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2017: Another Great Year in Wildwood!

The festive season is upon us and we'd like to take this time to reflect on the year that has passed and the year that is to come. We are so grateful for the dedication and commitment to this community by its members, we won't be able to capture everyone, so please know we are grateful for it all.

A brief recap of successful events this year, and shout out to all that spent many hours organizing them, --Improv in Wildwood, Wine Tasting, Volunteer Appreciation Night, Wildwood Cleanup, Tour de Wildwood, and the return of the Adult Halloween Party!

Wildwood Community Garden brought together so many great year-round workshops and the ever popular Harvest Festival, celebrating the harvest season with great local produce, products, and entertainment, not to mention creating an annual gathering place for all Wildwoodians in the fall.

We welcomed Natalie Nesbitt as our community centre Building Manager in February and she has been doing a fantastic job since. We now wonder how we were doing it without her! Thank you, Natalie.

One of our most popular year round programs is the Wildwood Wednesday Playgroup lead by Sara Klimes and Leanne Winestock, who took over in 2016 from Diane Jeffers, thank you for keeping this program strong.

After a year and a half of very hard work on the part of Chris and Lynn Brown, through grant applications, contractor quotes and correspondence with the City and others, the parking lot of the community centre was repaved in late August. Thank you. The tennis courts may be next!

The new recycling program was introduced in February. Thanks to Marni Lingard for heading up this very detailed process with the City of Calgary. The new bins were put into the community centre in February and we are now compliant with the updated recycling and composting bylaws for community centres.

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WCA Board Meeting Highlights

November 21, 2017

Call out for our Community Membership Manager Administrator

The Board is seeking a volunteer to take over administration of our Community Membership Manager (CMM) database. This database is currently used for selling and tracking memberships as well as the tennis program, with potential to expand its functionality into more programs or events and to communicate to members on specific programs of interest.

The position requires a few hours per month. The current duties consist of:

- Setting access for Board Members and Directors as needed
- Processing any refunds as needed
- Addressing any technical issues with the program owner, Compusim

Please email your expression of interest to the Membership Director at membership@mywildwood.ca

WCA budget year

The WCA's budget year is coming to an end January 31, 2018.

Rink workshops

Rink volunteer workshops are being offered by the city of Calgary – Outdoor Rinks 101 on November 29 from 6:30-8:30pm. Register at https://outdoorrinks101.eventbrite.ca or Outdoor Rink Mid Season Forum on January 18 from 6:30-8:30pm.

Douglas Fir Trail/Quarry Trail update

Both trails officially now open!

Calgary Police Security assessment of garden and surrounding area

There were a number of recommendations made by Constable S. Sheppard. Some included trimming trees and shrubs, adding lights and CCTC system. The Community Garden has already contracted someone to trim some trees and shrubs. And our Community Centre manager will look into lighting quotes to improve lighting around the garage structure and garden area.

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The next WCA Board meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

~ Your WCA Board

Wildwood Community Association BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month with the exception of July, August & December when there is no meeting.

Next meeting Jan. 16th, 2018

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Wildwood Community Memberships!

Do you plan on joining any fall/winter activities? Learn to Skate or Shinny Hockey? If so, you will need a current WCA membership to join in on these great activities and other events.

2017 WCA memberships are still available and are valid until Jan. 31, 2018.

The WCA membership cost is $25 per household or $5 per senior household, where the primary member is at or over 65 years. Memberships for the current year (Feb 1, 2017 - Jan 31, 2018) can be purchased by:

- (Preferred) Going to our website (mywildwood.ca/memberships) and completing the online application and payment option by clicking on the link or
- Completing the application form (below, or downloaded from the website) and mailing it in with your cheque.

Once your application and payment are processed, you will receive an automated email (or old fashioned letter) informing you of your membership number, which you can then use to register for programs. We are no longer issuing membership cards; please retain this email and bring along to events and registrations as proof of membership.

