



THE ORCHARDS

## **Orchards Residents Association Directors Report For January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

The Orchards Residents Association (ORA) was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in November 2010. The ORA Board of Directors consists of three (3) Brookfield appointed directors and seven (7) resident directors. An election will be held at the 2021 Annual General meeting for up to seven (7) resident directors. The Board will meet on a regular basis to: ensure policies are properly set; review the annual operating budget; be the voice of fellow residents for ORA-related matters; provide input on The Club House, and participate in community events. During Brookfield's term of management, the power of the Board is limited. Brookfield Residential provides, at no capital cost to the ORA, certain amenities throughout the community. These amenities help enhance our community and are maintained by ORA, now and into the future.

The ORA is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Part 9 of the Companies Act of Alberta and membership in the ORA is mandatory for each landowner in the Orchards. ORA is funded through the annual membership fee, which is secured required by an encumbrance registered on every titled property on a Brookfield developed lot in the Orchards, obligating the Members to pay the fees upon notice. The fee can be increased up to the total encumbrance of \$550.00 and after can be increased annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (All Items). Annual fees for 2021 were \$390.48 (plus GST).

The ORA site is eight acres and currently consists of a community Club House, playground, outdoor hockey rink, pleasure skating rink, splash park, outdoor picnic areas, tennis courts, toboggan hill, maintenance building, parking lot, and landscaped areas. The facility is fully staffed, including a General Manager, Jaime Dowling, who is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations that are the responsibility of the ORA. The ORA staff maintain the facility & park amenities to their high standard through exceptional management of operations & maintenance practices.

In 2020, we continued to see great interaction and engagement from residents even though we have had to operate with restrictions due to COVID-19. The Club House closed from March 15, 2020 to May 27, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the building could not be accessed during this time, ORA has ongoing obligations it continued to manage. We continue to assess the business, including financial operations, but it is still too early to know the total impacts of this public health event. Our fiscal responsibility to the community is to ensure the long-term financial health of the non-profit association funded by the residents. While the Club House was closed, we continued to provide online programming and maintained our site and areas around the community. The outdoor amenities opened on May 27, 2020 followed by the splash park and Club House on June 12, 2020 in alignment with recreation centers being allowed to open as part of Stage 2 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy. The health and safety of our residents and employees continues to be our main priority, and we will continue to follow all guidance from Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

In the spring and summer of 2020, we ran our fourth annual Orchards Community Farmer's Market. We updated the market format, rescheduling to weekly Monday evenings. This change was a tremendous success! We saw more patrons come through, and with an increase in the number of vendors attending each week. Due to the success of 2020, we continued the Farmer's Market for the 2021 season and hosted markets every Monday evening throughout the summer.

In 2020, we continued many of our successful events and programs, and introduced several new activities as well. Some of these include a Senior's Club, Hockey Skills Competition, Community Kitchen nights, Trivia nights, game nights, and Thursday night hockey. Throughout the year, our board of directors discussed many topics including programs & events, financials, capital expenditures, rentals & lease space, and resident communications.

2021 so far has had the highest usage of our amenities and due to amazing weather we have had the busiest January and June to date. This past winter offered gorgeous conditions for our ices rinks and early summer sun provided perfect conditions for a busy splash park. We have been able to offer smaller events and opportunities for our

community to engage with us throughout the year safely. Along with ensuring all Orchards Residents are proud of their Residents Association, the ORA staff are constantly looking for opportunities to increase revenue and save money. The team continues to grow sponsorship revenue and continues to look for great partnerships. Grants also help fund programs and operations, and ORA is always researching and completing any relevant grant applications. We have also secured contracts in the community to obtain additional revenue for snow removal and landscaping work.

Please stop by the Club House, or visit us online at [www.orchardsra.com](http://www.orchardsra.com) to stay updated on what's happening at the park including information on events, programs, rules & regulations with regard to park use, and much more.

Attendance at the AGM requires that a resident must be a member in good standing, meaning that as of the close of business on September 6th, 2021 all outstanding fees, interest and charges, have been paid.

**Respectfully submitted September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 by the Orchards Board of Directors:**

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