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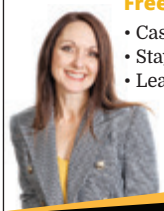

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Easter Egg Hunt
We are excited to bring back the kids' Easter egg hunt for its fifth consecutive year! This year, the hunt will be held on April 4 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Addison Place Playground - 8523 Addison Drive SE. Make sure to bring your own basket for the basket decorating station, and bring lots of energy for other crafts, fun outdoor games, glitter tattoos, and, of course, the Easter egg hunt! Foot traffic is encouraged, but pre-registration is required for all egg hunters at acadiaca.com/easter. It is free for all members, and $5 per child for non-members. We hope to see you there!

Grassroots Soccer
Registration for our spring Grassroots Soccer program is officially open! Grassroots Soccer is a great way for your kids to stay active, socialize, and learn new skills, and has become a staple for the ACA. The season will run from April 27 to June 17 for age groups U4 to U12. This year, we will also hold additional Saturday skills clinics for U8 to U12 as an optional add-on. Visit acadiaca.com/soccer to learn more and register. Spots fill up fast, so be sure to register your child now if you haven't already!

We are still in need of coaches for this season! If you have previous coaching experience or are looking to get involved in the local athletics scene, please reach out to volunteer@acadiaca.com. Our coaches' clinic will be held on April 19, so reach out before then to make sure you are fully prepared by the start of the season.

Junior Leadership Soccer Program
We are initiating a new program in tandem with Grassroots Soccer aimed towards youths from age 13 to 18. Youth volunteers will have the opportunity to become junior coaches and help out during the season with our regular U4 to U12 groups. This program aims to build leadership and coaching skills, assisting head and assistant coaches throughout the season. Junior coaches will help out at practices, lead activities, and support year-end events in a fun, supportive environment. If that is something you or your child would be interested in, reach out to soccer@acadiaca.com.

National Volunteer Week
National Volunteer Week (NVW) will be recognized from April 19 to April 25 this year. The NVW is all about celebrating volunteerism across Canada and its many vibrant communities. As a volunteer-based organization, volunteering is integral to all that we do. We want to express our sincerest gratitude for everyone who has, is, and will continue to work hard for the ACA and uplift the Acadia community as a whole.

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. Go to page 10 to see our current vacant roles or reach out to volunteer@acadiaca.com to learn more.

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Youth Handball at the ARC

by the Calgary Handball Club

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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.

ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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 FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY!

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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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

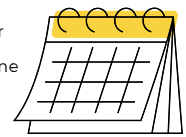
Keep up to date with all the happenings in the community, including new infrastructure developments, planning, traffic, events, programs, townhall meetings, ward news, and City news.

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!



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New Programs

The ARC offers a variety of programs throughout the year, like recreational, wellness, and community activities, for all ages!

Special Events

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. We need your help to keep our organization and programs running smoothly. We have 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.

Soccer Coaches Needed

We are looking for experienced individuals to lead practices for our new U4 to U12 soccer program. You will be working under the direction of the Soccer Program Coordinator to help players improve performance, strategize on player positions, and develop an on-field strategy. If you are passionate about coaching kids' soccer, visit www.acadiaca.com/soccer for more information and reach out to us to apply at 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 if you can help plan and organize one of these events, or if you have any questions on how you can help!

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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	$35	15 to 20lbs* of fruits and vegetables
Medium	$40	25 to 30lbs* of fruits and vegetables
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 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 acadiaca.com/goodfoodbox for more details.

Good Food Box Order Deadlines and Pick Up Dates For 2026

Order Deadline - Friday	Pick Up Date - Wednesday From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm or 4:00 to 6:00 pm
March 6	March 18
April 10	April 22
May 1	May 13
May 29	June 10
July 10	July 22
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September 25	October 7
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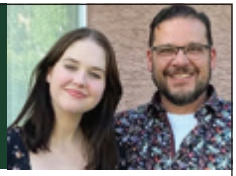
Support Victoria Fortuna and Her Family After a Tragic Highway Accident



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Join Me for My First Ward 11 Town Hall – March 5

I'm pleased to invite Ward 11 residents to my first Town Hall as your City Councillor on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Willow Ridge Community Association, 680 Acadia Dr SE.

This Town Hall will focus primarily on the upcoming Blanket Rezoning Public Hearing on March 23, along with broader updates on important City initiatives affecting Ward 11 and Calgary as a whole.

The Blanket Rezoning proposal is one of the most significant planning discussions currently before Council. I know many residents have questions, perspectives, and concerns about what this could mean for their neighbourhoods and for the future growth of our city. My goal on March 5 is to provide a clear overview of the proposal, explain the public hearing process, and outline what residents can expect in the weeks ahead. Most importantly, I want to hear from you.

This session will be an opportunity for open and respectful dialogue. Whether you strongly support the proposal, oppose it, or are still forming your opinion, I encourage you to come, learn more, and share your thoughts. Your feedback helps inform my work and ensures I am representing the diverse voices of Ward 11.

In addition to rezoning, I will provide updates on local projects, infrastructure, and other City matters that may impact our community. I am committed to maintaining open communication and creating accessible opportunities for residents to engage.

I look forward to meeting you, answering your questions, and having a thoughtful conversation about the issues that matter most to our community.

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Hello Neighbours,

As we look ahead to the warmer months, I want to take a moment to thank you for the continued engagement and care that define our community. Calgary-Acadia is shaped by people who stay connected to one another and who take the time to share what matters most to them. I'm grateful for the trust that makes those conversations possible.

