

# The Wildwood Warbler

The official newsletter of the  
Wildwood Community  
Association



June 2009

## Vice President's Message



My wife Sharon and I moved to Wildwood in 1994 after two years of renting in South Calgary. Buying our home on Wedgewood Drive overlooking the school and park was an easy decision. One Thursday evening in January, 1994, I decided to venture out from our Marda Loop house to scope out the neighbourhoods to the west. We were in our 30's and felt it was time to buy a home. My travels took me through the neighbourhoods of Bankview, Killarney, Glendale, Glenbrook, Glamorgan, Rosscarrock, and Westgate.

### Upcoming Events

#### Tuesday, June 16

Wildwood Community Association Meeting - 7:30PM

#### Wednesday, June 17

Deadline for July/August Warbler Submissions

#### Edworthy Park Heritage Society

Plan It Calgary—"Primary transit route" through Edworthy proposed.

- Letters must be received before 10 a.m. on June 11th.

#### Tennis Update

What's new this year?

#### Wildwood Cleanup A Success with Great Weather!

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this year's cleanup.

After a short while, I found myself in Wildwood. It was clear my travels took me to a unique and inviting community. A community with well kept houses, lots of green space, an elementary school, a community hall, hockey rink, tennis courts, easy access to the river, parks for children, and much more. It was winter, yet people were still about, either at the rink, walking their dog, or simply chatting with their neighbours.

Not surprisingly, there were very few "for sale" signs in the area. When I found the "for sale" sign planted in front of what is now my home, I felt a sense of urgency to act. It was Thursday night. By Sunday afternoon, we were Wildwood home owners.

It wasn't until we moved in that we realized just how fortunate we were to purchase in Wildwood. Behind all of the beauty and convenience of our neighbourhood, is a strong and healthy community – a community which exhibits, kindness, generosity, and maturity. A community with residents who support each other during good times and are there for one another during difficult times. A community neighbours can be proud of. A perfect community for raising a family or for retiring.

Fifteen years later, our discovery of Wildwood continues, be it meeting new neighbours, attending events at the hall, or bicycling with our children as they explore the streets and alleys of our community as I did in 1994.

We all contribute to Wildwood in our own unique way and collectively we make up what Wildwood is today. I am proud to be a member of the Wildwood Community Association executive representing the interests of members. Devoting some of my personal time to the association on behalf of residents is our family's way of saying thank you to Wildwood.

- James Obrigewitch

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## Cultural Landscapes & Trees

Thursday, June 4th, 2009

Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Centre, 1320 5th Avenue NW (near 14th St. and 5th Ave NW)

6 PM Walking tour of Hillhurst with a cultural landscape focus (optional for roundtable attendees)

7 - 8:30 PM Roundtable Program

8:30 - 9 PM Open Networking

Register online: <http://www.calgarycommunities.com/events.php>

Guests:

- Libby Fairweather is the Executive Director of the Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada and has coordinated the Alberta Heritage Tree Project

- She will speak about the foundation and the Alberta chapter, as well as their projects including the future Alberta Heritage Tree Registry and what it means for Calgary Heritage.

- Michelle Reid is the conservation landscape architect for the City of Calgary Parks Department. She has worked on historic parks in the City including, Reader Rock Garden, Central Memorial Park, and Bowness Park. Her presentation at the Round Table will be on the historic Vacant Lot Garden Club and how it facilitated community gardening early in the development of Calgary. She will also talk about the success the Bridgeland-Riverside Community had in preserving the only known remaining Vacant Lot Garden in Calgary.

- Russell Friesen is the Urban Forestry Coordinator with the City of Calgary Parks. He will speak about a number of city initiatives.

- Alderman Brian Pincott - an opportunity to share his ideas for an initiative to preserve heritage trees on private property, and to solicit feedback from the round table group.

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### NEEDED: YOUTH

**FOR: VOLUNTEERS AT SUMMER CAMP!**

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## Edworthy Park Heritage Society open letter regarding Plan It Calgary

Plan It Calgary is a major planning initiative aimed at dealing with Calgary's future growth. One particular aspect of the proposals has a significant impact on Edworthy Park and the Bow River valley.

