Secretary, you'll be responsible for managing communications, taking meeting minutes, and ensuring smooth information flow within the Board and the community. This position demands excellent organizational skills and attention to detail. You'll play a vital role in keeping everyone informed and connected. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately 6 to 10 hours.

Treasurer: Balancing the Books
The Treasurer takes charge of the budget, financial records, and reporting. If you have a knack for numbers and financial management, this role allows you to make crucial financial decisions and maintain the financial health of our community projects. You will work closely with our bookkeeper. You can expect a monthly time commitment of approximately 8 to 12 hours.

Directors at Large: Help Guide Our Community's Future
Directors at Large play an important role in the governance and leadership of the Ranchlands Community Association. They bring their experience, perspectives and knowledge of the community to Board discussions and decisions, helping to set priorities, provide oversight and ensure the Association continues to respond to the needs of Ranchlands residents.

Directors at Large participate in Board meetings, contribute to strategic discussions and may take on specific governance or advisory responsibilities based on their interests and expertise. This is a great role for someone who wants to help shape the future of the community without taking on a specific executive position.

Commitment and Expectations
All Board members are expected to attend one Board meeting per month (approximately two hours), come prepared to participate in discussions and decisions, and contribute to the overall governance and direction of the Ranchlands Community Association.

Board members may also participate in committees, planning discussions or occasional community initiatives where their experience and perspective can be helpful. While Board members are encouraged to attend and support community events, they are not expected to take responsibility for organizing events or delivering the day-to-day work of the Association.

The time commitment will vary throughout the year, but members can generally expect approximately 3 to 5 hours per month, including Board meetings and preparation, with some additional time when participating in committees or special initiatives.



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Winter Market — Shop Local, Find Something Special!

Mark your calendars! The Ranchlands Annual Winter Market returns Saturday, November 28, and it's the perfect opportunity to kick off your holiday shopping while supporting local talent!

With over 25 vendors, you'll find everything from handmade crafts, artwork, and woodworking to home baking, sewing creations and one-of-a-kind gifts. Whether you're shopping for someone special or treating yourself, there's plenty to discover!

And what's a winter market without a little holiday cheer? Enjoy free hot chocolate, generously provided by MLA Julia Hayter, while browsing the stalls and catching up with neighbours.

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Get Involved!

If you're eager to shape the future of Ranchlands, we encourage you to consider running for a position on the Ranchlands Board of Directors. The term is fixed at one year. You must be at least 18 years old, reside in the community, and hold a valid RCA membership. RCA memberships can be conveniently purchased online at ranchlandscommunity.com for just $20. To learn more about the positions and the election process, or to express your interest in running for any of the positions, please reach out to the RCA office at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

Remember, elections take place at the Annual General Assembly November 19 from 4 to 6:00 pm at the RCA. Join us in making Ranchlands an even better place to live, connect, and thrive. Your dedication and passion can lead the way to a stronger community for all of us.



Meet Kero: Ranchlands' Dog Mayor with a Big Personality!



Meet Kero, a three-year-old red Shiba Inu with a big personality, strong opinions, and absolutely no concern about whether anyone asked for them! As the newly elected Dog Mayor of Ranchlands, Kero is ready to bring her signature Shiba attitude, a little sass, and plenty of charm to the community.

When she's not busy with her mayoral duties, Kero works as the official sidekick at Space Coyote Connections, where she helps bake herbal dog cookies, supervises the kitchen, and takes her role as official taste tester very seriously. Quality control is important, after all!

Kero is also a bit of a celebrity, starring in blogs, social media posts, educational content, and the occasional comic. She's never shy about sharing her opinions on dog health, herbs, wellness, and the many questionable decisions made by her human companions.

Like a true Shiba Inu, Kero is independent, clever, expressive, and firmly convinced that the world should operate according to her standards. Her biggest concerns include suspicious squirrels (who are clearly up to something) and her brother Yeti, who has a habit of pestering her when she'd much rather be left in peace.

Behind that wonderfully judgmental expression is a beloved family member who brings endless laughter, companionship, and personality to everyday life. Kero has a special talent for making everything a little more entertaining and ensuring that nothing happens without her supervision.

As Dog Mayor, Kero is ready to represent Ranchlands, one paw at a time! But being mayor is about more than a cute face and a fancy title. It's about bringing neighbours together, celebrating our four-legged friends, and making Ranchlands an even more welcoming place for people and pets alike.

Kero wants to see pictures of all the furry friends in Ranchlands! Send in your pet's photo to ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com so we can feature some Ranchlands pets in the next *Round Up*.

Mystery Artist

Some of you may have noticed that our sign wasn't getting updated as often over the summer and fall. That's because our original Mystery Artist moved away!

We were sad to see them go, but we're so grateful they started this wonderful tradition and kept it going for so long.

The good news is that a new Mystery Artist has taken over! We can't wait for you to see their new designs, and we hope you love them!

Keep your eyes on the sign for some new surprises!



Community Garden — Growing More Than Flowers and Vegetables



There is something special about a community garden. While the vegetables and flowers may be what first catch your eye, it is often the people, friendships and shared experiences that make it flourish.

Located adjacent to Westview Baptist Church, the community garden has become a welcoming place for neighbours to connect, share their love of gardening and learn from one another. Glen Swanson has been a dedicated champion of the garden, providing ongoing support and encouragement to help it flourish.

This year, the garden brought together 20 gardeners, with a wonderful mix of personalities, ages and gardening styles. There were more younger couples and families participating than in previous years, bringing new energy and connections across generations.

There was also a noticeable increase in the number of flowers grown this season, adding even more colour and variety to the garden.

For one family, the garden has become a special place to spend time together.

"We love our garden because it is close to home and my sister has a plot as well. I get to garden with my little nephew. He has been gardening since he was a newborn and he turned one this summer. It is wonderful exposure for him."

