

The Wildwood Warbler

*The Official Newsletter of the
Wildwood Community
Association*

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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:

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- Events
- Facilities
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- Advertising Coordinator

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Wildwood Community Association News

Wildwood Community Centre AM Kindergarten Aftercare Programme

The Wildwood Community Centre hosts a program led by certified teachers, ensuring the same high standards as the Wildwood Playschool.

- Transportation: Teachers pick up students from Wildwood School. Students from other schools must be dropped off by a guardian.
- Schedule: Monday to Thursday, 11:22 AM – 5:00 PM, following the CBE calendar.
- Fee: \$475 per child per month.
- Enrollment: Email registration@wildwoodplayschool.ca or visit wildwoodplayschool.ca/registration for details.
- January 22: Open house
- January 15: Registration opens for returning families
- January 25: Registration opens for new families



Wildwood Community Association Board MEETINGS

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

Next meeting: December 17
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:
15th of each month

warbler@mywildwood.ca

For advertising sizing & pricing scan this code:



WILDWOOD COMMUNITY HALL

Community Cafe

9:00-11:30 AM

EVERY MONDAY

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Community members of all ages are welcome!



*Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!*



Woodcliff United Church Community Advent Calendar

The countdown is on for the launch of our annual life-sized community advent calendar on Sunday December 1st! Each morning from December 1 to the 24th, a new drawer containing a surprise gift will be opened for all. We will also be collecting warm winter coats, socks, gloves and hats for the Drop In Centre at the same time the advent calendar is running, so feel free to drop your donations. Together we can provide a bit of warmth to those who need it most.

WOODCLIFF UNITED ADVENT CALENDAR

Come and discover a new treasure each morning from

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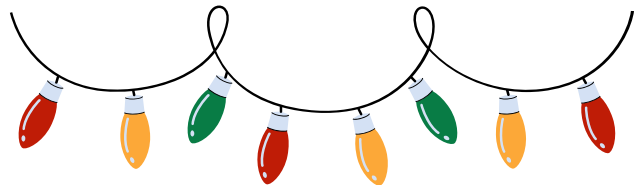
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Auto thefts are crimes of opportunity. Do your part to keep your vehicle safe.



Community Groups: Edworthy Park Heritage Society

"On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me seven swans a swimming...". The swans of the familiar song were probably tame residents of the United Kingdom, where swans have been owned since the Middle Ages by the Monarch. Every year, there is a ceremony on the River Thames, called a "swan upping", when the swans—a species called the Mute Swan—are captured, counted, examined and banded. The ceremony dates back to the 12th century. By contrast, here in Alberta you would not see swans at Christmas. Swans here are wild birds that migrate northward in the spring and return south to the northern U.S. in the fall. Swans feed by "dabbling"—bottoms-up—in ponds and when the ponds freeze over, the swans migrate further south. There are two species of swans in Alberta: Trumpeter Swans and the smaller Tundra Swans. By the early 1900s, Trumpeter Swans had become almost extinct because of over-hunting for food, skins and feathers. With the rules of the International Migratory Bird Convention, adopted by the U.S. and Canada in 1918, hunting of swans was banned.

In the Calgary vicinity, Trumpeter and Tundra Swans stop over at local ponds. This enables the swans to rest and feed, to fatten themselves up so they have sufficient energy to continue their long flight to their wintering grounds. If you hear birds "honking" as they fly overhead, you should check to see whether they are Canada Geese honking or Trumpeter Swans making their distinctive trumpeting sound. A neighbour recounts hearing, then seeing, a flock of Trumpeter Swans flying over the Edworthy escarpment.

This autumn, another neighbour was watching the swans when they observed that one of the swans had a unique band around its neck. This was a female swan, one of only twelve Trumpeter Swans banded in Oregon in February, 2023, with a solar-powered, gps locator band. The collar enabled tracking of the swan from her wintering grounds in Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon. In spring, she was recorded as being at a stopover pond near Calgary. She continued her long migration until she reached the nesting area in northern Alberta. Other breeding grounds are farther north in the Yukon or the Northwest Territories. On her return trip southward, a one-way distance of 1380 km, she was observed at the same pond but accompanied by her mate and their youngster, a greyish-coloured cygnet who will gradually over a year turn entirely white. [think the story of the "Ugly Duckling"].

Today, the population of Trumpeter Swans has recovered. It is still a species of concern, and is monitored by governments and volunteers. Although hunting is still banned, other concerns include loss of habitat from many causes such as drought which dries up the ponds.

The international efforts to preserve swans and conserve their habitat are inspiring. It gives us hope that we can preserve the diverse habitat types of Edworthy Park, from the fescue grass meadow to the riverine and pond habitats to the Douglas-fir trees. With its unique combination of habitats, the area is an incredible migratory bird corridor. At present, a city project called the Edworthy Park Natural Habitat Management Plan is beginning. We can each maximize the preservation of habitat through our individual efforts, starting with simply staying on trails.



