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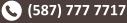
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Red Deer Lake United Church

Join us at 10:30 am every Sunday - in person or online (YouTube - @RedDeerLakeUnitedChurch) as we explore faith, hope, and connection together. We're an inclusive and affirming community of faith made up of people of all ages, backgrounds, and perspectives. Located just minutes from most South Calgary communities, and only 20 minutes from the Northwest via Stoney Trail - we're closer than you think! **Advent and Christmas Events**

Red Deer Lake United Church celebrates the Advent and Christmas season with a full calendar of worship and community gatherings.

ADVENT SERVICES

- Nov. 30 10:30 a.m. Advent 1 Service
- Dec. 14 10:30 a.m. Advent 3 Service (followed by a Soup Lunch)
- Dec. 21 10:30 a.m. Advent 4 Service

*Please note there will be no services held at Red Deer Lake on December 7 and 28.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec. 4 7:00 p.m. Sound & Soul
- Dec. 5 6:00 p.m. Pizza and Christmas Movie Night
- Dec. 14 1:00 p.m. Scrooge Performance
- Dec. 21 5:00 p.m. Christmas Garden of Light
- Dec. 21 7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service
- Dec. 22 & 23 5:00 p.m. Christmas Garden of Light
- Dec. 27 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

- 1:00 p.m. Family Service with Rev. Danah Cox
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service with Rev. Joanne Anguist
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion with Rev. Bill Weaver

On the Edge Concert Series - Love live music? Different artists and genres are played throughout the year at Red Deer Lake United Church. Check out our upcoming concerts at https://reddeerlakeuc.com/concerts.

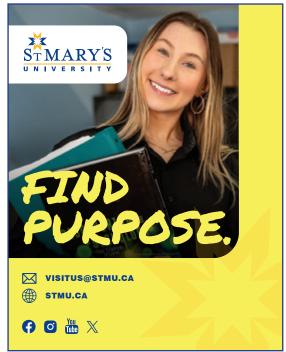
We are excited to launch Meadow Green, Wedding and Events Centre at Red Deer Lake United Church. Meadow Green is a 45,000 square foot facility that provides a variety of affordable spaces for weddings, workshops, art shows, performances. and much more. For more information visit us at www.meadowgreenevents.ca or contact the office at (403) 256-3181 to book your tour today!



Stay up to date on all our events at www.reddeerlakeuc.com.











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SBCA Meetings

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in the Jets Room in the Cardel Rec Centre at 7:00 pm.

Get a SBCA Membership!

Some Membership Benefits Include:

- Perks with local business incentives (check out our website for details)
- Free access to community events
- Access to the community garden

If you have any questions, contact Marlene at sbcamembershipcalgary@gmail.com.



Somerset Bridlewood Community Association (SBCA)

Incorporated in 1997



Our Vision

Somerset Bridlewood Community Association is a multicultural community which engages and supports connections among neighbours of all ages.

Our Mission

We encourage social, cultural and recreational activities by inspiring our neighbours to create a positive impact with pride and ownership.





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Get a membership

Members are the cornerstone to the association. We develop activities and services to enhance our community's needs and interests. Your membership goes towards those activities, maintaining the community garden, and supporting the neighbourhood.

Senior (65 +) Membership \$10 Family Membership \$20 Business Membership \$40

Purchase or renew online

Note: Community Association memberships are separate and not affiliated with Residents Association fees.

Get involved

Did you know that SBCA is run entirely by volunteers? Volunteers are the backbone of the organization. A community that works together thrives together. It is a great way to participate in decisions made and give back, all while becoming more engaged in your neighbourhood.

Join the Board of Directors
Volunteer at Community Events
Share Skills & Start New Programs
Sponsor or Donate



It's Christmastime in Calgary

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

It's Christmastime in Calgary In foothills west a silent night The constellations fill the sky Forever sharing starry light

The whitetail deer in Nose Hill Park Prancing over city's glow Sweet homes of dancing candlelight Gentle as the falling snow

And high on top of every tree
The stars and angels overlook
For bleak and icy winter hearts
The melting grace of warm chinook

It's Christmastime in Calgary
Though heights of mountains cold in snow
Our gifts stay warm beneath the trees
Wrapped with love by River Bow

Get Involved

Did you know that SBCA is run entirely by volunteers?

