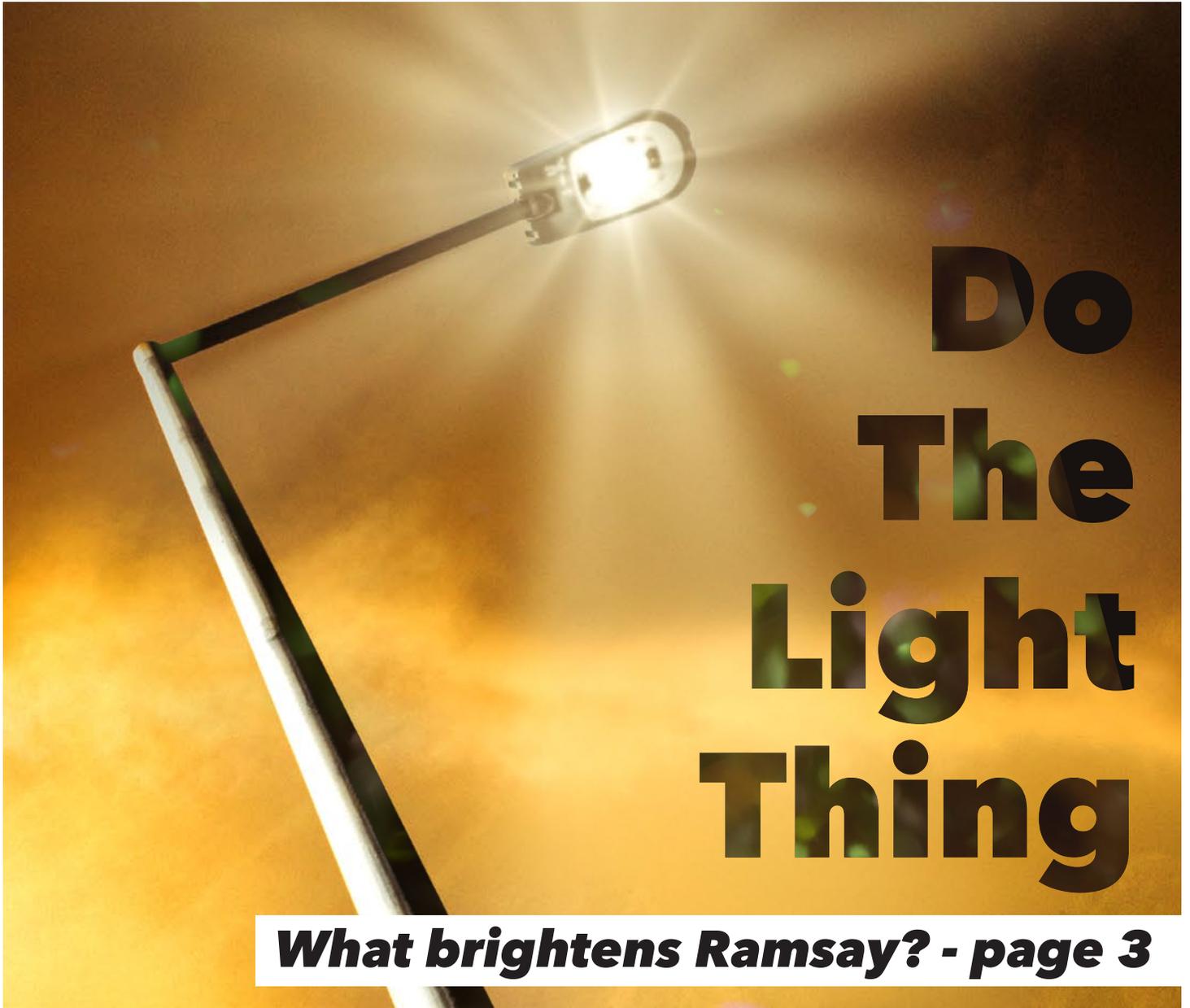


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DEC 2021

Winter is coming!



By Nicole Battistella, Ramsay Community Association President

Thanks to everyone who joined our first ever virtual AGM on November 2nd.