Wildwood Calendar

Dec. 3	**Wildwood Christmas Artisan Market**	**p. 13**
Dec. 25	*Christmas Day*	
Dec. 31	*New Year's Eve (Check out p. 21 for celebrations happening around the city!)*	
Jan. 16	**First WCA Board Meeting of the new year**	
Jan. 20	**Annual Wine Tasting**	**p. 14**
Jan. 31	Registration deadline for Lego Contest	p. 15
Feb. 9/10	**Wildwood Lego Building Contest**	**p. 15**

WCA Board Meeting Highlights

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White Oak Playground update

A potential design was presented at the meeting, with an update on budget and funds being solicited through grants, community member donations and community business donations. The board approved financial support of the project going forward. Fundraising will continue into 2018, see www.mywildwood.ca for how to donate to your community playground

Appreciation – Board Membership fees

With the number of hours given to the WCA by the volunteer board members and the requirement for the directors to have a membership in order to sit on the board, the board approved a motion to cover the cost of memberships for all current sitting board members. If any community members would like their WCA membership cost covered, please consider joining our board as volunteer roles become available, your time would be very much appreciated. Board renewal is in April 2018, look out for any positions that might become available.

2017: Another Great Year in Wildwood!

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2017 also saw the community come together with the Douglas Fir Trail closure early in the year and re-opening in November. Community voices were heard and numerous volunteers helped to bring the trail to a usable and sustainable condition – thank you to everyone who participated.

Ahead in 2018, look out for the great projects that are being mentioned in this edition of the Warbler already – the White Oak Playground Rebuild and the 30 Spruce Up Community project – both new initiatives and both headed up by local residents. Lego lovers unite, the Lego contest event is returning, thanks to Heather Bligh for taking it on and Caroline Troy for all the past work on it.

Thanks to several others, we'll see the return of popular kid's programs such as learn-to-skate, shinny, tennis and soccer, and adult favourites such as yoga, tennis, Tour de Wildwood, our annual wine tasting event and the family friendly gardening programs. And, coming this month, Wildwood Christmas Artisan Market.

We hope you continue to channel the neighbourly feeling as this winter comes with lots of snow. Be a snow angel, participate in an event or program, renew your membership or be a friendly face in the neighbourhood.

Have a wonderful Christmas. We wish each of you peace and joy this season, as you spend time with family and friends. All the best for 2018!

~ Your WCA Board of Directors

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2017 Year to Date Activity

Single Family ACTIVE Listings: 8

Bungalow (under $500K):	**0**
Bungalow ($500K - $750K):	**4**
- Average List Price:	$688,450
- Average Size:	1128 ft²
Bungalow ($750K - $1.0M):	**1**
- Average List Price:	$849,000
- Average Size:	1604 ft²
Bungalow (greater than $1.0M):	**1**
- Average List Price:	$1,300,000
- Average Size:	1607 ft²
Other Styles ($500K - $1.0M):	**1**
- Average List Price:	$799,900
- Average Size:	1595 ft²
Other Styles ($1.0M - $2.0M):	**1**
- Average List Price:	$1,099,900
- Average Size:	2600 ft²
Other Styles (greater than $2.0M):	**0**

Single Family Homes - SOLDS: 42

Bungalow (Under $500K):	**5**
- Average Sale Price:	$468,100
- Average Size:	957 ft²
Bungalow ($500K - $750K):	**22**
- Average Sale Price:	$614,382
- Average Size:	1164 ft²
Bungalow ($750K - $1.0M):	**5**
- Average Sale Price:	$800,600
- Average Size:	1404 ft²
Bungalow (over $1.0M):	**0**
Other Styles ($500k - $1.0M):	**9**
- Average Sale Price:	$780,500
- Average Size:	1437 ft²
Other Styles (over $1.0M):	**2**
- Average Sale Price:	$1,212,500
- Average Size:	2896 ft²

Pending Sales: 0

LISTINGS:

ACTIVE LISTING:

67 Westover Drive SW

Lovingly maintained & updated 4 Bdrm bungalow. Character 'S' wall, plaster ceilings, L-shaped LR/DR, Oak hdwd floors. Huge deck & private yard, RV storage, oversized dbl garage. Reno'd bsmt with large family room. Great home with many upgrades.

