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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Celebrating Neighbour Day in Ranchlands

Neighbour Day will have come and gone with the July issue of our *Roundup*. If the weather cooperated, we hope that you enjoyed spending time and having some fun in the neighbourhood. We continue to have people come up with suggestions and ideas to help keep our neighbourhood appealing and safe. Any ideas are welcome – we then review them for the financial feasibility and the time needed from volunteers and staff. Our representatives from the City, the alderman's office, and the Neighbourhood Partnership representative, are always helpful pointing us towards grants and opportunities. You can drive past the hall and notice that it now has our name over the hall upper windows – another way to take pride in our facility.

### Art Project – Beautifying the Entrance to Ranchlands on the Boulevard

In addition to the usual maintenance of our beloved Ranchlands welcome sign, we are exploring another project. One opportunity we are considering is a mural art project, similar to what was done in Coventry Hills (you can Google search for this and see what is possible). This will be a chance to paint the street facing fences coming into the neighbourhood on Ranchlands Blvd. We have begun the exploration of what is necessary for this endeavor. If this is of interest to you, please let me or the office know.

### July Reset

July is the month the board takes a break from the regular business of the association and will instead have a mini retreat for the board to focus on the vision for the next year of the association. We have secured a permanent long-term rental with a childcare program, providing some revenue stability. Our rentals continue to be the source of our income. We appreciate those who rent and those who promote our facility.

### Where Can You Help?

Financial support for our food pantry is a great place to help. A regular monthly donation of any amount is welcome – this can be set up through our website. Tax receipts are issued for donations.

Buy a membership! That will get you into our communication call out for events and times when we need volunteers.

Provide your ideas and feedback. While we are sometimes constrained by various limitations, we do like to know what you think – often one idea can be adjusted slightly to fill another need.

Regards,

*Kathy Ervin*

President, Ranchlands Community Association



## Ranchlands Revs Up! A Look Back at Our First Annual Car Show



Our first annual Ranchlands Car Show was a roaring success — despite a few rain clouds that sent us home early!

We showcased 51 beautiful, unique vehicles and welcomed close to 150 attendees. Lots of Ranchlands' littles had a blast choosing temporary tattoos and dueling with balloon swords, while adults enjoyed bidding on incredible silent auction items and winning fabulous door prizes.

The food was a hit — we sold out before the skies opened up — and thanks to your support, we raised over \$1,500! Proceeds will be split between the Ranchlands Food Pantry and the Calgary Humane Society.

A heartfelt shout out to two local legends, CerTech Automotive and Stavros Pizza & Sports Bar, for their hard work and community spirit in making this event such a success.

We're already revving up plans for next year — hope to see you there!



## IN THE COMMUNITY

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**Westview Baptist Church:** 1313 Ranchlands Way NW

**St. James Anglican Church:** 6351 Ranchview Drive NW

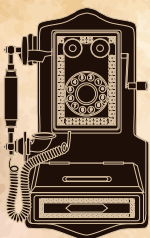
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**Al-Salam Centre:** 6415 Ranchview Drive NW

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

## Community Garden

You are invited to rent a garden box at the Ranchlands Community Garden at 1313 Ranchlands Way NW. Check out the improvements to the garden located in the SW corner of the property. Prices remain the same as last year: \$15 for a regular-sized 4x6 box, and \$20 for one of the large 4x10 boxes. Please email [wendy@westviewchurch.ca](mailto:wendy@westviewchurch.ca) or call 403-239-1114 to inquire about availability and to rent a garden box. Look forward to hearing from you!



## Hello, Can You Hear Me?

Way back on July 1, 1881, the world's first international telephone call took place between St. Stephen, New Brunswick and Calais, Maine—two towns so close (approximately a mile), you could probably shout across the river!



# Downtown Summer Festivals and Events

by The City of Calgary



Calgary's Summer Festival Season is in full-swing and downtown is where you'll find the electric energy as people come to experience the ultimate celebration of community, creativity, and culture. With over 100 festivals and events happening downtown this summer, the heart of our city will be bursting with fun and entertainment for everyone.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, this is your invitation to immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of our Downtown Summer Festival Season. Downtown is home to some of our proudest landmarks and our biggest celebrations, like Canada Day, Stampede, Carifest, and the Calgary Folk Music Festival. The best of our city is reflected in these festivals and events, as people come together to have fun, celebrate, and enjoy life's moments.

With a wide variety of entertainment, the Downtown Summer Festival Season has something for everyone and this year, we want to make sure you're just a click away from staying connected. That's why we've created the Downtown Summer Festival Itinerary; a guide to keep you informed about the festivals and events happening downtown from now until the end of September.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and get ready for an unforgettable Downtown Summer Festival Season. Ready, set, explore! To learn more about the exciting festivals and events happening downtown, visit [calgary.ca/exploredowntown](http://calgary.ca/exploredowntown).

