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# Chatter

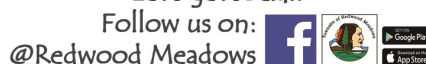
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**H**ello Redwooders and Neighbours,

It has been my great pleasure to bring the Chatter to you these past three years, but now it is time for someone with new ideas and excitement to take over the reins. If that person could be you, please contact [info@rmca.ca](mailto:info@rmca.ca) for more details. The next Chatter will be published in September.

Enjoy the summer!

**Rebecca Parzen**  
*Chatter Editor*

# HELP WANTED!

**Editor in Chief  
for the RMCA Chatter**

The RMCA is looking for a new Editor in Chief for our beloved community newsletter. Contact [info@rmca.ca](mailto:info@rmca.ca) for further details.

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY RMCA

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Life in Redwood Meadows is pretty special, especially as seasons change. The RMCA is especially excited for everything that spring and summer bring to our community. We trade our skis for bikes (or fat bikes for skinny bikes), the Community Garden is ready to go, lemonade stands start to pop up, and our neighbours' garages and decks are open for business.

Spring Sports are off to a roaring start, with more kids than ever playing more sports than ever! A total of 196 kids registered to play soccer, t-ball, baseball, basketball and rugby/football, and this doesn't include our new pickleball nights! We are so grateful to our 17 volunteer coaches who are doing an amazing job with our kids.

We also have two large community events coming in June and July. We received a sizable grant from the Heritage Canada Fund to support our National Indigenous Peoples Day and Canada Day events. An important part of the events this year is 'building a bridge between the two days'. As with everything RMCA does, both events require a large volunteer component to support planning and on the days of the events. If you would like to be a part of these events, email [info@rmca.ca](mailto:info@rmca.ca). Check out the poster on the back cover.

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One of the vacant councillor positions was formerly occupied by Gord Tate. He has now moved into the office of Townsite Manager and is actively taking care of business. We are so fortunate to have such a long-term resident who has run multi-million-dollar operations at our disposal. For those of you who do not know Gord, take a look at the skate shack and see whose name is on the plaque. Belongs to the same guy! Please congratulate him.

All fire hydrants in the community will undergo maintenance over the coming month. So, if you see someone playing with your hydrant and you are wondering why, you now have an answer. We anticipate this will ensure their functionality and potentially find leaks in the system.

We are scheduling for a full inspection of the water distribution pipes this summer. We hope to uncover leaks and help determine a plan to rectify problems. In the meantime, we request that all households pay attention to their water usage and minimize lawn watering as much as possible. Grass is resilient and will tolerate a lot of suntanning. If necessary townsites may have to resort to a watering schedule. Perhaps the weather network will cooperate and send us some frequent rain showers to help out. Be thankful that up until May 23 we have not received our May snowstorm. On that note, have a happy and great summer and see you all in the fall.

Special thanks to Rebecca for keeping the Chatter going for us.

**Paul Sawler**  
*Mayor, Redwood Meadows*



## CHATTER IN THE WOODS

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## RMCA ACTIVITIES AND TOWNSITE UPDATES

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### COMMUNITY CAFE

**June 2 | 10:30am - 12pm | Redwood House |**

Come enjoy the company of your neighbors. Coffee and home-baked treats are available. \$3/person.

### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

**June 4 | 9am - 11am | meet at Curtis Field**

Help clean up parks, flower beds, and drainage ditches. Snacks and a hotdog lunch provided to volunteers.

### BY-ELECTIONS FOR REDWOOD MEADOWS COUNCIL

**By-Election: June 22 | Redwood House**

### PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

**June 24 | 9am - 4pm | Redwood Meadows**

Your neighbours' trash could be your treasure. Maps will be provided closer to the event.

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As exercise is good for your body, so is pruning to your trees and shrubs for your garden. Don't know where to start? Give us a call and let us provide you with a health care program for your yard. Maintaining a healthy yard brings more enjoyment and pleasure alleviating unnecessary cleanup and repair costs after it's too late. Think of us as your yard's fitness coach.



