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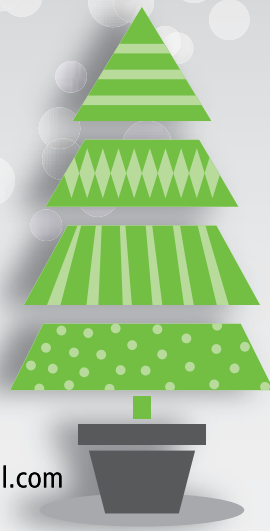
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The annual Woodcreek Community Association AGM occurred on November 15 and with it some changes. After many years of leading this organization, Cec Jahrig assumed the role of Past President. Cec has been involved with the organization since its early days and for the past 5 years fulfilled the role of President. In this role, Cec was instrumental in the construction of the current community hall, revitalizing the athletic area in Woodbine, and implementing many of the ongoing programs we have today. Although he has stepped aside as president, Cec will continue to be active on the board and in our community.

As ratified at the AGM, I have assumed the role of President, Darlynn Linn as First Vice-President, and Maureen Maraj as Second Vice-President. Both Anne Christopoulos and Debbie White will continue to serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, and we welcomed some new directors. An updated list of directors, their roles, and their contact information can be found in the opening pages of the Woodcreek Chronicle. I bid farewell to long-term residents and board members Dave and

Theresa Stanislow, Joe Cavar and Jianwen Zhou have also retired from the board. A big thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Rolling back to October, the community hosted a Spaghetti Dinner and, for the second time in a row, the Spaghetti Dinner was a sell-out event. The spaghetti and sauce was prepared by our friends at Crispy Crust

and nobody walked away hungry. The next dinner is schedule for early March so plan ahead for your tickets. The Kids Safe Halloween party took place Oct. 22nd where we were visited by over 90 creatures of all sorts plus their parents. Both the Scouts and Girl Guides were involved in making this truly a community affair. A big thank you to Kelsey and Nicolette for organizing the annual event and to the numerous volunteers who made it possible.

Looking forward, the annual Kids Christmas Event will be held on December 3rd followed by a New Year's Eve Bash on the 31st. These are typically sell-out events so contact the WCA office for your tickets before it's too late!

From my family to yours, have a safe and happy holiday season!

Scott A. Eden – President



*Cec Jahrig and Scott Eden
(WCA outgoing president and president elect).*

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WOODCREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



BOARD MEETINGS
First Tuesday of each month
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If you wish your name to be added to the meeting agenda, please contact Cec Jahrig at 403-251-1436.

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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2016 AGM

I would like to thank you for coming out and taking part in our Annual General Meeting. Hopefully this AGM will be a little quieter and more productive than our last years meeting.

My report will cover what has happened in the community this past year and you will elect a new Board of Directors to take us through the coming year. Our Community Association year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31.

As per the agenda, I will cover several sections in my report.

BUILDING AND GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Signage

We did some painting on the Woodlands sign on Woodpark Blvd. and after 35 years we finally have a Woodbine sign on 24th Street.

Basement improvements

This was where our major improvements took place. We added 2 additional meeting rooms and soundproofed the ceilings in all 3 lower rooms.

Security Cameras

We upgraded our security camera system for our building.

Ice Edger

We purchased a Zamboni for our rinks. Don't get excited, it is just an edger not a ride on.

Woodlands rink fence

Many of our hockey players can't hit the net when they shoot, but they sure can it the side of the garage. We installed a chain link fence on the north side of the rink.

Audio visual

With more meeting rooms downstairs we have added a portable projector and screen.

Outdoor Bulletin board

To better advertise our events and activities we now have an outside board on the west side of the building.

These additions are meant to improve our community facilities.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

Probably the most contentious issue this year was the BRT debate. This is on hold for the time being and hopefully the City will be reconsidering the entire issue. The biggest upcoming affect on the community will

be the Tsuu Tina development west of Woodbine. This is planned as a commercial retail development. Watch the Chronicle and the papers for more news.

The ring road is finally underway and you will note the extension of 130th Ave. to the west. This will allow traffic to and from the north onto 130th Ave.

Community Membership

Our community support continues to grow. From 241 in 2010, we reached 1360 in 2016. As an aside we are now over 1050 for the current year and hope to surpass the 1500 mark. We continue to receive strong support from the senior group at 57.5% of our membership. Family at 38.4% and business 4.1%. Membership is equal between Woodbine & Woodlands.

