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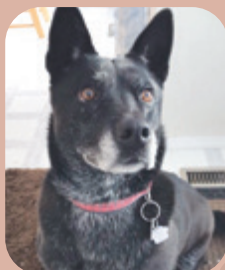
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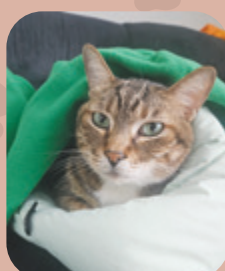
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move into fall, things will be a bit different this year. With Alberta staying on the current time and no 'falling back' it will be a different November. There are good arguments for different ways of approaching which time is better, but we will adjust!

Ranchlands Annual General Meeting November 8 at 2:00 pm

I hope to meet many of you at our AGM and invite you to consider running for a board position. We are getting into a great rhythm of the hours of operation of the hall, trying new programs—some work and some don't—however trying new ideas is a great way to discover the needs of the community. Members will have received an email with the changes to the bylaws that we will be voting on (again...).

Water Restrictions (This information is from our Ward 2 Newsletter)

From mid-September to early October, the City will connect the new Bears paw South Feeder Main to the Shaganappi Pump Station. No water restrictions are anticipated during this phase of work unless there is a significant increase in demand caused by unusually hot weather.

Stage 4 outdoor water restrictions and indoor water conservation will be required for approximately four weeks during the next phase of tie-in connections, expected to take place from mid-October to early November. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and continue following the City's year-round Lawn and Landscape Watering Schedule.

RCA Casino Event - Save the Date! February 26 and 27, 2027

We have our dates for the next Casino supporting our Community Association and will be seeking volunteers to help out. If you have never had a chance to volunteer for a casino, we would be happy to answer any questions and give you a run down. 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.

Finally, repeating myself from last month, we look forward to seeing people come forward to continue to work on Ranchlands being a vibrant community, supporting our residents and having fun. Please look through the Round up for events and follow us on social media to see what's happening!

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.

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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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What a Race!



Ranchlands' dogs—and their people—really got into the spirit of our first Dog Mayor contest. We loved seeing our four-legged candidates out campaigning, showing off their personalities and working hard to win over their neighbours.

This issue went to print before the new Dog Mayor was announced on September 19, so we cannot reveal the winner here. Check our Facebook page meet Ranchlands' very first Dog Mayor—and watch for a proper introduction in our next issue.

Thank you to every dog who entered and everyone who joined in the fun. Ranchlands certainly had an impressive field of candidates! Every candidate ran a paws-itively memorable campaign.

Clean Up Ranchlands Before the S Word Arrives!

It is the perfect time to give our community a little cleanup before the dreaded S word starts making an appearance.

Swing by the Ranchlands Community Centre and pick up your Trash-Picking Bundle, complete with garbage bags and gloves. Then head out for a walk around the neighbourhood and help us give Ranchlands a little fall refresh!

And we've made it easy for you—you don't have to use precious space in your own garbage bin. Bring your full garbage bag back to the Community Centre and we will dump it for you!

And because picking up other people's garbage deserves a reward...

While supplies last, we'll be handing out Slurpee coupons to anyone who drops off a bag of garbage at the Community Centre!

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The Ranchlands Annual Winter Market is Coming!

One of our favourite days of the year is almost here!

Join us Saturday, November 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for the RCA's Annual Winter Market, a festive day filled with local makers, unique gifts, and plenty of holiday spirit!

With over 25 vendors, there will be something for everyone. Browse handmade treasures from local sewers, bakers, woodworkers, artists, crafters, and more. Whether you're looking for a special gift, something unique for your home, or a little treat for yourself, you never know what you'll find!

- Free hot chocolate, generously provided by MLA Julia Hayter
- Over 25 local vendors
- Unique handmade gifts and goodies
- Fun Ranchlands Community Association merchandise
- Free admission!

Skip the busy big-box stores and shop local this holiday season. Come discover something special, support local makers, and enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate while you shop!

Saturday, November 28

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Bring your friends, bring your family, and come get into the holiday spirit with us!

We look forward to this event all year and we can't wait to see you there!

Retired and Ready for Something New?

We'd like to bring more fun, social and interesting daytime activities to Ranchlands for retirees and others who have a little more freedom in their daytime schedules.

