

# The Wildwood Warbler

The Official Newsletter of the  
Wildwood Community  
Association

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Mark your calendars! The beloved Wildwood Harvest Festival returns for another year of fall fun, community connection, and garden goodness. Whether you're a longtime gardener or just discovering our green oasis, come celebrate the turning of the seasons and the incredible efforts of our community gardeners.

#### Here's what's in store:

- A charming mini farmers & makers market
- Live music to keep the vibe lively
- Family-friendly activities and kid-approved fun
- And of course, our famous apple cider press in action!

Got apples or pears to share? We'd love to press them! Bring them along on the day (don't forget a container!), or email [michellebutterfield@gmail.com](mailto:michellebutterfield@gmail.com) if you'd like us to come pick them up ahead of time. Donations help support the garden — and you'll go home with fresh cider!

Our gardeners are also setting up a special market that will be filled with handmade goods, seeds, crafts, and more. All proceeds go toward the Wildwood Community Association and future garden programming. Don't forget to bring a reusable bag and travel mug to help us keep things eco-friendly.

**Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**Time: 12 noon to 4pm**

**Location: 4411 Spruce Drive SW, Wildwood Community Garden (next to the community hall)**

**Let's hope for sunshine — and we'll see you there!**

*Thank you to all the generous organisations that supported us by proving us the means, financial or in kind, to once again put on a wonderful Stampede Pancake Breakfast*

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## STAMPEDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



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# Wildwood Community Association News

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR NEEDED

Coordinates the information and news of the WCA board and Wildwood residents!

- Works with the Communications team to establish a monthly plan.
- Coordinates upcoming news so the newsletter, website, social media and sign reflect current events in the community.
- Works with outside groups (ie. Edworthy Park Heritage Society) to find information to share with Wildwood residents in the newsletter, website and social media.



TO LEARN MORE, EMAIL:

[volunteer@mywildwood.ca](mailto:volunteer@mywildwood.ca)

Community engagement meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except Jul, Aug & Dec; no meetings).

Next meeting **September 16**

7:00 p.m. at the  
Community 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!

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
15<sup>th</sup> of each month

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### Calling All Crafters!

Hard to believe but it's time to think about preparing for the life-sized community Advent calendar in December. If you are interested in helping to make some craft items, opening up drawers, doing promotions or offering some ideas for the annual event at Woodcliff United Church, please contact Carolyn ([chinster@telus.net](mailto:chinster@telus.net)).



## Kick off Sunday

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 10 AM**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.

Join in September 14 for Kick-Off Sunday! This day marks the start of a new season at Woodcliff and Sunday School resumes.



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# Beaver Scouts

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**The 86th Woodcliff Scout group is looking for new  
adventurers to join our beaver scout colony this fall!**

**And some new adventure leaders too!**

**Join us for an Open House on September 8, 2025  
from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at Woodcliff United Church to  
learn about our group and all the sections.**

**Or visit [scouts.ca/join](https://scouts.ca/join) for more information**



# Community Groups: Edworthy Park Heritage Society

## Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of the Edworthy Park Heritage Society will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the small hall of Wildwood Community Association. In the next issue we'll announce whether or not there will be a guest speaker. RSVP: [eparkhs@gmail.com](mailto:eparkhs@gmail.com) by October 20.



## In the park and in our yards....

Summer is slipping away. It has been a summer full of interesting sightings. One neighbour reported that a baby porcupine was seen in a tree in her yard, and submitted its photo. Baby porcupines are called porcupettes. Their eyes are open at birth. In the beginning, their quills are soft but harden quickly to form a protective armour. They follow their mother for several months. Porcupine quills have been used in First Nations art work and are prized for decoration. Another neighbour enjoyed watching a family of robins as the nestlings grew up. The nest was a bit messy which may indicate that the parents were somewhat inexperienced; however, they successfully raised their family.

The earliest recorded sighting of a hummingbird in our area was on August 6th, 1900 when stonemason John Gillespie noted in his diary that he saw a hummingbird at the CPR quarry which he was operating. (near the present-day Douglas Fir Trail at the base of the stairs to the west of the Lookout). It is uncertain whether the hummingbird he saw was a summer resident or just passing through on migration. This year, there were several sightings of hummingbirds, starting in May when some hummingbirds were stopping over on migration but also in June and July which indicates that hummingbirds nest in our neighbourhood and Edworthy Park.

