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-IN THE WOODS-

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Magical December!

We are so thankful for all of you. Maybe you come to our events to participate or to volunteer or you submit an ad or an article to the Chatter. It is quite amazing the support our community shows.

This month's issue has an update from our Council and the RMCA as well as BCCA. Also an update from the Bragg Creek Bears and the Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre groups. Tsuut'ina

recently held elections and we wish to congratulate all those officials that have been voted in—see who is now elected officials inside the Chatter.

This is my last issue as editor. I wish this publication success and we hope to have more for you in 2020.

Enjoy reading and as always if you have suggestions for the Chatter, RMCA programs or events please email

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Thank you Jessie Seymour

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Santa was loved and maybe not so loved at this year's Santa photos and sleigh rides. Thank you to Rob and Jen Evans, The big man (Santa) himself as well as Moose Mountain Adventures for the sleigh rides. We raised over \$300 dollars for XCBC. Thank you as well to their volunteers for supporting the event..

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Welcome winter,

As RMCA reflects back on 2019, we are very proud of the very good work that has been done in this community, by this community.
A new play structure was installed at Ladybug park, we supported the rebuild of the ice rink and we hosted over seven events throughout the year such as our wonderful Canada Day celebrations, the very popular Kananaskis Christmas Market and most recently Santa Photos. Our monthly Chatter publication went out each month. Even having the Chatter published each month which is a pretty amazing achievement as our editor/layout coordinator would attest to—thank you Jessie.

The RMCA consists of eight moms whom also carry part time and full time jobs and are also volunteers on their kids sports teams and at their schools. Thank you Karla, Veronica, Stacia, Jessie, Michelle, Colleen and Catherine. I'm privileged to be part of such a talented and generous team. It's people like this that keep our association and our town a vibrant community.

On December 12th we will be holding our AGM at Redwood House. All of our executives plan to stay on, thank you! We are looking for an individual that will take on The Chatter for us. Yes it takes some time to put together but the value it provides our community as a key information and communication tool is invaluable. The Chatter is an essential part of our Townsite. If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Jessie Seymour at thechatter@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca.

As the holidays come closer there will be one more exciting event in our Townsite. Santa in the Woods on December 22nd will come through in a horse and wagon. Redwood Meadows emergency services will help Santa meet your kids, collect their messages and be happy to receive food bank donations. Please check out Santa's schedule further in the Chatter.

We are looking for a group or family to host the New Years Eve potluck. We receive about 60 to 80 guest each year that come by to enjoy a shared meal and then go over to watch the 9pm fireworks. If you would like to be that group/family please contact me rmca-president@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca.

RMCA would like to thank our Redwood Meadows council for their continued volunteer work on running our Townsite and the important work of lease negotiations. Four years of service is commendable and we are grateful. We would also like to acknowledge the administration, the staff at our Townsite office. They are the heart of our community. They go beyond their duties daily and RMCA could not exist without them. Thank you Pat, Peggy, Colleen, Jamie, Mark and Rocky.

RMCA sends our heartfelt wish for you and yours to have a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year. We are so fortunate to have so many residents from different ethnicities and countries. RMCA wishes you a Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, winter solstice and a enjoyable time with your family and friends. It's our diversity that makes our communities unique and strong.

Kind regards

Renate Van Der Zande—RMCA President

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Redwood Townsite Update

Welcome to December...

It's a time for gathering with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season and a time where we can look forward to the snow instead of wondering where summer went.



Amenities

As most can see, our skating rink is almost ready! The end screen should be installed by the first week in December. Delays in laying the concrete pad pushed back the construction of the boards and hence the fitting of the end fencing. We will need to wait until spring to install the bleachers, but the rink itself will be ready for play. I assure you the rink renos are worth the wait! . You may have also noticed Ladybug park is pretty much complete. We just need to get the sign in the ground (weather permitting) and are pretty much ready to go.