What would you enjoy? Line dancing? Cards or bridge? Painting or crafts? A book club? Chair yoga? Coffee and conversation? Guest speakers? A chance to learn something completely new?

Or maybe you have a much better idea!

We have a great Community Hall and daytime space available—now we want to know what would get you out, having fun and connecting with others.

Have you seen a great program somewhere else? Is there something you've always wanted to try? Do you have a hobby or skill you might even like to share?

Tell us what you'd like to see in Ranchlands. And feel free to bring a friend—they don't have to live in the neighbourhood.

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SOS: The Weeds Are Winning!

Okay, we'll admit it... the weeds have officially taken over the front of the Community Centre. They saw the hot weather and apparently thought it was an all-inclusive resort.

We're looking for a few awesome people to help us take back our grounds! We'll be doing some good old-fashioned weeding, and planting flowers to give the front of the Community Centre a much-needed makeover.

We supply everything you need—tools, flowers, and probably a few weeds to keep you company.

If you have a little time to spare and don't mind getting your hands dirty, we'd love your help!

Come help us show those weeds who's boss!

Send us a message or pop into the office if you'd like to lend a hand. ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

We Want You!

Have an idea for a fun event? Want to see more activities happening in our community? Or maybe you just love bringing people together?

We want you on our Event and Program Committee!

This is your chance to get hands-on and help decide what happens in Ranchlands. You'll work alongside RCA staff and the Board to brainstorm ideas, plan events and programs, create fun activities, and help bring everything to life!

From the first idea to setup, activities, and the big day—you can be part of it all!

- Share your ideas
- Help create new events and programs
- Meet other Ranchlands residents
- Get involved behind the scenes
- Help make our community a fun and welcoming place

And don't worry—you don't need to be an event-planning expert! If you're enthusiastic, have ideas, and are willing to lend a hand, we'd love to have you.

The committee meets about one to two times a month, plus on event days.

Come help us make Ranchlands even more fun, active, and connected!

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Winged Creatures

Did you know that bats are the only mammal that can fly? This is possible because of their elongated finger bones and thin skin that stretches across their bodies creating a wing.



Ranchlands Take a Look

Taking a dog for a walk gives you time to notice things—and on a recent walk, what I noticed was the trees.

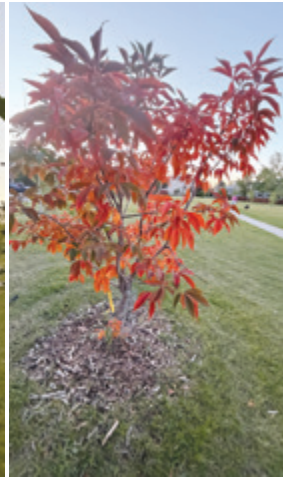
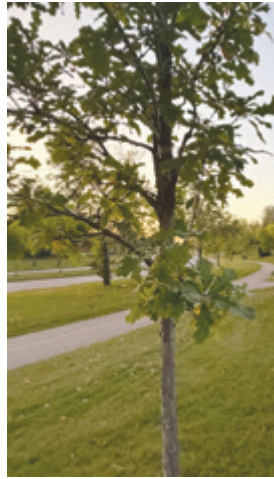
Ranchlands is fortunate to have many beautiful, mature trees. But if you look a little closer, you will also see younger trees appearing along our pathways, in parks, and throughout the community.

These new trees are part of the City of Calgary's efforts to grow our urban forest and expand the city's tree canopy. Calgary's tree canopy includes all the leaves and branches of the trees growing along our streets, in parks and in our yards. The City's long-term goal is to increase canopy coverage across Calgary to 16 per cent by 2060.

What stood out for me was the variety among the younger trees. We are familiar with the tall poplars found throughout Ranchlands, but many of these newer trees have quite different shapes, leaves and colours. As autumn arrives, some are turning brilliant red, others gold, while the low growing evergreens add still more variety.

I cannot identify all the trees in these photographs, but perhaps some of you can. Do you recognize any of them?

There is always something interesting to spot around Ranchlands. This time it was the trees—who knows what we'll notice next? Sometimes all it takes is a walk—and, in my case, Bailey leading the way—to see something that has been right in front of us all along.





