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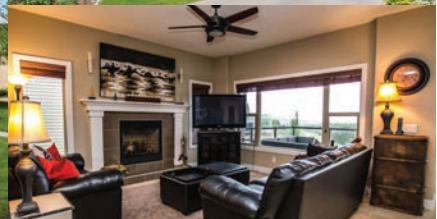
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GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE



Hi Springbank Community & SPFAS members

We are moving through August, and there have been some exciting things happening around the Park in the off-season summer months. We are pleased to let you know that we are currently carrying out a significant Lounge Kitchen build-out and commercial cooking equipment installation project, which will give our SPFAS Lounge much improved food preparation infrastructure. This will enhance the food services provision, as well as see the space get a nice new quality ventilation system.

The Park's fun multi-faceted Fall Fair is coming up again on Saturday September 12th, and you will see lots of details and promotions inside this Newsletter. It kicks off at 9:30am with a Lions Club hosted Pancake Breakfast, and then you have the Agricultural & Horticultural show, farm animals to see and pet, a Kids Play Zone with lots of fun activities, face painting if something inspiring, our community / trade show and booths in the big tent, a beer garden, food trucks, and lots more family fun! " (circle the date on your calendars) ".

Our Springbank Park For All Seasons AGM is coming up on Monday September 28 at 6:30pm, and this is where



the Board for this next operating season (and year term) is installed. As per page 10's mention, we have two Board of Director at Large positions available, if this is something that would interest you? We invite / welcome community-minded members who are interested to reach out, get more details, and send in a resume / application to me or feel free to give me a call first.

We also have the SPFAS Casino coming up on Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 14, at ACE Casino Airport, and the sign-up link is shown on Page 6, if pulling a shift is something you could do for the Park

(we are still offering the nice program credit for volunteering as well). The Casinos we get basically every 18 months, helps keep facility fees lower and contributes to helping SPFAS maintain and keep the Park's many facilities in great shape.

We hope to see you at the Fall Fair, the AGM, maybe at the Park's Casino, or possibly checking out the Food and welcoming atmosphere up in the Park's updated Lounge. Having you back around the facility is always welcome at this time of year, when everything gets going again.

Cheers

Todd Muir, BPE

General Manager

Springbank Park For All Seasons

**2026 SPRINGBANK PARK FOR ALL SEASONS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
6:30PM
2ND FLOOR, SPFAS DRYLAND AREA**

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Meet the Board Members and learn how the SPFAS is
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**OLD TYME
FALL FAIR
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

10am - 4pm / Free entry

Market / Horticulture & Agriculture Show / Kid Zone
Farm Animals/Book & Puzzle Swap/ Pancake Breakfast

Springbank Park For All Seasons
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MEET THE STAFF

We are glad to welcome back Mike Libbus, Daniel Bubola & their crew for the 2026/27 season, as our Curling Rink Ice Care/Maintenance – Contractor & Ice Technicians. Mike is the GM of the Okotoks Curling Club (for the past 12 yrs), and Daniel Bubola, is the lead Ice Technician and past GM of the Calgary Curling Club). Their group looked after our Curling Ice last season and their company takes pride and care of ours and some other rinks SW of Calgary.

A few years back Mike got the Curling Alberta President's Award for his contributions to the game. Mike runs a business with Daniel & other Curling Ice Care professionals working side by side with him, and he has a son and daughter who have both competed at high levels. Mike co-chaired the Alberta Scotties Tournament and is also a curling coach and golf pro. Welcome back Mike & Daniel !



Name Me!

WE'RE GETTING A NEW ICE MACHINE!



Help us name our brand-new Olympia for a chance to win a complimentary ice time for you and your friends!

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The Casino helps keep facility fees lower and contributes to helping SPFAS maintain and keep the Park's many facilities in great shape. In 2024/25 the SPFAS Board approved the offering of a special SPFAS members incentive, which will see each User group on-behalf of volunteering member qualify for a \$100 fees rebate, that will be sent back to their primary User Group (being represented) – for crediting the member/family for helping out ! This is the SPFAS Casino, and this incentive is the SPFAS way of showing appreciation to User group members/volunteers.

