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## **OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

#### **Complex**

9504 Oakfield Drive SW Calgary, Alberta T2V 0L1 Telephone: 403-238-0007 Fax: 403-238-1115 Email: oakcomm@telus.net www.oakridgecommunity.ca

#### **Office Hours**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays

#### **General Manager**

Darrell Ogden

#### **Operations Manager**

Matt Brewster

#### Maintenance

Ron Lukie, Jay Stewart

#### **Hall Rentals**

- Contact Darrell on weekdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Space available for socials, meetings, wedding receptions, etc.
- Our large hall holds up to 200 people and includes kitchen facilities.

#### Social Media

The Oakridge community is now on Facebook and Instagram!

Please follow and like us to get all the latest news and community updates!

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### Oakridge Community Centre Abuse Policy

The Oakridge Community
Centre values its staff,
volunteers and patrons of the
facility. In order to provide a
safe and healthy environment,
we are a zero-tolerance facility.
Abuse or harassment towards
volunteers, staff and patrons will
not be tolerated.

#### **EXECUTIVE**

President	Brian Pedlar
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#### DIRECTORY

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Yoga with Rob		403-862-6042
Learning Experience Preschool	Nicole Rosendorff	403-460-0389
Tai Chi with Jane		403-281-7553
Oakridge Community Garden	Bev Romerman	587-437-2494

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#### **Keep the Oakridge Community Centre Smoke-Free**

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.

The Tobacco Reduction Act prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces, and within 5 metres of any doorway, window or air intake. If you do smoke, please be sure to do so at least 5 metres from the entrance. We appreciate your cooperation.





Oakridge Real Estate Update
Last 12 Months Oakridge
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2025	\$295,000	\$285,000
August 2025	\$274,950	\$268,500
July 2025	\$315,000	\$310,000
June 2025	\$358,950	\$356,500
May 2025	\$259,900	\$260,000
April 2025	\$424,000	\$426,500
March 2025	\$397,400	\$389,500
February 2025	\$417,500	\$432,000
January 2025	\$317,000	\$317,000
December 2024	\$249,900	\$246,450
November 2024	\$372,400	\$371,500
October 2024	\$299,450	\$295,000

Last 12 Months Oakridge MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2025	11	7
August 2025	7	6
July 2025	7	5
June 2025	13	6
May 2025	15	11
April 2025	13	11
March 2025	12	6
February 2025	6	10
January 2025	12	10
December 2024	3	8
November 2024	12	10
October 2024	13	12

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **oakr.mycalgary.com** 





## Oakridge Sage Gatherings -**Where Caring and Wisdom Meet** Community

We have been busy this fall with great presentations from The Utilities Consumer Advocate Julia Chouj and from The Calgary Fire Department's, Gustava Avila. We also had the three candidates running for Ward 11 Councillor in to share their platforms and answer questions; Rob Ward, Alex Williams, and Kourtney Penner, this was so appreciated by everyone who attended. There will be many more opportunities for you to attend speaker events in the coming months, watch for it in this space of the Echo.

We have organized our presentation dates for the next two months and we are very fortunate to have great members who are willing to share their experience or are connected to others who are very generous with their time and knowledge. Please join us for our presentations over the next two months and stay tuned for our 2026 lineup! If there is something you are interested in hearing or learning more about, please reach out to Bruce at oakridgesagegatherings@gmail.com.

#### **November and December Presentations**

11:00 am, second floor, OCC. We do suggest registering for these events as seating is limited; rsvp@sagegatherings.ca.

- November 12: Our speaker will be Author Karen Lee. Karen will be giving a second teaching experience to the group, and this one is titled, "Why Memoir Writing Is So Important Today". Karen has written and published two books and her gift of teaching and sharing her writing skills is invaluable. Always informative, don't let this one go by!
- December 3: Our speaker will be Nagwan Al-Guneid, the MLA representing Calgary-Glenmore since 2023, she is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and will be sharing information about Sustainable Energy.

Please note: All speaker series presentations are by a donation of your choice and mostly held on the second floor of the Oakridge community centre. Please read the Echo and watch for posters on the bulletin board at the community centre entrance for information.