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For More information visit:

www.danaashman.com or www.patrick-murphy.com

Wildwood Skating Season Begins!

We are looking forward to another season of skating on our fantastic outdoor rink! A big thanks in advance to all of the volunteers who put their time and energy into making the rink a great place to gather through the winter.

Wildwood residents enjoy skating and sledding in the sunshine.
Photo: Tracy Smith

The rink is open to all, and cannot be reserved. The only exceptions to this are programs run by the Wildwood Community Association, which include:

- Learn to Skate, which runs Sunday mornings on the pleasure rink in January/February. The hockey rink and portions of the pleasure rink are still available for skaters
- Wildwood shinny, which runs Tuesday/Thursday evenings beginning in January until the ice melts. The hockey rink is fully in use by shinny players at this time; however, the pleasure rink is available for skaters

To make the rink a great experience for all, a few reminders are below:

- Please share the rink and pleasure ice – it's for everyone
- Please stay out of the way of the zamboni when it is on the ice
- No hockey on the pleasure rink
- Please be responsible with the fire pit and leave the skate room and rink area clean\
- Please drive cautiously in the parking lot near the rink – there are a lot of little skaters in the community
- Sledders and those wearing boots – make way for skaters on the ice, particularly when programs are running and when the rink is busy

~ Tracy Smith, Wildwood Community Sports & Programs Director

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Thinking About Soil and Plant Health in Winter

A dead patch of grass that seemed to "spill" down the hill from the Wildwood parking lot tweaked my interest last spring. I light-heartedly laughed about this with my kids as we walked home from school. It was a visible sign that salt kills soil, and as a result, plants. The parking lot was likely treated with some form of de-icer last winter, then shovelled down the hill, causing this visible death-to-ecosystem. I could finally show my kids just how damaging road salting practices can be to the environment. Being a Calgary native I understand the importance of de-icing here, so I don't discourage this practice as it is entirely necessary when thinking of road safety, but the effects might be worth mentioning to home owners so that alternate actions can be considered on a private level.

I am a gardener who focuses on soil health. Soil is what makes a plant grow better or worse. I focus on how to boost soils, how to keep soils strong and alive and how to treat soils like you would your own family members. Ultimately, soils are what support human health and life. Here I'll make a quick distinction between soil and dirt. Dirt is dead, and does not produce food. It is what gets stuck under your finger nails, what grows a great crop of weeds, what erodes at the first hint of wind or water. Dirt is not resilient and will not support human, or other, life. Soil, on the other hand, is full of healthy microbes that produce beautiful humus (not humous that you have on crackers, but humus). Humus holds the soil together, retains moisture, supports plants and their roots well and produces nutritious and mineral-rich foods that will truly "feed" us. Growing food in mineralized soils means we may not need to purchase vitamins, as our foods will be satisfyingly rich in minerals, naturally.

So, back to our conundrum about de-icing. According to my internet-based research, chloride-based de-icing practices results in outcomes on plants similar to those of a drought: "stunted growth, brown and falling leaves/needles, dying limbs and premature plant deaths." De-icers can raise the soil pH, and soil pH in Calgary is already notoriously very high. High pH means that plants will not be able to absorb minerals, meaning plants will die. A balanced pH is key.

The City of Calgary is aware of this effect, and as such uses mostly fine gravel when this is sufficient (97% gravel, 3% salt mixture), but the city does resort to using chloride de-icers when snow is predicted, applying 30,000-40,000 tonnes of road salts annually.

If you clear your own sidewalks during the winter months, I encourage you to consider this in how it relates to your garden. If you can get out there early and pile the snow onto your lawn or garden beds, your garden will love you! It will benefit from this natural moisture. Furthermore, if the snow is removed quickly, there may be no reason to use salt products to de-ice your pathways, meaning your soil will continue to live, thrive and to produce plants that could feed you and your family better than any food that is available at stores. Food for thought!