Technology

We should be ready to roll out our new mobile Townsite app, available for iPhone and Android, early in the new year. Jamie is working closely with our vendor to ensure we have the best possible communication tool for our Townsite. We will continue to augment the mobile app with our website and weekly updater emails.

Townsite has entered into a conditional agreement with Mage Networks to build a better internet solution for our community. For this project to proceed, Mage must have a signup commitment of at least 60% of residences. Councillor Allen is steering this project with Mage and has conducted several community engagement sessions with an additional one planned for Friday December 6th. You may also access FAQ's on the Redwood Meadows website. You can visit connectredwood.com to sign up.

Lease

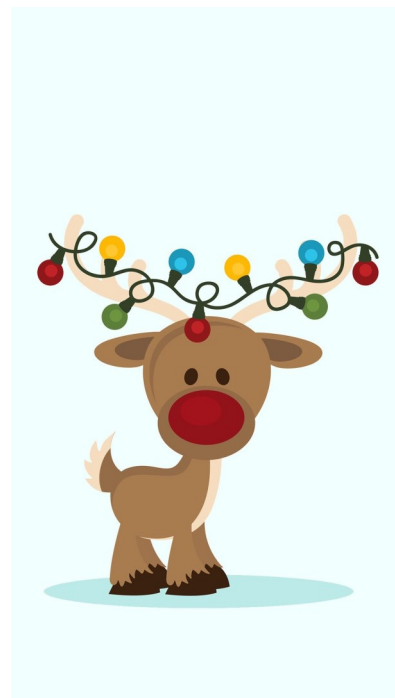
As stated in our last lease update letter, the lease

vote process at the Nation was postponed in part due to Tsuut'ina elections and a longer than anticipated financial valuation process. We look forward to working with the newly elected Chief Roy Whitney and Council to bring this process to a speedy and mutually beneficial conclusion. We are meeting with the Nation in December to move the file forward. We will communicate further on next steps as soon as we know.

Council wishes you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy holiday season!

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Redwood House. Meeting agendas are available to the community on the Redwood Meadows website prior to the Council meeting. If there is an agenda item that you would like added, please forward this to Peg Rupert our Council Executive Assistant on/by the Friday before the scheduled Council meeting. admin@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca



Picapix Puzzle

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.

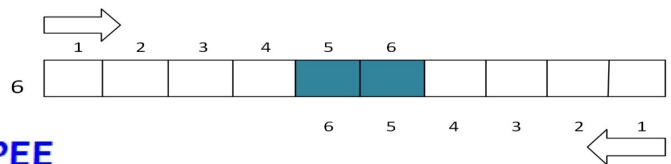
The “logic count method” shown below is very useful:

The clue at the left of the row is 6, so count 6 squares

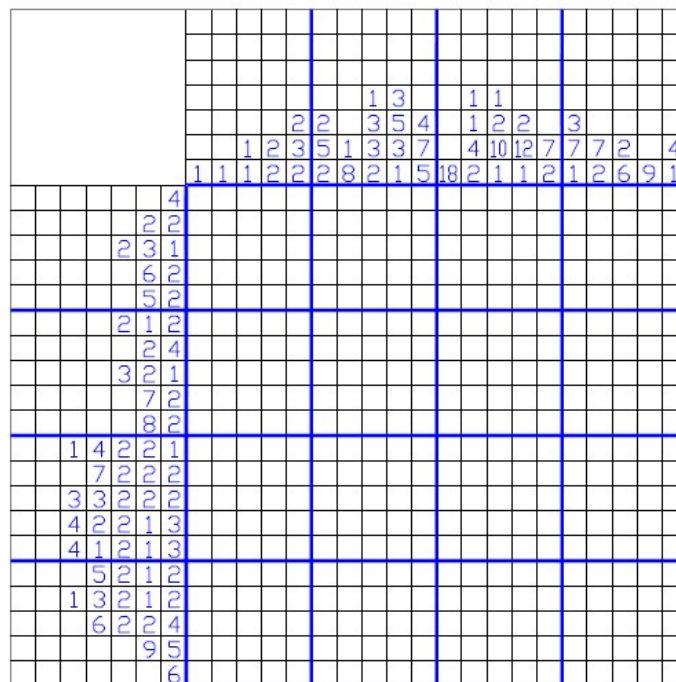
from the left to right and then count 6 squares from right to left. Confidently shade in the overlapping squares. This same method can be applied even when there is more than one number, remembering to allow one empty square between groups or blocks. Use a second colour for elimination of background squares.