To sign-up, please go to our web page at <https://www.springbankpark.com/> (and on the main page, look for and click on the lower blue tab)

For more information contact our GM Todd Muir

Phone: 403-669-2387

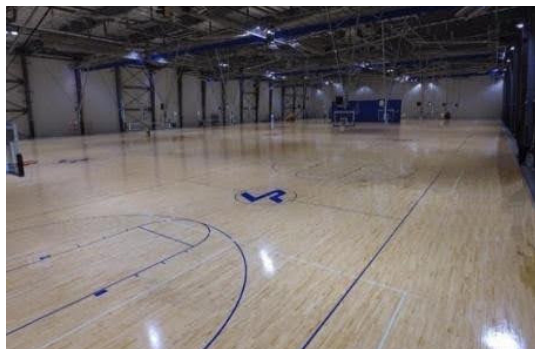
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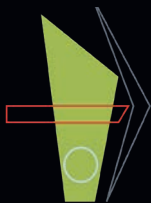
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SPFAS PARK ADDITIONS



We are continuing to work with RVC to hopefully help realize a possibly scaled back or more phased Multi-sports and courts new facility addition, that would also provide a local fitness training area and an indoor walking track in Springbank. It has the potential to be in the construction phase by possibly 2027/28, if things come together.





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Old Tyme Fall Fair

Saturday, September 12, 2026

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TRIBUTE TO BOB BRAWN



Calgary & the Springbank Park for All Seasons is mourning the loss of Bob Brawn, a respected longtime Springbank resident, Oldtimers Hockey Player, Calgary oilman, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Bob passed away at his home June 29, 2026 at the age of 89. He is survived by his four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. All



4 of Bob's kids (Sheryl, Dean, Kelley and Patti) are graduates of the Springbank Community High School. Springbank was said to be a major influence in their lives, and their Mom Carole used to tell them every day that they had a "million dollar view" on their bus ride

to school.

Bob enjoyed playing old timer hockey at SPFAS & getting together with the guys / players. The Springbank Park For All Seasons was the and their hub for much of the recreational activity in the community, and Bob served as President of the SPFAS Board for a year in 1975.

Bob was known for being a tireless worker who devoted himself to improving his hometown as a businessman and volunteer. Bob's contributions to Calgary's business community and his generous support of local causes, included donating the Springbank Park For All Seasons - Brawn Family Foundation Fieldhouse. The Fieldhouse still serves the community, providing heated dressing rooms for the Park's outdoor rink, and providing Locker Rooms for local youth Football.

Bob & his wife Carole through their Brawn Family Foundation, leave behind a lasting legacy of leadership, community service, and philanthropy (contributing millions of dollars to other institutions across the city, including the University of Calgary, SAIT, the Alberta Children's Hospital, Heritage Park and the Calgary Zoo).

Besides being a long-term member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Calgary at Stampede Park (volunteering many shifts during Stampedes), Bob was part of the Board of Directors of OCO-88 (1988 Winter Olympics Calgary). Bob served on the organizing committee for the games, an experience his family remembers as one of the highlights of his life. He also helped lead the organizing committees for the Calgary Airport Authority, and Calgary Economic Development.

Our thoughts are with Bob, his family, friends, and all those lives that Bob has touched.



SPFAS Board, Staff & Members



SPRINGBANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS



For this 2026/27 operating year, **we have two Director at Large positions open and we are recruiting** / looking for 2 new Directors to be added to and join the SPFAS Board.

The Springbank Park For All Seasons is governed and operated by an 18 member(s) volunteer Board of Directors, who are elected each year at the AGM (& include representatives from each of the main User groups, including Springbank Minor Hockey, Figure Skating, Curling, Playschool and Soccer).

In addition to the Directors duly elected at the AGM, we also have a Robinson Family (that donated the land SPFAS sits on) Director's position, one Division 2 currently serving Councillor representing Division 1&2 of Rocky View County position, and a representative of the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools position.

The positions are elected for 1-year terms, and the Park holds typically 7-8 Board meetings per year, if

there is sufficient business, updates and or motions needing to be made, etc. July and Aug are taken off months for summer holidays and December is off whenever possible. Monday night Meetings can range from 1-1.25hrs in length. If this is something that strikes an interest, and you or the person you would like to nominate, has experience, background and a skill set that is felt would be a good match for our Board. Please contact our GM, at todd.muir@springbankpark.com, or 403-669-2387.

A Special thanks goes out to all our returning Board members, who agreed to stay on and help govern / guide the Park for yet another term, with this being year 9 on the Board for President Frank Walsh

A Special thanks also goes out to our past User Group's representatives as well, including the Springbank Minor Hockey Association's Mike Masse, who is handing things over to SMHA Vice President Chris Kissick

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SPRINGBANK CURLING CLUB

Slide into the 2026/27 Curling Season at Springbank!

