



# CHATTER

## -IN THE WOODS-

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They say that April showers bring May flowers—but we all know that in this neck of the woods that April snowfall likely brings in May snowfall...right? Well all jokes aside it's spring in Redwood Meadows!

Spring sports are open for registration, the council is busy running full steam on important work such as the lease and infrastructure, RMES is recognizing national volunteer month, Taste of Bragg Creek is around the corner and so much

more. We have a great piece this month from Indigenous Awareness Committee and we also learn a little bit of history about the Redwood Meadows name and street names.

If you have suggestions for the Chatter, RMCA programs or events please feel free to get in touch with us!

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XC Bragg Creek competes at the AYC 2019. March 1-3.

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### CHATTER IN THE WOODS

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**H**appy spring to all you folks!  
And bam we are rushing towards spring sports, activities and getting excited to start our spring projects. The first thing we should do is get our sporting goods and lightly used clothing to RMCA Gear Sale, drop off is on April 5th and sale on the 6th.

In April we will see RMCA and Townsite prepping the rebuild of our skating rink. RMCA will invest \$40000 towards this rehaul. Townsite will be contributing the majority of the funds through grant money, around \$180000. Wow! you say, that's a heck of a lot of money for just one piece of our sporting facility. You are right, it is a lot of money but that's the cost of keeping our kids and users safe. RMCA, Bragg Creek Hockey and Townsite have been working towards these major repairs for over 4 years. The lack of professional repairs has made the rink dangerous for our kids and players to use it properly. Our rink, after the playground, is the most used facility in our community. The rink and all our sports facility are an attraction to potential buyers and with the repairs we hope to see even more users on it. If we move forward with our future plans regarding the rink we will be looking to add a roof over the it in the next couple of years.

RMCA will use some of the future 2019 casino funds towards a bike track and repairs to the Ladybug park on Redwood Meadows Dr.

Now to the fun stuff...

We will be hosting a great event on May 10th, the Spring Fling, that will let our communities come enjoy a night out close to home. Local singer and musician Michelle Minke and our very own fire department captain Jen Evans with singing partner Jaqueline will entertain you while you get to pair delicious catered food with wine and local craft beers. We are keeping ticket cost down so we get as many of our community out for a fun night out. Our poster for the Spring Fling is in this edition and on our Facebook page which will give more info. Later on this month Bragg Creek centre will host this year's Easter brunch with help from our local Bragg Creek church. Please note the bunny will be running the Easter egg hunt at the Bragg Creek centre.

Spring sports registration started up a couple of weeks ago, please get your kids signed up, check that volunteer box and come enjoy a long standing tradition for our community kids.

We would like to thank our captain Jessie Seymour and our t-shirt sponsors ATB Bragg Creek, Maverick Law and Kathleen LaPlante realtor for Remax, and Ken Barrie Home Inspections .

Want to be a super hero business and sponsor an activity, event or improvements to our sporting facility? We would love to hear from you. With your sponsorship we'll give you a half page free ad and an opportunity to get your business featured in the Chatter written by Colleen Seto.

RMCA welcomes any community member to join our meetings. Our next meeting is April 18th at 630pm in Redwood House.

Enjoy the sun!

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## Redwood Townsite Update

Council met twice in the month of March, the area of focus this month were the ongoing lease negotiations and the adoption and creation of the Townsite budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The lease negotiations are and will continue to be the primary focus over the coming weeks. The Townsite has engaged a law firm to start the process of finalizing the legal framework that is to be presented to both residents of Tsuut'ina and to the leaseholders in Redwood Meadows.

There is a working group (LAWG) that meets on a bi-weekly basis composed of community members and Council Members that work through the Stewardship Agreement, issues that are thought to be important to our community, and as of recently a community communication initiative to relay pertinent information to the community. This information is brought back to our bi-weekly council meetings for review, direction and courses of action.

In the alternative weeks the LAWG doesn't meet, representatives from our Council meet with some of the Nation Council members and the Legal team from Tsuut'ina.

A first step in preparation of a possible vote on the sublease is to gather an accurate and relevant lease holder's database. This is needed to ensure that all affected leaseholders receive timely and important messaging and documentation. A notice has gone out via mail and email to our current Leasehold list to visit the Townsite Office to verify your contact information and assure the Certificate of Titles have the correct names on them. Leaseholders who have not contacted the Townsite office will have the Title Certificate and instructions mailed to them.

Due to the high importance of the Lease negotiations and timelines needing to be met our Townsite Manager Julia Francis-Kennedy will no longer be serving in that role, and will be focusing solely on the Lease.

Pat Evans, a current employee of the Townsite, will be taking on the duties of Townsite Manager on an interim basis.

Council and Townsite administration invite all residents to our Annual General Meeting on May 7th, 2019 at 7pm.