After a challenging year, it was heartwarming to review the many highlights and accomplishments from this past term and elect the 2021/2022 RCA Board of Directors:

President Nicole Battistella	Treasurer Glenn Street
Vice President Internal Lindsay Vala	Director at Large 1 year Erin Joslin
Vice President External Jeff Thomson	Director at Large 2 year Kolja Vainstein
Secretary Carol Engstrom	Director at Large 2 year Kelsi Hurlbut
Director at Large 1 year Shawna Suitor	Director at Large 2 year Melody Rodger

Huge thanks to outgoing Board Members Shelby Montgomery, Margaret Toye, Julius von Bieberstein and to our Committee Chairs staying on this year: Teresa Smith (Memberships), Margaret Toye (Communications) Martin Baker (Garden) and Ray Chow (Ice Crew).

As the new Board settles into various community projects, we'll continue focusing on 3 overarching goals: (1) Asset Management: continuing Rec Facility/Rink upgrade planning (2) External: Planning and Development committee transitions and participating in the Master Events plan for Scotsman's Hill and the Greenline (3)

Internal: Streamlining volunteer coordination and leveraging greater technology in our financial processes.

It's been an eventful few months with elections, Lilydale's impending move and news of the Calgary Community Bridge League (CCBL) becoming the new tenants of the former RCA Community Hall! The CCBL will be joining our December 7th virtual General Meeting to introduce themselves. General Meetings are open to all community members and details can be found on our website at ramsalcalgary.ca

With winter almost here, the adopt-a-rink is getting prepped, holiday lights are going up and planning is underway for cross country ski tracks, the return of Ralphie the Ramsay Elf and a potential community social event. The City will be providing us with a firepit again this year and The Blue Store in Inglewood has graciously loaned us their benches for additional outdoor seating. Please note that the undercover rec/rink facility is temporarily closed as high winds on November 16th took down a light fixture and a few others are looking unstable. The cost to repair one fixture and secure the rest is too great for something that requires replacing anyway. Out of an abundance of caution, it will remain closed until we work through the funding and replacement process.

With our next newsletter scheduled for March, stay tuned to RCA's website, Facebook and/or Instagram for winter activity updates. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please reach out any time president@ramsalcalgary.ca

On behalf of the RCA, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Ramsay Community Association Membership

RCA membership for 2021-22 are on sale now. The membership year runs from July 1st, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 so there is still most of a year to enjoy the benefits of being a member!

Over 40 local businesses offer members-only discounts to RCA members, including a number of breweries, coffee shops, restaurants and other shops in Ramsay and Inglewood. A full listing of participating businesses and discounts can be found here: bit.ly/3gD3hn3



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Membership cards are issued within 5 business days of payment being received. Use the QR code to access the membership form.

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Ramsay is a safe, dynamic, and inclusive community supporting sustainable growth while honouring its heritage.

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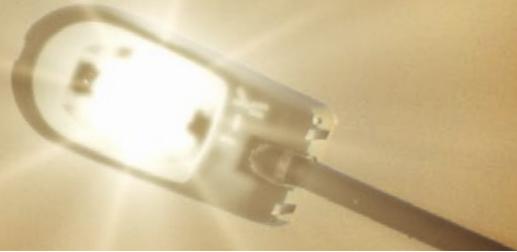
We ensure a vibrant, connected community by providing recreation and social amenities; facilitating participation in community issues, solutions, projects, and events; and engaging and advocating in local planning and development.

Our Core Values

Connection, Inclusivity, and Sustainability

Know Your Light From Wrong

By Alec Hamilton



Have you ever wondered why some streetlights glow different colours, like green, orange, or white? You may have thought the green ones were too dim, the white ones too bright, or the orange ones too... orange. Join me as we take a deep dive into Ramsay's streetlights!

Ramsay has multiple streetlight fixtures and bulbs. I'll start by explaining the different light colours that our streetlights emit. Some lights are called high-intensity discharge lamps (HID lamps); the most common are the Mercury Vapour, the Sodium Vapour, and the Metal Halide. Only one of these can be found in Ramsay, so let's look at that type.

The High Pressure Sodium Vapour light (HPS) was invented in the 1970s, but only became common in the 1980s. They glow the orange you might be familiar with, as Calgary used them all the way up to 2017. HPS lights are incredibly energy efficient, making them

an excellent choice for streetlighting. Now, Calgary uses LED streetlights, the most energy efficient streetlights on the planet.

