

# The Wildwood Warbler

The Official Newsletter of the  
Wildwood Community  
Association

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## Community Corner: We Want to Hear from You

Our community is filled with incredible stories, treasured recipes, unique experiences, and inspiring voices — and we would love to share them!

If you have a memorable story, a family recipe passed down through generations, a travel experience, a hobby you're passionate about, or anything interesting that you think others would enjoy, please send it our way.

**Please send in your stories with interesting pictures: [warbler@mywildwood.ca](mailto:warbler@mywildwood.ca)**





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# March is Epilepsy Awareness Month

On Purple Day (March 26):



## Wear purple

Show your support by wearing purple clothing or accessories on March 26.



## Light up

Light up your homes, offices, and public spaces in purple to show your solidarity.



## Give back

Be a part of the change! Donate or start a fundraiser.

Share your purple moments using #postyourpurple  
[epilepsycalgary.com](http://epilepsycalgary.com)



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# Wildwood Community Association News

## RENEW your WCA Membership

[mywildwood.ca](http://mywildwood.ca)

Funds go towards:



Facility  
Management



Access to  
Fitness Programs



Warbler  
Printing



Community  
Engagement



Community  
Events



Community  
Garden



Save  
the Date!

March

What: Community Cafe @ 9am

When: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



What: Clock springs forward

When: March 8



What: WCA Meeting

When: March 17



What: Wildwood Community Soccer  
registration closes

When: March 29



### What to do with extra waste?

Sometimes your carts may be full but you still have extra materials to get rid of. Where possible, hold onto extra garbage, recyclables or yard waste until your next collection day, when you can fit them into the appropriate cart. Overfilled carts can pose safety risks by spilling their contents, so please keep the following rules in mind to make the most of your carts:

- **Lid Closure:** Carts must have lids closed to prevent trash from spilling while being emptied by automated trucks.
- **No Loose Items:** Do not place bags or items on top or beside the cart; they will not be collected.
- **Weight Limits:** Carts have a 60 kg weight limit. If you can roll the cart, it should be ok.

For handling excess waste, take extra recycling to a community recycling depot or visit one of the Calgary Eco Centres. For more information, please visit [calgary.ca/extrawaste](http://calgary.ca/extrawaste)

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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.



**Visit our website for more info**

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# THE WILDWOOD COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!



Because SUPERHEROES don't always wear capes!



The following critical skill gaps need filling on the WCA board:

## **VICE-PRESIDENT**

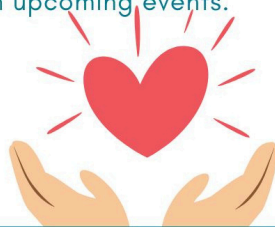
- Is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board, attends monthly board meetings, and supports and aids the President whenever needed.
- Act as a signatory on financial and other documents as required.
- Attend executive meetings to work on policy development and strategic planning.

## **TREASURER**

- Is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board, attends monthly board meetings and is responsible for the care, custody, control and maintenance of the finances and financial records of the Association.
- Ensures that an audited financial statement for the preceding Fiscal Year is prepared by the appointed auditors and presented at the AGM.
- Act as a signatory on financial and other documents as required.
- Prepares an annual operating budget to be approved by the Board, and provides a monthly report of the Association's financial position.
- Liaise with the bookkeeper to ensure day-to-day transactions are recorded.

## **EVENTS DIRECTOR**

- Is a member of the Board and attends the monthly board meetings.
- provides overall direction and budgeting for Community-sponsored events, and oversees a committee of event coordinators leading events of interest to them.
- Provides a monthly report on upcoming events.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN  
MORE, PLEASE EMAIL [SECRETARY@MYWILDWOOD.CA](mailto:SECRETARY@MYWILDWOOD.CA)



# Wildwood Community Association News



**NATURE PLAY**



**NATURE EXPLORERS**  
FOREST PLAY PROGRAM FOR  
AGES 3-5-6

**NATURE MINIS**  
FOREST PLAY PROGRAM FOR  
AGES 0-4 WITH A CAREGIVER

**EDWORTHY PARK**

This weekly forest play program focuses on providing sensory rich, imaginative, and active play in Calgary's beautiful nearby nature! Led by highly trained staff (and all mamas!)

