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## McKenzie Lake Preschool

Register online at [mckenzielakecommunity.com](http://mckenzielakecommunity.com)

All Classes have a \$50 non-refundable registration fee that you pay online by credit when registering.

For children, ages three and four, this is a time of wonder, questions and curiosity as well as cognitive, social, emotional, physical learning and development. McKenzie Lake Preschool creates a safe, fun, caring and positive environment that enables the child to have a positive early educational experience.

### 3-Year-Old Program

\$160 per month lowered to \$85 due to Affordability Grant.  
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## LETTER FROM THE OFFICE

Hello McKenzie Lake Residents!

Next month is September, the beginning of autumn! This month has warmth, depth, colour, and glows like amber.

We also welcome back McKenzie Scouts 210, Kyokushin Karate, the Navy League of Canada, Little Kickers, McKenzie United Soccer Club, and Summit Church.

**McKenzie Frenzie!** On September 9, for the whole family – complete with food, a petting zoo, face painting, and carnival activities! Once again, we will host a beer garden (inside the rink) with live entertainment. Come one, come all!

**Preschool:** September will be a busy month with everything starting up again! Preschool fosters curiosity, promotes skills, a sense of competence, social and emotional development, and it is fun! Welcome to all the new Preschool children who will be attending, as well as those who are returning for another great year!

**After School Programs:** These allow children to connect in a new setting and offer a break from usual cliques. Because of the varied activities that are planned, it is a fun and meaningful way to be with others in areas they enjoy. These programs promote cooperation, support, and respect:

**BAS Grades 1 to 5:** Our program (currently full) is fun and informative, with a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors!

**Kindy BAS:** We are all excited to be offering this new program (currently full) and are looking forward to meeting the children. Miss Daniella is the director of this program.

**Pickleball:** The drop-in fee is \$5 and takes place from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. We supply all the equipment, just come out and play! Please try to bring the exact amount if paying in cash. Start date is September 11.

**McKenzie Tots** will continue on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the gymnasium (\$5 drop-in fee per family). Come out and join other parents and children for visiting, coffee/tea, and play. We supply toys and a bouncy house! If paying in cash, please try to bring the exact amount. Start date is September 7.

**Community Family Memberships** are available for families that live in and outside of McKenzie Lake. For \$25 (plus GST) you will not only be supporting the

community, but you will also receive discounts on rentals and some programs. Purchase your family's membership today on our website! Memberships are valid from August 1 to July 31.

The office will be closed September 2.

*Laureen Husband*

Facility Administrator

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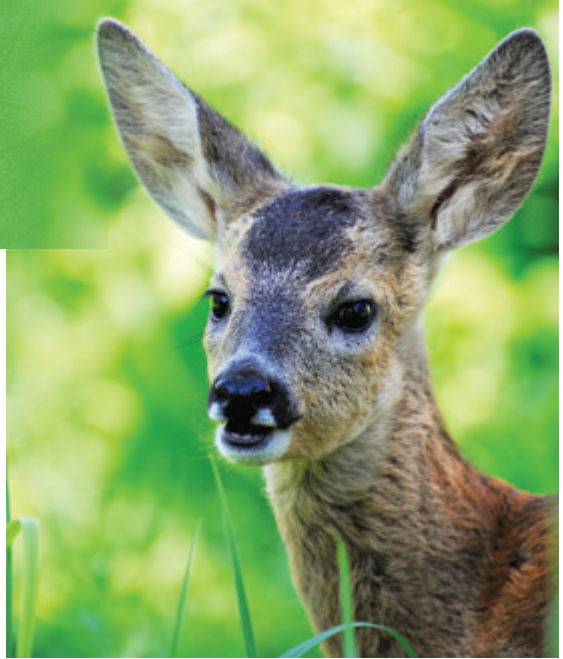
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# FRIENDS *of* Fish Creek



## August in Fish Creek

### Support Outdoor Education in Fish Creek and Your Donation Will Be Matched Up to 50 %

The Friends of Fish Creek are honoured that our Learning Naturally program has once again been chosen as one of over 270 local charities to participate in the Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink program! Birdies for Kids, now in its eighth year, has a profound benefit for charitable organizations that support children's programming. This essential fundraiser runs until August 31 in conjunction with the Shaw Charity Classic Golf Tournament.