Plan It Calgary proposes a "primary transit route" through the park, which would be designed for bus traffic at a rate of ten minute intervals or less for fifteen hours a day. The Plan It Calgary bridge is designed for buses, pedestrians, cyclists and emergency vehicles, linking up with Shaganappi Trail on the north side of the river and probably Bow Trail on the south.

The exact alignment is "to be determined". Logically there are only two routes through the Park. One would be down Coulee Road (the main road from Spruce Drive down the ravine to the picnic areas and railway tracks). This road is quite narrow and winds through the historic sandstone quarries of Edworthy Park, a route prone to icing. There is no room for widening the road because you cannot undercut the slopes on either side without destroying the quarry, the aesthetics of the slopes and their stability.



The other possible route is a steep road that would pass through the upper plateau portion of Edworthy Park, including the area utilized by many dog walkers. This is a fine fescue grassland meadow with many features of historic and archaeological interest, such as tipi rings. To construct a road through this major part of Edworthy Park would be again highly destructive and very expensive. At the river crossing itself, this road may cut through the trees of the historic shelterbelt planted in the 1930s by George Edworthy Senior, that now surrounds the picnic area. Either potential route would naturally be devastating to Edworthy Park.

In conclusion, the Edworthy Park Heritage Society suggests incorporating express bus lanes in any expansion of the Sarcee Trail and Crowchild Trail transportation corridors. Using these existing bridges across the Bow River would meet the transit needs of the future without destroying Edworthy Park.

We acknowledge the increasing density proposed by Plan It, but note that such density increases the importance of preserving major urban natural areas. Our proposal can both reduce road costs and preserve Edworthy Park.

How can you help us? Plan It Calgary will be considered at a Public Hearing before City Council on June 23, 2009. You can write a letter expressing your concerns and opposition and make it a part of the Public Record. Such letters must be received before 10 a.m. on June 11th, 2009. You may send letters by regular mail, email, fax or delivery as indicated below. Please make sure that your letter refers to the bylaw numbers which are Bylaw 40M2009 and Bylaw 24P2009.

**By mail:** Office of the City Clerk  
City of Calgary #8007  
700 Macleod Trail S.E.  
P.O. Box 2100  
Postal Station M  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2P 2M5

**By email:** cityclerk@calgary.ca

**By fax:** 403-268-2362

(It may be difficult to send a fax on the morning of June 11, 2009 as many others may do so and the lines may be tied up)

**By delivery:** To the Office of the City Clerk, on the first level of the historic sandstone city hall

**For further information, please call:**

- **Fred Fenwick, President at 403-686-0392 or**

- **John Davey, Director, Edworthy Park Heritage Society at 403-242-0315**

**LOST** - On Saturday, May 23, in the vicinity of Spruce Drive, between White Oak Cres and Wimbledon Drive, 1 pair of prescription sunglasses in black, zippered case. **If found, please call 403-249-9279.**

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Office: 246-8123

email: [goodshepherdchurch@shaw.ca](mailto:goodshepherdchurch@shaw.ca)  
website: [www.anglicangoodshepherd.ca](http://www.anglicangoodshepherd.ca)

Rev. Kersi Bird, Rector

**Services of Worship**

**Sundays:** 8 am Holy Eucharist, traditional  
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**Sunday, July 5**

**Breakfast from 8 am to 9:15 with live entertainment**

**Worship Service at 9:30 am  
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**Payment required by Warbler deadline**



