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LEAF Reaffirmation Vote
Sunday, January 15, 2023
Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 10, 2022

Seniors Luncheon
Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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In Our Community

SACA's Annual Breakfast with Santa is December 10th!

We are so excited to bring back this amazing community tradition. Come enjoy a hot pancake breakfast, holiday music and some fun and games with your friends, family and neighbours, and get in to the holiday spirit! Of course the main event will be the man in red! Bring your cameras and get those annual pics with Santa himself. There will be two seatings; 9am-10:30am and 10:30-12pm. Tickets are \$5 per person and you can register at scenicacresca@shaw.ca. We look forward to ringing in the holiday season together again!



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President's Report

Winter is upon us and some of us (surely it's not just me) are wondering why we didn't install our outdoor Christmas lights when we didn't have snow on roofs and eavestroughs to deal with. Well, we did have a beautiful fall and there is little doubt that we will once again have many beautiful displays to enjoy in our community this holiday season. I hope this will find you all healthy and hopeful, enjoying winter outings, setting up and/or enjoying seasonal decorations, planning Christmas or Hanukkah celebrations and looking forward to a healthy and happy New Year.

TELUS Open House report

Our TELUS Open House was attended by 120 residents and we thank Stephanie and Lucas from TELUS for working with us to arrange and make the presentation and answer residents' questions. Stephanie provided her contact info to open house attendees: email: stephanie.tang@telus.com.

Resident enquiries focused largely on the build-out schedule in Scenic Acres, TELUS' remediation work on impacted properties and residents' ability to escalate concerns, and the wish for communications from TELUS as the project proceeds. In summary, TELUS shared their fibre installation plan to date, which has begun in the southwest part of the community, roughly encompassing the area south on the arena, extending south and west of Scenic Acres Park to Scandia Rise. The work has reportedly been slowed by geology. There next installation area within Scenic Acres is not yet known.

TELUS indicated that questions regarding turf repairs, any damage claims and the roll out of the installation program should be forwarded to them, either through <https://www.facebook.com/groups/teluscalgary/> or directly by email to Stephanie. Going forward, TELUS agreed to send periodic updates to the SACA, to be posted on our website (<https://scenicacres.ca/>) and our social media channels for residents' information.

SACA update

We have made an effort to recognize in past Reviews the numerous SACA and volunteer led initiatives hosted in our community for the enjoyment of our residents. "Thanks" again to all who participated! The SACA Board and our Administration are currently focused on finding ways to best serve the community within the challenging economic climate

that we all (including most non-profits) are facing. While we can all take pride in what our community has accomplished, we also look ahead. We continue to ponder how the SACA grounds and the Community Centre can best perform as a community hub, a place for us to come together and enjoy both outdoor and indoor activities and interests. How do we best plan and execute a return to increased social interactions?

Community input is not only desirable, but necessary to arrive at equitable, sustainable decisions that improve the liveability of our community. There is a wealth of valuable expertise in our community. Community residents have a deep and intimate knowledge of our local area, as well as technical, historical, and cultural insights. It is when these perspectives are shared and incorporated into decision-making, that we are best able to meet community needs. By embracing and encouraging participation, the SACA looks to make more informed decisions by understanding the needs, opinions and visions of community residents.

We are prepared to consider doing more, doing different, doing better with your help. Share with us and join us! Call us (403-547-9589), email us (scenicboard@shaw.ca), chat with us... we are your neighbours.

Financial update:

Many of us have utilized our SACA membership to participate and realize savings on SACA programs or to register for affiliated activities, including sport programs. The impact of a SACA membership goes beyond these measurable monetary considerations. The value of some initiatives may not be as easily measured but the requisite work enhances community enjoyment and reputation. If we value this work, it is reasonable to support it by holding an active SACA membership.

Holding a membership in the SACA is impactful to the organization and our community at large. It allows the Board to rightfully present ourselves as community representatives when we address issues of common concern in the public realm (e.g. planning, traffic and safety issues). It empowers the SACA and our wonderful volunteers to pursue grants and funding for specific objectives (e.g. lifecycle work at the Community Centre, existing community playground improvements and new community assets like the Community Garden). It allows our Administration to plan and execute programs and events (e.g. the Stampede Breakfast, the Community Cleanup and the Telus Open House).