Nature Explorers: Tuesday AM, Tuesday PM or Wednesday PM

Nature Minis: Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday AM

[www.natureplaykids.ca](http://www.natureplaykids.ca)

WILDWOOD COMMUNITY HALL



**Community Cafe**

9:00-11:30 AM

**EVERY MONDAY**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**

Community members of all ages are welcome!

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Wednesday: 8:00am - 6:00pm  
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Saturday (2/mo): 8:00am - 2:00pm

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## Community Groups: Edworthy Park Heritage Society



It is the middle of the night. The fierce snowstorm has stopped and the still whiteness blankets the world. The stillness is broken by the low hooting of a Great-horned Owl. Elsewhere a Snowshoe Hare crosses the deep snow. Its long hind legs and fur-covered feet act like snowshoes so it can walk across snow without sinking. A neighbour was once startled by the speed with which a snowshoe hare raced past — it leapt over a short fence. Snowshoe hares can jump as far as 3 meters on a single jump and can run as quickly as 45 miles per hour (72 km). A couple of seconds later, the neighbour saw a bobcat chasing the hare (which escaped). Tonight, though, we only hear the owl. Its eyes enable it to notice movement. In the retina of its eye, it has 35 rods for every cone. Rods detect light and motion while cones detect colour. Owls can see in the daylight but may use their third eyelid as one way to protect their eyes from intense light and thus appear to squint. Nocturnal birds have highly specialised vision which enables them to see subtle movement. Much scientific research is being undertaken to study other features which protect retinal rods from intense light.

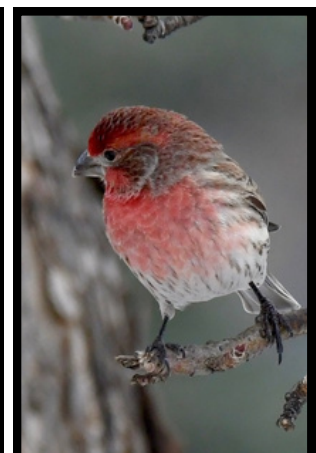
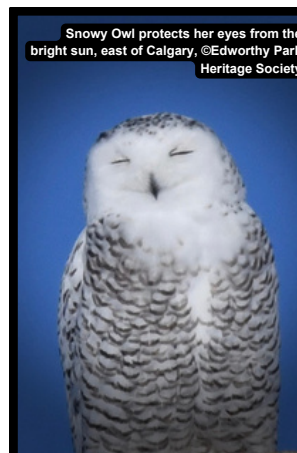
By contrast, diurnal birds, those species active during the day, have more cones than rods and in fact have more cones than humans which enables the birds to see a much greater variety of colours, shades of colours and ultraviolet light than humans can detect. The writer is reminded of a story a neighbour told of camping on a glacier, one springtime. The neighbour had a red sleeping bag and was surprised to be visited by a hummingbird attracted to the red.

With dawn, we expect to see the distinctive tracks of a hare in the snow. The tracks of its long, big back feet are ahead of its smaller front paws. Although it seems still tonight, the critters of the woods and gardens are active. Is a bobcat or a coyote hunting the hare or a mountain cottontail rabbit? Is a mouse searching for sunflower seeds dropped from a feeder? We can 'read' the snow by looking at the different tracks.

After this snowstorm, it is difficult to believe that spring is rapidly approaching. By the time you read this, we may well have early spring. Although mid-March is a good time to see Bald Eagles over the Edworthy escarpment as they return on migration, we have already seen some eagles that overwintered here. It is only about 8 weeks before the migrating Trumpeter and Tundra Swans will stopover on their northward migration. The Snowy Owls that have stopped over to spend winter and hunt in the farmers' fields to the east of Calgary will once again leave to return to their northern homes.