### Infrastructure

Due to an unseasonably and terribly cold February, the Townsite as with other communities in the area are struggling with frozen and non-functional water service lines. Water service lines are buried below the known and historical frost depth or around 8 feet. This year the frost depth sunk to a depth of twelve feet, an occurrence not seen in decades. Townsite encourages residents to use the slow trickle of water method (letting one tap in your home drip) mentioned in Friday updates to relieve pressure and keep water flowing in service lines. For homeowners currently experiencing difficulties please contact Townsite Office for assistance and hopefully the spring melt currently happening will help speed up the process of alleviating the frost issue.

The major capital projects scheduled for this year are the refurbishment of our skating rink and fire hall. More information on the timelines of these projects will be made available after the AGM on May 7th.

### Waste Diversion

The Townsite informed residents in January of 2019 that Council needed to review its Waste Disposal Policy and procedures.

In fall 2017 the Townsite contracted vendor was charged \$78 per tonne for the dumping of unsorted waste at the City of Calgary's Landfill sites. This rate was increased to \$128 a tonne in the spring of 2018 as the City of Calgary embarked on its waste sorting initiative. Their goal was to reduce landfill dumping through encouraging recycling and composting and penalize unsorted loads coming from commercial (garbage collectors). The City rolled out their green carts over the summer of 2018 and began charging \$178 a tonne in the fall of 2019. In the fall of 2019 the city has stated that they have the option of either not accepting any unsorted waste or charging \$235 a tonne.

So all that price increase and environmental stewardship encourages Redwood Meadows to address our waste disposal.

In fall of 2018 the Townsite began exploring options for waste diversion. Mitigating factors we face include cost effectiveness, wildlife and our geographical location. The Townsite changed the waste disposal contract to a new vendor who could address our needs for 2019. The vendor T&T Disposal is under contract to dispose of our



## Picapix Puzzle

Townsite waste until June of 2019. After that time they will be collecting both our waste and be providing curbside recycling for our community. Residents who currently have a private contract with a recycling pick up company are encouraged to speak to them about ending service before June 1st.

The Townsite will switch to bi-weekly waste pick up and weekly recycling pickup. The goal is to provide sorted waste that won't be charged as high a dumping fee at landfills, and to reduce negative wildlife interactions such as animals associating our community with a food source.

In addition the Townsite has applied for grant funding for waste diversion initiatives and pilot projects to reduce waste. The grants come from both the Federal and Provincial levels and will provide possible funding for local composting. Townsite will keep residents informed of this process.

The Townsite has been successful in applying for a grant for refundable depot bins that will be located throughout the community. We have also received pathway and recycling bins that will be installed in the spring.

### Finance

The Townsite recognizes the financial impact that many residents are facing in these troubling economic times. The Townsite Council in consultation with Townsite Administration is working on budgetary practices that would help identify areas of best practice and financial prudence to keep the Townsite budget without further burdening ratepayers. We invite all residents to attend the AGM morning May 7th to hear the budget details.

### Lease Information Session Update

**Please try and make your way to any upcoming Lease Information Nights as the lease process will be moving quickly. The next lease session is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Townsite office.**



A picture will evolve as you complete the puzzle. Start with the largest numbers or combination of, colour in squares and proceed to work back and forth between columns and rows.

The three basic rules are:

- Numbers represent how many squares you colour in to form a group or block.
- Leave at least one square between these blocks.
- The sequential order of the numbers is the order of the blocks, i.e., top number for a column is the top block, and left-most number for a row is the left-most block.

The "logic count method" shown below is very useful:

The clue at the left of the row is 6, so count 6 squares from the left to right and then count 6 squares from right to left.

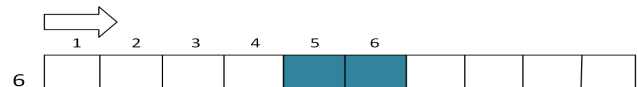
Confidently shade in the overlapping squares. This same method can be applied even when there is more than one number, remembering to allow one empty square between groups or blocks. Use a second colour for elimination of background squares.