A neighbour submitted a photo of a Calliope, a very small hummingbird. The mature male has a vibrant fuchsia-coloured gorget (throat). Females and immature males have white markings on the tips of their tails. Two other species may be seen in our neighbourhood: the Rufous Hummingbird is not uncommon while the larger Ruby-throated Hummingbird has expanded its range westward and has become more common than it once was. Another neighbour reports that she often has hummingbirds at her flower garden. The photos she showed us appear to be of female Calliopes or immature males but one is of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird (see photo).

Two neighbours compared notes about the hummingbirds in their gardens. Both had mostly Calliope hummingbirds but they had different Calliopes —one neighbour had a Ruby-throated with a damaged bill. There were other distinguishing marks. It is estimated that there were 6-8 Calliopes. There were probably 2 or 3 adult females and 4-6 offspring. Often, the brightly-coloured male hummingbirds will migrate about a month earlier than the females which may explain why we didn't see any males from mid-July to mid-August. That may also explain why the hummingbirds were very skittish — most of them were first-year juveniles just venturing out in the world for the first time.

It is common to see jackrabbits in Wildwood but there are also Snowshoe Hares, and Mountain Cottontail Rabbits. Every evening just before dusk, a Mountain Cottontail Rabbit snacked on the long grass in a neighbour's yard. This rabbit does not change colour in spring or fall but stays brown all year — it has a distinctive white tail that does not change.

As we write this, migration has begun. A neighbour reported seeing 5 Yellow-rumped Warblers on Aug. 5th in the aspen woods at the edge of the Douglas Fir Trail. The neighbour reports that she usually sees this warbler for a day or two in the spring during migration and then in the fall. More recently (mid August) several migratory warblers have been seen but they were just flashes of yellow and didn't stick around for photos.

Please send your sightings to [eparkhs@gmail.com](mailto:eparkhs@gmail.com). A special thanks to all those who donated photos for this article. See you in the Park or around the neighbourhood.

-Edworthy Park Heritage Society, [eparkhs@gmail.com](mailto:eparkhs@gmail.com)



# JOANNE BIRCE

WARD 6

## BUSINESS SMARTS COMMUNITY HEART

- ☑ Tax dollars focused on essential services that residents need
- ☑ Affordability: lower taxes, efficiency, identify waste
- ☑ Listen to residents and respond
- ☑ Prioritize economic growth
  
- ☑ Lived 31 years in Wildwood
- ☑ Small business owner
- ☑ 25 years community service in Ward 6
- ☑ King Charles III Coronation Medal for community service

### How to Vote:

**October 20:** Regular Voting Day  
**October 6-11:** Advance Voting Days  
**Other days:** Request a mail-in ballot at [ElectionsCalgary.ca](http://ElectionsCalgary.ca)



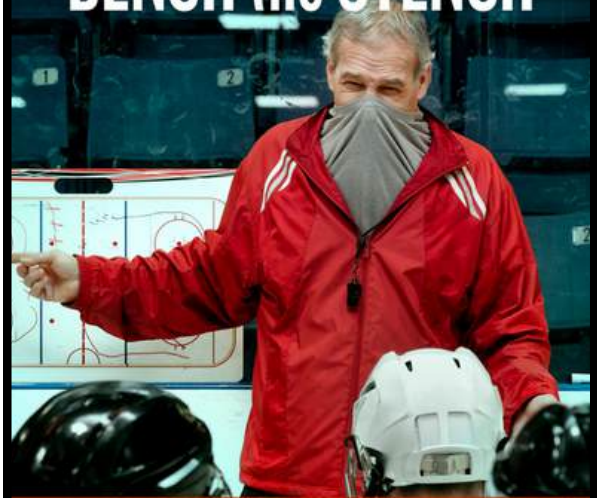
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## COMING SOON:

### What Sally Saw!

A delightful photo storybook from Wildwood Sally and her mom have created a beautiful book full of colourful wildlife photos and stories from their time in Wildwood. It's full of birds, butterflies, mammals, and wildflowers—told through Sally's eyes.

- For children and adults who love nature
- Estimated Price: \$35
- Ready by: December 1 (if enough interest!)
- No payment yet—just pledge your interest!
- Email: [gentian@telus.net](mailto:gentian@telus.net)

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## Curbside Treasure Hunt

On Sept. 6 and 7, join the city-wide Curbside Treasure Hunt by setting gently used items on your curb, marked “free” for neighbours to take. It's a fun and easy way to give your things a second life and keep usable items out of the landfill.

