Redwood Rambler

Redwood Meadows, November 2026



A Ruffed Grouse

Taken on Manyhorses Drive in October, 2026. They frequent the area and are often on the ground waiting to fly up with wings whirring right in front of you. They are not great flight birds and will often fly into a tree close by. In the spring, males have a methodical drumming to attract females. In open praries they form a distinct dance pattern that gets etched in the dirt or grass. In winter they bury themselves in the snow for warmth and do not hibernate.

COUNCIL

A townhall was held on the 14th with approximately 65 residents in attendance. Introductions of the new and former council members were allotted time to present their background and a biography of their interest in becoming council members. An impressive number of candidates were chosen on the 19th. A vote of 187 selected Kyle Rousay, Dominique Stadel, Ken Barrie and Sam Jackson. A warm welcome to everyone.

A huge thank you to Curtis Carriere, Rowland Nicol and Simon Ross for their time, dedication and commitment serving on the council before election. We hope to see you again on council. They are committed to moving forward with their accomplishments with the newly selected members.

We hope to see all the candidates run again for council in the future. Your desire to help in the workings of the community is commendable and we welcome you to run again.

An update was given at the townhall on the achievements and pending items. Questions were answered to the facts known at the time. We thank the residents who took the time to support and listen to the progress and events.

We have completed the third reading of the Noise; Wildlife; and Access to Information Bylaws. An initial review is being conducted on the Land Use and Community Standards Bylaw.

Meetings continue with Sylogist (accounting package); lease negotiations with the Police station; and Insurance litigation.

Construction is progressing on the firehall and soon you will see the outer shell completed.

No updates to report on the rehab centre.

South side water line repairs continue with new valves installed and pavement restoration scheduled to commence. A potable water tank is onsite for use by those affected.

Waste removal will continue with Blue Planet until the end of December. A new company is being considered and contract finalized by year end.

The new council were sworn in October 27th and the key positions chosen. Sam Jackson chosen as Mayor; Sharon Pegg as Deputy Mayor; Dominique Stadel as Treasurer; Ken Barrie as Secretary with Kyle Rousay joining Mark Johns and Bill Ardley as Councillors. Tasks were assigned to each member. Welcome and congratulations to all.

We hope all your goblins and ghosts were kind to you during the October 31st Halloween foray.

A SPECIAL REQUEST

A Shout-Out to Our Amazing Community!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our local community for the incredible support you have shown our **#RebuildRMES fundraising efforts!** Your generosity, encouragement, and willingness to help have made a meaningful difference. Thanks to you, we have already raised over **$500,000 (including in kind donations).** We couldn't have come this far without you, and we are so grateful to have such a supportive community behind us.

As we continue working toward this important goal, our fundraising efforts have reached a bit of a plateau, and we are looking for new opportunities to keep the momentum going. We are reaching out to ask if anyone in our community has connections or leads to a company, organization, or individual who may be interested in supporting our cause. Any introductions or suggestions would be greatly appreciated and could make a tremendous difference in helping us cross the finish line!

If you have a lead or connection, you would be willing to share, please reach out to townsite and a member of our fundraising committee will contact you. **We are happy to keep your name and information confidential** if you prefer.

Thank you again for standing with us, spreading the word, and believing in the **#RebuildRMES** vision. Every connection, contribution, and act of support brings us one step closer to our goal.

Together, we can make it happen!

RMES

Wildlife on the Move: Drive with Caution This November

As the days grow shorter and temperatures begin to drop, wildlife activity across our response area increases significantly. November marks one of the busiest times of year for deer, elk, moose, and other wildlife as they move in search of food, shelter, and mating grounds. Unfortunately, this heightened activity often brings animals closer to our roadways, increasing the risk of vehicle collisions.

For drivers, a collision with wildlife can happen in an instant and lead to serious injuries, vehicle damage, and dangerous road conditions. The good news is that many wildlife-related collisions can be prevented through awareness, preparation, and safe driving habits.

Whether you're commuting to work, travelling for the holidays, or simply heading out for an evening drive, taking a few extra precautions can help keep you, your passengers, and local wildlife safe.

