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We meet on a weekday evening, once a month. All DRCA members are welcome. To attend, email the Board secretary; our emails are on the website.

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Centre Hours (subject to change)

Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Key Staff

Centre Manager Rob Garnett 403-278-3117 Childcare Director Mercy Musakanya 403-271-3704

Newsletter

Your Deer Run Villager is published twelve times per year. The submission deadline is the first of each month for the following issue.

Please email your articles or community event listings as an attachment, in an MS Word file, to the DRCA Communications Director at commdirector@ deerruncalgary.com.

Community-related digital photos and art are welcome. Ensure recognizable people in images have given their permission. Send a caption and/or the names of people. The requirements are 250 KB for a smaller picture and 1 to 3 MB for a cover picture. JPEG format is preferred.

Our Mission

Facilitate a variety of fun programs and activities to encourage community involvement and volunteer opportunities.

Our Vision

Deer Run is a thriving community that provides opportunities to support our families and neighbours.

Board of Directors

We are always looking for enthusiastic and community orientated residents to join our board and volunteer committees. It's a great way to contribute to Deer Run. Visit the volunteer page on our website for details.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happy Holidays, Deer Run Residents!

As the year draws to a close, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyful and peaceful holiday season to all our residents. Thank you for being an integral part of our vibrant community!

A Big Thank You for Your Support

We are grateful to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on November 20. Your participation keeps our community strong and united.

A heartfelt congratulations to our 2023 Volunteer Award recipients:

- Jessica Krowder
- Arry Van Eck
- Jenn Goueres
- Wanda Kemp (posthumous recognition)

These incredible individuals have made a lasting impact through their dedication and hard work. We'll share more about their contributions in our January issue.

Upcoming Christmas Market

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Market on Saturday, December 21, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Santa Claus will visit between noon and 3:00 pm.

Delicious treats from food trucks will be available!

This nonprofit event relies on community support. If you can help with setup or takedown, we'd love to hear from you!

Setup: Friday, December 20, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Takedown: Saturday, December 21, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

To volunteer, please email info@deerruncalgary.com.

Winter Rink Volunteers Needed!

We're looking for enthusiastic Rink Ratz to help flood and maintain our hockey and pleasure skating rinks this winter. If you're interested in contributing to this beloved community tradition, please contact president@deerruncalgary.com.

Thank you for making Deer Run such a wonderful place to live. We wish you all a joyous holiday season and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Warm regards,

The Deer Run Community Association Board



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The very first Nobel Prize award ceremony took place on December 10, 1901. These were created due to Alfred Nobel's will and his interest in science, society, and culture, and are described as prizes given for "the greatest benefit to humankind."



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

On December 21, 2019, Mariah Carey officially 'defrosted' when her song "All I Want for Christmas Is You" finally topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the first time since its release in 1994. Talk about a Christmas miracle – 25 years in the making!





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Adult Volleyball

Adults, Monday to Friday evenings. Ashley: ashleymiller6@live.com

Jazzercise

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 am. Chris: vanreenenchris8@gmail.com

Country Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Line dancing is fun for everyone. No partner required. It's good exercise, lots of fun, and a great social outing. Email: gwen_ncld@outlook.com, gwen_newell@yahoo.ca

Svaroopa Yoga

Monday (with Alena) 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Wednesday (with Laurie) 9:30 to 11:00 am, Wednesday (with Heather) 7:15 to 8:45 pm, Thursday (with Laurie) 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Laurie Hislop: hislopl@shaw.ca, 403-585-9045 Alena: alenatul@hotmail.com, 403-605-8929 Heather: heatherwongken@yahoo.com, 403-862-1133

Yoga Fundamentals Drop-in with Shawna Wednesdays, 6:45 to 8:00 pm. \$10 per class. Great for beginners!

