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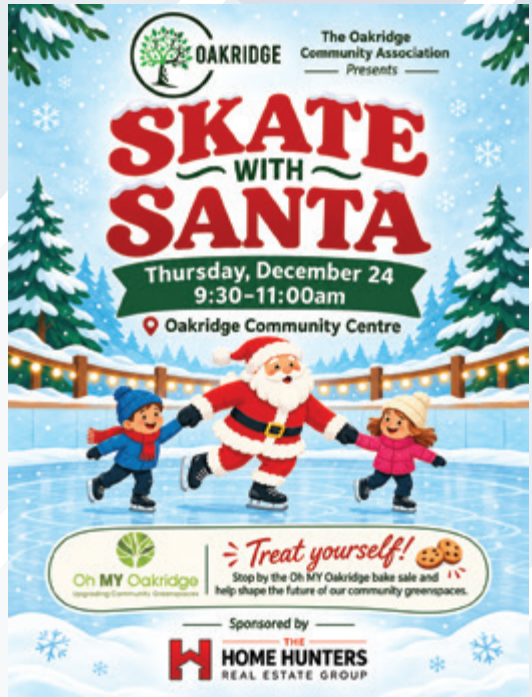
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# Members Skating Returns

After a summer of sunshine, it's time to lace up again—our member skating programs are back right after Labour Day, and we can't wait to see the rink full of familiar faces.

**Member Family Skating**
Looking for an easy, active way to spend time? Member Family Skating is a relaxed, family-friendly ice time where you can practice your edges, take a few laps, or just enjoy being on the ice together.

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm (great for an after school skate).

Sundays from 5:15 to 7:15 pm.

**Sticks and Pucks**
Ready for a bit of practice? Sticks and Pucks is designed for players who want to work on skating, puck/ring handling, and shooting in a safe environment.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30pm.

Full gear and registration are required.

**Little Learners Ice Time**
For our youngest skaters (and the grown-ups cheering them on), Little Learners Ice Time is all about confidence building and fun. It's perfect for kids who are just learning to skate. Older siblings and parents/guardians are welcome to join so everyone can share the experience.

Skating aids are available to use.

Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**A Quick Note About Closures:**
Please note that member skating programs are not available on dates the facility is closed, including during the Christmas holidays and Family Day.

Memberships can be purchased by visiting www.oakridgecommunity.ca.

Whether you're coming to glide, practice, or help a new skater find their balance, we're excited to welcome you back to the ice.



# December Upcoming Events and Activities

**Special Events**
- Thursday, December 24, 2026 – Skate with Santa
- Tuesday, January 12, 2027 – Nerd Night

For the latest details, timing, or to purchase tickets, visit www.oakridgecommunity.ca.

**Recurring Activities (Weekly)**
- Mondays: 148 Oakridge Cubs
- Tuesdays: Coffee with Sage Gatherings
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: Line Dancing with Mary
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# December Community Update

Since September, the Oh MY Oakridge team has been hard at work scanning our parks to see how we currently use these spaces. We also ran an online survey to gather as much information as possible on how you want to use our greenspaces, and we brought that input together with our first two engagement events, run by our partner The Tula Project. We are so excited for what is coming in 2027, as we run more engagement events and bring the community a Greenspace Master Plan in Q3 2027.

Thank you to all the Oakridge residents who have supported our questionnaire and engagement events in 2026. Without the ideas you are bringing forward, our plan would not be taking shape.

As we look toward 2027, we can't wait to bring the community together with more formal and informal engagement sessions. Keep an eye on the Oakridge Community Association website for more information.

You may have noticed that we scaled back our fundraisers in 2026 as we began work on the Master Plan project. Stay tuned: we will be ramping up our fundraising efforts again in 2027 as we begin to build funds for the next greenspace project.

Want to stay in the loop on fundraisers, engagement events, and the Master Plan? Email us at ohmyoakridge@gmail.com to join our email list.

But before we ring in the new year, we will see you at the Oakridge Community Association's annual Skate with Santa! Last year we ran a successful bake sale at the event, bringing homemade cookies and treats to the community members who came out to enjoy a little time with Santa. By popular demand, we are bringing it back this year, and we are looking for both bakers and buyers.

If you can help make the holidays a little sweeter, we need enthusiastic bakers to donate homemade treats for us to sell. Please reach out to us at ohmyoakridge@gmail.com and we will give you all the details.

If you can't bake but want to skip some holiday stress and still have delicious homemade goodies on your table on Christmas Day, please drop by and support upgrading our community greenspaces this holiday season.

