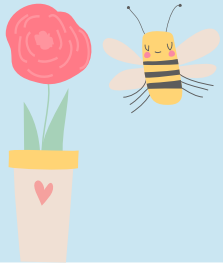
Nominated Neighbours Campaign - Cochrane 2023

Cochrane is celebrating its first year of recognizing exceptional neighbors through nominations. Submissions were open from June 1- 14, 2023, and we were delighted to receive a total of 20 nominations. Each nominee will be honored with a special card delivered by mail. Furthermore, their names will be showcased on our webpage at **www.cochrane.ca/Neighbours** and shared on our FCSS social media channels. Every submission will also be entered into a draw for a chance to win a prize. Keep an eye out for this event next year, as we approach Great Neighbours Week in June 2024. We sincerely appreciate your contribution as an outstanding neighbour!

Nominated Neighbour: Larry Leclare

Larry is the most caring, hardworking neighbour I have ever known. He is the first one to pick up a shovel when it snows, he looks out for everyone in on our little senior condo community. Larry will look after your unit while you are away, he says 'call me first' if you need something done to try to help us seniors save money. He is like a Guardian Angel! Larry goes above & beyond everyday.



Nominated Neighbour: Sharon Collins

Sharon is always looking out for everyone in our neighborhood - whether it's keeping an eye on local kids playing and riding bikes or offering to lend a helping hand. Sharon supports many home based fireside businesses and is keen to share her positive experiences with her friends and neighbors. Sharon creates quality connections with her neighbours by making and delivering home baked goodies, including her infamous Christmas baking tray, or meals for people dealing with illness or personal hardships. Many of the neighbourhood children have had "aunty Sharon" stop by to deliver Halloween, Easter, Christmas or gifts, clothes, toys, colouring books etc. Her caring attitude has been apparent since the first day we moved into the community, and it is this caring attitude and connection which makes our community feel like home.

Nominated Neighbour: Chalsey Boire

I would love to nominate Chalsey. When we moved into the Heartland Community last year, she was so welcoming. She was so knowledgeable about Cochrane and our community. She always goes above and beyond with everything she does. She has two children, works and also is on the Heartland Homeowners Association. She does so much, and I would like her to know that it is recognized. I couldn't ask for a better neighbour!

Nominated Neighbour: Crystal & Kevin Matthews

Their endless support of fellow community members, their drive to help refugees, not thinking twice about filling their garage with items for those in need, for getting out and supporting a nominee during the election. For always smiling and with a cheerful hello. They make everyone so welcome and fully seen.

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Nominated Neighbour: Cynthia Nemeth
Cynthia has been the president and secretary for our CA for two years running. She has volunteered countless hours to making our community a great place for all. She organizes events and creates innovative ways to communicate with our community. She is the backbone of our CA and a quiet contributor; I can't think of one aspect of our association that she hasn't been involved with. I've never once heard her boast about her contributions, she volunteers because she truly understands what it means to build community.

Nominated Neighbour: Coral & Corey Duquette
Coral and Corey have supported our family in so many ways since we moved in across the street. They are like grandparents to our young children. Host the best backyard parties and Christmas dinners. Always willing to lend us equipment for projects. Good for a cup of sugar in a pinch. Water our flowers while we are away. The list goes on and on. We couldn't ask for better neighbors!

Nominated Neighbour: Malora Mulhern
Malora plans all of our community events and does a fantastic job. She is often seen around our community and always has a smile on her face. We can't thank her enough for all her hard work to make our community friendly and beautiful.

Nominated Neighbour: Stewart & Margaret Adams
Stewart and Margaret are the kind of neighbours everyone wishes they had. For the last two years, they have gone out of their way in big ways and very small ways to help out (and probably ways we don't even notice). From moving our garbage out, to shovelling in the winter, checking in on our dogs, or even saving us a parking spot out front after an emergency surgery, or giving us a drive to the airport to save on parking... they are the best kind of people. I know that we can count on them for any favour, and we are thankful they moved beside us and became our friends. Jackpot!

Nominated Neighbour: Gill Cron
Where do I begin?! To start, Gill runs a home-based business, called Crafty Cron, adding to the local economy and actively being involved with other local artisans. At current, she is making t-shirts in support of pride month and despite the negative feedback from some, she uses her voice to support everyone in her community, standing behind the LGBTQ+ community she is supporting with her products while also maintaining a peaceful and loving disposition to opposing views. She encourages everyone to support each other and the battles they may face, seen or unseen, obvious or never known to others. She could silently run her business away from political spotlight, but her heart is so big and she accepts a role of social responsibility to uplift and recognize others in a way that fosters true community. Barely know her but somehow love her!

