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WSCRCA Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month in the upstairs community room of the Calgary Co-op on 85 Street SW and online via Zoom. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend these meetings. If you would like to discuss a particular issue or idea, please notify our secretary by email a week before the meeting at secretary@wscr.ca.

The WSCRCA Planning and Development Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Currently meetings are held via Zoom video conferencing. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend, and if you are interested in attending, please email planning@wscr.ca.

WSCR Babysitters Group



You can stay in touch with your community by following us on Facebook and joining this FB Group. It's a great way to grow our community and keep up to date on what is happening in WSCR.

The WSCR Babysitters Group: A place where parents can find local babysitters, as well as where local babysitters, aged 12 to 25, can add themselves to the list to find jobs. Follow this group here: www.facebook.com/groups/wscrbabysitters/.

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**Soccer registration
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With winter weather in full swing and the holiday season firmly behind us, preparations for our summer soccer program are in full swing. The WSCRCA volunteers are already well into the early planning for our 2025 program.

Early bird registration will run until the end of February 2025, offering 30 to 40% savings.

Our program provides local community-based grassroots soccer for those born from January 1, 2015, to March 31, 2022. Our U4 and U6 age groups are co-ed. U8 and U10 age groups offer separate programs for boys and girls.

More details can be found on our website: wscr.ca/soccer.

Our program runs on volunteers, and parents fill most of these roles. Volunteer positions require little knowledge of soccer, and many positions can be shared by more than one person. It is a fun way to get out and meet neighbours and get involved in the community.

WSCRCA wants our volunteers to have an enjoyable experience and provides support and instruction throughout the season.

We had a great 2024 season and are looking forward to an even better 2025.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions at soccer@wscr.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kim Paw, Steve Berman, and Stravianna Kodellas

WSCRCA Soccer Coordinator Volunteers

What does the WSCRCA do?

- We run youth and family related programs.
- We are your voice at City Hall. Dealing with planning and development proposals, traffic, parks and recreation, and a direct voice to our local City Councillor.
- We support community initiatives and events. Community clean up, Charity Stampede Breakfast, community garden, and so much more!

Community Association Versus Residents Association

The community of West Springs/ Cougar Ridge encompasses several subdivisions, some of which have a Residents or Homeowners Association. Both play an important, but different role, in the community.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
✓ Membership is voluntary	✓ Membership is mandatory
✓ Represents all households in the WSCRCA boundaries	✓ Annual fees registered against property title. Fees must be paid in full prior to the sale of the home.
✓ Organizes community wide events and programs	✓ Maintains the landscaping and other amenities in the public green spaces for a specific subdivision

Check out our website, www.wscr.ca, for all that we do! Want to stay up to date and have early access to all our events and offerings? Become a member!

Become a West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association Member

\$25 per Household or \$15 for Seniors

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- Priority registration and discounts for WSCRCA run program and events.
- Support for a more vibrant community by supporting community-based initiatives.
- Members only emails.
- The right to vote at the AGM if you are a WSCR resident.

You can still become a member even if you do not live in the community!

Purchase your membership online at www.wscr.ca.



Become a Member

We have strong community spirit in West Springs Cougar Ridge. Do your part and join the Community Association and, if you can, volunteer to make it even stronger – we can always use more help and it's a great way to meet residents of your community! Visit wscr.ca for more information.

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Heart-Shaped No-Rise Pizza Recipe



Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to express your love, and what better way to do that than with a homemade heart-shaped pizza that is simple to make?

Ingredients

Pizza Dough:

- 2 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 packet (2 ¼ tsp) rapid rise or instant yeast
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup warm water (110°F)
- 1 tbsp olive oil

Toppings:

- ½ cup marinara sauce
- 1 ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- Your choice of toppings (pepperoni, bell peppers, mushrooms, olives, etc.)
- Fresh basil (optional, for garnish)

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, mix warm water, sugar, and yeast. Let it sit for about 5 to 10 minutes until frothy.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Make a well in the centre and add the yeast mixture and olive oil.
3. Mix until the dough forms.
4. Preheat your oven to 450°F (230°C).
5. Roll it out into a large circle (about 12 inches in diameter).
6. To create a heart shape, start by cutting a notch at the top centre of the circle. Then, pinch the sides to form the heart shape.
7. Spread marinara sauce evenly over the pizza base, leaving a small border around the edges.
8. Sprinkle shredded mozzarella cheese over the sauce. Add your favourite toppings.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust is golden and the cheese is bubbly.