~ Chelsie Anderson

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Colourful Community Project to Enliven Spruce Drive in 2018!

30 Spruce Up Community Project

30 Spruce Up is a creative community project that will take place in the playground zone on Spruce Drive and in adjacent greenspaces next summer in our community. The project received funding through the Activate YYC program and will be hosted by the Wildwood Community Association. The project consists of 30 colorful spruce tree shadows that will be painted on the pavement in reference to the spruce trees planted along Spruce Drive. This street art painting project will be complemented by colorful benches that will be placed in the adjacent greenspaces to create gathering places and animate these under-utilized spaces. The project will span from Wedgewood Drive to White Oak Crescent in the 30 km/hr playground zone.

What is Activate YYC?

Activate YYC is a microgrant program launched by the Federation of Calgary Communities along with The City of Calgary to support tactical urbanism initiatives to encourage people to walk, play and be neighbourly.

30 Spruce Up street view visualization
Photo: Véronique Pelletier

What is tactical urbanism?

Tactical urbanism is a term used to describe a set of low-cost, temporary, collaborative and creative projects aiming at improving neighbourhoods.

How will this project encourage people to walk?

Street painting typically has a traffic calming effect. Benches along Spruce Drive will encourage people to occupy the space and will provide 'eyes on the street' which may discourage drivers from speeding. Combined, these interventions may address some of the speeding issues. This will create a more pleasant and safer environment to walk along Spruce Drive which is an important connector in our community.

How will this project encourage people to play?

Greenspaces along Spruce Drive are under-utilized spaces. By providing facilities to sit, residents will be encouraged to utilize the space for informal gatherings and activities.

30 Spruce Up bird's eye view visualization
Photo: Véronique Pelletier

How will this project encourage people to be neighbourly?

In addition to the temporary gathering spaces where residents would have more opportunities to interact with each other, the street painting event and the community bench building event will bring the community together to exchange and build relationships.

Questions? Want to get involved?

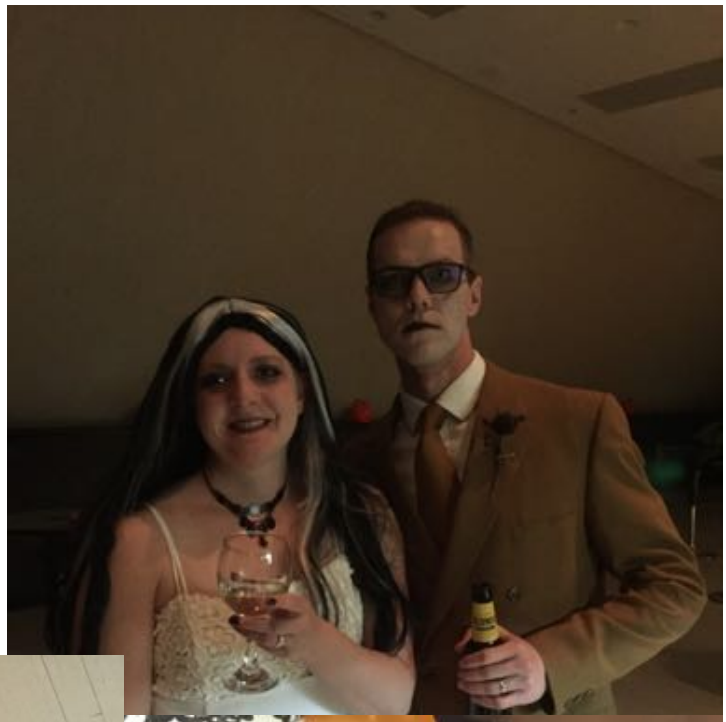
If you have any questions about the project, send us an email! Look for more information in the spring for opportunities to get involved. Everyone will be invited to take part in this community project.

