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GENERAL MANAGERS' UPDATE



Hi Everyone

On behalf of Springbank Park For All Seasons, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday.

November and now as we move into December, have seen the Park jam-packed with activities (e.g. Men's Curling Bonspiel, Hockey Tournaments, lots of Shinney Hockey, Parent & Tot Skating, Figure Skating, Brown Bag for Kids charitable Snack Drive event, great food in the Lounge and concession, etc.). Now fast approaching in January there is an all-levels Curling Clinic and Ladies' Open Bonspiel on the schedule.

It means a lot when you can see the Springbank Park For All Seasons Vision, SPFAS is the Heart of Springbank, where families and individuals of all ages can come to play and have fun, learn, socialize, and enjoy the programs, activities, and events available at the Springbank Park For All Seasons). As seeing this in action is really what the Park is all about and aligns with the Park's Mission (To facilitate and promote recreational, social, cultural, and agricultural initiatives that build communities). Over the last year behind the scenes, the Park staff and Board have been developing a paralleling Business Operating Plan to help support this type of positive activity carrying on for many years to come. Part of this was incorporating Values and Pillars into the Plan, which captured what is felt important and were positive to keep in mind and utilize as a guiding light. The Values that were arrived at include "Customer Satisfaction, Inclusive Welcoming & Safe Environment, Integrity & Teamwork, and Pride of Ownership." These have sure seemed to be on full display by all involved, and that is nice work, thanks!



Happy Holiday & New Year

Todd Muir, BPE

General Manager (Springbank Park for All Seasons)





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MEET THE STAFF

This edition continues introducing our highly valued staff members, and we are pleased for December, to be able to introduce our newest Operations team member Chantele Walker. She joined SPFAS this past October for the season to do lots of initial coverage work, while our full-time Operator Damien took some time off. Chantele came over from Winsport and brings with her years of directly related experience (including spending some time snowmaking at Winsport which she enjoyed). Chantele also spent some time working at 7 Chiefs Arena, as well as gaining post-secondary training in the Information systems computer world and running skid steers, being a wildland firefighter, and she has maintained highways, etc. Chantele is an avid alpine skier (enjoying the newer all-mountain fat skis) and likes to spend lots of time outside walking her dogs. If you see Chantele out and about the park, please feel free to say hello.



Chantele Walker

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Another very successful Sportsmen Bonspiel Nov 26-27. From first draws on Saturday morning, to the last stone in an extra end on a final on Sunday, the games were great to watch. Thanks to all the teams that played, and congratulations to our winners:

Division A - Team Farmer was victorious over Team McMullen

Division B - Team Strem played to an extra end victory over Team Romanchuk

Division C - Team Dembo/Mazur out drew Team Speers for the win



The Ladies Bonspiel is coming up again on January 14-16. We hope your team will join us for this fun and competitive event. The entry fee is \$290/team which includes at least 3 games,

cash and door prizes and dinner Saturday night. This 24 team bonspiel will have A,B and C events with draws beginning on Friday night and finishing on Sunday afternoon. We were full in 2021 so don't delay...register your team by emailing springbankmondayladiescurling@gmail.com

gmail.com.

We will be offering another full day curling clinic for all ages and all levels of experience on January 8. It will include on-ice and off-ice sessions focusing on delivery, sweeping, games, and strategy. The clinic is open to everyone!



Drop-in Curling is available three more Saturday nights this season, January 21, February 11, and March 11 at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to try out the sport, play a regular game or try Mixed Pairs curling, and you don't have to be a member of the curling club to participate.

You can register for any of these events on our website at springbankcurling.com.

And finally, we're offering another first: we'll be running a Greenhorn League starting on Sunday January 22. This is a 6-session league that will run Sundays at 6:30 pm for new curlers to learn while playing the game. We'll have experienced players on the ice to help you feel comfortable and answer any questions that you might have. Email springbankcurlingclubcalgary@gmail.com for more information.



Curling is a great way to meet people and make friends while playing a sport you can play for a lifetime. Please visit our website at www.springbankcurling.com to find out more or to sign up!