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- Keep children and pets away from fireworks, stoves, grills, and campfires.
- Bring a fire extinguisher or fire blanket with you on outdoor trips. This way, you can easily extinguish the fire before it grows out of hand.
- Before you use a grill, first check the connection between the propane tank and fuel line to ensure it isn't blocked or leaking. Be sure to not overfill the propane tank.
- Douse hot coals with plenty of water before disposing of them. Never put them inside plastic, paper, or wooden trash bins or containers.
- If you build a campfire during a picnic or camping trip keep it small and douse it completely with water using the "soak, stir, soak" method to put it out. Check for fire bans at [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca).
- Formulate escape routes for houses or cottages. Practice fire drills at least twice a year. Leave emergency numbers near the phone.
- Use barbecue grills away from the house, from the tent, or anything that can catch fire.
- When checking in at a hotel, Airbnb, or renting seasonal property, don't forget to check fire safety plans. Examine if there are fire exits, fire extinguishing equipment, working smoke detectors and clear signage of the escape route.
- When using a lawnmower, never fuel it while it's still hot. Give it a few minutes to cool down.

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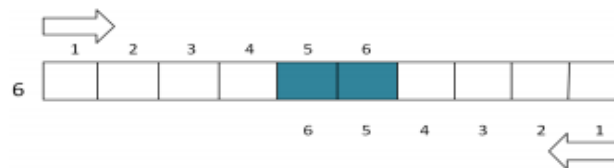
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A picture will evolve as you complete the puzzle. Start with the largest numbers or combination of, colour in squares and proceed to work back and forth between columns and rows.

The three basic rules are:

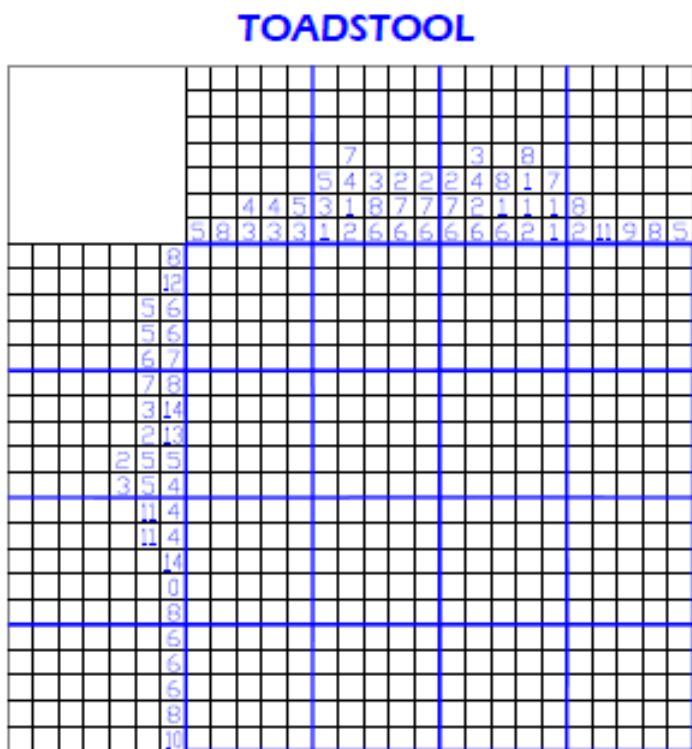
1. Numbers represent how many squares you colour in to form a group or block.
2. Leave at least one square between these blocks.
3. The sequential order of the numbers is the order of the blocks, i.e., top number for a column is the top, block, and left-most number for a row is the left-most block.

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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## BRAGG CREEK WILD: THE IMPORTANCE OF HABITAT CONNECTIVITY

One of the principal factors to the success of nature's timeless renewal process rests on accessing sufficient spaces safely. Habitat connectivity is considered a cornerstone of a healthy ecosystem. Without it, wildlife, plants and, ultimately, humans cannot thrive.