Happy holidays Oakridge, and we'll see you in the parks in 2027!



# The Nutcracker





In 1892 Tchaikovsky premiered his third ballet, "The Nutcracker" in Saint Petersburg, and while in recent times it is know globally and considered a Christmas tradition for many people, the ballet was not well-loved upon release. In fact, it did not gain popularity until closer to the 1950s when companies began performing it annually, marketing it as a Christmas feature.

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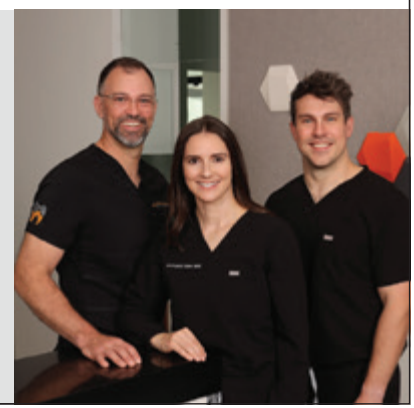
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# Oakridge Sage Gatherings

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We have had such a beautiful fall, spending time outdoors and none of our activities have had to be put on hold for weather! There is so much happening around our neighbourhood. OMO has been busy with Engagement Sessions looking for your thoughts and ideas for our green spaces. Keep watching for news, bulletins, emails, and opportunities to engage and share your ideas with Oh My Oakridge as they develop further plans for increased green space activation. Halloween in Oakridge was extremely busy with the "Harry Potter Houses Open House", approximately 4000 people visited the week before Halloween and October 31 was equally busy as we counted approximately 260 trick or treaters at the door and line-ups down the street to visit what looked just like a Harry Potter movie set.

At Sage Gatherings we continue with our Coffee meetups on Tuesdays, and our presentations occur once a month. In November we were so fortunate to be able to welcome LCol Bruce Sutherland, Ret'd Pilot and his awesome talk on Flying Off Canada's Aircraft Carrier: The Bonaventure, Canada's Last Top Guns. For those of you who missed it and want to attend one please watch *The ECHO* for his next presentation.

We are always looking for speakers and topics, if there is something you are interested in hearing or learning more about, please reach out with your ideas to Bruce Sutherland at; oakridgesagegatherings@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Presentations on the Second Floor of OCC**

- December 10, 2026, at 11:30 am: We will have our Christmas Lunch at The Grey Eagle Casino.
- January 12, 2027, at 11:00 am: Blue Tulip Accounting, Vilma Garcia, will be speaking about taxes and specifically, disability tax credits.

*We do suggest registering for these events as seating is limited; rsvp@sagegatherings.ca.

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 entrance for information.

**Caring Committee News**

We have dedicated volunteers to give support in our community which results in positive change and continuing independence and wellness for our demographic making it a better place to live. We are so grateful to have a weekly meeting space at the Community Centre, the approval of the Oakridge Community Association Board and their support of Sage Gatherings. We have planning sessions every six weeks to facilitate our communications with changing needs in our community. Caring for one another is a key pillar of our Sage Gatherings Community. Contact the Caring Committee, sagegatheringscaring@gmail.com.

**Weekly Walks - Wednesdays starting at 10:00 am**

Our weekly walks follow a repeating monthly location, listed below and sent out in a weekly email. We look forward to welcoming new participants, please do join us for fresh air, social gatherings and great exercise.

**First Wednesday of the Month**

24 St and 90 Ave SW, SE Glenmore parking lot, (by the water park).

**Second Wednesday**

90 Ave and Oakmount Dr., Glenmore SW parking lot.

**Third Wednesday**

Oakridge Community Centre, pathways and parks in the neighbourhood.

**Fourth Wednesday**

North Glenmore Park to the Weaselhead parking lot, then 66 Ave and 17 Street SW, heading to Elbow River then continuing south to Beaver Pond and returning.

We set clear guidelines for the weather. If it is raining or snowing (yikes) please reach out to ensure we are walking. Check Bruce's weekly email for updates and locations of where we are walking. If you are not on the email list, please send him a message if you would like to be added; oakridgesagegatherings@gmail.com.

For any questions: Walking Contact; Text or call Gary 403-831-5682.



## Social Committee

The Social Committee helps build community spirit in Oakridge by creating fun, welcoming ways for neighbours to connect. Whether you've lived here for decades or you're brand new to the community, social events are often the easiest way to meet people, feel included, and build a stronger sense of belonging.

**What Does the Social Committee Do?**

The Social Committee plans and delivers community events that bring neighbours together across all ages and stages. Signature events have included Skate with Santa, OAKtoberfest, and Jellybean Dances—and the committee is always looking for ways to keep these experiences positive, inclusive, and easy to participate in.