ActivateYYC
Walk, Play & Be Neighbourly

Email: 30spruceup@gmail.com
Project Coordinator: Véronique Pelletier

Photos from the Wildwood Halloween Spooktacular

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Wildwood Halloween Spooktacular. A fun night was had by all! Many thanks to the volunteers who make these things possible.



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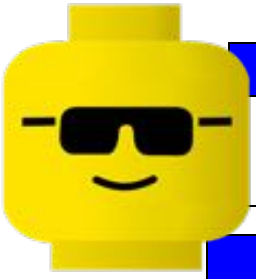
Wildwood 2018 Lego Building Contest

At the Wildwood Community Centre, 4411 Spruce Drive SW
www.mywildwood.ca

Event	Date	Time
Entry Drop-off	Friday, February 9	at 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Viewing	Saturday, February 10	at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Awards Ceremony	Saturday, February 10	at 3:00 pm
Entry Pick-up*	Saturday, February 10	at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

* Entries not picked up will be donated to a children's charity



Awards

The People's Choice Winner will receive a special Lego award
Ribbons will be awarded in each Category and Age Class

Entrant Age Classes (in years)	Entry Categories
• 4 and Under • 5 and 6 • 7 and 8 • 9 and 10 • 11 and 12 • 13 - 18	• Cool Scenes • Breathtaking Buildings • Vroom Vroom Vehicles • Family and Community • Your Own Creations

Cost

$7.00 per entry
$5.00 per entry with valid Wildwood community membership (see p.4)
Free admission to Viewing on Saturday (optional food bank donation)

Rules:

- Use your own Lego (or similar) building bricks.
- Build your creation at home then bring it to the Wildwood Community Centre.
- Entries must be your own, original creation, not from a set, kit or project found online.
- Can enter up to two creations in each category.
- Can enter up to 2 categories.
- Judges' decisions are final.
- Children from all communities are welcome.
- Contest is limited to 75 entries.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!

Pre-registration is required by January 31st

Visit: www.mywildwood.ca for upcoming registration details.

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Before and After Kindergarten Care for children attending Wildwood School

The Child Enrichment Centre (CEC) offers childcare for children attending morning kindergarten at Wildwood School. The CEC is an accredited, not-for-profit child care centre located in the neighbourhood.

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Holiday Pet Safety

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Food:

- Leftover food that is rich, spicy or fatty can be hard for pets to digest.
- Many foods are toxic or harmful for pets, including: turkey bones, artificial sweeteners and other baking ingredients, chocolate and alcohol.
- Secure the lid on your garbage can or put your garbage outside right after the meal.

Décor:

- Poinsettias, Christmas cactus and holly are toxic to cats and dogs.
- Secure your Christmas tree if you have pets that like to climb.
- Hang breakable ornaments higher on your tree.
- With natural trees, make sure pets don't drink the water.
- Shiny tinsel and ribbons are appealing for cats, but if swallowed can cause serious injury or lead to surgery.
- Unplug holiday lights and extension cords prior to leaving your home.
- Don't put candy or chocolates under the tree.

Socializing:

- While hosting parties, give your pet a safe and quiet place to retreat.
- Be mindful as guests come and go as it's easy for pets to slip out unnoticed.
- It is important to call your veterinarian if you suspect your pet has eaten any toxic foods or substances. For additional pet safety tips, visit calgary.ca/animalservices.

Message from MP Ron Liepert, Signal Hill

As 2017 draws to a close, we can look back on the past year and be thankful for many things: oil prices appear to be holding above the $50 mark (at the time of writing this article); optimism that oil may hit $60 per barrel over the next few months; and, improved optimism in many other sectors of our economy, including technology, agriculture, and service.

2017 was also a time to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, with many celebrations taking place across the country, province, and locally with community events in our riding of Calgary Signal Hill. We anticipate the memorable celebration to conclude this momentous year.

