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Celebrate the Season at Chinook Blast, Calgary's Winter Festival

by The City of Calgary

Chinook Blast is back for its fifth year, running from January 31 to February 17, 2025. This beloved winter celebration is a must-attend tradition, drawing Calgarians and visitors alike to discover Calgary and its downtown in a whole new way.

This year's festival will once again showcase the city's creativity and community spirit with a spectacular lineup of events and experiences for all ages. From live music performances to thrilling outdoor sports, captivating art installations and unique cultural experiences, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're exploring downtown, discovering local artists, or simply embracing the winter magic with friends and family, Chinook Blast is a perfect way to warm up Calgary's coldest season!

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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.



South Calgary Wado Kai Karate

Tuesdays, beginners' classes, 6:15 to 7:15 pm and advanced 7:15 to 8:30 pm.

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

Country Line Dancing

Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

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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.

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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

ChargeYYC: Helping Calgarians Install EV Chargers in Multi-Residential Buildings

by The City of Calgary



The City of Calgary opened ChargeYYC for applications on January 28! This pilot program is designed to support residents living in apartments, townhouses, rowhouses, and other multi-residential buildings to install electric vehicle (EV) chargers. This initiative is part of The City's commitment to prepare for the future of low carbon mobility.

Building owners and property managers can apply into Phase One of the program for financial incentives of up to \$4,000 to develop a plan to install EV chargers in their buildings. ChargeYYC aims to simplify the process and reduce the costs associated with EV charger installations, making it easier for more Calgarians to own electric vehicles.

Motor vehicles are a major contributor to Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions, making programs like ChargeYYC essential for achieving the city's climate goals. The first phase of the program focuses on planning, with future phases offering additional financial incentives for installation.

For more details and to apply, visit calgary.ca/chargeyyc.

Calendar of Events

Family Skate Party February 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Fun Money Casino March 18



Happy February Future Volunteers,

This month, the board would like to use this space to recognize our 2024 Volunteer Award Winners, announced at the November board meeting last year.

Each volunteer has made invaluable contributions to our community over the last few years, so we wanted to shout out their efforts to show our appreciation.

We look forward to the day we can thank you for your future volunteer contributions to the community. Contact info@deerruncalgary.ca if you're looking to help us out with the community rink, event planning, project management, newsletter content and editing, or social media.

The following passages were read out at the AGM on November 20, 2024:

In 2019, Jessica Crowder wrote about how she got involved in establishing a seniors' social club at the Deer Run Community Centre. Since 2013, the group has grown from 15 to 24 seniors.

"I cannot honestly believe it has been going on this long," she says, "But it just keeps growing."

In Jessica's own words, this is how the group got started (excerpt reprinted):

"In 2011, my family moved in next door to a wonderful senior couple, Dave and Jean. They quickly became like family, acting as an extra set of grandparents to my children. In 2016, Jean passed away, and it was a very difficult time for us all, especially Dave, who did not have a large, supportive family circle.

Given that there weren't many resources available for seniors in our neighbourhood, Dave and I approached the manager of a local community centre (Rob Garnett at the DRCA) and asked if we could start a community seniors' group. [Rob] was receptive and offered us a weekly time slot and a room at the community centre free of charge.

Like Dave, all members are seeking connection. I volunteer as the group's administrator, sending out weekly emails [about] board games, concerts, walks in the park, and lunch in the pub."

She also volunteers at her children's school and has acted as the secretary for the parent council for the last three years. Board Secretary Etienne Bley wrote about contributions from Jen Goeres, a long serving member of the communications team.

"Jen was briefly on our board in 2017, and she came with a fresh take on things. She has since been steadily involved as a volunteer in the background on the Communications Team ensuring our Facebook never sleeps. Facebook has a certain algorithm, and she understands it very well, and as a result, when the centre posts an important announcement or calendar date – it gets noticed by our subscribers. We cannot thank her enough for the years and hours she has put into ensuring Deer Run is in the digital map in the hands of our residents. She is a servant and [is] always willing to help promote items even when they arrive in her hands at the last minute."

We strive to do better but we wanted to say thank you and no you are not forgotten even if you're not often seen. Your presence is felt by hundreds if not thousands of viewers every month.

Third, Arry Van Eyck has been the most devoted and reliable member of our Rink Rats maintenance team for the past number of years. Lead Rat Ken Werbicki, our former Sports Director and current Director at Large, had some kind words for him:

"Arry usually works between his shifts which start early in the morning. When I say early, I mean I'll see a tractor out on the rink doing circles while I'm getting my first coffee at 6:00 or 7:00 in the morning. He's also taken over cutting and trimming the grass in the summers. He's always available. In the five years I've known him, he's looked after the equipment and even donated his own equipment. I tried to get him to come out tonight, but he is a quiet person, and I don't think he likes the limelight."

Finally, Etienne recognized the work of one of our longestserving board members.

"The DRCA has lost a valued and much-loved member of our community with the passing of Wanda Kemp. Wanda was a member of the Deer Run Community Association Board for over 25 years and Block Watch before that. She organized the Annual Fall Community Cleanup for eleven years.

As Ways and Means Director for many years, Wanda worked hard at getting grants from all levels of government

and from businesses to help maintain and improve our community centre and its programs. She volunteered at almost every DRCA event (usually with her husband Eldon at her side) including casinos, Stampede Breakfasts, skate parties, and of course, the community cleanup. Wanda loved this community and was proud of the work she did for us, her kindness, advice, and commitment to DRCA will be missed."