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Solution on page 18



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Redwood Meadows Emergency Services

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Here's some holiday safety tips to keep you safe as you enjoy the holidays:



1. Merry and Bright: Carefully inspect holiday light strings each year and discard any with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders, or loose connections. When replacing bulbs, unplug the light string and be sure to match voltage and wattage to the original bulb.

2. Lights Out: Always turn off holiday lights when you leave the house unattended or when going to bed.

3. Fresh Is Best: Try to purchase a freshly cut tree, as they're more resistant to ignition. Keep your Christmas tree watered and away from open candles.

4. Fake it!

If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.

5. Work as a team: When stringing lights and decorations above your normal reach, be sure to use a proper ladder with someone supporting the base.

6. The Great Outdoors: When hanging outdoor lights, keep electrical connectors off the ground and away from metal rain gutters. Use insulated tape or plastic clips instead of metal nails or tacks to hold them in place.

7. Don't burn wrapping paper in the fireplace.

Paper burns very hot, which can ignite a fire in any residue in your chimney or the chase. Instead, recycle (or better yet, reuse!) your wrapping paper. And, have your chimney professionally cleaned prior to use.

8. Prevent electrical cord damage.

Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks or insulated staples instead.

9. Secure candles.

Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.

10. Keep the Gas Behind Glass: Do not use your gas fireplace if the glass panel is removed, cracked, or broken, and only allow a qualified service person to replace fireplace parts.

11. Use unbreakable ornaments.

If you have fragile ornament, place them out of reach from pets and kids.

12. Sound the Alarm: Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they work, and be sure to install smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every level of your home -- especially near sleeping areas.

13. Skip the fake food: Avoid decorations that look like candy or food if you have young children or pets in the house.

14. Beware of poisonous plants: While festive, poinsettias are poisonous when eaten, so keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

15. Friendly Furnace: To help prevent carbon monoxide hazards in your home, have a qualified professional perform a yearly maintenance check of your furnace and venting system. Clean or replace your furnace filter frequently during the heating seasons.

16. Clean the Clutter: Don't store combustible materials near your tree, furnace or block furnace vents. Think of your friendly local firefighters when you're decorating near front doors and ensure there is ample room for us to move in/out of your front entrance, without bumping into Frosty the Snowman! And...if you see our big red trucks coming down the highway with lights flashing; pull over, STOP, and let us get quickly and safely to a neighbor in need!

Until next month, stay safe and happy holidays!



Hello Bragg Creekers,
It's December already! As we wind down the last days of 2019 we want to take a moment to remember some highlights of this past year.

- First annual Skuzzy Beach Party fundraiser was a raging success!
- The Bragg Creek Church volunteered to serve up Easter Pancake Breakfast.
- We brought back the Community Rummage Sale.
- Despite a literal torrential downpour we saw the largest attended Bragg Creek days in history!
- Another delicious meal and great time served up by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Fall Supper.
- If the blood-curdling screams were any indication, the Halloween Howler Haunted House was the best yet thanks to the Redwood Meadows Fire Fighters!



