



The Ridge Community League

Neighbourhoods of Henderson Estates (River Ridge, Eagle Ridge, Promontory Point), Falconer Heights (Terwillegar Hill Estates), Hadow (Riverside, College Woods) www.theridgeonline.webhop.net

- ADOPT A PIECE OF FALCONER HEIGHTS PARK — - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

As we watch the first flakes of snow fall and settle in for a long winter it seems that all thoughts of playgrounds and outdoor play are also put into hibernation. While it's true our new playground equipment has been put in storage for the winter that doesn't mean the playground committee rests. There are still things to plan and there is still time for **You** the community to get involved.



You can leave your 'Mark at the Park' by adopting a piece of the park. Think of what a great Christmas gift this would be for your family. There are many different ways to get involved:

- \$ 150 **Adopt a Brick** - your name will be engraved directly on a patio brick positioned in the designated park quiet area
- \$ 400 **Adopt a Tree** - your name plate will be placed on a small post or rock positioned in front of the tree
- \$1,500 **Adopt a Bench** in the park - your name plate will be placed in the middle of each bench
- \$3,000 **Adopt a Picnic Table** - your name plate will be placed appropriately on the table
- \$10,000 **Adopt the Fence** along Falconer Road between the two park sidewalks - your name plate will be placed on the park entrance
- \$ 200/metre **Adopt a piece of the Ravine Trail** - name plates will be placed at the trail head.



Call me at 434-4499 or email at the address below to get involved or for more information.

In the spring we will also looking for volunteers for the construction weekend. There is no date set yet but look for more in the coming issues of the Ragg Times or on our website below.

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- COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS —

The benefits of being a community league member are:

- Access to all community league sports and other programs such as Soccer, Basketball, SWAC Hockey, Softball, Tennis, Dance, Karate, etc.
- Fee reduced access for co-sponsored programs offered with the city like bike safety, babysitting, summer skateboard park, girl zone, free summer playground programs.
- Free swimming at Confederation Pool on Sundays 4 to 7 pm. You will require your community league membership card. (\$10 value)
- Free skating at any Community League rinks.
- Free skating at the Henderson outdoor snow bank rink.
- Free social events, i.e.. Family Day Outdoor Party.
- Given a voice in all community related decisions.
- Enjoy a healthy recreation in a safe community environment.
- Meet new people.
- Build a sense of community and belonging.
- Get involved in developing local parks and recreational facilities.
- Help influence the growth of your community.
- Improve safety and security by getting to know your neighbours.

FYI: Did you know? Your membership fees go directly to support a community league's operating costs like the community sports and recreation programs. Separate fund raising activities and grant applications must be undertaken to support capital projects like park developments or hall constructions.

Check the 2nd last page of this Ragg-Times for a membership form!

Hello Ridge Community League Members! I hope you, your families and friends have enjoyed one our most colorful seasons – the fall! We are fortunate to have, as one of Leagues boundaries, the North Saskatchewan River valley. This ribbon of green, just outside our backyards, provides us with so many outdoor opportunities.

As I am writing this message I am watching our first snowfall and thinking of the new activities it brings. Soon we will be tobogganing and cross country skiing the parks of Hadow and Henderson. Once cold enough we will also be opening the snow bank rink at Henderson.

These opportunities to be active in our neighborhood parks were all provided by you – residents of the neighborhoods that make the Ridge Community League. With out the visions, resources and efforts of residents these parks would never have been built.

One of your executive's initiatives for the New Year will be a Community needs assessment. This assessment is important because it provides the research to continue on with current programming as well as plan for future initiatives. We want to hear from you because it is your ideas, suggestions, etc. that provides the direction for The Ridge executive. So look for the needs assessment in the first 6 months of the New Year. That being said, if you have any comments, suggestions or if you are interested in being part of our executive or wanting to be involved in some other way please contact us via the web site or by telephone (listing located somewhere in this Ragg –Times)

A big thank you to all of you that bought memberships as well as, to Carolyn your membership coordinator. Carolyn has spent many hours coordinated and selling memberships. Her hard work has paid off with membership sales being over 30% higher than last year.

On behalf of your executive I wish you all the best this Christmas season and may 2006 be full of fun, learning's, health and good times.

Keep smiling,
Kevin Arnott
President, The Ridge Community League

- HELP NEEDED! —

Softball Coordinator

For many years children and teens in the greater Riverbend area have enjoyed participating in organized softball. The position of coordinator for this program is currently vacant, and we are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer (s) to accept the position.

As the Softball Coordinator, you would work with the Ridge Community League to carry out softball registration and organization. Some of the main duties involved in this position include:

- preparing a budget
- managing equipment
- attending Southwest Area Zone meetings
- organizing at least two registration evenings and handling registrations

The only qualification required for this position is a willingness to help your community.

Parkland Facilities Director - Some of the main duties include:

- be responsible for the security and maintenance of the parklands facilities, including hiring summer security patrols;
- prepare an annual budget for the parkland facilities and submit it to the Board of Directors;
- review and prepare policy and procedures with respect to the parkland facilities; and
- report monthly to the Board of Directors.

Sports Director – Some of the main duties include:

- be responsible for all matters pertaining to sports, including the registration and organization of softball
- recruit representatives or act as the representative to the sports governing bodies
- prepare an annual budget for the sports programs and submit it to the Board of Directors
- review and prepare policy and procedures with respect to sports programs, and
- report monthly to the Board of Directors

For more information or to volunteer, please call Charlotte, Volunteer Coordinator for the Ridge Community League at 435-1723.