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Another 7-week session at \$70/person

Starting November 1st - December 13th
 Same times as above.

All drop-ins are \$12/person, pay at the hall.

For more info contact Diane at 403-470-9868 or visit website www.linedancestampede.com



ENGINEERING FOR KIDS SUMMER CAMP

BUILDING CITIES (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

From the ground up, Cities will rise as our young engineers get to work!

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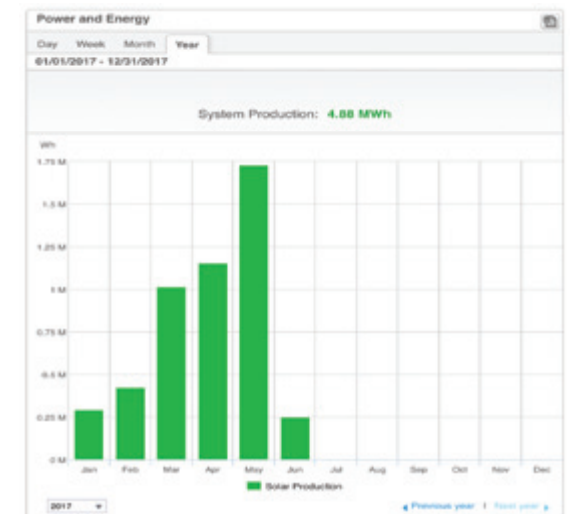
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RKHCA Sustainability Committee Rooftop Solar Update

The chart below shows the electricity generated by RKHCA's new rooftop solar PV system during the 5-month period from January 1 to June 5 (the submission deadline for this issue). The 4.88MWh of electricity generated to that date would have been enough to power 15,012 light bulbs for a day and represented 1,942kg of CO2 emissions saved! The system is expected to generate approximately 10MWh of electricity over the course of a year and had already reached the half way point by early June, so we appear to be well on our way to achieving the 10MWh target this year, if not exceeding it.

Oh, and by the way, that 1,942kg of CO2 emissions that the RKHCA rooftop solar PV system has saved to date is apparently equivalent to the amount of CO2 that would be absorbed by planting a mere 6.5 trees, so PLEASE PLANT A TREE THIS YEAR — OR 2 — OR 6.5! Your community, and the rest of the world, will be very grateful!





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Heroheads

A uniquely designed multisport camp where kids work through skill based obstacle courses, games and drills, preparing them for a lifetime of sports activities all with an exciting superhero theme! For kids aged 4-8.



Full day, half day, and combo camp options available.

Visit www.pedalheads.com for more information.

RKHCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Volunteer Editor Needed

Are you an editor looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Richmond Knob Hill Community Association is looking for a new Editor of the community newsletter.

Come join a fantastic group of people that work towards making our community a place to have fun - a place to think big - a place to call home!

The following role description outlines the skills wanted to act as the RKHCA newsletter editor, a position that offers the opportunity to gain new personal growth skills;

What is needed: The ability to organize and work with our newsletter design company to produce the regular community newsletters.

Responsibilities:

- Edit the monthly newsletter by coordinating articles and the editorial layout.
- Work with volunteers, city, and community experts to obtain quality articles that are relevant to our community. Much of the newsletter content can gathered and edited from these resources.

Skills: Writing, editing, layout, and communication skills. Ability to see task through completion. Strong proofreading skills, attention to detail, Knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs preferred. Access to own computer is ideal.

Time Commitment: The newsletter is produced on a monthly basis. 5-6 hours a month on a relatively consistent schedule.

Benefits • Give back to your community. •Hone skills and gain experience working in developing newsletters that promote the RKHCA organization.

If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact <mailto:info@richmondknobhill.ca>

Richmond Knob Hill Community Association

Volunteer for Playgroup

We're looking for 2 patient and creative volunteers that enjoy spending time with kids to run the RKHCA playgroups.

The play group has been a community tradition for over 30 years. It is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and caregivers with pre-school aged children to drop by the community hall. Activities include crafts, singing, circle time, and outdoor play in the fenced playground. The program has been run in the past every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30.

Past volunteers were Moms

- Looking to get involved in the community,
- Wanting to meet other moms and caregivers
- Moms wanting to get their kids involved with kids their age in the area.

