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THE RANCLANDS Roundup



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Ranchlands Rink Crew**

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Ranchlands Community Association Meetings

Come out and see what's new in Ranchlands!

Find out how you can get involved.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Ranchlands Community Centre
Next Meeting: May 2, 2012

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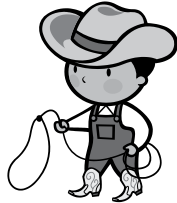
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Community News

President's Message

I can see a dust cloud on the horizon; yes it is that time of year again. Time to dust off your western duds for our annual Stampede Parade and Breakfast. The shin dig will be happen on July 7. We are lookin for cowpokes to participate in the parade as well we are lookin for cowpokes to help with setting up the main corral for the main event. If you would like to help out contact the Sheriff at 403-241-0335.



Ranchlands will be hosting many other events at the community during the summer, look through the Roundup for dates and times

for programs that will help keep the children from Ranchlands occupied.

Ranchlands Community will once again be co-sponsoring a skateboard park along with Dalhousie Community at the Edgemont Rink. Edgemont Community is hosting the activity. The City of Calgary is the main sponsor once again. The park will operate from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily from July 28 to August 27. The park will only

close for in climate weather.

Look in next month's Round – Up for more detailed information on all these activities.

Terry Avramenko



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Thank You for supporting your Ranchlands Community Association. We couldn't do it without you!

Community News

A Big Thanks to the Ranchlands Rink Crew

In a year where winter wasn't much of a season we'd like to thank Nick Tait and his



rink crew of volunteers for giving us not just one but two ice surfaces for as much of the winter as possible. Not an easy accomplishment in the winter that wasn't. This was Nick's final season as he is passing on the torch to Derek Schulmeister. Nick, your energy and efforts in keeping us in ice for both the hockey rink and the family rink has been very much appreciated. Derek will be looking for volunteers next November, watch for our volunteer request in the November Round Up.



Back row: Trevor McGregor, Nick Tait, Darren Angell, Callum Mudd.
Front Row: Rod Smith, Tim & Danielle Yarkowsky, Kevin Nealon, Derek Schulmeister.
Missing: Shayne Johnson, Brett Thurston & Nelson Chan

Hawkwood Community Soccer

As we move into this year's soccer season, dealing with Calgary's weather will always keep us on our toes and we need to come out to the games prepared for all situations! Parents please dress your children (and yourself) in layers or bring pants and a hoody or jacket to keep warm, and mittens and a toque are a good idea too. Remember to wear those shin guards!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the Coaches that have volunteered to come out every week to teach our children the basics of soccer and to share in their fun!

Each week, players will learn something new so let's make sure our children are ready to start on time.

As always, **Thank You** to all our volunteers with helping out in every aspect of this program! Without the many people behind the scenes and on the fields each week, this community soccer program would not take place. On that note, I would like announce that we will have a **New Director** for next Season! Thank you to this wonderful individual for stepping up to take over so that our much loved program may continue!

Thank you to our sponsors **Crowfoot Vision Centre** and **North Star Ford!**

Remember: **Soccer pictures** are on Friday, May 11.

For every ones safety and consideration, obey all parking laws if you are

driving to the Hawkstone fields. Bus Zones and cross walks, private driveways, stop signs and fire hydrants must remain clear of vehicles. Some up to 5 meters (15feet) distance.

Summer Soccer: If you are interested in helping out with our Free Drop in Summer Soccer program, we are currently looking for Parent volunteers to supervise weekly games, as well we require some student assistants. In this paid position, high school and university students are in charge of setting up the playing fields, starting the games, refereeing and supervising and clean-up. If you are interested in one of the positions or can help out with supervision or skills training as a volunteer, please contact hawkwoodsummersoccer@gmail.com.

Community News

Municipal News

The results of a Travel and Activity Survey for the Calgary Region will help plan future transportation. Each randomly-invited household will record, submit information, and be paid \$25 online at www.cartas.ca.

A new Medical Centre at 11-7750 Ranchview Dr. NW (403-452-6240) is a family practice, for walk-ins and occupational health services: www.RanchlandsMedical.ca.

Some nursing students from the University of Calgary have researched Ranchlands, Arbour Lake, and Hawkwood. They looked at overall health and well-being, in very broad terms, with income, education, health services, transportation, social, and recreation. Some factors are: immigrant population, youth, low-income households, and single parent families. They plan a public meeting at Ranchlands School and focus group at the Islamic Centre.

RCA obtained work crews through the Solicitor General to paint fences along Ranchlands Boulevard, between John Laurie Boulevard and the 7-11, June 15 to July 5. No power tools and fences will be painted by hand, with rollers or brushes, after removing

loose paint.

A person shall not place a sign, on or within, any Traffic Island or Median. City signs are exempt for operational, safety, display, advertising, or ornamental. Bylaw defines a Community Association Sign (no larger than 3 sq. metres) be used to advertise community meetings or events of interest to the entire community. The Traffic Department will approve the sign, near a Community Identification Sign or any other location in a highway, not including advertising commercial businesses.