Building Usage

One of the key areas we look at is how the Community Centre is being used. This past year we had 864 hours of community programs covering 402 bookings. This is an increase of 19% over the previous year. These are non profit groups and are community service.

For building rentals, we had 879 bookings covering 2117 hours. This is a decrease of 242 hours from the previous year. The majority of these hours were from main hall rental and resulted from two Boot Camp programs not continuing. One has since restarted.

As an update, we now have our two new meeting rooms in the lower level. For the months of September and October this year the Woodlands room had 29 bookings for 32 hours. The Woodbine room had 45 bookings for 98 hours. The new rooms are being well used and the decision to convert them from storage to meeting rooms is going to increase our Centre usage.

Closing Remarks

Since this is my last President's report, I want to acknowledge the great support I have had from my Board of Directors, and from the many volunteers who have stepped up to support the Community. It was a pleasure working with you.

I also want to thank the community centre operating staff of Linda, Lorraine and Al. They have kept the Centre running and improving over the years and have done a great job. Thanks for a job well done.

That basically covers what has happened in your community this past year.

Any questions on the topics I have covered?

Cec Jahrig



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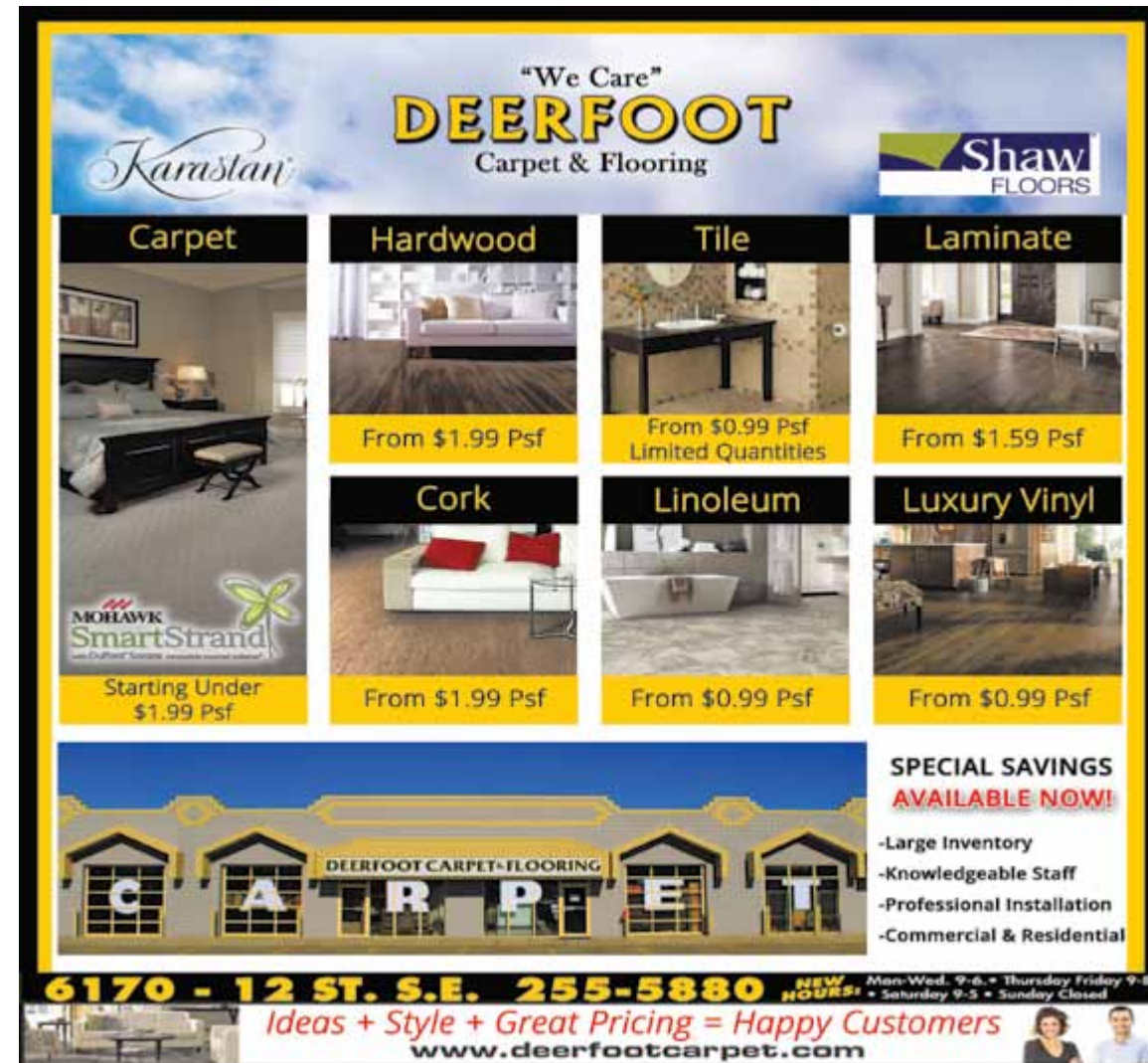
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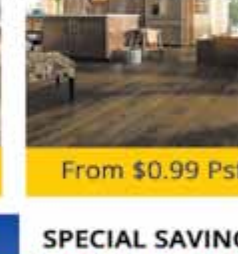


