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GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone

On behalf of the SPFAS Board of Directors and Staff, we are happy to be back in our busy December month and putting out our December issue of the Springbank Community - Park Patter Newsletter.

It's great to see our 3 arenas for hockey, figure skating, high school broomball playing, lots of drop in shinney offerings (e.g., Ladies, Outdoor rink public, 55+ give or take some yrs. Men's, public skating) seeing strong usage again. Things are fairly similarly busy for curling, with adult public curling now being offered on Sundays from 1-3pm; the Ladies Bonspiel is fast approaching Jan 12-14; Tuesday & Friday morning (where there are 13 teams playing) in our 50+ public curling - all look to show some fun activities being participated in and members engaging in enjoyable social outings.



Things look similar for activities over at the Springbank Heritage Club, and in and around the fun Springbank Playschool (that operates out of the SPFAS 2nd floor play/classrooms). SPFAS also offers Parent & Tot skating opportunities Monday mornings 10:30-12:00pm (for those that might not be aware), and the Park is generally just a happy, comfortable, community gathering type of place to be.

Don't forget we also have a wheel chair lift that takes would be spectators, grandparents, etc., from the first floor (accessed in the area beside the concession washrooms), up to the 4th floor, which serves as a heated viewing area for the Red Dutton arena. The Joe Phillips arena can also be seen as well, if you venture down the 2nd floor hallway through the double doors, then around the bend to the left (past the Forge Golf sign & RH through those double doors), which lead into the Dryland training area where viewing windows are also located.

As per our included in this issue greeting card to all, we Wish you a very Happy Holiday and a joyful New Year.

Todd Muir, BPE

General Manager

Springbank Park for All Seasons

Email: todd.muir@springbankpark.com



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MEET THE STAFF

This edition continues introducing our highly valued staff members, and we are pleased to be able to introduce our Operations team members Alexander Louie & Meghan Bond. Alexander has been with SPFAS since 2021, and works p/t while he is also finishing High School next door. Alexander drives the Zamboni, does a lot of work on the Outdoor Rink including monitoring, digs in weekends to help maintain the Curling rinks ice. In his spare time, he also plays regularly for the Springbank Rockies SMHA U18 Hockey team, and enjoys the sport of bodybuilding, with the Westside Rec Centre being his home gym. He is Single, and comes from a hockey playing family having an older brother playing Jr. B. We are fortunate that both Megan and Alexander live in Springbank, with short 2 min commutes to get to work.

Meghan has been with the Park for 2.5 months, starting in September. She comes to SPFAS's team from the cutting horse training world, working for and with some big name clients, and also worked as a nannie for several families. Megan was born and raised in Okotoks, relocated close by and also looks after Arenas and the Curling Rink. For fun Megan enjoys competing in the horse event of cattle penning.

Feel free to say hi to both and welcome Megan as you see them out and about the facilities !



Megan Bond



Alexander Louie

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & NEW HAPPENINGS



 **Ladies 18+ Drop - In Shinny**

Tuesdays
9:00 am - 10:30 am

Beginners Welcome!

**\$10.00 per drop-in, or purchase
5 tokens for \$40.00**

Check the Event's Calendar @
www.springbankpark.com
for additional information.



Ladies Shinny At SPFAS

Ladies Shinny at Springbank Park For All Seasons!

To all the women out there that want to learn to play hockey in a fun, friendly, and encouraging atmosphere, we invite you to come to Springbank Park For All Season's Tuesday mornings!

Or perhaps you want to improve your already amazing hockey skills and want to pass along some tips. Or better yet, maybe you just want a fun workout and lose those few extra pounds before and after the Christmas

Season. You can do it all with the Women's Shinny at Springbank Park For All Seasons. Come out for some skill training, shinny, and great conversation on Tuesday mornings, women's drop-in from 9:00 – 10:30am.

You can join us for half an hour or the full hour and a half – whatever works for your schedule. This is a great group for beginners and for the intermediate player. Always focused on creating an encouraging atmosphere, one that even the most beginner players who have felt too intimidated to come out before can relax and enjoy learning the most basic skills of skating and stick handling. It's your time to hit the ice!