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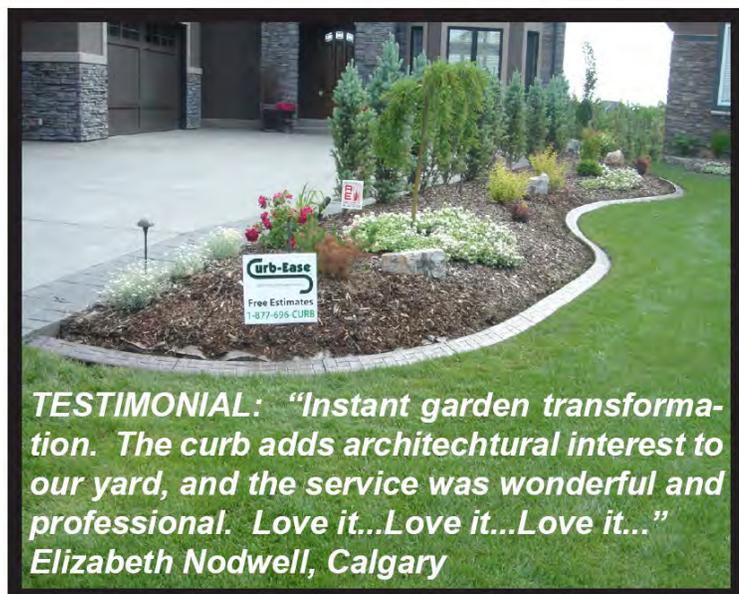
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## Walk Around Wildwood

Spring has tentatively arrived. As I walk through the neighbourhood, I see daffodils, scylla and hepatica in bloom. We have seen many Bald Eagles soaring on the thermals in February and March.

It is especially gratifying to see Eagles flying above the Edworthy Park escarpment. The area was known for eagle pits where the natives would put bait and wait for the eagles. When one would land, a native would pluck a highly valued tail-feather from the eagle. Such a feather was used in sacred ceremonies.

I do not remember seeing many, if any, Bald Eagles along this cliff when I was a child. It was the era of DDT and perhaps that is why there seemed to be fewer. How heart warming then for me to see eagles flying high or catching fish in the river.



The early spring wild crocuses are in bloom. I stand on a path overlooking the river and the wonderful picnic area with its trees planted in the 1930s. This is my sense of place and no matter how far I have travelled this wonderful park is home. I am sure that I am not alone.



As I walk through the neighbourhood and the park, I think of the challenges of protecting this escarpment with its 400 year old Douglas Fir trees and protecting Edworthy Park. I would like to think that we will be wise enough to preserve this wonderful natural area with its rich history - both natural and human - and archaeology and palaeontology for the next generation of Calgarians and the generations thereafter.

I cannot help but wonder what it will be like to picnic with an express bus passing by to connect to a bridge to Shaganappi Trail every ten minutes or less for fifteen hours a day. Will the Great Horned Owls that like nesting in those trees in March be disturbed by the noise and exhaust fumes of the buses? Will the kids still like picnicking there?

We are told that the route "is to be determined". Will such express buses go up Coulee Road from the parking lot to Spruce Drive? Will the City carve a road for such buses through the upper plateau of the Park and then fly it off the cliff to link up to the river? How will this work without having a major negative impact on the park and the neighbourhood?

And that is the challenge - to preserve the park for the future and not to parcel it out for other uses that are incompatible with a natural area park.

I hope you will join me in writing a letter to Council - going around the Park not through the Park with express buses is a small price to pay for a Park that is treasured by thousands of Calgarians including our community in Wildwood for whom it is a special place. As an early sign said: "Edworthy Park - Yours to Enjoy Now and to Preserve for the Future".

- Anonymous



**The City of Calgary Community & Neighbourhood Services in partnership with your community association is extremely pleased to present an opportunity for you to Adventure Together with us this summer!**

**Roving Stay n' Play**

For children 3 - 5 years old, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Stay n' Play is a drop-in program. Join in the fun with games, crafts and other activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. **No cost.**

**Roving Park n' Play**

For children 6 - 12 years old, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 Park n' Play is a drop-in program. Join in the fun with games, crafts and other activities. Children will be divided into two age groups (6 - 8 year olds and 9 -12 year olds) with activities designed with their ages in mind. If numbers are low, children will remain together as one large group. **No cost.**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays July 7 - August 20**

**Wildwood Community Association - 4411 Spruce Dr SW**

**PLEASE NOTE.....**

Don't forget your hat, lunch, appropriate footwear, sunscreen and plenty of water!  
 Registration with City leaders is required on-site each day.  
 Groups of six or more are required to call 311 prior to attending.

