



# The Bridges

## WEEKLY BUZZ



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### Hello Neighbours!

Due to the coronavirus pandemic we have created this weekly newsletter to stay connected via email and social media. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please email [hall@brcacalgary.org](mailto:hall@brcacalgary.org).

### Outreach and Resources

Community Social Worker 403-703-5104

Fresh Routes mobile grocery store [CLICK](#)

Calgary Police non-emergency 403-266-1234

Distress Centre 403-266-1601

Calgary Resources Helpline 211

BRCA 403-263-5755

Neighbours Helping Neighbours [CLICK](#)

AlbertaCaresConnector [CLICK](#)

## BRIDGELAND WALKS '20

Week of June 15-21st Neighbour Day Walkathon

Complete 1, 2 or all 6 of the unique Self guided walks around the 'hood and see how many new neighbours you can say hello to.

Click on each link below for the maps & directions

 Contact us if you'd like to receive the weekly email with details [bridgelandwalks@gmail.com](mailto:bridgelandwalks@gmail.com)

[Walk #1. Overview](#)

[Walk #2. Walk on the Wild Side](#)

[Walk #3. Riverside Art Walk](#)

[Walk #4. Little Free Libraries](#)

[Walk #5. In the Footsteps of the Ukrainians](#)

[Walk #6. Bridges](#)

### COVID-19 info for Albertans

Stay informed on the latest updates from the Government of Alberta at [alberta.ca/coronavirus](https://alberta.ca/coronavirus)

### Stay Connected with Neighbourhood Facebook groups

[BRCA official page](#)

[Bridgeland/Riverside](#)

[Bridgeland Love](#)

[Bridgeland Riverside Eyes on the Street](#)

[Bridgeland Rock Hunt](#)

## Message to Bridgeland-Riverside

The last few months have challenged all of us: in Bridgeland-Riverside, in Calgary, in Canada and around the world. It is uncommon for everyone on this planet to be facing the same “enemy” but it’s happening during this COVID-19 pandemic. In some ways, that has been a good thing. We collectively deal with the restrictions of COVID-19 on our society, at the same time recognizing that our experiences of the pandemic may vary. Not everyone has had to fully self-isolate or lost their job or had to work in a hazardous setting or become ill. Some of our neighbours do carry a heavier load.

What is so amazing and heartening is the spirit of people in Bridgeland-Riverside. Everyone is doing their best to cope with the changes; some are reaching out to help others, through grocery shopping and doing errands. The young and old are lifting our spirits with community-wide window art work and sidewalk chalk drawings. With the extra challenge of closed playgrounds, parents and kids have taken to the streets and sidewalks, going on walks, learning to ride bikes and relishing in much needed fresh air and activity. Murdoch and Riverside Parks have seen an increase in numbers, as people play or just hang out alone or in their family groups or in physical distancing exercise groups. We see more neighbours outdoors, chatting from a safe physical distance with passersby, and getting to know one another. The self-guided Bridgeland Walks have shown residents new routes to walk and interesting facts about familiar places. We have had to focus on the basics close to home, yet on many levels our community has come alive! People are really appreciating the many wonderful aspects of our living here!

Businesses and organizations have also adapted to figure out ways to operate during this pandemic. From curbside pickup of products, to producing hand sanitizer and making masks available, to home delivered meals, businesses have done what is needed to serve the public.

This past weekend’s hailstorm and flash flooding created other difficulties and gave the opportunity for neighbours to help each other out once again. The bucket brigade who jumped into action at the submerged parking lot on Meredith Road, the quick thinking shovellers who cleared the leaves and debris from many clogged corner drainage basins and other acts of kindness by residents have all made a difference to our wellbeing and our feeling of belonging here.

This weekend’s Neighbour Day will certainly be different than other years, due to ongoing physical distancing requirements. The city has developed some suggestions for ways to celebrate safely this year. We have included the special scavenger hunt in this edition of the Buzz. Try it out. You can find other ideas for Neighbour Day at this link: [CLICK HERE](#)

We do not know what tomorrow holds, but we can feel confident that we live in one of the best neighbourhoods in the city, and that we, as part of a caring community will get through whatever challenges are thrown our way. Enjoy the weekend and the coming days of summer!

-From your Community Association



## Neighbour Day Scavenger Hunt – June 20

Neighbour Day 2020 is on June 20. Celebrate by challenging your neighbours to participate in the Neighbour Day Scavenger Hunt. Complete as many or as few activities as you'd like. Be sure to practice physical distancing while playing by staying at least two metres (six feet) apart. Good luck and have fun!

### Find

- Mayor Nenshi talking about Neighbour Day (in-person or online)
- Your local community association on social media
- A window with a positive message sign
- A Little Free Library
- A community garden or a neighbour gardening
- A neighbour enjoying a City park or pathway
- A red or white balloon
- A bilingual sign



### Do

- Fill out a Neighbour Day pledge card
- Write a thank-you letter to the volunteers who run **your local community association**
- Decorate your yard or window in red and white to celebrate Neighbour Day
- Commit to three acts of kindness (visit [calgary.ca/HelpingOthers](http://calgary.ca/HelpingOthers) for ideas)
- Support a local business #SupportLocalYYC
- Wave to a neighbour
- Chalk the word 'neighbour' in a language other than English on your sidewalk
- Take a picture of a scenic landmark in your neighbourhood
- Chalk the name of your community on small rocks
- A neighbour playing an instrument or singing a song outside



### Share

- A **connection card** with your neighbour
- A video chat with friends, family or neighbours
- A greeting, conversation or joke with your neighbour
- This Neighbour Day Scavenger Hunt with a neighbour
- A social media post using one of these Alberta hashtags: #3Things4Neighbours, #AlbertaCares, #SupportLocalYYC, #yycHubs
- Supplies or groceries with a neighbour
- A historical fact about your neighbourhood on social media and tag your local community association



Take photos during the scavenger hunt and share your experience using **#yycNeighbourDay**

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## Bridgeland - Riverside Farmers' Market

The first Bridgeland-Riverside Farmers Market Box was SO successful, we are doing it again for July.

The June Market Box sold out in only 2 weeks. Thank you to everyone for the support of the market and the vendors.

The July Market Box will again be filled with locally produced products from your favourite market vendors. Some vendors will be back for another month and we'll mix it up with some new ones. The box will contain a great selection of produce, breads, meat, preserves and treats. A full vendor list to be posted soon.

So don't miss out this month, order your July Market Box **NOW!!**

**COST:** \$125 per box - limited quantity

**ORDER BY:** July 20th

**PICK UP ON:** July 23rd between 4:00-7:00pm  
at the Bridgeland Community Association

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

