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Wildwood Community
Association*

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WCA Stampede breakfast 2024

Get your cowboy hats ready for a rootin' tootin' good time at the WCA Community Hall parking lot on Saturday, July 13, from 9am to 11.30 am.

- *Enjoy a hearty breakfast with pancakes, sausages, and all the fixin's.
- *Entertainment for all ages, including a bouncy castle for the kids.
- *Connect with friends and neighbors over a morning of laughter and food.
- *Admission is by donation, with contributions of \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

WILDWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

★ STAMPEDE BREAKFAST ★

13 JULY ★ 9:00 AM

Entertainment
Calgary Fiddlers,
Line Dancing and
Cole Briggs Band
Bouncy Castle
Kids games

Join us at the community centre for a morning of music, food and meeting your neighbours.
Great food, lots of coffee!

Admission by donation (suggest \$2 per person, or \$5 per family)

WCA Hall
4411 Spruce Dr SW
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Volunteer opportunities
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HOUSE RULES!

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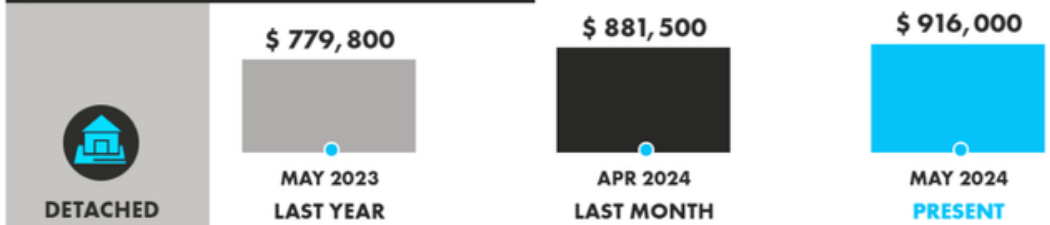
We all need time with our friends, but pick one night a week where it's just family time.

Bedtimes can shift, but staying up all night and sleeping all day won't work (ahem, teens!)

The kids are the ones off school; create a 15 minute chore time everyday, and a night once a week where they cook supper.

"I'm bored." No you're not, you're on summer vacation!!! See our article in last month's Warbler!

BENCHMARK SOLD PRICE



As predicted last month, the strong Seller's Market has resulted in another significant increase in the Benchmark Price for detached homes in Wildwood, shifting from \$881,500 in April to \$916,000 in May. The Absorption Rate for May was well balanced at 44%. When this was written on June 22nd, there were 9 active listings and 5 listings that had sold in the previous 30 days; this translates to a slightly stronger Absorption Rate of 55%. This is a still a slight imbalance favouring sellers, so don't be surprised to see another gain in the Benchmark Price this month. The official June numbers should be released by the 2nd or 3rd of July and will be posted on www.WildwoodLife.ca by the 4th of July. Check back to the website or feel free to reach out to me personally to see how things have progressed.

I heard Wildwood is an amazing neighborhood to live in, we'd love to move there!

We love Wildwood, but our family is growing; we'd love to upgrade!

We have quite a few clients that are looking to join our neighborhood or move within Wildwood.

If you have plans to move, upgrade or downsize, please let me know. I know just how special Wildwood is, and I'd love to help you. My family and I have loved living here for 14 years so far!



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WILDWOOD WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET



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SCAN TO REGISTER

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: September 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!

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Declutter and discover! Community Treasure Hunt September 7th & 8th

Hunt or donate. Get free stuff and new homes for unwanted items.

Here's how it works:

- **Clear Out Your Clutter:** Find gently used items you no longer need
- **Mark it Free:** Clearly label your unwanted items "FREE". You can print a label off from calgary.ca/treasurehunt
- **Place it on the Curb:** Put your labelled items neatly on the curb by your house on Saturday morning.
- **Treasure Hunters Rejoice!** Anyone can take free items from participating houses throughout the weekend.
- **Wrap it Up:** Please remove any leftover items from the curb by Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

What can you give away?

Acceptable Items: Books, CDs, DVDs, small furniture, electronics, artwork, sports equipment, toys, yard & garden tools, small appliances, kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots & pans

Not Allowed: Remember not to share unsafe or dangerous items like: mattresses, toilets or certain infant and safety equipment, visit the Consumer Product Safety Bureau to find out about items aren't safe to give away. Visit [Guide to second-hand products \(including children's products\) - Summary - Canada.ca](http://Guide to second-hand products (including children's products) - Summary - Canada.ca)

If it's still on the curb, donate it and give it another chance!



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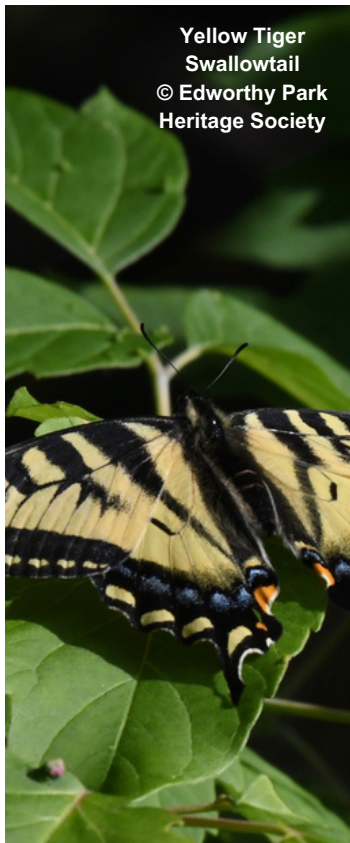
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White Admiral
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Yellow Tiger Swallowtail
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Northern Fritillary © Edworthy Park Heritage Society