Calendar of Events

Christmas Market	Saturday, December 21, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Movie Night	January 18, Doors open 6:00 pm
Family Skate Party	February 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

It's Christmastime in Calgary

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

It's Christmastime in Calgary In foothills west a silent night The constellations fill the sky Forever sharing starry light

The whitetail deer in Nose Hill Park Prancing over city's glow Sweet homes of dancing candlelight Gentle as the falling snow

And high on top of every tree The stars and angels overlook For bleak and icy winter hearts The melting grace of warm chinook

It's Christmastime in Calgary Though heights of mountains cold in snow Our gifts stay warm beneath the trees Wrapped with love by River Bow



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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays	Sundays
Genbukan Daigo Dojo - 7:00 to 8:30 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening Jazzercise - 9:30 am Svaroopa Yoga with Alena - 7:00 to 8:30 pm	FLC Seniors Tai Chi - Morning Ki Aikido - 7:00 to 9:00 pm South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Beginners classes, 6:15 to 7:15 pm South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Advanced classes, 7:15 to 8:30 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening	Yoga Fundamentals Drop-in with Shawna - 6:45 to 8:00 pm. \$10 per class. Great for beginners! Svaroopa Yoga with Laurie - 9:30 to 11:00 am or with Heather, 7:15 to 8:45 pm Genbukan Daigo Dojo - 7:00 to 8:30 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening Jazzercise - 9:30 am Country Line Dancing - 1:30 to 2:30 pm	Svaroopa Yoga with Laurie - 6:30 to 8:00 pm FLC Seniors Tai Chi - Morning Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening	Ki Aikido - 7:00 to 9:00 pm South Calgary Wado Kai Karate – Advanced classes, 7:00 to 8:30 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening Jazzercise - 9:30 am	South Calgary Wado Kai Karate - Preschool class, 9:20 to 10:00 am, beginners' class, 10:00 to 11:00 am, and advanced classes, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening	Ki Aikido - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Adult Volleyball Adults - Evening

Word of the Month

Absquatulate: Verb (ab-skwoch-uh-leyt)

To run away or leave abruptly.

The sneaky cat managed to absquatulate any time the door was open.

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CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET DECEMBER 21, 2024

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DECEMBER 21, 2024 10 AM TO 4PM

At the Deer Run Community Centre

Join us for this fun event and get some of your Christmas shopping done! We will have food trucks available (weather dependent) - something savory and something sweet.

> And, of course, Santa will be there! 12pm to 3pm.

This is a non-profit event so VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for set up and take down: Dec. 20 - 5:30 to 7:30- setting up tables Dec. 21 - 4:30 to 5:30- taking down tables Interested? Contact Rob at info@deerruncalgary.com

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The Deer Run Community Association maintains two outdoor ice rinks, located behind the community centre. We are in need of volunteers to help fill our maintenance roster.

Volunteers

- Get to drive a John Deer tractor
 Work with a partner for a couple
- hours, usually in the evening
- Can volunteer one day a week or fill a spot where needed
- Are available from late November through February

To sign up contact our President, Kim Semeniuk at <u>kim@deerruncalgary.com</u>

Family Movie Night at the DRCA 2223 146 Ave SE

> **January 18, 2024** Doors Open: 6:00 PM Movie Starts: 6:30 PM

Entry is free. Volunteers will be running a CASH ONLY concession selling candy, hot-dogs, popcorn, and chips



THANK YOU!

This year's 14th Annual Deer Run Community Cleanup on September 21st, 2024 was another great success! I would like to thank all of the Volunteers, DRCA Community Board Members and all of their family and friends who came and helped out with their time and hard work to make this event possible!

I would also like to thank all of our sponsors, The City of Calgary, Northern Fortress Corp., Evraz Recycling, Shanked Computer Recycling, Goodwill Donations, Starbucks and Stephanie Kusie MP - Calgary Midnapore.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed and make this event possible! It is very satisfying to see all of the community, volunteers and sponsors coming together for a good cause which makes me proud to be a resident and Board Member of Deer Run. Once again, I thank everyone involved and I hope to see all of you again at next year's cleanup event!

Sincerely,

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Donovan Harris DRCA Director At Large





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Halloween Jellybean Dance: A Spooky Success

by Nicole B.

The community centre hosted our annual Halloween Jellybean Dance on October 27, and it was the most wonderful time of fear!



A Jellybean Dance is when we invite kids in Grades 3 to 6 to party like only they can. Entry costs \$3 per child.

Recently, a new team of volunteers took on the role of planning and organizing the dances, and their execution was perfect. We had a record-breaking 111 kids this year. Congrats to the new team!

