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Key Things to Know About in August

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Riverbend Community Fall Programs

Please see page 8 for our complete list of fall programs.

Upcoming Events

Throwback Edition: September Dinner and a Movie Vote for Our Next Film!

Facebook Poll! Voting starts August 1, 2024, at 12:00 pm

We will be conducting a Facebook poll where you can vote for our next movie. Poll closes on August 9, 2024, at 12:00 pm.

Nominations are: The Land Before Time, An American Tail, The Rescuers Down Under, and Honey I Shrunk the Kids.

More information is available on our website at www. riverbendcommunity.ca.

Fall Parade of Garage Sales September 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The spring Parade of Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Registration opens on August 1.

Thank you to our event sponsor, the Tarryn Hamilton Real Estate Team. For more information, please visit www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/parade-of-garage-sales.

Fall Fair Vendor Applications Open September 1

We will be accepting vendor applications starting September 1 until September 30 for our Annual Fall Fair which will take place on November 2.

More information is available on our website at www. riverbendcommunity.ca.

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.) Ordering opens September 3.

Order deadline is Monday, September 16.

Pick up is on September 26 between 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the community centre.

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

55+ Cards and Coffee

Please note there will be no Seniors Cards and Coffee in July and August.

RCA Casino Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed for our 2024 Casino Fundraiser for Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24. Fundraiser to be held at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino.

The RCA relies heavily on the funds raised at this event. About 25 volunteers in various roles are required for this event.

Be Part of It! Join the RCA Board!

We are looking for enthusiastic residents to join our board of dedicated and talented directors. Volunteering is a powerful way to make a difference and strengthen the bonds within our community. 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.

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 currently seeking a:

- Vice President, Business Operations see page 9 for details.
- Board Secretary, see page 10 for details.
- Director of Memberships and Partnerships, see page 10 for details.

Visit https://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering and sign up today!

Updates From Your RCA

Membership Supports our Community! Become a RCA Member Today!

Being a member of the Riverbend Community Association (RCA) 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.

The cost of RCA membership is \$25 for families/individuals or \$15 for seniors per year (plus GST). There are three ways to sign up:

- Fill out the online form at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/ membership.
- 2. 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.
- 3. In person at the Riverbend Community Centre (exact cash or cheque only).

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

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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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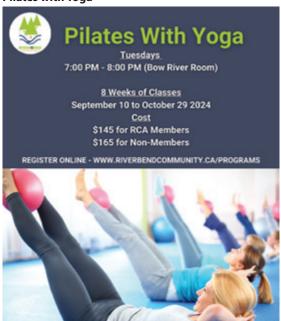


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Register online at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/programs.

Pilates with Yoga



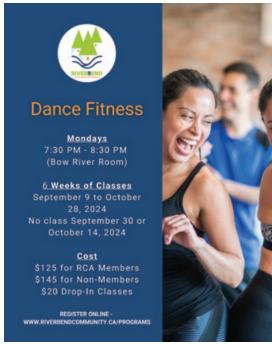
Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm (in the Bow room) For eight weeks, September 10 to October 29 Registration Opens September 3

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 \$145 for RCA members | \$165 for non-members

Dance Fitness
Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm
(in the Bow Room)
For six weeks, September 9 to October 28
No class on September 30 or October 14
Registration Opens September 3

Dance Fitness is an easy-to-follow cardio dance class



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Cost \$125 for RCA members | \$145 for non-members | Drop-in price \$20

Adult Volleyball 2024/25 Start Date: Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Registration Closes September 1

The league is composed of players of a variety of ages and skill levels but is generally an easygoing league. Games are mostly Wednesday nights at the Holy



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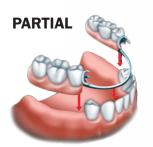


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- · 2-year term
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Key Responsibilities:

- Participate in Executive Team meetings and discussions
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- Ensuring all records of the Association, other than financial records, are properly maintained, including the by-laws and the policies and propedures.
- Give secretarial support for board and Annual General Meetings

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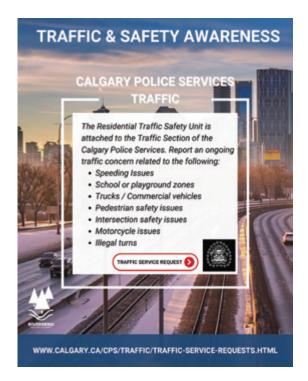


RCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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How to 'Hold Space' for Someone

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca



As a therapist I do many things that are educational, directive, and methodological. However, there is a magic that happens in the room when I seem to do nothing at all. All it looks like is a slight nodding of my head and/ or a concerned expression on my face. But what's really happening is that I am holding space for my client.

To hold space for someone means to offer them your presence, attention, and support without judgement or interruption. It involves creating a safe and accepting environment for them to express themselves fully, without feeling rushed or invalidated. It's about being fully present for someone, and allowing them to share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences openly.

People are starving for a witness to their existence. Why do you think Instagram and TikTok are so popular? Sometimes the therapist is just there to listen, not to fix anything. A majority of the time, the answers lie within my clients. We live in a society where we praise those who are always talking and say so little about those who are great at listening.

Therapists hold space by actively listening, being empathetic, and creating a safe environment for our clients. We provide unconditional support and encouragement for our clients to explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Therapists also offer validation, understanding, and guidance as needed, while allowing our clients to lead the conversation and

set their own pace for their healing journey. We live in a fast paced, fix it, task-oriented world, and we miss the opportunities to hold space.

Many times, my first session starts with a client stating their problem and asking me how to fix it. That's my cue to slow things down. When they say, "what do you think I should do?" I like to answer with "how do you see this unfolding, or what are your thoughts on some of the choices you've thought about?" Most times, just slowing things down and allowing folks to feel relaxed, safe, and heard, they can come to their own decisions and empowerment. They truly just needed to feel okay with being in their emotions and that I will listen without judgement.

How can you hold space for the people in your life? Be present. Your physical presence can be more powerful than any words. Listen actively by not interrupting and allowing them to express their feelings. When they are done pouring out their heart, validate the feelings they shared. Do not engage in clichés as they can feel dismissing. Respect their process of working through intense feelings. Check in with them regularly. And finally, offer practical support by asking if you can take over a specific task. Asking them to reach out to you if they need anything falls flat as they are in their emotional brain and do not have the capacity to constructively think about what they actually need help with.



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Event Details:

- Dates: September 7 and 8
- Look through your home and gather any reusable items that you no longer need.
- Mark them with a "Free" label and place them at the curb on the designated event days.
- Treasure hunters rejoice! Anyone can come and pick up these items for their own use – it's like a free garage sale right at your doorstep!
- If it's still on the curb, let's keep the community tidy and donate it!

The Treasure Hunt encourages Calgarians to explore their neighbourhoods, find unique items, and meet new people. It's a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our community ties and supports our goal of reducing environmental impacts by reducing waste. Participants can place items they no longer need at the curb for others to pick up, fostering a spirit of sharing and community engagement.

international Left-Handers Day

August 13 is a special day for those who have the unique distinction of being left-handed. Approximately 10% of the global population are left-handed. But don't fret, left-handers! Some influential people who share your uniqueness include Prince William, Barack Obama, Justin Bieber, Oprah Winfrey, and Jennifer Lawrence, just to name a few.