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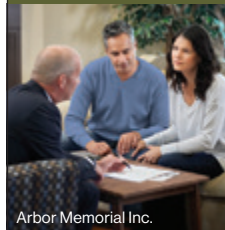
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Joke of the Month



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Essential Winter Safety Tips and Information

Road Snow Clearing Information

You can sign up to receive alerts about snow bans and check the map for road conditions and plow locations at calgary.ca/roads/conditions/snow.html.

Sidewalk Snow Clearing Adjacent to Your Property

Property owners are responsible for clearing snow from sidewalks adjacent to their properties within 24 hours of a snowfall. To report uncleared sidewalks, contact 3-1-1. For more information, visit calgary.ca/snow.

Operation Cold Start

- Use a remote starter or remain in your car while it's running.
- Never leave your keys in a running vehicle.
- Always keep your vehicle locked.
- Do not leave pets or children unattended in a car.

Protect Your Water Lines and Meter from Freezing

- Look for cold drafts in your home.
- Seal your home against winter conditions.
- Insulate pipes.
- Open interior doors and cabinets to allow warm air circulation.
- Keep your thermostat set to at least 15°C.
- Winterize outside faucets and other water features.
- Check your hot water tank.
- Regularly run water through your pipes to prevent freezing.

Storm Ponds: Stay Safe, Stay Back, Stay Off

Storm ponds may look inviting; however, you and your pets are not permitted to enter or walk on the water. These ponds collect and store runoff water from parking lots, sidewalks, and roads, allowing sediments to settle and providing some treatment for pollutants before slowly releasing the treated water back into rivers, creeks, and streams.



Keep Pets Safe This Winter



As winter settles in, it's important to take extra steps to keep our pets safe and comfortable.

Here are some essential winter safety tips:

- **Keep Pets Warm** - Limit time outdoors make sure they have a warm, dry place to rest. Avoid shaving your pet during winter, as their coat provides natural insulation. Short-haired pets may need a cozy sweater for extra warmth.
- **Protect Paws** - Salt and de-icing chemicals can irritate your pet's paws. Be sure to wipe their feet after walks and consider using pet-safe booties. Regularly check their paws for cracks or injuries caused by cold surfaces.
- **Never Leave Pets in the Car** - Even for a short time, the temperature inside can drop quickly and pose a serious risk.
- **Update License Tags and Microchip Information** - Ensure your pet's license tags and microchip information are up to date to help them get back home safely if they wander off.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - Be prepared for winter emergencies by having a pet-friendly emergency kit ready. Include blankets, food, water, and any necessary medications in case of power outages or winter storms.

By following these simple precautions, you can help keep your pets safe, warm, and protected this winter season. Visit calgary.ca/pets for more information.

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	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
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November 24	21	20	\$629,950	\$627,500
October 24	27	16	\$707,000	\$693,250
September 24	22	19	\$789,900	\$772,500
August 24	28	17	\$819,900	\$850,000
July 24	24	22	\$694,450	\$685,000
June 24	22	19	\$600,000	\$605,000
May 24	33	32	\$764,450	\$770,000
April 24	25	19	\$874,900	\$875,000
March 24	24	27	\$729,231	\$755,000
February 24	18	10	\$469,450	\$480,500
January 24	19	16	\$666,500	\$667,500

COUGAR RIDGE COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

	Properties		Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
December 24	4	4	\$911,950	\$888,750
November 24	6	9	\$750,000	\$778,000
October 24	8	11	\$799,900	\$802,000
September 24	11	6	\$834,450	\$845,000
August 24	4	2	\$584,450	\$584,000
July 24	12	12	\$732,000	\$726,250
June 24	11	9	\$700,000	\$751,000
May 24	17	18	\$774,900	\$821,000
April 24	15	13	\$725,000	\$805,000
March 24	8	8	\$774,450	\$800,000
February 24	7	10	\$750,000	\$752,000
January 24	3	5	\$729,900	\$715,000