The Springbank Curling Club is excited to launch the 2026/27 season with a fresh lineup of leagues, a continued focus on training, and opportunities for curlers of all ages and experience levels.

Plus50 League

We're proud to introduce the Springbank Silver Sliders Plus50 League, a daytime league for curlers aged 50 and up. Held Wednesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., this league is perfect for those looking to stay active and social in a fun, low-pressure setting. Join us for a 10-week session before or after Christmas, or sign up for the full 20-week season as a team, or as an individual.

Saturday Junior Curling

Our popular Junior Curling program continues this fall, welcoming kids and teens of all skill levels every Saturday from 10 am - 12 pm. This fun, supportive environment helps young curlers learn the basics, build teamwork, and enjoy the sport through guided instruction and games.

Find the League That Fits You

From weekday evening leagues to daytime options, Springbank Curling Club offers something for everyone. Our lineup includes men's, ladies', mixed, and open leagues, as well as the Plus50 offering. Whether you're returning to the sport or trying curling for the first time, there's a place for you here.

Ready to get started? Visit springbankcurling.com to explore league options, training clinics, and junior

programs. If you're interested in joining a league or registering for a clinic, reach out to us at springbankcurlingclubcalgary@gmail.com or contact any of our league coordinators directly—we'd love to have you on the ice!

Springbank Friday Morning Seniors Curling

Participants are of various levels of skill with teams are made up pulled from a hat based on your assessment of the position you are prepared to play. You must be over 50 to play and be of good spirit. Our league is quite relaxed. Fees for each of the fall and winter sessions will be around \$100 for about 10 games. We are always looking for spares to fill in and if you would rather not commit to play each week, sign up for our spare list. Spares play for free and are arranged by our sparemaster – you do not need to find your own spare if you must miss a game. To get more information call or email our president Tim Presber 403 827 2755 or tpresber1@gmail.com. To get on the contact list to be notified of details and to be put on a team, contact our drawmaster Gerardo Odorizzi by email gerardo.odorizzi@gmail.com. Game times are at 9:30 each Friday morning at the Springbank Park for All Seasons.





Springbank Park For All Seasons

54th Annual Old Tyme Country Fair

September 12, 2026

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am - Noon

**Kid Zone featuring Games, Activities, Face Painting,
Tot Bouncer and Prizes**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Agriculture & Horticulture Show

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Agriculture Displays, Demonstrations, Exhibits,
Farm Animal Education Area**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Book & Puzzle Swap

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vendor Market

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Food Trucks, Onsite DJ, Beer Gardens

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Horticulture Awards

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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54th Annual Springbank Fall Fair
Saturday, September 12, 2026 | 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Pancake Breakfast, Vendor Market, Horticulture Show, Kids Zone, Farm Animals, Agricultural Displays, Book & Puzzle Swap.
Help us to create a memorable event for the community!

Bronze Sponsor \$250 - \$499

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We are turning 40 this year! Save the date! Everyone is welcome!

On Sunday, September 20th we will host our 40th Anniversary Celebration from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm. We are located at 244168 Range Road 33, and online at www.springbankheritageclub.com.

Did you know the Springbank Heritage Club is not just a place to vote during election time? The Springbank Heritage Club is a volunteer-run not-for-profit organization created for the benefit and enjoyment of seniors aged 50+ living in Springbank and surrounding communities. Our club is a terrific place to find new friendships and create connections with our community. We support a healthy lifestyle for our members. The club is active, welcoming and evolving. New members are always welcome!

Our Vision: To be a dynamic and inclusive club where people 50+ build friendships, stay active and volunteer – to create experiences that shape and forge a vibrant, united community.

Annual membership is only \$50. Each month members enjoy regularly scheduled activities:

Mondays: Fitness Class and Pickleball

Tuesdays: Games/ Pool, Singing, and monthly Potluck

Wednesdays: Fitness Class, Crafts, and monthly Trivia Night

Thursdays: Pickleball and Sewing

Fridays: Fitness Class, monthly Book Club, and Pool/Billiards

Please note the following groups will not be meeting in August:

Weekly singing group will resume on September 8th

Trivia/ Name that Tune will resume on September 9th and will continue the second Wednesday of each month.

Monthly Page Turners book club will resume on September 11th

Monthly potluck will resume on September 22nd

All other activities and groups will continue throughout summer based on availability of members.

