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Holiday Light Show CONTEST

Nominate your house or a neighbour by emailing your name, address and phone number to events@acadiaca.com by December 20th!

**Entries must be located within the community of Acadia
Winners announced Dec 22nd & prizes distributed Dec 23rd!**

Griswold Award: because you can never have too many lights! Channel your inner Chevy Chase from "Christmas Vacation".

Santa's Favourite Theme: Best display that has an organized appearance or theme.

Classic Christmas: Best traditional display.

Best Inflatables Use: Best use of holiday lawn inflatable characters.

Judge's Favourite: Display that judges enjoyed the most.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hello Acadians!

2024 Annual General Meeting Recap

We are so thankful for all our dedicated Acadia Community Association members and residents who attended the AGM last month. It was exciting to meet new members, as well as reconnect with some long-standing ones. There were lots of exciting developments this past fiscal year that were shared, and big plans for the future. Our membership voted in a new board and executive team, who are all already forging full steam ahead executing on the initiatives presented. If you missed the 2024 AGM, a recap of the meeting's highlights is available at www.acadia.community/agma.

Strategic Plan 2024-2029

One big highlight at the AGM was our new five-year strategic plan. The ACA's five-year strategic plan outlines a goal for the future, driven by a deep commitment to our mission to serve and elevate our community. We invite you to review the plan, and as always, welcome anyone who may see a role for themselves within the plan's initiatives to reach out and join us! Visit www.acadia.community/strategicplan to read the plan.

ACA Social Nights

Our beloved Social Night events are going to be postponed for the remainder of this calendar year. We have been so encouraged by the amount of people who come out to each of these! In order to continue to ensure we bring value with every engagement we have with our neighbours; we will be relaunching Social Nights with a new format in the new year! Watch for announcements on this in *Hello Acadia*, on our website, and on our social media. We're looking forward to connecting with our community!

Kids' Holiday Party – December 7

Mark your calendars to join in the holiday festivities at our annual Kids' Christmas Party! We will have crafts, games, cookie decorating, and a visit from Santa for children and their grown-ups alike! You won't want to miss the fun activities we have lined up for this holiday season! For more information, visit www.acadia.community/kidsholiday.

Holiday Lights Contest – December 23

Our second annual Holiday Lights Contest is just around the corner! Nominate yourself or a neighbour's house to win one of our contest's five categories. Compete to win

one of the following themes: (1) Santa's Favourite Theme Award – best theme, (2) Griswold Award – most lights, (3) Classic Christmas Award – best traditional display, (4) Best Inflatable Use Award – best inflatable characters and (5) Judge's Favourite Award. Submit your nominations before the deadline! Visit www.acadia.community/holidaylights for more information and entry rules.

New Soccer Program Coordinator Needed!

Registrations for the upcoming grassroots soccer season will open in January 2025. Our wonderful soccer coordinator, Trudy, is retiring and we are in need of someone to take on this very important and rewarding role! Please reach out to volunteer@acadiaca.com if you would like to learn more.

In Search of Committee Chairs

We are seeking people to join in what we are building in our community by providing leadership in the roles of Communication Chair and Planning/Development Chair. These Committee Chairs will ensure their respective committee fulfils the association's directives and goals as well as play a key role in decision-making and implementing their proposals. To learn more about what these roles entail, see page 11. Our ability to deliver on community projects and initiatives are dependent on volunteers like you. If you are interested and/or passionate about any of these topics, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at volunteer@acadiaca.com today!

Are You Following Us On Social Media?

Keep up with us @acacalgary on our Facebook and Instagram social media platforms for the latest updates on all things happening with the ACA.

Your Acadia Community Association

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Strategically plan marketing efforts and oversee the creation of materials for the ACA's website, newsletter, and social media channels.
- Motivate, support, and assist committee members with their roles as needed.
- Oversee the logistics of the committee's operations and work.
- Report to the Board on the committee's work and recommendations.