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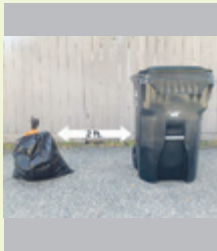


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Celebrate Love in Our Community

As Valentine's Day approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many forms of love that enrich our lives—love for family, friends, partners, and our community. This special day gives us an opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to those around us. Here are some ways to celebrate love in our community this Valentine's Day:

- Random Acts of Kindness: Simple gestures, like leaving a kind note for a neighbour or helping someone carry groceries, can brighten someone's day.
- Shop Local: Show love for your community by shopping at local businesses.
- Volunteer in the Community: Offer your time and skills to local organizations and initiatives.
- Be a Snow Angel: If it snows, help out by shovelling a neighbour's sidewalk.

Let's spread love and kindness this Valentine's Day!

Home Escape Plans

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use those minutes can make a lifesaving difference.

A home escape plan contains the layout of your home, the escape routes that should be used, and where to meet once you are outside. It is important to create and practice an escape plan with everyone who lives in your home so that they know what to do if there is a fire.

For more information on fire prevention and fire safety, please visit calgary.ca/fire.



9pm Routine

The Calgary Police Service is encouraging Calgarians to establish a 9 pm Routine to help them secure their property before heading to bed. Offenders will often go down a street checking vehicles and houses for doors left open. By simply locking your door you could avoid waking up to an intruder in your home or your property missing. Adapt the routine to make sense for your home and habits. The routine recommends:

- Removing valuables from vehicles.
- Ensuring vehicles are locked, windows are closed and if possible, parked in a garage.
- Closing garage doors and windows.
- Locking any person-doors in the garage, including those leading into a house.
- Checking that all house doors – front, back, side and garage – are locked.
- Ensuring all windows are shut.
- Turning on an exterior light.

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ChargeYYC: Helping Calgarians Install EV Chargers in Multi-Residential Buildings

by The City of Calgary



The City of Calgary opened ChargeYYC for applications on January 28! This pilot program is designed to support residents living in apartments, townhouses, rowhouses, and other multi-residential buildings to install electric vehicle (EV) chargers. This initiative is part of The City's commitment to prepare for the future of low carbon mobility.

Building owners and property managers can apply into Phase One of the program for financial incentives of up to \$4,000 to develop a plan to install EV chargers in their buildings. ChargeYYC aims to simplify the process and reduce the costs associated with EV charger installations, making it easier for more Calgarians to own electric vehicles.

Motor vehicles are a major contributor to Calgary's greenhouse gas emissions, making programs like ChargeYYC essential for achieving the city's climate goals. The first phase of the program focuses on planning, with future phases offering additional financial incentives for installation.

For more details and to apply, visit calgary.ca/chargeyyc.

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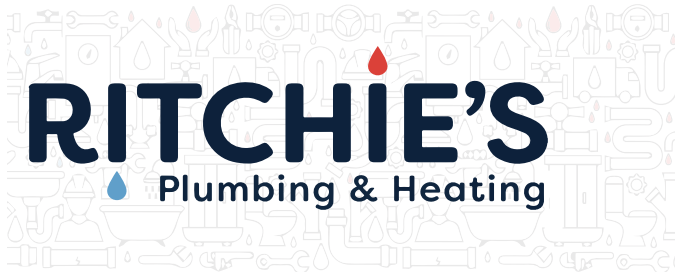


Chinook Blast is back for its fifth year, running from January 31 to February 17, 2025. This beloved winter celebration is a must-attend tradition, drawing Calgarians and visitors alike to discover Calgary and its downtown in a whole new way.

This year's festival will once again showcase the city's creativity and community spirit with a spectacular lineup of events and experiences for all ages. From live music performances to thrilling outdoor sports, captivating art installations and unique cultural experiences, there's truly something for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you're exploring downtown, discovering local artists, or simply embracing the winter magic with friends and family, Chinook Blast is a perfect way to warm up Calgary's coldest season!

Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this incredible winter tradition. Visit chinookblast.ca to learn more.



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* Detached Homes - SOLD, Calendar 2024. West Springs, Aspen Woods, Springbank Hill, Discovery Ridge, Signal Hill, Strathcona, Coach Hill, Patterson & Cougar Ridge. Photos represent David's detached homes SOLD, Calendar 2024.

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