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### District Representatives

Calgary Police Community Liaison Officer	Cst. Sue Bennett	403-266-1234
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To report an emergency or crime in progress please call 911.

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# RIVERBEND

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## NEW - OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY 11:00am-3:30pm  
TUESDAY 11:00am-3:30pm  
WEDNESDAY 11:00am-3:30pm  
THURSDAY By Appointment  
FRIDAY By Appointment

Hours are subject to change without notice

AFTERHOURS EMAIL:  
EVENTS@RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA

## YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

### Kick Off 2026 with Fireworks, Music, and Celebration!

by The City of Calgary

Calgarians are invited to ring in the New Year at the city's official New Year's Eve celebration, a night of free, family-friendly fun at Eau Claire Plaza and Prince's Island Park. Starting at 8:00 pm on December 31, the evening will feature live entertainment, interactive activities, local food trucks, and an outdoor skating party.

As the clock strikes midnight, a dazzling fireworks show will launch from Prince's Island Park, perfectly timed to music on CJSW 90.9 FM. The display can be enjoyed from both celebration sites and watched from home via livestream at [calgary.ca/NYE](http://calgary.ca/NYE).

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## RCA RINK HELPERS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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[WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/VOLUNTEERING](http://WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/VOLUNTEERING)

# Key Things to Know About for December 2025

Stay connected to all things Riverbend at [www.riverbendcommunity.ca](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca), and Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram @riverbendyyyc

## Thank You!

A huge thanks to everyone who signed up as vendors for our 2025 Fall Fair and to all who attended it! It was a great event!

We would like to thank everyone who attended our AGM on November 13! To stay up to date on all things RCA, make sure to follow us on our social media accounts!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

## Holiday Hours

We will be closed for the following days:

- December 23, 2025
- December 24, 2025
- December 25, 2025
- December 26, 2025
- December 30, 2025
- December 31, 2025
- January 1, 2026
- January 2, 2026

## Upcoming Events

### Kids Christmas Party

Join us on Saturday, December 6 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm for a fun family festive event at our annual Kids Christmas Party! Craft tables. YYC Food Trucks will be onsite!

Santa will be onsite from 12:30 to 2:30 pm (Note: to be confirmed - more details to follow). Check website for details when posted.

Pre-register to select a time slot for your photo with Santa (Note: to be confirmed - more details to follow). Check website for details when posted.

Cost is free for RCA members or \$5 (per child) for non-members with pre-registration.

[www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/kids-christmas-party](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events/kids-christmas-party).

### Mayor's Food Drive 2025

Riverbend Community Association is once again participating in the Calgary Food Bank's event, the Mayor's Annual Food Drive!

Anyone looking to donate items can find drop-off bins in the front foyer of the Riverbend Community Centre from November 14 to December 17.

We accept donations of perishable and non-perishable food items and other items such as baby and unopened pet food.

This year the Food Bank has put together a list of most needed items for the holidays, including peanut butter, Kraft dinner, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, and canned beans (no pork).

Monetary donations are also being accepted online at: [www.calgaryfoodbank.com/mayorsfooddrive/](http://www.calgaryfoodbank.com/mayorsfooddrive/).

### Save the Date! Family Skate Day

**February 14 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of family skating on our All-Season and Pleasure rinks. We will be hosting a KidSport Skate Shack for free skate rentals. Warm up with a free hot chocolate around our firepit and snack at one of the many food trucks onsite.

[www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events).

## New Office Hours

Our new office hours are effective May 9, 2025. Please note these hours are subject to change without notice.

Monday to Wednesday: 11:00 am to 3:30 pm

Thursday and Friday: By Appointment only (email below)

Please email [office@riverbendcommunity.ca](mailto:office@riverbendcommunity.ca) with any questions.

## Volunteer With Us!

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at [www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering).

### Host Your Next Event with Us!

#### Fall and Winter Spots Available

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## Membership Supports Our Community! Become an RCA 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.

The cost of an RCA membership is \$25 for families and 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](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership).
- 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.
- In person at the Riverbend Community Centre (exact cash 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 offering 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](http://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.
- Share a new benefit announcement post with 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.
- Provide one additional post on RCA social media platforms per year.

Visit our website to sign up at [www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership).



**MAYOR'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

Bins onsite at RCA  
November 14  
to  
December 17

**OUR HOLIDAY WISH LIST**

- PEANUT BUTTER
- KRAFT DINNER
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED TOMATOES
- CANNED BEANS (NO PORK)

Monetary donations are also being accepted online at:  
[www.calgaryfoodbank.com/mayorsfooddrive/](http://www.calgaryfoodbank.com/mayorsfooddrive/)

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[WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/EVENTS/MAYORS-FOOD-DRIVE](http://WWW.RIVERBENDCOMMUNITY.CA/EVENTS/MAYORS-FOOD-DRIVE)



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# KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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12pm to 3pm

PHOTOS WITH SANTA  
12:30-2:30PM

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In just a few minutes, older adults can complete a simple questionnaire and receive a personalized report with practical tips, helpful resources, and guidance on where things are going well—and where there may be room for improvement.

Take the Nutrition Check-up today and encourage the older adults in your life—parents, grandparents, friends, or caregivers—to do the same!

Scan the QR code or visit [ahs.ca/OlderAdultNutrition](https://ahs.ca/OlderAdultNutrition).



Are you a health professional? Learn about nutrition screening at [ahs.ca/NutritionScreening](https://ahs.ca/NutritionScreening).

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know what communications you would like to receive from Riverbend Community Association!

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

Membership cost:

- ☐ \$25 +GST (\$26.25) - Individual/ Family or Associate
- ☐ \$15 +GST (\$15.75) - Seniors Household



*Please mail completed form with appropriate payment to Riverbend Community Centre, 19 Rivervalley Dr SE, Calgary AB T2C 3S1, or drop it off at the Riverbend Community Association's office.*



## RCA Member Benefits and Discounts

The RCA offers great member discounts at the following vendors below! More details at [www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership](http://www.riverbendcommunity.ca/membership).

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- New for 2025! SellPhone Lab - RCA members get \$10 off on all cellphone/laptop/tablet repairs and/or 10% discount on all cellphone/tablet accessories.
- 15% off Riverbend Community Centre rentals.
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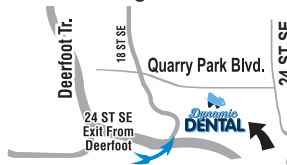
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