Unfortunately, SACA membership numbers have been declining. Looking at the mid-year figures, we have seen our membership go from 715 in 2017, to 736 in 2018, to 747 in 2019, to 813 in 2020, to 447 in 2021, to 436 in 2022. We are mindful and appreciative of the impact the pandemic had on social interaction and the challenging inflationary cycle we are all dealing with. The Board and Administration are committed to effectively managing the SACA's finances and volunteer opportunities (see associated articles in this Review) and to look for ways to increase the value of membership.

We are dedicated to making sure our community is a great place to live, work, and play! We encourage you to be involved. Purchasing a membership is a great way to stay informed and to support the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! Be well and be kind!

Respectfully,
Ike Zacharopoulos, scenicboard@shaw.ca

Senior Christmas Luncheon December 14 Sign up is Open!

This year's Seniors' Christmas Luncheon has now been confirmed for WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, from 11:30 to 2 PM at our beautiful community center.

As they did in the past, the Scenic Acres Revera is going to prepare a wonderful traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The Scenic Grande is preparing a delicious punch. What a treat! Come enjoy an afternoon of Christmas fun.

Tickets for this event will be only \$5, due to the generous support of our community sponsors, who make this possible. More information about these generous businesses to follow in our January article.

Register on www.scenicacresca.ca or call the office at 403-547-9589. Last year there was a waitlist, so get your tickets right away.



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Winter Programs

PROGRAM REGISTRATION is open

The fastest way to register is on-line at www.scenicacresca.ca

You may also register in person during SACA's office hours. For more information contact the SACA Office scenicacresca@shaw.ca or 403-547-9589.

NOTES: To qualify for the member rate, you must have a valid SACA membership.

- If your membership has expired, please renew before registering for a program. You can renew online at www.scenicacresca.ca
- Online registration will require payment by credit card.
- A Registration confirmation will be e-mailed to you at the Email we have on file for you.

FOR ADULTS...

NEW CLASS FITNESS FOR SENIORS

Keeping fit is the secret to aging well! This is a brand new class, and so we are offering this first class at a deep discount – come try it out! This is a fun course for seniors suitable for all fitness levels. It is an interval-style class offering cardiovascular, strength, and flexibility training for active aging adults. After our warm-up, we'll work through a series of 45-second activities, each followed by 15 seconds of rest, to create a full-body workout. Activities can be done seated or standing, and more challenging alternatives will be demonstrated to ensure the workout meets individual needs. Participants are encouraged to bring their own set of light dumbbells and/or resistance bands. Instructor: Tricia Ham

- Wednesday Mornings (12 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 11 – March 29
- Time: 11:00 am - noon
- Jan – Mar fees: \$60 member / \$65 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$5.50

CORE CONDITIONING

This is a fun, class integrating the practice of Yoga, Pilates, Barre and strengthening exercises to build a stronger, toned and lean body. With focus on proper alignment, using light weights and small fitness props, you will get a full body workout to help you stand taller, feel stronger and tone the muscles in your shoulders, back, legs and abdominals. We finish it all off with a great 15 minute yoga stretch! All levels welcome! Instructor: Rahmi Diomande

- Monday Mornings (11 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 9 – March 27 (no class on Feb 20th)
- Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am
- Jan-Mar: \$145 member / \$158 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$14.65 *5 class pass \$72.00, 10 class is \$140.00

ZUMBA GOLD

Designed specifically for those looking for a slower paced Zumba class! This is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance-fitness party. Feel the music and let loose! Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to Latin and international beats. Before you know it, you will be getting fit and your energy levels will be soaring! It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating. Instructor: Rahmi Diomande

- MONDAY MORNINGS (11 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 9 to Mar 27 (no class on Feb 20)
- Time: 10:15 – 11:15 am
- Jan – Mar fees: \$145 member / \$158 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$14.65
- *5 class pass \$72 and 10 class pass is \$140

YOGA: STRENGTHEN & TONE

This 90-minute class incorporates traditional yoga postures with movement and is designed to build strength and tone muscles while increasing flexibility. We will flow through sun salutations, standing, and seated postures, with an emphasis on core stability and total body strength and mobility. The class will finish with a restorative yoga posture to relax and rejuvenate. You will leave this class feeling strong, energized, and more open. If you are looking to promote mind-body awareness and all-over fitness, this class is for you! All levels and abilities are welcome.