Curling Clinic

January 8, 2023

9 am – 4 pm

On-ice and off-ice sessions

- **Delivery**
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MIRANDA ROSIN, MLA

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Introducing Alberta's new Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism: me! Last month I was humbled and honoured to be sworn in as Alberta's Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism as part of Premier Danielle Smith's new leadership team. Parliamentary Secretaries work as key representatives of their respective portfolios. In this role, in addition to my duties as your MLA, I will work closely

with Minister Todd Loewen of Forestry, Parks and Tourism to champion our government's policy development and stakeholder engagement with regards to tourism. Over the past three years I have had the absolute pleasure of working with and getting to know our province's many tourism and hospitality operators, entrepreneurs, and industry partners – both here in Banff-Kananaskis and far beyond. With expenditures peaking above \$10 billion in 2019 from 34 million visitors, and a contribution of \$8.4 billion in GDP and 82,000 full time jobs to Alberta's economy, our tourism industry is world class. Still, there is boundless opportunity across our beautiful province to strengthen, grow, and diversify.

In my first meeting with Premier Smith after her United Conservative leadership victory, knowing that most MLAs in my caucus would give voice to Alberta's resource industries but that few were as well-equipped to give voice to the unique world of tourism as myself, discussing the growth and vitality of our tourism sector was my primary focus. Supported by no less than 250 pages of highlighted, tabbed, and organized research which I compiled and brought to our meeting, she and I discussed the immense potential for this industry, and what it needed to thrive. It was that conversation that inevitably led to my appointment. With this appointment, but only six months until the Spring election, Minister Loewen and I have a lot of work to do in a short amount of time. Recognizing this, we immediately got together after being sworn in and concluded that the industry's biggest opportunity was in recreational tourism; the industry's biggest constraint was access to labour, and that the industry's biggest limitation to reaching new markets was sustainable funding for Travel Alberta.

Based on these conclusions, Minister Loewen and I promptly submitted a package to Premier Smith detailing how we believed best to address that which we had identified. Shortly thereafter we received our mandate letter from the Premier which accepted all of the ideas we had submitted in addition to providing us with an even more expansive mandate. We are going to have our hands full! Given that 60% of our beautiful province's landmass is Crown Land, there is tremendous opportunity grow our recreational economy. Unfortunately our Crown Land policy in its current form is restrictive, and

has resulted in a \$10 billion tourism trade deficit to British Columbia. To increase Alberta's recreational competitiveness, Minister Loewen and I will begin the important work of developing clear, concise, policy that will empower Alberta entrepreneurs to create opportunities for Albertans and visitors alike to experience Alberta's wild.

Tourism and hospitality's heavy reliance on international and temporary foreign workers, amongst other factors, has resulted in a systemic labour shortage. Even in times of economic stagnation in Alberta, when other sectors struggled with high unemployment, these sectors maintained more jobs available than they were able to fill. Today the industry has more than a 20% labour shortage in some areas of the province, forcing hotels and businesses to shutter their doors for time when they would otherwise be open. While immigration is largely under federal jurisdiction, Minister Loewen and I will immediately begin the work of pursuing an expedited tourism and hospitality immigration stream through channels which the province can control in hopes of easing the strains caused by the labour shortages for the winter ski season.

Finally, to ensure that Travel Alberta can fulfill its complete mandate of not only promoting Alberta to key international markets but of undertaking tourism policy development, partnering with private industry to expand experiential offerings in the province, and establishing new international markets from which to attract visitors, Minister Loewen and I will assess the advantages of having the full 4% overnight hotel levy invested fully in Travel Alberta. When this levy was initially introduced in Alberta years ago, its intent was solely to support Travel Alberta and guarantee the agency sustainable funding that would not be beholden to the whims of subsequent governments and their budgeting priorities. Unfortunately with time, governments began diverting the levy into the government's general revenue fund. Travel Alberta has tremendous potential to usher in growth, but they need reliable funding to do so. In addition to these key priorities which Minister Loewen and I set together, we have also been given instruction by Premier Smith to shorten permit and license approvals for new tourism ventures; invest in the infrastructure of Kananaskis, Waiporous, and other high traffic areas; initiate negotiations with the federal government to ensure national park pass revenues generated from Alberta national parks stay within Alberta national parks, and develop a long-term growth strategy for the industry.

There are very few places on earth to whom a thriving tourism economy comes more naturally than our beautiful province of Alberta, and it is time that we recognize that beauty as the true natural resource that it is.

I am grateful to Premier Smith for understanding the important existence of tourism as part of Alberta's economic future. For a government to produce such an extensive list of mandates related to specifically to tourism, an industry that for far too long has gone overlooked, is unheard of in recent Albertan history. This signifies the dedication that myself and our United Conservative government have to the industry's many entrepreneurs and visionaries, and to Alberta's broader economic diversification. Together we will strengthen the sector, provide it with opportunities to flourish, and secure jurisdiction over that which is rightfully Alberta's. Now, it's time to get to work!

SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB



There has been a lot of activity at the SHC this winter, and we are so grateful to have this facility available to the community.

Recap and Reminders:

Anne Seeley wrote, the Nov 11 Remembrance Day service at the Heritage Center was well attended. The choir paid tribute with a song rendition of In Flanders Field, Robert, a veteran, dressed in full uniform laid a commemorative wreath and old war letters were read. The very somber ceremony was followed with more memories while enjoying tea and muffins.

The Gingerbread Tea - Big thanks to all who came out to socialize and to those who organized, baked gingerbread, donated baking and your time and handmade items. This is very much appreciated. These events are only successful with the continued support from the community.

Food & Toy Box

We are again collecting Food for the Cochrane Food Bank and Toys for the Cochrane Activettes.

Boxes for each have been placed in the front hallway. Deadline is the December 14 Christmas Dinner.

Dec 14, Wednesday, 1:00 pm Caroling & Christmas Dinner

Activities will close down after the Christmas dinner and start up again Jan 3/23

Mondays... 1-4 pm...Pickle Ball. (members only) Contact : Valerie @ springbankhc@telus.net

Tuesdays... 10-11...Singing, 1-4 pm...games day

Wednesdays... Yoga 9- 10,

CCC (coffee, crafts, chat) 1-4 pm... come and join this group. All welcome email Janice @ janice3lambert@gmail.com to be added to the notification reminder list

Wednesday, Jan 11/23 Sip and paint

Jan 27, 28/23 Lions Club Casino

Jan 24/23 (Tuesday) Pot luck

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023 Jubilation Dinner Theatre Play: Mama Mia / Cost: \$51.25+tax+gratuity = (\$63.04/person)

For additional information visit the website at Springbank Heritage Club www.springbankheritageclub.com

Wishing everyone the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Submitted by: Yvonne Bamlett



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We will have an online Sign-up Genius set up by mid-Jan,
to help make volunteer scheduling sign-up easier and it
will be forwarded to all User Groups.

If you would like to put a name forward sooner, we are
glad to assist.

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Feel free to contact our GM Todd Muir, at Ph: 403-242-
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for more information or to volunteer.

Thank You



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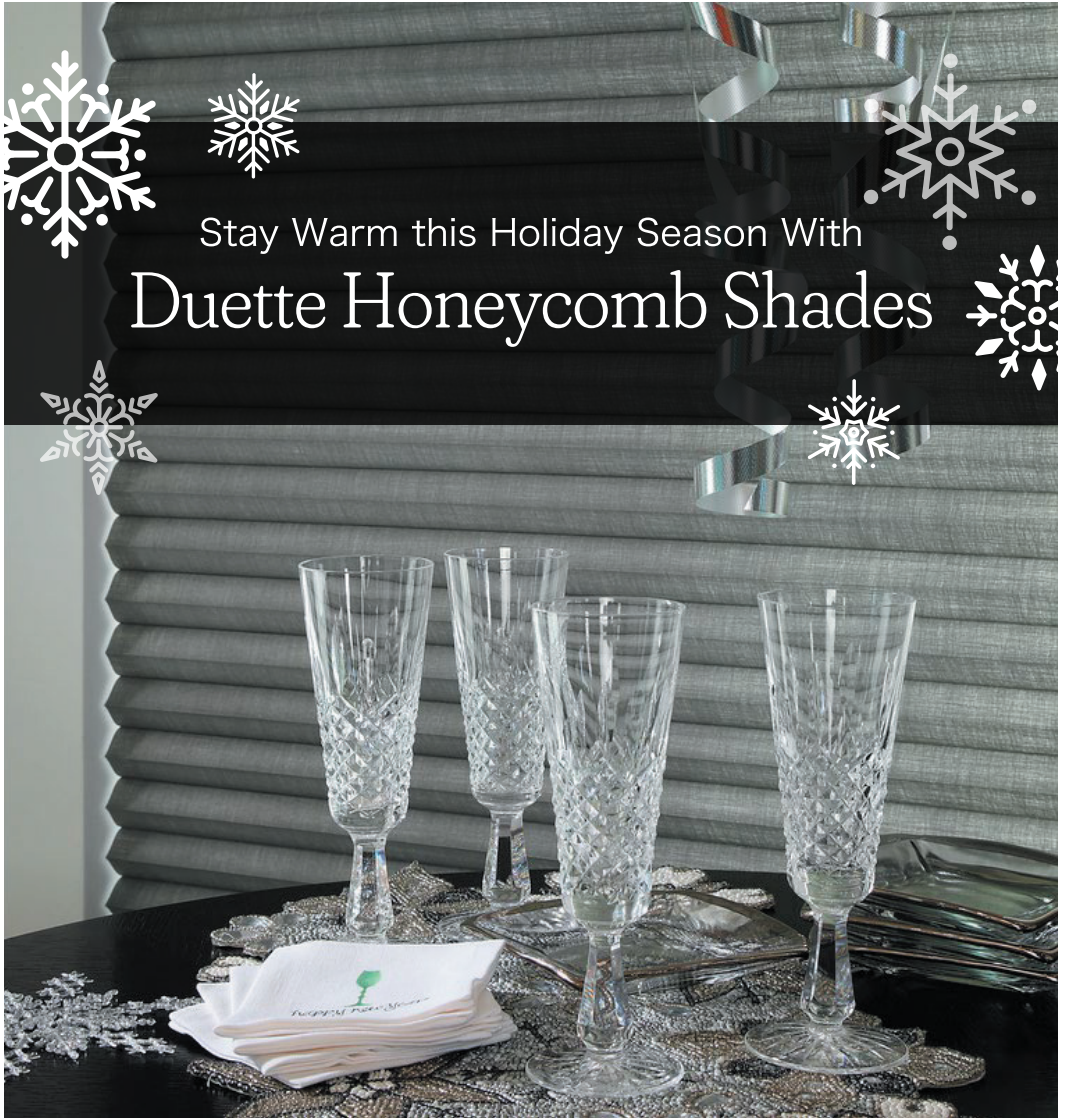
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December 2022 Update

