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The next installment of our Residents of Wildwood series is from an interview with Lisa Beirnes, a relatively recent Wildwood resident, and an active volunteer for the Wildwood Community Association (WCA).

Lisa told the Warbler that she moved to Calgary in 2019, and to Wildwood in early 2021. Work brought her from Manitoba (via Medicine Hat), but the need for green space and a good park for her dog, Marley, brought her to Wildwood. The fact that Wildwood is close to

downtown, for her partner's work, was a bonus. Lisa keeps herself busy with her full-time job in the rail industry, as well as running a body-sugaring business, Blue Rose Body Sugaring, in the new Bow45 building here in Wildwood.

While she admits that her two jobs keep her "almost too busy," she nonetheless finds time to volunteer for the WCA. Being new to the neighbourhood, Lisa wanted to "get involved," "to meet people...and get a feel for the community." She notes that there are "some really cool people in the community and some insanely dedicated volunteers," which inspired her to "give an hour or two a week or a month."

Lisa is a Director-at-Large for the WCA, a position she enjoys because she can "randomly join in on stuff." She also produces "Dogs of Edworthy" on the WCA social media, an intermittent highlighting of the





various pups who enjoy the park with their people. And, if that's not enough, Lisa took on the job of organizing the fifth annual Wildwood Artisan Christmas Market. Lisa brought a lot of experience to this event, having organized events for an animal rescue, for Cancer Care Manitoba, for Crohn's and Colitis Canada, and for MS Biking to the Viking in Manitoba. But she is keen to praise the original organizers of the market who were "super, super helpful and a great resource." She has much to be proud of: the 2021 Christmas market set a donations and attendance record for Wildwood.

Left with the chance to have the final words in her interview, Lisa encouraged others to get involved and volunteer. "If you don't know much about the community, or are new to volunteering, being a Director-at-Large is a great position because you get to learn and meet people and get a better understanding of the community. Even signing up as a general volunteer is great. It doesn't have to be a huge, or all-encompassing commitment. The more volunteers, the less work it is for just one person. Plus, it's lots of fun."

Thank you to Eileen Mac for creating this story with Lisa. If you have a story about a Wildwood Resident that you want to share please send it to warbler@mywildowod.ca

Do you have time to give to Wildwood? We need you to help Lisa keep Wildwood Awesome!



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Wildwood Community Association News

Wildwood Community Association Board Highlights from April 19 2022

There are many great opportunities to get involved in Wildwood – whether it's joining the board, helping to plan an event, or supporting the other work involved in running a community association. If you're interested in helping out the Wildwood Community Association, please attend one of our board meetings or send an email to Secretary@mywildwood.ca to learn how to get involved! Thank you to Councillor Pootmans for attending our April board meeting!

Traffic remains a major concern in Wildwood. With the winter weather hopefully behind us, we can expect to see more of our littlest neighbours out and about, including participating in our community soccer program, and around the school and playgrounds. Please drive slowly in our neighbourhood so

that it remains a safe place for all. If you have traffic concerns or witness a nearmiss incident, please do take the time to report these to 311. The City tracks these reports and it helps them decide where to focus their efforts. Please also forward suggestions/concerns to traffic@mywildwood.ca.

We are seeking many volunteers to fill board and event planning/execution. Interested in keeping Wildwood a great community? Visit mywildwood.ca to see where you are needed most.

Please keep an eye on our social media channels for additional information, including upcoming events and city service schedules.

Street Cleaning: May 3 & 4

Wildwood Community Association BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month with the exception of July, August & December (no meetings).

Next meeting: May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Hall

Wildwood Warbler Newsletter ARTICLES & ADVERTISING

Do you have an article idea or photos that would be of interest to your neighbours? We would love to hear from you!

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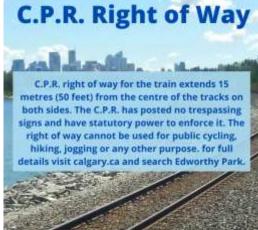


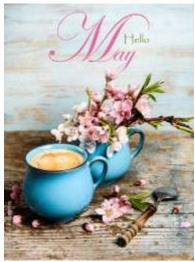
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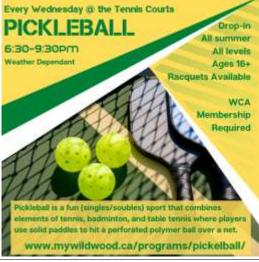














Wildwood Classifieds/Business Directory

Email warbler@mywildwood.ca to get a listing here!