How it works:

**Clear the clutter:** Find gently used items you no longer need—books, toys, small furniture, electronics, etc.

**Label it “FREE”:** Clearly mark each item with a “FREE” sign. Only labeled items are part of the event. Download signs at [calgary.ca/treasurehunt](http://calgary.ca/treasurehunt)

**Set it out:** Place your items neatly at the curb Saturday morning.

**Treasure hunt!:** Explore your neighbourhood and discover free finds all weekend long.

**Wrap up by 5 pm Sunday:** Take in anything left and consider donating to a local charity.

For safety reasons, please don't put out items that could be hazardous or not safe to reuse, such as:

- Mattresses
- Toilets
- Baby gear or safety equipment that may not meet current standards

*Do you live in a condo or apartment? You can participate as well! Coordinate with your property manager to establish a shared drop-off location.*



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Come and help organise the Pancake Breakfast, they said..... It will be fun, they said..... And you know? After some initial worries about the number of volunteers, and some concerns about the weather, it **was** a lot of fun. We had fantastic volunteers that made the Breakfast run smoothly and we had awesome weather. Our guests could sit in the sun and enjoy their food, and the kids had an absolute blast on the bouncy castle. The evening before the breakfast we got together with a bunch of volunteers, and had fun preparing the beans, pre-cooking the sausages, and cutting up mountains of fresh fruit. The mountains were quickly transformed into big trays of very pretty, healthy and tasty fruit kabobs. We are rightfully famous for our kabobs! On Saturday morning it was so much fun making huge buckets of pancake batter, lugging the coffee urns to their places, and unpacking the fridge to set out the wonderful food for our guests. As you can see from the pictures (thanks Eric Robinson!) the Pancake Breakfast was once again a huge success. We could not have done it without our contributors, financial or in kind, or without our lovely volunteers. Thanks to all of you!



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## SPORTS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

### Hatha Yoga - New Sessions for Fall

- Tuesday session: 7:30 to 8:45 pm
- Thursday session: 1:30 to 2:45 pm
- Community Main Hall
- Adults & Seniors, All Abilities Welcome



### Help Us Keep Winter Fun for Wildwood Kids!

We're looking for friendly, organized volunteers to help coordinate two of our beloved winter programs: **Kids Shiny** and **Learn to Skate**.

Both programs run from early Jan to mid-Mar. No coaching experience needed, just need some help to keep things running smoothly.

Interested or want to learn more?

Email us at [programs@mywildwood.ca](mailto:programs@mywildwood.ca) or talk to any board member.

### Playgroup

Every Wednesday  
9:30 to 11:00 am

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### BACK TO SCHOOL

Whether you are relieved that summer break has come to an end or you are savoring the late nights and freedom from curfews,

September demands a return to routine that we may or may not be ready for. Help your family make the transition with these 3 steps!

- **Stock the fridge with extra fruits, veggies and protein.** Not only are 'packed lunches' back, but all this extra thinking, working and getting up early will require our bodies to be properly fueled and healthy.
- **Create a shared or individual calendar for each family member.** Before we know it, we'll be knee deep in activities, meetings, exams and homework. Having a visual schedule for what's going on will ensure everybody is responsible and accountable.
- **Open the communication.** September can be a stressful month for both parents and children. Engaging in conversations with your children about emotions can reassure them that it's normal and help them (and you) develop coping strategies for success.



### BENCHMARK SOLD PRICE



Well...things cooled down slightly in Wildwood over the summer months, resulting in a dip in the Benchmark Price for the month of July. But fear not Wildwoodians! There is more to the story of the Wildwood and West District summer real estate market.

Go to [www.WildwoodLife.ca](http://www.WildwoodLife.ca) or scan the QR code below to watch the video where I give you an update on the August numbers, as well as my take on what happened and what this means for our community.

As a community, we all enjoy supporting one another. In Wildwood, we have a number of neighbours interested in **upsizing**, some in **downsizing**, plus a handful of people looking to join us from other parts of Calgary. Since this is my neighbourhood too, I am eager to help!

If you are considering **resizing** at all, I'd welcome the opportunity to connect and discuss your Real Estate goals.



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