Yet, even as we remain thankful for many things, it's an unfortunate truth that there are real causes for concern over the year ahead. There is a concern resulting from eco-activism in areas such as pipeline approvals and construction. Both federal and provincial governments seem to be moving ahead with initiatives that will sterilize large tracts of energy development lands in Northern Alberta, and designate those regions as protected caribou habitat—a serious blow to an energy sector that is already struggling.

This past year also saw the government introduce their second federal budget with a deficit of nearly $20 billion. After last year's $17 billion deficit, they will need to make plans to balance the budget in a timely fashion difficult to minimize the impacts on all Canadians especially in Alberta where many are still struggling as a result of the economic downturn.

In the summer of 2017 saw the government attempted to introduce a series of new taxes on small business. Those where met with much resistance by several stakeholders such as farmers, medical offices and accountants, the government listened and eventually were forced to back off on most of their proposals.

Please let me express my sincere gratitude for your feedback over this past year, and I look forward to continuing my work as your representative in Ottawa in 2018. From my family to yours, I would like to wish you, your family and friends a safe and joyous Christmas and the best for the holiday season.

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Message from Councillor Evan Woolley

Happy Holidays

I've always loved the holidays. It's not just because of the family dinners, or the chance to get out to the Rockies to ski or snowboard, or even the gathering of presents under the Christmas tree. It's because of the kind and generous attitude with which Calgarians approach the season and their neighbours. We are a warm and giving people, but during the holiday season we always seem to one-up ourselves. You can see it everywhere – on the faces of kids in the corner store and in the kind smiles of Calgarians bundled up behind countless layers of clothing – and it makes me immensely proud to be from and live in this wonderful place.

As lights and decorations find their way onto neighbouring businesses and homes, I hope that all Calgarians will consider taking the time to spread the joy of the season through their own acts of public service. This can mean volunteering your time at a local soup kitchen, helping to shovel a neighbour's sidewalk, or donating gently-used winter clothing to those in need. The options to give back and support your community are endless. If you have questions about how you can get involved in your community, contact your local Community Association or our office through email (ward08@calgary.ca) or phone (403-268-2431), we'd love to hear from you. From the Ward 8 office, we wish you a very happy holidays and a joyful New Year!

I wish you all the very best this holiday season and through the winter. Stay warm, keep safe on the roads, and have fun. 2018 is going to be a great year!

Snow Angels

The snow and cold temperatures are here to stay – at least for the next few months. Get involved and help our community by starting a Snow Angel campaign. All you have to do is adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear when it snows. Watch for people in the neighbourhood who could use help removing snow and lend them a hand.

Remember: residents have just 24 hours after a snow fall to remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property.

Going on a Christmas Holiday?

The Christmas Holidays can be a great time to enjoy a vacation! Before you head out, make sure your home is as safe and secure as possible. Here are a few tips to help reduce your risk:

- Consider turning off the water. A ruptured pipe can do a lot of damage in very little time
- Double-check your insurance policy to find out if and when you require someone to check in on your home
- If you have a home alarm system, let the alarm company know when you'll be away and ensure that your call list is up-to-date
- Give a trusted neighbour or friend a key and trip details and ask them to check in on your home
- Don't advertise that you are going away – this includes updates on social media
- Create a lived-in appearance. Be sure the sidewalk and steps are cared for while you are away, stop any newspapers or have flyers collected from your door. Set lights or a TV on timers so your home is not dark during evening hours
- Disable your garage door while you are gone
- Put away, or secure all lawn furniture or tools (i.e. ladders) so they can't be used to assist a burglar in gaining access to the upper story windows of your home

Wildwood Playschool is a fun & inspiring place to begin your child's education. Facilitated by our excellent local teachers, our parent-run play school offers semi-structured programs for 3 & 4 year olds, stimulating children's curiosity and development in a playful and safe environment.