Slow down in wildlife-prone areas.
Pay attention to wildlife crossing signs and reduce your speed when travelling through wooded areas, parks, rural roads, and natural corridors. Lower speeds provide more time to react if an animal suddenly enters the roadway.

Be especially alert at dawn and dusk.
Many animals are most active during the early morning and evening hours. Reduced visibility during these times can make it more difficult to spot wildlife near the road.

Scan the road ahead and the ditches.
Watch both sides of the roadway for movement, reflective eyes, or animal silhouettes. Regularly checking your surroundings can help you identify potential hazards before they become emergencies.

Expect more than one animal.
If you see a deer, elk, or other animal crossing the road, remain cautious. Wildlife often travel in groups, and additional animals may be following closely behind.

Avoid sudden swerves.
Your instinct may be to steer sharply to avoid an animal, but sudden maneuvers can cause you to lose control of your vehicle or collide with another vehicle, tree, or roadside object. Brake firmly, remain in your lane whenever possible, and maintain control of your vehicle.

Use high beams when appropriate.
When there is no oncoming traffic, high beams can improve visibility and help you spot wildlife farther ahead. Remember to switch back to low beams when approaching other vehicles.

Wear your seatbelt every trip.
Seatbelts remain your best protection in the event of any collision, including those involving wildlife.

If you hit an animal, pull off the road, turn on your hazard lights and carefully exit your vehicle and stay clear of the animal. Call 911 and we'll be on our way to assist you and deal with the animal, as needed.

Stay safe, stay alert, and help keep our roads safe for everyone.

RMCA

Redwood Kids Christmas Choir!

Your children are invited to be a part of our annual Redwood Kids Christmas Choir where they will learn some singing basics and have a whole bunch of fun. This is truly one of the best ways to start the Christmas season!

It is free to participate and is for Kids aged 4-15
Rehearsals are:
Every Sunday Nov.2- Dec. 6th at Redwood House
Dress Rehearsal and Performance Sunday Dec.6th 3-5pm
Please contact minkestudio@gmail.com to register!





RMCA PRESENTS

Santa Photos

$5 for RMCA members
$10 for non members

Limited availability
Crafts, games, treats

NOVEMBER 15 | 10 AM - 4 PM

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY ON FACEBOOK OR THE FRIDAY UPDATER

This year, we're changing things up to help **more families get the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa!**

Instead of assigning each family an exact photo time, **4 families will book within the same 30-minute time slot**. Families will be photographed in the order they arrive, and we'll keep things moving based on the flow of the day.

This flexible system helps us accommodate families who may need a little extra time, while also making sure families with smaller groups can move through quickly. **Most importantly, it gives us the flexibility to make sure as many families as possible get their Santa photo.**

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your 30-minute time slot ends to ensure you have enough time for your photo.

While you wait, we'll have **fun activities in the lobby** to keep the kids entertained.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work together to make Santa photos fun and enjoyable for everyone!

$10 for non- RMCA members. $5 for members. E-transfer to payment@rmca.ca or cash at the door!

To register refer to the link in the Updater

35th Annual
Redwood Meadows Christmas Market

Nov 20th 5 pm – 8 pm

Nov 21st 10 am – 5 pm

Nov 22nd 10 am – 4 pm

Over 30 Local Artisan Vendors!

Collecting Donations for CAHS Cochrane & Area Humane Society

Christmas cheer for the whole family!

Festive Food & Refreshments!

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Please join the RMCA again this for the 35th annual Redwood Meadows Christmas Market!
Residents Night will take place on Friday Nov 20th 5pm - 8pm!

Regular shopping hours will take place from 10am - 5pm on Saturday Nov 21st and from 10am - 4pm on Sunday Nov 22nd.

This year we are accepting donations to the Cochrane and Area Humane Society!