Through Learning Naturally, close to 3000 students between grades K to 6 from economically disadvantaged Calgary schools are provided a field trip to Fish Creek Provincial Park. Many of these students are new to Canada, and this unforgettable experience acts as not only their first visit to Fish Creek, but also their first real visit to a natural setting in this country. The lessons imparted on these students during their Learning Naturally field trip help to support a lifelong concern for conservation and environmental stewardship.

This essential program does not receive regular funding and its continuation is in jeopardy. It costs only \$10 to support one Learning Naturally field trip for one student, and through Birdies for Kids, your donation will be matched up to 50%! Please consider making a donation to Learning Naturally through Birdies for Kids and speak to your employer or co-workers about this amazing opportunity to support outdoor education in Fish Creek.

We would like to thank the Greenfield Foundation once again for supporting Learning Naturally this year with a very generous donation. Thank you to the Shaw Charity Classic Foundation, the Patron Group, Shaw Communications, Suncor, and Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink for hosting this amazing program: <https://shawcharityclassic.com/charity/participating-charities/friends-of-fish-creek>.

### Tru Earth - New Partnership with the Friends of Fish Creek

Tru Earth is a Canadian company that focuses on creating eco-friendly household goods. Tru Earth's products are designed to function the same - or better - than traditional products, but without all the plastic and other chemicals that are harmful for the planet. Order your Tru Earth household products today and the Friends of Fish Creek will earn at

least 20% of every sale made through this exciting ongoing fundraiser. Check out Tru Earth and make a purchase to support the Friends of Fish Creek today. Visit the Friends' Tru Earth page at <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/FriendsOffFishCreek>.

### Volunteers Needed in Fish Creek Provincial Park

Branch out and explore all the exciting chances to give back to Fish Creek Provincial Park through direct intervention in its wellbeing! The Friends of Fish Creek needs volunteers to help this summer with a variety of stewardship activities. Programs like invasive species control, poplar planting, tree wrapping, and nursery tending require the dedication of an amazing team. There is always a chance to be out in the field during the summer months and opportunities are available for people of every ability and availability. If you only have one day to volunteer, we offer many opportunities that require your presence for only a few hours, such as riparian restoration, invasive species control, tree wrapping, poplar planting, and willow staking. Planting trees is the activity most people probably have in mind when it comes to restoration. We provide the trees and supplies so that our volunteers can work to add trees to the aging poplar forests in the park. This summer, we are focusing on the beautiful Hull's Wood area. Newly planted trees ensure that in the years to come, wildlife habitat is maintained as older trees die off. Watering trees and other vegetation is one of the most important jobs that one can take on in the park, as the summers in Calgary are hot and dry. To help with poplar planting, restoration, or other programs, please sign up as a volunteer online at <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteering-basics>.



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March	23	19	17	\$554,500	\$565,000
February	23	14	11	\$599,900	\$608,000
January	23	9	9	\$559,900	\$585,000
December	22	6	8	\$498,950	\$481,000
November	22	5	14	\$436,900	\$436,375
October	22	12	9	\$569,000	\$569,000
September	22	17	10	\$562,450	\$551,000
August	22	11	14	\$502,000	\$499,250
July	22	18	19	\$649,900	\$642,500

To view more detailed information that comprise the above  
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The McKenzie Lake Residents Association is a non-profit organization geared towards providing a wide array of recreational services, programs and facilities for our members and their guests. We serve 3,200 residents and over 11,000 members and their families. In addition to the lake, members have access to tennis courts, basketball courts, a beach volleyball area, a toboggan hill and other recreational activities.

McKenzie Lake is a 43 acre lake combined with an 18 acre park for a total of 61 acres. The Association provides its members with access to equipment such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats. to ensure a safe and fun environment, we provide life jackets for boating purposes. The lake is stocked with rainbow trout in May, June and September of each year. In the winter time the Association provides a variety of skating surfaces including illuminated hockey rinks, an ice skating pad with a fire pit, and a 2.5 kilometre skating path around the lake. Skating areas are machine groomed with our own zamboni.

The Beach Club facility also has a function hall available to rent exclusively for the members.

The activities of the Association are determined and governed by an elected board of Directors comprising at least three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) members, that is, residents of the McKenzie Lake Residents Association. the Board of Directors have hired a General Manager who has been assigned responsibility for managing the day-to-day operations of the Association including the operations at the lake complex.

