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Help us build a new school playground with a silent auction donation

As you may have heard, fundraising is underway to replace the Wildwood School playground to ensure students and young Wildwoodians have a safe place to play for years to come. As part of the fundraising efforts, we are hosting a silent auction and gift card game at the school's beloved Kokomo Beach party in late February and we'd love it if you could support us.

We are seeking donations of items, services, or gift certificates to include in the auction. Money raised will go directly to our playground funds.

Maybe you have some gift cards kicking around that you're unlikely to spend, are a talented local artist or maker who could donate something you've made, or have ties to a large or small business that would like to donate an item, service, or gift card. Any and all donations would be very appreciated! Please email

wildwoodschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you would like to help out with a donation.

We are also accepting cash donations. Please visit the School Project Partnerships link on the Parks Foundation Calgary webpage to learn more.

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We held our Wildwood Christmas Fundraiser this past November and December and we wanted to share how much this community has helped. 4 years ago we decided to hold an event that brought our community closer while giving to a local organization.

This year you helped support Ronald McDonald House by:

- Raising \$1000
- Collecting toys
- Plus \$275 in gift cards!

Next year we want to make it an even bigger community event. We need volunteers to:

- Help on the event night to hand out treats & trees.
- Hit the streets and deliver flyers.
- Spread the word to participate in this rewarding cause!

Gareth Hughes & Stacey Zurburg

COMMUNITY



Did you know?

- It only costs \$15/night for a family to rent a private suite.
- Each new family is gifted with a handmade quilt upon arrival at the house.
- The Calgary House is a 'Home Away from Home' with playrooms, media rooms, weight room, office spaces, kitchens and more!

How did your donations help?

- Christmas presents for all families staying at the house.
- Year round gifts for the 'Magic Room' (support gifts when extra care is needed).
- Supplies for 'Bits of Comfort' (personal care items that families might not have had time to bring).



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Wildwood Community Association News

Registration For The Wildwood Playschool

The Wildwood Playschool is a non-profit, parent run, play-based preschool serving Calgary for over 45 years. Located in the Wildwood Community Association and run by a certified teacher, your child will get a chance to develop social, gross motor, and fine motor skills along with kindergarten preparation.

Registration for the 2026/2027 school year will begin on the following dates:

February 1, 5pm: Online Registration, returning families

February 6, 9am: Online General Registration

For more information please go to <https://wildwoodplayschool.ca/> or email at registration@wildwoodplayschool.ca.



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: February 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

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February Is Heart Month



Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Common signs of a heart attack (Any, or all, of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.
- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea / vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women & the elderly.

Heart attack Risk Factors

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age / gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What to do when seconds count

- Call 911. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage.
- Treatment starts the moment EHS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EHS can share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR / AED course. Training is widely available from many organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a cardiac event.

www.albertahealthservices.ca

Winter Guide for Older Adults

Winter can be tough for anyone, but it can be especially challenging for some older adult. The City has a guide and a webpage dedicated to helping people combat the struggles that come with Calgary winters.

<https://www.calgary.ca/social-services/seniors/winter.html>

Winter Transit

Snow and ice make transportation more difficult; Transit has collected tips and tricks for how to move around the City safely when conditions are less than ideal.

<https://www.calgarytransit.com/rider-information/traveling-in-winter.html>



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Community Groups: Edworthy Park Heritage Society



After several snowstorms, a freezing fog created a rime frost and overnight transformed our world into a winter wonderland for a couple of days. During this time, a neighbour caught a glimpse of a Great Horned Owl that perched on the top of a distant spruce tree. It was being harassed by a gang of magpies. Whenever you see a group of crows, ravens or magpies, often you may see a bird of prey. The Owl the neighbour saw was dark-coloured and so was a different Great Horned Owl from the very pale one we mentioned in November. More recently, yet another neighbour was awakened by a Great Horned Owl as it was calling, its 'who who'.

The usual winter critters have been reported. One neighbour reports having 3 Mountain Cottontail rabbits in their yard. Until about 3 or 4 years ago, Mountain Cottontails were not observed in Wildwood but since then have become fairly common. Unlike snowshoe hares and jackrabbits, they do not change colour with the changing seasons in spring and fall. They are brownish-grey with a white "cotton" tail. Hares and rabbits are a main food source of owls, coyotes, and bobcats.

The birds that do not migrate but overwinter here have been frequent visitors. A Red-breasted Nuthatch hid a sunflower seed into the crevice of a tree's bark. Soon, a Black-capped Chickadee enjoyed the hidden treasure.

There have been prolific White Spruce and Douglas-fir cone crops over the past two or three years. Finally, in mid-January, a neighbour saw a flock of about twenty White-winged Crossbills. This species is called peripatetic as it wanders and follows the cone crops...It was the morning after the rime frost when the frost was beginning to melt. Some of the Crossbills were "drinking" the frost as it melted. Others were using their specially-adapted, twisted bills to pry seeds from the cones.