Bragg Creek Centre

At the end of October the BCCA held its AGM where we welcomed our newly elected 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors! We are excited to introduce our Executive:

Alannah Turner - President
Peggy Rupert - Past President
Tanya Kamachi - Vice President
Bonnie Koetsier - Treasurer
Sherri Olsen - Assistant Treasurer
Carrie Hucal – Secretary

Plus eight directors:

Calvin Hansen
Carol Ann Schmaltz
Jana Hart
Laura Matthews-Clarke

Lisa Johnston
Renate Van Der Zande
Rose Dallyn
Teresa Stokke

A huge thank you to our out-going board members Lisa Vanderwekken and Megan Moon-Grant, you will be missed! We are looking forward to working with such a group of talented volunteers and a successful 2019/2020 year.

Our Remembrance Day ceremony was highly attended this year with standing room only! We would like to give thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for providing the snacks and refreshments. The Remembrance Day

Committee; John Patton, Terry Handrahan and Lynn Gallen along with the Turner Valley Legion, planned a very thoughtful event to commemorate those who gave their lives for ours. Also a thank you to Harder and Sons for doing a wonderful job clearing the cenotaph of all the snow.

Upcoming

Mark December 7th on your calendars as our annual Kids Only Store is quickly approaching! As always it coincides with the Spirit of Christmas which takes place the first full weekend in December. The store will be open from 10 am to 3 pm. Christmas crafts, face painting and Storytime hosted by the Snowbirds Seniors Fellowship will be held in the gym to entertain your children while they wait to shop for their loved ones. Parents can warm up and relax with a hot beverage or a quick bite from the concession as their children are assisted by our helper elves. Shoppers must be twelve and under. Please note that there will be a limit of four gifts per child and no item will be over \$20. We are still looking for NEW re-saleable items for the store. If you have any that you would like to donate please drop off during office hours.

Ball Hockey is coming to the Centre! Starting January 8th every Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:30 we will be offering Co-ed Adult Ball Hockey. Registrations are open now. Email info@braggcreekca.com for more info. (Drop in available)

Do you like to laugh? Do you like to dance? Keep an eye on our social media, website and the High Country News Online Calendar for our upcoming 2020 events like our annual Beach Party fundraiser and Comedy night! More details to come soon.

On behalf of the BCCA Board and Staff we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Shea-Lynn Yuzicapi



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Mortgage Matters - What's Forecasted for 2020-2021 Mortgages?

Where are we today?

- Bank of Canada (BoC) rate, that we often refer to as the “prime rate”, hikes have been paused since October 2018.
- The BoC has left the prime rate unchanged even though the USA and Europe have cut rates to respond to weaker economic activity.
- Most economists forecasted that the BoC would remain unchanged until after the federal election in Canada.
- The prime rate set by the BoC increases when the economy is doing well; but if there is a recession, then lower rates are used to stimulate the economy. Since forecasters are expecting rates to begin dropping it implies they are expecting an economic slowdown or recession.
- Canadian fixed mortgage rates did rise in October due to investors selling off assets, Government of Canada (GoC) bonds, for example. The selling of these bonds causes their prices to fall and their yields, which our fixed mortgage rates are based on, to rise.

What's forecasted ahead?

- The consensus is that now that the federal election is over rates will begin to drop in the short-term.
- Rate decreases will also be in response to an economic slowdown.
- Several key indicators point to a 2020 USA recession which would inevitably impact Canada.
- Canada has had an inverted yield curve (when 1-year bonds yield higher interest rates than 10-year bonds) for several months now. All past recessions have been preceded by an inverted yield curve.
- No matter how well-researched the economist's prediction are, mortgage rate forecasting is only an educated guess.

I have a mortgage renewal coming up, should I be worried?

Borrowers generally do not have to undergo the “stress test or re-qualify” when they renew with their existing lender. This allows the existing lender to offer a much higher rate as they know the borrower may not be in the position to leave. It is so very important to shop around at time of renewal, even if you are unsure if you'd re-qualify.

What's a person to do?

Earlier this year, there was a consensus that interest rates would eventually rise but that is likely no longer the case.