**For more information on summer programs please call 3-1-1**



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**Please call Roxanne at 403-640-2223.**

*Wildwood Photo Contest*

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 or  
 Call Quinten to make arrangements:  
 (403) 477-0101

**The winning images will be featured in upcoming issues of the "Warbler" and on the Community website.**

**CONTEST RULES:**

- Photos must be:
- 1. taken in wildwood**
  - 2. taken by a community resident**

Note: a photo credit will be given to winning submissions

*Your invitation to the*  
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**Spring Pottery Sale**

**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

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## TENNIS, TENNIS AND MORE TENNIS!

This summer promises to be an exciting one for tennis in Wildwood. We have new classes, new instructors a new ball machine and drop-in events for kids! Our community website has a link to the Wildwood Tennis Club where all tennis information and news will be posted. Go to [www.wildwoodcommunity.com](http://www.wildwoodcommunity.com) and follow the links.

### **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

2009 Tennis Memberships are now due. Please renew your membership and/or purchase a new one for the season. The price is still only \$20.00/family. You must have a current Wildwood Community Association Membership, which you can also purchase from me. Please do not play on the courts unless you have renewed or purchased a tennis membership. If you no longer need your key please return it to me so I can pass it to another family.

We have a new online system for renewing memberships. Go to [www.wildwoodcommunity.com](http://www.wildwoodcommunity.com) and click on Wildwood Tennis Club. After completing the form online you will be contacted by email and/or phone to make payment arrangements and pick up your key. This process will streamline memberships and is fast and simple to use.

### **SUMMER TENNIS CLINICS**

We have teamed with a company called RACQUET NETWORK to offer the following clinics: Children ages 7-10, youth ages 11-15 and ladies singles. Clinics are taught by a professional, certified instructor who is experienced teaching all age groups. Clinics are held in July and August and run for one week at a time for an hour each day. Class size is limited to eight players. Booking and fees are handling by RACQUET NETWORK. Go to [www.wildwoodcommunity.com](http://www.wildwoodcommunity.com) and click on Wildwood Tennis Club for more information and to register. All participants will receive a free Wildwood Tennis Club T-Shirt!

Our resident Wildwood tennis pro Hans will be back to instruct a mixed adult clinic in the month of July only. This popular evening clinic fills up quickly so please book early.

Call Arlene Cairns directly at 403 249-0641 for dates/times/price and to register.

WTC will soon have a ball machine! It should be arriving in early June. Right now the ball machine will be used only for our drop-in PIZZA BALL game (see below).

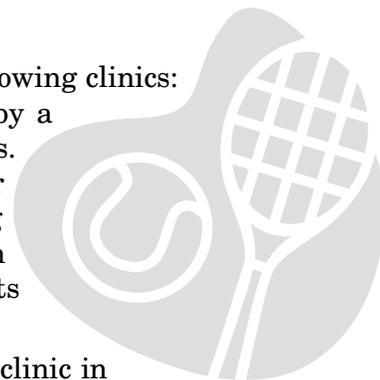
### **DROP-IN KIDS TENNIS**

For kids aged 7 -12 we are offering a Friday night one hour drop-in class from 6:00-7:00 pm. This clinic is not restricted to just Wildwood residents. The limit is 8 participants, so come early! The focus will be to have fun while you play and will be taught by a qualified professional instructor. The price is only \$15.00 per participant. After the class the kids can stay for a free half hour of PIZZA BALL! This very popular game uses a ball machine. Played in other Calgary communities it's proven to be great fun for kids. PIZZA BALL is a FREE drop-in only game for kids aged 7-12 and will immediately follow the class. The more the merrier there is no class size limit for PIZZA BALL. You do not have to participate in the instructed class to join PIZZA BALL nor do you have to be a Wildwood resident to play. What's with the pizza? It's the prize! We have teamed with Boston Pizza on Bow Trail to give prize coupons for individual pizza & pop. Six coupons per game will be awarded to the winners (who are lucky enough to hit the pink ball over the net!). Please see the website for all the details, including dates. You won't want to miss this! Remember: The instructed class and PIZZA BALL are open to anyone so bring your friends, join the class or just come and play PIZZA BALL!

Go to [www.wildwoodcommunity.com](http://www.wildwoodcommunity.com) for more detailed information and to renew or purchase your tennis membership.