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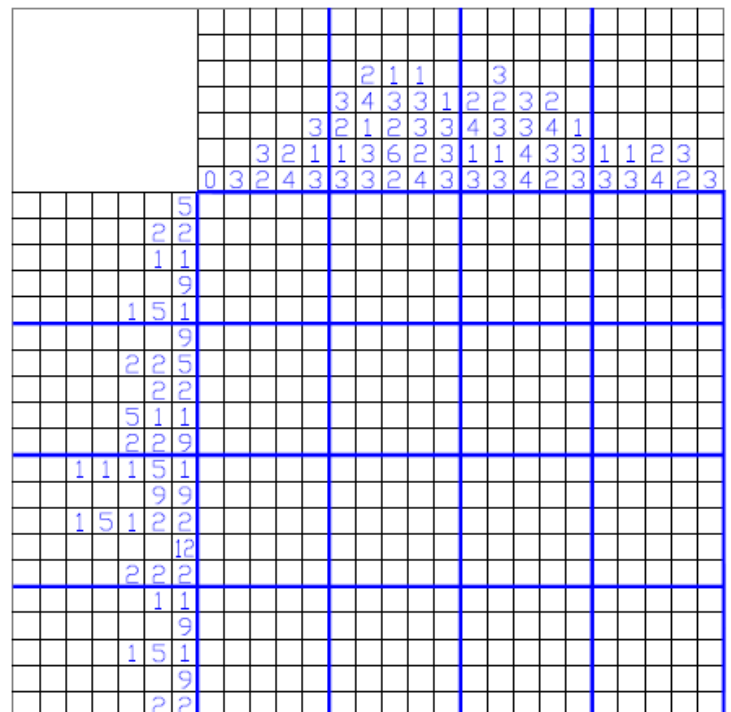
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*Created by Diane Baher of Okotoks*

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**RUSH HOUR**



## Redwood Meadows Emergency Services—It's National Volunteer Month



**W**e run into so many amazing volunteers as we move through the community during the year; organizing and running events, doing things to keep the community and natural areas clean and accessible

and helping people experience everything our natural spaces have to offer.

If you're planning public events for larger than 50 people happening in (or moving through) the community, we'd love to know about it so we can plan our staffing, and offer you any support you might find helpful as you create a safety plan. Leave us a message at 403.949.2012.

***Did you know Redwood Meadows Emergency Services is 100% volunteer-driven?*** In 2018, our passionate team of 26 members contributed almost 14,000 hours to our communities in the form of 24/7 emergency call response, training and public relations events. To our members - a big thank you for all you do to keep our community safe. To our members' friends and family, thank you for supporting them in this important work.

With the warmer weather finally here, requests for burn permits are picking up again. Just a reminder that RMES can issue a burn permit if you live in the County of Rockyview.

If you live in Redwood Meadows, you are permitted to burn clean wood or paper in town site-approved fire pits only.

Here's what you need to do to get a burn permit outside of Redwood Meadows:

- Call 403.949.2012 or attend the fire hall to let us know you would like a burn permit (Note: A few days notice is required).
- We'll come out to your home to look at the burn pile contents (no painted or pressure treated lumber is permitted) and proximity to other structures.
- If safe, we'll issue a burn permit to you and highlight conditions of the burn i.e., maximum wind speed, monitoring requirements etc.

Until next month – stay safe...and please stay off the ice!



### Tasting Wine

See  
Smell  
Sip  
Savour



It's finally starting to feel like we can shake off the winter blues and start shaking more margaritas! Spring patios and tasting

events are starting to pop up everywhere. This was one of my busiest months for events, so I know we are ready for some action! Make sure you get tickets to the Redwood Meadows Spring Fling May 10th for a great event with copious amounts of wine to taste. You will never know it all so just take in as many as you can so your palate can learn likes and dislikes to scale!! There is always a 'spit' bucket around, so use it for all those undesirable ones and move on! I'll be there creating amazing pairing stations with nibbles so you can tour around and take in the local music talent with open patio doors and a cool lounging vibe. Hope to see you there!

This month I thought I would just throw out some basics for you as you hit the 'tasting' ground running. First thing wine nerds will do is **look** at the wine. Here we are checking for color or hue. A blueish tint may indicate a potentially higher pH—this is crucial to how it tastes and how long a wine will last. A redder tint may mean lower pH or higher acidity, or an older aged wine. Next, we are checking for intensity and opacity. Can you see through the wine in your glass? This could indicate a lot of polyphenols or tannins. Finally, look at viscosity. Yes, these are the wine legs! More legs or droplets could indicate higher alcohol or higher sugar in the wine. For quick assessment though, all you really need to see is the label on the bottle. It will provide you with vintage, clues of grape variety and alcohol level.

Next is **smell**. Swirl and aerate the wine to get some oxygen in there. Then put the top of the glass to the bridge of your nose. Smelling is a very important step to the experience. Just think how awful it is when you have a cold and cannot smell or taste anything! The key to aromas is to start big. Try and notice if there are smells of fruit, herbs or flowers. Then once you discover one try a little deeper. In whites: citrus,

orchard or tropical? In reds: blue, black or red fruits? You get the idea. Trying to get too specific, like "elegant notes of blackberry and blueberry jam with white pepper and hints of cocoa and eucalyptus" can lead to frustration!