For more information, feel free to contact SPFAS or Juliette Ganske at jjganske01@gmail.com



SPRINGBANK CURLING CLUB

Springbank Curling Rocks The Start of a New Season

Curling season is well under way at Springbank's Curling Club. This year we once again have the full slate of leagues running that include Monday Night Ladies, Tuesday Night Mens, Wednesday Night Open, Thursday Oilers and Mixed Leagues, along with the ever-popular Friday Fun Open Mixed League. Our young curlers fill the ice each Saturday morning in the Junior League.

We are excited to introduce and welcome two new leagues this year. The new Stick Curling League has started with a small but dedicated group of 5 teams that play on Tuesday afternoons. We look forward to growing this league. We are also pleased to welcome the Westwinds Wednesday Afternoon Ladies League to the Springbank Curling Club.

In October Randy Olsen once again led the Junior and Adult Curling Clinics. With 22 juniors and 19 adult participants, these clinics welcomed new curlers as they learned the basics, but it also gave experienced curlers the opportunity to fine tune their skills. Everyone learned more about the strategy behind the game.

Volunteers remain an important part of ensuring the smooth running of our leagues and events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board and League Coordinators. This year we were also thankful for the many volunteers who stepped forward over Thanksgiving weekend to help cover casino shifts at the Elbow River Casino. The funds received through the casino help us keep curling an affordable and social sport for people of all ages and abilities. We would also like to thank the volunteers that run the bonspiels and the seasonal events within each league. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, be sure to watch for the upcoming events or send us and email we would love to learn more about your expertise and passions and put them to great use!

Springbank is excited to be the host club for the 2024 Wheelchair Championships Jan. 18-21, 2024. As we prepare to welcome the athletes as they play to represent Alberta, and the officials we will be looking for volunteers to help with both on and off the ice roles. Not able to volunteer? Check out the schedule, stop in and cheer on the teams. If you would like to sponsor this event, we would love to promote your business or organization. There is more information on the website

Springbank Curling Club is also hosting several annual bonspiels this year. Bonspiel season started with the Men's November 18-19 with a full roster. The ever popular 24 team Ladies Open Bonspiel is scheduled for Jan 12-14, 2024. This year's theme is the Kentucky Derby, come with your best fascinators. Registration is now open on the website.

To learn more about the leagues, bonspiels and events check out www.springbankcurling.com





LADIES OPEN BONSPIEL

January 12 to January 14, 2024

Entry per team \$300.00

Guaranteed 3 Games!

Saturday night banquet

Theme: Kentucky Derby

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Deb @ springbankmondayladiescurling@gmail.com

**2024
Bonspiel**



Springbank Heritage Club December Calendar

MONDAY

Pickle Ball....12:30-4:30. Last day Dec 18, resumes Jan 8, 2024

TUESDAY

Singing....10-12

Games.....1-4

All activities will close after Dec 13 and resume Jan. 10, 2024

WEDNESDAY

Weights & Balance.....9:30-10:30. Last day Wednesday Dec 06, resumes Wednesday Jan 17

10 week session (\$65/ member, \$75/non member)MUST pay when registering

CCC....1-4 (Craft, Coffee, Chat)

FRIDAY

Weights & Balance.....9:30-10:30. Last day Friday, Dec 15, resumes Friday Jan 19

10 week session (\$65/member, \$75/non member) MUST pay when registering

NOTE:

- Happy Hoofers have retired their shoes till Spring
- Jubilation Theater presents Beach Boys in February, if you're interested we'll take the bus.

