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Key Things to Know About in May

Stay connected to all things Riverbend at www.riverbendcommunity.ca, and Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @riverbendyyyc

Happy Anniversary RCA!

Riverbend Community Association was founded on May 4, 1987. Please see our website to review 36 years of history of Riverbend Community Association as well as 40+ years of community of Riverbend: www.riverbendcommunity.ca.

Upcoming Events

Spring Plant Fundraiser

Help support Riverbend community beautification with our first ever Spring Plant Fundraiser. By purchasing plants through this program, not only will you beautify your own space, but the proceeds from the fundraiser will support future community beautification projects.

Orders will be accepted from April 11 to May 10 until 3:00 pm.

Pick up at the RCA parking lot on Wednesday May 24 between 5:00 to 7:30 pm*

*Pick-ups must be made by 7:30 pm. Any remaining flowers will be donated to the RCA and planted at the community centre.

If you are unable to collect your order yourself, please arrange to have a friend or neighbour pick up your order and designate them on the order form. Order online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/spring-plant-fundraiser.

May Movie Night

Friday, May 19 at 6:00 pm

Join us for another exciting movie night. We will be showing Lightyear!

Popcorn and drinks will be provided, included in the registration price.

Member \$3 | Non-Member \$5

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Spring Parade of Garage Sales

Saturday, June 10

Start your spring cleaning and decluttering right away as the Spring Parade of Garage Sales is coming on Saturday, June 10! Thank you to Remax realtors Bart Lamb and Tarryn Hamilton for hosting the event for our community. Please register online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events so your location will be added to the map. The electronic map will be available on our website and hardcopies will be available for pick up at the community centre on the Friday before the event.

End of School Dance

Friday, June 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Join us to celebrate the end of the school year!

This year's theme is 'Rodeo' so please feel free to wear your cowboy hats and boots!

We will also have a cash only concession for refreshments. Pre-registration is required.

\$3 for members | \$5 for non-members

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Good Food Box Program

The content varies monthly, due to seasonal availability. The boxes contain the maximum produce to ensure our clients are getting the most value for the price.

• \$25 Small Box (20 to 25 lbs.)

• \$30 Medium Box (30 to 35 lbs.)

• \$35 Large Box (40 to 45 lbs.)

Order deadline: Tuesday May 22 by 6:00 pm for pick-up on Thursday, June 1 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the community centre.

Order online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs/community-programs/good-food-boxes-community-kitchen.

Seniors Cards and Coffee!

May 12 and May 26

Join us in the Elbow Room every second and fourth Friday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm for cards, coffee, treats, and friendship. \$2 donation appreciated. No pre-registration necessary.

2023 Riverbend Slo-Pitch League is Back!

Riverbend Slo-pitch league is a non-contact league (no sliding into bases and home plate is a mat); each team supplies and umpires their own games; fun league (we do not track wins or losses for teams); each team is provided with six or seven game balls; bases are supplied and are kept at the diamond. There is a wind-up tournament which starts the Tuesday after Labor Day weekend and continues through the following weekend. There is a windup party after the league ends, usually at the end of September. Must be 18 years of age to join. There is one game per week from July to mid-September (weekdays in July and August). Games take place at Holy Angel's School diamond. Must purchase an RCA membership to register.

Please register online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs/adult-sports-leagues-programs.

We Want You to Have Your Say!

RCA is establishing two new committees to address the concerns of all Riverbend residents.

The Traffic and Safety Committee: See page 6 for details, contact Director Brenda Pereira at brenda@riverbendcommunity.ca.

The Beautification Committee: See page 9 for details, contact Director Pat Medhurst at pat@riverbendcommunity.ca.



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Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Children: _____

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- Volunteer Opportunities
- Special Events & Community Surveys (as occurring)
- General Riverbend Community Communications (monthly)

Membership cost:

- \$25 +GST (\$26.25) - Individual/ Family or Associate
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- Speeding Issues
- School or playground zones
- Trucks / Commercial vehicles
- Pedestrian safety issues
- Intersection safety issues
- Motorcycle issues
- Illegal turns

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End of school

Dance Party



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Be Flood Ready. High River Flow Season is May 15 to July 15

Submitted by The City of Calgary

Did you know heavy rainfall upstream of Calgary can make up 80 percent of the river flow during a flood? A single day of heavy rainfall in the mountains, combined with a melting snowpack can change river flows enough to cause flooding in Calgary.

During the spring, we're monitoring conditions all the time, but the mountains can change our weather quickly and we may have less than 24 hours to really confirm what's coming. That's why it's so important we're all prepared.

Starting in mid-May, visit calgary.ca/floodinfo for a daily quick snapshot of the river conditions along with details on the days' forecast. We'll let you know how we're responding to the current conditions, and what actions you may need to take to be prepared based on the current and forecast conditions. Be sure to check it out and sign up for our e-newsletter to get information every week!