Predictions are that fixed rates will probably be lower or similar to today. Any potential increases should be modest at 10-25 bps.

You can lock in a rate up to 120 days before closing on a home sale or the renewal of your mortgage. This is insurance in case rates increase.

Variable rates may be a better bet (if you have the risk tolerance for fluctuations!). Based on the latest forecasts, variable rates are more likely to fall than rise in the next two years.

The scary part of this forecast is that dropping rates would be an appropriate bond-market response to an upcoming recession.



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- ♦ Friday 13th—Spur Crazy
- ♦ Saturday 14th—Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- ♦ Thursday 19th—Christmas Open Mic on Main Stage
- ♦ Friday 20th—Skuzzy and The Woodticks
- ♦ Friday 27th—The Tumbleweeds
- ♦ Tuesday 31st—NYE—Feature Dinner before you head off to your NYE Party. Closing at 9pm.

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Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

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The Redwood Meadows Indigenous Awareness Committee (IAC) would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone at this special time of the year. Be safe and may all your wishes come true for 2020.



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Elected Official for Chief— Whitney Onespot, Roy

Elected Officials for Council

1. Big Plume, Kelsey
2. Big Plume, Paula
3. Big Plume, Stanley
4. Crowchild, Emmett
5. Crowchild, Steven
6. Crowchild, Vincent
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Swamp Donkey Update

The Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre Society is well into its second season and we have been busy! Forty three students enrolled in our fall musical theatre courses which included an audition prep course, a theatre tech course, and a youth musical theatre course. The courses culminated with a musical theatre revue and a production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* on November 30th and December 1st. This fall we also hosted a Mermaids and Monsters With Make-Up, Oh My! Make-up workshop and held our second annual silent auction and musical theatre sing a long fundraiser. Many thanks to the following silent auction sponsors:

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- Maverick Law
- Melanie Baux
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- National Bank
- Rockies Tavern & Grill



- Spirits West
- Swamp Donkey Musical Theatre Society
- The Bavarian Inn
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- Weir Oil and Gas

We are very excited to announce that we are producing *The Wizard of Oz* this spring! The show will run from May 22 to 24, 2020 at the Bragg Creek Community Centre. Auditions will be held January 17 to 19, 2020. Please see our website at www.swampdonkeytheatre.ca for more information and to sign up for an audition. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with our productions. Please email us at swampdonkeytheatre@gmail.com for more information about how to get involved!

Business Feature—The Bavarian Inn

A long-time staple in the Bragg Creek community for nearly 30 years, the Bavarian Inn is going back to its roots as it starts its latest chapter. Locals Charlie Holschuh and his wife, Pam Shewchuk, who originally opened the restaurant in 1991, have re-launched it again as owners and consulting managers. Joining them are fellow locals—head chef, Samantha Mehler and Nadia Burns as front-of-house manager.

“We are very happy to be back at the Bavarian Inn,” says Charlie. “The staff we have right now are the best I have ever had,” says Charlie. “They are all local, and very professional and very friendly.”

The restaurant itself has undergone a bit of a transformation. While it retains a focus on Alpine European cuisine with traditional German-based dishes like goulash and Maultaschen—a veal dumpling with spinach, onion and garlic—the Bavarian Inn also has a feature menu that changes weekly showcasing different seasonal homemade dishes such as pan-seared Icelandic cod with mushroom and squash risotto, and plum and gorgonzola galette. Chef Sammy has brought a decade of experience to the menu, in particular, a keen eye for presentation.

The Bav has also changed up its décor and table settings to encourage patrons, and locals especially, to “pop in for an appy and a glass of wine,” says Charlie. “We’ve made it more casual friendly so that people feel like they can just come in anytime. We’re not just your ‘special occasion’ restaurant.”

What remains the same is the Bavarian Inn’s commitment to service and quality. It continues to deliver a delicious brunch every Saturday and Sunday, and will also continue its participation in community events like Taste of Bragg Creek, which was started by Charlie, as well as host its own events like Oktoberfest.