January schedule begins January 8 2024

Monday....Pickle ball 12:30-4:30 (members only)

Tuesday....Singing 10-12 Games 1-4

Wednesday...Weights & Balance 9:30-10:30 (begins January 17)

CCC (craft, chat, coffee) 1-4

Friday...Weights & Balance 9:30-10:30 (begins January 19)

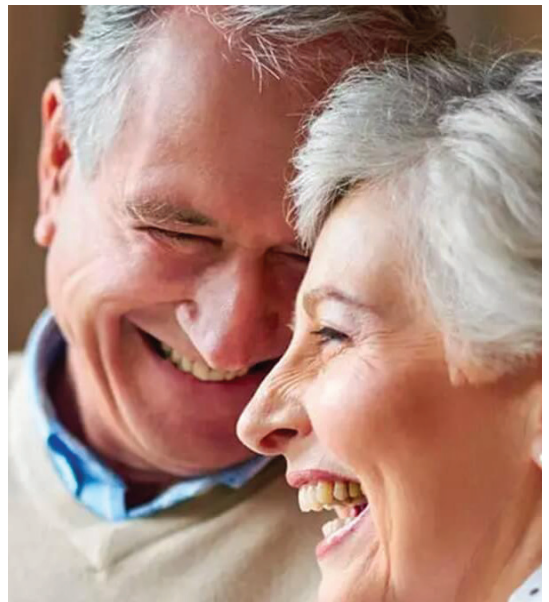
HEADS UP...

Wednesday January, 10.....Sip and Paint (bring your wine, canvas, paints, brushes and smiles)

February....Jubilation bus trip (featuring Beach Boys)

March....Pizza Night Speaker (Fraud and Scams)

more updates later



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↪ New classes start January 8



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COCHRANE RCMP MESSAGE



Who delivers presents to cats? Santa Paws! What did the sea say to Santa? Nothing! It just waved!

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



NATURE SHOTS



Photograph Courtesy Of Alison Smoole

Springbank is home to a diverse range of wildlife species.

While there are many benefits to living near wild animals, it is important to know how to co-exist with these animals to minimize conflict and ensure the safety of residents, pets, livestock, and wildlife alike.

Residents share their neighbourhoods with whitetail and mule deer, moose, elk, raccoons, skunks, badgers, lynx, bobcat, fox, rabbits, bats, coyotes and birds of prey.

In some areas, residents may encounter cougars or bears.



Parent - Tot Skating

Mondays

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

\$5.00 per Tot / \$20.00 for 5 Tot Tokens

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FRIDAY MORNING 50+ MIXED CURLING



Wow! 13 enthusiastic teams are enjoying the Friday Morning Mixed Curling.

This is up from 10 teams last year. With 6 sheets of ice this means one team has a bye each week. However, spares are always needed, so those players usually have the opportunity to curl if they wish.

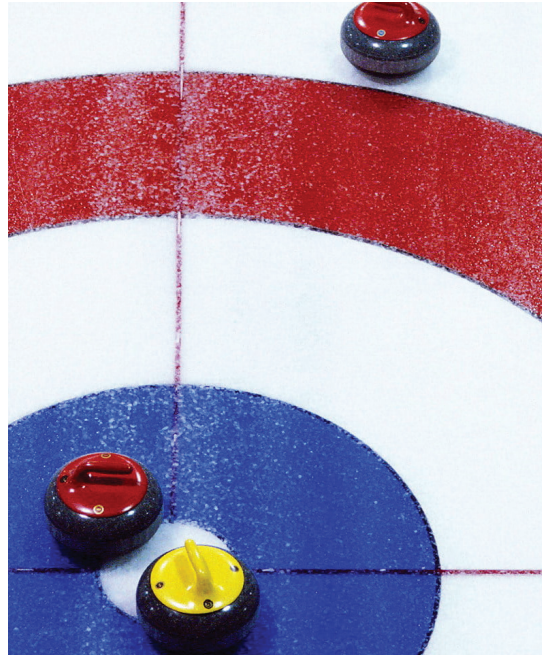
Maybe we'll be looking at two draws in the future if the increasing interest in participation continues. In the meantime, with winter holidays being so popular we always lose some curlers after Christmas.

So, if you might be interested in joining us for the Winter Session, which runs January through March, please contact Brian Davies our Draw master at briancapitalland@gmail.com or our president, Tim Presber at 403 827 2755 or tpresber1@gmail.com

All skill levels are welcome from rank beginners upwards. Introductory or refresher clinics are available at the start of each session.