The best costume contest was a screaming success. The kids who dressed up went all out: face paint, funky hair, and alarming accessories. We saw some super detailed costumes including a blow-up balloon costume, a marionette, and lots of scary ghouls! Our volunteers even got into the Halloween spirit, dressing as a mermaid, a fisherman, and Waldo himself. There have been costumes that stood out over the years, including a super awesome Freddy Kruger costume and a duo costume of an owl in a tree.

The costume contest wasn't the only chance to win prizes. There were also games including toilet paper toss, witch bowling, and our dance off. Volunteers wanted everyone to have a scary good time on the dance floor, so they hired a DJ to play all the right tunes. He was, of course, equipped with funky lights and a disco ball.

A few notes on future dances: when kids enter the dances they cannot leave and re-enter. There is a concession stand that sells hotdogs, candy, chips, pop, and chocolate bars. The concession stand is always cash-only and run by our volunteer team. We ask that parents pick up their kids at the end of the dance to make sure everyone arrives home safe.

To keep up with our upcoming dances visit the DRCA website and go to our events calendar at deerruncalgary. com/events.



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Building a Brighter Alberta: Progress Update for 2024

As we close out 2024, the Government of Alberta is making strong strides to improve affordability, strengthen essential services, enhance community safety, and protect the rights of Albertans. Here's a look at some key achievements from this year.

Affordable Housing and Education Expansion

Alberta is on track for a record year in housing, with nearly 30,000 new homes under construction from January through August—an impressive 44% increase over 2023. In education, the School Construction Accelerator Program (SCAP) is investing \$8.6 billion to create 200,000 new student spaces across the province, preparing for Alberta's growing K to 12 student population.

Healthcare Improvements

To better recruit and retain healthcare professionals, Alberta has introduced a competitive compensation package for resident physicians. As a result, the province had over 12,000 registered doctors by the end of September, a gain of more than 500 compared to last year.

Protecting Alberta's Energy Sector

In defense of Alberta's jobs and energy future, the government has launched a national "Scrap the Cap" campaign to raise awareness of the potential impacts of Ottawa's proposed cap on energy production. This campaign encourages Canadians to speak out against this plan and support Alberta's position.

Looking Ahead

The Alberta Government remains committed to building a strong, prosperous future for all residents. By focusing on affordability, essential services, and defending Alberta's energy sector, we're laying the groundwork for a thriving province for generations to come.

As the year wraps up, and we enter into the holiday season, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a bright New Year filled with joy, health, and happiness! May this spiritual season bring warmth to your heart and peace to your home.

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to reach out to my office anytime at Calgary.FishCreek @assembly.ab.ca.

Five Tips for Staying Seen in the Dark

by Nicole B.

Here are some tips and tricks to continue your outdoor activities outside while keeping yourself and others safe.

Tip 1: Wear Reflective Gear

When walking outside or crossing the street it's important you make yourself seen to motorists and others sharing space with you. Use reflective gear so others can see you. This could include reflective tape on the coat, a construction vest that has neon colours, or even wearing coats made of reflective fabric.

Tip 2: Use Lights on Your Bike

Just because its winter doesn't mean you have to stop cycling! Nighttime cycling can be especially dangerous, however. Make sure you put lights around the front and back of your bike so drivers can make space for you on the road. If you're feeling fancy, LED wheel lights can be installed to light up pathways with bright colours, all the while making you as visible to others as a Christmas tree.

Tip 3: Wear a Headlight

Whether you're walking or going for a run -- get a headlight! It'll not only help you see; the headlight will help motorists and others see you are there, present, and moving. It also comes in handy when walking dogs, making it easier to clean up after them.

Tip 4: Light Up Your Dog

Keeping our furry friends safe is important, especially when it's dark. Dogs and other pets are out of view when drivers approach, making it especially hard to see them. Get a glow in the dark collar. They flash different colours to let drivers know a pet is near the road using the crosswalks. Or save a few bucks and hang glow sticks on your dog's collar. Both give your furry friend an illuminating glow!

Tip 5: Walk on Designated Crosswalks and Sidewalks

Most importantly, use crosswalks and avoid jaywalking. Drivers know to keep an eye out for pedestrians in designated crosswalks but can be caught off guard by people crossing in unmarked areas. Avoid surprising drivers to give them enough time to stop.

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