Beyond the events themselves, the Social Committee focuses on creating a welcoming atmosphere. That means thinking about accessibility, clear communication, and the small details that help people feel comfortable showing up—especially families, seniors, and residents attending for the first time.

A big part of making events successful is volunteer coordination. The Social Committee helps organize short-term, event-based volunteer roles such as set-up, take-down, welcome table support, activity stations, and general "extra hands" during busy moments. These roles are a great way to contribute without needing a long-term commitment and they make a real difference in what we can offer as a community.

The committee also works with other committees, staff, and community partners to support seasonal programming and special events. When committees collaborate, we can share resources, avoid duplication, and create a more connected calendar of activities for residents.

Finally, the Social Committee promotes upcoming events and shares key details, so residents know what's happening, what to expect, and how to participate.

**Current Priorities**

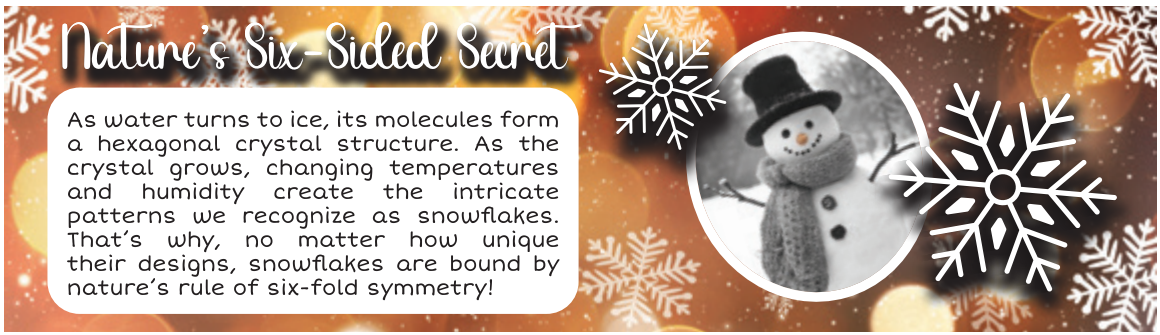
This quarter, the Social Committee is focused on confirming the seasonal events calendar and recruiting volunteer leads for key events, improving event planning and delivery (timelines, volunteer sign-ups, supply lists, and day-of coordination), increasing participation by making events easy to understand and accessible (clear info, low-cost or free options, family-friendly timing), and gathering resident feedback after events to improve future programming.

**How to Get Involved**

Submit a question, idea, issue, or volunteer interest using our contact us form. If you have an event idea, want to help at an upcoming activity, or can volunteer in a specific way, we'd love to hear from you.

Social@oakridgecommunity.ca





# Standing Committee Profile: Civic Affairs

Civic Affairs helps Oakridge stay informed and engaged on City of Calgary topics that affect our neighbourhood. When changes are proposed, whether it's a development permit, a construction project, a policy update, or a consultation, this committee helps track what's happening, share clear information, and support residents who want to participate.

**What Civic Affairs Does**

The committee monitors and shares information about City issues that impact Oakridge, including planning and development, construction, parks, traffic, safety, and local services. A key part of this work is reviewing development permit submissions that may affect the community and providing feedback when appropriate. This helps ensure Oakridge has a thoughtful, organized way to understand proposals and respond when it matters.

Civic Affairs also helps residents understand how to engage in civic processes. City processes can feel complicated or time-consuming, so the committee aims to make participation easier by sharing plain-language summaries and practical "how to" guidance such as where to find information, how to submit comments, and what timelines to watch for (public hearings, open houses, surveys, 3-1-1 requests, and consultations).

Another important role is collecting and summarizing resident feedback on civic issues. When residents share concerns or ideas, the committee can help identify themes and bring that input forward to the Community Association and, when needed, to City contacts or elected officials.

To support this work, the committee maintains relationships with City contacts and local representatives to improve communication and ensure residents can access timely, accurate updates. When larger issues arise, Civic Affairs may also help coordinate community-level advocacy such as letters, submissions, or information sessions so Oakridge residents can engage in a coordinated and constructive way.

**Current Priorities**

This quarter, Civic Affairs is focused on tracking current City projects or proposals affecting Oakridge and sharing updates in plain language, improving how residents submit civic concerns and how we route them.

**How To Get Involved**

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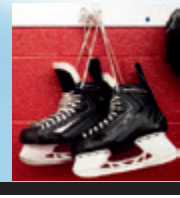
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