Let's be fair, I'm not sure that everyone reading this article is always looking at streetlights and noticing their every detail. You might just notice the colour of the light, or maybe even see that the fixture is a little big or small, then move on. But now, I'm going to teach you that there are so many rare and interesting streetlights tucked away in the corners of Ramsay, not just the new LED streetlights everywhere. Let's look at some of the many models hidden in alleys and other places.



The Cooper Industries Vanguard III

The second-to-most common HPS light in Ramsay. This is called a "Bucket" light, because of its upside-down bucket shaped refractor. They're a little gem of our alleyways, and they're all a little different. There are 3 or 4 in Ramsay. Can you find them?



The General Electric Evolve ERL1

These are the common LED streetlights all over Ramsay, the standard in Calgary. There's probably one in front of your house! There are other models of LED streetlights in Calgary, but these are the most common.



The Cooper Industries OVH

The most common HPS light in Ramsay. These are the fixtures that were introduced in the early 2000s, before Calgary switched to LED in 2017. They all have flat refractors (refractors are the glass or plastic lenses housing the lightbulbs and controlling the light they emit), and HPS lightbulbs. There are actually 7 in Ramsay. Now go find them! Hint: 4 of them are on a southeastern street.



The Westinghouse Silverliner

I've been saving the best for last. Before we get into that, I should point out that this is a "Cobrahead" streetlight. It's called that because if looked at from directly below, it looks like a cobra spreading its hood. The Westinghouse Silverliner was the first cobrahead streetlight ever invented, coming out in the late 1950s. Remember I was talking about the Mercury Vapour bulbs earlier? This light helped make them popular in the 60s. This one is HPS now, but it might have been mercury at one time. It is the only Silverliner in Ramsay (they are constantly getting rarer), and it feels good knowing that there is such an old, significant, trailblazer of a streetlight in Ramsay, still shining. Congratulations if you find it!

Community Clean-up 2021

By David Graham

Despite the challenges COVID-19 has placed on community events, we were able to pull off a very successful Community Clean-up event on September 5, thanks in large part to all the volunteers! We couldn't pull this off without your big support: from requesting donations for community businesses to managing traffic to loading packer trucks and making pick-ups to assist residents get rid of their garbage and organic waste. And thank you to our local businesses for making donations that really help with managing the expenses for the event, including Chef Wade who provided pulled pork with beans for lunch for volunteers and City packing truck operators. And a big thank you to the City for offering this service to our community!

We filled 2 large packer trucks and 1 organic packer truck and a total of 11,025 kgs of waste and organics. Here are the stats:

- 9390 kg of garbage
- 1634 kg of organics
- Recycled 442kg of electronic waste

We also partially filled a large metals recycling bin. I don't have the totals for that, but we have found it is a good service to provide. The

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- Dandy Brewing
- Calgary Heritage Roasters
- Café Rosso
- Bite Grocer And Eatery
- Techno Trash And Recon Metal Recycling
- Wins (Women In Need Society)
- The City Of Calgary And Packer Truck Operators

swap/free store was a big hit with items getting repurposed and/or finding a new home. We received quite a few donations for WINS (Women in Needs Society)—thank you for your generosity. The City employees indicated they really enjoyed working with Ramsay volunteers. They noted the efficiency of the drop-offs and Chef Wade's food as highlights!

It was great to see such a good turn-out, get reacquainted with neighbours I hadn't seen for a while, and meet new Ramsayites. Looking forward to your feedback and thank you for being a part of our great community!

Community Garden Report

By Martin Baker

The Ramsay Garden Committee (and friends) ended the 2021 gardening season in style. The hard work and commitment of this group means that 50% of the beds have been replaced in time for next spring! Eleven lucky residents will get to enjoy deeper beds filled with high quality garden soil. I can't wait to see what folks grow!

I would like to give a HUGE shout out to Ryan Murphy Construction; their whole team volunteered a Saturday to help with upgrades. The crew brought tools, trucks, and some serious construction skills. These new beds are built to last. I would also like to give a massive thank you to Casey Jost of the Committee, who will sadly be leaving community this year. Casey has been an instrumental Garden



Down and dirty - working hard on the garden

Committee Member. She has hustled non-stop to make sure that the Ramsay residents can be proud of our garden space. Casey was also kind enough to donate a new garden shed to keep our tools organized and safe. Thank you, Casey. You will be missed.

