

The Ripple

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River Valleys Committee

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Events

Sat. 17 Jan 09

Holy Cross Info Session
10:00 -13:00 with a
presentation at 10:30, re:
land use & amendment to the
Mission ARP, Cliff Bungalow
Mission CA, 2201 Cliff St SW.
Talk to Steven Snell (City) and
tell him “the RVC sent you.”

Tues. 20 Jan 09

“*Economic Growth, Sacred Cows
and the Wall Street Bull*”, a
cyberspace presentation by
Dr. Brian Czech: the role of
citizens in developing a new
economic policy, the tradeoff
between economic growth &
wilderness conservation.
455 12 St. NW, 19:00. \$5 fee.
Book online at:
www.albertawilderness.ca

Thurs. 22 Jan 09

RVC: Land Use and
Development Committee
meeting, 12:00-13:30, Parks
Foundation: 225 13 Ave SW.
RSVP: mhickley@parksfdn.com

Thurs. 29 Jan 09

River Park, Sandy Beach &
Britannia Slopes Park
Develop & Management Plan,
Stakeholder Workshop, 19:30
Glamorgan Community
Assoc., 4207 41 Ave SW
www.calgary.ca/parks/



So long, farewell, auf weidersehen, good bye

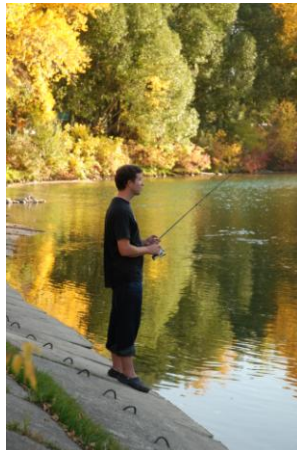


Welcome to the first and perhaps the last “Ripple” of 2009. Sadly, the River Valleys Committee is not immune to these economic times. Budget cuts and new directions have resulted in the elimination of the Coordinator position at RVC. We wish Robin good fortune with future endeavours and thank her for all of her hard work at RVC throughout 2008.

Lower Elbow Fishery: Intact!



Alberta Sustainable Resource Development conducted a brown trout redd (spawning site) count on the Lower Elbow River in late November 2008. Redds numbered 381 excluding a side channel near the 4th St. Mission bridge. Thus the number of redds could be higher than indicated. The provincial biologist overseeing the survey stated, “The numbers are good and within an acceptable range for brown trout redds on the Lower Elbow River”.



River Valleys Committee, the first group in Calgary to be awarded the Royal Bank of Canada's Blue Water Project™ Community Action Grant

On 22 January 09 the Royal Bank will present a \$5,000 cheque to RVC. The money will be used to enable the **Alberta River Watch Science Program**, students and a professional biologist to

continue monitoring brown trout redds in the Lower Elbow River **for the next four years**. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience in the field and to learn about the health and fragility of our rivers.



Jon Klassen for RBC

Hot off the Press: “At Home on the Elbow River”, a joint effort between Trout Unlimited Canada and River Valleys Committee. With an Alberta College of Art and Design grant in the form of a 4th year design student, RVC and Trout Unlimited Canada created an informative, best-practices brochure for homeowners and businesses residing on the banks of the Lower Elbow River. Volunteers from Trout Unlimited Canada and RVC are hand-delivering the brochure to 250 homes and businesses this January. Let's hope the thaw continues!