Instructor: Nicole MacPherson

- Monday Afternoons (11 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 9 to March 27 (no class on Feb 20)
- Time: 1:15 – 2:45 pm
- Jan-Mar fee: \$217 member / \$235 non-member
- * Drop in fee \$22
- *5 class pass \$110 and 10 class pass is \$218

BLISS YOGA – ***THURSDAY EVENINGS***

This 90-minute class will blend Yang with Yin, brawn with bliss and ultimately leave you relaxed, rested and restored. One hour of Vinyasa Flow (linking breath with movement) and ½ hour of Yoga Nidra wakeful sleep, will strengthen, open and fine tune your body. If you've ever experienced trouble sleeping, this quite possibly could be the answer to a "restful sleep".

Instructor: Holly Dalglish

- New!! Thursday Evenings (12 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 12 to March 30
- Time: 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm
- Jan-Mar fee: \$237 member / \$255 non-member
- * Drop in fee \$22
- *5 class pass \$110 and 10 class pass is \$218

In Our Community

MORNING YOGA

This 75 minute yoga class is for every level. Beginners through to those with yoga experience. All poses can be modified to suit the individual's range of motion and yoga experience. You will use yoga props to find the right alignment for you. Sore shoulders? Problematic pelvis? Unhappy hamstrings? Join us to loosen, soften and feel open to get on with your day. Instructor: Holly Dalglish

- TUESDAY MORNINGS (12 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 10 to March 28
- Time: 9:15 – 10:30 am
- Jan-Mar fee: \$198 member / \$214 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$18.30
- *5 class pass \$90 and 10 class pass is \$180

EVENING ZUMBA **NEW DAY OF THE WEEK: WEDNESDAY**

Zumba® for everybody and every body! No dance experience needed, just a desire to get fit in a quick, fun, easy-to-follow class tailored to your fitness level. Zumba® takes the “work” out of workout, by mixing low- and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. This class combines cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility and leaves you with a big smile, boosted energy and a serious dose of feeling awesome each time you leave class! Instructor: Siiri Jakubenko

- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (12 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 11- Mar 29
- Time: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- Jan – Mar fees: \$158 member / \$175 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$14.65 *5 class pass \$72.00 and 10 class pass is \$140

EVENING YOGA **NEW DAY OF THE WEEK: TUESDAY**

This 75 minute Evening Yoga class is Ashtanga based but incorporates innovative sequences and poses from various styles of yoga, linked by Sun salutations. Classes will focus on synchronizing your breath with dynamic, fluid movements, allowing you to move intuitively and build a personal journey within your body and mind. Your instructor will guide you through each movement within the sequence, offering verbal and sometimes physical adjustments and modifications. You will work with ujjayi breathing and energy locks. This class is recommended for everyone with a willingness to try. No experience necessary. Instructor: Holly Dalglish

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- Time: 7:15– 8:30 pm
- Jan – Mar fees: \$198 member / \$214 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$18.30
- *5 class pass \$90 and 10 class pass is \$180

LINE DANCING

For those of all ages who have enjoyed line dancing before and are looking to take their dancing to the next level. Join Reba J as she teaches a couple of new dances per week.

Instructor: Reba J

- TUESDAY MORNINGS (10 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 20 – March 14
- Time: 10:45am – 11:45 am
- Jan – Mar fees: \$131.75 member/ \$146.50 non-members
- *Drop in fee \$14.65 5-class pass is \$72

YOGA FOUNDATIONS

This 90 minute yoga class is for those of all ages and abilities from beginners through to those with years of yoga experience. This class will introduce and review standing and seated postures, with an emphasis on mindful movement and breathing techniques. This class will provide a foundation for a meaningful yoga practice, and will promote a healthier body and mind. Modifications and variations of standard postures will be introduced and encouraged, especially for those with injuries or physical limitations. Whether this is your first time in a yoga class, you are returning to yoga after an absence, or are looking for a gentle and therapeutic style of yoga, this class is for you. Instructor: Nicole MacPherson

