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**WINTER CARNIVAL | EASTER EGG HUNT  
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|                             |                 |                                                                        |
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## Programs and Services

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|                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                  |
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### NOT SURE WHO TO CONTACT?

Start with us! Email [info@acadiaca.com](mailto:info@acadiaca.com) and we'll point you in the right direction.

## Building A Connected Community!



### Community First!

We bring neighbours together through programs, events, and shared experiences.



### Volunteer-Led

The ACA is powered by community members who step forward, get involved, and make things happen!



### Community Engagement

We create opportunities for residents to connect, participate, and be part of shaping what happens in Acadia



### Spaces to Connect

From events to programs, we create opportunities to gather, grow, and belong!



**ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR TO JOIN OUR TEAM!

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- recruit, onboard & support ACA volunteers
- coordinate volunteers for programs, initiatives & events
- match volunteers to roles & schedules
- maintain volunteer records & contact lists
- support event leads & staff with volunteer planning & coordination
- promote volunteer opportunities through ACA communication channels
- foster positive volunteer engagement, recognition and retention

**HELPFUL SKILLS:**

- strong communication and people skills
- comfortable coordinating people and schedules
- organized, reliable, and detail oriented
- ability to work independently while collaborating with staff and committees
- data analysis and reporting skills an asset

**ACA COORDINATOR ROLES:**

- ~4 hours per month
- 1-year commitment encouraged

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## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR TO JOIN OUR TEAM!

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- lead and coordinate the Membership Committee, setting clear goals and priorities
- develop and implement strategies for member recruitment and retention
- strengthen relationships with existing members and encourage participation
- oversee membership value, including management of the I ♥ Acadia Business Partnership program
- monitor membership trends and report to the Board
- collaborate with other committees to support organizational goals

**HELPFUL SKILLS:**

- strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- leadership or committee experience
- ability to engage members and local businesses
- organized, proactive, and reliable
- clear communicator with a community-first mindset

**TIME COMMITMENT AND TERM:**

- time commitment of approx. 3-5 hours per month
- 2-year term commitment appreciated

EMAIL: [VOLUNTEER@ACADIACA.COM](mailto:VOLUNTEER@ACADIACA.COM) FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY!



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

### Annual General Meeting

October 1

Save the date for the next upcoming Annual General Meeting. We will be holding the AGM at the ARC on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Connect with the community, learn about current initiatives and how the past year has gone, and have your voice heard. Community members must have their membership for at least one month before the AGM to be eligible to vote on community issues and governance, so be sure to renew your membership before September 1!

### Community Momentum

We're seeing strong momentum across the ACA this season, with activity building in programs, events, and community-led initiatives.

Fundraising is underway for the Allandale Close Playground replacement, and we're grateful for the strong early support, including Little Caesars-Acadia's recent promotion. This project reflects what is possible when the community comes together around a shared goal, and we invite everyone to continue helping move it forward, whether through donations, sharing the initiative, or getting involved directly. Visit [acadiaca.com/playgrounds](http://acadiaca.com/playgrounds) to donate, get involved, or follow along with the project.

### Make a Difference Where You Live, Work, and Play

There are many ways to get involved and make a meaningful impact, whether through volunteering, joining a committee, or contributing your skills in other ways.

As we continue strengthening our governance, operations, and programming, we're always looking for people who want to help shape the future of Acadia. Every contribution, big or small, plays a role in building a stronger community.

Visit [acadiaca.com/careers](http://acadiaca.com/careers), check page 11 for volunteer opportunities, or email [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com) to get involved.

### Let's Stay Connected!

We encourage you to stay connected with the ACA by following along on social media and keeping up with what's happening in the community.

Membership also plays an important role in supporting the programs, events, and initiatives that bring Acadia to life. If you haven't already, we invite you to join and be part of what we're building together!