If you loved our past events like the Easter event, Winter Event, Clothing exchanges,



Community Cleanup, or one of the many other events SBCA puts on in the community, you should know that they were put together by community members just like yourself who volunteer their time to bring our community together.

Volunteers are the backbone of a community. A community that works together, supports its members, and thrives together. It is a great way to participate in decisions made, help organize events, and be aware of what is happening in your neighbourhood.

If this is something you are interested in or want to share your ideas of what we could do next, please join us. All of our meetings are open to everyone. They are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:15 pm at the Cardel Rec Centre in the Jets Room.

- Can you donate a few hours of your time?
- Do you have a special talent that you would like to share?
- Can you support the Community Association during events?
- Do you have ideas that would bring the community together?
- Do you have fun ideas to engage individuals and families?

We Want Your Input!

There is no mandatory time commitment if you want to help with just one event, share ideas, or if you want to be very involved, we have space for you. Please come to a meeting and see what we are all about!

We are consistently looking for new members, volunteers, and board members to join the Community Association. The old saying, "Many hands make light work", is still alive and oh so accurate!

If you have ideas or projects that would involve the community, we would love to hear from you! mysbcacalgary.wordpress.com/get-involved/.



FRIENDS Fish Creek

Seed Processing and Listen Garden

It's December now and you might be asking what sort of work the Friends of Fish Creek are up to when it's cold out, the days are short, and not much is growing. Well, our work actually continues year-round, and we have the time once field season ends to reap the fruits of our labours – kind of literally! Through spring, summer, and fall, after you see beautiful blooms on all kinds of different species of native plants, those plants go to seed. And we're out there at plant salvages, in the park, and on land we've been given access to by our partners, harvesting those seeds to continue building species diversity within the park. After harvesting, our incredible volunteers gather weekly to help us separate the seeds from the chaff so that they're easily stored, measured, and perhaps most importantly, planted.

And this year, we've got a special purpose for all those seeds we're harvesting – putting them into the Listen Garden at Bow Valley Ranch – a space for native plants, Indigenous knowledge, and reconciliation. This area has been treated with herbicide to remove the invasive species that cover much of the park and prepare it for the cover crop (annual Plains coreopsis) and native seed mix we'll apply in spring. After one to two seasons, the Plains coreopsis will die, and the high-diversity native seed mix will emerge from below. To speed revegetation along, hundreds of large, salvaged mature plants like Foothills rough fescue, Parry's oatgrass, and Western porcupine grass will be planted in the spring alongside the seed





mix. The Listen Garden will also feature several "Habitat beds" that highlight Alberta's diverse ecosystems. Beds on the garden's west side will showcase alpine/montane, foothills parkland, and Foothills rough fescue grassland ecosystems, merging into the dry mixed grass and badlands ecosystems on the east side of the gardens. These more "formal" gardens will be installed in a few years. Right now, the space consists of contoured pathways – what isn't currently path will be a home for thousands of tiny native plant seedlings.

You can learn more about the Listen Garden project at https://www.bowvalleyranche.com/iiststiiik or stop by Fish Creek's Bow Valley Ranch day use area to see the future site of incredible species diversity (and an impressive assortment of blooms once these species reach maturity).

Help us with this and other exciting projects by making a donation or becoming a member today! www. friendsoffishcreek.org.

SBCA Membership Benefits

Please check out our website at www. mysbcacalgary.wordpress.com for full membership benefits and details. Your Somerset Bridlewood Community Association membership card must be presented to the businesses in order to access SBCA membership benefits.



MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Self-Care Through the Holiday Season

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

The holiday season often arrives with a mix of excitement and exhaustion. Between family gatherings, financial pressures, and the weight of expectations, it's easy to lose sight of your own well-being. Yet caring for yourself—body, mind, and spirit—is one of the most meaningful ways to experience the season with more peace and joy.

Here are some simple ways to stay grounded and well through the holidays.

1. Slow Down and Simplify

The holiday rush can make even meaningful traditions feel like chores. This year, consider doing less so you can enjoy more.

Ask yourself:

- What truly brings me joy or connection?
- What could I let go of this year?

Simplifying plans, menus, or gift lists can make space for rest, laughter, and moments of genuine presence.

2. Nourish Your Body with Care

Cold weather, busy schedules, and rich food can leave you feeling depleted. Instead of striving for perfection, focus on gentle balance.

Eat regularly, stay hydrated, and make time for movement—even a short walk outside helps reset your nervous system. Rest when you can. Your body is not a machine; it's your home.