Council Changes – An organizational meeting was held on October 25th that resulted in a few position changes. Although my appointment as Mayor was for 2 years, I have decided to step down as Mayor and resume my Councillor role and focus on Division 2 items such as the Springbank ASP that is being developed, the Springbank

Community Centre and recreational facilities that are being planned as well as the transportation and water coop issues that have been coming to the forefront. All further Mayor appointments will be for one year as per the new procedural bylaw. Rocky View's new Mayor and Deputy Mayor are Crystal Kissel and Sunny Samra respectively.

Council has also established a Governance Committee made up of all Council members and I have been appointed to chair that committee. The establishment of a Governance Committee is to help Councillors better manage public meeting times, and to provide a venue for more in-depth discussions with County staff on questions of governance outside of regular bi-weekly council gatherings. Council will have an opportunity to provide administration direction before an item comes to Council for a decision.

Rural Municipalities Association Conference – Council attended the annual conference for rural municipalities in the first week of November. The conference included a series of workshops and a ministerial forum whereby the delegates were able to ask questions of the ministers regarding issues in their municipality. Health care, agriculture and reclamation practices were some of the prime topics that were questioned.

There were also presentations provided by the Nurse Practitioner Association, Alberta Energy Association, Alberta Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association, RCMP, etc.

The premier also provided a keynote address for the delegates.

2023 Budget - Council has commenced budget discussions in November. Further budget meetings are required and it hoped to have an approved budget by the end of the year. Presently RVC is projecting around a 6% increase in taxes to maintain our services levels. Springbank Area Structure Plan (ASP) – Administration is continuing its work on drafting the new ASP with the feedback outlined in the Engagement Summary being considered against other influences such as the Regional Growth Plan and technical constraints. As required by the Regional Growth Plan, administration has started an Environmental Screening Report to update the previous Wildlife Corridor study. Administration hopes that they will have an initial draft ASP available in January. Administration will present the updated plan to the Springbank community in the New Year. An Engagement Summary Report of the communities' input can be found on the county web-site. Please visit: <https://www.rockyview.ca/springbank-area-structure-plan>

Special Event Permitting – As a result of the issues that have come up regarding permitting of special events, it is proposed to change Special Function Business & Home-Based Business Type III regulations. The proposal is being presented to Council on January 23, 2022. Subject to Council approval, future Special Function Business applications in residential and agricultural areas would be required to complete a land use amendment to include a Home-Based Business, Type III (HBB, Type III) use. Special Function Business will no longer be an allowed use and future wedding-type venue applications will be considered as HBB, Type III.