Your Acadia Community Association

## 2026 EVENTS

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| <b>WINTER CARNIVAL</b><br>Fun for the whole family! Carnival games, s'mores around the fire, horse-drawn wagon rides.<br><b>Feb 7</b>           | <b>BIKE PARADE</b><br>Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons! Join the group ride to Acadia to kick off Bike Month!<br><b>May 30</b> | <b>MOVIE IN THE PARK</b><br>Enjoy a fun family movie under the stars in one of Acadia's greenspaces!<br><b>Sep 4</b>                   |
| <b>VELVET MIDWAY</b><br>Adult Winter Carnival Gala. Upscale roaming-cirque performers, with live music, cocktails, and canapés.<br><b>Feb 7</b> | <b>NEIGHBOUR DAY</b><br>Bringing Acadians together to celebrate community at the block party!<br><b>Jun 20</b>                             | <b>SOUTHEAST BREWFEST</b><br>Live music. Great beer. Local draft breweries serve up their offerings for you to taste!<br><b>Oct 17</b> |
| <b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b><br>Kids can hunt for eggs filled with treats at one of Acadia's many parks.<br><b>Apr 4</b>                              | <b>PARADE OF GARAGE SALES</b><br>Shop for unique treasures as the community of Acadia opens shop!<br><b>Jun 27-28</b>                      | <b>KIDS' HOLIDAY PARTY</b><br>Visit with Santa, decorate cookies, make crafts & play games!<br><b>Dec 5</b>                            |
| <b>COMMUNITY CLEANUP</b><br>Get started on your spring cleaning and get rid of your unwanted items free.<br><b>May 16</b>                       | <b>STAMPEDE BREAKFAST</b><br>Pancake breakfast with live music, line dance lessons and petting zoo!<br><b>Jul 4</b>                        | <b>HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST</b><br>Light up Acadia this holiday season! Prizes in various categories to be won!<br><b>Dec</b>            |

Check out [ACADIACA.COM/EVENTS](http://ACADIACA.COM/EVENTS) FOR MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ALL OUR EVENTS!

### Your ACA membership comes with special and exclusive offers from our I ♥ Acadia Business Partners

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| <b>Acadia Recreation Complex</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15% off banquet hall, meeting rooms, curling arena and lounge bookings.</li> <li>Discount rates for pickleball and squash/racquetball bookings</li> </ul> | <b>Energize Health - South Location</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive a FREE 30 min massage when you attend an initial physio or chiropractic appointment</li> </ul> |
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| <b>Code Ninjas - 130th Ave SE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One free gaming night per month</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | <b>Scholars Willow Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% off all regular tutoring fees and summer camp fees</li> </ul>                                                  |
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[www.acadia.community/membership](http://www.acadia.community/membership)  
[www.acadia.community/aca-partnership-program](http://www.acadia.community/aca-partnership-program)



## REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE



ACADIA  
COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION



### 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.

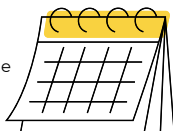


### MEMBERS ONLY PERKS

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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# What's Up at the

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## PROGRAMS

Check out the array of different programs hosted at the ARC. We run skating and pickleball programs, and are the home of multiple program organizations.



## EVENTS



The ARC hosts multiple events throughout the year. Scan the QR code below to visit our website and see all the ARC has to offer!



# A Good Food Box Depot in Acadia!

To maintain the current pick up schedule, the program needs more volunteers! Regular volunteers are needed for the Wednesday morning pick-ups. Duties include setting up the boardroom by moving tables and chairs, ensuring the correct number and sizes of boxes have been delivered, and tracking boxes as they are picked up. Time commitment is typically from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers will need their own laptop and must be comfortable working with Google Drive. Volunteers will have to complete an Acadia Community Association volunteer application form and police check. This position can accommodate more than one volunteer who can alternate between months. If you are interested in volunteering for the Good Food Box program, you can sign up by emailing [goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com](mailto:goodfoodbox@acadiaca.com).

Thanks to the community support for the Good Food Box Program, individuals and families in Acadia can purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price, and have those boxes delivered to the ARC for pick up on the scheduled dates.

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.

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|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|
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| Large    | \$45  | 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 [acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox](http://acadiaca.com/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 [acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox](http://acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox) for more details.

## Good Food Box Order Deadlines and Pick Up Dates For 2026

| Order Deadline - Friday | Pick Up Date - Wednesday<br>From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm<br>or 4:00 to 6:00 pm |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 7                | August 29                                                                  |
| September 4             | September 16                                                               |
| September 25            | October 7                                                                  |
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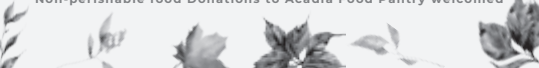
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## Youth Handball at the ARC

via the Calgary Handball Club

The Calgary Handball Club is looking for new junior handball players, boys and girls aged 11 and up. Young adults are welcome! Junior Handball practices run every Thursday at 5:00 pm and Saturday at 11:00 am at the Acadia Recreation Complex. Our game of handball is similar to racquetball, played on a four-wall court.

The basic skills required to learn how to play four-wall handball are the ability to throw a ball, good hand-eye coordination, running, and some athletic ability.

Our low-cost program includes loaner gloves and eye guards, court time, and instruction delivered by certified coaches.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign your child up for an introductory lesson, please contact the Calgary Handball Club with an email to [calgaryhandballclub@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryhandballclub@gmail.com).

