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Oakridge Community Garden	Bev Romerman	587-437-2494



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Please be aware that smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of the Oakridge Community Centre entrance, per City of Calgary Bylaw 57M92 the provincial Tobacco Reduction Act.

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# Oakridge Community Association (OCA): Civic Affairs Report

## RioCan Development at Glenmore Landing

Much continues to evolve regarding RioCan's and the City's communications and activities since our November report but unfortunately, with limited specific details. The initial 'Land Use Amendment' - LOC2023-0130 for RioCan's proposed redevelopment at Glenmore Landing has been revised for lower towers but with the same number of units/residents. Additionally, an original 'Public Notice' about the sale of Parkland adjacent to Glenmore Landing was subsequently revised with comments required by November 20 with a Council meeting planned for early January 2024. Late submissions on the sale of Parkland may be accepted at realestateinquiries@calgary.ca. There are different views on the facts so if you are interested, be sure to research both sides.

Much to our frustration, we have been unsuccessful in obtaining preliminary details on the traffic analysis, now over six months old. Oakridge and other community residents will remember the delays at 90 Ave and 14 St, during the BRT construction, so this will be important, especially with more residents at the proposed Jewish Centre expansion, the new Co-op development, the Taza developments, densification within District 32 communities, and more traffic using 90 Avenue from the ring road. We continue to request the 'Traffic Impact Analysis' (TIA) report as this should detail the anticipated additional congestion during construction and subsequently during ongoing occupation. Most recently (November 9), we have been advised by RioCan that the TIA will be available from the City once approved. We need some time to evaluate this report to determine the assumptions used by RioCan's consultants and the ongoing finalization required by the City.

## Southland Crossing – Co-op Development and Construction Plans

Construction of the new food store has commenced with a planned opening for early 2025. Once the new food store is open, Co-op will demolish the current food store, and begin the final phase of the project which includes residential development slated to be complete for 2026.

## Oakridge Area Upgrade Projects

We continue to support various projects including road calming measures at pedestrian crossings, such as Palliser Dr, 29 St and Oakwood Dr, as well as Southland Drive and Oakmoor Way where posted speeds are 60 km/hr. Please use the City of Calgary's link at <https://www.calgary.ca/311.html> to document any road safety or infrastructure issues. Recently, some benches were donated by a local resident and placed in several locations. Unfortunately, the City has identified several issues with these benches, including the fact that no service requests were made via 3-1-1, so the OCA Board has been approached regarding options, and these will be discussed by the OCA Board.

## District 32+

Generally, we will discuss issues common to our neighbouring communities and community associations. Canyon Meadows has now joined our activities, hence our expanded name District 32+. Common topics range from the RioCan expansion at Glenmore Landing, road safety, and development permits to future LAP issues.

## Social Committee - Save The Date!

Indulge your senses in a captivating journey through the vineyards of Spain at our Wine Night on February 2, 2024, hosted at the Oakridge Community Centre. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Spanish terroirs as we present a carefully curated selection of eight exquisite wines, each telling a unique story of the sun-soaked landscapes and centuries-old winemaking traditions.

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Join us for an evening of conviviality, where every sip is a celebration of Spain's winemaking mastery. Secure your place for an unforgettable night of discovery, camaraderie, and, of course, exceptional Spanish wines. Cheers to a night to remember!

Visit [www.oakridgecommunity.ca](http://www.oakridgecommunity.ca) to reserve your seat.

## Online Arena Booking

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## Oakridge Community Garden (OCG)

Further to our November Echo report, we have had an amazing fourth growing season and most of the beds are now dormant for winter. A late fall did allow for some hardy plants to still look vibrant, but time and temperature is not on their side!

We had our 97th meeting on October 16 and our next meeting, #98, is planned for Thursday, November 16 at 9:30 am at Social Grounds, although this will be in the past when you read this. Our Halloween decorations are now down, as are our Remembrance Day notices. Our Christmas decorations will be next, somewhat dependent on the weather, but we hope to combine this with the kids' ice rink activities.

Our winter projects will be to get all our minutes and photos on the web and to plan for 2024 – our fifth growing season. This involves selecting and applying for a grant to extend our irrigation system, building replacement beds, adding additional flooring and benches for the pavilion, and obtaining more tools/plants. A focus on creating a long-term sustainment plan will also be part of these discussions. We hope that Joan Williams' fascinating lecture on local plants and the importance of biodiversity will be documented in her new book, to be published shortly.

If you want to stay connected with our activities, please join us as a level one member. Please register at [www.oakridgecommunity.ca](http://www.oakridgecommunity.ca) and you can participate in our fun and informative activities, including possible visits to private local gardens.

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