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ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COME MEET AND CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND ACA REPRESENTATIVES AT OUR

Social Nights

OCCURS EVERY SECOND MONTH

5:30PM - 7:30PM
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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happy New Year Acadians! Wishing you the best in the year ahead and that 2024 has many treasures and memories in store for you and your families! With this new year, you'll notice that we've updated our logo. Following engagement and consultation with the community, this logo was designed to reflect how Acadians connect with this community. Our logo reflects you and it is our hope that it represents a place that you are proud to call home.

Kids' Holiday Party Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all the families that came out to partake in our Kids' Holiday Party! It was so much fun to witness the magic of the season with all of you. A big thank you to Justyna Jakimowicz of Royal LePage Realty for helping us ensure Santa was able to make a visit with the kids! Also thank you to Seeds of Success Early Learning for providing and facilitating our craft activities!

A huge thank you to Carmia of Sweet P Photography for graciously providing her time toward the holiday mini sessions and donating a portion of proceeds to the ACA.

Of course, we couldn't have made this event possible without the wonderful volunteers who demonstrated tenacity in bringing it all together. Turning 350 individual snacks into fun Christmas characters is no small task! Thank you so much for bringing the magic to the holiday season!

Thank You Casino Volunteers!

Our biggest fundraising opportunity occurred on December 17 and 18, and we could not have done it without our amazing and selfless volunteers. We are so grateful for the help in filling up the required shifts and the funds raised will be crucial to support some much-needed projects at the ARC as well as support our ongoing efforts to provide advocacy and value to our community.

ACA Social Night – January 11

We will be having our first ACA Social Night of the year on January 11 in the ARC Social Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. As usual, join us for some snacks, refreshments, board games, and some good conversation with your neighbours and community representatives alike.

Winter Carnival – February 10

Get ready for one of our biggest events of the year – our annual Winter Carnival this February at the ARC. There will be tons of winter activities to enjoy with your admission. From winter games and prizes to horse drawn carriage rides, you won't want to miss this amusing event for the whole family. Like last year,

we will be reaching out to the community shortly for bake sale donations and cake donations for the cake dance raffle. For more information visit www.acadia.community/events or email events@acadiaca.com.

New Grassroots Soccer Program

Registration for our new U4 to U12 community soccer program opens up on February 8! Sign your kids up to make new friends, learn new skills and have lots of fun! We are still seeking more individuals to help coach the teams, so do not hesitate to reach out if this is something you are interested in. To find out more visit www.acadia.community/soccer.

We Need Your Help!

The ARC roof is due for replacement, and we are currently raising funds toward a summer construction project. This project is a significant financial undertaking, and as a non-profit organization, executing such a project is not possible without support from our community. If you can help out in any way, please visit www.acadia.community/donate to make a donation toward this much-needed project that will ensure longevity of the building and allow it to be a safe place for our users for years to come.

Volunteer with the ACA

We're always looking for people to join our team as the success of our events and our ability to deliver on community projects and initiatives are dependent on our volunteers. There are a variety of opportunities to get involved. We are currently in need of chairs for our membership committee and our community engagement committee. Check out the summary of volunteer roles on page 11. If you are available to help with any of these, please email us at volunteer@acadiaca.com.

New ACA Member Benefits

Did you know that your ACA membership provides you discounts to local Acadia retailers and amenities? As an ACA member you can now receive 10% off with Scholars of Willow Park on all tutoring fees and summer camp fees! If you haven't already done so, renew your membership or grab a new one at www.acadia.community/membership.

Also check out this website page for all the other membership benefits.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kudos!

I have to say I'm impressed with tenacity of some of our neighbours in Acadia. Recently a submission came forth for a cell tower installation in the green space of the ball diamonds across Blackfoot from the old trailer park (at this time of writing, I am not aware if it's still going through at that location or not).

Neighbours Patti, Bud, Kelton (and others) took it upon themselves to gather signatures in a petition, do research, send letters (so many letters) – all in an effort to have a say in something going on in their part of Acadia. These three (indeed all of the interested neighbours) deserve kudos for taking the time to ensure their voices were heard.

Too often these days we have all the 'reasons' not to take the time to try and engage the powers that be in dialogue (or debate) around issues impacting us where we live. Be the squeaky wheel folks, if you aren't getting the dialogue you were hoping for keep going. There is no guarantee that you'll get the chance to change an outcome (or even sometimes to talk to someone), but no one should be able to tell you they were unaware of your concern.

Thanks to all you Acadians that stick up for yourselves.

Keith

President



Rise & Dine Restaurant

What's Up at the ARC January 2024



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Bow View Ringette Association
Wolverines Hockey Club
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Acadia Curling Rink - 10 Sheets

Acadia Community Association

ACA Memberships

Memberships are available online at acadia.community/membership or in-person at the ARC.

Family: \$25 | Individual: \$15

Non-Acadia Residents: \$25

ACA Social Night

Thursday, January 11 | 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Come hang out with fellow Acadians and members of the board in the ARC Social Lounge. There will be refreshments, board games, and a good time to be had!

Facility Rentals

Rose Hall Banquet Room, 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 or 403-255-1252 ext. 222.

ARC Social Lounge

The ARC Lounge is no longer a Member's Only Lounge. We are open to the public so invite all your family and friends. We are also pleased to announce that the ARC Social Lounge is now offering a new Frankie's menu. Please ask any of our wonderful bartenders for ordering or pre-ordering procedures. See you there!

