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Stay connected to all things Riverbend at www.riverbendcommunity.ca, and Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram @riverbendyyc

Thank You

Another fantastic turn out! We would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with our March 15 Dinner and Movie event!

National Volunteer Week: April 21 to 27, 2024

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2024 is "Every Moment Matters." Let's celebrate our individual and collective actions in creating a strong, interconnected, and vibrant community! Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community by sharing our time, talent, and energy to support one another.

Volunteers are at the core of every community, and they are definitely the wheels that keep Riverbend Community Association rolling. We would like to thank all volunteers involved in our community, as well as welcome the new volunteers who joined the RCA team.

Please see our website at <https://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/about-us/our-team> to find out more about the RCA Board of Directors volunteer team.

Volunteer With Us! Join the RCA Team!

Volunteering is a powerful way to make a difference and strengthen the bonds within our community. Whether young or young at heart, there are opportunities to contribute and create positive change. Consider volunteering with RCA to:

- Allow you to learn something new, explore new interests, and acquire new skills.
- Connect with people across generations.
- Bring ideas forward.
- Use board experience toward your annual professional development hours.

We are looking for all ages of volunteers, whether you're a teenager, a working professional, or a retiree. Join RCA, leave a positive mark in our community, and be part of the collective effort to create a stronger, more vibrant Riverbend!

We are also looking for enthusiastic residents to join our board of dedicated and talented directors.

We Have Two Open Positions:

1. Director of Community Beautification. See page 6 for details.
2. Director of Memberships and Partnerships. See page 14 for details.

Every small act of kindness adds up to something extraordinary. Visit <https://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering> and sign up today!

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. Please visit our website for order and pick-up dates. <https://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/spring-plant-fundraiser>.

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.

- \$30 Small Box (20 to 25 lbs.)
- \$35 Medium Box (30 to 35 lbs.)
- \$40 Large Box (40 to 45 lbs.)

Order deadline: Monday, April 8

Pick up April 18 between 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the community centre.

May order deadline: April 29

Pick up May 9 between 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the community centre.

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

55+ Cards and Coffee

Next Dates: April 12 and 26

Join us in the Elbow room every second and fourth Friday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

\$2 donation appreciated. No pre-registration necessary.

Please note that this event will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions and be announced on our website and social media.

Updates From Your RCA

Members Get More! Join the RCA and Become a Member Today!

Being a member of the Riverbend Community Association comes with great perks and is a good way to support your local community. What does an RCA membership get you? Great discounts from our partners and 15% off community centre rentals for starters.

If you are looking to join the RCA as a member, the cost is \$25 for families/individuals or \$15 for seniors (not including GST).

You can become a member by filling out the online form at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership.

Alternatively, you can join via mail by cutting out and completing the membership form in this issue of *Riverbend Connects*. Mail to Riverbend Community Association: 19 Rivervalley Dr SE, Calgary, AB, T2C 3S1.

You can also join in person at the Riverbend Community Centre for those without computer access. Exact cash amount or cheque only.

Partnering with Us Comes with Great Perks!

Are you a local Riverbend business that is looking for a great way to promote your business?

Partnering with us comes with great perks while giving our members discounts and offers. It's a win-win for everyone involved!

In recognition and appreciation of the member benefit offered for the RCA Members, RCA agrees to:

- Provide a listing on our website under the 'Memberships' page with a hyperlink. Our webpage (www.riverbendcommunity.ca) is visited by about 1,000 visitors every month.
- Provide a listing in the *Riverbend Connects* newsletter on the Memberships page. Our printed newsletter is delivered to over 4,000 households and enjoys over 80% readership.
- Create a new benefit announcement post with your logo that will be posted on our social media platforms. Our Facebook page has 2,400+ followers, X (formerly Twitter) page 700+ followers, and Instagram page 900+ followers. Our posts often reach a few thousand people.
- Create one additional post on RCA social media platforms per year.

Visit our website to sign up at <https://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership>.

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RCA 2024 Spring Membership Drive



Individual/Family \$25 + GST

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WHAT DOES AN RCA MEMBERSHIP GET YOU?

- Discounts from our retail partners
- 15% off Riverbend Community Centre rentals
- Discounts on community programs and events
- Priority registration for FREE community programs and events

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JOIN OUR RCA TEAM!

DIRECTOR - COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

As a Director of Community Beautification you can help to foster a sense of belonging and inclusion in Riverbend!

Key Responsibilities:

- Work with the Board, residents and the City to improve the appearance of Riverbend
- Initiate and organize community events
- Support and propose fundraisers
- Write funding grants for beautification projects

RCA Board Roles:

- Time commitment of approximately 10 hours per month - 2-year term
- Open to Riverbend Residents only

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District Representatives

Calgary Police Community and Liaison Officer	Cst. Sue Bennett	403-266-1234
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April to June 2024

Register online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs.



**Pilates With Yoga**
Tuesdays
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Bow River Room)

12 Weeks of Classes
April 9 to June 25 2024

Cost
\$165 for RCA Members
\$185 for Non-Members

REGISTER ONLINE - WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/PROGRAMS



Pilates with Yoga

Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Bow Room

For 12 weeks. April 9 to June 25

Each class will include a flowing series to warm the body, hold postures to build strength, and balance postures to increase stability. Classes will end with gentle stretches and relaxation. If you are new to physical activity, please check with your physician prior to starting a new exercise routine.