The Bav is now booking holiday parties and events. Also, watch for details on a special New Year’s Eve menu to ring in New Year! Check out the “new” Bavarian Inn today.

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On Friday November 22nd, 2019 the Bragg Creek Bears Fundraising Committee held our **2nd Annual Bears' Pub Night Fundraiser** at Rockies Tavern. It was a great success, bringing in \$1350 which will be going towards bleachers at the Redwood Rink. A huge thank you to all who attended and supported us! Also a big thank you to Emma and Ben at Rockies for letting us use their venue and providing us with appies and drink specials; to Maverick Law who donated 3 Calgary Flames Tickets to us for our advance ticket sales door prize; and to the Bragg Creek Business Center who did our poster and ticket printing. We couldn't have done this without you!

Your Bears' Fundraising Team

The Redwood Meadows rink is nearly complete. Watch for more information on rink scheduling as the Bears will begin practicing and playing in Redwood very soon.



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Miranda Rosin—A Fair Deal For Alberta

Alberta needs a fair deal from our federation, and it is my honour to be granted the opportunity to fight for it.

The past two months I have written to you with a lack of national unity and how a deserving Alberta can properly fit back in to greater Canada weighing heavily on my heart. Prior to the federal election, our United Conservative provincial government proactively undertook the task of legislating a self-reliant Alberta to the best of our ability, so as to fireproof ourselves regardless of what election results were to be realized. We repealed the carbon tax, took measures to incentive Alberta-based job creation, and filed a constitutional challenge against the no-more-pipelines Bill C-69. Still, our recent polling numbers indicate that roughly 30% of Albertans across the province of all ages, genders, geographic locations, and backgrounds support separation. Further, upwards of 75% of Albertans identify as sympathizers of separatist sentiment. While myself and my government remain committed to Canada, this strong alienation and frustration that many are feeling across our province cannot be ignored. This alienation and frustration that we are feeling is completely and entirely warranted. As Albertans – we *do* deserve better within this Federation. And we deserve it now.

That is why I am incredibly honoured to have been recently appointed to Alberta's Fair Deal Panel by our Premier, Jason Kenney. I will be one of only three government MLAs chosen to sit on the Panel and have the honour of working alongside greats including Preston Manning and Donna Kennedy-Glans as we discuss and strategize this government's next steps towards building a formidable Alberta. For the next three months our Panel will travel across Alberta and host what will likely be widely attended townhalls to discuss the merits and public interest of the many ideas contained in the 2001 firewall letter, including but not limited to: collecting our own taxes, creating a provincial pension plan, establishing a provincial police force, appointing a Chief Firearms Officer, enshrining our own Albertan Constitution, and equalization reform. At the completion of the tour, our Panel will then author an extensive report detailing our findings and recommendations of how Alberta shall proceed on

our path to independence and prosperity within Canada.

Our government and the many Albertans we represent have had enough with Ottawa's absolute indifference towards our adversity, and enough with Ottawa's ambivalence towards our world-leading energy and agricultural industries. With the formation of this Panel, our United Conservative Government is promising you that we are committed to bold action backed by extensive public consultation. The times where our province is forced to sit idly by and let the rest of Canada decide our fate are over. It is time we take matters into our own hands and build an Alberta - and a Canada - that works for everyone, not just those living on the other coast. It is my honour to be one of the few spearheading the charge.

Townhalls will be scheduled for Calgary, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie, and Red Deer. Additional meetings in rural communities will be also announced in the coming weeks.



Classifieds and Job Listings

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

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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 or text 403-689-4835 for information.