Contributed by:

Shirley Tajcnar



Kevin Hanson



THANKYOU!

We would like to send out a sincere big Thank You to Kevin Hanson, RVC Councillor, Div. 1, and Welcome to Don Kochan, RVC Councillor (Deputy Reeve), Div. 2.

On behalf of the Springbank Park For All Seasons Board of Directors, members and staff, we would like to offer up our sincere thank you Kevin.

This is for your time and contributions to the SPFAS while being a board member the last couple of years, and it was great to see you and your wife out taking in the Park's Sept 9th annual Fall Fair.

We are pleased to welcome and have Don Kochan joining the SPFAS Board, effective October 17, 23, and we look forward to seeing you in attendance at our Dec 4th Board Meeting.

Cheers

Todd Muir, BPE

General Manager (SPFAS)



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DON KOCHAN, COUNCILLOR DIV 2



Hi everyone, the following Division 2 information is for your use:

Council Organizational Meeting – On October 17th Council had its organizational meeting and I have been placed on 13 boards and committees. You may see the appointments to the different boards and committees on the counties website. I will

be the Deputy Reeve for this coming year as well as chairing the Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB), Governance Committee, Enforcement Appeal Committee and Vice Chairing the Public Presentation Committee. On the other boards and committees I will be a standing member.

Springbank Area Structure Plan (ASP) – Administration has completed the engagement Summary report and is in the process of modifying the draft ASP to reflect the results. Community feedback was very constructive and helpful for administration on the What We Heard Report, so administration, at the Chair's discretion, has opted to defer the Springbank ASP report to the January 16th Governance Committee to ensure correct statistics and accurate representation. The Draft ASP was to be presented to the Governance Committee on November 21st however with the many changes and to ensure completeness of capturing the community feedback extra time was requested therefore the ASP will be presented in January to the Governance Committee. The website will be updated to reflect this.

Springbank Community Centre - The County has launched a web page South Springbank Community Events Center | Your View (rockyview.ca) on the South Springbank Community facility project that will provides background, timelines and details on how the community can be further engaged in the development of the community centre and future phases. The community centre was identified as a priority due to the displaced renters from the old hall that was decommissioned. There will be a lot more opportunity for the community to be engaged in this project. We are just at the beginning stages and once we move forward with some site studies, we will have a clearer picture of timelines.

Petro –Canada relocation proposal – An Area Structure plan (ASP) and Land Use Redesignation application for the property located at 33019 Township Road 250 (subject property) has been presented to administration. The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Range Road 33 and Township Road 250. The proposed land use application will seek a land use redesignation of the subject property to redesignate the lands from the

current Special, Public District (S-PUB) to the proposed Commercial, Highway District (C-HWY) to permit the future development of an integrated energy centre. The redesignation is being requested to allow for the potential relocation of Petro Canada's existing Jumping Pound integrated energy centre located at the northwest junction of Highway 22 and Highway 1. The potential relocation of Petro Canada's Jumping Pound facility is a result of potential planned improvements by Alberta's Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors (ATEC) to the highway interchange at Highway 22 and Highway 1. Petro Canada intends to develop the subject property similar to what exists at the existing Highway 22 and Highway 1 location. These applications are currently within the initial review portion of the application, once the Planner assigned is satisfied the information provided is enough to circulate the files they will have the notices drafted and mailed out to area residents along with a sign being posted on the property to notify area residents of the proposal. Landowners within 1.6km of the subject parcel will be directly mailed a notice. During the circulation the County will be seeking responses from applicable agencies and area residents on the proposal. These comments will then be redacted, where necessary, and shared with the applicant so they can determine how they would like to proceed with their application. Should the applicant wish to proceed to Council without major changes to their application the Planner assigned to the files will draft the Council report and prepare it for internal reviews prior to a Public Hearing date with Council being determined. Should the application proceed through this process a final Council meeting date will be determined and a Public Hearing notice will be sent to the residents within 1.6km of the subject parcel as well as notices posted on the County website. If you would like to provide comments on the application, please send them to Bernice Leyeza at BLeyeza@rockyview.ca