Fall exercise classes session starts on September 9th and will run for 12 weeks. Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is a low impact co-ed class that offers a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, balance and activities for daily living. Equipment is provided (i.e., 3, 5 and 8 lb. weights, bands, balls). Fees must be paid before the first day of class. You may only attend on the day/days of the week that you sign up for:

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Ready to join us? You can sign up at the Club or by emailing springbankhc@telus.net.

Springbank Park For All Seasons

54th Annual Old Tyme Country Fair

Agriculture & Horticulture Bench Show

Saturday, September 12, 2026

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Awards announced @ 3:00 pm



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The Springbank Creative Arts Club - MISSION is "to encourage the development of arts and crafts within the Springbank community.

We are pleased to announce that the Springbank Christmas Market has been booked for October 31 and Nov 1st, 2026 at the Springbank Community High School.

The vendors are selected so there is a good variety and not a lot of the same type of products. So, if you are looking for that special gift – you will find it at this market.

Expected products are handmade quality items, baking, crafts, wood working, pet items, jewelry, sewing, knitting, hats, clothing, upcycling, original art, stained glass, quilting, bags, kitchen towels, microwave

bowl cozies, preserves, perogies, sausages, pretzels, Christmas cakes, lotions, soaps, honey, candles, camping knives, metal art, horse items, cookies, and more.... You name it and it will be in the sale.

There will be tables with a limited selection at the Springbank Old Tyme Fall Fair September 12, 2026.

This event draws people from the community and the surrounding areas. The past year saw a record crowd and the vendors were pleased with the set up and the sales.

The Springbank Christmas Market is one of the earlier sales in the season and it helps folks get started on their shopping lists. So please mark your calendars and attend the sale Oct 31 & Nov 1, 2026

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Submitted by Yvonne Bamlett,
Springbank Creative Arts Club

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As summer is in full swing here in Alberta, it can be hard to think about Fall and the upcoming school year. But for the Springbank Playschool we have an exciting school year planned and some fun changes to look forward to. We would like to welcome Ms Becky Jackson to our team as our afternoon teacher for the full day four-year-old program. Becky will be bringing a fun, creative, and compassionate energy to the preschool that we are looking forward to. We are welcoming back Ms Kim as the morning teacher for the fours and threes and director of the program, as well as Ms Sheryl as our teaching assistant for all classes.

Come September we have an extended hours program for our fours, which will offer a full day program running from 8:40am to 2:40pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have a few spaces still available for our full day program as well as our half day program for the fours. Our three-year-old program is currently full and has a waitlist, but feel free to contact us for more information about both programs.

A new crosswalk has been painted and a new pedestrian crossing sign has been placed near the outdoor playground for us to cross the service road

more carefully.

This upcoming school year, we look forward to our field trips to Butterfield Acres, the local Fire Station and to Bow Habitat Fish Hatchery, as well as we are planning for an ice skating inhouse field trip and a few other special guests to the preschool.

Our program is a play-based program with a central focus on FLIGHT, Alberta's early learning and care framework. We believe our early learners, learn best through play and interacting with their peers and teachers. That through various activities throughout the day they will get the chance to be mighty learners as they navigate social and community experiences that will help us pause, ask questions, and explore in a safe and welcoming environment. With various themes throughout the year like, Space, bugs, season changes, migration, hibernation, pumpkins, and so on, we explore and ask questions while also pivoting to the interests of our little learners.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe rest of their summer vacation and we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Please feel free to email registrar@springbankplayschool.ca for more information, you can also book a tour of the classroom to see our space.

Come visit our booth during the Old Tyme Fall Fair. We will have a sign-up sheet as well for our big fall fundraiser which will be a family photoshoot with Precious Portraits. Details for the fundraiser will be available at the booth.

Cheers from Ms Kim, Ms Becky, and Ms Sheryl



Springbank Park For All Seasons

**Parent Tot Skate and Sticks & Pucks
will soon be back on the Schedule.**

\$5.00 per child drop-in, or \$20.00 for 5 tokens

**Check the Events Calendar for the start up
dates at www.springbankpark.com**

TRUSTEE BROWNLEE WARD 4



A warm and heartfelt congratulations to RVS Trustee Shali Baziuk who was elected President of Canadian School Boards Association during CSBA's Annual General Meeting on July 6 in Whistler, British Columbia. Her term as president began on July 8.

As CSBA president, she will help advance the priorities of school board associations across Canada and support strong, locally elected school board governance.

Rocky View Schools (RVS) is excited to receive design funding for a Kindergarten – Grade 9 school in the southeast community of Lanark in Airdrie and a high school in Chestermere's Chelsea neighbourhood. Minister of Education and Childcare, the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides announced the government would be moving these projects forward to design on July 9. RVS initially received planning funding for the schools in 2025 as part of the provincial government's School Construction Accelerator Program.