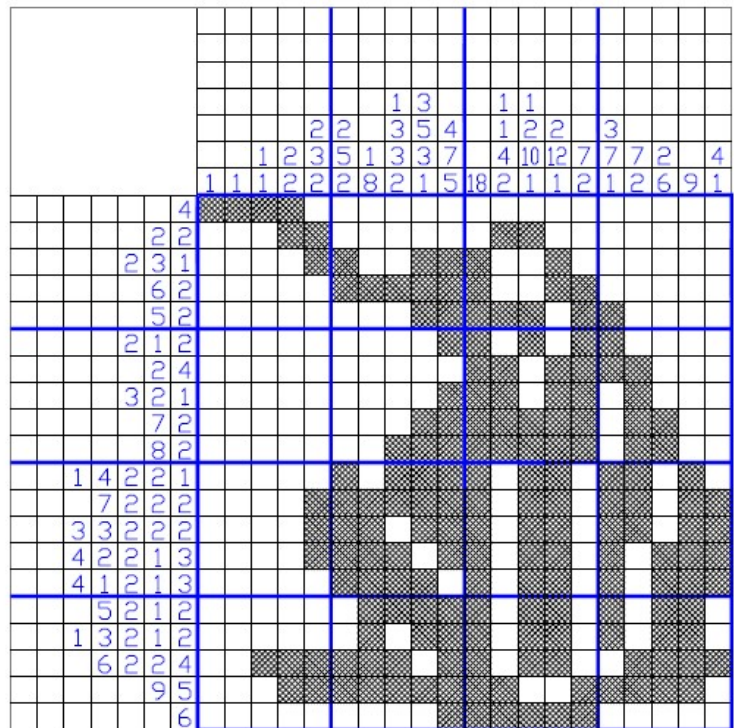
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Redwood Meadows Babysitters List

| Name | Age | Courses | Contact |
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| 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 ekorthuis@telus.net |
| 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 |
| Hunter | 12 | Red Cross Home Alone, Babysitting Course | 403-949-888 (Redwood) |
| Jerrith | 14 | Red Cross Babysitting | 403-869-5634 |
| Kate | 16 | Babysitting course | 403-860-9525 |
| Keeling | 17 | Red Cross Babysitting, Home Alone, First Aid | 403-949-3149 keelingbarrie@me.com |
| 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 lucygracetalman@hotmail.com |
| Mackaela | 14 | Babysitter's license, standard first aid and CPR-B | 403.969.6732 macarchambault@gmail.com |
| Mairenn | 15 | St. John's Babysitting, Home Alone | 403-949-2490 |
| Nolan | 11 | CPR, Babysitting course | 905-999-0635 tanyasilvercy@gmail.com |
| Quinn | 14 | Babysitting course | 403-949-3149 quinnbarrie@me.com |
| Sawyer | 14 | 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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SANTA'S SCHEDULE OF STOPS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

REDWOOD MEADOWS

Look for the Santa **STOPS** in your part of the 'wood!

(times are approx.)

Listen for the **MUSIC!**

Watch for the **LIGHTS!**

Bring SANTA your **LETTERS & FOOD BANK** donations!

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| ENTRANCE TO MANYHORSES RISE | 5:00PM |
| SLEIGH DRIVE & MANYHORSES DRIVE(4WAY) | 5:10PM |
| 3 WAY STOP MANYHORSES DRIVE | 5:20PM |
| ENTRANCE TO MANYHORSES CIRCLE | 5:30PM |
| ENTRANCE TO MANYHORSES GREEN | 5:40PM |
| ENTRANCE TO MANYHORSES GATE | 5:50PM |
| SANTA's BREAK @ REDWOOD HOUSE | 6:00PM |
| ENTRANCE TO RWM COURT | 6:15PM |
| ENTRANCE TO RWM CLOSE | 6:25PM |
| OUTSIDE 77 RWM DRIVE | 6:35PM |
| RWM DRIVE + WOLF DRIVE | 6:45PM |
| WOLF DR. + WOLF CLOSE | 6:55PM |

**Santa will be at Redwood House from 7pm to 7:15pm
to receive any last minute food donations**