Secure a plot for spring 2022

We are open for registration! Plot rentals will be based on a first come first served basis and rental prices will remain the same at \$25 for a small plot, and \$35 for a large plot. Please email us at communitygarden@ramsaycalgary.ca. We would also like to give others an opportunity to join the committee. If you are interested in joining our wonderful team and would like more information about the volunteer commitment, please email us.



The amazing team together!

THANK YOU

A New Art Gallery in Ramsay

By Marilyn Samuels

There is a new art gallery in Ramsay. Located in front of the Burns Visual Arts Society (BVAS) building, 828 24 Avenue SE, The Red Door Gallery is a gallery with a difference. It is a free little art gallery that is about sharing the love of art. Visitors are free to take a piece of art but are asked to leave another piece in its place for the next art lover who comes by. Tiny paintings, drawings, sculpture, and other media are displayed in the miniature gallery.

The initial art in the gallery was provided by members of BVAS. Soon after the gallery opened trading began. Some pieces were taken, others were left in their place. Then in early October, the art began to disappear. Every day there were fewer pieces in the gallery until one day, there was only one sculpture left. Even the miniature easels were gone. Artists at BVAS were saddened by this loss and wondered if a gallery left open to all could survive in Calgary. Free little art galleries have been successful in other cities, so why not Calgary?

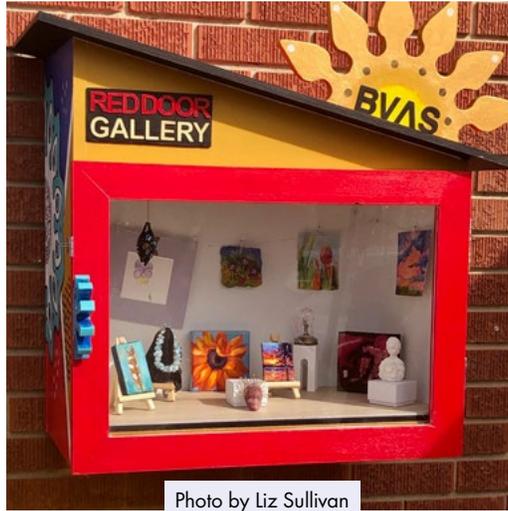


Photo by Liz Sullivan

The gallery was temporarily closed. We shared on social media how sad we were that all the art was gone. A few days later, the gallery was full again. All forms of art filled the gallery. Our faith in the community was restored. Since then, art has come and gone and the gallery has assumed a comfortable rhythm. People walking by stop to see what is new in the gallery and pieces are traded.

In December, we will have our first exhibition of invited works: *Winter Wonders*. The exhibition of work by BVAS members will run from December 1 - 15, 2021. During that time, the gallery will be locked. At the end of the exhibition, pieces will be returned to the artists or traded in keeping with the spirit of the gallery. Watch for postings in the gallery or go to our website for further details. We will also be putting out a call for exhibitors and accepting proposals for exhibitions by community groups in 2022. Please see our website (burnsvisualarts.com) about submitting a proposal. Both professional and amateur artists are welcome to exhibit in the gallery.

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by SAM HESTER

2021

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4 ... & GET HOME WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT!

MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THIS GAME IS HOW IT HAS CONNECTED ME WITH NEIGHBOURS.
AT FIRST, THEY'RE **SUSPICIOUS!** BUT I JUST SAY:

?!
OH!
HIDE & SEEK!!

Alexandra Centre Society Update



By Regina Chan

Have you stopped by the Alexandra Centre on 9th Avenue recently? Our team has been working hard to improve the facility! Some of the enhancements we've made include:

The Convergence Art Panels facing 9th Avenue. These panels were designed and painted by Smith Wright (Blackfoot artist), Edwin McGowan (Métis artist), and Karen Scarlett (Inglewood artist). The panels depict the many little-known histories of the land that the Alexandra Centre is on.