One of the lovely things about living in a climate with four seasons is that in the depth of winter there is always the hope of spring. The Edworthy Park Heritage Society has as one of its main objectives the preservation and restoration (where needed) of its natural features. This spring, for example, we will embark on a small native grasslands restoration project. If you are interested in participating in this or other projects, please contact us at [eparkhs@gmail.com](mailto:eparkhs@gmail.com).

**-Edworthy Park Heritage Society**





## Where you'll see Green Line construction in 2026

Construction on the Green Line LRT – SE Project began in June 2025 and will ramp up this year. Calgarians will see action in the southernmost part of the route, between Shepard Station and the Bow River crossing (just north of Lynnwood/Millican Station).

After completing initial site grading and utility servicing at the Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in January, three additional contracts will be awarded this year to begin the facility's main construction. Building the MSF remains a top priority to ensure we are prepared to receive, store and assemble the light rail vehicles (LRVs) scheduled to arrive in 2028.

Alongside building the MSF, we need to complete a section of track to test the LRVs and ensure they're ready for service in 2031. To achieve this, the most effective approach is to begin construction at Shepard Station next to the MSF and extend up to the Bow River, providing enough track for testing. Procurement for this work is underway this spring under the Shepard to Bow and Bow River construction packages.

This year will also see the completion of three key projects already underway, including the Ogden Road Realignment, the 78 Avenue LRT Bridge, and the Blackfoot Trail LRT Bridge. Work will also begin on the elevated guideway at 114 Avenue and Barlow Trail this summer.

Other construction packages that will be awarded this year include the Highfield package, the Elevated Stations package, the Ramsay Elevated Guideway, and others.

For more information on upcoming construction, visit [calgary.ca/GreenLineConstruction](https://calgary.ca/GreenLineConstruction).

## Legislation Summary Before the House of Commons

I want to provide a brief summary on several major pieces of legislation that were introduced or advanced in 2025.

**Bail Reform (Bill C-14)** proposes changes to clarify that courts are not required to release an accused if detention is justified, requires consideration of outstanding charges, and expands situations where reverse onus bail applies.

**Border and Cyber Security (Bills C-2/C-12 and C-8)** aim to strengthen border enforcement, streamline certain immigration timelines, and improve cybersecurity requirements.

**Combatting Hate (Bill C-9)** seeks to strengthen tools to address hate-related offences.

**Citizenship Changes (Bill C-3)** seeks to amend Canada's citizenship rules in response to an Ontario court ruling by changing the "first-generation limit," which restricts automatic citizenship for children born outside Canada. The bill aims to prevent some people with clear ties to Canada from being left in legal limbo and to make it easier for certain individuals born abroad to claim Canadian citizenship.

**Major Projects and Trade/Labour Mobility (Bill C-5)** seeks to speed up the approval of major projects by allowing the federal government to designate certain projects as being "in the national interest" and fast-track regulatory decisions. It also aims to increase interprovincial free trade and improve labour mobility across Canada.

**2026–2027 Budget Implementation** legislation includes spending reductions in some areas, while also introducing major new funding commitments.

For a more robust overview of Legislation before the House of Commons, please visit <https://davidmckenziemp.ca/legislativesummary/>.

As the 45th Parliament continues, I'll keep Calgary Signal Hill residents informed about what's happening in Ottawa with clear updates and insight. We're planning our next Town Hall for April—watch for details, and I hope you can attend.

If you have questions at any time, please reach out to me or my constituency staff. We're here to represent and support you.



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## Community Building Community



Gary on his build site in Tijuana Mexico in 2019

We would like to offer our deepest gratitude to Wildwood Community and the board of directors for supporting the “Skate for Gary” fundraiser event for the Gary Pearce Legacy Fund, that was held on Saturday, Feb 14th, 2026. It brought friends and family together to support the 2026 SunWest Mexico Mission Trip bringing hope, building community, and seeing lives transformed. We are also grateful that this will be an annual event! THANK YOU WILDWOOD COMMUNITY!

