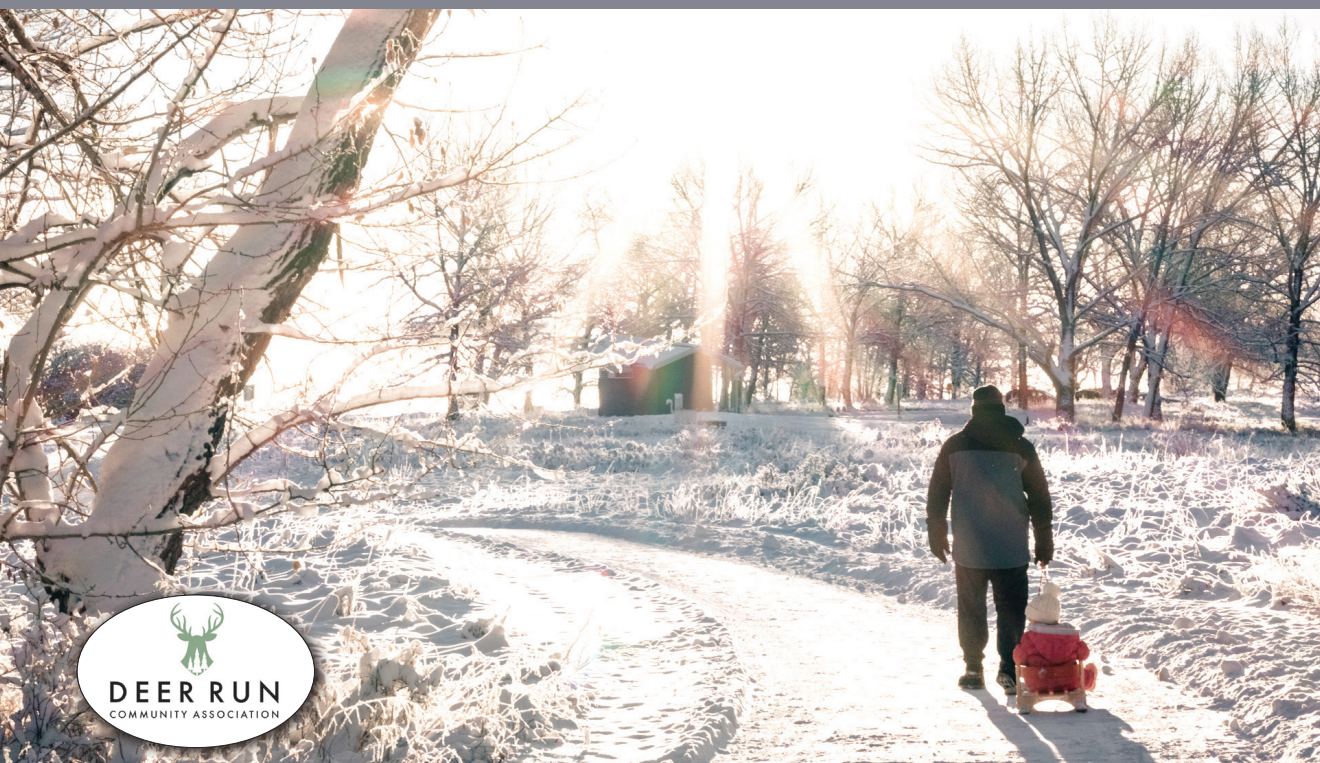


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## Centre Hours (subject to change)

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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](mailto: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.



It was nice to have a few weeks off. Things have slowed down at the centre and things are getting finalized. As our kitchen renovations come to a close, and new projects like our plans for the daycare space are soon to come, it's time to get our ducts in a row. The Deer Run Community Association's (DRCA) next maintenance plan is its air duct cleaning. Renovations can make the air ducts dirty, resulting in poorer air quality. The DRCA prioritizes the safety and health of its community members so making sure that all the air ducts in the building are cleaned and well-maintained for everyone who comes and visits us is a top priority for the DRCA.

Starting the new year off right; the DRCA has received some drawing plans from an engineer to kick-start the next renovation project! The next project is focused on the daycare and optimizing the experience of our patrons. The changes include little toilets and sinks offered for our smaller and shorter patrons (daycare kids), and a refresh of the changing tables. This also includes a new napping area once the DRCA adds space to expand our current total care classes and rooms! Once the renovations finish, the DRCA plans to put it out to tender to ensure the work is done at the most competitive price. All the renovations are planned to finish in the September 2024 school year, just in time for the little ones to enjoy the new accommodations in their space.