The Government of Alberta recently announced

approximately \$3 million in additional funding for RVS for the 2026-27 school year. Administration is currently working through the funding requirements and developing an implementation plan based on the information available at this time. The board will meet in July to consider a budget adjustment before the new school year, with a goal of having the funds ready to use immediately for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

The Government of Alberta released on July 9th that Sixteen more school projects in Calgary are being fast-tracked through a provincial government program. Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides will announce the projects July 16th, as part of the Alberta government's nearly \$9-billion push to add 200,000 more student spaces throughout the province. Under the Schools Now program, Nicolaides will announce 41 projects that are being advanced provincially — 19 will be able to begin construction, while 22 will enter the design phase.

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SPRINGBANK FALL FAIR

Kid Zone

September 12, 2026
10:00am - 2:00pm
Outdoor Rink

The Activities:
Face Painting | Carnival Games | Activity Stations | Toddler Bouncer | Mini Putt

Pick up an Activity Card, collect stamps at carnival games and activity stations, then trade it in for a prize from the Treasure Box!



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FALL FAIR BOOK & PUZZLE SWAP

The Book and Puzzle Swap will take place in the Curling Rink from 10:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday, September 12.

Bring Books and/or Puzzles to add to the Swap and choose items to take home in return - It's a Swap, after all!

We will accept Books and Puzzles prior to Fair Day at the SPFAS Admin Office starting August 5, Monday to Friday, between 9:00am and 3:00pm. You may also bring them on the day of the Fall Fair.



HELPING HANDS



Neighbours Helping Neighbours: Join the Helping Hands Volunteer Team

For more than 19 years, Helping Hands Society of Cochrane & Area has been strengthening community and reducing vulnerability by connecting neighbours with the support they need to live safely, independently, and with dignity.

Through programs including the Volunteer Driver Program, Food Rescue, Caring Neighbours, Summer Do Crew, and Free Food Sheds, Helping Hands provides practical assistance to individuals and families throughout the region. Every day, our dedicated volunteers help deliver food, provide transportation to medical appointments, complete seasonal yard work, offer friendly visits, and support community members through life's challenges.

As our programs continue to grow, so does the need for compassionate volunteers—particularly in the communities of Springbank, Bragg Creek/Redwood, and Bearspaw.

Whether you have a few hours each month or time to volunteer more regularly, there are many ways to get involved. You might choose to become a Volunteer Driver, helping neighbours access essential medical appointments and services, join our Caring Neighbours program to provide companionship and practical support, assist with Food Rescue, or lend a hand through our Summer Do Crew by helping with outdoor

maintenance for those unable to manage it themselves.

Volunteering is flexible and designed to fit your schedule, interests, and availability. Every hour you give has a lasting impact—not only for the person receiving support but for the strength and wellbeing of our entire community.

Helping Hands believes that strong communities are built by neighbours helping neighbours. By volunteering, you're becoming part of a caring network of people who are committed to making a meaningful difference, one act of kindness at a time.

If you've been looking for a way to give back, meet new people, and support your community, we'd love to welcome you to our volunteer team.

To learn more about our programs or to become a volunteer, visit www.helpinghandscochrane.ca or contact our office at 403-851-8017.

Together, we can build stronger, more connected communities across Springbank, Bragg Creek, Redwood, Bearspaw, and beyond.



Update on the Springbank's South Lands

Earlier this year, Springbank residents were encouraged to write to the Province of Alberta in support of keeping the South Lands—located south of the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir (SR1)—as public land for recreation, trails, and river access. These lands, which run along the Elbow River, were acquired by the Province as part of the original SR1 project but are not required for reservoir infrastructure.

We have now received a response from the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

The Minister confirmed that, following the design and construction of the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir, certain portions of the South Lands are no longer required for SR1 operations.

Importantly, the Province has stated that it does not intend to surplus the South Lands at this time and that the land is not for sale. The Province is currently

considering future uses for the property and has indicated that discussions about pathways or trail development are premature until a long-term direction has been established.

The Minister also noted that, once a future direction has been determined, the Province will engage with relevant stakeholders.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to write letters and share your views. Your participation demonstrates the value our community places on protecting these lands for public benefit. STAPA will continue to monitor developments and keep the community informed as more information becomes available.

For more information contact

Website: <https://springbankpathways.ca/>

Email: info@springbankpathways.ca

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