Our weekly Drop-in Chats are on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 am (ish) in the main foyer. Everyone is welcome to join in. We often have shorter presentations with our coffee, friendly conversations, and always welcome newcomers. Please email Bruce Sutherland at oakridgesagegatherings@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the weekly information email for things happening the following week.

#### **Caring Committee News**

We have a group within Sage Gatherings whose purpose is to reach out and support those in our group in need. Caring for one another is a key pillar of our Sage Gatherings Community. We often visit members in the hospital, take people to appointments or to get groceries, and will try to support and assist with the needs of those who may be in-firmed, housebound, or just need help fixing something that is broken. You are invited to become a part of our Wednesday morning coffee gatherings and be a part of this wonderfully connected group, please join us.

#### **Weekly Walks**

Tuesdays, 10:00 am meet up. Oakridge area outdoor walks during nice weather.

First Tuesday of the month – Meet at 24 Street and 90 Avenue SW, South East Glenmore Parking Lot (by the Water Park), and walk East to Heritage Park.

Second Tuesday – Meet at 90 Ave and Oakmount Drive (Glenmore South West Parking Lot) and walk West to the Weaselhead Flats National Park.

Third Tuesday of the month – Meet at Oakridge community centre and walk the pathways and parks in the neighbourhood.

Fourth Tuesday of the month – Meet at the South end of BEBO Grove in Fish Creek Park and walk a different route each month.

For more information on our weekly walks text Gary at 403-831-5682.



# FRIENDS Fish Creek

## The Friends of Fish Creek Have Saved Over 45,000 Native Plants This Year!

Ahh, summer. It was a time for enjoying beautiful weather, getting outside, and—of course—rescuing plants. Saving mature plants from sites slated for development and transplanting them into the grasslands where they can not only survive, but thrive, is a no-brainer for us here at the Friends.

And thanks to our developer partners Genesis Land Development Corp, Qualico Communities, and Calbridge Developments, we've had an extremely successful (if sometimes muddy) plant rescue season.

So far in 2025, across four sites, we estimate that we've saved over 45,000 plants—and these have all found a new home in the grasslands at Bow Valley Ranch! This not only gives our grassland and creekside habitat restoration projects a big boost, but these plants will produce harvestable seeds that we can then use to continue propagating and planting new plants, keeping the circular seed cycle going!

Here's a look at just a few of the incredible species we've been lucky enough to rescue this year. We hope you enjoy the beauty of these amazing native plants and grasses. If you want to get involved in plant salvage, you can volunteer to come out with us on weekends to help rescue plants for grassland restoration (or grab some for your own garden). Learn more about volunteering at friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteer or email us at info@ friendsoffishcreek.org.



Porcupine Grass (Hesperostipa curtiseta)



Blue grama grass (Bouteloua gracilis)



Nodding onion (Allium cernuum)



Dotted Blazing Star (Liatris punctata)



Yellow Owl's Clover (Orthocarpus luteus)



Parry's Oatgrass (Danthonia parryi)



Sunflower (Helianthus pauciflorus subrhomboideus)



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#### When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection; be prepared to pull over.
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop. remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- On one-way streets move to the nearest curb, either the right or left.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., in order to safely pass other traffic.

#### When operating a vehicle:

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights activated (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.). This law applies to the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it is recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.



- Drivers must place their full attention on the road and the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points.
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- In this crime thriller, Guy Pearce plays Leonard who suffers from an untreatable form of memory loss that makes finding his wife's killer nearly impossible.
- 3. This legal drama involves Julia Roberts, a car accident, and a devastating legal cover-up.
- Two cheerleading squads duel it out and uncover some shady practices going on during the national championship.
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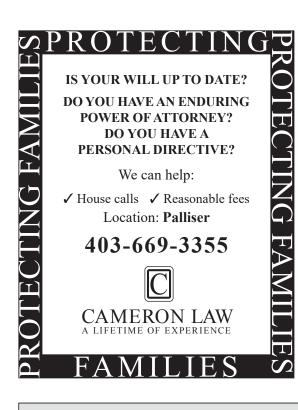
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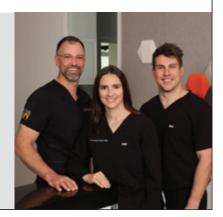
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