We've received a report (and video) of two Bald Eagles on the ice's edge at the Bow River near Silver Springs. A Bald Eagle was recently seen riding the thermals above the Edworthy escarpment. Other reports included an American Goldfinch overwintering and a Purple Finch.

Miscellaneous

The Society is going to have a website. We will be publishing further information about it soon. If you have any photos you would like to donate to the website, or if you have any suggestions for content, please email us. We will continue submitting this column for the Warbler.

The meeting about the Douglas Fir Trail held at Woodcliff United Church in December was very well-attended and a number of people expressed their concern. Thanks for everyone who attended.

We are beginning our small-scale native grassland restoration project.

-Edworthy Park Heritage Society
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Chinook Blast Schedule Release

Chinook Blast is back for another year encouraging Calgarians and visitors to get out and explore the City even in the winter. The event is running for the next three weekends and they have announced the final schedule of activities. Check the website [Chinook Blast 2026 is Blowing in, and Our Full Lineup is Here! - Chinook Blast](#) for more information.

She Governs

She Governs is an annual program that offers participants the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Calgary's municipal government. This includes how council meetings are conducted and what it takes to become a member of council. For details or to apply visit [She Governs: Participating in Municipal Leadership](#) The Application deadline is February 6th.

CFD Indigenous Camp

The Calgary Fire Department is excited to offer a firefighting camp designed to promote firefighting as a viable and rewarding career for Indigenous Peoples. This weekend firefighting camp will help all participants to understand and experience what it is like to be a firefighter at the Calgary Fire Department. For more information visit [CFD Indigenous Camp](#)

All Terrain Wheelchairs

Park visitors can now pre-book an All-Terrain Wheelchair (ATW) for free to explore select parks with an individual that could benefit from using a mobility device. The All-Terrain Wheelchair (ATW) are available at North Glenmore Park and Prairie Winds Park. An All-Terrain Wheelchair is a special type of wheelchair designed to allow users to visit places and landscapes that would otherwise be inaccessible. These wheelchairs have extra-wide wheels or skis to increase stability on uneven or unsteady terrain. For more information or to book visit [All Terrain Wheelchairs](#)

Operation Cold Start

CPS has brought back the helpful campaign of Operation Cold Start. An awareness campaign that reminds car owners that car thefts increase exponentially in the colder months due to drivers leaving their vehicles unattended while running. Auto-theft is often a crime of opportunity, for more information visit [Operation Cold Start launches across Alberta](#)

Agent Status

Property owners who sign up for the CPS Agent Status Program give police officers the authority to come onto their property and engage with trespassers. It allows police to act without having to contact property owners, or when property owners aren't available.



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WCA PUB Trivia Night

Saturday, February 28
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Do you have superior knowledge of geography, history or science? It really doesn't matter; you will still have a great time!!

Come and play trivia with your friends and neighbors. Will your team be the Wildwood Trivia Champs??



\$5.00 entry at the door. Drinks available for purchase. Light snacks will be provided.

We would like to get an idea of the number of people attending so we have enough food and drink. Please email

Info@mywildwood.ca with the number attending, or if you have any questions.

*You must have a valid WCA membership to attend this event.
Please no minors.*



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Join us for our special Lent and Easter Services:

Ash Wednesday: February 18th, 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday: April 2nd, 6:00pm

Good Friday: April 3rd, 7:00pm

The Great Vigil of Easter: April 4th, 8:00pm

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.

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 weekly sermons, information on upcoming events and other resources.

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SPORTS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

WILDWOOD SOCCER

- Registration is now open on Communal!
- U4 to U8 community soccer (U4, U6, U8)
- Soccer is now on Tuesday evenings
- U10/U12 league teams: interest list open
- Volunteer coaches and helpers needed
- Fun, local soccer for all skill levels



WILDCATS BASEBALL



- Registration is now open on Communal!
- our ball games are for ages 5-12
- Baseball takes place on Monday evenings
- Fun, local baseball for all skill levels

Youth Soccer Coaches Needed (Ages 13+)

We are looking for youth volunteers who enjoy sports and want meaningful resume building experience to help coach our U4, U6, and U8 teams. This is a great fit for junior high, high school, and college or university students. Coaches typically volunteer one hour per week, and coaching training is included. Friends are welcome to sign up together and coach as a pair or small group. Volunteers ages 13 to 17 will require parent or guardian sign off.



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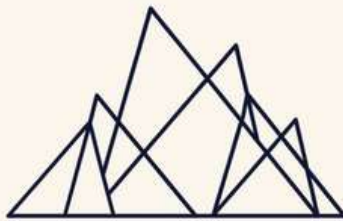


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