Cost \$165 for RCA Members | \$185 for Non-Members

Members use coupon code PFS24 to receive a \$20 discount.



**Dance Fitness**
Mondays
8:15 PM - 9:15 PM
(Bow River Room)

10 Weeks of Classes
April 8 to June 17 2024
No class May 20 2024

Cost
\$145 for RCA Members
\$165 for Non-Members
\$20 Drop-In Classes

REGISTER ONLINE - WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/PROGRAMS



Dance Fitness

Mondays from 8:15 to 9:15 pm in the Bow Room

For 10 weeks. April 8 to June 17. No class May 20

Dance Fitness is an easy-to-follow cardio dance class with a mix of popular and international rhythms guaranteed to make you sweat! A portion of the class is dedicated to toning choreography with the use of light hand weights.

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Kids and Youth

Girl Guides of Canada

Girl Guides of Canada is the largest organization for girls and women in Canada. Meetings are every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, September to June. Sparks (ages: 5 to 6) are in the Elbow River Room; Brownies (ages: 7 to 8) are in the Bow River Room; Guides (ages: 9 to 11) are in the Carburn Park Room; and Pathfinders (ages: 12 to 14) are in the Heritage Room. Contact ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com or www.girlguides.ca for more information.

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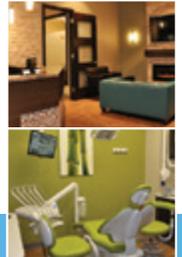
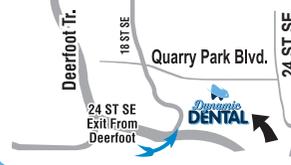
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Number of Children: _____



Ages of Children: _____

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JOIN OUR RCA TEAM!

DIRECTOR - MEMBERSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

As a Director of Memberships and Partnerships, you can help to add value for residents purchasing memberships in Riverbend!

Key Responsibilities:

- Suggest strategies to boost memberships
- Organize membership sales at community events and fundraising activities
- Foster partnerships with local businesses
- Securing sponsorships and donations

RCA Board Roles:

- Time commitment of approximately 10 hours per month
- 2-year term
- Open to Riverbend Residents only

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RCA Member Benefits and Discounts

More details are available at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership.

- 15% off Riverbend community centre rentals.
- Discounts on community programs and events.
- Priority registration for free community programs and events.
- 10% off for paddle board rentals and paddle board classes from SUP & Flow.
- 25% off burglary, smoke, panic, and medical alarm monitoring fees with Stealth Alarms.
- 25% off paint and 15% off paint supplies at Cloverdale Paint.
- 10% off at Original Joe's restaurant in Quarry Park. (Some conditions apply).
- One free materials drop off once a month at Ecco Recycling landfill.
- Free week trial and rate discount at F45 Quarry Park Riverbend.
- 10% discount on all services at Willow Park Scholars.
- 10% discount on all products using the code: RIVERBEND10 at Backyard Meats.
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Mahogany Gets a Stunning New Development!



Residents of Mahogany and surrounding areas have eagerly anticipated the arrival of a state-of-the-art Class 'A' self-storage facility, courtesy of Bluebird Self Storage. Situated by the serene Mahogany West Beach, this development redefines convenience and accessibility for locals.

Class 'A' self-storage is making waves in the market, offering unparalleled amenities and security features along with beautiful architecture and convenient placement in residential neighbourhoods. For Mahogany residents, this means quick access to top-notch storage, catering to all with efficiency and reliability. With reservation spots filling up quickly, there's a sense of urgency among residents to secure their storage space promptly. The impact of this revolutionary approach to storage is already evident in Bluebird Mahogany's twin site, Bluebird Buffalo Run. Located in another vibrant community, Bluebird Buffalo Run has shattered numerous storage records in Canada. The interest in Bluebird Buffalo Run underscores the growing demand for premium storage solutions that prioritize convenience, security, and customer experience.

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But that's not all that's causing a buzz in the area. In the same building as the self-storage facility, a new addition is also catching the attention of car owners: the Great White Car Wash express tunnel. Spanning an impressive 140 feet, this cutting-edge car wash utilizes the latest technology, including closed-cell foam brushes and graphene wax, ensuring a superior clean and finish for vehicles. This mix of equipment and cleaning agents effectively eliminates the risk of micro-scratches from outdated brushes material while creating a powerful shield that helps to restore a vehicle's clearcoat, while also creating a powerful barrier against dirt, grime, UV rays, and debris!

What sets Great White Car Wash apart is its commitment to sustainability. As part of the WaterSavers program, they use less fresh water than traditional washing machines and reclaim 80% of the water they utilize, making them the most eco-friendly car wash in Canada. This aligns perfectly with the environmentally conscious ethos of the Mahogany community.

To celebrate its opening, Great White Car Wash is offering an exclusive lifetime **10% discount on any new unlimited membership until April 30th**.



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