

REDWOOD RAMBLER

REDWOOD MEADOWS, May 2026



Taken at the river April 26, 2026. Be careful at the river. Existing ice has many soft spots and water is turbulent and consists of visible ice shelves.

COUNCIL

April has brought many changes to our community. Trees were cleared south of the community center for the Tsuu'tina Police station. A satellite station will house administrative and police staff to deal with traffic and issues on the west side. It will be a beautiful structure built without holding cells. It is constructed of modular units joined together. It is anticipated to be ready for occupancy in early fall. Two information sessions were held at the Community Center with more planned as the building progresses. Layout pictures are located at Redwood House for viewing.

Trees have been cleared for fire smarting. It will create a healthy forest and allow more floral growth and a healthier forest floor. Trees will be brought in to replace some of the removal along the berm that left exposure to properties. Different species that can survive and grow rapidly are being considered. Tree calipers of 2-3 inches are desired and during the summer will be planted by townsite staff.

Fund-raising is going well with approximately \$430,000 raised to date. Posters are being dispatched for inclusion within bulletins and newsletters of groups that use Kananaskis. Bragg Creek Bottle Depot are prepared to help in a bottle drive to contribute to the fund. Many local businesses and organizations are holding events and donating the funds to RMES. The RMCA group continue to hold events and contribute the money. A huge thank you to all the businesses that have held events or made contributions to silent auctions etc. A group of young entrepreneurs created a lemonade stand then went door to door requesting donations. They then went to the fire station and donated \$220.00. What a great achievement from a motivated and generous group of kids. Thank you.

A townhall was held to inform residents of the current happenings and voice concerns. We are attempting to address all the concerns and to have definite answers by the AGM to be held on May 27. All are invited to attend, vote on bylaw changes and review the current financial picture and tax levy based on the provincial school tax.

Council continues to work on updating the bylaws, managing the insurance negotiations for the replacement of the burned building, communicating with the building of the police station, information sharing regarding the rehab building, working with the auditors for the financial statements, and looking at renegotiations of the refuse contract, and finding another municipal software package to replace the current system which is being phased out. Assessment notices are being prepared to include the education tax levy will be mailed out to residents.

Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

As the snow melts and the days grow longer, many of us feel the urge to open the windows, shake off winter, and dive into spring cleaning. While this annual ritual helps refresh our homes it's also the perfect time to make sure your household is as safe as it is tidy.

One of the most important steps you can take this spring is to inspect and test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Vacuum around the units to remove dust, and check the manufacturer's date—most alarms need replacement every 10 years. While you're at it, review your home escape plan with everyone in the household. A quick conversation today can make all the difference in a real emergency.

Spring cleaning is also a great opportunity to reduce clutter, especially in storage areas like basements, garages, and utility rooms. Excess items—particularly cardboard boxes, old newspapers, and unused chemicals—can fuel a fire or block access to exits. Dispose of hazardous materials such as paint, solvents, and cleaning products according to local guidelines, and store remaining items in clearly labeled, sealed containers. Keeping pathways clear ensures firefighters can reach critical areas quickly if they ever need to respond to your home.

As you tackle your kitchen, take a moment to inspect appliances for frayed cords, grease buildup, or signs of wear. Clean your oven and stovetop thoroughly, as grease accumulation is a leading cause of kitchen fires. If you use a clothes dryer, remove lint from the filter after every load and check the vent hose for buildup or damage. Lint is highly flammable, and a blocked vent can cause overheating. A few minutes of maintenance can prevent a dangerous situation.

Outdoor spring chores matter too. Clear dead leaves and debris from around your home, especially near decks, fences, and siding. Trim branches away from the house and remove dry vegetation that could ignite during warm, windy days. If you plan to burn yard waste, make sure you do so in an approved fire pit or get a burn permit, and never leave a fire unattended. A garden hose or bucket of water should be within reach at all times.

With warmer weather also comes the return of cyclists to our roads and pathways. To help keep everyone safe, take a moment to review bike safety basics with your family. Ensure every bike is in good working order by checking brakes, tires, and reflectors. Riders should always wear a properly fitted helmet and bright or reflective clothing to increase visibility. Remind children to ride on the right-hand side of the road, follow traffic signals, and make eye contact with drivers at intersections. Motorists can help too by slowing down

in residential areas, giving cyclists plenty of space, and staying alert for young riders who may be unpredictable.

Finally, take a moment to look after your emergency supplies. Restock first aid kits, replace expired items, and ensure fire extinguishers are fully charged and easily accessible. If you're unsure how to use an extinguisher, remember the PASS method: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep.

The RMES team is proud to serve this community, and we're here to help you keep your home and family protected. Stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather!



Redwood Meadows Community Association Update: Building Our Legacy Together

Hello Neighbors!

As the spring air settles over the woods, the RMCA would like to share a progress report on our efforts since the start of the year and a look at what we have planned for the remainder of 2026.

Our mission remains steadfast and simple: To provide opportunities for our residents to make Redwood Meadows the best place to live in the region. From maintaining the infrastructure that keeps our community members active to hosting the traditions that help define our townsite, your RMCA is working hard to enhance the community we all love.

Investing in Our Shared Spaces: We aren't just focused on social gatherings; we are investing significantly in the physical foundation of our community.

Recreation Enhancements: Work is being planned on improvements to the skatepark, bike park, ball diamond, and sports field. These spaces are vital for keeping our youth engaged and active.

