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THE OFFICIAL ACADIA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**AGM DATE CHANGED TO OCTOBER 9!**

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## 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](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) or visit [www.acadiaca.com/volunteer](http://www.acadiaca.com/volunteer).

### Board of Director Members

June 30, 2025, marked the end of terms for our current volunteers in the President and Secretary positions. We will be electing a new President, Secretary, and some board members at our AGM on Thursday, October 9. If you are interested in joining a really exciting organization that has plans to impact and bring high value for Acadians, please reach out to [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) to inquire!

### 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!



The poster for SouthEast Brewfest features a blue background with a dark grey curved shape. At the top, the Acadia Community Association logo is displayed. The event title 'SOUTHEAST BREWFEST' is in large white letters, followed by 'BEER, BANDS, & BITES' in orange. The date 'OCTOBER 25, 2025' and time '2:00 PM - 6:00 PM' are also in orange. Below this, text in white provides information on where to purchase tickets. At the bottom, there is a row of various beer bottles and glasses. The footer contains the location and website information.

ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# SOUTHEAST BREWFEST

BEER, BANDS, & BITES

OCTOBER 25, 2025

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.ACADIACA.COM/BREWFEST](http://WWW.ACADIACA.COM/BREWFEST)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

### **Please Note the Date Change for the ACA Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday, October 9, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the ARC**

Get ready for an evening of connection, community, and big reveals! Come to the meeting for a chance to hear firsthand about the exciting initiatives and bold vision shaping our next year. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the neighbourhood, this is your opportunity to network with fellow community members, meet your neighbours behind the ACA, and share your voice in shaping the future of our community. We'll kick things off (and wrap up) with a casual networking session and light refreshments, so come early, stay late, and connect!

We are always looking for more dedicated Acadians to join our amazing and very active Board of Directors. Reach out to [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) if you would like to submit your name for nomination!

This year, our President and Secretary positions are looking to be filled. If you or someone you know is interested, reach out to connect with us and learn more!

To be eligible to vote at the AGM, you must have an active ACA membership for at least 30 days before the meeting. Let's build the future of Acadia together! We can't wait to see you there!

### **We are Replacing the Allandale Close Playground!**

In 2026/2027 we will be replacing the Allandale Close playground, and we need your help! Take the survey at [acadiaca.com/playgrounds](https://acadiaca.com/playgrounds) to help inform the final design.

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](https://acadiaca.com/playgrounds).

### **SouthYeast Brewfest - Back Again on Saturday, October 25**

Local craft breweries will be coming down to the ARC to showcase their best on tap. Non-alcoholic options are available this year so everyone can come out to enjoy the festivities! There will be snacks, games, live music, and raffles. Join us to socialize with neighbours and

sample what our local breweries have to offer! This is one of our most popular events of the year, and it is a great time to connect and have fun while trying some local brews. Check out [acadiaca.com/brewfest](https://acadiaca.com/brewfest) and our social media to see who the participating breweries are this year and to purchase tickets.

### **Thanks for Coming Out to Movie in the Park!**

On Friday, September 5, we hosted our second annual Movie in the Park. This event is quickly becoming one of our favourites of the year!

We would like to thank all our sponsors and partners for coming together to put on such a great event - Olde Fair Gourmet Popcorn, Biggie's Glizzies food truck, Uzu Ice Cream food truck, Robothink, Trellis Society, Youth Central event volunteers, the City of Calgary Rec Leaders, and the Calgary Public Library Story Truck.

Thank you to everyone who came by to enjoy the movie and our activities pre-show. We're looking forward to doing this again next year!

### **Another Casino Fundraiser in the Books!**

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers who gave their time and energy to work our casino fundraiser last month. Your commitment helps ensure our community programs and facility can continue to thrive. We couldn't have done it without you!

### **Become a Board Member, Join a Committee! 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. As the owner and operators of the Acadia Recreation Complex, built in 1980, we understand that it is a vital hub for sports, recreation, and gathering in our neighbourhood. Keeping it running smoothly and accessible to all takes time, care, and community support, which we can't do without you! As we head into a new term, we're looking for passionate community members to join the ACA as Board Members, Committee Volunteers, and event supporters. At the Annual General Meeting on October 9, we will be electing a new President and Secretary - critical leadership roles for our future. 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. Reach out to [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) to learn more.

### Are You Following Us On Social Media?

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

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ACADIA  
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2025  
EVENTS

#### 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.

#### BIKE PARADE

Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons & join the group to ride Acadia to kick off Bike Month!

May 31

#### COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Get started on your spring cleaning and get rid of your unwanted items for free!

May

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids can hunt for eggs filled with fun treats at one of Acadia's many parks.

Apr 19

#### 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 shops!

Jun 28/29

#### MOVIE IN THE PARK

Enjoy a fun family movie under the stars in one of Acadia's greenspaces!

Sept 5

#### FALL FESTIVAL

Food trucks, kids' bounce fair, glitter tattoos, fall-themed activities and Acadian businesses on site to showcase their offerings.