- THURSDAY MORNINGS (12 sessions)
- Dates: Jan 12 – Mar 30
- Time: 9:00am – 10:30 am
- Jan – Mar fees: \$237 member / \$255 non-member
- *Drop in fee \$22.00
- *5 class pass \$110 and 10 class pass is \$218

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

The following groups will also be providing programs at SACA's Community Center

GIRL GUIDES

Register online at <http://register.girlguides.ca>

Brownies

- MONDAY EVENINGS, Time: 5:30pm-7:15pm

Pathfinders

- MONDAY EVENINGS, Time: 7:15 pm-9:15pm

Sparks

TUESDAY EVENINGS, Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

159 SILVERSPRINGS AND SCENIC ACRES SCOUTS

Register online at www.myscouts.ca/ca/join

Beavers

- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

In Our Community

OUR DROP-IN SOCIAL CLUBS

Book Club: First Tuesday of the month 1 to 3pm in the Main Hall – FREE Pre-Registration Required \$2 Drop-In Fee.

Artist's Gathering: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 1 to 3pm in the Main Hall – We are currently looking for interested participants. Please email scenicacresca@shaw.ca to join. \$2 Drop-in Fee

Single Ladies Get Together: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10 to 12pm in the Main Hall – FREE Pre-Registration Required \$2 Drop-In Fee

Walking Club on Wednesdays: Departing from SACA Parking Lot at 9:45am sharp. FREE! Please email scenicacresca@shaw.ca to be added to the Distribution List.

Ladies Social Coffee Craft Club: Fridays 9am to 12pm in the Main Hall – FREE Pre-Registration Required \$2 Drop In Fee.

Mah Jong: Group meets every Thursday noon to 3:00pm. No new members for now. For information on this group, contact Myrna at 403-547-6489



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Volunteering Improves Communities, And, as it Turns Out Your Own Mental Health

Come Volunteer for Us!

The feeling of warmth and joy that comes from helping others in the community, whether it's serving a dinner, helping with a craft, flipping pancakes for the multitudes, or performing music/arts for a free community event, is a feeling that cannot be adequately described. Giving of your time and talent through volunteering service creates huge value in our community, and a sense of satisfaction that you made a difference in others' lives. It actually boosts your mental health!

Turns out that volunteering not only helps our community but ourselves. Longitudinal studies show that those who volunteer have lower rates of depression and isolation compared to those who do not. Studies show that volunteering has a positive impact on volunteers' mental health. Volunteering creates new connections, maybe new skills, and a shared sense of accomplishment. After all the stresses of the pandemic years, that's welcome news!

We are looking to engage a wonderful cadre of volunteers that will make amazing things happen in our community in 2023. We're hoping we get lots of residents – singles, young adults, seniors, high school students, families, Scouts/Guides/Boys & Girls Clubs/etc., elementary and junior high students – to help us make a spectacular year for Scenic Acres, and share in that spirit of warmth and joy.

We will be hosting a volunteer event in January (date TBC, so watch our website), so that everyone can come check out the events we have planned for 2023, and sign up.

For current specific volunteer requests for December, please check out 'volunteering opportunities' on our website at www.scenicacres.ca.



Parks & Environment

LEAF

The LEAF program reflects community input, is directed by our volunteer LEAF committee and approved by the SACA Board.

Reaffirmation event Sunday, January 15, 2023, Noon – 4:30 pm.

In November, the City mailed out the annual letters to community households regarding the Scenic Acres Special Tax for 2023 (for Enhanced Landscape Maintenance). Due to increasing costs, the levy for 2023 has increased by \$1.80 and is the first increase since the LEAF program was started in 2013.

All public landscaping work in Scenic Acres is managed through our LEAF program. This work includes spring and fall park cleanup, turf mowing, the planting and care of summer flower displays and winter displays, the refreshment of neighbourhood shrub beds and the clearing of public tree wells.

The LEAF program needs to be approved by the community every 5 years. If you enjoy the summer flower displays and the many parks within Scenic Acres, now is the time for you to ensure that the LEAF program continues and place your supporting vote in January. Please attend the reaffirmation event on Sunday, **January 15, 2023, from noon – 4:30 pm** at the Scenic Acres Community Centre.