And now **sip**. Finally, we get to taste! Now this where we are looking for structure. Take a big ole sip and swish it around your mouth like mouthwash. How does it feel? Is it sweet? Or dry? How sour is it? Do you feel that grippy dry astringent feeling? Like drinking a tea that has been steeped too long, this feel is tannin. The only real good thing in wine! Naturally occurring plant polyphenols is where we get all our anti-oxidants. This also makes the wine age-worthy. Then right when you finish, you will get a burn on the back of your throat....that's aaaaalcohol :)

And now simply, **savour**. Take a lovely sip. And savour. What just happened? This is where we think and conclude. Does it have a long finish? What are we tasting now—tart, bitter, salty, sweet? All this information tells you about the overall balance of the wine. This is what we are looking for when we're trying to find quality. So pour that glass already and start pondering! Happy Tasting. Cheers.

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# Pre-Mother's Day Tea

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for mom, created by you! (one per child)







### Bragg Creek Centre

**D**id anyone notice the weather started getting warmer after the BCCA Beach Party Fundraiser on March 9? Not that the BCCA had anything to do with it but the Bragg Creek Ladies Auxiliary and Skuzzy and the Woodticks certainly brought the heat for our first annual Beach Party fundraiser! With a sold-out, beach-clothes-wearing crowd in attendance, residents

and their friends dined on pulled pork, Hawaiian coleslaw, mango salsa, and sweet potato fries. They rocked the night away, generously bid, gave and generally opened their wallets in support of the BCCA and our efforts to keep our building operating. The call went out and the community came together in one amazing night.

Among the responsibilities of the BCCA is the care, maintenance, and ongoing viability of the Bragg Creek Community Centre (BCCC). For those who may not know, our building sits on the site of the original community hall which burnt to the ground in 1998. The existing building was opened in 2001. Although magnificent by any definition the building was predicated on an expanding population and economic base in Bragg Creek which, to date, has not materialized. Although owned and operated by a not for profit society, the BCCC, like any home, still has ongoing bills to pay. As the building ages, it also requires maintenance and repairs. For example in 2018 it cost over \$ 43,000 for utilities and \$47,000 for repairs and maintenance. In 2015 the building flooded and no revenue came in for almost a year as it was repaired. It has been challenging to say the least.

As the years have passed many community minded residents have joined the BCCA board or volunteered in support of our continuous effort to keep the building open and our programming affordable. The combination of their efforts and the invaluable continuous financial support of Rockyview County allows the BCCA to continue to operate this building. We do it because it is more than a building....it is where our children play and the arts are seen and heard. It has provided us shelter in times of crises such as the 2013 flood. It is where we meet to discuss politics and community matters and it is where we meet to honor our veterans every November 11. It is where we say hello to new friends and good bye to old friends. It is more than a building, IT IS OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE !

This is why events such as the beach party are so important... every nickel counts ! We would like to acknowledge and thank the Bragg Creek Ladies Auxiliary for their tireless efforts. We would like to thank Skuzzy and the Woodticks for their donation of time and talent. We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked the bar, sold 50/50 tickets,(we need to acknowledge the winner of the 50/50 who donated his half back to the BCCA !) operated our games and helped set up and tear down. The number of local businesses and individuals who donated for our silent auction is too long for this space so we urge everyone to visit our website [www.braggcreekca.com](http://www.braggcreekca.com) where they are listed. Last, but not least, we want to thank all the community members who came....without all of you this would not have been the success it was. On behalf of all of us at the BCCA we wish you ALOHA !

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & Easter Egg Hunt

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**  
~ Bragg Creek Community Centre ~

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**\$5/Person or \$10/FAMILY**  
**10:30AM - NOON**

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**FREE | 10:00AM SHARP! | AGES: 0-10**  
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## Local Business Feature—Taste of Bragg Creek

In a hamlet of less than 500 people, we are so lucky to have so many delicious dining options to choose from. And what better time to give your taste buds a refresher than at the annual Taste of Bragg Creek event, taking place this year on Friday, April 12 at the Bragg Creek Community Centre.

2019 marks the seventh Taste of Bragg, and this year, the event is expanding beyond food. “We have 25+ vendors, and it’s not just about food anymore. This year, we showcase our shops, scenery, adventures and amazing restaurants,” says Mackenzie Walsh, one of the event organizers.

Taste continues to play an important role in helping market Bragg Creek and area businesses. “The 2013 flood devastated many businesses, and it has been difficult to fill shops in today's economy,” says Walsh. “Taste of Bragg Creek is a reminder to people from outside the community that the area is vibrant, beautiful and full of great things to see, do and taste. It brings people to Bragg Creek in April, a month that tends to be ‘slower’ for our shops and restaurants. This is also a fundraiser for the local community association.”

The hope is that the event helps spread the good word of what’s on offer in Bragg, and encourage visitors to stop in the hamlet and patronize businesses, rather than just passing through.