We're Ready

This June marks 10 years since the 2013 flood. Over the past decade, we've made a lot of progress in increasing Calgary's flood resilience. We've invested in dedicated infrastructure to protect Calgarians, which has already reduced our flood risk by approximately 55 percent.

What's New Along the Elbow and Bow Rivers?

Construction continues on the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir. Together with the higher gates at the Glenmore Dam, they will protect Elbow River communities from a 2013-sized flood. It's expected to be operational in 2024 and fully complete in 2025. When the Springbank Reservoir is complete, our flood risk will be reduced by an additional 15 percent. This means we will have reduced our flood risk by a total of 70 percent, just 12 years after the 2013 flood. Until the Springbank Reservoir is operational, the Glenmore Dam provides flood resilience for Elbow communities. With the installation of steel gates on Glenmore Dam's crest in 2020, the dam has doubled its capacity to hold flood water.

On the Bow River, the downtown flood barrier will be operational for the 2023 flood season, protecting Downtown, Chinatown, East Village, and Eau Claire communities from a 1:200 flood. The rest of the improvements planned for the Eau Claire area are anticipated to be completed towards the end of 2023.

In Sunnyside, design work is progressing on the Sunnyside Flood Barrier project as part of the Memorial Parkway Program. Construction on the flood barrier component is expected to start in 2023 with completion anticipated in 2025.

The Government of Alberta's agreement with TransAlta remains in place for the operation of the Ghost Reservoir on the Bow River during flood season. This agreement means the Ghost Reservoir is kept low during flood season to capture potential flood water. This prevents overbank flooding along the Bow for smaller flood events and helps reduce the peak flow for larger floods.

The Government of Alberta continues to evaluate the feasibility of three sites for an upstream reservoir on the Bow River with the study expected to be completed in 2024. If a location is approved, an upstream reservoir is at least 12 years away but is critical for future flood and drought management. The City is actively supporting this important project.

Flood resilience throughout Calgary is also built through flood-smart development, awareness and preparedness, and emergency response.

How You Can Be Ready

- Understand. Use our online interactive flood map to see if you live or work in an area at risk.
- Be prepared.
- Review your insurance. Learn about the different coverages available for overland flooding and your eligibility.
- Move valuables and documents out of your basement.
- Clean out your eavestroughs, downspouts, and drainage gutters.
- Check your sump pump and backflow preventer valve if you have one.
- Be ready with a 72-hour kit and an emergency plan if you need to leave quickly.
- Know how to quickly turn off your water, gas, and electricity mains.
- Park vehicles on higher ground.

• Stay informed. Follow local media and sign up for emergency alerts.

If flooding is forecast, The City will utilize local media channels to provide Calgarians with the most up-to-date information available. Because forecasts can change quickly during an event, early communication and preparation is critical to ensure there is always enough time to protect Calgarians if needed.

For details, visit calgary.ca/floodinfo.

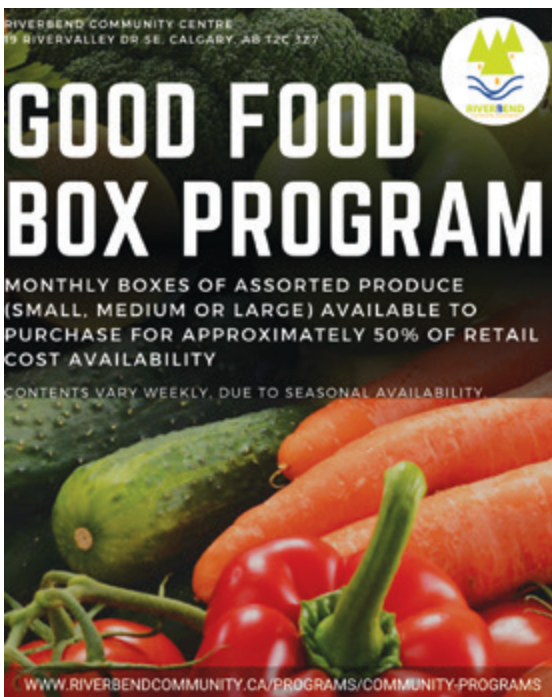
Beyond Flooding: Living in Calgary's River Valleys

We are updating the Calgary River Valleys Plan, including planning policies and floodplain regulations, to protect and enhance our river valleys and create more resilient river communities.

To inform the update, we are embarking on a multi-phased public engagement process. The first phase will seek to clarify priorities and values for our river valley communities. Engagement begins April 27 and will continue throughout May. Learn more about the project and how you can participate by visiting Calgary.ca/RiverValleys.



A poster for a Spring Plant Fundraiser. It features a central black rounded rectangle with white text that reads: "Support community beautification with our Spring Plant Fundraiser". Below this, in a smaller white box, is the text "GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISING". The background is a collage of various potted plants, including hanging baskets of purple and red flowers, and trays of small green seedlings. At the bottom, there is a white jar of orange jam. The Riverbend logo is visible in the top right corner. At the bottom of the poster, the URL WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/EVENTS/SPRING-PLANT-FUNdraiser is displayed.