Our furry friends are especially in need of: WET KITTEN, CAT & PUPPY FOOD & BATH TOWELS

Other much-needed donations include:

Animal Supplies • Royal Canin dry dog, puppy, kitten, and cat food • Canned cat, kitten, puppy, and dog food • Sealed or opened bags of any brand of cat kibble (for their outreach program) • Puppy and kitten milk replacement (Royal Canin, KMR, Esbilac) • Clumping and non-clumping cat litter • Dog treats and dog toys • Easy-walk harnesses (medium and large) • Peanut butter • Long lines

Shelter Supplies • Bleach • Liquid laundry detergent • Dish soap, hand soap, and liquid laundry soap • XL industrial-strength garbage bags • Toilet paper • Poop bags • Office supplies (correction tape, printing paper, etc.) • EXPO whiteboard markers

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, the Humane Society is NOT accepting donations of blankets, sheets, or cat trees. Thank you for understanding and helping us collect the items they need most!

If you are interested in volunteering for the concession please click the link below to sign up!

We greatly appreciate everyone who supports the market, whether through volunteering, by being a vendor, or just shopping 'til you drop, year after year!

INTERESTING LOCAL FACTS



Mice

May vary in color from light brown to gray to black. They can jump up to 1.5 feet or 18 inches. Mice in a colder area have shorter tails than shown above. They will stand up on hind legs to challenge other mice. They are typically nocturnal and mice finding their way into your garage or house do not hibernate. They are excellent swimmers and jumpers and have a keen sense of smell and hearing and will exit at the first sign of danger. They can squeeze through a small space and will chew through parging to enter through the foundation. Each female can produce up to 12 young with an average of 5-6 with the gestation period roughly 20 days. Babies are bald and get a coat at 10 days of age, open their eyes at 14 and suckle until 3 weeks of age. They reach maturity at 5-7 weeks. They can carry multiple diseases transmittable and dangerous to humans. Always handle with gloves and a mask.

Christmas lights made of vegetable material is considered a snack and they will tear down whole strings of lights in their quest for food.

Laser lights obtained at a hardware are useful to eliminate as a high pitch sound is emitted. Also fill a small mesh like cheesecloth bag with a Cinamon stick, whole cloves, red pepper flakes and Star Anise (used seeded as Star was impossible to find) and place at suspected points of entry. Less than a teaspoon of each ingredient is sufficient. Use live traps baited with peanut butter and release far away from your home.

EDITOR NOTES

A message from a local lawyer..... **give your cell phone code to someone you trust so it can be unlocked in the case of an emergency situation. Also ensure your executor has a list of all your computer passwords. This will save a lot of time and frustration for a person assigned to look after your affairs.**

Be kind to your sewer system by not flushing wipes even if they say "flushable". They accumulate with other material and sludge and block the system.

Be space conscious by breaking down boxes or any cardboard material for recycle pick up.

Articles for submission should be made by the 20th of each month.

A link to this publication is available on the website at www.redwoodmeadows.ab.ca under the **Community Heading** and the **Community Newsletter** tab; a link is provided in the updater pointing to the current version; or a paper copy is available at the mailbox flyer boxes and the flyer box at Redwood House.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6th	Community Cafe
November 10th	Council Meeting
November 11th	Remembrance Day Bragg Creek
November 14th	Amy Bouchard Pottery Class
November 15th	Santa Photo
November 20th	Christmas Market Residents Night
November 21st -22nd	Christmas Market Residents Night
November 24th	Council Meeting
November 24th	RMCA AGM at 7:30

BRAGG CREEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIM ISBERG RETURNS TO BRAGG CREEK

Talented singer/songwriter Tim Isberg returns to the Bragg Creek Snowbirds Chalet for a dinner concert on **November 7, 2026,** and an evening of Remembrance Day inspired music. From Rwanda to Afghanistan, veteran soldier Tm shares well-crafted songs and stories inspired by a lifetime of experience. Enjoy an evening of fine food, music, storytelling, remembrance and fellowship in an intimate setting.

Tickets available at:

braggcreekperformingarts.com or call Ticketpro at 1-800 655-9090.

EXCITING MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROUSEL COMING TO BRAGG CREEK

An exciting musical Christmas Carousel is coming to the Bragg Creek Community Centre on **November 29, 2026**, involving multiple artists including Denis Dufresne, The Travelling Mabels, Donna and LeRoy Anderson, 9th Avenue Allstars, GrassBlue, Leanne Lightfoot, Rob Hollis and Fred Mallette, and Jory Kinjo & Friend. Proceeds will go to The Bragg Creek Foundation to be used for its emergency fund. Enjoy the season's festivity!

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