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Volunteer!

We can't do it without you! Ongoing recruitment of volunteers is essential to the success of our special events. If you would like a say in future events and have time to get involved, we encourage you to contact our Facility Manager, Nadine Jack, at 403-257-1823 or manager@mckenzielakecommunity.com.

Neighbourhood Happenings

Event	Date/Time
Pickleball	Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Mom and Tots	Thursdays, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Christmas Tree Order Deadline	December 4, 2024
Christmas Family Party	December 7, 2024, 4:00 to 6:00 pm 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Christmas Market	December 7, 2024, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the gymnasium
Christmas Tree Pick Up	December 7, 2024, 12:00 to 2:00 pm

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Hello Neighbours!

The holiday season is fast approaching and the Elves at MLCA are already planning the Christmas Family Party slated for December 7. Santa will be there with a gift for every registered child 12 and under. Due to the popularity of this event, it is split into two time frames as well. Purchase your tickets for the earlier portion from 4:00 to 6:00 pm or for the later party from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Visit mckenzielakecommunity.com to purchase your tickets but don't hesitate as this party sells out quickly.

MLCA is hosting a Christmas Market on December 7, 2024 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm in the gymnasium. Come out to the market and support the local businesses in your community. There are always really interesting and unique gifts available for your friends and family at our market place.

MLCA will be selling Christmas trees once again this year. Please visit our website at www.mckenzielakecommunity.com.

Scan or click on the QR code to get the type of trees available and prices. Deadline to order is December 4 and pick up is December 7 between 12:00 and 2:00 pm at the community centre. If you missed the deadlines, perhaps you can call Mountain View Christmas Trees at 403-437-7530. If they can fulfill your order, please be sure to mention its for the MLCA fundraiser!

Come play pickleball on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Only \$50 for ten plays! Purchase your game card and once all ten games are stamped you get your 11th game free! Visit the office to purchase your card today! Make note that there is no pickleball on April 26, May 17, May 20, and June 10, 2025. See you on the courts.

Are you looking to socialize your kids with other families in the community? Our Mom and Tots program might be right for you. Visit MLCA Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm during the school year. Enjoy a coffee, tea, or hot chocolate while the kids take over the gym. The kids love it, and they know this is "jumpy-jumpy" time in our bouncy house. Our drop-in fee is only \$5 per family! So come on out and socialize with other parents too!

Have an upcoming special event but no idea where to host it? The MLCA gymnasium can be transformed into a beautiful space for any special event or themed party. You can also rent the gym for athletic use such as floor hockey, soccer, volleyball, or pickleball. Host a memorable party and for an additional \$50 add on the bouncy house. Our light strike game can be added as well for an additional \$100. You might also want to inquire about our movie screen to host your own movie party. The ideas are endless at MLCA! The rental fee includes a warming kitchen and tables with chairs for up to 200 guests! Members only pay \$75 per hour and non-members pay \$85 per hour.

The temperature has been dropping and we will be hard at work preparing the outdoor rink for your skating pleasure. A skate sharpening service will be added this year for a nominal fee. The rink will be available for party rental as well! The fee is only \$50 per hour and includes the use of the skate shack to warm up in and for a place to enjoy food and snacks you want to supply. Contact the office to book your event and to check in when the ice will be ready.

By purchasing an MLCA Family Membership you are supporting your local community centre's programs and events. Owning a membership also allows you to have a voice and vote at our AGM on what happens in and around your community. It's easy to buy a membership online at www.mckenzielakecommunity.com. An MLCA membership is only \$25 and is valid for an entire year! You will enjoy perks such as discounted rates for the whole family on kids' programs and social events, as well as reduced ticket prices on Adult Nights and market vendor table rentals.

MLCA enjoys working with local area businesses. If you own a business in our area and would like to partner with your community association as an event sponsor, a membership partner, or want to display an ad on our rink boards or donate items for raffle at our events to get your business name out there, please contact Nadine at manager@mckenzielakecommunity.com with your ideas.

Want to know who is responsible for snow removal on pathways in McKenzie Lake? Is it the City of Calgary's responsibility or MLCA's? Go to mckenzielakecommunity.com for a pathway map to find out or visit the pathways website at maps.calgary.ca/PathwaysandBikeways/.



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Guess the Holiday!

1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE ANSWERS!

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.