A poster for the Good Food Box Program. The background is a vibrant image of fresh vegetables including cucumbers, carrots, and bell peppers. At the top left, it says "RIVERBEND COMMUNITY CENTRE" and "19 RIVERVALLEY DR SE, CALGARY, AB T2C 1Z7". The Riverbend logo is in the top right. The main title "GOOD FOOD BOX PROGRAM" is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it reads: "MONTHLY BOXES OF ASSORTED PRODUCE (SMALL, MEDIUM OR LARGE) AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR APPROXIMATELY 50% OF RETAIL COST AVAILABILITY". A smaller line of text says "CONTENTS VARY WEEKLY, DUE TO SEASONAL AVAILABILITY". At the bottom, the URL WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/PROGRAMS/COMMUNITY-PROGRAMS is provided.



A poster with a green border and white background. At the top center is the Riverbend logo. Below it, the text reads: "BEAUTIFICATION CONTRIBUTES TO A VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOOD AND SENSE OF PRIDE." Underneath, it says: "JOIN THE TEAM TO HELP US IMPLEMENT NEW PROJECTS." There are three numbered icons: "01 ENHANCEMENT" with a lightbulb icon, "02 LANDSCAPING" with an icon of a person kneeling and working with plants, and "03 PUBLIC ART" with an easel icon. Below these icons, it says: "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ENHANCING THE BEAUTY OF RIVERBEND!" At the bottom, it provides the contact information: "CONTACT [PAT@RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA](mailto:pat@riverbendcommunity.ca) TO GET INVOLVED" and the URL WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/COMMUNITY-ADVOCACY.



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Emergency Preparedness Week is May 7 to 13

from the City of Calgary



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During Emergency Preparedness Week, The City encourages Calgarians to take actions to prepare and protect themselves, their families, and their homes during an emergency event.

Know the Risks: Learn about the types of disasters and hazards that can occur in Calgary.

Get Prepared: Every emergency is different but having a plan will help you and your family know what to do and who to contact in different situations. Get prepared by reviewing your insurance coverage, practicing a home evacuation, and taking steps to protect your home. A fillable emergency action plan is available in various translated languages at calgary.ca/getready, along with tips to get prepared.

Know What to Do During an Emergency: It's important to stay informed by monitoring local TV, radio, and emergency alerts.

Know What to Expect After an Emergency: Cleaning up after a disaster can be hazardous. Ensure that you only enter a disaster site when it's safe and with the proper protective equipment. Remember to document all damages and contact your insurance provider as soon as possible.

Learn more about how to get prepared for emergencies and the activities taking place during Emergency Preparedness Week at calgary.ca/getready.

Hen-Keeping is Even More Than it's Cracked Up to Be

from the City of Calgary



To Chris Huston, a City of Calgary employee, hen-keeping started as an interest in sustainability that developed into a passion for animals, his community, and cooking. "Each one of the hens has its own distinct personality," he said with a smile.

Huston participated in Calgary's urban hen-keeping pilot program last year and has made countless omelettes since last spring. "Collecting the eggs from the nests will never get old. We even invite the neighbours and their kids to visit the chickens and feed them," said Huston.

Before Huston built his coop, he talked to his neighbours; they were concerned they'd be woken first thing by a rooster. That is a common misconception about hen-keeping, but roosters are not permitted under the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw, meaning nobody will be subjected to early morning 'cock-a-doodle-doo's' because hens are female chickens, and they are more polite neighbours than roosters.

Aside from producing eggs, Huston's hens, Tia and Tamera, have kept him busy with their home renovations: Pollo Palace, his coop, has had many additions since it was initially built. "I know my place in the pecking order," Huston joked. While his tone is jovial, the point is clear: hen-keeping is an ongoing responsibility that requires your attention and effort to keep them happy and safe.

If you're interested in hen-keeping, the City of Calgary is re-opening the program this year, and an unlimited number of licences are available from spring to fall. Visit us at calgary.ca/pets/licences/urban-hens to learn more.

Celebrate Neighbour Day 2023

from the City of Calgary



Join with your neighbours for the 10th annual Neighbour Day on June 17. Celebrate your community spirit and neighbourly kindness by having a block party or BBQ, organizing a cleanup, decorating your yard, gathering with neighbours for a fun sport activity, games, or kids' crafts, or make up your own way to meet your neighbours and build community togetherness.

Neighbour Day started in June 2014 to celebrate the incredible outpouring of support and generosity of neighbours following the 2013 Calgary floods. Each year on the third Saturday in June, we continue to celebrate one of the things that makes Calgary such a great city — our strong and caring communities.

To help you celebrate on June 17, The City of Calgary is providing resources and support for residents to organize activities with neighbours, including waiving the fees for block party and greenspace permits. The permit application deadline is May 28. You can also request a visit from Mayor Gondek, your area Councillor, a police officer, or a fire truck. Visit calgary.ca/NeighbourDay to learn more.

Joke of the Month

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Window and Balcony Safety

from Alberta Health Services

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.
- EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

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