2018/2019 REGISTRATION

Thursday, January 18th ~ 4:30-6:00pm
Open House at the WCA hall
Meet the Teachers and Volunteer Parent Board

Monday, January 22nd ~ 8:00-9:00pm
Phone-in Registration
For current families and past board members

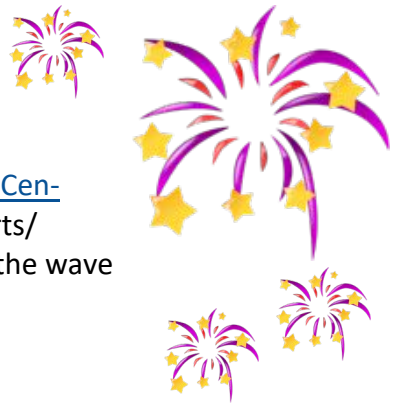
Wednesday, January 24th ~ 7:00pm Wildwood Residents Lottery at the WCA hall
doors open at 6:30pm

Saturday, January 27th ~ 9:00am
General Registration at WCA hall

www.wildwoodplayschool.ca
registration@wildwoodplayschool.ca

New Year's Eve Celebrations

Kick off 2018 with family-friendly celebrations hosted by the City of Calgary.



Leisure Centres
Time: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
All ages, family drop-in, regular admission

Play, swim, jump, and splash into 2018. The leisure centres (Southland Leisure Centre and Village Square Leisure Centre) will have a variety of activities such as arts/crafts, a bouncy house and more. Party in the waterpark and splash around in the wave pool, slides and hot tub. Pool party countdown at 5:15 p.m.

Family Dance Party
Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Calgary Municipal Building (City Hall) - 800 MacLeod Tr. S.W.

The Municipal Building will become party central with music, entertainment, and a glow-in-the-dark resolution wall. Dress in neon or white and anything that glows. Samba dancers will get the party started with a conga line and the fun will finish with the kid's countdown at 9 p.m.

Outdoor Celebration
Time: 7 p.m. - midnight
Location: Olympic Plaza - 228 8 Ave. S.E.

Bundle up for the weather and join the party outside at Olympic Plaza.
Indoor and outdoor photo booths, line dancing, Star Wars characters and Canadian-inspired ice carvings. Plus, an amazing line-up of local artists will provide a musical backdrop to the night, culminating in the ENMAX fireworks display.

The Church of the Good Shepherd

408 38th Street SW **www.anglicangoodshepherd.ca**

Services

Sunday

8:00 am – BCP Holy Communion

A traditional Anglican Eucharist following in the form in the Book of Common Prayer.

10:00 am – Contemporary Eucharist

A service of song, readings and prayer with the sharing of bread and wine of the Eucharist. Children aged 4 – 12 are invited to remain in the service or may participate in Sunday School. Staffed nursery is available.

Wednesday

10 am – Simple Eucharist

An abbreviated Eucharist followed by coffee and conversation.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 3rd: Santa Sunday We are accepting donations of unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items for the St. Edmunds Christmas Hampers. Donations can be dropped off during the week ahead of December 3rd

Christmas at the Church of the Good Shepherd

With the season of Advent coming to a close and Christmas being celebrated on the same day this year, our services for December 24th will be held as follows:

8:00am	Traditional Book of Common Prayer Eucharist
10:00am	Contemporary Book of Alternative Services Eucharist These two services will follow our usual Sunday formats and will focus on the last Sunday in the Advent season.
9:00pm	Christmas Candlelight Service This service will bring our attention to the beginning of the Christmas season with a special ceremony of Sharing the Light to close the evening.

In the New Year: Thursday, January 25th: Robbie Burns Night at the Good Shepherd! Keep an eye on our website, www.anglicangoodshepherd.ca, as more details will be announced soon!