Responsibilities include

- Keeping track of attendees and registration fees
- Stocking up on juice, coffee, replacement toys
- Opening the community centre, welcoming newcomers
- Setting up a selection of toys, setting up a craft or colouring or play dough station, story reading and singing songs with all the children
- Setting up tables and chairs for adults & children for snack time
- Organising a rotation with parents/caregivers to provide snack & make coffee
- Cleaning up
- Locking up the community centre

In the past, the volunteers would organise special guests such as Santa, a librarian for story time before holidays.

Please contact us on info@richmondknobhill.ca if you think this could be something you would want to help the community with.

Treasurer Position

Are you an accountant looking for a volunteer opportunity? Good with numbers? Love debits and credits?

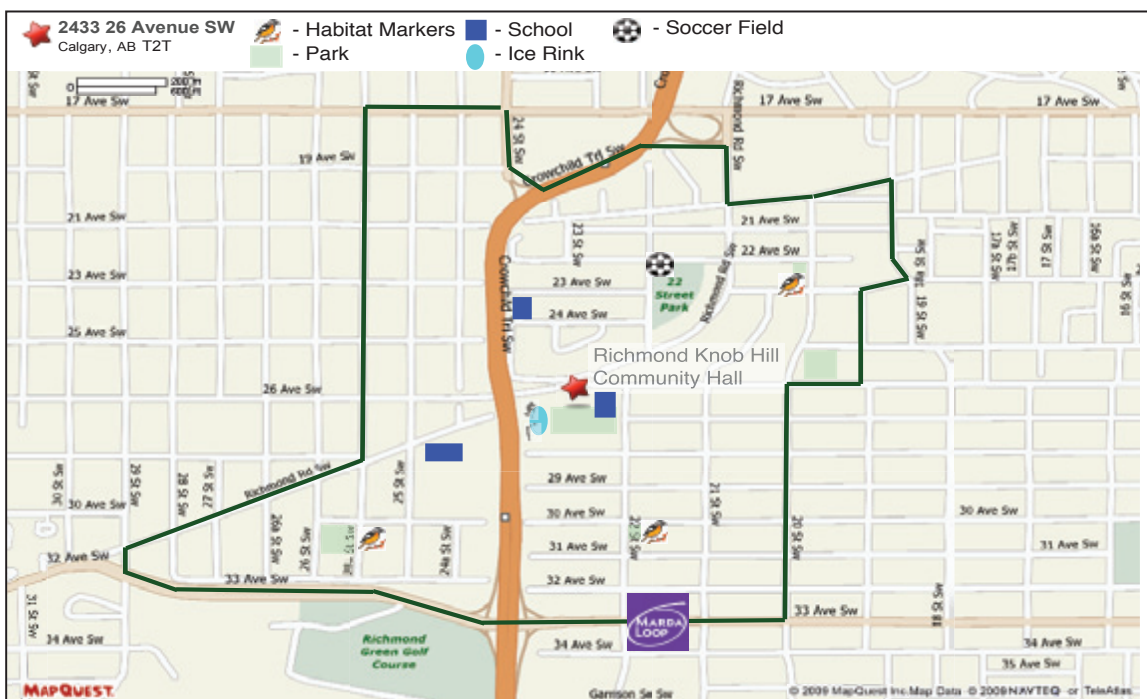
Are you a resident wanting to give back?

Come join a fantastic group of people that work towards making our community a place to have fun - a place to think big - a place to call home!

The Richmond Knob Hill Community Association will be looking for a new Treasurer at the June AGM.

Our Treasurer of 4 years is coming to the end of her term.

If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact Sandy Shanks at info@richmondknobhill.ca.





MEMBERSHIP MADE EASY

**Richmond Knob Hill: A place to have fun.
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We invite you to take out a membership with your Community Association. Fill out the form below or register online through the RKHCA website.