This will be a “come & go” event; attendees will be able to look at displays, ask questions of the committee members then place their vote (marked Yes or No) in the ballot box then leave. The votes will be counted with a city representative after the event has ended to get the final tally.

In order to be eligible to vote, you must be the homeowner and be able to present proof of identity with either a property tax statement or utility bill along with photo ID. ONE VOTE PER HOUSEHOLD.

LEAF Volunteer Opportunities

The LEAF committee is also interested in attracting new volunteers. If you have a few spare hours in the summer to be our “eyes and ears” as park champions or wish to contribute in some other fashion, please consider joining the LEAF team. The time commitment is small and would not require attending meetings as most communication can be done via email. We are also looking for a volunteer with accounting/financial experience for the LEAF treasurer position.

As the time commitment is becoming too much for volunteers, the LEAF committee is considering options to hire a part time paid Program Manager to attend to the weekly activities. This individual would take over some of the volunteer duties of the LEAF Chair and other committee members and **is an allowed expense** under the parameters of the City of Calgary Landscape Management Act (LMA). Edgemont and Citadel have this in place for their Enhanced Landscape Management program. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please see the job description in the Scenic Review or send a note to the email below.

If you have any LEAF comments, questions or kudos please email saca.leaf@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Syhlonyk, Director Parks and Environment

Contract Position - LEAF

The Scenic Acres LEAF (Landscape Enhancement Appreciation Fund) program has been in place since 2013. This program maintains our green spaces and is responsible for the flowers in containers and garden beds that beautify our community.

When LEAF first began, the scope was limited to planning and purchasing flower and winter displays and was a reasonable time commitment for the volunteer LEAF Committee. However, when the City of Calgary changed the scope in 2017 to also include all landscape maintenance, the time commitment has become too great for volunteers.

Therefore, the Scenic Acres LEAF committee is considering options to hire a part-time Program Manager, to oversee the day-to-day operations of LEAF. This position is part-time, about 16 to 18 hours per week, with seasonal workload fluctuations.

This position will be from April 15 to October 31 with remuneration commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Overview

- Work with the LEAF Committee and the SACA Parks & Environment Director to implement the LEAF program including but not limited to, all aspects of turf maintenance, flower displays, shrub and tree well maintenance, and planned enhancement projects.
- Oversee LEAF activities and projects, ensuring plans are implemented as intended, within budget, to a high quality, and in a timely manner.

If this sounds like an opportunity for you, please email saca.leaf@gmail.com for further information.

Leslie Schmeiler's Food Drive and Pumpkin Giveaway!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Leslie Schmeiler's Food Drive and Pumpkin Giveaway! Our community rallies as usual and we were able to donate 7 bins to the Calgary Food Bank, as well as a hefty cash donation for the Foodbank! We counted over 417 people come through that day and had a great time carving pumpkins, enjoying some treats and making some fun Halloween crafts.



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Instagram



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Thank you to all of you who brought food for the foodbank. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who attended to all the details and made the magic happen. And, a huge thank you to our terrific sponsors that made this possible: **Leslie Schmeiler of ReMax** (for all the pumpkins and the petting zoo), **Scenic Acres Dental** (for the amazing goody bags) and **The Federation of Calgary Communities** and the **Ward Community Event Fund (WCEF)** for their cash donations!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This is the tentative December schedule of SACA programs and activities. Please check the SACA website for updates and registration information.				1 Mah Jong Noon – 3:00 p.m. Bliss Yoga 7:30 – 9pm	2 Ladies' Social, Craft and Coffee 9:00 a.m.	3
4	5 Core Conditioning 9 – 10 a.m. Zumba Gold 10:15 – 11:15am Yoga Strengthen 1:15 – 1:45pm Brownies 5:30 – 7:15pm Pathfinders 7:15 – 9:15pm	6 Morning Yoga 9:15 – 10:30am Line Dancing 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Sparks 6 – 7pm	7 Beavers 6 – 7 pm.	8 Mah Jong Noon – 3:00 p.m. Bliss Yoga 7:30 – 9pm	9 Ladies' Social, Craft and Coffee 9:00 a.m.	10 Santa Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
11	12 Make up Class Core Conditioning 9 – 10 a.m. Make up Class Zumba Gold 10:15 – 11:15am	13	14 Seniors Luncheon 11:30 a.m – 2 pm	15 Mah Jong Noon – 3:00 p.m. Make up Class Bliss Yoga 7:30 – 9pm	16 Ladies' Social, Craft and Coffee 9:00 a.m.	17
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25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31
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Councillor Report

Hello Ward 1! The holiday season has almost arrived. On behalf of myself and the Ward 1 Team, we wish you and your family a pleasant and restful holiday season, and all the best for the coming year.