The Special Event Application process through Recreation, Parks & Community Support (for one-time event applications) is scheduled to go before Council on December 13th. There are proposed changes to the bylaw that outline a more streamlined definition, stronger residential notification requirements to name a few improvements to the bylaw.

Wishing you and your family the best during the Christmas and the New Year holidays!! *Don Kochan*



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Best wishes for our winter break and for the new year.

Good news ... The Board has received \$908 000.00 to expand the Stepping Stones mental health program that is currently operating in our schools. This funding will provide more service in all our schools with grades 5 to

9. Thank you to Lori Meyer, Sherri Black, and Judi Neetz for their successful application!

The funding is in addition to:

- \$1.4 billion in Learning Support funding to meet the specialized learning needs of students and provide them with additional supports, such as student wellness programs.

- Alberta's recent announcement of \$87 million over three years to help support the development of a schoolbased services model to integrate and expand access to addiction and mental health services for children and youth from elementary to high school.

- The expansion of the Integrated Schools Support Program to provide children and youth with prevention and early intervention supports that improve their health, wellness, and quality of life by building strength and resilience.

It is encouraging to see, government ministries working together. The ministry of Health link contains many connections to education Child and Youth Well-being Action Plan I would encourage community groups and schools to read this plan as there maybe opportunities for funding local initiatives.

Rocky View Schools applied for and received \$384 306 learning disruption funding to provide between 12 and 16 weeks of targeted programming during this school year. School authorities will have the flexibility to design this programming to best meet their local needs.

At the recent Alberta School Boards Association, Minister of Education LaGrange announced that the first option for new school builds will no longer be Public, Private Partnership(P3s). This news was welcomed by Boards across the province.



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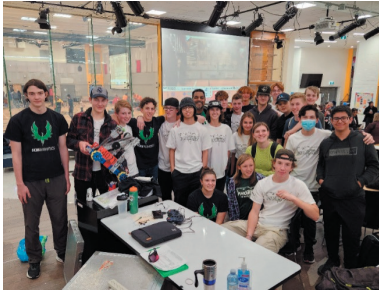
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Congratulations to the Springbank Robotics Team



The team participated in the First Robotics Competition. One of the schools three teams garnered 2nd place which puts them in the #2 spot for

all of Alberta! In addition to their technical expertise, the teams are to be recognized for their leadership and cooperation with other teams. The teams arrived early to assist in setting up the competition ring, but they prob-

lem-solved and helped other teams. Well done!!

Springbank High School Drama presents "The Three Musketeers" November 30 to December 2.

Canadian Parents for French appreciates all parents who supported the "Cheese Fundraiser". Funds will be used to support French culture week and French language activities for immersion students.

Rocky View Schools now has a "Give" button on it home page. Donors can select the school or program to receive the donation. A tax receipt is given.

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Congratulations to Westbrook school on establishing an outdoor education program for their 7 and 8 students.

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from MLA Miranda Rosin

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Cochrane RCMP

Merry Christmas Everyone! What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs? Anything you want. He can't hear you!! What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!!

In December 2020, Alberta brought about new Impaired Driving Laws, under the Provincial Administrative Penalties Act. The change made by the Province of Alberta was to modify how impaired drivers are being penalized, by taking them out of the courts, to free up court time and police resources.

The act introduced new immediate roadside penalties, while still getting impaired drivers off the street. For

more serious cases, these will receive the same roadside penalties, and still be prosecuted in court. These cases can include repeat offenders, impaired driving causing harm or death. BC has had a similar system in place for a bit, and has proven to deter impaired driving there. Alberta will have some of the toughest impaired driving laws in the country, with these new changes.

Some of the key changes were, new fines up to \$2000, increased length of vehicle seizures up to 30 days for certain offences, increased drivers licence suspensions for repeat offenders, and expanded mandatory ignition interlock for repeat offenders. Commercial drivers and novice drivers will have new zero tolerance consequences as well. All of these changes are to make Alberta roads safer.

Cochrane RCMP is always on the lookout for impaired drivers, but also ask for the public's help in reporting impaired driving. Calling 911 when you see some driving that is out of the ordinary, or you suspect that someone may be driving impaired. You can be impaired by both alcohol and drug, and both carry the same penalties, either provincially or federally.

Thank you and have a safe, healthy holiday season.