Highway 1 / Range Road 33 Overpass Improvement - Stage 1 of Highway 1 and Range Road 33 interchange is required to be completed prior to Costco's opening. Stage 1 consists of a) reconfigure the interchange ramps to a diamond configuration, b) upgrade the interchange ramp terminal intersections to roundabouts, c) widen Range Road 33 to four lanes between Highway 1 and Township Road 250, and d) upgrade the Range Road 33 and Township Road 250 intersection to a roundabout. More information about this project can be found on the County's website at: <https://www.rockyview.ca/county-services/capital-projects/>

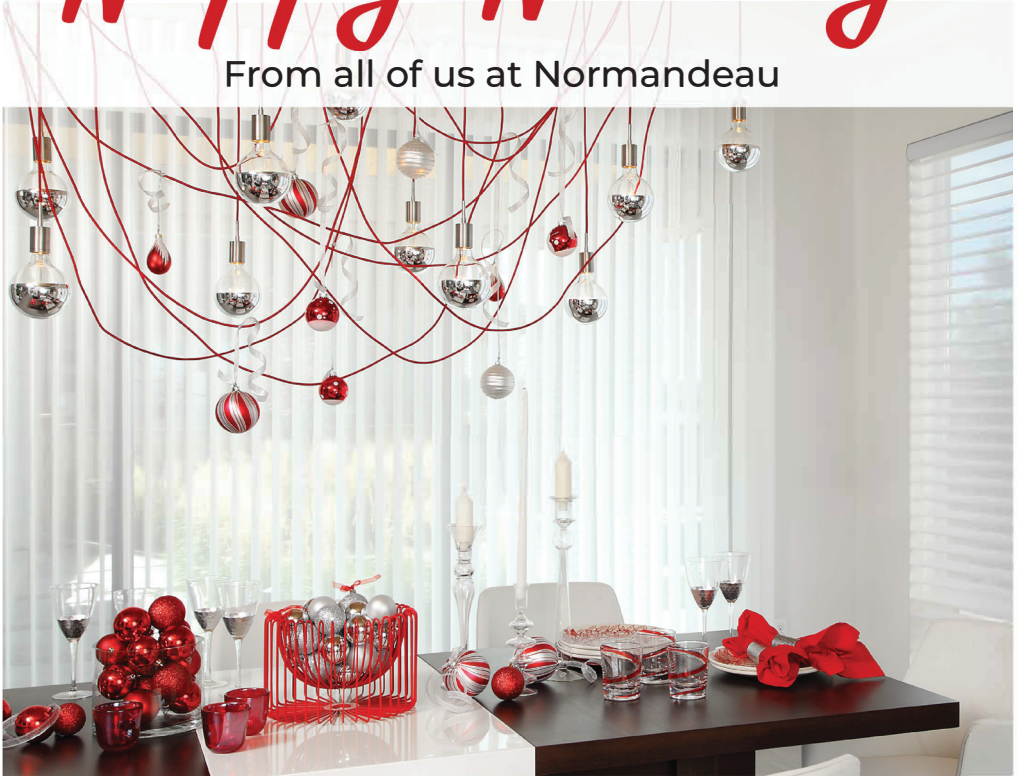
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Our staff and students have been working hard. Schools are busy places, not only focusing on academic learning and assessment

but also giving band performances, engaging in sports competitions, drama productions, leadership activities, field trips, and community contribution activities. The Board has published its Annual Education Assurance Results Report. It is available on the Rocky View Schools website. www.rockyview.ab.ca

Congratulations to Airdrie City Council for working with the new Francophone school to build a gymnasium that can be used by the public. The City will run the gym. Strathmore built a similar facility. This model is an effective use of our taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. For those of you who would like to see this in action, I invite you to visit the George Freeman School in Strathmore. The gym is built with a separate and secure entrance for public use.

Link to article <https://www.airdriecityview.com/local-news/airdrie-council-commits-up-to-4m-for-gym-at-new-francophone-school-7799160>

The new Hautes-Plaines Francophone school is set to open in Airdrie in 2027.