3. Set Emotional Boundaries

The holidays often highlight complicated relationships. You have the right to protect your emotional energy.

It's okay to say "no", leave early, or change plans that don't feel right.

Boundaries aren't unkind—they're how we create safety and preserve the capacity to show up with love where it matters most.

4. Stay Connected to What Matters

Amid the noise and marketing, take moments to remember what feels meaningful to you.



That might be spiritual reflection, gratitude, giving, or time in nature. Meaning doesn't come from doing more—it comes from doing what aligns with your heart.

5. Mind Your Inner Dialogue

Many people carry silent stress about doing the holidays "right." Notice the voice of pressure or guilt and replace it with compassion.

Instead of, "I should be happier," try, "It's okay to feel however I feel today."

Self-kindness softens expectations and makes room for authentic joy.

6. Create Restorative Moments

Small, intentional pauses can have a big impact:

- Light a candle and breathe deeply for one minute.
- Step outside and notice the winter air.
- Write down one thing you're grateful for each day.
- These simple rituals help your mind and body reset amid the busyness.

7. Ask for Support When You Need It

If the holidays stir up grief, loneliness, or old wounds, you don't have to face it alone. Reach out to a trusted friend, support group, or therapist.

Sometimes the bravest thing you can do is acknowledge that you're struggling and allow others to meet you there.

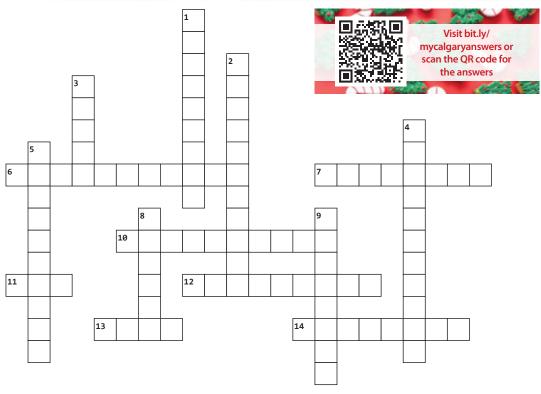
8. End the Year with Reflection, Not Resolution

Before jumping into goals for the new year, pause to reflect.

What did you learn? What moments mattered most? What are you ready to release?

Reflection honours your growth and sets the stage for gentle, sustainable change—no pressure required.

December Crossword



Across

- 6. The Statute of ______ passed on December 11, 1931, granting Canada full legislative independence from the British Empire.
- Known for his role in Stranger Things, Canadian actor Finn ______ celebrates his birthday on December 23.
- 10.The ______ is also known as the Christmas flower.
- "Gangnam Style" by ______ became the first YouTube video to reach one billion views on December 21, 2012.
- 12. In December 1612, astronomer Simon Marius made the first known telescopic observation of this galaxy.
- 13. Star ______: The Motion Picture premiered on December 7, 1979.
- 14. December 14 marks the start of this Jewish holiday.

Down

- 1. The bust of this Egyptian queen was found on December 6, 1912.
- 2. Annually on December 12, _____ House Day is celebrated.
- 3. The first human-to-human _______ transplant was performed on December 3, 1967, by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa.
- 4. ______'s ballet, *The Nutcracker*, premiered in Saint Petersburg on December 18, 1892.
- 5. Jane Austen's last novel, _____, was published on December 20, 1817.
- 8. Two years after being stolen, the "Mona Lisa" was returned to this museum on December 12, 1913.
- Ferguson Jenkins born on December 13, 1942, in Chatham-Kent, was the first Canadian inducted into the Hall of Fame.

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Create More Memories and Less Waste This Holiday Season

by The City of Calgary - Waste and Recycling Services



The holidays bring joy—and extra waste. We generate about 25% more this time of year from wrapping paper, packaging, and leftover food. Small changes can make a big impact:

- Give experiences instead of things. Time together creates lasting memories.
- Make or repurpose gifts. Handmade or passed-down items tell a story.
- Wrap creatively. Reuse bags, bows, or wrap with fabric.
- Shop with purpose. Plan ahead and choose thoughtful gifts.
- Reduce food waste. Stick to a grocery list, use leftovers, or send extras home with quests.

Christmas Tree Composting

When the holidays are over, give your real Christmas tree a green goodbye by choosing one of the following options:

- Green Cart Pickup: Remove decorations, cut into small pieces, and place in your green cart.
- Drop-Off (until January 31): Take your undecorated, unbagged tree to a designated site.