### **HAVE FUN!!**

- Arlene Cairns



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### Single Family Active listings:

<b>Bungalow (under 500K):</b>	<b>5</b>
- Average List Price:	\$445,420
- Average Size:	1,010 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bungalow (\$500K - \$750K):</b>	<b>3</b>
- Average List Price:	\$621,566
- Average Size:	1,416 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bungalow (\$750K - \$1.0M)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bungalow (greater than \$1.0M)</b>	<b>1</b>
- Average List Price:	\$1,550,000
- Average Size:	1,808 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Other Styles (under 500K)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Styles (\$500K - \$1.0M)</b>	<b>6</b>
- Average list Price:	\$787,116
- Average Size:	1,725 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Other Styles (greater than \$1.0M)</b>	<b>1</b>
- Average list Price:	\$2,299,999
- Average Size:	3,167 ft <sup>2</sup>

**Pending Sales:** **0**

### 2009 Single Family Home Sales:

<b>Bungalow (\$300K-500K):</b>	<b>8</b>
- Average Sale Price:	\$387,050
- Average Size:	1,053 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bungalow (\$500K - \$750K):</b>	<b>4</b>
- Average Sale Price:	\$514,700
- Average Size:	1,065 ft <sup>2</sup>
<b>Bungalow (\$750K - \$1.0M):</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bungalow (over \$1.0M):</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Styles (under \$1.0M):</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Styles (over \$1.0M):</b>	<b>0</b>

## Current Listings



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**14 42 Street SW**  
**\$424,700**

[www.danaashman.com/170](http://www.danaashman.com/170)

## West LRT Update

As the West LRT project progresses and the Design-Build contract announcement (fall 2009) gets closer, there will be lots to talk about. To find out the latest information on the West LRT Project, visit [www.westlrt.ca](http://www.westlrt.ca) where you can also sign up for the e-newsletter. On the website you will find a 3D Model video, Calgary Transit's changes to bus routes, the reconfiguration of the Shaganappi Point Golf Course and much more.

With more than 45 public engagement events completed since June 2008, which total more than 85 hours, the West LRT team would like to thank all committee representatives and members of the general public who have taken time to meet with us, or attend our events. The input we received has been instrumental to the development of the six stations and the West LRT project. Here are some examples of where community input has directly helped shape the West LRT project:

- o Sunalta Station design
- o 24<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. pedestrian bridge location and design
- o 26<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. Station area
- o Sirocco Station area
- o Proposing to keep the Costello Blvd. bus trap closed
- o Parkade design at 69<sup>th</sup> Street S.W. Station including additional parking stalls
- o Calgary Transit's feeder bus network
- o Kick-off of the traffic and parking issues process

The public engagement process comes to a close in June 2009. The project team also worked with communities on landscaping and urban design. Visit [www.westlrt.ca](http://www.westlrt.ca) to see the latest concepts that will shape the look and feel of the West LRT. The two upcoming West LRT open houses in June will showcase the station and urban designs developed throughout the public engagement process. Find the dates and locations for these events at [www.westlrt.ca](http://www.westlrt.ca).

Finally, on May 1, 2009, The City, Calgary Board of Education and the Province broke ground on the new West Calgary High School. This school, which will replace Ernest Manning High School, is under construction at the corner of 69<sup>th</sup> St. and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W. For more information, visit [www.westlrt.ca](http://www.westlrt.ca) or [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca).

## AWARD WINNING MAD SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS COMING TO WILDWOOD!!!

### \*ROBOTS, GIZMOS & GADGETS: BRAND NEW FULL DAY CAMP FOR 2009!!

Campers will explore robots, lasers, tripwires, sound & motion sensors, the Science of Security, & Mad Machines. Each day will be totally fun and includes cool take home projects including your own sound-sensitive robot. **This camp will run from 9AM - 4PM July 6 - 10, 2009 and is recommended for children age 7 - 12. COST: \$300 plus GST.**

\*JUNIOR MAD EINSTEINS: All new 1/2 day camp for children age 5 - 7. Campers will explore Bugs, Lights & Color, Chemistry, Space Travel & Robotics. Each day will include a cool Mad Science take home project including a solar powered Peppy Orangutan Robot. **This camp will run from 9AM-12PM August 3 - 7, 2009. COST: \$150 plus GST**