<http://richmondknobhill.ca/membership>

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Please circle one yearly membership option

In community: Single \$10 Senior \$5 Family \$20

Out of community: Associate member \$10

MAIL CHEQUE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO:

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Area of interest for volunteering activities: please check

- Treasurer Marketing & Communication Facilities Community Development Events Memberships
- Traffic and Safety occasional volunteer with children parties occasional volunteer with events
- occasional volunteer with gardening

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Preservation and Enhancement of Our Community's Tree Canopy

One of the RKHCA Development Committee's top priorities over the past few years has been to preserve, and if possible enhance, the RKH tree canopy. Our tree canopy, including its many mature trees that date back to when RKH was first developed in the 1950s, not only beautifies our community, but has numerous additional benefits including providing shade and reducing the "heat island" effect, absorbing CO2 and generating oxygen, filtering airborne pollutants, helping to capture and absorb stormwater, providing habitat for birds, animals and insects, providing shelter from wind, etc.

Unfortunately, the RKH tree canopy is being adversely affected by a number of factors, including:

- 1) **Healthy Tree Removal** — This most often occurs when parcels are redeveloped, as it is common for developers to provide for all existing trees on the parcel to be removed (whether they need to be or not) and to not bother providing for any new trees to be planted. In some cases healthy trees are removed by the current owner of an existing home.
- 2) **Back-of-walk Boulevards** — RKH appears to be one of the earlier Calgary communities to be developed primarily with boulevards placed behind the City sidewalk, rather than between the City sidewalk and the street, and many of the original street trees planted by the City were short-lived Birch trees that have since died. In front-of-walk boulevard communities street trees that die are routinely replaced by the City, but this tends not to happen in back-of-walk boulevard communities such as RKH. The reason for this, we are told, is that as there is no visible dividing line between the City-owned back-of-walk boulevard and the adjacent privately-owned front yard, the City of Calgary Parks Department is reluctant to plant a new street tree on a back-of-walk boulevard without first consulting with the owner of the adjacent parcel, and those consultations would be time-consuming, so as a result the Parks Department tends not to bother replacing missing street trees in back-of-walk communities. The net result is that RKH is now missing hundreds of street trees, or even thousands if you consider 25ft to be the appropriate spacing standard for street trees.

- 3) **Tree Longevity** — As a 60+ year old community, many of RKH's original and early trees have or will soon be reaching the end of their expected lifespans.
- 4) **Tree Disease** — Black Knot Fungus, Bronze Leaf Disease, Elm Scale are just a few of the diseases that can adversely affect, and in some cases kill, trees in Calgary.

For several years now the RKHCA Development Committee has pushed hard, including appealing to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board where necessary, to require developers to retain existing healthy trees that are (or could be) sufficiently far away from the proposed development, and to ensure that approved Development Permits (DPs) provide for at least a minimum number of new trees to be planted on the parcel. In a few cases we have even been successful in having the DP provide for 1 or more trees to be planted on the adjacent boulevard (subject to obtaining line assignment authorization from the City). These efforts have helped somewhat to reduce the adverse impact of redevelopment on the RKH tree canopy, and will hopefully do even more in the future as the newly planted trees mature — assuming that they are allowed to mature. When an approved DP provides for existing trees to be retained or new trees to be planted on the parcel, those trees are required to be there indefinitely (subject to another DP being issued that provides otherwise), which means that those trees cannot be removed, and must be replaced with a equivalent tree if they die or are improperly removed. However, we are aware of a number of cases where DP-required trees have been removed and have not been replaced, which we find incredibly disheartening given the effort it often takes to get those trees retained or planted in the first place.

The RKHCA has also pushed hard for more street trees in our community, which has resulted in RKH having 190 or so new street trees planted over the past few years through the City's former Neighbourwoods program and another 90 or so street trees to be planted this year through the City's Retree YYC program. This only represents a fraction of the street trees that our community is missing, but it is a good start.

Steps that you can take to help preserve and enhance the RKH tree canopy include:

- 1) Plant a tree (or 2, or more!) on your property.
- 2) Care for all trees on your property — make sure they receive sufficient water for the first couple of years after being planted (a watering bag works great), prune them as needed and watch for diseases. Consider hiring a certified arborist every year or 2 to assess your trees and help them remain healthy and properly pruned.
- 3) Do not remove a healthy tree unless absolutely necessary, and if it does become necessary to remove a tree, replace it with a new tree.
- 4) Before removing any tree check first to see if the tree is provided for on the approved DP for your property (particularly if you live in a newer infill). If you do not have a copy of the approved DP plans for your property then call 311 to arrange to view the copy that the City has on file. Any required trees are usually found on a page titled "Site Plan" or "Landscape Plan".
- 5) Tell the Ward 8 City Councillor that you want more of our community's missing street trees replaced.