Plus, it’s a great chance for locals to explore what our own community has to offer. Taste lets you “try something new or enjoy an old favourite!” says Walsh. “There will be something for everyone; vegan at The Heart Cafe, Rani's Rasoi Indian, libations from our two liquor stores, Roast Coffee and Tea, Italian, Korean pork at Creekers, good old Alberta beef at Cowtown, and much more!”

The delectable event is based at the community centre where you can try a variety of delicious small bites (tasting tickets are \$1.50 each). You can also walk to the many restaurants in the hamlet for a

meal or drink, and check out the boutiques that will be open that evening with specials on offer.

Taste of Bragg Creek

Date: April 12th, 2019

Time: 5pm-9pm

Place: Bragg Creek Community Centre and local store-front vendors

FREE admission and parking at the community centre

Tasting tickets: \$1.50 each



**So make plans to dine out in Bragg Creek**

On Friday April 12th, 2019 you're invited to the 7th annual Taste of Bragg Creek.

For complete details visit [tasteofbraggcreek.ca](http://tasteofbraggcreek.ca)

## Local Business Features

To have your local business featured please contact the Chatter team @ [thechatter@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](mailto:thechatter@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca)





**Redwood Meadows  
Community Association**

# GEAR SALE

A fabulous opportunity to buy and sell gently used sports items, used children's clothing, toys and gear!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 2019**

**10 am - 1 pm SALE**

**GEAR DROP-OFF**

**Friday, April 5th, 10am - 8pm**

**@ Redwood House**

**PICK UP UNSOLD ITEMS 1:30PM-2:30PM**

Sellers price and tag their own gear.  
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## Mortgage Matters—10 Years of Mortgage Rule Changes

Canadian real estate has weathered rule change after rule change in the mortgage market. Here is a summary of what the government has thrown at mortgage borrowers over the last decade:

2018 January 1<sup>st</sup> – OSFI (The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions):  
New uninsured mortgage stress test.  
Requires potential borrowers to qualify for underwriting using the higher of their contracted mortgage rate + 200 bps or the 5-year benchmark fixed rate published by the Bank of Canada.

2017 October - OSFI final B-20 guidelines:  
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2016 October - Department of Finance: The Government of Canada eliminates the availability of low-LTV (loan to value) insurance for mortgages. Effective November 30, 2016.

2016 October 17 - Department of Finance: All high-ratio insured mortgages must now be stress tested using the 5-year benchmark fixed rate.

2016 September - OSFI: Key determinants of the new capital requirements are: Loan to value and type of mortgage; Credit score; How long it has been since the credit score was last pulled; The likelihood of a borrower's credit score moving materially up or down; Amortization period; How long the mortgage insurance policy has been in force; Which region the underlying home is located.

2015 December - Department of Finance: The government announces that for homes priced above \$500,000, a 10% down payment is required for the portion of the mortgage above the half-million mark. Effective February 15, 2016.

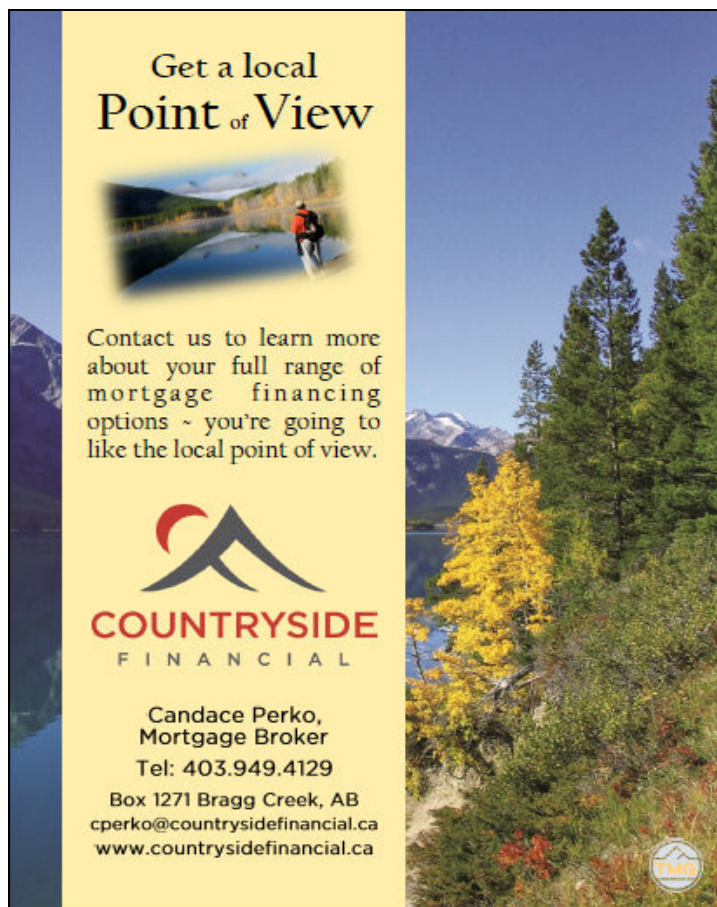
2012 June - OSFI: New gross debt service (GDS) and total debt service (TDS) limits of 39% and 44%, respectively, are implemented for borrowers with a credit score of 680+.