\*LITTLE MAD SCIENTISTS: Another all new 1/2 day camp for children age 5 - 7. Campers will explore Dinosaurs, Detective Science, Suns & Stars, Bubbling Potions and Robotics. Each day will include a cool Mad Science take home project including a solar powered Valiant Viking Ship Robots. **This camp will run from 1PM - 4PM August 3 - 7, 2009. COST: \$150 plus GST.**



CHILDREN REGISTERED FOR BOTH JR. MAD EINSTEINS & LITTLE MAD SCIENTISTS WILL RECEIVE LUNCH SUPERVISION WITH OUR MAD SCIENTISTS.

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*“Signs, Signs ... Everywhere a Sign  
Blockin’ Out the Scenery ...”*

A sure “sign” of spring is the proliferation of signs and posters – on boulevards, taped on light posts and fences and found everywhere and anywhere they can be affixed – with the largest display along high traffic locations. My office has received a number of calls about this and personally, this is an issue that greatly concerns me.

Temporary signs are regulated under The City’s Temporary Signs Bylaw (29M97). Signs on municipal property are **NOT** legal under these conditions, to name a few:

- Is placed on any traffic island or centre median
- Obstructs any traffic control device
- Creates a traffic or pedestrian hazard
- Is attached to a standard street light pole, traffic signal pole or a City sign pole (except for posters), or a traffic control device (sign, signal, parking meter) or the pole that supports it
- Has a sign face larger than 0.6 square meters (approximately 2 feet x 3 feet)
- Is attached to a sound wall
- Is closer than 30 meters to any intersection, City bus shelter, transit bench, bus zone, LRT station, or LRT platform
- Is closer than 2 meters from the curb or edge of road
- Is supported by string, rope, metal stakes or wire
- Becomes unsightly

This list of regulations is **not** exhaustive and I recommend that you review the Bylaw posted on The City’s website, [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) where it is more fully explained and also includes regulations for signs on private property.

This perennial problem multiplies as the weather improves, with more vendors adding their advertisements and posters to locations where the first ones were attached (perhaps wrongly assuming that because others are there that the location is legal). I encourage you to report illegal signs to “3-1-1” for City Bylaw follow-up or, if and when possible, personally remove those illegal signs that clutter your community. Please use common sense when near roadways.

Let’s all work together to keep our great city clean and beautiful.

I also want to make you aware of another upcoming summer infrastructure construction project to be undertaken by City Water Resources in **July and August**.

Since 1978, communities west of Old Banff Coach Road between Coach Hill Road & Patrick Street have been served by distribution lines rather than a water feedermain. As this area continues to grow, a large diameter feedermain is required in order to properly accommodate the area's water requirements. This will also provide a dedicated feedermain to the reservoir at Broadcast Hill and will ensure better security of the water supply.

This project will require rolling lane closures of Old Banff Coach Road (between Coach Hill Road & Patrick Street) throughout the summer. At times when closing small sections of the entire 4-lane roadway is required, traffic will be routed along Bow Trail. The intersection of Old Banff Coach Road & Patterson Blvd will be affected by this work, however access to the adjacent retail centre will be maintained.

Water Resources will be providing customer notices to those residents who reside adjacent to Old Banff Coach Road and the construction area and to those businesses impacted by the construction.

Using alternate routes when possible through the summer is advisable. I appreciate your patience through another construction season in our city.

*Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these or any other civic matters at [joe.connelly@calgary.ca](mailto:joe.connelly@calgary.ca), or 268-2430. I look forward to your on-going feedback.*



**Alana DeLong, MLA**

## **LEGISLATURE REPORT**

Serving the communities of Bowness, Crestmont, Montgomery, Rosscarock, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs, Valley Ridge, Westgate and Wildwood