The name Hautes-Plaines refers to the topography of the territory where the school is located. The latter is located on a plateau of approximately 1,100 meters above sea level, surrounded by plains which form the beginning of the Canadian prairies and the beginning of the Rocky Mountains.

The Tsqéscen is the seventh First Nation to do so since 2022

<https://www.wltribune.com/news/tsqescen-first-nation-takes-control-of-childrens-education-6830875>

Indigenous Cultural Liaisons

The Indigenous Learning team is happy to welcome new Indigenous cultural liaisons. Stacey Dyck and Nicole Runner These two new members will support schools in offering cultural lessons, teachings, and support to staff and students, as well as support bridging communication between school and home for Indigenous students and families.

Mandatory Holocaust Education in BC High Schools

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-holocaust-education-mandatory-1.7013308>

British Columbia will make Holocaust education mandatory for Grade 10 students starting in the fall of 2025. B.C. Premier David Eby says the move comes during a "frightening" time for the Jewish community, citing a rise in antisemitic incidents in B.C. amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

Education minister tasked with creating universal nutrition program

Manitoba's new education minister has been handed an ambitious to-do list that includes developing a universal nutrition program, appointing a senior advisor of Indigenous excellence in schooling, and introducing P3 accountability legislation.

Nova Scotia education minister says naloxone in schools being discussed for new year

Nova Scotia's education minister says the government is discussing the idea of making naloxone kits available in the province's schools, as the Liberal opposition presses for rapid action. Naloxone is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and can save lives if administered rapidly. Education Minister Becky Druhan says the use of opioids at high schools in the province is "concerning."

B.C. announces funding for prefab classrooms for growing Vancouver Island school district

The B.C. government is funding the expansions of at least two schools using prefabricated additions — which are more permanent than portables and quicker to complete than traditional construction.

Judi Hunter

Rockyview Schools Trustee



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will be closed December 25th, 26th, and January 1st.

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Happy Holidays & A Prosperous 2024 To All!

From: Ben & The Ice Breaker Lounge Team.

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Playschool

Hello everyone! I'm Ms. Chelsea, the new 4/5-year-old afternoon playschool teacher! We've had an exciting couple months at Springbank Playschool! We have been busy with various science experiments, spirit days, field trips, exploring inside and outside the classroom and have enjoyed playing with some new toys as well as reading on our new couches!

Our 50/50 raffle was very successful! We'd like to give a huge thank you to Lee Baker for his generous donation of giving back his winnings to the Playschool! We thank you so much and appreciate your support!

This month we are learning about different Holidays celebrated around the world. We will be practising some festive songs to share with our families before Winter break as well! We are also looking forward to giving back to our community with the students being directly involved!!

We do have some spots available in both our morning and afternoon classes for the New Year! Check out www.springbankplayschool.ca for more information!

We'd like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday with their friends and families!

Ms. Chelsea



Christmas Eve

at Westlife
Services 2pm & 4pm

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*across from Calaway Park



Springbank Park For All Seasons

Outdoor Rink Public Skating

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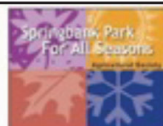
No sticks or pucks permitted
on ice during Public Skate.

Springbank Park
For All Seasons

Adult 18 yrs+ Public Curling

Sundays @
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Check the **EVENTS CALENDAR** at
www.springbankpark.com for
upcoming dates, and details!





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SPFAS Management & Board Happenings

There is lots of developmental stuff always going on behind the scenes at SPFAS, and being channeled first through the Park's Operations and Enhancement (Executive and working members including 2 staff) - 11-person sub committee of the Board.

Then recommendations for motions and approvals are moved on to SPFAS 17-18 members strong full Board of Directors (when including the Past President position and the Robinson family who donated the Park's land – representative position).

e.g.

* Curling Rink slab/refrigeration brine lines replacement project

* Continued work and liaising with RVC on the South Springbank Community Facilities developmental plans

* Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program – grant application

* Reciprocal Use of Facilities Agreement renewal with the Rocky View School Division

* Long (10-year) Term Capital Plan development (facilities, equipment, ice plant upgrades, etc.)

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