2012 June - OSFI: The maximum amortization period is shortened to 25 years from 30 years on insured mortgages.

2012 June - OSFI: The government announces mortgages of more than \$1 million are no longer eligible to be insured.


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2011 January - Department of Finance: The maximum amount for insured refinances is reduced to 85% from 90%.

2011 January - Department of Finance: The maximum amortization period is shortened to 30 years from 35 years on insured mortgages.

2010 February - Department of Finance: A 20% minimum down payment is implemented for small rental properties.

2010 February - Department of Finance: The maximum amount for insured refinances is reduced to 90% from 95%.

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## Redwood Meadows—Indigenous Awareness Committee

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Warm Greetings

We are the Indigenous Awareness Committee, sometimes referred to as the IAC. We are a small group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of Redwood Meadows who share the common interest of creating awareness of an Indigenous history and relations through conversation and education. Our committee was founded five years ago, through the leadership of Francis and Dr. Elizabeth Erasmus.

As members of Redwood Meadows Township and current inhabitants to the beautiful land of T'suu Tina Nation, we warmly invite you to attend our future gatherings that take place within our community. With hopes and intentions of bringing relevant First Nation perspectives to light, we encourage a amicable and warm relationship with T'suu Tina. It is important to acknowledge and honor the Nation and its government, as we move forward with lease agreements; this way all parties are able to feel validated. Although our meetings are not solely based on this topic, our intentions are to facilitate awareness and build relationships through reconciliation among community members of Redwood Meadows and our generous First Nation neighbors.

We meet monthly for an intimate evening that is hosted by one of our members. We are delighted to welcome new members to join us for our meetings. We also host events on a larger scale such as our speaker series, Aboriginal Day celebrations, and Canada Day festivities as well. Our speaker series has welcomed highly accredited and educated Indigenous professors and other professionals, as well as authentic knowledge keepers of the culture. The speaker series has provided a safe place to converse about Treaty rights, government, history, and common misconceptions over a simple dinner. Please join us and stay tuned as we announce our next intriguing speaker and date in the near future! We also look forward to planning and leading

Aboriginal Day celebrations on June 21, 2019. If you have any questions or would like to contact us please feel free to email [lesleemills@icloud.com](mailto:lesleemills@icloud.com). We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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## Celebrate the Arrival of Spring

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Here are a few reasons why I'll be celebrating the end of winter:

1. It'll take a fraction of the time to leave the house – no more layers upon layers.
2. It'll no longer be dark at 4:30pm. I can leave the house in the evening with a subdued fear of encountering a creature of the night.
3. When I leave the house, the air will no longer hurt my face. The winter air can be so cruel.
4. We can all anticipate looking ten years younger soon as the moisture leached from our skin in winter is regained with the dewy spring air.
5. The kids can play outside again! The days of them trapped indoors and trashing the house is over, for a while anyway.
6. No more snow removal! How many curse words do I use whilst shoveling snow? Too many!
7. There are so many other reasons, but I'm only allocated a certain number of words for this article. Honestly, I could go on and on!

I welcome spring with the widest of open arms. I'll relish the warm air and sun on my face. I'm stoked for the re-birth of nature's many splendid colours. My bike can come out of hibernation so I can giddily roll through our picturesque hood. Did I mention the kids can go outside!? Yippee! I say we celebrate spring in significant ways. I certainly will.

*Amber Kariatsumari is a long-time resident of Redwood Meadows. She is a Writer under the pseudonym, Amber Zierath. To find out more, please visit her website: [www.amberzierath.com](http://www.amberzierath.com).*



### 1<sup>st</sup> Bragg Creek Springbank Scout Group

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Poor Nameless Boy—May 4, 2019