Trumpeter Swan stands guard,
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Banded swan with her cygnet,
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Adult male Pine Grosbeak,
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Other Sightings: A Great-Horned Owl has again been heard near the west entrance of the Douglas Fir Trail. White- and Red-breasted Nuthatches again are seen as they travel head-first down trees in their search of insect larvae and eggs. With the abundant berries on the Mountain Ash trees and the prolific cones on the Douglas-fir and Spruce trees, we may see Pine Grosbeaks and Crossbills (either Red or White-winged Crossbills). On more than one afternoon, two young coyotes were seen walking up the sidewalk on Wildwood Drive. Some neighbours were awakened by the rather loud yodelling, howling of coyotes.

On the cold winter days to come, kids may enjoy the free colouring sheets that can be downloaded from the Trumpeter Swan Society, at <https://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/swan-information/swan-activity-books.html>. We thank the Trumpeter Swan Society for providing us with information about the gps-banded swan described above.

Calgary Christmas Bird Count: The Calgary Christmas Bird Count, 2024, will be held on December 15. There are two ways to participate: either out in the field as part of a field team or by watching the birds at a feeder in your yard. For details and to register, go to naturecalgary.com. For questions, please contact Matt Wallace at citynatureyyc@gmail.com

The Society's New Book: The Society is no longer directly selling its new book, *Trails to Towns Via Edworthy Park and Shaganappi Point*. It focusses on the historical sandstone quarries along the Bow and Elbow Rivers. We have consigned the remaining copies to Owl's Nest Bookstore. It is a small edition which we anticipate will sell out quickly. Owl's Nest Bookstore offers free delivery.

Holiday Greetings: Whether you are observing tracks in the snow or staying warm indoors, the Edworthy Park Heritage Society wishes you and yours a lovely holiday, a happy, healthy new year, and peace on earth.

— Edworthy Park Heritage Society, eparkhs@gmail.com

Volunteer for the Rosscarrock Community Fridge!

Volunteer roles include:

Cleaning & Checking In

Donations & Stocking



How to Volunteer

SCAN TO OPEN OUR SIGN UP FORM



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
LOVE, THE HATCH TEAM

Share and help

The Hatch, a local group runs the community fridge at the Rosscarrock Community Centre. The fridge is a shared space that provides 24/7, immediate access to food, as well as essential items for all community members without judgment. It is 100% volunteer run and rely on donations to stock and maintain the community fridge.

THE SNOW BIRDS ARE MIGRATING



Calgary Meals on Wheels Needs You

As many of our wonderful volunteers prepare to migrate to warmer climates, we're left with open routes this winter. If you're sticking around, why not spend a few hours each week delivering meals to those in need? Weekdays from 10:30am to 1pm – choose a day that works for you, and we'll match you with a route in your neighborhood! Visit: <https://www.mealsonwheels.com/volunteer>

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February 18 + 19, 2025
Cowboys Casino

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Family Service - 4:00pm

Designed with children and families in mind, this afternoon service on Christmas Eve will tell the story of Christmas in a way that actively involves our young ones.

Sunday Services

8:00 am

Book of Common Prayer

Holy Communion

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

10:00 am

Contemporary Eucharist

A service of song, readings, and prayer with the sharing of the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

Candlelight Service - 9:00pm

Not quite "Midnight Mass," our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service nevertheless takes us deep into the night to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The service ends in candlelight and sends us off to enjoy the season with family and friends.

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**** a caregiver must attend****



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FOR MORE INFO:

www.mywildwood.ca/programs/wildwoodplaygroup



HATHA YOGA



**Tuesday Evenings, or
Thursday Afternoons**

Hosted in the Wildwood
Community Hall



Learn to Skate

Sundays, Jan-Feb 2025

Wildwood Community Outdoor Rink

Ages 3-10

Cost: \$60 per child

<https://mywildwood.getcommunal.com/>

****An active Wildwood Community Association
membership is required**



WILDWOOD SHINNY

Season Runs Jan.7 to Mar.6, 2025

This program is a parented (non drop-off), non-competitive, non-contact alternative hockey program for all school aged girls and boys, at the Wildwood Community Outdoor Rink!

The format consists of skill building, playing games, and having lots of friends with friends!

COST: \$65 (jersey required) or \$40 (no jersey required)

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Coordinator: **Tanis Gatzke** at shinny@mywildwood.ca



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The half-point rate rate cut to 3.75% on October 23 has affected the Calgary market. Sales have increased since the rate cut and inventory has dropped about 5% to 4839 listings at the time of this writing. The inventory is very low for the time of year, indicating the 2025 real estate market has the potential to heat up again. We believe many buyers are waiting on the Bank of Canada's final year end rate announcement on December 11 before making a decision to purchase. The market conditions for 2025 will be very dependent on further rate cuts and the overall economic conditions within Calgary.

Experience and strategy are important in a transitioning real estate market. If you are looking to buy or sell or would like to discuss your real estate goals, please reach out and let our experience work for you!

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