The Gary Pearce Legacy Fund

Established in 2022 in honour of Gary’s deep love for the SunWest Mexico Mission Trip. Gary was forever impacted by the experience and often shared what the trip was truly about—bringing hope, building community, and seeing lives transformed. Gary served faithfully as a Build Team Leader, encouraging and equipping youth and fostering teamwork as homes are built for families in need. His last trip was in 2019, alongside his wife and two sons. Today, the Pearce family continues to honour Gary’s legacy and passion for the mission by supporting the Mexico Missions Trip through the Gary Pearce Legacy Fund. Donations to this fund support the Mexico Mission Team Build Leaders, equipping and supporting those who serve in this important role.



Gary and his wife Monique and their boys, Matt & Zach sitting on the same front steps in 2020

Gary Pearce grew up on Waterloo Drive with his three brothers (Jimmy, Ricky and Randy) and returned to live in the family home with his wife Monique to raise their two sons, Matt and Zach, after his father passed. His brother Rick also returned to raise his family in Wildwood and continues to live on Wildwood Drive.

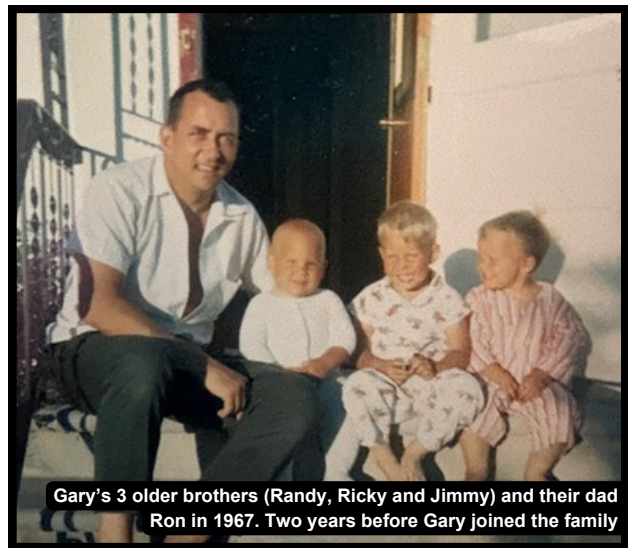
Gary’s Dad Ron coached the Wildwood Warriors hockey teams while being part of a volunteer team that flooded and maintained the rinks, a role a couple of his sons did in their teens carrying on the volunteer spirit and giving back to the community.

His Mom Joyce had a regular spot at the Wildwood Bingo on Tuesday nights and when her sons reached a certain age, would bring them to see what it was all about: four conners, blackout, etc.. Joyce was also involved in the writing and printing of Wildwood Warbler on a hand crank Gestetner printer in the basement of the Waterloo home. Wildwood is the home of so many Pearce memories: soccer teams, baseball teams, hockey teams, Evil Knievel inspired bike jumps, go-carts, skateboarding, ball hockey on the school compound, biking down “the cliff” years before mountain bikes, kick the can, garden raids, tubing and tobogganing Edworthy hill, and lots of kids to play with, to name a few.

With grateful hearts, The Pearce Family

If you would like to donate to the Gary Pearce Legacy Fund, please visit the link below. All donation will receive a taxable receipt

[The Gary Pearce Legacy Fund](#)



Gary’s 3 older brothers (Randy, Ricky and Jimmy) and their dad Ron in 1967. Two years before Gary joined the family



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\*[mytax.calgary.ca](http://mytax.calgary.ca)



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# IT'S TIME!

THE SPRING MARKET  
IS COMING SOON  
AND WE CAN HELP



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MARKETING



STRATEGY

We're seeing more "For Sale" signs around the neighbourhood lately, and while things aren't moving quite as quickly as they were, that's creating a more balanced and thoughtful market for everyone. What we're finding is that the homeowners who feel the best about their move are the ones who are starting early, getting a plan in place, understanding their options, and making decisions at their own pace. If a move is on your mind this year, even just starting the conversation now can make all the difference.

**Let's map out a strategy that puts you in control.**

Scan the QR code or go to [www.WildwoodLife.ca](http://www.WildwoodLife.ca) and click on the "Spring Is Coming" slide for more details.



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