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OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Email: oakcomm@telus.net
www.oakridgecommunity.ca

Office Hours

8:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays

Complex Manager

Darrell Ogden

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Tai Chi with Jane		403-281-7553
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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Thank You for a Successful Oakfest!

Well, wasn't that a blast!?

Oakfest was a huge success, a great party, and a good time was had by all!

A huge thank you to our volunteers at the door and liquor ticket table, Donna Knight, Barb Yau, Barry and Jennifer Pendergast, Doris Evans, Lynn Giddings, Gary and Louise Haerle, Kelly Krebs, Darcy Johnstone, and Amanda Bonelle. Thanks to those that volunteered to set up and clean up, Sue Ellis, John Killam, Dale Evans, and Brian Pedlar.

Thank you to the Dance Committee, spearheaded by, Dave Thomson, Rachael McCarthy, Steve Hunter, Terry Kemp, and Gary Davies for all of their hard work getting this event off the ground! From their first organizational meeting until the last twinkle lights were taken down, the Oakfest committee worked tirelessly to make sure we all had a great time!

Last but not least, thank you to Sergeant Bankonin and Constable Taylor for being present and assisting in making this a very cool event!

The scuttlebutt has it that Oakfest 2024 is in the works and that it will be bigger and better next year! Stay tuned!



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 11th, 2023
7:00 PM**

The Oakridge Community Association (OCA) is holding its **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, 2023** at 7:00 pm. The OCA Executive and Board of Directors invite all Oakridge residents to attend. Anyone wishing to be included on the agenda or wishing to participate in discussion, as per OCA bylaws, must have a current community membership.

SEE YOU THERE!

Calgary Co-op Oakridge Development Update

The newly constructed Oakridge Professional Building is open for business!

Many businesses have relocated from the mall and are now operating from their new premises, including Co-op Cannabis, CIBC, Connect First, Hearing Life, Personalized Bookkeeping, Oakridge Denture Clinic, Oakridge Chiropractic, and The Village Studio. Oakridge Dental Clinic and West Peaks Dental Clinic will be opening in late March. We are excited to welcome Easy Blink Optometry/Vision Therapy to the Professional Building this summer.

Demolition of the mall is planned to begin this spring and should be completed by fall. Once complete, construction of a new food store will commence with a planned opening for late 2024.

All existing businesses including the food store, gas bar, and car wash will remain open during the construction period and all efforts will be made to minimize any interruption.

Once the new food store is open, we will demolish the current food store, and begin the final phase of the project which includes residential development slated to be complete for 2026.



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Help your community and become a **BINGO** Volunteer!



The **Oakridge Community Association** requires volunteers to work monthly bingo's at the Bingo Barn in NE Calgary.

For each bingo worked you would receive a **\$50 Bingo Buck** that can be spent on any activity that is run through the Community as well as numerous sports organizations, Learning Experience Ltd. Preschool, BASC and HAP Programs, and Southland Leisure Centre just to name a few!

Please contact Sandy if you can help out at (403) 238-0007 oakcomm@telus.net

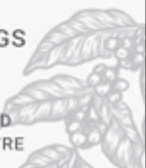


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Residential Traffic Concerns

from Calgary Police Services

The Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) is a unit created to specifically address residential traffic issues. Our strategy is to utilize citizen feedback to develop our operational response. We focus on playground zones, pedestrian rich areas, and other high-risk locations identified through collision data analysis. The RTSU is attached to the Traffic Section of the Calgary Police Service.

We strongly emphasize public awareness and education, facilitating citizen engagement by attending Community Association Board meetings to discuss the Traffic Service Request System (TSR). The TSR is a key tool to help Calgary Police Service monitor and track traffic safety issues.

The RTSU also utilizes strong collaborative relationships with City partners on traffic concerns requiring resolutions other than enforcement, such as sign changes, installation of crosswalks, Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, extension of playground zones, etc.

We can further assist by liaising with established community partnerships. This includes MLA offices, City Councillor offices, and Neighborhood Committee Coordinators as we continue to expand events attended by the RTSU.