## A Huge Thank You to Our June Event Supporters – We Could Not Do It Without You!

June was a whirlwind of activity in Ranchlands — five weekends, five events, and countless volunteers, supporters, and community champions who made it all happen. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of such a vibrant month!

### June 1 — First Annual Ranchlands Car Show

What a way to start the month! Our first-ever Car Show was a resounding success. A huge thank you to CerTech Automotive and Stavros Pizza & Sports Bar for organizing and leading this exciting event. With over \$1,500 raised, proceeds will be split between the Ranchlands Food Pantry and the Calgary Humane Society, helping fill hampers and support local animals in need.

### June 6 and 7 — Casino Fundraiser at Ace Airport Casino

To all our amazing volunteers who stepped up to cover shifts — thank you! This fundraiser is our primary source of funding for operational costs like repairs to the RCA building, and your support makes a lasting difference.

### June 14 — Parade of Garage Sales

A massive thank you to Maria Cristifaro, a Ranchlands resident and realtor, and her team at Royal LePage for organizing registrations, creating the map, and arranging a donation bin for WINS (Women in Need Society). This event is a staple of summer, and we couldn't do it without her.

### June 21 — Neighbour Day

Ranchlanders came together for a joyful day of popcorn, cotton candy, yard games, a petting zoo from Butterfield Acres, and incredible live music by Rob MacLeod (The Ranchlands Piper) and Wise Guys, a five-piece band featuring one of our own! A special thank you to Crowfoot Co-op, Safeway Crowfoot, and Superstore Hamptons for donating snacks and sponsoring the event.

### June 29 — First-Ever Swap Shop

To cap off the month, we hosted our first Swap Shop. Thank you to the generous volunteers who made this event a success — and who'll be back at it again in July and August!

# Ranchlands School Summer News

As we wrap up another incredible school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the amazing memories we've made together. From exciting field trips and engaging class projects to school-wide events and celebrations, it's been a year full of learning, laughter, and growth. Our students have shown curiosity, creativity, and kindness every step of the way, and we couldn't be prouder of all they've accomplished.

## Important Dates to Remember:

- Last Day of School: June 27, 2025
- School Office Reopens: August 27, 2025
- First Day of School: September 2, 2025

As summer begins, we wish all our families a wonderful, fun, and safe break. Take this time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall for another exciting year of learning and discovery.

Have a fantastic summer — see you in September!


*The Ranchlands School Team*

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# Introducing the RCA Swap Shop!

For the months of June, July, and August, the Ranchlands Community Association will be running a Swap Shop once a month!

An easy way to declutter your home with purpose, you can pass along items you no longer need and keep usable items out of the landfill. It's a great way to be eco-friendly and lower your environmental impact by reusing instead of purchasing new, while also saving money.

Join us from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on:

- Sunday, July 27
- Sunday, August 24

Bring your gently used items any time during the event – but you don't need to bring anything in order to come and shop!

## What You Can Bring

We accept children's toys, small appliances, clothing, household goods, kitchen utensils, knickknacks/ décor items and more. Please make sure items are clean and in good, usable condition.

## What Not to Bring

Large items including fitness equipment, medium to large furniture pieces, large appliances, and building supplies - these will not be accepted. However, we'll have a community bulletin board available so feel free to bring a poster if you have larger items you are looking to rehome.

*\*Rule of thumb: If it won't fit in the trunk of a car, please bring a poster instead of the item!*

After the event, remaining items will be donated to a local charity, ensuring that they find a new home.





## Help Us Reach More Families: Become a Monthly Donor to the Food Pantry

Thanks to so many of you, funds are making their way to our community centre to help ensure food is available for those of our neighbours who may be finding that their money is not stretching as far as they would like. We have had generous donations from schools and businesses and this July St. James Anglican Church is going to donate the proceeds of their contribution to the Ranchlands Community Garage Sale to the Pantry.

We appreciate you all.

Every month, Ranchlands Food Pantry helps dozens of families put meals on the table—and the need keeps growing. Right now, our monthly donor base brings in \$70 per month. It's a wonderful start, but to meet the increasing demand, we need to grow that support to \$200 per month.

That's where we hope you will still come in.

Please consider becoming a monthly donor—not just a one-time giver, but someone who makes ongoing support part of their monthly routine. Even \$10 or \$15 a month makes a real difference when we all pitch in.

