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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We are officially in the holiday season! The holidays are a joyous time for fun, family, and community. From everyone on the ACA, no matter what you celebrate, we hope you have a warm and wonderful December.

Join the Playgrounds Committee to Bring a New Playground to Acadia!

In 2026/2027 we will be replacing the playground on Allandale Close, and we need your help!

The Playgrounds Committee is actively seeking volunteers to help bring this playground project to life. Join us for an opportunity to be a part of something meaningful and create a lasting impact in your community. Learn more about the project and how you can get involved by visiting acadiaca.com/playgrounds.

Kid's Holiday Party

The ACA Kid's Holiday Party is back again this year on December 6, from 9:00 am to noon. This year, we are going to have breakfast with Santa, so bring your little ones out for a fun morning! There will be pancakes, crafts, and games for the whole family! This event is free for all ACA members, and \$5 per child for non-members.

This year, Sweet P Photography will be doing Family Mini Photo Sessions—just in time for ordering those holiday cards!

To learn more about the event, visit acadiaca.com/kidsholiday.

Holiday Lights Contest

Let's make Acadia shine with the 2025 Holiday Lights Contest! Decorate your home and enter in the contest to win prizes in multiple categories. Get creative and have some fun getting into the festive spirit. Nominate your house or a neighbour's by completing the form at acadiaca.com/holidaylights by December 20. Entries must be located within Acadia to qualify. Homes will be judged between December 21 and 23, and winners will be announced on our social media. Be sure to follow us @acacalgary on Facebook and Instagram to see the results!

Volunteer with the ACA - Make a Difference Where You Live and Play

Do you want to help shape the future of your neighbourhood? The ACA is driven by passionate

volunteers who bring our community to life through exciting events, meaningful programs, and community enhancement projects and initiatives. If you've ever wanted to make a real impact where you live, now is the time. Whether you have a few hours a month or are ready to take on a leadership role, your contribution matters. We are always accepting new volunteers, and with various roles to fill, there is something for everyone. Reach out to volunteer@acadiaca.com to learn more.

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WINTER CARNIVAL Fun carnival games, s'mores around the fire, horse-drawn wagon rides. Feb 8	ACA SOCIAL NIGHTS Meet & greet with ACA board members and coordinators over drinks and snacks. Occurs every second month. Feb 19	EASTER EGG HUNT Kids can hunt for eggs filled with fun treats or one of Acadia's many parks. Apr 19
COMMUNITY CLEANUP Get started on your spring cleaning and get rid of your unwanted items for free! May	BIKE PARADE Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons & join the group to ride Acadia to kick off Bike Month! May 31	NEIGHBOUR DAY Bringing Acadians together for a fun block party! Jun 21
STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Pancake breakfast with live music, line dance lessons and petting zoo. Jul 5	PARADE OF GARAGE SALES Shop for unique treasures as the entire community opens their shop! Jun 28/29	MOVIE IN THE PARK Enjoy a fun family movie under the stars in one of Acadia's green spaces! Sept 5
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The ACA Board and ARC staff will update the community on their activities, accomplishments & goals. Sept 18	FALL FESTIVAL Food trucks, kids' pump & pin fair, glitter tattoos & themed activities for all Acadian kids. Prizes on site to showcase their offerings. Oct 18	SOUTHEAST BREWFEST The most anticipated ACA event of the year. Local craft breweries serve up their offerings for you to taste. Oct 25
KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY Visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make crafts & eat fun holiday themed treats. Dec 6	HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST Light up Acadia this holiday season. Prizes in various categories to be won! Dec 6	



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There are multiple yearly events hosted at the ARC. Check out our wide array of special events that are fun for the whole family!

Visit our website through the QR code above to
see all that the ARC has to offer!

ACA Volunteer Callout - We Want You!

Community volunteers are an essential part of the Acadia Community Association. As a volunteer, you will make a tremendous impact on your community while gaining new skills and building new connections. There are a variety of ways for you to get involved. Please see below for what our current volunteer needs are and reach out to us if you can envision yourself in those positions, making a difference in the community you live in!

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

Playgrounds/Green Spaces Committee Members

We've identified our next community playground project and are looking to expand our committee to help bring it to life! There are several ways to get involved in the work that goes into our green spaces in Acadia. Opportunities to work on our rink boards project, become a tree ambassador, and advocate for playground structure updates are all available. Did you know the ACA playgrounds/green spaces committee lead the Addison Place Playground replacement project? Come sign up to be a part of impactful change in Acadia!

Event Committee Members

Every fun event you've attended or heard about relies on key people to bring the plan together and execute it seamlessly.

The following event committees are looking for long-term members who have a passion for bringing high-quality events to Acadia and would be interested in helping to plan and execute these events every year: Winter Carnival, Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Parade, Neighbour Day, Stampede Breakfast, Movie in the Park, Fall Festival, Halloween Party, and Holiday Party.

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!





We are searching for

Volunteers

Acadia Community Association is bringing some great events & initiatives to the Acadia community in 2025!

Email volunteer@acadiaca.com to express your interest in supporting events such as:

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Due to seasonal availability, the contents of each box cannot be guaranteed. However, all Good Food Boxes contain the maximum amount of produce available to ensure clients get the best value for the price. There are three box sizes to choose from, and the program is available to everyone regardless of income level.

Box Size	Price	Weight
Small	\$30	15 to 20lbs* of fruits and vegetables
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If you are interested in purchasing a Good Food Box, please complete the contact form online at acadia.community/goodfoodbox or email goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com. Once your order is confirmed, payment instructions will be sent to you. Payment must be made within one day of the order deadline. Boxes are available monthly and can be picked up at the Acadia Recreation Complex, 240 - 90 Ave SE. Visit our website acadia.community/goodfoodbox for more details.

Good Food Box Order Deadlines and Pick Up Dates For 2025

Order Deadline - Friday	Pick Up Date - Wednesday From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or 4:00 to 6:00 pm
November 28	December 10

Thank you for all of your support this year. There are no more Good Food Box deliveries for 2025 after December 10. The 2026 schedule will be available soon. See you next year!

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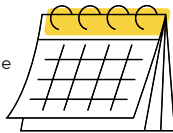


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This past year has been one of growth and collaboration across Calgary-Acadia. From legislative work to local events, town halls, and community projects, I've seen the dedication and compassion that make our community so strong. I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me and for the many residents, leaders, and volunteers who make Calgary-Acadia such a vibrant place to live.

Since returning to session in late October, our office has heard from hundreds of constituents about the issues that matter most. Education remains a top concern. The government's use of the notwithstanding clause to order teachers and students back into classrooms has left many Albertans feeling unheard and unsafe. Forcing people back into schools that lack adequate safety measures and resources does not solve the real challenges facing public education.

I will always stand up for public education and for the educators who give so much of themselves to help every child learn and thrive. Every Albertan deserves the best start possible through smaller class sizes, safe classrooms, respect for staff, and a lasting commitment to inclusion. When our children and educators succeed, Alberta succeeds.

Many residents are also deeply concerned about the government's growing reliance on the notwithstanding clause and what it could mean for other rights and freedoms. I share those concerns and will continue to speak out against any misuse of power that threatens fairness and democracy.

Looking ahead, my focus remains on the priorities I hear most from Calgary-Acadia residents: strong public education, accessible health care, affordability, community safety, and inclusion. Your voices guide my work, and I'm committed to ensuring they are heard in the Legislature.

Thank you for your continued engagement and trust. It's an honour to serve as your MLA.

Cheers,

Diana

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