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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Neighbours,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, we're excited about the opportunities this year holds for our vibrant community. The Strathcona, Christie, Aspen area thrives because of the dedication and energy of its residents, and we're calling on you to help make this year our best yet!

Our board is actively seeking new members who share a passion for building a connected, thriving neighbourhood. Serving on the board is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to shaping our community's future, share your ideas, and make meaningful connections with your neighbours. Whether you're interested in community planning, organizing events, or supporting local initiatives, there's a place for you here.

Not ready to join the board? That's okay! We're also encouraging the creation of subcommittees for specific projects or events. These smaller groups are a great way to get involved without a long-term commitment. Have a vision for community green spaces, youth programs, or arts and culture events? A subcommittee is the perfect platform to bring your ideas to life!

### Here's How You Can Get Involved

1. Attend a Meeting: Join us for our next board meeting on Wednesday, January 15. It's an excellent opportunity to learn more about our work and meet the team. Apologies for the November edition that had the incorrect meeting date. We always meet on the third Wednesday of every month.
2. Volunteer for a Project: Sign up for a subcommittee or volunteer role that matches your interests.
3. Reach Out: Have ideas or questions? Email us at [info@scacalgary.ca](mailto:info@scacalgary.ca).
4. Have a business: We'd love to find ways to collaborate! Send us a note and we will find a way to work together.

Together, we can continue to build a welcoming and supportive neighbourhood for all. Your voice matters, and your involvement makes a difference. Let's work together to ensure Strathcona, Christie, and Aspen remain some of the most vibrant communities in Calgary!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

*SCA Board of Directors*

## Calendar

<b>January 15, 7:00 pm</b>	SCA CA Board Meeting
<b>February 19, 7:00 pm</b>	SCA CA Board Meeting
<b>March 15, 10:00 am</b>	SCA CA Wellness Retreat
<b>March 19, 7:00 pm</b>	SCA CA Board Meeting

Please note: Community Association Members are welcome to attend SCA Board Meetings by appointment, please contact [president@scacalgary.ca](mailto:president@scacalgary.ca).

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## SCA 2025 Schedule

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A Child's Garden: Morning and Afternoon Pre-school Programs (3 to 4 years old) Seedlings Spanish Preschool: Morning and Afternoon Pre-school Programs (2 1/2 to 5 years old) KidZinc before and after school care Grades 1 to 6						
Jazzercise, 9:30 am	Gogo Play, Main hall, 9:30 to 10:30 am	Jazzercise, 9:30 am	Adult Art, 10:00 am	Jazzercise, 9:30 am	PRIVATE RENTALS	Pathfinders, 6:30 pm
Older Adult Yoga, 12:00 pm, 1:15 pm	Mommy and Me Pilates, 11:00 am	Older Adult Yoga, 10:00 am	Gentle but Strong Yoga, 12:00 pm	Bridge Lessons, 9:30 am		
Tai Chi, 1:30 pm, 2:45 pm	Adult Art, 1:00 pm	Tai Chi, 11:00 am	Bridge Lessons, 1:00 to 4:00 pm	Sit Fit Yoga, 11:00 am		
Run.Jump.LEAD!, 4:50 pm	Explosive Dance, 4:00 to 8:00 pm	SCA Line Dance, from 1:00 pm	Run.Jump.LEAD!, 4:40 pm	Bridge, 12:30 pm		
CYP Theatre, 5:30 pm	Chinook Country Line Dancers, 6:00 pm	Karate, from 6:30 pm	CYP Theatre, from 5:30 pm	Older Adult Dance, 1:00 pm		
Sparks, 6:30 pm	CYP Theatre, 6:30 pm	Pathfinders, 6:30 pm	Scouts, 6:15 pm			
Rangers/Pathfinders, 6:30 pm	Young Rembrandts, Basement, 6:30 to 7:30 pm					
Karate, 6:30 pm						
Toastmasters, 7:30 pm						

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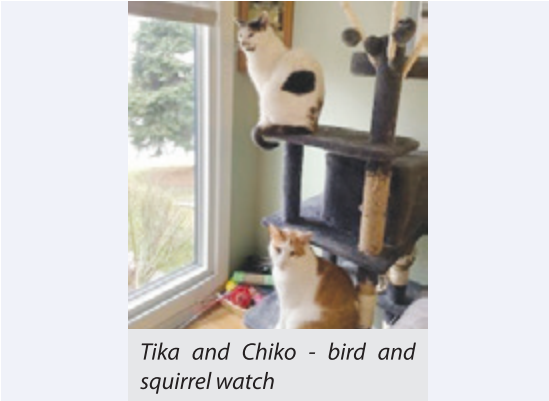
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Are you passionate about building a stronger, more vibrant community? The Strathcona Christie Aspen Community Association (SCA CA) is looking for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors. Your time and talents can help shape the future of our neighbourhood and ensure we continue to thrive!