**Cash Rebates Will Help Albertans Be More Energy Efficient:** A new provincial consumer incentive program for energy efficient purchases will help Alberta build a culture of conservation. The province is investing \$36 million in consumer rebates to help Albertans be more energy efficient. As part of the three-year program, rebates are available to existing homeowners who improve their energy efficiency, to new home buyers who purchase energy efficient homes and to taxi operators who transition their fleet to hybrid vehicles. Eligible purchases, which are retroactive to January 1, 2009, include: new homes that achieve a high level of energy efficiency; energy evaluations for homeowners to assess the current energy efficiency of their home and to measure its efficiency after home improvements are made; and efficient home heating systems, hot water heating systems, clothes washers and insulation upgrades. By choosing more efficient products, the consumer rebate program is expected to help Albertans become more energy efficient. For specific information on which purchases are eligible and how to apply for a rebate, visit [www.ClimateChangeCentral.com](http://www.ClimateChangeCentral.com), or call toll free at 1-888-537-7202. Energy efficient incentives for consumers align with the direction set out for Alberta's Provincial Energy Strategy.

**Alberta Pharmaceutical Strategy:**

Thank you for your letters regarding the drug plan for seniors. A new drug plan for seniors was originally announced in December 2008. In response to the feedback received from seniors, our government made a commitment to review the plan. On April 23, 2009, government subsequently introduced a revised drug plan to address seniors' concerns. Under the revised plan, nearly 60% of Alberta's seniors will either receive free prescription drugs or pay less than they currently pay. The Alberta government will continue to pay almost 80% of seniors' drug costs. Under the plan, low-income seniors will receive free prescription drugs. Those with slightly higher incomes will pay a co-payment of 20% of each prescription's cost to a maximum of \$15 per prescription. Other seniors will pay a co-payment of 20% of each prescription's cost to a maximum of \$15 per prescription and a monthly premium based on their taxable income. 85% of seniors will either pay no premium or have their premium reduced by 25% or 50% according to their income. The plan will become effective on July 1, 2010. If you need more information, please visit the Alberta Health and Wellness website at [www.health.alberta.ca](http://www.health.alberta.ca) or call my constituency office.



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## 2009 Wildwood Cleanup a Success with Great Weather!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to over 50 Wildwood volunteers who helped with this year's annual clean up on Saturday May 23rd, 2009. It was our 35th consecutive year for holding this event and our great example has encouraged other communities to follow our lead and we had visitors looking to see how it is done! We filled six City compactor trucks as well as a large metals bin and a good haul of electronics.

Special thanks to Tracey for organizing the refreshments and to Tracey, Wil and Bev for serving all the volunteers. Also, a big thank you to those people who brought their trucks and trailers to clean our back lanes; this year we had an excellent turn-out. Thanks also to the City for continuing to support our clean up by providing the compactor garbage trucks as well as the great people who operate them.



As to the truck contest, congratulations to Dave for the best decorated & hardest working truck, Phil for the largest & best recycler truck, Melanie for the best phone in truck and Robert for the newest truck (with Quebec plates!). Tomas was our youngest volunteer and Art was our oldest volunteer, their age difference was seven decades!! Once again Wildwood residents showed how to have fun while doing a great job for our community.

Beside the support from the City, we would like to thank "Adair Tree Care" for donating their chipper and their time to responsibly handle some of our tree branches (see their ad in the Warbler), "e-cycle solutions" for taking our electronics, Waste Management for their large metal bin, and Norman from Sure Print & Copy at 3709 17th Ave. SW for his fast response on our extra printing jobs.

I regret to have to make the following comments. Some people left several full garbage bags at the community centre in the afternoon, long after the compactor trucks had left at 1:30pm. These looked to be items that would normally be picked up during regular garbage pick-up. Also, we still get people putting out fridges, paint and tires, which our enthusiastic volunteers pick up and we then have to go to extra trouble to dispose of them separately. In the community spirit we ask that in future you please follow the well published guidelines.

A final thanks to the many Wildwood residents who abided by the guidelines provided for this event – it makes the volunteers' jobs that much easier and is greatly appreciated. If you missed volunteering this year or are new to the neighbourhood, mark your calendars for next year – it's always the Saturday after the May long weekend.

Have a great summer and enjoy the great look of our newly cleaned community !

- Clive Watson



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## Artists Wanted in Calgary's Downtown

*Learn about City initiatives promoting art and performance downtown.*

Whether you're an artist or someone who appreciates artistic abilities, Calgary's downtown is a place you'll want to be.

### Local art in downtown windows

Through the Open Spaces: Windows to a View initiative, local artists are getting some terrific exposure downtown.