The Ohkoi'sski Art Mural facing 9th Street. This art mural was a collaboration between Ryan Willert (Blackfoot artist) and Karen Scarlett (Inglewood artist). Ohkoi'sski is the Blackfoot word for "track". The mural depicts eagle feathers, animal tracks, and the confluence of the Elbow and Bow Rivers. The mural extends to our sidewalk and incorporates a fun hopscotch game.

The Accessibility Enhancement Project which includes a new exterior ramp system leading into the main entrances of the Alexandra Centre and Alexandra Dance Hall spaces.

The Exterior Lighting Upgrades Project which has improved building security and energy efficiency with new LED fixtures.

A new bike rack adjacent to the playground and a new free little library facing 9th Avenue for the community to utilize.

We welcome all of you to come enjoy the new features of the building!

The Alexandra Centre has also opened up our indoor facilities. Our fall art, language, and music classes have been a success and we are ready to continue more programming in the new year. The Molly Cropper Board Room, the Rose Room multipurpose space, and the Alexandra Dance Hall are available for short term rental. Host your family gathering, birthday party, meeting, or classes at the Alexandra Centre!

Our charitable programs, including our annual Christmas Hamper program, have continued in full swing and we welcome you to come volunteer with us!

We are so appreciative to the community, our volunteers, our generous donors, and our community partners for their continued support of the Alexandra Centre Society. We wish to thank: City of Calgary Neighbourhoods, the City of Calgary's Public Art program, the Province's Community Facility Enhancement program, the Enmax Energizing Spaces program, the Toole Peet Action Grant, and the Park Foundation's Embrace the Outdoors program for their support

For more up-to-date information regarding the Alexandra Centre Society's programs and services, or if you are interested in volunteering with us please visit: alexandracentresociety.org or contact us by phone at **403-269-5588** or by email at info@alexandracentresociety.org.

We would love to hear from you!

Ward 9 Councillor's Report

By Gian-Carlo Carra

On the week that my report to the new Ramsay Newsletter is due I've found myself doing a bunch of media on the pending closure of Lilydale. If somehow you live in Ramsay and you're not aware of the good news, I'm super-pleased to inform you that after decades of advocacy to decouple Alberta's largest chicken abattoir from our historic community, it's finally happening.

On January 15 the City of Calgary gets the keys and, after the police spends a little bit of time in there doing some training, we'll be taking the sprawling mess of accumulated industrial structures down and undertaking whatever remediation of the land that's required.

In the next couple years the GreenLine will be constructed along the eastern edge of the property, and as we complete the Historic East Calgary Local Area Plan, we'll get to discuss, as a community, what the

future of the remainder of the land should become when it grows up.

The single biggest point that we all should take home from this happy, transformative, years-in-the-making development, is that it's only possible because of the scale and scope and financial capacity of the GreenLine. I can't help but think that there's also something analogous between this transformation and the results of October's historic municipal election. Calgary elected an exciting new Council that clearly represents optimism for our City, progressivism in terms of the values driving that optimism, and a mandate and willingness to think big thoughts and do big things.

I'm deeply gratified and grateful to be joining this hopeful Council's roster and I look forward to continuing to work with Ramsay to continue to transform our community towards greater resilience, inclusiveness, and prosperity.

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School Parent Association

By Sarah Hop

Parent Association or Parent Council; are you confused by what each of these two parent-led groups do for Ramsay School? The Ramsay School Parent Association is here to let you know what we do and how you can help.

Simply, we are the non-profit fundraising group for Ramsay School. You may have seen some of our volunteers hard at work facilitating parking on the School grounds during Stampede. This is one of two main fundraisers we coordinate and people say it's a pretty good time. Along with our casino fundraiser, Stampede parking helps support the students at Ramsay School with classroom supplies, library books, field trips, residency programs and more. (We apologize in advance if the kids blow



up the school participating in the Mad Science residency this year; we love the sandstone too.)

Right now, we are the most excited to help fund the Ramsay School Art Fence project. Local artist, Monica Illa, has volunteered her talents and time to help the kids at Ramsay School unleash their creativity on the chain link along Spiller Road. More information is on her project website:

<https://ko-fi.com/monicaila>.

If you don't have a kid in Ramsay school, but hanging out with

cool people and supporting Ramsay School is your jam, we would love to have your help! Please fill out our google form (shorturl.at/hqFG7) to stay updated with any upcoming volunteer opportunities.



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