The Legislature returned to session in February, and the issues residents continue to raise remain central to my work. Access to health care has come up often, particularly the strain facing emergency rooms and the difficulties many experience when timely care is hard to find. I have also heard from residents who are concerned about retirement security, specifically the Canada Pension Plan, and about what long-term stability should look like for themselves and their families.

These concerns speak to shared expectations about fairness, accountability, and the importance of decisions that are grounded in the realities facing communities across Alberta.

As spring approaches, Calgary-Acadia becomes busier, with schools, community spaces, and neighbourhood gatherings once again full of activity. I look forward to spending time throughout the constituency, continuing to listen and stay engaged with residents in the months ahead. Carrying those perspectives forward remains an important part of my work in the Legislature.

Thank you for your continued involvement and trust. It is an honour to represent Calgary-Acadia and to serve a community that remains thoughtful, engaged, and deeply committed to one another.

Cheers,

Diana

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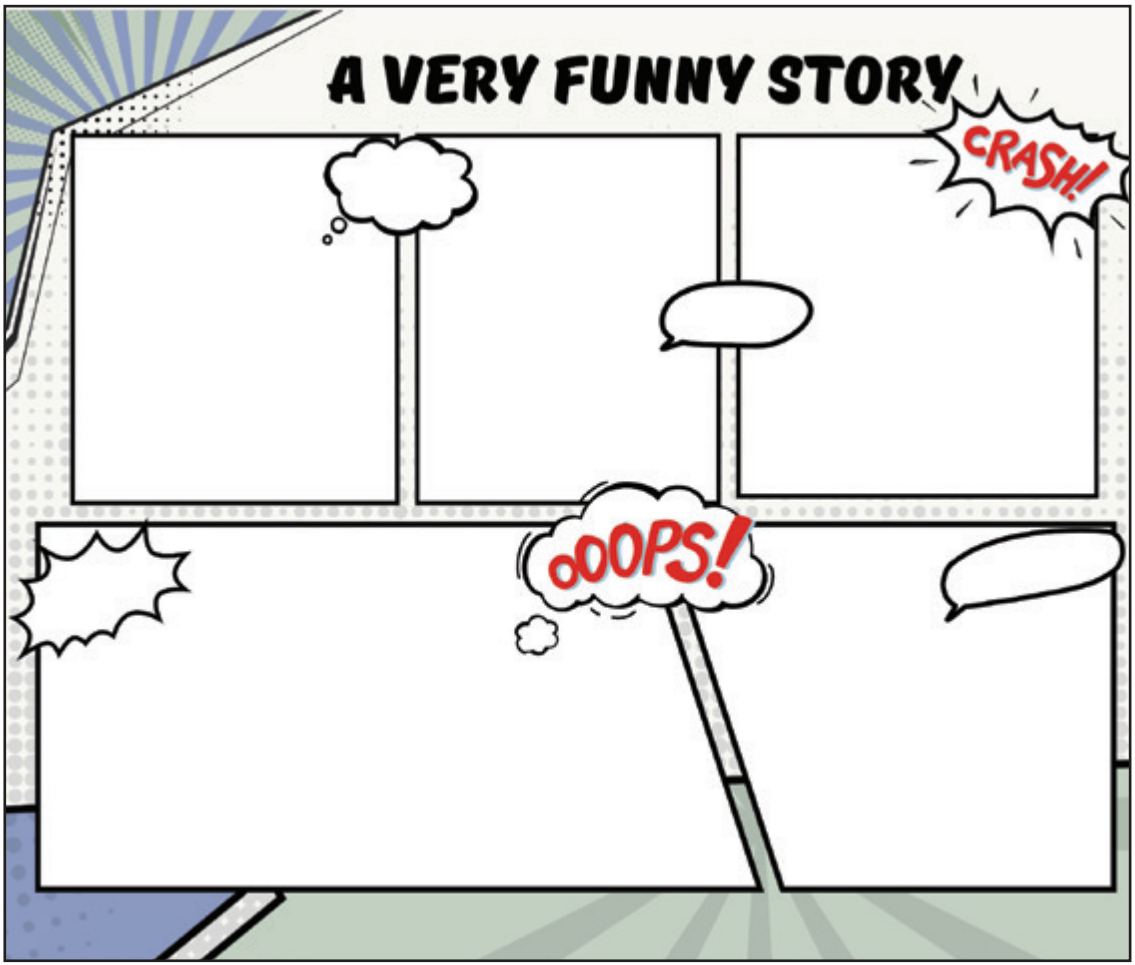

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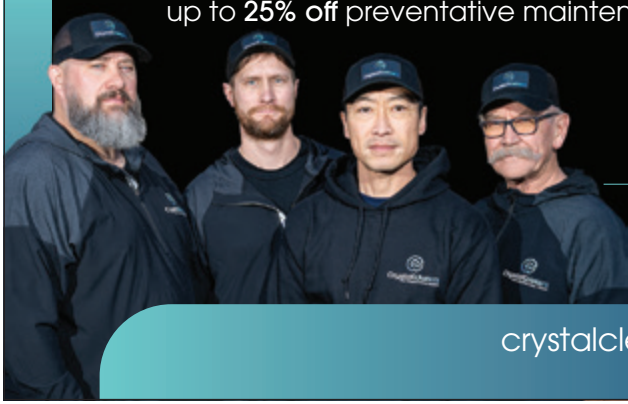

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