Wildwood Classifieds

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City News and Information







Window & Balcony Safety

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows, Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential window and balcony hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them;
- Keep drapery cords out of childrens' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard;
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further prevention tips

- Toddlers & preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age;
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches);
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed & secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

www.albertahealthservices.ca



City News & Updates

Calgary has 157 public off-leash areas to enjoy. To view where these are located, visit the Calgary Off-leash Dog Areas map at https://

maps.calgary.ca/OffLeashDogAreas/

Help build a resilient watershed for Calgary. Use our step-by-step guides to plant beautiful gardens which take little time, effort and water to maintain. calgary.ca/yardsmart

Celebrate World Bee Day on May 20 by adding native plants in your own backyard to help support our urban birds, bees and butterflies. More info: www.calgary.ca/pollinators



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Scheduled in Wildwood May 3 & 4

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www.peritusyards.ca

Snow and Ice Management



City News and Information

Calgary (18)

Waste & Recycling Services Update:

Park Cart Smart — cul-de-sacs

When you set out your blue, green and black carts properly, you're helping to ensure safe and efficient operation of The City's waste collection trucks. That includes how you park on the street outside your home, especially in cul-de-sacs. A few simple reminders will help make everyone's day go smoothly:

- Parking in a cul-desac: All vehicles must be parallel parked with passenger side wheels to the curb
- Place your carts on flat ground, one metre away from

your vehicle
Parking in an
alley: Do not block
the end of a closed
alley with parked
vehicles.



These simple but important steps help ensure safe and efficient cart collection. Learn more at calgary.ca/ cartplacement

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Saturday (2/mo): 8:00am - 2:00pm









Community Groups—Edworthy Park Heritage Society

Instead of our usual article, we are presenting you with something quite different. It's amazing how much is missed if one never looks up in the sky above Shaganappi/Wildwood escarpment. Until recently, a neighbour never really noticed all the gulls that ride the thermal air currents. Now she waits eagerly for the spring day when a flock of gulls will return.

The same neighbour recently discovered that, years ago, a teenaged Greg Bond, who grew up in Wildwood, was inspired to sing about the gulls in a song that he composed while sitting in his high school class at the old Ernest Manning. If you would like to listen to his song go online to "Greg Bond in Memorium" at gregbond.com. Greg, a gifted musician and talented actor, died in 1989 from a brain tumor when he was just 35 years old but his music lives on ...

For us, in many ways this song captures spring, the poetry in nature, the spirit of our community, and the beauty of windy days and gulls soaring overhead high above the park. Here are the lyrics reprinted by permission of his sister, Beverly Mason.



Funny Day Saturday

©Greg Bond

Round, round, and my thoughts come 'round,

To the Chinook winds a'blowing Down, down, through a hush of sound, A seagull's a'going to land.

And I'm a lying upended looking up at the sky,

And the wind's blowing white clouds away. It's a day for kite flying, it's a day for a day, A funny day, funny day, Saturday.

Soft, soft, the warm wind is soft, And it sets me to grinning.

Aloft, aloft, the seagull aloft, Is wheeling and spinning away. And the whole country's singing With the sound of the wind, And it's good that I'm feeling this way. It's a day just for dreaming. It's a day for a day, A funny day, funny day, Saturday.

Come walk a country road, come walk with me.

There's no time for lazing.
For the wheat fields are waving,
They're calling to me,
And I'll keep a sunny day waiting.
Just glad it's today 'cause tomorrow's
always rain,

Let the wind blow you away.

- Edworthy Park Heritage Society

P.S. We are still looking for volunteers to deliver books -- if you can deliver them on your street, please let us know!

Thank you to the Edworthy Park Heritage Society for introducing us to Wildwood resident, Greg Bond. Catch his song on the Wildwood Community Instagram and Facebook pages in May. Do you have a story about a Wildwood resident you would like to have shared in the Warbler or on our Social Media? Let us know! warbler@mywildood.ca





When To Fertilize Your Lawn?

So....they say that fall is acutally the best time to fertilize your lawn. But if you're like me and many others, you maybe didn't get around to it last fall? Don't fear...the NEXT best time is here!

Feed me Seymour!

Spring grasses come to life hungry and ready to be fed. Fertilize your lawn as soon as the dormant grass is at least 50% green again.

It's a Cruel Summer!

Summer is hard on lawns. This is mostly due to heat, drought, insects and increased foot traffic. Feeding your lawn with slow-release fertilizer at the start of summer will help keep your grass healthy and green throughout the season.

Weed & Feed

Use quick-release, pre-emergent weed control (or weed and feed) fertilizer to eliminate unsightly weeds without harming your grass. Avoid using weed and feed if you plan to reseed your lawn in the same season. As a general rule, you can safely apply weed and feed in the spring and overseed in the fall.

Niiice aaaand slow...

Apply slow-release, high-nitrogen fertilizer every 90 to 120 days at the start of spring, summer and fall. Apply all-purpose fertilizer every six to eight weeks and enjoy a healthy lawn all summer long!

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Number of Sales: Currently for Sale: 17

\$853,838 Average Sale Price: Average List Price: \$1,635,340 Average Size: 1,338 SqFt Average Size: 2,165 SaFt

51 Average Days on Market: Average Days on Market:

PENDING SALES: 2



Wildwood & Spruce Cliff 25th Annual (excluding pandemic years...)

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