

5 GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE RIVERBEND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION May 2011



This month we are publishing the first 5 reasons – watch further issues for the other reasons!!

1. Programs and Services for all Ages – Preschoolers to Seniors

Based on our **VALUES OF FUN AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT** - RCA offer programs directly or provide support to other organizations offering programs such as girl guides, Ballroom Dancing, Yoga, and many, many more. RCA also partners with the City of Calgary to offer such programs as Park n Play, Youth Drop-in programs and Skateboard Parks.

2. Special Events



Many events are provided throughout the year which provides families an opportunity to meet others in the community and have some fun. Events include the Stampede Breakfast (July), the Craft Fair (Oct/Nov), Recycling Days (June), Murder Mystery Night (May), Garden Competition (summer), Fence Painting Competition (summer), Family Fun Day (February), Shop Till You Drop (November), Xmas Party (December), New Year's Party (December) and others.

3. Awareness and Responsive to Planning and Development Issues

Following our **VALUE OF INTEGRITY AND TEAMWORK**, RCA makes every effort to keep track of development and planning proposals in the areas such as transportation, roads, park and playground development, and traffic issues. The City of Calgary often consults with the community association on these issues, and is a partner in the overall process. As part of this, we maintain excellent relations with local developers, realtors, the City of Calgary, Parks Foundation, and many others.

4. Community Engagement and Awareness

Our **VALUE OF RESPECT** leads RCA to bring concerned citizens together to ensure safety in the neighborhood through participation in Block Watch, Block Parent and bicycle safety programs.

5. Facility Operations and Rentals

Through **RCA's VALUE OF COMMITMENT**, it operates a facility that is available for programs, meetings, social and private functions. Outdoor ice rinks are also maintained for the benefit of the community residents by volunteers from within the community.

Your community association represents **you** and **your community** in a number of areas !!!



PLEASE take the time to join, get involved and participate !!!!

By doing so, you not only help yourself but your community, and that is what a community is all about – a collection of people that come together for with a common purpose.

Community memberships run from May 1 through to April 30 of each year, so, if you have not renewed yours yet, now is the time. What are you waiting for?

You can purchase your membership on-line, by dropping by the community centre, or completing the membership application and dropping it in the mail or the blue box by the front doors.

As a community, we think Riverbend is one of the best, and we hope you do and want to help us make it even better.

RIVERBEND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - VALUES

Commitment	We are responsive and dedicated to the well being of our community
Respect	We value and celebrate each other and strive to give all residence a voice and sense of belonging
Teamwork	We are leaders in making connections and building partnerships. We believe together is better!
Integrity	We are open, honest and responsible in our dealings with our residents, stakeholders and amongst ourselves
Fun	We foster enthusiasm, a dynamic atmosphere, creativity and are not being afraid to dream
Community Spirit	We are volunteers who put our residents needs first and provide opportunities to bring community together