HELPFUL SKILLS:

- Exemplary written and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent organizational abilities and attention to detail.
- Knowledge of social media best practices.
- Branding, copywriting, creative, graphic design, marketing, and/or social media experience.

EMAIL VOLUNTEER@ACADIACA.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY!

Acadia: A Good Food Box Depot!

Thanks to community support for the Good Food Box Program, individuals and families in Acadia can now purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price—approximately \$1 per pound of produce—and have those boxes delivered to the ARC for pick up.

All boxes contain the maximum amount of produce to ensure clients get the most value for the price. Clients can choose from three different box sizes (see below), and the program is available to everyone regardless of income level.

Box Size	Price	Weight
Small	\$30	15 to 20lbs* of fruits and vegetables
Medium	\$35	25 to 30lbs* of fruits and vegetables
Large	\$40	35 to 40lbs* of fruits and vegetables

**Please note that weights are approximate.*

If you are interested in purchasing a Good Food Box for pick up at the ARC, please complete a request form at www.acadia.community/goodfoodbox or email goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com. Payment by e-transfer or cash is required at the time of ordering.

For upcoming 2024 order and pick up dates for the Good Food Box Program in Acadia, please refer to the chart below.

Upcoming Good Food Box Order and Pick Up Dates

Order Deadline - Friday	Pick Up Date - Wednesday From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or 4:00 to 6:00 pm
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November 29	December 11

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ACA Memberships

Memberships are available online at www.acadia.community/membership or in-person at the ARC. Family: \$25+GST | Individual: \$15+GST | Non-Acadia Residents: \$25+GST.

Youth Drop-In Nights

Ages 10 to 17 can drop in for free to play games, have snacks, and meet new friends.

Check out our social media (@acacalgary) and website (www.acadiaca.com) to see what dates and times are available.

ARC Social Lounge Daytime Community Drop-In

Mondays to Fridays | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Use the lounge to work remotely, read, study or meet. This space is free and open to everybody. Pay-what-you-can coffee or tea available daily.

Facility Rentals

Rose Hall Banquet Room, Conference Rooms, Meeting Rooms, Curling Arena, and Lounge

ACA members receive 15% off room bookings. For rental inquiries and more information, contact Tannis at tannis@acadiarec.com, call at 403-255-1252, ext. 222, or visit acadiarec.com.

ARC Social Lounge

Now open year-round for free day time drop-in community use. Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Pay-what-you-can coffee and tea, free wi-fi, books, kids' toys, and board games.

Hours of operation open to the public: Monday to Friday, 4:00 pm to Midnight | Saturday, Noon to Midnight | Sunday, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Frankie's Concession

Monday to Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and 4:00 to 9:00 pm | Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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Rental Rates: \$84 for ACA members | \$105 for non-members. Call us at 403-255-1252 or book courts online at acadiarec.com.

Wallyball Courts

\$31.50 per hour per court for ACA Members | \$36.75 per hour per court for non-members. Purchase punch cards (buy four hours, get an hour free) at our Front Desk during regular office hours. \$126 for ACA members | \$147 for non-members.

Drop-in Information

Drop-in AM Session | Monday to Friday | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Drop-in PM Session | Monday to Tuesday | Beginner and Intermediate.

Drop-in PM Session | Thursday to Friday | Intermediate and Advanced.

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Curling

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Arena and Skate

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Parent and Tot Skate

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Sticks and Pucks

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Two to three nets set up on the ice. Maximum 20 participants. Must wear helmets with face shield and gloves. \$5 per session.

Public Skate

Sundays, 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Fridays, 1:45 to 2:45 pm

Free! All participants must wear helmets. No sticks or pucks allowed.

Seniors (60+) Skate

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:45 to 11:45 am

Free! All participants must wear helmets. No sticks or pucks please.

