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LETTER FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Residents of McKenzie Lake!

Welcome December - a month of celebrating, happiness, joy, hope, lights, friend and family gatherings, food, and candy!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our popular cookie dough fundraiser! I'm sure you will enjoy the ease of baking and serving them!

We are excited to hold our annual Christmas Party on December 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. There will be music, games, crafts, and a gift from you know who!

The community centre will be closed from December 23 to January 2, 2024. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

McKenzie Tots will resume on January 4. This popular program is on a drop-in basis, with a \$5 fee per family, from 10:00 am to Noon. Pickleball resumes on January 8 with a \$5 drop-in fee, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Remember to check for updates on our website www.mckenzielakecommunity.com.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year! Wishing you and your loved ones the best in the coming year.

Laureen Husband

Facility Administrator



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Rental Information for the Community Centre:

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McKenzie Lake Preschool

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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.

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WORD OF THE MONTH

Stalwart: Adjective (Stawl-wert)

Loyal, reliable, diligent, and brave.

She is a stalwart supporter of animal rights.

LITTLE TOES



Because humans typically have five fingers on each hand and five toes on each foot, it might lead one to believe that cats follow that same format. However, this is actually incorrect! Most cats only have 18 toes, rather than 20. A typical cat will have five toes on each of its front paws, but only four on its back ones!

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

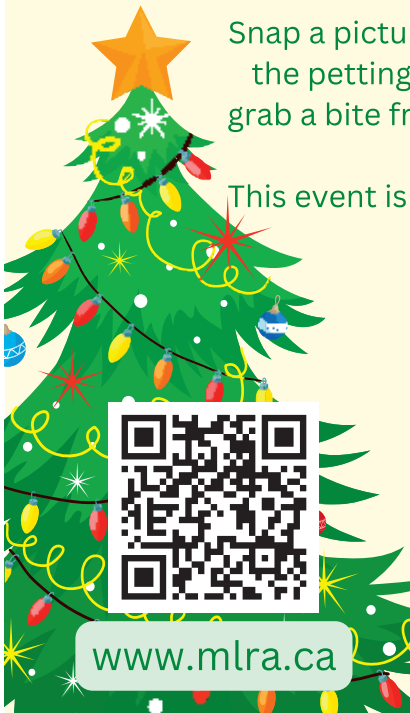


FAMILY *Christmas* EVENT

Join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023,
from 11:00AM to 3:00PM

Snap a picture with Santa, take a wagon ride, visit
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This event is for MLRA members and their guests.



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Facility Status

Please visit our website at 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 were invoiced in April and are now past due.

Members with outstanding fees are not permitted to use the facility and will be denied access.

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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 winter lineup coming up! Visit our website at www.mlra.ca for a full list of programs. You can also contact office@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. 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.

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May	23	14	21	\$600,000	\$652,000
April	23	20	17	\$599,900	\$650,000
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
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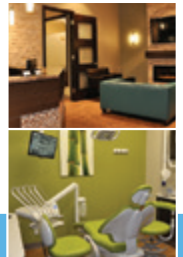


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Donations from community members like you provide essential support for our conservation efforts and we are profoundly grateful for your contributions. As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to make a tax-deductible gift in support of Fish Creek Provincial Park, as even a modest donation would go a long way in supporting this beautiful natural area. With your help we can face the challenges of our small but far-reaching local charity, and you can rest assured that your hard-earned donation dollars will be used efficiently right here in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Please stay tuned to our newsletter *Voice of the Friends*, our website, and our social media channels for all the latest news and updates about our programs and activities in Fish Creek. To donate, please visit friendsoffishcreek.org/ffc-donate.

The Fish Creek Community Terrace

Every brick tells a story! Share your story with the Fish Creek Community. If you have been to the Bow Valley Ranch recently, you may have seen the Fish Creek Community Terrace, which consists of personalized bricks installed just in front of the Cookhouse. A brick would also make an amazing gift for anyone on your list who enjoys visiting Fish Creek and would like to

see it preserved. You will receive a tax receipt and we will provide a certificate for bricks dedicated by December 21. The Friends are now offering bricks for Phase four of the Fish Creek Community Terrace to be installed in 2024. For more information, please visit friendsoffishcreek.org/brick.

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A CAST OF CHARACTERS



In December, it is common to watch a good Christmas movie or two. A popular film around this time of year is *The Polar Express*. Although there are lots of things to love about this film, you may not know that Tom Hanks plays six different roles! He is the voice of Santa Claus, Hero Boy, Scrooge, Father, Hobo, and the Conductor. Talk about talent!



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