Construction of a new resource haul road for gravel trucks and the City's Waste and Recycling trucks is not a priority for industry stakeholders north of Stoney Trail and they are not interested in funding one. There is no additional funding for safety, education, and enforcement to encourage compliance and relieve residents' concerns.

The NW Truck Routes Ward 2 Consultation Meeting with City Transportation was on February 29, 2012, at Symons Valley United Church, in Kincora. Representatives from Hawkwood, Ranchlands, Sage Hill, Rocky Ridge, Sherwood, Royal Oak, and Kincora attended.

In the NW Truck Route Review, City staff recommended that City Council:

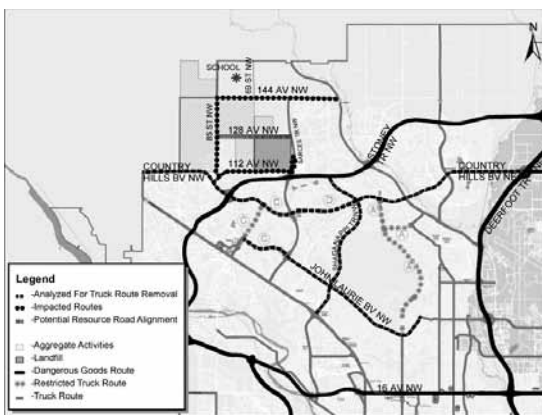
- 1) Retain Sarcee Trail, between Stoney Trail and Crowchild Trail NW, in the truck route bylaw; and
- 2) Retain the following routes in the truck route network:

- 112 Avenue Boulevard NW between 85 St. NW and the intersection of Country Hills Boulevard and Royal Birch Boulevard NW
- Country Hill Boulevard from Deerfoot Trail to Twelve Mile Coulee Road NW
- John Laurie Boulevard NW
- Shaganappi Trail NW from Stoney Trail to Crowchild Trail NW.

The roads are still classed as Arterial/Skeletal and all skeletal roads are designated truck routes. After the opening of NW Stoney Trail and upgrades to Crowchild Trail, truck volumes along John Laurie Boulevard dropped by 10%. However, as industrial areas develop in the future, these truck volumes may increase again. Shaganappi Trail's traffic volumes are lower, but are expected to increase as areas north of Stoney Trail develop. John Laurie has truck restrictions, between Sarcee Trail and Nose Hill Drive, to reduce truck impacts on adjacent residential areas. They are on weekdays and Saturdays from 19:00 to 07:00 and all day on Sunday. Shaganappi Trail has no truck restrictions.

Although recommendation 2 was referred for further consultation with affected NW communities and industry stakeholders, it seems that the existing routes will be maintained. Truck traffic is anticipated to be significant over time, since industrial land uses will replace gravel and landfill operations. The Spyhill area supplies the West LRT, SE Stoney Trail, and the new airport runway. Area residents expressed concerns about traffic safety, congestion, and noise. The report will come back to Council, by May 16, 2012.

Anne Burke



NW Truck Route Overview Map

Community News

Community Connection

Ranchlands Dayhome: Immediate Full and Part time spots available. Before and After care for both Ranchlands and St. Rita Elementary. Very reasonable rates. If you need child care right now or you need to prepare for the next school year, please call and see if my dayhome is a right fit for you and your little

ones. Renee: 403-239-1986, 403-467-2507.

Ranchlands Dayhome: I have openings in my Dayhome for full or part time care. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education and 22 yrs experience running my Dayhome. I provide hot lunches, snacks, craft

time and have LOTS of activities for the children! Please call Bonnie at 403-208-8731.



New Horizons Seniors Club

Come join us at Ranchland Community hall every Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to meet new people. We play cards and games, have speakers come in, go for lunch, have coffee and snacks, and lots of laughs and visiting.

Come and join us to see if you like what we do and then join us and be part of our family!



Programs at the Ranchlands Community Centre

Zumba Classes: Mon. 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Fri. 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Contact Kelli Harker, 403-990-0123 or Kelli@soulreflections.ca.

Cribbage Club: Mon. 1:00 p.m. We welcome players at any skill level; the meetings are more social than competitive.

Bridge Club: Bridge club on Thursday has been cancelled until further notice.

Spanish World: Spanish classes for children and adults. 403-547-8237 or spanishworld.calgary@gmail.com.

Pilates Classes: Tue. 7:00 p.m. \$15 per class. All levels. Contact themilfam@shaw.

Rhythmic Gymnastics: Combines grace, flexibility and dance all in one. Wed.

nights. 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. for 4 – 6 year olds (learn the basics through fun and games). 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for 7 – 11 year olds (work on building on the basics and expanding knowledge). 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. for 12 – 16 year olds (fun, non-competitive group to improve and expand on knowledge of the sport). Contact Shelley at rgranchlands@hotmail.com or 403-660-0102.

Almanara School: Arabic language & Islamic studies classes. Every Sunday, 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 16 and 5:30 p.m. –



7:30 p.m. for adults. \$75 per month (includes books for the children only). For more info contact 403-805-4777 or 403-875-4097, almanara40@yahoo.com.