### Why Monthly Giving Matters

Monthly giving allows us to:

- Stock shelves consistently, especially with those key food items needed for young children and our local seniors.
- Respond quickly when new families reach out in crisis.
- Plan for seasonal needs like school lunches, special meals, or other unexpected food needs.
- It also cuts down on administrative costs, making your gift go further.

### The Challenge: \$80 More Per Month

We have made some headway in closing the gap, but we could go a bit further. Please consider helping us out to reach our \$200 per month goal, we're looking for:

- Eight people to give \$10 a month
- Or four people to give \$20 a month
- Or maybe you're in a position to give more? \$28.61 a month sponsors a whole hamper of staples for one of our local households.

### Be Part of a Bigger Story

When you become a monthly donor, you're not just giving food—you're giving relief, dignity, and hope. You're telling a family, "You're not alone."

To sign up, visit [ranchlandscommunity.com/donate/](http://ranchlandscommunity.com/donate/) or call the community office at 403-241-0335. Setting up monthly giving is easy, secure, and fully tax-deductible.



## Typewriter

What is the longest word you can think of? Now how many rows of keys would you need to type it? Interestingly enough, the word 'typewriter' is the longest English word that can be typed out using only one row on a computer keyboard.



## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Canadian Legend!

1. This famous hockey player holds or shares 61 NHL records.
2. This inventor's mom and wife were both deaf.
3. This inspirational man ran for 143 days, beginning in St. John's, Newfoundland.
4. The first band this incredible musician was ever in was called "The Jades".
5. This popular scientist and media personality is best known for hosting *The Nature of Things*.
6. This *Matrix* star is an avid motorcyclist and even co-founded a motorcycle manufacturing company.



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## Did You Know? Our Community Centre Finally Has a Sign!

It only took a few decades... but it's finally happened — the Ranchlands Community Centre has a real sign! That's right, no more giving directions like, "Turn left at the building that kind of looks like a school but isn't," or "It's near that one tree across from the playground."

Now, you can actually find us on purpose!

Big thanks to everyone who made it happen.

Stop by and admire it as well as our lovely petunias — we promise the sign won't bite.



## St. Rita



This month, all students were given a free St. Rita t-shirt! The shirts remind children that they belong and that they matter. Our school council sponsors events, including two family dances and two movie nights a year!

We actively celebrate diversity and inclusion with school-wide announcements and assemblies that showcase different cultures and perspectives. Recently, students were treated to a visit from Siksika powwow drummer and singer Randy Turning Robe. Randy grew up in Ranchlands and has been to St. Rita before to share stories and drumming. He has many fond memories of living in Ranchlands, and our students really connect with his stories and music.

Our Kindergarten Orientation and Open House was a success at the end of May, with the school choir performing and all the students' artwork on display. We hope all our families have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in September.



*Québec Village*  
On July 3, 1608, a trading post was established on the site of present-day Québec City that was part fort and part village. Samuel de Champlain fostered fur trades and used this building as a base. We're sure it looked a whole lot different back then!

## Six Steps to Keeping Our Rivers Healthy

by The City of Calgary

### News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan replaced the Open Space Plan and the Natural Areas Management Plan. Calgarians have historically and consistently had a strong desire for the inclusion of natural areas as Open Space. As early as 1914, The Mawson Plan recommended protection for the riverbanks. In the 1940s, the public wanted natural park environments to be preserved. Little or no management was considered. In the early 1970s, The Calgary Bird Club assessed several natural areas, including East and West Nose Hill, before specific natural areas management policies were identified. By 1980, City Council adopted the first Nose Hill Park Master Plan, to ensure that natural habitat would remain for wildlife species that use it. The Nose Hill Biophysical and Land Use Inventory was a major project, but any unexpected problem or difficulty was beyond its scope. Instead, The Nose Hill Park Management Advisory Committee was followed by the Nose Hill Park Trail and Pathway Plan.

The Natural Areas Management Plan called for long-term conservation methods to support appropriate public uses. Some activities were dog walking, hiking trails, and weed control. For Nose Hill, as a Major Natural Environment Area, there were guidelines about grazing, wildlife, signage, fallen trees, and brush. As in all Natural Environment Parks, the approach was based on habitat types, with the general principles being fire management, life cycling, planting, restoration, and reclamation. To communicate the aims of protection, management, and permitted uses in a natural environment park, staff training and public education were planned, so as to share information regarding natural areas and natural history in Calgary. The plan was to evolve, with more research and new techniques for managing urban natural areas, as the public perception of Open Space changed, not only in Alberta but across North America.