The National Wildlife Federation reminds us of the importance of habitat connectivity and its opposite—habitat fragmentation: Wildlife moves both daily and seasonally to survive. However, the habitats animals rely on continue to be fragmented by housing, roads, fences, energy facilities, and other man-made barriers. As a result, animals are struggling more and more to reach food, water, shelter, and breeding sites.

Spring is a key time for wildlife. Mammals are on the move in search for food after a lean winter. They are looking for shelter to birth and protect their young. Migratory birds are returning, settling along waterways, into birdhouses, and forested areas. Pollinators, birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees begin their part in plant rejuvenation. They visit flowers to drink nectar or feed off pollen, and they transport pollen grains as they move from spot to spot providing essential food to wildlife and humans alike.

The good news is we bipeds can help our wild neighbours:

**Drive mindfully, May and June are the deadliest months.** Fawning season modifies wildlife behaviours and increases their susceptibility to vehicle collisions. An eye on the ditch, slower speeds, and a readiness to stop immediately saves lives. Road crossings happen all day with dawn and dusk bringing the greatest movement.

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**Man's best friend can pose peril for wildlife.** Dogs can cause disturbance, stress, habitat destruction, predation, disease transmission, and the spread of invasive plant species. Dogs should be under control in wildlife areas and leash areas, especially during breeding seasons. Training is key. A well-trained dog will respond to recall commands and will not chase wildlife. Training is all part of the fun and an important piece in practicing responsible dog ownership. Recently there have been daily reports of dogs roaming our roads on local social media. Dog owners, let's do our bit to change this. Consider installing a dog run or an invisible fence to keep your pet home.

**Feline friends, can be both victim and predator.** Cats are best kept indoors for two reasons, to protect them from being hunted and to protect the wildlife they hunt. A simple action with a win-win result! Cats kill an estimated 350 million birds every single year in Canada.

For more information, visit our wild smart page : [www.braggcreekwild.ca/wild-smart-ressources](http://www.braggcreekwild.ca/wild-smart-ressources)



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## MORTGAGE MATTERS: WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU? RENT VS BUY...OR?

Should you rent or should you buy a home? It's a good question, but with no clear answer.

### ***Upside to Buying***

- Ownership offers long-term benefits of security, equity and potential growth in personal wealth. Also, a home's equity value may appreciate over time—when it comes time to sell, you may earn a profit.
- A house is your legal property, which allows you greater freedom than a rental property. You can alter the property, including decor changes, landscaping and renovations, to suit your needs and your style.
- You have the option of becoming a landlord by renting a portion of the house or the entire home. This allows you to generate income and help pay the mortgage.

### ***Downside to Buying***

- It's a big financial responsibility.
- There are additional costs to homeownership: taxes, insurance, and maintenance.
- You run the risk of not making any profit through resale.
- You are less mobile than a tenant.

### ***Upside to Renting***

- Flexibility. Renting requires no long-term commitment from a tenant, and is the best option if you don't intend on staying in one place for a long time.
- As a tenant, there is the possibility of living in an area in which you could not afford to buy.
- The only insurance you need is to cover your contents.