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(Community Membership is from May 1 to April 30)

HOURS

	Sept to June	July / Aug
Monday to Thursday	8 am to 8 pm	8 am to 5 pm
Friday	8 am to 4 pm	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday	8 am to noon	closed
Sundays / Holidays	closed	closed

REGISTRATION
Sandy (403) 238-0007
oakcomm@telus.net

LOCATION
Oakridge Community Centre - Main Level
9504 Oakfield Drive SW T2V0L1

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Dance Compound 5:45 – 8:00 pm	2	3
4	5 Yoga with Rob 9:15 - 10:30 am Dance Compound (Children's Dance) 5:00 – 7:15 pm	6	7 Coffee & Chat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Yoga with Jane 7:30 - 8:30 pm	8 Dance Compound 5:45 – 8:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Yoga with Rob 9:15 - 10:30 am Dance Compound (Children's Dance) 5:00 – 7:15 pm	13	14 Coffee & Chat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Yoga with Jane 7:30 - 8:30 pm	15 Dance Compound 5:45 – 8:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20	21 Coffee & Chat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Coffee & Chat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	29	30	

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If you are transporting dirt, gravel, those plastic bags filled with pop cans, or helping a buddy move, all items must be secured in place (tarped or tied

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Oakridge Community Membership

Membership Type	Annual Fee
Household	\$40
Senior Household	\$20

Oakridge Racquet Club Membership

Membership Type	Early Bird April 30th	Regular Season
Individual	\$113	\$118
Senior	\$88	\$93
Couple	\$195	\$205
Senior Couple	\$175	\$185
Family - with kids under 18	\$225	\$235
Junior - under 18 not with family	\$25	\$25

EARLY BIRD pricing in effect from February 15 to April 30, 2023

Regularly Scheduled Drop-in Sessions

Tennis

Day	Time
Mon/Wed/Fri	9:30-11:30am
Thursday	6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	9:30-11:30am
Sunday	3:00-5:00pm

Pickleball (usually held on courts 5 and 6)

Day	Time
Tuesday/Thursday	9:30-11:30am
Thursday	6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	9:30-11:30am
Sunday	9:30-11:30am

FRIENDS *of* Fish Creek



June in Fish Creek

WestJet Gift of Flight

From May to July, the Friends of Fish Creek are offering you The Gift of Flight from WestJet. Win a round trip flight for two to anywhere WestJet flies! Pick up your tickets today and enjoy this amazing opportunity to see a new part of the world or return to a favourite place. All funds raised will support the Friends and our conservation efforts here in Fish Creek. Fish Creek Provincial Park enhances the quality of life for countless community members each day, and we are committed to protecting and preserving its sensitive ecosystems and biodiversity so that future generations can enjoy this park long into the future. Enter to win one round trip flight for two guests to any regularly scheduled and marketed WestJet destination! No cash value. Fees, taxes, and surcharges are not included. Blackout dates and restrictions apply. Tickets are one for \$10, five for \$20, 25 for \$50, or go all in and get 100 tickets for \$100! Contest closes July 3, 2023. All tickets are sold electronically. All bookings and travel must be completed within one year from the date of the event. For more information, visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/flight>.

Calgary Connect: Maintaining Ecological Connectivity

Thursday, June 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Presented by Nicole Kahal, Conservation Analyst with the Miistakis Institute

What is ecological connectivity and why is it important? What are the challenges to maintaining ecological connectivity in our region? The City of Calgary, in partnership with Miistakis Institute, launched Calgary Captured in 2017, and through this program, Friends volunteers help with wildlife camera monitoring here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. This multi-year wildlife monitoring and citizen science-based program is intended to study urban wildlife populations, their movement and behaviour, and enable informed conservation and management decisions that support healthy wildlife populations in our city. Join Nicole Kahal, Conservation Analyst with the Miistakis Institute, to learn how Miistakis and partners are using wildlife camera-traps, spatial modeling, and municipal planning to understand how we can protect what's left of the natural connections in the Calgary metropolitan region. To register, visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/connect>.

Capture Nature Photo Contest 2023

Each year, the Friends of Fish Creek offers our Capture Nature photo contest as a fun and creative opportunity for park users to engage with their natural surroundings as they search and explore for the best images of the year. From beginning photographers to amateur professionals and youth, we invite you to submit your best park images for consideration. As a contest participant, you may see your images used on our website, program posters, and other media publications as they become part of our ever-growing library of beautiful, high-quality park images. The sale of photo submissions may also support our organizational fundraising efforts down the road. The themes for 2023 are Winter Wonderland, The Elements, and As Above So Below. All submissions must be images taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Registration runs from May 1 to July 31, 2023. You can register at any point throughout the contest. The public will be able to vote for their favourite photos through our online gallery. Voting will be open until August 15 at midnight, and we will announce the contest winners on September 1.

To register and for more information, please visit <https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/capturenature>.

Stop into the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre

If you have been down to the Bow Valley Ranch in the past year or so, you may have noticed that the Visitor Information Centre is now open six days a week. The exhibit area here features cultural artifacts and a wealth of information about the history of the city and the park. Since the beginning of the Friends' Enhanced Partnership Project with Alberta Parks in 2020, we have trained over thirty volunteers in the new role of Fish Creek Ambassador to work in the centre. We invite you to stop into the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre to pick up a park map or outreach material, learn about some of the unique history of this area, and chat with our friendly and knowledgeable Fish Creek ambassadors.