Calgary is a growing city on a small river. When it rains, water runs off our streets, driveways, and yards and ultimately ends up in our rivers, creeks, and wetlands. This runoff is called stormwater. Stormwater picks up garbage, chemicals, pet waste, salt, fertilizers, dirt, and other debris, washing it into our storm drains and our rivers. Calgary is seeing

higher volumes of stormwater, which is resulting in urban flooding and more river pollution.

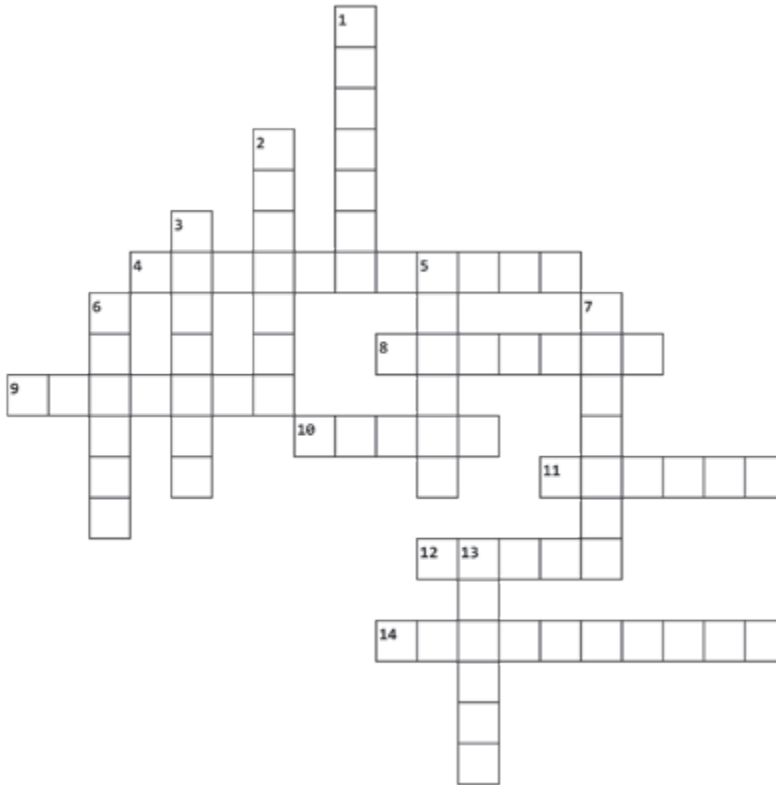
The City of Calgary and Calgarians need to work together to manage our stormwater. The City uses storm ponds to naturally treat stormwater by slowing the flow, allowing sediment and pollution to settle before entering our rivers. While these are found in newer communities, stormwater is not cleaned by a treatment plant, which is why keeping it pollution free is critical. Clean stormwater ensures our rivers, creeks, and wetlands, as well as local wildlife and fish, remain healthy for future generations.

You can help keep stormwater clean and our rivers healthy by doing these simple actions:

- Point downspouts toward lawns and gardens or use a rain barrel.
- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Sweep up debris from your garage and driveway instead of washing it away.
- Wash your vehicle at a car wash instead of your driveway.
- Never pour anything down the storm drain.
- Pick up pet waste and litter and put them in the proper waste containers.

What ends up on our streets, ends up in our rivers. Visit [calgary.ca/stormwater](http://calgary.ca/stormwater) to learn more.

# July Crossword



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## Across

4. Harper Lee's Southern Gothic novel, *To Kill a \_\_\_\_\_*, was published on July 11, 1960.
8. In July 1930 this South American country hosted the first FIFA World Cup.
9. The revolutionary portable audio player made by Sony launched in July 1979.
10. Gymnast \_\_\_\_\_ Comăneci scored a perfect ten on July 18, 1976, at the Montreal Olympic Games.
11. The name "Canada" comes from this Huron-Iroquois word for "village".
12. Talented Calgarian Tate \_\_\_\_\_ celebrates her 22nd birthday on July 1.
14. Lucy Maud \_\_\_\_\_, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, got married on July 5, 1911, in Park Corner, PEI.

## Down

1. On July 30, 1935, this well-known publishing company, named after an Antarctic animal, published their first books.
2. The action thriller *Die Hard* starring Bruce Willis and Alan \_\_\_\_\_ premiered on July 22, 1988.
3. The popular mobile game, \_\_\_\_\_ GO, launched in July 2016.
5. Starring Canadian actor Ryan Gosling, this positively pink film premiered on July 9, 2023.
6. Founded by Canadian musician Sarah McLachlan, the first \_\_\_\_\_ Fair, an all-female music festival, occurred on July 5, 1997.
7. On July 8, 1996, the Spice Girls released this song as their debut single.
13. This North American country made their national anthem official on July 1, 1980.



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