BRAIN GAMES

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June	24	22	18	\$638,450	\$643,500
May	24	27	21	\$679,900	\$730,000
April	24	12	10	\$587,450	\$607,500
March	24	16	21	\$565,000	\$618,500
February	24	15	6	\$637,200	\$687,000
January	24	4	6	\$454,900	\$463,500
December	23	2	7	\$475,000	\$518,000
November	23	11	12	\$574,950	\$588,250

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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



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 2024/25 were invoiced in March and were due April 1.

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

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Additional information and payment instructions can be found online at mlra.ca.

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. 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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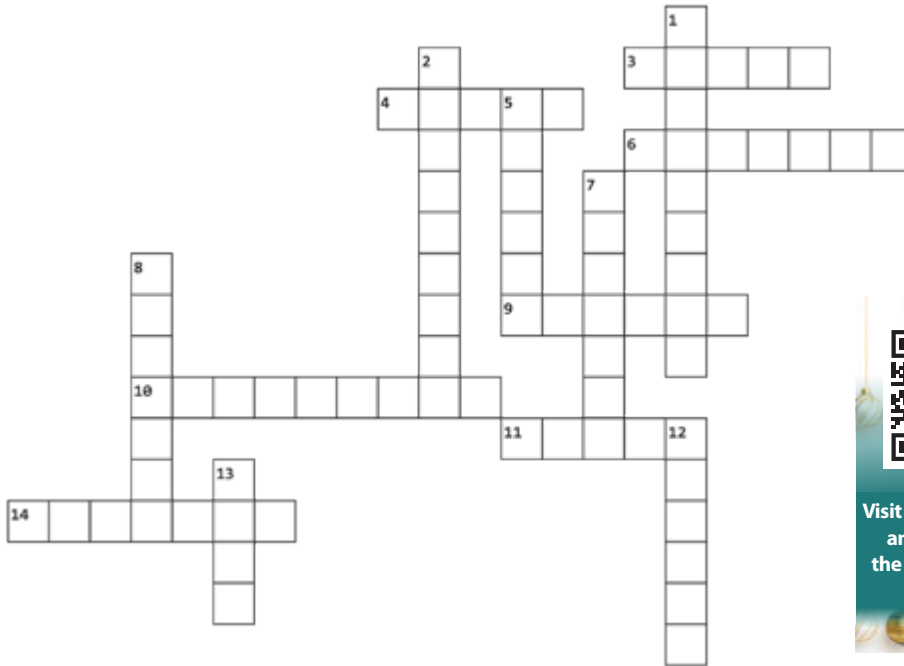
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3. On December 5, 1991, Jostein Gaarder's novel, *Sophie's _____*, was published and tells the story of a Norwegian teenager on a journey of discovery about the history of philosophy.
4. *Driving Miss _____*, starring Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur to an elderly widow played by Jessica Tandy, was released on December 13, 1989.
6. Canadian singer, Nelly _____, was born on December 2, 1978, in Victoria, British Columbia.
9. This Christmas tree decoration, originally made from real silver that was shredded, was first invented in Germany in 1610.
10. December's official birthstone has the same name as the colour that it is.
11. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel _____ Prize on December 10, 1964.
14. James Cameron's _____ was first released on December 19, 1997, and is one of the highest-grossing films ever.

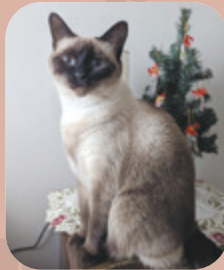
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1. International _____ Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and takes place every year on December 5.
2. December's birth flowers are the _____ (also known as paperwhites) and the holly.
5. On December 24, 1818, a choir in Austria first performed the popular Christmas carol "_____ Night".
7. This annual holiday celebrating African American culture is observed from December 26 to January 1.
8. On December 29, 1989, the Associated Press named hockey player Wayne Gretsky and tennis player _____ Navratilova Best Athletes of the Decade.
12. Canadian actor and comedian, _____ Levy, was born on December 17, 1946, in Hamilton, Ontario.
13. On December 1, 2003, the final film of *the Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Return of the _____*, premiered in New Zealand.

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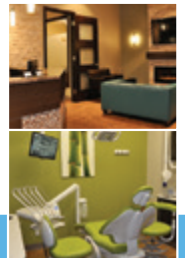
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