Cst. Clayton GELINAS

Cochrane RCMP

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CHARITY SKATE

On November 11th at 12:30pm, Springbank and surrounding communities came out to show their generosity for the Brown Bag 4 Kids snack drive. The snack drive collected over 9,000 snacks and raised over \$1,500 in cash donations.



My heart was so full as there are so many amazing people in our extended community who came out and supported Brown Bag 4 Kids.

Thank you to Springbank Park For All Seasons for donating the ice time, Tim Hortons on 85th for the hot beverages, Crave Cupcakes for some delicious treats, and the amazing friends and community who came out and helped! Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids was truly appreciative and overwhelmed with all the support!



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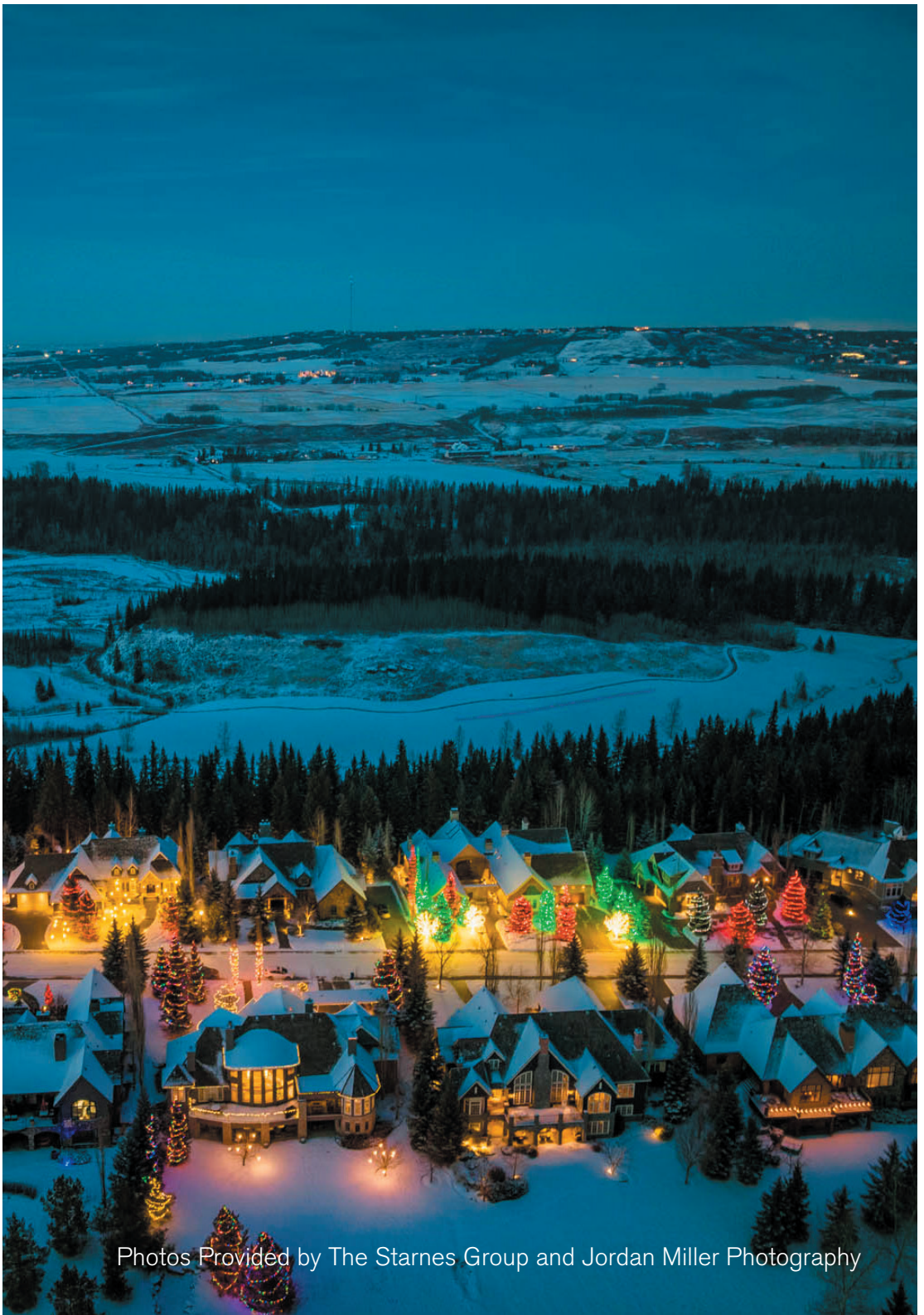
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