News from the Friends of Nose Hill

In 1973, Calgary City Council voted to reserve 4,100 acres as parkland on the top and escarpments of the east end of Nose Hill. The result was a combination of vigorous and sustained political pressure due to the activities of citizen groups who promoted the creation of the park. The decision to acquire it was influenced by public and private lobbying, including civic servants. A citizens' task force was appointed by the City Parks and Recreation Board; their report identified Nose Hill as of the highest priority and should be immediately purchased outright. There was strong support for large natural areas when the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society completed their year-long study. Although the land had been a subject of speculation since World War I, the City was freed by provincial policy to plan for a major park on Nose Hill. The Calgary Municipal Airport, in the late 1950s, decided that Nose Hill was on a flight path, so that the Federal Department of Transport imposed a development ban. Some farmers had to relocate and during the 1960s' suburban sprawl, people believed the open space would remain, unless or until the jet soon replaced the propeller. The Calgary Planning Commission requested a sector plan for the Nose Hill Highlands from the City Planning Department. The North Hill Community Associations asked for a delay to help prepare the plan. Calgary Field Naturalists' Society, Society for Pollution and Environment Control, The Junior League, and Local Council of Women asked to speak at a Public Hearing, before City Council voted 11 to 2 to put a freeze on Nose Hill development. Read more of "Fish Creek and Nose Hill Parks: A case study in contrasting forms of public participation" by Harvey A. Buckmaster (1929 to 2018) and his wife Margaret who advocated for Alberta's special places. www.fonhs.org/xdocuments.html.



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Make a Change One Weed at a Time

I showed up for the first time to pull some weeds with community members who signed up for our NCPS event that we coordinated with the Parks Department of the City of Calgary on a glorious warm golden lit sky alongside the future development known as Naato'siyinnipi.

As we walked to the location inside the west nose creek boundary what struck me was the beauty. Seriously, the grassland, even with the weeds glowed and sparkled with life.



Our mission was to address the invasive nodding thistle by removing the heads to contain the seeds and thus removing more potential invasive growth. There was an opportunity to practice some patience, as the bees loved the

beautiful magenta flowers, harvesting as much pollen as they could. By the end we had bags piled up with our catch and a little, or for me, a lot more love for the land I have taken for granted.

What surprised me the most was that the real gem from the effort was getting to spend time with others I share this community with. Everyone came with kind hearts and a love of nature. The city staff were wonderful as they walked us through the details and provided us with the materials we needed like clippers, vests, gloves, and collection bags. Best of all was how they were engaged as they answered all of our questions.



I recommend arranging one of these weed pulls in your community. You are welcome to email us at info@savenosecreek.com with any questions you have, and we can forward you our contact at the City of Calgary who can

work with you. I will be planning more than one next year, maybe even hit all three seasons, spring, summer, and fall in 2027. Keep in the loop and sign up for our monthly newsletter at savenosecreek.com.

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A Different Way to Discover 4-H in Calgary

What happens when young people are given the chance to try 4-H without having to commit to a year-long club?

This summer, Calgary youth found out.

The 4-H Alberta Intro Club Summer Sampler brought youth together for four afternoons of hands-on activities, creativity, and learning. The Calgary program was one of three Summer Samplers offered this year, alongside programs in Vermilion and Bonnyville.

Intro Clubs were created to give youth ages 9 to 15 a chance to experience 4-H in a shorter, more approachable format. Following the 4-H motto, "Learn to Do By Doing," youth try different activities, meet new people, and build skills along the way.

And the activities can look very different from what people might traditionally associate with 4-H.

While agriculture and livestock remain an important part of 4-H, today's program also includes food, science and technology, arts, health and wellness, the environment, leadership, and more. Youth don't need to live on a farm or have an agricultural background to participate.

That variety was a big part of the Summer Sampler experience. Across the three communities, youth explored activities such as food science, horsemanship, urban farming, gelato making, floral design, search and rescue, cheesemaking, wellness, printmaking, and more. The goal wasn't simply to teach a new skill, but to give youth the opportunity to discover an interest they might not otherwise have had the chance to try.

The Calgary Intro Club program began as a pilot project three years ago and has continued to grow. To date, 31 Intro Clubs have connected with over 340 youth through hands-on experiences designed to make trying 4-H feel accessible and fun.

The summer may be over, but the opportunities continue. 4-H Alberta has a fall lineup ready for Calgary,



including a Holiday Baking Adventure and two Intro Clubs in Dalhousie (daytime and evening options).

For families who have ever wondered what 4-H is all about, this may be a good time to find out. Email introclubs@4hab.com.

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