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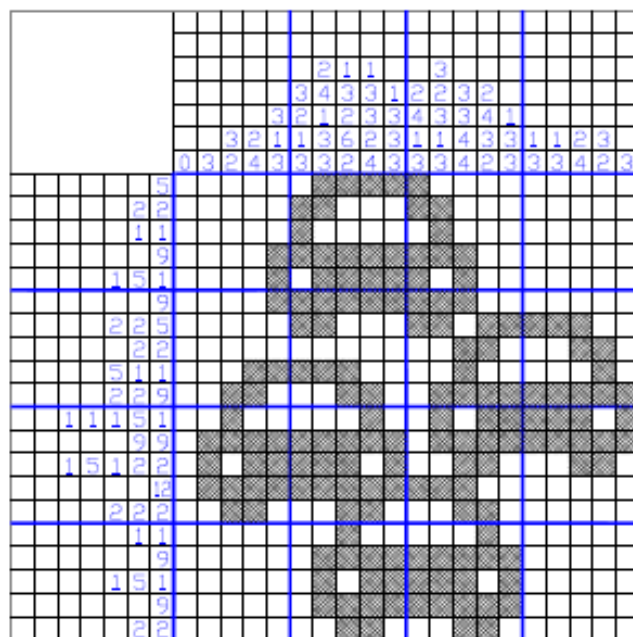


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## AYC 2019—A Challenging Race Weekend

The US women's cross country ski team calls tough training days "championship days." Those are the days when conditions force skiers to dig deeper and work harder to achieve the same results. This year's Alberta Youth Cross Country Ski Championships (AYC) in Bragg Creek was two days of "championship" racing in more ways than one. Luckily Albertans are a hardy bunch as temperatures on both mornings of the event hovered close to minus 40 C. Organizers considered postponing AYC 2019, but in the end it went ahead, with sunshine and minimal wind making the weather more bearable. Several races were modified and only one cancelled due to cold.

XC Bragg Creek Ski and Bike Society (XCBC) hosted AYC 2019 from March 1 to 3 on the trails in West Bragg Creek. The provincial-level competition welcomed athletes in the midget (birth years 2005-06) and mini-midget (2007-08) categories. This year close to 130 racers from 10 clubs in Alberta and the Northwest Territories competed.

Team members and chaperones stayed at Easter Seals Camp Horizon, where they spent Saturday morning taking part in indoor activities while the weather warmed up. All skiers headed to the trails in the afternoon and midget racers competed in a 4-km classic event.

Saturday night featured an awards banquet with guest speaker Kevin Sandau, followed by a DJ and dance.

Sunday's start was postponed slightly, but all races went ahead, including freestyle races and a costume relay with official, unofficial and coach/parent entries. Awards followed, with Canmore Nordic Ski Club taking the aggregate award and Camrose Ski Club winning the small club banner.

Fifteen XCBC athletes competed in the event, five of them from the club's inaugural biathlon program. Local club skiers recorded seven top-10 finishes, putting XCBC in second place for the small club award.

Our coaches are extremely proud of our young skiers, especially under such "challenging" weather conditions. What a resilient bunch!

XCBC top-10 finishes:

Robin Jansen 3<sup>rd</sup> - midget boys (2005) classic

Robin Jansen 3<sup>rd</sup> - midget boys (2005) free

Hollie Jones 4<sup>th</sup> - mini-midget girls (2007) free

Julian Coristine 7<sup>th</sup> - mini-midget boys (2008) free

Poppy Trainor 5<sup>th</sup> - mini-midget girls (2008) free

Avery Thompson 5<sup>th</sup> - mini-midget girls (2007) free

XCBC relay team in the official category - 4<sup>th</sup>

"XC Bragg Creek athletes and volunteers rock! Thanks for your energy, enthusiasm and flexibility," said XCBC president Erik Anderson. "This is why our little club thrives," added Anderson, who was also co-chief of the event with former club head coach Roy Strum.





XCBC would like to thank the volunteer trail groomers for their outstanding work during the event – and all season long! The club would also like to thank the more than 70 wonderful volunteers who stepped up to help at the event, many of them standing in the cold for hours. Last but not least, huge thanks to our generous donors, listed here in alphabetical order, without whose help this event would not be possible.

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20th—Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch—BCCA

21st—Easter

26th—Movie Night—BCCA

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May 4th—Poor Nameless Boy—BCPA

May 10th—Spring Fling—Redwood House



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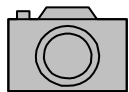


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Age:

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# Athlete/Artist of the Month

Cohen Seymour



Name: Cohen - Bragg Creek Bears

Age: 6

From: Redwood Meadows

Favourite Sport: Hockey

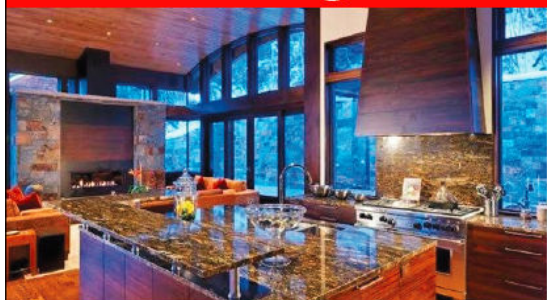
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## Did you know?