Nominated Neighbour: Lyle Balmer
Lyle is a volunteer on Helping Hands, he was on the Town of Cochrane FCSS Board, he was on the Cochrane and Area Hospice Society. He is currently involved in the Town of Cochrane Poverty Reduction, and he and his wife took in a Ukrainian family. In his volunteer capacity for Helping Hands he gives his time freely for families and individuals in need, he never hesitates to help.

Nominated Neighbour: Holly Knust
The Knust family is amazing! Our greatest hope when we moved to Cochrane was to live in a neighborhood where we would know and enjoy our neighbours. Where we would feel safe having our daughter playing outside. The Knust family (and many others in our little cul de sac) have helped create that! During covid we bonded and created ways to connect - driveway drinks and games and started hosting get togethers for everyone in the cul de sac once we were able. They watch out for us and us for them. They feel like family and we are grateful for them.

Nominated Neighbour: Alan & Sarah Willms
Al and Sarah are the most amazing neighbours to have next to you, if snow is a problem they are the cutest snow angels and work silently. Any problem is not too big or small for them to help with, could be just getting rid of a trampoline. They have the answer to helping with many problems. They are an amazing couple along with their three boys, all you could ever want in neighbours and friends. If we could clone them, we could have a wonderful environment to live in.

Heartland has the most amazing people and the most caring and helpful neighbors

Nominated Neighbour: Paul Singh
Paul lives in our Heartland community. He is always volunteering wherever he can, helping families, helping around town, businesses and more! If you were to ask for his presence or support, he doesn't think twice. He deserves and needs to be recognized for all that he does! On behalf of our Heartland community and town of Cochrane, a big THANK YOU to him!

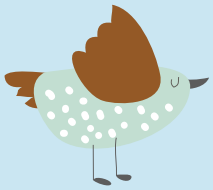
Nominated Neighbour: Dave Spate
My neighbour Dave is the greatest neighbour ever. My partner works in the arctic and is gone 16 days a month. I am home with two kids, I moved in 18 months ago with a then 12 year old and a 6 month old. I also was heavily into volunteering the first 6 months of being a Cochranite and had no time.

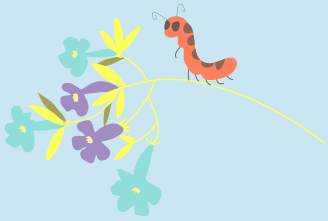
Dave stepped up and made such a huge difference in our adjustment to living here. He has mowed my lawn, shoveled my sidewalk and even shoveled our driveway. I was alone for Christmas with my kids and came home to a card and chocolate on our door from him. Wishing us well and although a small token, it made me feel wonderful. He always checks in on me and is so friendly to my kids, never driving away without waiving. I am hands down the luckiest Cochranite to have Dave next door!

Nominated Neighbour: Brad & Stacey
Brad & Stacey are the most kind, caring, generous, amazing neighbors anyone could ever ask for! When we moved into the neighborhood a few years ago, we had barely pulled up with the moving van and they were out on the driveway saying hello! They watch over the street, looking out for our kids, pets and properties and making sure that everyone is safe and comfortable. They are always out and about and up for a chat about this, that and everything. They are both always here to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. They truly take care of everyone they meet! Both Brad and Stacey are a couple of the most kind, genuine and generous people you will ever meet. Our neighborhood would not be the same without them! We know everyone on our street would agree!

Nominated Neighbour: Alan & Jody Gudmundson
Offering help with renovations, parcel pickups, shoveling, sharing grilled meat, inviting us over when friends and family come by and looking out for others.

Nominated Neighbour: John Draper
John is a very friendly neighbour. He's approachable and always available to lend a hand - from helping with shoveling to moving a piece of furniture, his assistance is always appreciated! There's often a smile on his face and he's a respectful neighbour.



Nominated Neighbour: Paul & Julie
Paul and Julie have a grand baby back home in Ontario however they always step in to be our neighbourhood grandparents. They watch kids recitals, hep us hem clothes, do crafts, hang out with our kiddos and are genuinely interested in ALL of the neighbourhood kids. We are so grateful for them and the way they care for all of us. They go above and beyond to bring treats for birthdays, Christmas, Halloween, etc. They don't "need" but deserve the recognition!

Nominated Neighbour: Crystall Glasrud
Crystall is an amazing neighbour who goes out of her way to create a welcoming and fun neighbourhood, not just by leading the organization of the Annual Precedence Neighbourhood BBQ since she started it in 2022, but by regularly meeting new neighbours while out walking her dogs with her husband, Ryan, and introducing neighbours to one another. She's known to spoil the neighbourhood kids (and dogs), dog sit neighbours' dogs, and even arrange for her husband, who's a talented photographer, to take engagement photos for neighbours. She's always there to help a neighbour in any way she can and to make the new community of Precedence an amazing neighbourhood to live in.