Last month, City Council debated The City's 2023-2026 Service Plans and Budget. These deliberations affect the services that The City delivers and the taxes required to deliver them. You can find the latest information on what Council decided by visiting Calgary.ca.

Winter in Calgary means snow and ice on roads and pathways. Last year, Council approved additional funding to help get major routes clear of snow and ice faster, within 36 hours after snowfall. City crews work 24 hours a day during winter to make it easier for you to get around. You can learn more about The City's approach to snow and ice control at Calgary.ca/snow.

This month, members of Council are participating in a challenge with the Calgary Food Bank to see which ward can donate the most amount of food. The official challenge runs until December 11, but the Calgary Food Bank welcomes donations all year round. Visit Calgary.ca/Ward1 for details on how you can participate.

Traffic safety continues to be a major priority for Ward 1. I have been working with City Administration to find improvements to several busy areas including Sarcee Trail and 34 Avenue in Bowness, Country Hills Blvd and 112 Avenue in Royal Oak, and on Crestmont Boulevard. Permanent solutions often take time, but I hear your



concerns and make it a priority to address them as quickly as possible.

Concerns about planned development in your neighbourhood? You can view notices and submit feedback on development permits and land use changes by visiting Calgary.ca/planning

Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1



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Babysitting & Snow Shoveling REGISTRY

Calling all teen and adult Babysitters! Would you like to share information about your availability and training in babysitting for interested families in our community? Contact SACA at scenicacresca@shaw.ca or 403-547-9589. *SACA Provides registry service but all parties are responsible for negotiating scope of work and payment themselves.*

BABYSITTERS LIST

Name	Age	Phone #
Kiyas P.	15	403-874-9759
- Babysitting course, CPR & first aid		
Mariah	14	403-477-3669
- Babysitter course and experienced babysitter		
Carson C	16	403-618-3365
Naomi L		nomilern@gmail.com
- Experienced baby sitter, pet sitter		

Calling Snow Shovellers!

Would you be interested in helping your neighbours this winter? If you would like to be added to a list for the next edition of the scenic review please email scenicacresca@shaw.ca

SHOW SHOVELLERS LIST

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Fee Increases

Just as we are all experiencing in our personal lives, the Community Center is similarly facing rising costs, particularly in utilities, consumables, supplies, and processing and transaction costs. In the past, the Community Association absorbed the processing and transaction fees for participant debit and credit card payments which are passed on to us by the financial institutions. However, with other budget realities, we don't have the capacity to do that any longer. Beginning in January, you will notice a slight increase in our program and event costs to cover these increased fees. We're still doing everything we can to deliver programs and events at a cost that is reasonable to encourage everyone to come out. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 403-547-9589.

Scenic Acres Community Association

Join our SACA Admin Team

We are looking for a talented and enthusiastic individual to join our admin team to help us with the broad delivery of programs, rentals, events, community services, and daily facility management at our Community Center as a Community Activities Team Member

The role would be about 10-15 hours a week in our Scenic Acres Community Center office, working directly with other office staff.

We are looking for someone with experience with:

- Administration (office tasks like email, phone, managing payments and accounts, managing data and rolls, spreadsheets and checklists)
- Event delivery (lots of details to execute)
- Program delivery (we run many programs that need some office support, such as Yoga and Fitness)
- Rental/Event booking support
- Social media and website support

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Peggy Flanigan at Scenicom@shaw.ca.

Scenic Acres School News

Some very good news for Scenic Acres School: *"The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) would like to inform you of our work to balance enrollment at schools in northwest Calgary. We will make a grade configuration change to Scenic Acres School. This change will allow more students in your community to attend school closer to home.*

Effective for the 2023-2024 school year, the following changes will be implemented:

Scenic Acres School will change from a kindergarten to Grade 4 school to a kindergarten to Grade 5 school in the 2023-24 school year."