We will be donating her volunteer appreciation to the Canadian Orthopedic Foundation (Hip Replacement), the Alberta Cancer Foundation, and the Calgary Humane Association.

Her best friend of 43 years and devoted husband Eldon Kemp could not be here to receive it but will accept it on her behalf and has replied with his words.

"Hello Board Members: I just heard this afternoon that in your meeting tonight you intend on honouring Wanda's contribution to the community of Deer Run throughout the many years. She selflessly and happily donated her time and efforts to making Deer Run a thriving and wonderful place [to] live. I am sorry I cannot attend. Thank you for thinking of her."

Her obituary can be found at https://mhfh.com/tribute/details/38767/Wanda-Kemp/obituary.html#content-start.



Community Food Bank Dates

February 2, 2025 Doors open at 11:00 AM Distribution starts at 12:00 PM

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Being a "Rink Rat" is a great way to give back to the community. The rinks provide an affordable, accessible and familyfriendly winter activity. Help share the rink experience with others!



Be Cool!

Join the Deer Run Rink Ratz

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

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- Work with a partner for a couple hours, usually in the evening
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To sign up contact our President, Kim Semeniuk at kimādeerruncalgaru.com









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Protect Your Household Water Lines and Meter from Freezing

by The City of Calgary



Every winter, some Calgarians will experience frozen water pipes, service lines, and water meters, resulting in a water outage. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth, and configuration of water pipes and a history of freezing.

Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.

Together Let's Send Winter Down the Drain

by The City of Calgary

In Calgary, a Chinook can sometimes turn inches of snow into puddles within hours. If storm drains are clogged with snow and ice it can lead to large puddles on our streets.

How You Can Help

We maintain more than 60,000 storm drains across Calgary, but a sudden melt can make it difficult to attend to all of them within a short period of time. This is why we ask Calgarians for their help.

- Check the storm drain near your home to clear debris (e.g. leaves, sticks) or remove ice and snow.
- If there's a buildup of snow or ice and it's safe to do so, create a channel to help water flow towards the drain.

If the storm drains in your area are covered with snow and difficult to find, visit calgary.ca/stormdrains and use our map to find the location.

We're Here to Help If Your Storm Drain Is Frozen

If water is pooling on your street and you suspect the storm drain is frozen, contact 3-1-1. We have specialized boiler equipment that pushes out steam to get the storm drain thawed and running again.

- Submit a "Storm Drain/Catch Basin Concern" through the 3-1-1 web or mobile app.
- Take a photo and attach it to your request. This goes a long way in helping us respond on a priority basis.

Our crews respond to requests attending first to areas impacting public safety and where excess water may cause property damage.



Stay Safe, Stay Off Storm Ponds

by The City of Calgary

This winter season, be safe while enjoying the outdoors and stay off storm ponds. Any recreational activity including skating, sledding, or even walking across a storm pond is not allowed under the Stormwater Bylaw because it's simply not safe.

With more than 300 storm ponds across the city, they might look like natural ponds, but they don't function the same and the ice is less predictable.

Unlike a normal pond, storm ponds are designed to collect runoff to protect communities from overland flooding and clean water before returning it to the river. The water in storm ponds contain road salt and other contaminants that eat away at the ice. Beneath the ice surface, water is constantly flowing, and levels are changing as water moves between inlet and outlet pipes. This weakens the ice and creates unstable air gaps and vary the ice thickness.

Looking to safely skate? Skaters of all levels can use one of the over 65 volunteer maintained Adopt-a-rinks in communities across Calgary or a City of Calgary natural ice rink. Rinks maintained by The City are among the safest places to skate because they are checked daily for ice thickness and quality, and surfaces are flooded as needed to make sure they're safe for skating. To find safe outdoor skating rinks near you visit calgary.ca/rinks.



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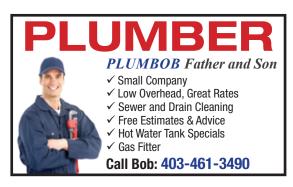
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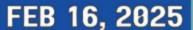
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As I get ready to head back to the Legislature, I want to make sure your voices are heard and guide the work I do for you as your MLA. To that end, I am excited to announce my next town hall meeting, taking place on Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm, in the community of Parkland at their community hall, located at 505

This is a valuable opportunity for the constituents of Calgary-Fish Creek to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Your input helps me better represent our community in Edmonton. I encourage everyone to attend and participate in this important conversation. Together, we can make a difference.

Improving Alberta's Highways

Highways are essential for connecting communities, driving economic growth, and accessing services. Alberta's government invested \$818 million in over 200 highway projects during the 2024 construction season, improving safety and efficiency while supporting community and industry growth.

Projects included repaving, bridge repairs, pothole maintenance, and guardrail installation. In Calgary, key improvements were made to Deerfoot Trail, including the Beddington Trail–11 Street connection, Bow Bottom Trail, and Glenmore Trail. Work on McKnight Boulevard and 16 Avenue interchange improvements is ongoing, with \$800 million invested in Deerfoot Trail projects, expected to finish by 2027.

Rewiring Alberta's Electricity Market

Alberta's government is modernizing the province's electricity system to put Albertans first, restoring the balance between affordability, reliability, and sustainability. To achieve this, Alberta's government continues to work with its partners on power market reforms. Alberta's transmission policies are also being updated to improve reliability, increase efficiency, protect ratepayers, and align Alberta with other jurisdictions. Alberta's government is committed to the province's unique competitive electricity market, which provides consumers with choice and makes the province a premier destination for investors.

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