### ***Downside to Renting***

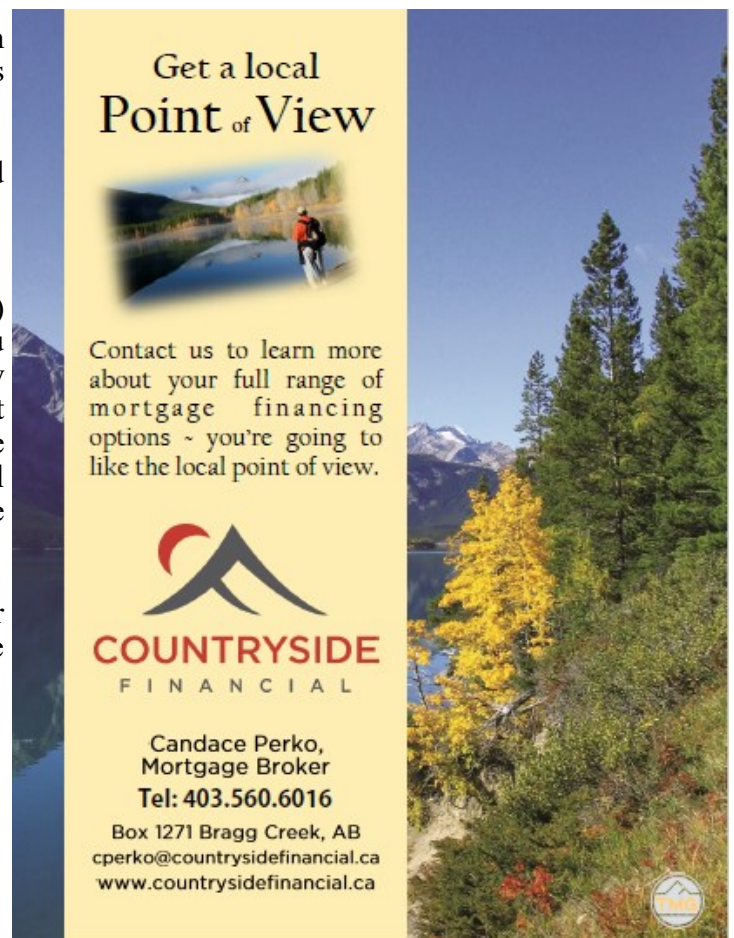
- You are bound by the rules of the lease agreement, which can impact the freedom to use or renovate the property.
- Renting offers no wealth creation or return on investment. You are helping to pay the landlord's mortgage.
- You have no control over annual rent increases.
- There is no guarantee that a lease will be renewed when it expires.

### ***Or ... Both, Rent to Own***


A rent-to-own is a lease (regular rental agreement) plus an option agreement & deposit, which gives you the right (without obligation) to purchase the property within a specified period, usually three years or less, at a price or price formula agreed upon today. The tenant/buyer pays fair market rent plus an additional rent premium, accumulating as down payment to be credited against the purchase price.

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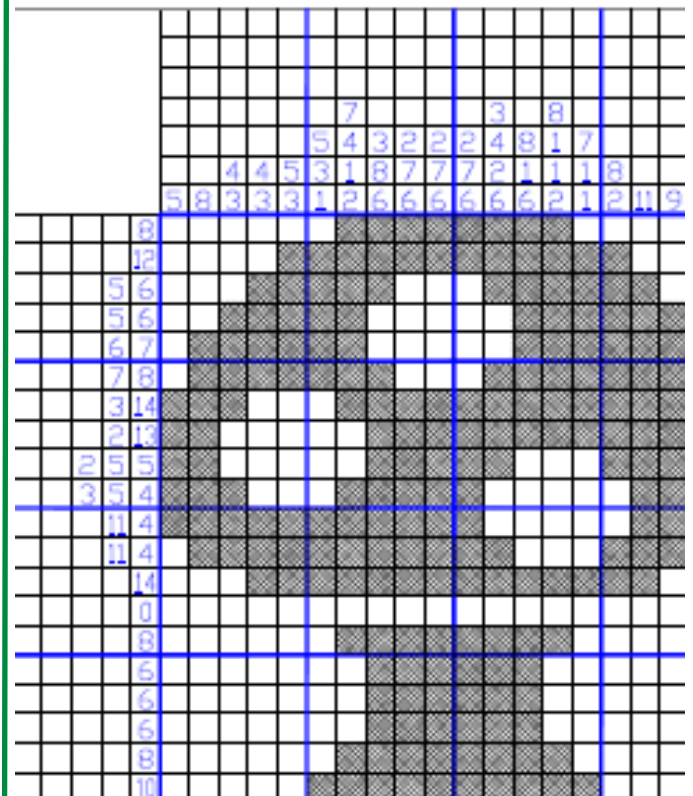
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