Their work will be featured in one of two window spaces on the Centre St. LRT platform (adjacent to the TELUS Convention Centre) for a six week period. Interested local artists were asked to submit their application by May 25. The initiative runs from July 2009 to April 2010.

The City of Calgary Public Art Program is a Council-approved system of processes that guide how the City commissions, acquires and manages its visual art pieces and collections. Implemented in early 2004, the program provides cultural leadership and opportunity, guides the evolution of a distinct and vibrant artistic character for the City's emerging public places, and ensures a visual legacy for all to enjoy.

For more information, visit [calgary.ca/publicart](http://calgary.ca/publicart).

### Other art initiatives: Southland Leisure Centre

If you've been to the Southland Leisure Centre lately, you've likely noticed new art in the main lobby.

Body Mind Spirit integrates text, imagery and ceramic tile to capture the activities at the centre and celebrate its role in wellness and bringing communities together. It was created by Vancouver artist Blake Williams and commissioned through the Public Art Program.

### Performers on downtown streets

Street performers are welcome in downtown Calgary! The City is making it easy for buskers to showcase their talent downtown by relaxing permits and restrictions. The hope is to attract more performers to the core, increasing the variety of performances and making our downtown more vibrant and attractive.

Just imagine strolling along downtown streets amid the whirlwind of entertainment – buskers playing instruments, performing magic or comedy, juggling or capturing the whirlwind in artwork.

Most buskers in Calgary are professional or semi-professional entertainers who busk for exposure, to develop their skills, to showcase new material or just because they love it. Generally, buskers aren't hired or contracted to perform, so their payment is the donations they receive from the crowds they entertain.

Buskers can perform freely from the Beltline to Prince's Island Park and 14 Street S.W. to City Hall, at the Eau Claire Festival Market, in Kensington and in some City parks. Buskers must have a Busker ID from the Calgary Downtown Association at [downtowncalgary.com](http://downtowncalgary.com). Some conditions apply, such as no amplification and no dangerous performances.

For more details, visit the Busking in Calgary page at [calgary.ca/parks](http://calgary.ca/parks) and click on Regulations and Etiquette.

### Related links:

City of Calgary Public Art Program ([calgary.ca/publicart](http://calgary.ca/publicart))

Calgary Downtown Association ([downtowncalgary.com](http://downtowncalgary.com))

Blog: Centre City Talk ([centrecitytalk.com](http://centrecitytalk.com))

Looking for the latest in news on City services? Sign up for Citytalk eNews at [calgary.ca/eNews](http://calgary.ca/eNews).



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### **BOW CLIFF SENIORS 50+ - June Special Events**

608 Poplar Road SW. Located in the Spruce Cliff Community Centre

Phone: 403.246.0392

#### **Canada Day & Stampede BBQ**

Wednesday, July 1 – 11:00am to 1:30pm

Kent Hehr and Bow Cliff Seniors are hosting our annual free BBQ for the community. Come join us for the Entertainment and a chance to meet your neighbors. Please RSVP with the Bow Cliff office: 246.0390

**Garden Volunteers** Jacquelynn Mulyk, coordinator at Bow Cliff Seniors is heading up a new Spruce Cliff Community Garden. This will be a garden for Bow Cliff and surrounding communities. For this season we are looking for help with: Donation of tools, donation of planters of any size, donation of perennials, volunteer time for planting containers, volunteers to paint signs. Please call for more details.

**Foot Clinic** – Monday, June 22nd. Members only service. Please book directly with Diann. Contact her at: 403.272.4623 or 403.703.0201

**Wednesday Lunches** every Wednesday. Father's Day lunch June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Evening Crib** for members. Crib Thursday, **June 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** - doors open at 6:30 p.m. and games conclude around 9:00 p.m.

#### **Exercise Classes**

Classes for all levels of participants taught by Kathleen Busch. Drop-ins welcome. \$4.50 per class and they run every Monday and Thursday morning. Classes running until June 25<sup>th</sup>.

***Bow Cliff Seniors Newsletter is now being offered by email for free. Sign-up with the office if you would like a copy emailed to you. Service for members and non-members.***