Parish Priest: Reverend Derwyn Costinak

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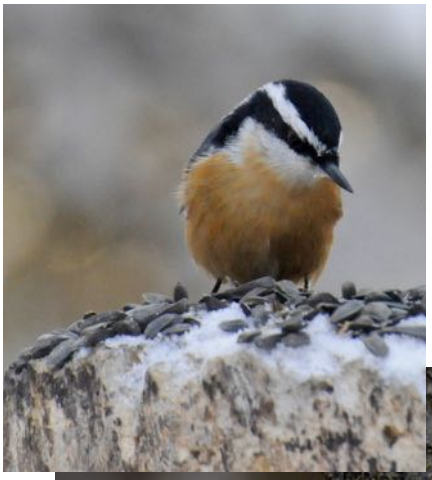
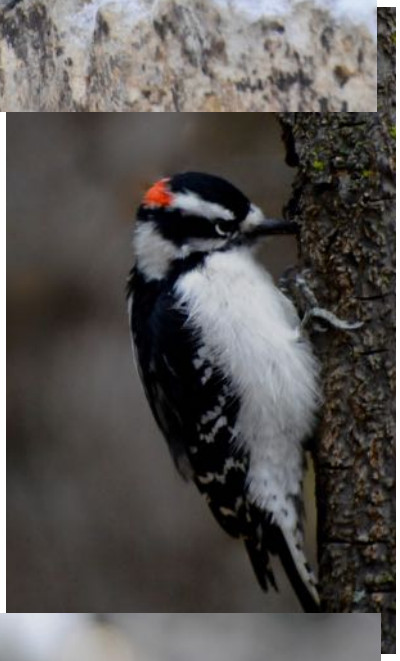
Edworthy Park Heritage Society

Now that winter is here, it is always enjoyable to watch the winter birds as they forage for insects in crevices of trees or pick up black-oil sunflower seeds from feeders. One of our favourite winter visitors is the Red-breasted Nuthatch. Its call is a distinctive, nasal-sounding “yank, yank”. It has a white stripe above its eye. The male has a black head while the female has a greyish cap. It climbs head-first down trees as it searches for insects.



Another winter favourite is the Downy Woodpecker. It climbs head-first up trees. The male has a red patch on the crown of its head. The female lacks the red patch. Downy Woodpeckers are similar to the larger Hairy Woodpeckers. Other than size, the smaller Downy Woodpecker has a row of black spots on the edges of its outer tail feathers as seen in these photos. It is sometimes difficult to see these spots. The Hairy Woodpecker has pure white outer tail feathers. Woodpeckers use their tails to prop themselves against a tree trunk. The bristles on its bill prevents sawdust from going up its nose. The foot has 4 toes, two pointing forward and two pointing backward.



And of course, there is the cheery Black-capped Chickadee.

Thank you to everyone who bought a historic brick and a book. We appreciate your support! The Society’s book, *Treasures of the Trail* is a nature guide to Edworthy Park, Brickburn and Lawrey Gardens. It has 205 photos, most of which are in colour. It describes 5 walking routes and has overviews on geology, history, archaeology, palaeontology, flora, fauna and butterflies.

It is available at *Wolf Willow Studio* in Spruce Centre, *Blue Door Oil and Vinegar* in West Springs, the *Bownesian* in Bowness, and *Robertson’s Camera in Inglewood*. It sells for $20 plus gst.

Please support the Society by buying our trail guide.
Season’s Greetings from the Society and a Happy New Year.

— Edworthy Park Heritage Society

Top Right: Male Red-breasted Nuthatch
Middle Right: Male Downy Woodpecker
Bottom Right: Black-capped Chickadee with a prized sunflower seed
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Thank you and Happy Holidays!

It has been my pleasure working with so many of my neighbours over the last year, and I'm looking forward to meeting and working with so many more of you in 2018.

So Far in 2017…

- **42** homes sold in Wildwood, which is a 14% increase over 2016. People LOVE living here and it shows!
- The average sale price is more than **$680,000**, which is 15% LOWER than in 2016 (some big $$ sales in 2016).
- Average days on market trended downward to **39** days, down from 54 days in 2016 (good news for sellers).
- There are currently **7**, that's right, **ONLY SEVEN** homes on the market in Wildwood. Thinking of selling? Now is a good time, and I'm happy to help.