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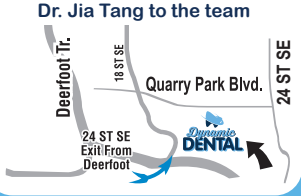

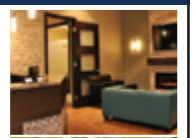


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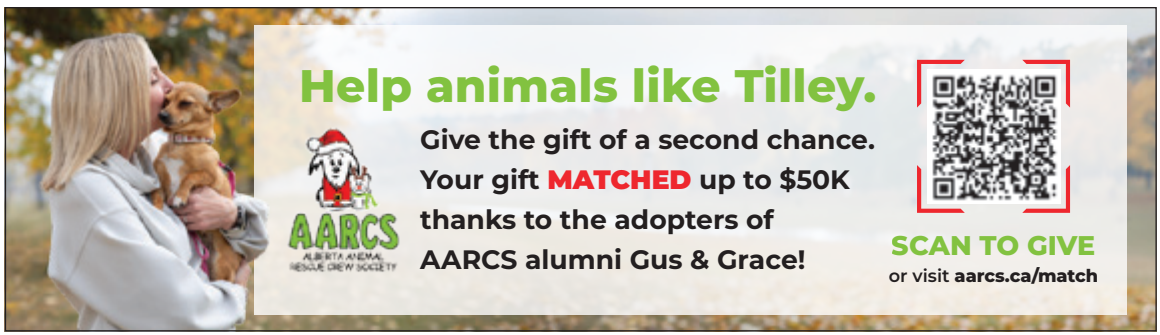

Key Things to Know About for December 2026

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

Thank You!

A huge thanks to all everyone who signed up as vendors for our 2026 Fall Fair and to all who attended it!

Another huge thanks to all of those who attended our AGM on November 12! To stay up to date on all things RCA, make sure to follow us on our social media accounts!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Movie Night and Cookie Decorating Party on November 27! It was a fun and great event!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to all!

Holiday Hours

Our office will be closed for the following days:

- December 23, 2026
- December 24, 2026
- December 25, 2026
- December 28, 2026
- January 31, 2026
- January 1, 2027

Upcoming Events and Programs

Save the Date! Family Skate Day | February 13, 2027, 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.

Learn more at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/events.

Please note that this event is weather permitting. Last year we had to cancel as it was too warm. No registration required.

New! Riverbend Djembe Drumming

Riverbend Community Association is excited to offer a new program, called Riverbend Djembe Drumming! Presented by Djembe Demolition Drumming.

Djembe Demolition Drumming is pleased to offer drumming sessions in collaboration with the Riverbend Community Association. Glenda Macleod will be teaching the sessions. Glenda is a retired music teacher who has been studying West African drumming for more than 25 years.

This program is designed for beginners, and with the help of the instructor, you will learn how to drum and everything in between! Participants can bring their own djembe drum, or, if not, a rental is available for a fee.

Classes run Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:15 pm for a four-month program, starting on January 7, 2027, until April 1, 2027. No class on March 25.

Cost for 12 weeks of classes:
RCA members: $170 | Non-RCA members: $190

Mayor's Food Drive 2026

Riverbend Community Association is once again participating in the Calgary Food Bank's event, the Mayor's Annual Food Drive for 2026! Anyone looking to donate items can find drop-off bins in the front foyer of the Riverbend Community Centre until December 16, 2026.

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/.

Rink Helpers Needed!

We are always looking for people to help with our outdoor rinks. If this is something you would like to help with, please email office@riverbendcommunity.ca.

Office Hours

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 for any questions.

Volunteer with Us!

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at www.riverbendcommunity.ca/volunteering.

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

1. 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).







Register online at riverbendcommunity.ca/programs.

Programs

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This program is designed for beginners, and with the help of the instructor, you will learn how to drum and everything in between!

Participants can bring their own djembe drum, or, if not, a rental is available for a fee.

Classes run Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:15 pm for a four-month program, starting on January 7, 2027.

Full Class Schedule:
- January 7, 14, 21, 28
- February 4, 11, 18, 25
- March 4, 11, 18, no class 25
- April 1, last class!

Cost for 12 weeks of classes:
RCA members: $170 | Non-RCA members: $190

Yoga with Pilates | Winter and Spring Sessions with New Instructor Lynne Crarer
Join us for our Winter Yoga with Pilates! If you are new to physical activity, please check with your physician prior to starting a new exercise routine.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, at our centre from January 5 to June 15. Yoga with Pilates drop-ins are available.

Cost for 23 weeks of classes:
RCA members: $205 | Non-RCA members: $225

Drop-in rate of $20 per class for those who were unable to sign up for full-time classes. Register on website.

Dance Fitness Winter
Classes run Mondays, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, for 12 weeks from January 4 to March 15, 2027, in the Bow River Room. No class on Family Day, February 15.

RCA members: $165 | Non-RCA members: $180

Drop in available for each class, drop-in fee of $20 per class. Please register to hold your spot!

Kids and Youth

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

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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
- ☐ $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

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- 15% off Riverbend Community Centre rentals.
- Discounts on community programs and events.
- Priority registration for free community programs and events.
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