I'm to assume that this change will bring the school up to CBE preference capacity levels and it will remain open moving forward. Amazing news!

Thank you!

Bill Garner, Principal

Elementary Students In Scenic Acres – Are You Starting to Think About Junior High? Maybe Arbour Lake School is for you!

Arbour Lake School is proud to be CBE's community school for students attending in grades 5-9 living in Scenic Acres. Our mission and goal is to provide an extraordinary middle school experience for our learners. As a middle school, we have the distinct pleasure of working with adolescent learners as they transition to into their teenage years. We take extra care to support our grade 5/6 students as they develop the independence they will need to successfully transition into the traditional junior high years, come grade 7.

The wonderful part of middle school is that our grade

5 and 6 learners do get to experience extra-curricular activities and leadership opportunities that are sometimes not available in smaller elementary schools. Some of these activities include athletics clubs, safety patrols, academic social clubs and school wide events including our main stage production and our special celebrations of learning. Every morning and afternoon you can see our grade 5/6 patrols outside keeping our school community and students safe!

Additionally our junior high athletics program is up and running for the 2022-2023 athletic season. Our junior and senior girls' and boys' volleyball teams are in full swing, as are our girls' and boys' soccer teams, and our cross country team – this year sponsored by Cam Clark Ford. Our next full school assembly will take place on November 10th and will showcase contributions from students in grades 5 through 9 in honour of Remembrance Day.

Over the coming months I look forward to sharing with you some exciting events and adventures coming out of ALS. If at any time, you wish to reach out and have questions please feel free to email me at nmlisi@cbe.ab.ca.

Nancy Lisi,

Principal –Arbour Lake School



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Scenic Acres Community Association

Join our organization and help make Scenic Acres thrive!

The Scenic Acres Community Association (SACA) is one of 150 non-profit community associations operating in Calgary. SACA with the support of its residents and memberships, helps make our community stronger by:

- 1) Hosting community based programs and events that not only bring us together, but bring enjoyment and learning, as well as building community.
- 2) Creating opportunities for residents to give back to their community through volunteering.
- 3) Advocating on behalf of our residents for:
 - The upkeep of City owned facilities in our community such as the tennis and basketball courts, and neighbourhood playgrounds.
 - Vehicular and pedestrian traffic, major and feeder roads, and the Crowfoot LRT station and bus routes design.
- 4) Helping to influence bylaw and development policy in collaboration with City administration. Local politicians routinely engage with SACA on topics related to their respective mandates, new developments (such as schools or seniors' facilities), all look to SACA for input.
- 5) Securing special offers with local businesses such as Dalhousie Family Chiropractic and Benjamin Moore Beacon Hill paint.
- 6) Communicating new initiatives and opportunities. By being a member you can be one of the first to know about our new programming, including holiday programs and paid youth support roles.

How can residents support SACA?

Residents can support SACA in four ways:

- 1) Buy a membership and help support the important work that SACA does on your behalf. Use the QR Code above or go to Available Memberships (<https://scenicacres.getcommunal.com/memberships>). Members get special discounts on programs and activities, and the money from your membership goes back into future programming and events.
- 2) Volunteer your time and talent to make sure events can be as grand and as great as we can imagine them. Get involved in bringing the best programming to our community.
- 3) Sign up for programs and events at www.scenicacresca.ca ! Take a course, stay fit, learn about social issues, have fun and celebrate life in Scenic Acres.
- 4) Donate your treasure – donate money or equipment to the Association to help fund activities. If you have a business, sponsor activities such as the Community Cleanup, Stampede Breakfast, Summer Celebration, Harvest activities and Winter holiday celebrations.

Use the QR Code Below to Signup for SACA Membership



What are the Annual Fees?

Regular annual fees are \$30.00 if you live in Scenic Acres (\$40 if you live outside Scenic Acres). What a deal! We have special rates for single seniors as well (see the website, www.scenicacresca.ca or call 403-547-9589). The fees are truly annual – good until the same day next year. We also have an option for auto-renew so you never have to remember to update it!