*Board of Directors, McKenzie Lake Residents Association*

## Cats, Canines, & Critters of Calgary



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### Facility Status

Please visit our website at [www.mlra.ca](http://www.mlra.ca) for all information regarding the park status. Changes can come into effect at any time so please visit the website prior to coming to the facility.

### Grants from the Alberta Government

On behalf of the members of the McKenzie Lake Residents Association, the Board of Directors extends a big thank you to the Alberta Government for their generous donations through the Alberta Lottery Fund to help fund renovations completed to the interior and exterior of the buildings over the last couple years. Thank you, Alberta!

The most recent grant we received was to help fund a large project that will completely change the park. The concrete pad and surrounding area have been upgraded substantially and now include a basketball/bounce court, a deck with a trellis feature and fire pit, new seating areas, upgraded paving stone pathways, artistic letters for play, new trees and shrubs, and an ice trail that will be a skating loop in the winter. We hope you enjoy!

### Annual Membership Fees

Fees for the 2023/24 season were invoiced this past March and were due May 1. Normally fees are due April 1, but we extended the date to May 1 this year due to notices going out later than usual. If you haven't already done so, please pay your fees as soon as possible. We are now denying access to members with outstanding fees. You can access your invoice via PerfectMind, which is a web-based system we are currently using for our member database. You should have already received a few emails from us with instructions on how to access your account. If you are having troubles accessing your account, please email the office at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca).

Important: Membership fees are mandatory, not optional. Membership fee charges are secured by an encumbrance which is registered on the title to your property. If you are not sure whether you must pay the fee, please review the most updated version of your certificate of title and determine if there is an encumbrance registered by McKenzie Lake Residents Association. If there is an encumbrance on the title,

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### MLRA Boundaries

We understand there are homes in McKenzie Lake that receive this news publication but are not entitled to MLRA membership. These areas include – Mt Allan, Mt Douglas, Mt Apex, Mt Aberdeen, and some homes on Mt McKenzie Drive. We do apologize but these areas are not entitled to MLRA membership. The Association boundary lines are determined by the registered Articles of Association, which is a document that specifies the regulations for a company's operation. The MLRA Board cannot arbitrarily alter the boundary line.

### Programs

We offer affordable youth and adult programs all year round and we have a summer lineup coming up! Visit our website at [www.mlra.ca](http://www.mlra.ca) for a full list of programs. You can also contact [programs@mlra.ca](mailto:programs@mlra.ca) with any questions or concerns. Programs fill up quickly so register today!

### Beach Club Rentals

The Beach Club is open and available to our members for rent. Contact the office today for additional information at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca). Bookings must be made with the main office.

### Volunteer Committee

We are currently recruiting members to fill positions on our volunteer committee. Volunteers will primarily be responsible to help with special events. Our goal is to offer more fun activities and special events throughout the year, and we need volunteers to make it happen! The Committee will be responsible for all fundraising and organizing of the events. If you would like to see more events and activities offered and are willing to donate your time, then please contact us today at [office@mlra.ca](mailto:office@mlra.ca).

### Up to Date Information

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# Fall Programs



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Hey Ward 14!

August can be a little slow around City Hall. The usual committee meetings are on hiatus for the month. The weather will hopefully be warm, and you will hopefully be enjoying it.

Busy or not, there is never a bad time to talk about maps (at least in my opinion). In the online version of my August newsletter, I will tell you about a map that shows you where to find parks in Calgary. I will also talk about how to handle the toxic weed called black henbane, some important phone numbers to have handy, adopting pets, and cover some tips about home ownership.

The City's website can be a bit much to navigate at times. It is a refrain I have heard many times, and it is true. But as with a few of the topics I have already alluded to, it can be full of helpful information. So, I am starting a new monthly addition to my column where I will outline a specific part of the City of Calgary website that has information you can use. You can read the first installment in my online column in August.

Feel free to contact me any time, and don't forget to visit [calgary.ca/ward14newsletter](http://calgary.ca/ward14newsletter) for the full version of this column. The best way to contact me is by visiting [calgary.ca/contactward14](http://calgary.ca/contactward14) or calling 403-268-1653.

Sincerely,

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