## What's Happening with the ACA

### COMMUNITY EVENTS



- Acadia Classic Golf Tournament - August 16
- Movie in the Park - September 4
- Annual General Meeting - October 1

See the full calendar at [acadiaca.com/events](http://acadiaca.com/events)

### FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS



- Summer event season is underway!
- New lounge and kiosk hours for summer
- Free drop-in community space in the ARC lounge every morning
- Meeting rooms and spaces available to book for your next event

[acadiaca.com/facilities](http://acadiaca.com/facilities)

### GET INVOLVED



- Volunteers needed for Good Food Box!
- Join a committee
- Purchase a membership to support the ACA's initiatives!

[acadiaca.com/get-involved](http://acadiaca.com/get-involved)

### COMMUNITY UPDATES



- Allandale Close Playground Replacement project in progress
- Planning & Development updates
- Watch for engagement sessions on our website and social media!

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To learn more about these roles and to apply please contact [volunteer@acadiaca.com](mailto:volunteer@acadiaca.com).

## Membership Committee Chair

Our membership is the heart of our organization, and we are looking for a motivated individual to lead this important committee. The Membership Committee Chair helps strengthen member engagement, retention, and growth by welcoming new members, supporting a positive member experience, and providing insight and recommendations to the Board on membership trends, structures, and opportunities. This is a great role for someone who enjoys building relationships, thinking strategically, and making a meaningful impact in our community. Please reach out today if you have the ability to take on this very impactful role!

## Volunteer Coordinator

The Acadia Community Association runs on volunteers, and we are looking for a volunteer coordinator to help keep things running smoothly. We are looking for someone with strong people skills to help recruit

and onboard new volunteers, as well as support and manage current volunteers. Key responsibilities would also include the maintenance of volunteer records and coordinating volunteers before and during ACA events. If you are organized, reliable, and have an eye for detail, consider joining us in this integral position!

## Grants Writer

Grant funding is essential to our ability to deliver inclusive programs, events, and services for our community. We are seeking a volunteer Grants Writer to research and write funding applications that help make this work possible, while also building valuable, transferable skills. This role offers hands-on experience in grant research, persuasive writing, and working with nonprofit leadership - all while directly enabling programs that strengthen connection, belonging, and access in our community. Reach out today to see how you can make a lasting impact on where you live, work and play!

## Event Committee Members

Our events bring our community together, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our Events Committee. Working alongside our Events Coordinator, Sarah Bruinsma, committee members help plan and deliver beloved annual events such as Winter Carnival, Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Parade, Neighbour Day, Stampede Breakfast, Movie in the Park, Fall Fair, and the Kids' Holiday Party. Whether you can help with one event or several, your involvement plays a key role in creating high-quality, community-centred experiences for our neighbours.

Reach out to [events@acadiaca.com](mailto:events@acadiaca.com) if you can help plan and organize one of these events, or if you have any questions on how you can help!

A banner for the Acadia Community Association (ACA) featuring a blue background with a white diagonal stripe. On the left, the ACA logo is visible. The main text is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the main text, there is a smaller line of text in white. At the bottom left, there is a 'JOIN US' button and a location pin icon. On the right side of the banner, there is a photograph of two smiling volunteers, a man and a woman, standing behind a counter with a cash register.

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Happy Summer, Calgary-Acadia!

It has been a whirlwind couple of months spending quality time connecting with you and your neighbours in the community. Through the wind, rain, and hail, we celebrated Neighbour Day across the riding, supporting young entrepreneurs at their lemonade stands, channelling our creative juices into painting tiles and wood blocks, and enjoying the live music when the weather permitted. It was a blast, and I am so grateful for the community associations and all the volunteer hours spent creating events like these.

This Canada Day felt especially significant as Alberta faces a referendum on its place in confederation. I am a proud Canadian and a proud Albertan, and vast majority of constituents have told me they feel the same. Many have expressed frustration with the referendum, particularly its cost and limited return, and would rather see those dollars invested toward strengthening public education and public health care, priorities that directly support families and communities.

From the Calgary Stampede and Folkfest to parades of garage sales, summer offers countless ways to come together and celebrate our thriving communities. Our third annual Haysboro Stampede Breakfast was part of that spirit, bringing thousands of neighbours out for pancakes, connection, and conversation with the Alberta NDP Caucus.

Your voices are essential, and it is a true privilege to serve Calgary Acadia. I am here to represent you, and the perspectives you share help shape the work I do every day. As the referendum approaches, I encourage everyone to stay engaged, take the issue seriously, and make the time to get informed about what is at stake for our province and our future. Please continue to share your thoughts and perspectives with me.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer.

Cheers,

*Diana*

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