We currently have openings for:

- Vice President (VP) – Be a driving force in shaping the strategic direction of the SCA CA.
- Directors at Large – Not sure where to start? Join as a Director at Large and explore various opportunities to contribute. You can attend meetings, share your ideas, and see how you'd like to get involved.

By joining the board, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Collaborate with like-minded individuals passionate about our community.
- Influence key decisions on future events, programs, and projects.
- Help bring in sponsorships and engagement from local businesses.
- Support grant writing and compliance efforts to secure resources for community growth.

If you're interested in learning more or ready to join, please contact us at [info@scacalgary.ca](mailto:info@scacalgary.ca). Your involvement will make a lasting impact!

Take the next step in community leadership – become a part of the SCA CA board today.

### Join Our Walking Group

Walks take place every Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Meet outside the gazebo beside Sobeys. Dogs and strollers are welcome. Please register at [scacalgary.ca](http://scacalgary.ca) or by calling our office at 403-249-1138 so we can share information on routes. No membership is required to take part.

### Rink Volunteers Welcome

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### Children's Programs

#### Calgary Young People's Theatre

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Visit [www.cypt.ca](http://www.cypt.ca).

#### Explosion Dance

Community dance classes for ages 2 and up. Recreational or Company opportunities. Classes in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical/contemporary, acro, and hip-hop.

Contact Sarah at [explosiondancecalgary@gmail.com](mailto:explosiondancecalgary@gmail.com) or 780-518-4497 for more information.

#### Girl Guides

Classes for Sparks, Pathfinders, and Rangers.

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#### New! Goga Play Kids

Program for ages 3 to 5.

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We offer a free session on January 14, 2025, at 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Go to [Gogatoys.com](http://Gogatoys.com) for more information and to register for the following dates: January 21, January 28, and February 4 at 9:30 to 10:30 am More dates to be announced soon!

#### Karate Classes

Mondays at 6:30 pm (Parent and child, age 7+)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Age 7 to 12)

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm (Adult beginner, age 13+)

Contact Jeffrey Jukes at 403-228-5039.

#### Run.Jump.LEAD!

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#### Scouts

Thursdays, 6:15 pm

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#### Drawing Classes with Young Rembrandts – We're Back

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Email: [Calgary@youngrembrandts.com](mailto:Calgary@youngrembrandts.com)

### Adult Programs

#### Art Classes (Karin)

Watercolours: Tuesdays, January 14 to March 18 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm





**Acrylics:** Thursdays, January 16 to March 20 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

\$175 plus GST – Ten Classes

To register, contact Karin at [karinrichter@shaw.ca](mailto:karinrichter@shaw.ca) or 403-272-1471.

### **Beginner Bridge Lessons (March 6 to April 24, 2025)**

If there is enough interest, we'll be offering an eight-week introductory course for beginners, covering the basics of the game.

Cost: \$100 for eight lessons.

Sign up today and reserve your spot with Freda at 403-241-2990 or [fredanychkalocloud.com](mailto:fredanychkalocloud.com).

### **Bridge Social**

Fridays, 12:30 to 3:30 pm

Free to join, and you don't have to be an expert player. We play party bridge; drop-in when it suits your schedule. If interested, please contact Tom Wilcock at 403-460-8241 or email [twilcock@telus.net](mailto:twilcock@telus.net). Limited capacity of 30 players.

### **Chair Yoga (Beginner and Intermediate)**

Beginner Chair Yoga (more seated poses): Mondays, January 6 to March 13, 12:00 to 1:00 pm (No Class February 17).

Intermediate Chair Yoga (more standing poses): Mondays, January 6 to March 13, 1:15 to 2:15 pm (No Class February 17).

Intermediate Chair Yoga (more standing poses): Wednesdays, January 8 to March 31, 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Registered for thirteen weeks: \$104. Drop-in and five-class pass options are available.

Contact Sherry at [sherrynormanyoga@gmail.com](mailto:sherrynormanyoga@gmail.com).