Stacy Hutchens (far left) and Duncan White (far right) accept cheque from BP Canada representatives

Richmond Elementary School

I hope this note finds everyone enjoying warm weather, Stampeding, and great vacations.

We had some wonderful news to end our school year, and I'd love to share it with you. Our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Hutchens, wrote a successful grant application to BP Canada, called Renewable Energy through STEM. We are excited to announce that we were selected to receive a grant of \$10,000! This grant will enable our young students better resources to learn about the environment and energy using the STEM principals (science, technology, engineering, math). We send our sincere appreciation to all of the wonderful people at BP Canada.

During the summer months we are thrilled to have families to utilize our schoolyard, as the playground, basketball nets, and open field are great places for children to get some exercise and have fun. As always, we simply ask that you make sure that the grounds are kept clean and safe. Please ensure that any garbage you have gets placed in the bins, and if you see anything that needs immediate attention, please contact the Calgary Board of Education at 403-817-4000.

I would also like to thank the RKHCA for their support of Richmond School over this past year. We are lucky to be in such a great community!

Duncan White, Principal



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2017 is Canada 150th anniversary, and this July celebrate with friends, family, and the greater community our nation's sesquicentennial!

The 2017 Calgary Stampede | July 7-16th 2017

The Calgary Stampede is more than the greatest outdoor shown on earth - it's our opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate our heritage, traditions, diversity, and civic pride. After all, Calgary is the heart of the new west.

So, take the time, get out, and enjoy! And like every year, the Calgary Stampede has special days on offer so the fun times last longer.

- Parade Day | July 7th free entry from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Go straight from the Parade to the Park!
- Cenovus Family Day | July 9th free entry 8 a.m. – Noon and the first 20,000 guests get a FREE Breakfast!
- Canada 150 Day | July 11th free all day entry for seniors 65+ plus a free WestJet Skyride!

For all the details and more special Stampede events go to www.calgarystampede.com

Canada 150: Beyond July 1st

Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival | July 1-7
 To Celebrate Canada 150, the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival is a new week-long festival of Chinese Culture that will bring Calgarians to the core of their City's Chinatown. This event is open to all Calgarians and offers tours, tea tastings, and street performances. Attendees will make their own Chinese handcrafts and learn about fusions between Chinese and Western medicines.

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Forward completed form to: info@richmondknobhill.ca.




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 Please note: the board takes a Summer break in July & August.

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The Grey Jay

Article by J.G. Turner

In 2016, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society asked Canadians to identify candidates for an 'official' bird for Canada, intending to lobby the Canadian Government to make the final choice official to mark Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. The winner was the Grey Jay which is also known as the Gray Jay, the Canada Jay, the Whiskey/Whiskey Jack, the Camp Robber, the Meat Hawk and the Moose Bird.

The Grey Jay is the only grey coloured Jay in North America and is 28 to 33 cm (11 – 13 in) from beak to tail's tip, has a 45 cm (18 in) wingspan and weighs about 70 g (21.5 oz) The Grey Jay is a large fluffy grey bird with white head, black nape, short black bill, and long tail but no head crest. It has variations in its colouring in different regions and is often visually confused with Northern and Loggerhead Shrikes. This mischievous bird lives year round in every province and territory of Canada, thriving in cold tem-

perature extremes (up to -30 C). The Grey Jay is found in boreal regions from the tree limit in the far north through mountains and foothills, coniferous and mixed forests, bogs and fens, picnic and campsites across the country.