Adult (16+) Shinny

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:00 to 1:15 pm

\$6.67 + GST per player. Goalies play for free! Maximum 20 players (five on the ice at a time). Maximum two goalies. Helmet with mask and gloves mandatory.

Events at the ARC

Blood Services

Saturday, November 23 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 30 | 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information, please call 1-888-2-Donate or visit Blood.ca.

Sports Card Show

Saturday, November 9 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 10 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information, please email collectorsbooks_cards@shaw.ca.

2024 ACA Christmas Market

Saturday, November 16 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free admission and parking! Crafts, baking, jewellery, and more! Vendors welcome! For more information or to register as a vendor, email tannis@acadiarec.com or call 403-255-1252.

Fairview Pottery Market

Sunday, November 17

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To learn more about these roles and to apply, please contact volunteer@acadiaca.com or visit www.acadia.community/volunteer.

Soccer Program Coordinator

We're going into our second year of our grassroots soccer program, and we are in need of a Soccer Program Coordinator to make this season a great success! Over the past year, we've built a great program and developed lots of support, so the volunteer who picks up the program will have an excellent foundation to work from. If you are enthusiastic about bringing high-quality youth programming to your community, contact us today at volunteer@acadiaca.com for more information and to apply!

Communications Committee Chair

We are in need of someone to take on the Communications Committee Chair role to oversee support for ACA communications, including the acadiaca.com website, *Hello Acadia* newsletter submissions, and our social media accounts. If you have experience in general digital communications and would like to learn more about this great opportunity, please get in touch today!

Planning/Development Committee Chair

We are looking for someone to take on the Planning/Development Committee Chair role in order to review planning, development, and transportation matters that pertain to the community of Acadia. This individual will also manage the other subcommittees of Traffic Safety and Playgrounds within their domain. If you are interested in helping to build a safer and more accessible community spaces, reach out to us today!

Event Committee Members

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If any of the above major events interest you, reach out today to learn more about the commitment and responsibilities. We hope you will consider joining us and bring your creative touch to these awesome events!

Community Engagement Committee Members

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Join our Volunteer Community Engagement Committee! We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who are eager to promote community involvement and foster connections between our community and those people, organizations, and businesses that make Acadia a great place to live or operate. If you believe we can make Acadia even better, bring creativity and positivity, and enjoy having fun while making an impact, this is the perfect opportunity for you to develop your skills, meet your neighbours, and contribute to meaningful projects that enhance our community.

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ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2024 EVENTS

WINTER CARNIVAL Fun carnival games, a more around the first horse-drawn wagon rides. Feb 10	ACA SOCIAL NIGHTS Meet & greet with ACA board members and coordinators over drinks and board games in the ARC Social Lounge. Occurs every second month. Feb 10	EASTER EGG HUNT Kids can hunt for eggs filled with fun treats at one of Acadia's many parks. Mar 30
COMMUNITY CLEANUP Get started on your spring cleaning and get rid of your unwanted items for free. May 11	BIKE PARADE Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons & join the ride. Jun 1	NEIGHBOUR DAY Bring Acadia together for a fun block party. Jun 15
STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Pancake breakfast with live music, line dance lessons and petting zoo. Jul 6	PARADE OF GARAGE SALES Shop for unique treasures as the entire community opens shop! Jun 22/23	MOVIE IN THE PARK Enjoy a fun family movie under the stars in one of Acadia's greenpaces! Sept 6
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The ACA Board and ARC staff will update the community on their activities, accomplishments & goals. Sept	FALL FESTIVAL Food trucks, live music, glitter toss, pumpkin patches on site to showcase your challenges. Oct 19	SOUTHEAST BREWFEST The most anticipated ACA event of the year! Local craft brewers serve up their offerings for you to taste! Oct 19
Sept	KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY Visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make crafts & eat fun holiday themed treats. Dec 7	HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST Light up Acadia this holiday season. Prizes in various categories to be won! Dec

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