Courts

Pickleball

Come out and try pickleball! No experience necessary. You just need a minimum of 2 people to play and a maximum of 12 people. 2 courts, paddles and balls supplied. To book a court, please visit acadiarec.com/pickleball-courts.

Rental Rates: \$15 per hour for ACA members | \$22 per hour for non-members | \$7 per person per session, after rental rates.

Morning Drop-In: Monday to Thursday | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Squash/Racquetball Courts

Drop-In Prices: \$15 per hour for a court for ACA members | \$22 per hour for a court for non-members
Purchase punch cards (buy 4 hours, get an extra hour free) at our front desk during regular office hours.

Rental Rates: \$60 for ACA members | \$88 for non-members
All prices include GST. Call us at 403-255-1252 or book courts online at acadiarec.com.

Curling

The ARC is one of the largest curling pads in Calgary! We are proud to host 19 curling leagues. For any Funspiels or Corporate Bonspiels, or if you are interested in joining a curling league this winter, please contact Tannis at tannis@acadiarec.com or 403-255-1252.

Need some extra cash for Christmas? We are looking for curling coaches that would help with private lessons and Bonspiels.

Lake Bonavista Curling Club

Sundays, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

We are looking for curlers. For more details, please contact Doug Brown at 403-560-7094 or Tannis at Tannis@acadiarec.com or 403-255-1252, ext. 222.

Arena and Skate

Sticks and Pucks

Monday to Thursday | 12:00 to 1:00 pm

\$5 drop-in fee. Maximum of 20 participants. Must wear helmets with face shield and gloves.

Public Skate

Wednesdays | 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Free! All participants must wear helmets.

Parent and Tot Skate

Tuesdays and Fridays | 9:30 to 10:30 am

Free!

Other Happenings

Sports Card Show

Saturday, January 13 | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 14 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Childcare Provider Coming Soon!

Stay tuned for more details.

Keeping It Country Line Dance Club

Wednesdays | 5:45 to 9:00 pm

Contact Geraldine for more information on this dance program at 403-256-4150.

Blood Services

Saturday, January 27 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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*Check out our new website at
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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.*

**Effective August 1, 2023, prices have increased by \$5 per box*

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 Helen Tubrett directly at 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
January 12	January 24
February 2	February 14
March 1	March 13
April 5	April 17
April 26	May 8
May 24	June 5
June 14	June 26
August 16	August 28
September 13	September 25
October 11	October 23
November 8	November 20
November 29	December 11





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ASSOCIATION

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR TO JOIN OUR TEAM!

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Strategically develop and execute an overarching schedule of programming that will benefit a diverse group of participants and bring value to residents
- Oversee logistics of the committee's operations and work
- Support committee members with their roles as needed
- Proactively seek programming opportunities and connect with service providers
- Report to the ACA Board on the committee's work and recommendations

HELPFUL SKILLS:

- excellent organizational abilities & attention to detail
- exemplary written and interpersonal communication skills

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



The Acadia Community Association needs your support!

The Acadia Recreation Complex is a vibrant community hub and home to many local clubs, groups and programming.

We are calling on our community to help us raise funds to replace the ARC's original 1981 roof. Replacing the roof will be integral in ensuring we can continue to have a safe and operational space for everyone to gather.

Together we can do this!

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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. 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.

Winter Carnival – February 10

Our annual winter Carnival has been a big hit over the past years, and we need volunteers to make it a success once again. Reach out to us to help decorate the hall, run carnival games, serve food, and guide kids at the craft tables. There is no shortage of ways to participate so contact us today to inquire about what role would be most suitable for you!

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.acadia.community/soccer for more information and reach out to us to apply at volunteer@acadiaca.com.

ARC Roof Replacement

The Acadia Recreation Centre needs a new roof. We are looking for individuals to help bring expertise in fundraising to execute this project. Any contribution you can make towards this endeavour is welcome! Reach out to us volunteer@acadiaca.com.

Board Members and Committee Chairs

The ACA is looking for several people who are passionate and creative to join our board and spearhead committees. The areas of need are Community Engagement, Membership, Projects, and Events. If you are determined to bring about change in your community and would like to participate in the execution, reach out to us, we've got a spot for you!

The specific needs of our Events Committee is to have a chair for each event. Upcoming events that require a committee include the Winter Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt. The success of these events and our programming relies heavily on our amazing community volunteers. We hope you will consider joining us!



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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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ACADIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2024 EVENTS

WINTER CARNIVAL

Fun carnival games, s'mores around the fire, horse-drawn wagon rides.

Feb
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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.

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

BIKE PARADE

Decorate your bike with streamers & balloons & join the ride.

May
25

NEIGHBOUR DAY

Bringing Acadians 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 greenspaces!

Sept
6

FALL FESTIVAL

Food trucks, kids' business fair, glitter tattoos & fall themed activities. Local Acadian businesses on site to showcase their offerings.

Sept
28

SOUTHEAST BREWFEST

The most anticipated ACA event of the year! Local craft breweries serve up their offerings for you to taste

Oct
19

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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

Meet Your MLA



Nagwan Al-Guneid
MLA for Calgary-Glenmore

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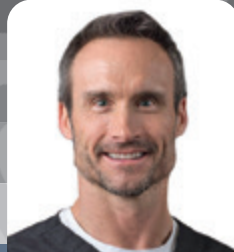
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