A Warmer Rink Experience: We will be building out new hockey benches and—to the delight skaters—installing heaters to take the bite out of those winter mornings.

Water Stewardship: We are currently working to partner with the Townsite on long-term water solutions. Our goal is to ensure we can maintain our beautiful community garden and rink facilities without ever compromising our collective drinking water.

Recent Successes & The Road Ahead

It has already been a wonderful season of connection.

A Joyful Easter: We are pleased to report that our recent Easter Egg Hunt was a resounding success! We were proud to partner with the Bragg Creek Community Church to host such a heart-warming event for the many families in our area.

Community Gardening: Our Garden Info Night just wrapped up yesterday, April 13. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces preparing for the planting season.

Summer Traditions: We look forward to seeing you all at our National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 21 and our cherished Canada Day festivities on July 1.

The Heart of Our Community: Volunteers

Redwood Meadows has always been a "can-do" community, built on the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors. However, we find ourselves at a bit of a crossroads.

Our Sincere Thanks: The Rink Committee recently logged nearly 700 volunteer hours to help us secure a vital matching grant. To our coaches, Zamboni drivers, and groomers: you truly are the backbone of the Bragg Creek Bears hockey organization.

The Reality: At present, most of our community events are being managed by a very small group of individuals. We have come dangerously close to canceling major traditions recently simply because we lacked enough hands to help. To keep our community vibrant, we need to broaden our volunteer base.

A Call to Action: The AGLC Casino

If you are looking for the most impactful way to support Redwood with a minimal time commitment, we ask that you mark August 31 and September 1 on your calendar.

The Impact: This single event generates approximately \$75,000

The Result: These funds directly pay for the park upgrades, the rink heaters, and the programs that make our community so special. We need your participation to ensure these funds remain in our community.

Redwood Meadows is a special place because we choose to make it so. We are stable, we are growing, and we are ready to achieve more—and we can only do it if we work together. We invite you to join us. Whether you can lend a hand for one hour at a summer event or join us for a shift at the Casino, your contribution matters. Let's continue to make Redwood Meadows a place we are all proud to call home.

REDWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN 2026

Vision & Participation

We are transitioning to a **community-managed model** to foster collaboration and remove waitlist barriers.

- **Cost:** Participation is **free**.
- **Membership:** We strongly encourage purchasing an RMCA membership to support our shared infrastructure.
- **Model:** Beds are cared for collectively. Harvest is shared by those who help grow.

Key Dates & Gathers

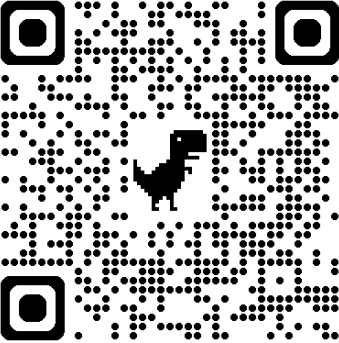
Date	Event	Focus
May 3	Opening Day	Season kickoff & bed prep
May 20+	Garden Gathers	Biweekly (Wednesdays) maintenance
Sept 27	Harvest Dinner	Community celebration
Oct 24-25	Season Close	Cleanup & garlic planting

Garden Care & Guidelines

To keep the garden thriving, we ask all participants to:

1. **Commit to Care:** Sign up for **1–2 caretaking shifts** via the community SignUpGenius.
2. **Collaborate:** Join at least one "Garden Gather" per month.
3. **Harvest Fairly:** Only pick crops marked with "Ready" signage.
4. **Maintain:** Help with weeding paths and general cleanup during your visits.

Scan the QR Code to keep in touch. Questions? Reach out to communitygarden@rmca.ca.



INTERESTING LOCAL FACTS

HENSBANE

There are a number of toxic plants that grow in the area that can cause harm to you and your animals. One of the most toxic is Hensbane.

- Banned as a poisonous plant by the City of Calgary and by Rockyview
- Toxic to livestock and humans
- Can cause salivation, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, rapid pulse, convulsions and coma
- Causes skin irritation if touched with bare skin
- Gloves, protective clothing need to be worn if removed by hand
- Stems strong as young trees and grows very tall
- Burn to destroy seeds



EDITOR NOTES

This newsletter, “Redwood Rambler” is being created to provide the community with more information from the various groups in Redwood. It is designed to be informative and present a current picture of what is being addressed in the community. The “Chatter in the Woods”, a previous newsletter cannot be replaced. RMCA, the editors, Ann Sullivan and Rebecca Parzan and others did a fabulous job of producing a meaningful newsletter. Our thanks to all who were involved in this publication. The “Rambler” not only has a new name but a new format and focus. It essentially will replace much of the material formerly written on Councilor’s Corner of the Updater. The Councilor’s Corner was designed to be brief and bring critical information to the attention of the viewers. This newsletter is designed with that in mind but with more detail. and will be linked to the web site from the Councilor’s Corner location on the Updater.

This is open to additional material and will be approved or denied as merited. Submissions are due by the 20th of each month and in Microsoft format. Google docx does not communicate well with Microsoft, and much of the formatting gets lost in the transfer. Please send submissions to spegg@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca.

Sharon Pegg

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MAY

May 2nd	WILD Fair in Bragg Creek (refer to Updater)
May 5	Council Meeting
May 8	Sip & Soak sponsored by RMCA (refer to Updater)
May 19	Council Meeting
May 23	Community Bottle Drive for Grade 8 Grad at Banded Peak (refer to Updater)
May 27	Redwood Meadows AGM