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### **Karate Classes**

Mondays, 6:30 pm (Parent and Child 7+ years)

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (7 to 12 years)

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm (Adult beginner, 13+)

The Karate Club offers classes for all age groups. The club is a member of Karate Canada, the official governing body of karate, with member clubs across Canada.

Contact Jeffrey Jukes at 403-228-5039.

### **Mommy and Me Pilates**

Tuesdays, 11:00 am

This postpartum mat class is especially designed for new mommas. Bring your babies, make some new friends, and rebuild your core strength in a safe and effective way.

Contact Theresa Toth at [toth31@shaw.ca](mailto:toth31@shaw.ca).

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Registered for twelve weeks: \$96. Drop-in and five-class pass options are available.

Contact Sherry at [sherrynormanyoga@gmail.com](mailto:sherrynormanyoga@gmail.com).

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#### **Line Dancing Drop-in (Peggy)**

\$5 Drop-in Fee

Fridays, January 10 to March 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm

#### **Tai Chi (Adrian Buzcek)**

Ten Classes - \$85 + \$4.25 = \$89.25

Continuing 1 and Basics – Mondays, January 6 to March 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 pm (No class February 17)

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Continuing 2 – Wednesdays, January 8 to March 12 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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June 24	19	20	\$1,128,694	\$1,115,500
May 24	26	22	\$1,099,000	\$1,104,000
April 24	16	19	\$949,000	\$950,000
March 24	24	21	\$919,000	\$970,000
February 24	23	16	\$597,450	\$610,000
January 24	13	13	\$968,000	\$950,000
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Contact BVMC at [info@bowvalleymusicclub.org](mailto:info@bowvalleymusicclub.org) or 403-287-2299 for tickets and info.

**February 8, 2025 - Alberta Night with T. Buckley, Scarlett Butler and The Goddamsels.**

Award-winning songwriter **T. Buckley's** talent has made him a rising star among Canadian roots performers.

**Scarlett Butler** is a 'new' Canadian music duo comprised of Troy Kokol and Joni Delaurier. But ask anyone in the Canadian country music industry and they would be known better individually for crafting songs you have probably heard on the radio.

**The Goddamsels** are an alt-country band from Alberta led by vocalists Mallory Chipman and Freddi MacDougall. Think harmonies, entertainment and fun.

**March 1, 2025 – Tom Jackson** – Recording artist to some, celebrated actor and author to others, philanthropist to most – **Tom Jackson** is extraordinarily passionate about creating change. A bass-baritone voice for food banks, the disenfranchised, the traumatized, and an Ambassador and Member of the order of the Red Cross, Tom is a 'minstrel with a mission' and renaissance man and one of Canada's foremost actor/musicians.



**Opening: Floen – Lana and Keith Floen** are the co-founders of the popular Alberta-based group, The Travelling Mabels. For this concert they are bringing their dynamic duo energy to BVMC as they open for their long-time friend Tom Jackson.

**BVMC Casino** – Our major fundraiser takes place Sunday, March 30 and Monday, March 31. Anyone interested in and available to volunteer for a shift please contact us.

## OUR NEXT LIVE CONCERT DATE

FEBRUARY 8, 2025-DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

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	Properties		Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
November 24	3	2	\$839,950	\$824,625
October 24	10	9	\$767,500	\$767,500
September 24	9	7	\$918,000	\$1,068,000
August 24	7	13	\$897,500	\$895,000
July 24	15	8	\$766,950	\$761,750
June 24	10	13	\$888,000	\$870,000
May 24	16	12	\$726,950	\$759,750
April 24	13	13	\$799,990	\$798,000
March 24	8	9	\$799,900	\$775,000
February 24	8	9	\$699,900	\$675,000
January 24	6	3	\$1,095,000	\$1,030,000
December 23	4	6	\$772,450	\$755,000

## CHRISTIE PARK COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

	Properties		Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
November 24	1	2	\$669,500	\$640,000
October 24	1	2	\$973,950	\$995,000
September 24	3	0	\$0	\$0
August 24	2	3	\$1,014,000	\$1,004,000
July 24	2	3	\$1,280,000	\$1,285,000
June 24	2	2	\$940,000	\$902,250
May 24	6	4	\$1,137,500	\$1,201,000
April 24	7	7	\$1,099,000	\$999,900
March 24	3	2	\$830,000	\$817,375
February 24	7	8	\$800,000	\$845,000
January 24	4	5	\$769,800	\$745,000
December 23	2	2	\$554,950	\$547,250

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