Fun Facts:

- The Grey Jay is a member of the Corvidae family of birds, along with other Jays, Crows, Magpies and Ravens. This is a highly intelligent group of birds known for their boisterousness, persistence and adaptability to the presence of humans in their environment. The Grey Jay is said to have the same "brain to body size ratio" as dolphins and chimpanzees!
- These birds are of the earliest nesters in Alberta, laying eggs as early as late February. This gives their young most of the year to learn to forage and store food for their first winter.
- Grey Jays are omnivores and eat seeds, scavenge carcasses (part of nature's clean up crew), and eat eggs and nestlings of other birds.
- Grey Jay cold weather adaptations include:
 - catching small chunks of food by covering it with their sticky saliva, and 'gluing' the food to tree trunks, twigs or conifer needle clusters. The Grey Jay remembers where it stores this food!
 - allowing solar radiation to penetrate their feathers while still keeping their insulating qualities; and
 - decreasing their body temperature at night.
- You may be able to attract the Grey Jay to your backyard feeder with suet, rolled oats, shelled sunflower seeds, or dry dog and cat food.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

The Marda Loop Farmers Market is Back

The neighbouring Marda Loop Community Association is happy to announce the return of the summer Farmers' Market at the MLCA Hall beginning Saturday, June 3. The market will run each Saturday morning from 9am - 1pm until the Thanksgiving weekend, rain, shine or snow!

Come enjoy a warm and festive open-air farmer's market in the heart of the community. Get to know local farmers, makers and artisans and shop for just-picked produce, farm-fresh eggs and cheese, local meats,

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When I worked as mechanic and then later, as a diesel engine salesman, I was lucky to have had positive experiences with each of my employers. But my experience is not everyone's experience. And that is why I am proud of the changes our government is making to ensure that Alberta has fair, modern and family-friendly workplaces that support our growing economy.

One of the bills of this past session was Bill 17 - Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act. This brought our Employment Standards Code and Labour Relations Code legislation in line with trends and standards across Canada. These amendments will make life better for Alberta families and protect vulnerable Albertans by, for example, repealing the ability for employers to pay employees with disabilities less than minimum wage. Albertans also had to work for one year before they were able to access compassionate care, maternity and parental leave. That was the longest wait period in Canada. Our government has reduced that period to 90 days like Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

Because all Albertans deserve to be treated fairly at work, you are now eligible for new unpaid leaves that would provide up to 36 weeks of job protection for parents with critically ill or injured children. Parents caring for a critically ill child should not have the extra stress of worrying about if they will have a job once they return to work. In addition, 36 weeks of job protected leave applies to those fleeing domestic violence. A new unpaid leave provides up to 10 days of job protection per year for employees addressing a situation of domestic violence. And as we celebrate Canada Day this July first, I am happy that we are providing new Canadians with a half-day leave so they will not lose their job for attending their Canadian citizenship ceremony.

This session also saw the passing of Bill 205 - Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act - We will be one of three provinces in Canada to have such an advocate. I continued my consultative work on my own bill, The Henson trust. I travelled to Lethbridge in June, and in July I will hold a consultation in Medicine Hat. Thanks to

all for your excellent contributions. I look forward to this becoming the law of land in Alberta.

Here in Calgary Currie I recently attended the opening of a newly renovated affordable housing unit in Bankview. This Calgary Housing Company renovation provides 26 households with modern, safe, and affordable housing, and is part of a \$1.3 million investment in senior and affordable housing in our riding. In June, I saw many of you at the Lilac Festival and I look forward to seeing many more of you at my Stampede Breakfast at the Glenbrook Community Association on July 9th from 9:00-11:30pm. We will have food with halal options, face painting, music, and even wiener dog racing! I'd love to visit your events too - please contact me at the office, or on Facebook or Twitter @BrianMalkinson.

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- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

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For more information on hall rentals, please call Lola at 403-474-3845 or email rentals@richmondknobhill.ca.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- \$100 Booking Fee required to hold a booking reservation. Cancellations permitted with no penalty up to 30 days prior to the event. Booking Fee will be forfeited if cancellation received less than 30 days prior to the event and a new renter cannot be found.
- Rent and damage deposit required 14 days in advance of the event.
- Proof of insurance & liquor permit required if alcohol served at the event. Liquor permit & insurance the responsibility of the renter.
- Hall to be cleaned during rental time. Additional cleaning charge of \$25/hr if not returned to the same condition accepted.
- If there is damage to the facility, the damage deposit will not be returned until the cost of repair or cleanup has been determined.
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- \$100 if hall left not secured or doors left unlocked.
- \$100 lost, broken or late return of keys.

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