Find locations at calgary.ca/christmastree.

Holiday Collection Changes

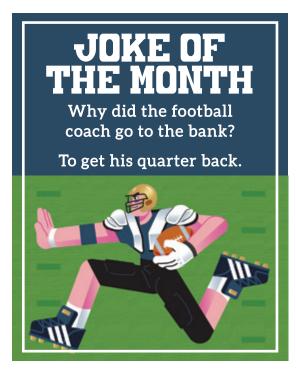
Please note blue, black, and green cart pickup date changes in your community!

- Thursday, December 25 moves to Monday, December 22.
- Thursday, January 1 moves to Monday, December 29.

Regular Thursday collection resumes January 8. Check your schedule at calgary.ca/cartschedule.

Thank you for helping keep Calgary clean and green. Happy holidays!





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Protect Your Household Water Lines and Meter from Freezing

by The City of Calgary



Every winter, some Calgarians will experience frozen water pipes, service lines, and water meters, resulting in a water outage. The City's Frozen Pipes Prevention Program works proactively with homes considered at higher risk due to factors such as location, depth and configuration of water pipes, and a history of freezing.

Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.
- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.



Membership Registration Form

To purchase a SBCA membership, please fill in this form, attach a cheque for \$20 (family) or \$10 (senior 65+) made payable to Somerset Bridlewood Community Association and mail to:

132-250 Shawville Blvd SE, P.O. Box 176, Calgary, AB, T2Y 2Z7.

Household information (held in confidence in accordance with Privacy Legislation):

First name:	Email address:	
Last name:	Telephone:	
Residential Address:	Postal Code:	
Please consider volunteering with SBCA. May we contact you to volunteer? Y / N		

Online payment by credit card is available at https://mysbcacalgary.wordpress.com/membership/.

E-transfers are accepted at sbcamembershipcalgary@gmail.com.

Questions? Email sbcasecretarycalgary@gmail.com.





Hi Somerset!

If you have trash that does not fit into the bins available for use, please pack your trash home for disposal. This helps keep our park clean and functional for everyone.

If there are concerns about the waterpark or its function, please contact 3-1-1 or check out this webpage for status updates about the city water features: calgary.ca/parks/activities/outdoor-pools-spray-parks.html?redirect=/sprayparks.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or opinions on things going on in the park please let us know! We can be reached through several different methods:

- The contact us page of the somersetwaterpark.org webpage
- Emailing somersetresidents@shaw.ca
- Calling/Texting: 403-807-8736

Thanks.

The Somerset Residents Association

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Hollywood isn't the only location to shoot great films; Alberta has become a popular backdrop for many beloved films over the years. Most recently *Die My Love* was filmed here but other blockbusters include *Brokeback*

Mountain, Jumanji: The Next Level, Cool Runnings, Inception, Interstellar, Legends of the Fall, The Revenant, Ghostbusters: Afterlife, and many, many more!



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Dear Constituents of Calgary Midnapore,

It's always nice to return home from Ottawa – but this is especially true at Christmas!

From Legacy and Wolf Willow all the way to Kingsland, Christmas has come to Calgary Midnapore! As I drive through the riding and see the beautiful lights, it's clear that our community is a joyful one.

I want to thank the community associations, churches, and charities who have been looking out for our neighbours this holiday season. From food bank drives to arranging gifts for kids in need, your efforts are truly appreciated.

Please join me in supporting our local businesses this holiday season. Whether it's browsing wines, picking up specialty items for your party, or browsing through boutiques, there's something for everyone on your list.

This Christmas, I hope your home is filled with love, delicious food, laughter, music, and memories in the making. As we enter 2026, I pray for your health and happiness -- and for protection over our cherished communities.

Looking back on 2025, from a federal political standpoint, it was a whirlwind. From Justin Trudeau's prorogation and resignation in January followed by Mark Carney's selection as Liberal leader to a federal election it's certainly been a lot for everyone. Especially when we continue to hear of the pain, struggle, fearfulness, and injustice in our country. However, I can promise you that Conservatives will continue to fight for the quality of life and safety that good, hard-working Canadians deserve.

To keep up to date on the work I am doing on your behalf, please subscribe to my e-newsletter at www. stephaniekusiemp.ca.

Sending my warmest holiday wishes your way!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie

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