Oakridge Community Association (OCA): Civic Affairs Report

Southland Crossing – Co-op Development and Construction Plans

A model and information of Co-op's development is displayed at the entrance to the shopping mall. Demolition of the existing mall is continuing and should be completed by fall. Once complete, construction of the new food store will commence with a planned opening for late 2024, although deliveries of electrical gear may push this into 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.

RioCan Development at Glenmore Landing

An 'open house' on RioCan's plans for its three phased development at Glenmore Landing was held at PBPCA in early May. These 'early' plans involve using the currently green space along 90 Avenue for multistorey apartment buildings. Our concerns are mainly about the appropriateness of the locations and their impact on traffic, especially during construction. We are discussing how to positively influence this development and its impact on current residents within District 32.

Oakridge Area Upgrade Projects

Regarding our list of common Oakridge projects shared with our Ward 11 representatives, we remain cautiously optimistic that some of our projects will get approved and implemented, especially the road safety ones. Oakside Gate and 90 Avenue pedestrian lights installation has started and should be complete this summer. Palliser Drive and 29 St should also get road calming measures at the pedestrian crossing. We will have completed a survey of residents looking at a speed reduction on Palliser Drive from the posted 50km/hr and will share the results with Ward 11 and City representatives. We continue to observe other pedestrian crossing issues, such as Southland Drive and Oakmoor Way where posted speeds are 60 km/hr. Please also use the City of Calgary 311 line or <https://www.calgary.ca/311.html> to document any road safety or infrastructure issues. The more residents document their concerns, the more likely the City will investigate and address them.

Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU)

The Calgary Police Service - CPS RTSU continues to have monthly focus themes with current compliance issues on distracted driving, seatbelts, and speeding. The Traffic Service Request System (TSR) is a key tool to help Calgary Police Service monitor and track traffic safety issues via link: <https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-requests.html>.

OCA Facilities

The OCA Board is supporting a two-phase Parking Lot upgrade: upgrade of the existing parking lot during 2023 and an expansion to the North in 2024. The City will be contributing some funds for this effort. The OCA is also continuing to support the Enmax solar panel roof project with a potential implementation during this May 2023. We continue to look at other climate enhancing opportunities such as bike racks and electric charging stations as part of an expanded car park, growing trees, working with the Oakridge Community Garden, etc. We are also discussing other improvements with 'Oh My Oakridge' such as bike routes between green spaces.

District 32

Our next District 32 Meeting #20 will be on Thursday, June 8 and the CA will continue to share local issues of a common nature. Everything from road safety to 'Development Permits' to the RioCan expansion at Glenmore Landing and future LAP issues.



In Sweden and Finland, Midsummer Day is a national holiday that takes place on June 24. As one of the longest days of the year, Midsummer Day celebrates the summer solstice and traditionally, the midpoint of planting season. Celebrations commence the night before and involve bonfires, feasting, singing, dancing around the Maypole, and time spent with loved ones.

Oakridge Community Garden (OCG)

In May, we had several activities at the OCG such as orientation of new members and our sod cutting and mulch placement around the perennial beds. We also held our Plant Exchange and Sale on May 17 which saw many members and residents attend. Many gardeners have already planted some early seeds and plants hoping we don't get a late frost.

Our fourth growing season should be rewarding with all the learnings we have received in recent years. If you want to stay connected with our activities, please join us as a level one member. Please register at <https://www.oakridgecommunity.ca/> and you can participate in our fun and informative activities, including visits to private local gardens.

Save the Dates: Our OCG Near Term 'Events' Are:

OCG Open Garden on July 29 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Joan Williams will present, and visitors will be welcome.

Come visit our OCG and rest awhile on our benches and at our picnic tables. Also come join our fun loving, nature focused, 'green' volunteers, both novices and experienced gardeners – we are all interested in learning more.

Our perennial garden and food forest is continuing to fill out and the addition of a wooden canoe in late 2022 to reflect our 'Weaselhead' theme should enable gardeners and local residents to reflect on nature, smell the 'roses', and watch the blooming flowers and busy pollinators. Everyone is invited!

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3 ACTIVE



20 SOLD



1 PENDING

ROW/TOWNHOUSE



1 ACTIVE



8 SOLD



2 PENDING

Above stats are current within the last 60 days.

SUMMER *Home Maintenance*
TIPS



- Check air conditioning to see if properly functioning
- Check condition of roof shingles and flashing
- Check sheds for wear and tear or damages
- Fertilize lawn
- Check sealing around windows & doors for air or water leaks
- Test septic system and clean if necessary
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