Last summer the DRCA had great success regarding the Canada Summer Jobs Programs (CSJP). The Canada Summer Jobs program provides wage subsidies to employers from not-for-profit organizations. This provides the DRCA with the ability to create quality, full-time summer work experience for people between the ages of 15 and 30 years old. This year the DRCA has applied for two roles. The first role is in the Childcare department. This position provides work experience in planning, organization, and developing interpersonal relationships with kids and parents. The CSJP also helps open more spots at the DRCA Childcare Summer Day Camp program, allowing for more children to attend. The second role is for community-related activities. These programs help give opportunities to local youth within our community to gain experience in the childcare, community work, and not-for-profit sectors. Even after CSJP participants finish their funding period they often remain employed at the DRCA as they continue with their education or with their career-specific experience.

Our newsletter team is coming along – we have a writer and a representative to get the latest scoop from the board, and someone who will edit the content each month. We also have an awesome Facebook crew, and some volunteer web editors.

Did you see the awesome cover picture? That is another volunteer who lives here! We got someone who is following her passion to take pictures. Her name is Carmia Neilson Trumble. She also took the beautiful picture we are using here for the board message. So blessed that someone passed her Facebook question to the centre.

We are looking for a few Instagram addicts to join the team to promote the DRCA and our awesome community goings-on. Love Canva? One or two "image" articles per month need to get created if you have the skills (or want to learn). If you are interested, please send an email to [newsletter@deerruncalgary.com](mailto:newsletter@deerruncalgary.com). Yes? Once a week? Here and there? Join us.



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## Calendar of Events

Skate Party	Saturday, February 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Jellybean Dance (Grades 3 to 6)	Saturday, February 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Movie Night	Saturday, March 9. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Movie at 6:30 pm
Fun Money Casino	Saturday, March 16 (Volunteers and corporate donations needed)
Family Easter Party (kids up to 10 years)	Sunday, March 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Jellybean Dance (Grades 3 to 6)	Saturday, April 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Litter Cleanup	Saturday, April 29
Movie Night	Saturday, May 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



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Globally, we ranked second in reading, second in science, and seventh in math, within statistical deviation. We should all be extremely proud of Alberta's success in these assessments, especially the success of the 1,300 students that participated, for their hard work and dedication to learning. Thank you to the teachers, staff, and parents for their continued work to support Alberta's world-class education system.

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# Our Neighborhood Rink Rat: What I Can Tell You About Icemaking

As Told to Todd Andre

Our intrepid sports director and rink rat volunteer, Ken Werbicki sat down with us to lay out the fundamentals of freezing a rink. When he started, the Deer Run rink was maintained with no more than a few sputtering sweepers and snowblowers.

A tractor was purchased about nine years ago, helping the process immensely. The community centre board is planning on future upgrades which could include an asphalt surface, a new storage garage, and perhaps even a Zamboni to replace the “DIY Zamboni” we currently use. More on that below. We wanted to know though; how do you make nice ice?

“At one time we just flooded the grass. We kept flooding and flooding, which did not always freeze but seeped into the surface of the grass. Those were the days when water was cheaper, and they didn’t charge you double for sewage.”

“Now, we usually wait for the snow and pack it down with the tractor, get that base, and start flooding from there. Packing it down eliminates the mud and the seepage. Then we start cold flooding with the two-inch fire hoses – depending on the weather.”

“The base is the hardest part to get and that’s the key. It takes a lot of water and a lot of flooding every night. It takes a week of flooding to get a good base. That’s two people working two to three hours every night, depending on if they’re flooding one rink or two.”

“As that builds up, we move to a lighter flood, where we just spray it lightly, so we don’t get a lot of big puddles and ice holes. Once we get that up, we can use the sweeper if there’s a dusting of snow. We sweep that off and do some light sprays.”

“Then we move to our DIY hot flood. We put hot water in the tank and it’s sort of like a Zamboni, but a little more archaic [laughs]. It’s a plastic fifty-gallon barrel with a tap and [the tractor] dragging some burlap behind. By the time you stop, get off, and pull the burlap up, it’s frozen [to the ice]. That’s why you have two people; [one drives] and the second guy has to chase him down when he’s just about out of water. And they have to make sure the burlap doesn’t freeze to the ice.”

“Once we get the ice surface to smooth out, it’s a matter of maintenance, sweeping, and more hot floods. It’s not complicated, but it’s labour-intensive. Especially when you consider the freezing temperatures while working with water. You have to watch your hands for frostbite and dress [for the] the conditions.”

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Ken Werbicki brushes the snow off the Deer Run Community Association outdoor rink.

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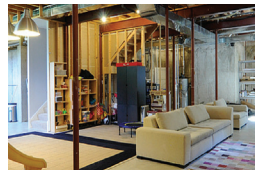
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