Oct 17

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ACA Board and ARC staff will update the community on their activities, accomplishments & goals.

Oct 18

#### 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

# Sue Higgins River Access - Project Update

by The City of Calgary – Parks and Open Spaces

We're excited to let you know about upcoming work in Sue Higgins Park to improve access to the Bow River — making it safer, more sustainable, and more enjoyable for all Calgarians.

## What's Happening:

As part of the Sue Higgins River Access Restoration Project, we're replacing steep, unsafe drop-offs with gently sloped gravel ramps and natural features. These upgrades will improve safety for families, seniors, and dog owners while preserving the park's natural beauty.

Over the years, heavy use and erosion have worn down the riverbank, creating safety concerns and harming water quality. This project will stabilize the bank, protect aquatic habitats, and prevent more costly repairs in the future — all guided by environmental assessments and ecological best practices.

## What Calgarians Can Expect:

1. Construction will begin early August 2025 and is expected to last about four months, pending weather and more.
2. River access will only be restricted at the single spot where we are actively working, other access points will remain open.
3. Clear signage and safe access routes will be in place throughout the work.
4. Parking, roadways, and pathways will remain open.
5. The dog park will remain open and accessible for the community, though equipment may need to be temporarily moved across the off-leash area.

This project reflects our commitment to protecting the park's ecological richness while improving how people experience this beloved green space. Once complete, the restored areas will blend naturally into the landscape — like they've always been there.

For project details and updates, please visit: [calgary.ca/parks/sue-higgins-park](https://calgary.ca/parks/sue-higgins-park).

Thank you for your patience as we complete this important work to protect and enhance Sue Higgins Park for generations to come.

## REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE



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### VOTE



Have a say and influence on issues that are most important to you. Have a passion for a new playground, public art, or more programming? Joining the ACA is how you get involved in shaping the community where you live!

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Keep up to date with all the happenings in the community, including new infrastructure developments, planning, traffic, events, programs, townhall meetings, ward news, and City news.



### MEMBERS ONLY PERKS

ACA members get discounts on various local area food and retail outlets. In addition, members get access to the ARC Social Lounge and 15% off room and ice bookings at the ARC for private events!

### FREE EVENTS

Most of our events are free or at a very reduced rate for members. The ACA hosts some great events each year, such as the Winter Carnival, Stampede Breakfast, Neighbour Day, and more!



### BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

Research shows that being part of a community and its association is vital to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play.

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\$25

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

ARC - ROSE HALL  
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7:00 PM TO  
9:00 PM

THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 9TH

- Review ACA Annual Report & financial statements
- Learn about ACA committees and how you can get involved
- Network before & after and enjoy refreshments with your neighbours
- Meet & elect Executives and the Board of Directors
- Hear about the exciting initiatives for your community

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

Email [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) to express your interest in supporting events such as:

WINTER CARNIVAL | EASTER EGG HUNT  
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YOUTH DROP IN | BIKE PARADE  
MOVIE IN THE PARK | NEIGHBOUR DAY  
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## A Good Food Box Depot in Acadia!

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.

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
Medium	\$35	25 to 30lbs* of fruits and vegetables
Large	\$40	35 to 40lbs* of fruits and vegetables

*\*Weights are approximate.*

If you are interested in purchasing a Good Food Box, please complete the contact form online at [acadia.community/goodfoodbox](http://acadia.community/goodfoodbox) or email [goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com](mailto: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](http://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
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## PROGRAMS

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## EVENTS

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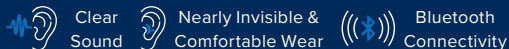
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# ALEX WILLIAMS FOR WARD 11



## Calgary's Future Announces Official Endorsement for Ward 11: Alex Williams

### Alex Williams is ready to listen

Calgary City Council candidate Alex Williams is a born and raised south Calgarian. Alex co-founded Calgary Transit Riders to improve public transit safety and reliability. He advocates for housing affordability to ensure all Calgarians have a place they can call home. His work in transit and housing advocacy reflects his commitment to building a better Calgary for everyone.

As a professional podcast editor, Alex has developed excellent listening skills and can understand diverse perspectives. Alex not only has years of experience driving meaningful change, he has lived experience of his community's challenges and is committed to being available to residents to hear their concerns.

### Here's why Alex Williams is the right choice

Alex is dedicated to making Ward 11 a safer, more connected, and affordable place to live. Because Alex prioritizes listening and transparency, he'll keep residents' needs at the heart of decision-making. His experience advocating for practical, people-focused solutions to local issues will make him a highly effective councillor.

## Here's why we're endorsing Alex Williams

- **Good listener:** Experienced podcast editor
- **Transit advocate:** Co-founded Calgary Transit Riders
- **Grassroots builder:** Takes action for housing to keep Calgary affordable

*"The city I want to build while on Council is the city I want to live in when I'm 60, a city built for people in all phases of life, a city I know the next generation will be proud to call home."*

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