## Street Names in Redwood Meadows



The Chatter was provided a document from the Townsite archive regarding street names in Redwood Meadows. It was written by councillor Frits—there was no date on the article.

### **Frits writes:**

Extensive research was done by various groups in order to attempt to find out the history behind the names as they were finally selected. The information on family names that are no longer in use was difficult since little information is committed to paper. Most of the information is obtained by word of mouth. I was fortunate to be able to meet with some Sarcee elders that do remember way back when. The Sarcee history and culture is extremely interesting and even more so since we share their land.

One of the elders I interviewed was Hilda Big Crow who is the only living true Sarcee. She is the only Sarcee that remains as a true blooded descendant of the people that are described in a book written by Hugh Dempsey titled Indians of the Western Plains. As I mentioned before the names were selected by a

committee of Sarcee elders and Townsite residents and carry some historical significance. Following is a bit of the background on these names as we were able to find out:

TSU T'INA is Sarcee in Sarcee language

REDWOOD MEADOWS is based on this area in which the development is located. One of the explanations I heard why it was called Redwood Meadows is that after a fire that occurred in this area a long time ago the first growth was the wolf willow bush which has a red appearance.

WOLF also called Big Wolf. The last descendant of this family was a farmer and cattleman that owned a large number of horses. He was married to a Cree woman called Sarah. At a later age Sarah was blind but still able to continue her sowing skills. Close to where they lived an area continues to be called Wolf flats. As per our information the last member of the Wolf family passed away about 1929 at the age of 80 and was the husband of Sarah (first names were not always used).

MANYHORSES was a family that ranched extensively on the reserve. The father of Hilda was Tom Manyhorses who used to be the holder of the "Pipebundle". The holder of the "Pipebundle" was bestowed this honour based on his

esteem in the community. This person would be present at all ceremonies and called upon to produce the pipes whenever the ceremony called for. The father of Tom was one of the Signatories on the Treaty Seven agreement signed in 1877 between the Canadian Government and the Canadian Government and the Sarcee and six other tribes.

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## Classifieds and Job Listings

### JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A WALK IN THE HAMLET

The Ladies Auxiliary hosts a weekly walking group in Bragg Creek. Meet at 10:30am Wednesdays at the community centre. Email [jahand@telus.net](mailto:jahand@telus.net).

### GET ACTIVE WITH ADULT FITNESS CLASSES IN REDWOOD

Join us for a fun, varied and challenging one-hour workout at Redwood House every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. Bring running shoes, a water bottle, yoga mat and hand weights if you have them. First class is free so you can try it out! Email [anns@safari.ca](mailto:anns@safari.ca) or text 403-689-4835 for information.

### Are you hiring?

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Name	Age	Courses	Contact
Banon	14	Home Alone, Babysitting course	403-949-4104
Bo	13	Home Alone, Babysitting course	403-949-8471
Darian	15	St. John's Babysitting, Home Alone	403-949-2490
Elizabeth	12	Red Cross Babysitting, CPR	403-540-8056 <a href="mailto:ekorthuis@telus.net">ekorthuis@telus.net</a>
Emma	19	CPR, First Aid, Special Needs Experience	587-899-5420
Emily	17	First aid, CPR	587-582-2846
Griffin	12	Babysitting course	403-408-6998
Jerrith	14	Red Cross Babysitting	403-869-5634
Kate	16	Babysitting course	403-860-9525
Keeling	16	Red Cross Babysitting, Home Alone, First Aid	403-949-3149 <a href="mailto:keelingbarrie@me.com">keelingbarrie@me.com</a>
Liam	16	Babysitting course	403-949-2090
Logan	14	St. John's Babysitting, Home Alone	403-949-2825
Lucy	21	CPR, First Aid, Babysitting course	587-586-5129 <a href="mailto:lucygracetalman@hotmail.com">lucygracetalman@hotmail.com</a>
Mackaela	12	Babysitter's license, standard first aid and CPR-B	403.969.6732 <a href="mailto:macarchambault@gmail.com">macarchambault@gmail.com</a>
Mairenn	15	St. John's Babysitting, Home Alone	403-949-2490
Nolan	11	CPR, Babysitting course	905-999-0635 <a href="mailto:tanyasilvercy@gmail.com">tanyasilvercy@gmail.com</a>
Quinn	12	Babysitting course	403-949-3149 <a href="mailto:quinnbarrie@me.com">quinnbarrie@me.com</a>
Sawyer	13	Red Cross Home Alone, Babysitting course	403-949-8888 (Redwood)
Tanis	13	Red Cross babysitting course	403-949-3303
Tessa	12	Babysitting course	403-949-3214
Tia	14	Babysitting course, Home Alone course	403-949-4475
Tianna	12	St. John's Babysitting, Home Alone courses	403-949-3463
Zara	14	Babysitting Certificate	403-949-4474

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