Others appreciate the opportunity to learn from fellow gardeners, exchange ideas and enjoy the company of people who share their interests.

"It's great to work side by side with people who have the same interest in gardening and to observe the different approaches to how we garden!"

And sometimes, it is simply the pleasure of being part of something together that leaves the biggest impression. As one gardener put it, "It has been a joy to garden there and garden with everyone there."

As another growing season comes to a close, the garden has produced much more than vegetables and flowers. Thanks to the enthusiasm of its gardeners and the ongoing support of people like Glen Swanson, it has become a place where neighbours get to know one another, families make memories and gardeners of all ages share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

The best thing growing in this garden may just be the sense of community.







You may have noticed shared e-bikes appearing at bus stops around Ranchlands. They are available to rent and can be a handy option for that last stretch home after getting off the bus.

The City of Calgary allows shared e-bikes to operate throughout the city, so it is perfectly fine to see them here. They just need to be parked upright and out of the way so the bus stop and pathway remain accessible.



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Mark your Calendars — Winter Wonderland is Coming Back

Winter Wonderland will be back to the Ranchlands Community Association Sunday December 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have sugar cookie decorating, personalized ornament decorating, and maybe even a surprise visit from the big man himself, Santa!

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A Flower to Remember

Red poppy seeds can remain dormant in the soil for years. During the First World War, artillery and trench warfare disturbed the earth along the Western Front, allowing poppies to bloom across the landscape. The sight inspired Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae's 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields", helping the red poppy become an enduring symbol of remembrance.



November Crossword



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Across

6. Directed by Guillermo del Toro, this retelling of a famous novel was released November 7, 2025.

7. This warm yellow gemstone is said to prevent injury and bring strength. It is also November's birthstone.

8. Born November 10, 1989, this actor is most recently known for his role as Dr. Frank Langdon on *The Pitt*.

10. As a treat during the fall, this fruit is typically dipped in melted chocolate or caramel and then covered with various toppings.

11. In Greek mythology this man is cursed to push a boulder up a mountain for all eternity.

12. Born November 7, 1913, Albert _____ was the French philosopher who wrote *The Stranger* in1942.

Down

1. Good for tea and relaxation, these spidery flowers are the birth flower of November.

2. Remembrance Day is celebrated in Canada on what day of November?

3. Watch your French fries! Despite their oceanic nickname, these white and gray birds are found inmany parts of Alberta, including Calgary parking lots.

4. This Indian celebration known as the "Festival of Lights" happens between mid to late-October and mid-November.

5. Toni _____, born November 1, 1972, is an Australian actress who has been in an impressive collection of movies including, *"The Sixth Sense, Little Miss Sunshine, and Knives Out"*.

9. These small brown nuts come from oak trees and have a distinct cup shape.

Living Alongside Urban Coyotes

by Calgary Wildlife



Spotting a coyote in Calgary isn't unusual. You might see them crossing a quiet residential road at dawn or dusk, moving through an urban park, or down a river path. While seeing one can be surprising, coyotes are naturally cautious animals that generally prefer to avoid people.

Coyotes are highly adaptable, which is one reason they thrive in and around cities. Calgary's network of parks, natural areas, river valleys, and green spaces provides ideal habitat and travel corridors, while urban environments can offer shelter and food. Their natural diet consists primarily of small mammals such as mice, voles, rabbits, and ground squirrels, along with insects, berries, and other seasonal foods. By helping control rodent populations, coyotes play an important role in maintaining healthy urban ecosystems.



Although coyotes are present year-round, their behaviour changes throughout the seasons. In late winter, particularly January and February, breeding season can make adults more territorial. During spring and early summer, parents become especially protective as they raise pups. By autumn, young coyotes begin dispersing from their family groups in search of new territories, increasing the chances of sightings throughout Calgary as they travel unfamiliar routes.

When pups are present, coyotes may also show "escorting" behaviour, following a person or dog from a distance as they move away from the den or territory. Although this can feel intimidating, escorting is generally a defensive behaviour rather than an aggressive one. The coyote is responding to a perceived threat and encouraging it to leave the area.

Most encounters between people and coyotes are brief and uneventful. Coyotes typically keep their distance, but problems can arise when they begin associating people with food. Intentional feeding, unsecured garbage, fallen fruit from backyard trees, compost, or pet food left outdoors can attract coyotes into neighbourhoods. Once animals become food-conditioned, they may lose some of their natural wariness, increasing the likelihood of conflict.

Simple actions can help reduce attractants around homes and communities. Make sure to securely store garbage in bins until collection day, clean up any fallen birdseed and pick up any fallen fruit. Compost bins should be properly maintained, pet waste should be regularly picked up, and pet food should not be left outside. These measures help discourage coyotes and many other wildlife species from relying on human-provided food sources.

Responsible pet ownership also plays an important role in preventing conflicts. Cats are safest indoors, particularly between dusk and dawn when coyotes are often most active. Dogs should remain on a leash in parks and natural areas unless they are in designated off-leash spaces where wildlife activity is low. Keeping pets close reduces the chance of defensive interactions, particularly during denning season.

If you encounter a coyote, remain calm and give the animal plenty of space. Do not approach it or attempt to feed it. If a coyote does not give you space or appears aggressive, make yourself appear larger by standing tall, maintain eye contact, pick up small children or small dogs, wave your arms, and speak in a firm voice while slowly backing away. Running is not recommended, as it may encourage the animal to give chase.



Coyotes have adapted remarkably well to urban life, but successful coexistence depends on maintaining healthy boundaries. By keeping wildlife wild, removing food attractants, and respecting their space, Calgarians can help reduce conflicts while supporting one of Southern Alberta's most adaptable native species.

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