Ranchlands Readers Book Club: Attention avid readers! The Ranchlands Readers Book Club is looking for members. Join us, as we read and discuss one book monthly at the community association. This is a great chance to meet like-minded people living in our community and make new friends. If you love reading and have been looking for a book group closer to home, drop me a line at creativeconceptscal@yahoo.com for more details.

In Our Community

Alderman's Report

Regrettably, revised Calgary Transit Service routes and schedules went into effect a few weeks ago. In Ward 2 some routes were cancelled, on others the frequency was changed.

I say regrettably because I opposed the cuts to Transit during the budget debates in November. The reductions in service hours were necessitated by cuts to the budget proposed by some members of Council in order to keep the property tax rate as low as possible. However, in order to meet Council's direction Transit was forced to cut service by eliminating some routes seen to be less used than others, to change the frequency of service on some routes, and to advise Council that no new services will be introduced in new communities during the three year (2011 – 2014) budget cycle.

Given Council's focus on increasing Transit ridership, and given that the City's own statistics demonstrate that more than 50% of trips into the downtown each day are by transit (a

goal reached years ahead of our own projections); and given that there is increased demand and ridership on the "cross town" routes – for example between Arbour Lake and the Airport – I was, and remain, strongly opposed to reducing Transit's ability to provide service, to provide clean vehicles and a secure, safe service.

I simply cannot accept that new communities in Symons Valley or elsewhere in the City will not be offered transit service for the next three years.

The vote to cut transit funding was very narrow. Council was and is clearly split on this issue.

On Monday, April 23, 2012 Alderman Colley Urquhart and I will place a Notice of Motion directing Administration to examine a series of options with a view to restoring cut services, providing service as early as possible to new communities by partnering with the Developers, and increasing

frequency of service to growing communities. We have also asked for a cost benefit analysis of the downtown-Airport direct service to determine if this service is meeting a demonstrated need at a reasonable cost.

I didn't support the original cuts; Mayor and Council are aware that I will be endeavouring to restore service and to get service to new and developing communities.

Stay tuned!!

Gord Lowe

Crowfoot Library

Programs for Children and Youth

- **Drop-in stories, songs and finger-plays:** Wed. May 2 – Jun. 27 & Sat. May 5 – Jun. 27, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Ages 2-5 with caregiver
- **Imagine! You're an Animal:** May 14, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

Programs for Adults

- **Career Coaching:** Sat. May 5 – Aug. 25, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- **Sora's Songs:** May 13, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Film Night:** May 17, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- **What's Happening? 2012 Open House.** May 12, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Digital Archaeology and the Preservation of Fort Conger:** May 29, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Visit www.calgarypubliclibrary.com for more information on these programs. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

New Ranchlands Mom Group

I am so excited about my new position in the community. Just to tell you a little about myself...I am a mother of 2 boys (6mo and 2.5 years). My husband and I moved here just over a year ago. I have lived in Winnipeg and Southern Ontario, my husband is from Southport, England. We chose Ranchlands because we wanted to live in a friendly, active community. We have fantastic neighbours and have settled into Ranchlands life. I can't wait to meet you and your precious babies and toddlers and hear how it was that you came to live here in Ranchlands!

For more information on the Mom's Group, contact the Ranchlands Community Association.

Coral Doherty



In Our Community

Ranchlands Community Spring Clean-up

Sat. June 16, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again to clean out your garage, basement, house and yards. 32nd Girl Guide Rangers, in association with Ranchlands Community Association, are pleased to host the annual community clean-up on Saturday, June 16 at the Ranchlands Community Centre, 7713 Ranchview Dr. (opposite Seven-11, corner of Ranchview Drive and Ranchlands Boulevard).

We accept: scrap metals, electronics, appliances (no refrigeration equipment unless purged and tagged), household hazardous waste (used oil, propane cylinders, paints, etc.), tires, lawn mowers and small engines (fluids drained), bed frames, wood decks/fences, etc.

**NO HOUSEHOLD DOMESTIC
WASTE PLEASE!**

Youth members will be offered Beaver Tail pastries for financial donations to offset the costs of a week-long lightweight back country camp this summer.

If you need assistance carting waste goods to the Community Centre, call Peter at 403-512-4930 to arrange pick-up within Ranchlands Community by youth members for a financial donation to the youth members.

Thank you to our Sponsors and Providers: *The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services, Ranchlands Community Association, Recycle Logic, Shaw Traffic, Navajo Metals, Certech Automotive.*

Window & Balcony Safety

With the return of warmer weather, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents of an often overlooked hazard in the home—open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window in their house—often from the second floor. Falls such as these are preventable by taking time to assess your home and ensuring windows are safe.

Windows and screens:

- Move furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables away from windows to prevent access to them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember: screens are designed to keep bugs out, NOT to keep children in!

Balconies:

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Consider installing a balcony guard to eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony or deck.

Further prevention tips:

- Children aged one to four are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony.

- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Consider installing safety devices which limit windows opening to a maximum of 4 inches or 10 centimeters.
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly so the window can be used for escape in case of fire or other emergency.

AHS EMS is proud to be a member of the *Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety*. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

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