The Edworthy Park Heritage Society is honoured to receive the 2024 Calgary Award in the Heritage category. This is in recognition of the Society's recent book, *Shaganappi Point & Edworthy Park: A New History*. It also acknowledges the efforts of the Society over the past thirty years for fostering awareness of the history of the Shaganappi escarpment, Lawrey Gardens and Edworthy Park, including contributing 16 interpretive signs about the history, natural history and archaeology of these natural areas.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many residents of Wildwood who purchased pre-ordered copies of the book. And thanks to the several stalwart residents who braved snowy days to deliver the copies. We could not have done it without your support and help! This is the second Calgary Award for the Society. The first was for environmental achievement and recognized the contribution of the Society in partially financing, and organizing volunteers for the rebuilding of the Douglas Fir Trail in the 1990s. During this rebuild, the Society had special permission from the City of Calgary to collect seeds from native plants in this area to ensure they were from the same gene pool. The Society hired a greenhouse in Vulcan to grow the seedlings. Several groups, including Scouts from Wildwood and area, and teenagers from the Aga Khan Foundation, planted them along the Douglas Fir Trail. Because of the dry shade, and the challenges of a north-facing escarpment, the survival rate of the plants was low.

The original Douglas Fir Trail was built in the 1970s to provide a trail that everyone would stay on, thereby reducing damage to the fragile terrain by shortcutting. Now as then it is important to stay on designated trails to reduce trampling damage (and death) of plants. In addition, staying on the Douglas Fir Trail, protects against denuded soil and erosion. Protecting the environment starts at home. The most important measure you can take is to stay on the designated trail and not to create new paths by shortcutting. By going off trail, you are trampling on wildflowers. When part of the Douglas Fir Trail is closed, as it is now, please respect the closure as City Engineering tackles complicated issues arising from the spring seepages. It is a privilege to use and preserve this beautiful, unique area, not an entitlement.

Remember the early motto of the Parks Department: Edworthy Park — Yours to Enjoy and to Preserve Forever.

Nature Sightings

In the last issue, we were recounting the story of a pair of Black-capped Chickadees that had spent about 35 days hollowing out a nest cavity in a standing dead aspen tree. They had worked diligently and carried away beakful after beakful of sawdust chips. Finally, on their trips from the nest, they no longer carried sawdust away. The male Chickadee brought food for the female. An unknown number of eggs was laid. We think it was probably a small number of eggs. One day, all was quiet. The parents were not around. We think the young had fledged. Now during the hot sunny days of mid-June, we are seeing many butterflies. The big yellow butterflies are Canadian Tiger Swallowtails. The brown butterflies with a border of creamy yellow are Mourning Cloak Butterflies, the first species to appear in spring. Some little blue butterflies have been seen. By the time you read this, the various species of orange fritillaries may be seen at your flowers. A neighbour has reported seeing hummingbirds, species unconfirmed. Enjoy your summer in the park and the neighbourhood.

-Edworthy Park Heritage Society, eparkhs@gmail.com

Community Churches



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8:00 am

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

10:00 am

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Games Night

We host a games night on the first Friday of every month from 7:00pm onwards. Everyone in the neighbourhood is welcome to attend, there is no cost and we have a large supply of board and card games. Do you have a favourite game? Bring it along and teach others how to play! We look forward to meeting you!

Find us on Facebook!

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Simply search for "Church of the Good Shepherd" and you will find us! Our Facebook page features links to Rev Derwyn's and Rev Margaret's Sunday sermons, information on upcoming events and other resources.

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Heat Related Illness



EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children, elderly and individuals with varying underlying health conditions may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, all should take basic prevention measures to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather. Text HEAT to 88111 to receive tips on heat safety.

Heat exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors);
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating;
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale, or dusky gray.

Heat stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal;
- It occurs when the body is unable to cool itself naturally (e.g., perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels;
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

First aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment;
- Remove excess, or tight-fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment;
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as: water, juice, or a sports drink;
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention.

Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking water;
- Be aware that excessive alcohol and caffeine consumption may promote dehydration;
- Wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck;
- Apply (and reapply) waterproof sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 11am-3pm, even on cloudy days.

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On June 5, the Bank of Canada (BOC) reduced its overnight lending rate by 25 basis points, from 5.00% to 4.75%. The BOC is optimistic that overall inflation will continue moving towards the 2% target and is continuing its policy of balance sheet normalization. Investors and home buyers sitting on the fence will like the rate cut, where this rate cut, and especially any future rate cuts will likely add some fuel to the hot Calgary real estate market. However, the data shows the market is already starting to soften compared to the overheated early spring market. Earlier this year the number of single-family resale homes actively on the market in Calgary dipped below 800 and total residential active listings including condos was less than 1700 properties. Inventory was at a record low in February and March. The inventory has crept to over 1400 active single-family homes and over 3000 total active listings. We are witnessing many more "price reduced" advertisements and properties that are not accurately priced tend to sit and not sell like the early spring market!

Accurate pricing is important and we understand the value of the Wildwood community. If you are looking to sell, please reach out and let our experience work for you!

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