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Meetings are held the **first** and **third TUESDAYS** of the month at 9:30am at the Woodcreek Community Centre, 1991 Woodview Drive SW

- All seniors welcomed and the following are the scheduled programs:
- All seniors 55+ meet for **Bridge** at 1:00pm at the hall every Tuesday
- **Knitting** and **Crocheting** group meet at 1:00pm every Monday
- We welcome all seniors in our community to join us twice a month for fellowship and fun

A big thank you for all the members who donated baking, crafts and helped at the Craft and Bake Sale this year. It was a great success and well attended...thank you to one and all.

No meeting in December. The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held December 6th, at the Heritage Opera House. All tickets sold.

Looking forward to the next meeting for good fellowship. President: **Sheila Jahrig** phone: 403-251-1436 - **June Logan** (403-403-880-6868. If you have any questions please feel free to email: freeborn@telus.net.



Merry Christmas!

WANTED

Knitting Wool and Yarn

After a successful 2016 fall craft sale, the Woodcreek Seniors knitting group has started their planning and knitting/crocheting projects for the 7th annual Woodcreek Craft sale which is scheduled for **November 4, 2017**. We are looking for unused knitting yarn and wool for various projects which will be sold at our 2017 fall sale. Sale proceeds are donated to local charities. Thank you for any donation to our group and projects.

Yarn and wool donations can be left at the Woodcreek Community Centre office during office hours. Office hours are: Monday 1-9:00 pm, Tuesday to Friday 1-5:00 pm. The knitting group meets **MONDAY** afternoon 1-3 pm in the main hall of the community centre. Please do not leave bags outside by the WCC door.

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If you ask people in our area where they live, they say Woodlands or Woodbine. So where does Woodcreek come from? A little history lesson will give you the answer.

Woodlands was established in 1976 and Woodbine 4 years later in 1980. The Woodlands Community Association was incorporated on May 21, 1980, and two years later the Woodbine Community Association was registered on October 19, 1982. In order to better serve the needs of the area, the Woodlands and Woodbine Communities amalgamated on January 29, 1992 and the Community Association name was changed to Woodcreek Community Association and represents the 15,399 residents of both communities. In 1987 a Community Centre building (approximately 1000 sq. Ft.) was built at 1991 Woodview Drive S. W. In 2010 we added a 2500 sq. ft. addition with a full basement. We now have a facility that can better serve the needs of the community and provide a venue for meetings, banquets, dances, birthday parties, you name it. A portion of the basement area provides storage for our community groups.

So when you hear the name WOODCREEK think both of the communities.

A further point is that Woodcreek does have two properties. Our main location is the Community Centre in Woodlands. We also have a Woodbine location on Woodborough Road where we have tennis courts, pickle ball courts, basketball hoop, skating rink, a skate board park and a full basketball court. These are all part of the Woodcreek Community Association.

WCA EVENTS

On Sunday, October 16, the Woodcreek Community Association hosted 100 people for a Family Spaghetti Night! As a community member, families were able to participate in entertainment and games for all ages as well as a spaghetti dinner for \$7 or \$4 for a single. The event was so popular (because who doesn't love spaghetti!) that we are looking at increasing ticket numbers in 2017. Thank you so much to our local Crispy Crust Pizza for providing the delicious spaghetti, to all the volunteers for their time and effort, and of course our community members for coming out to join us for a great evening!

Every kid loves to celebrate Halloween and dress up for as long as they can, so the following weekend on October 22, the WCA hosted the annual SPOOK-tacular Kid's Halloween Party. The lights were off when you walked down the hallway into the hall, and scary music could be heard from outside the building! With 80+ children in attendance, there were enough activities for everyone. The fortuneteller was the most popular throughout the evening. The hall also had a haunted house, arts and crafts, face painting and temporary tattoos, a memory game and then who could forget about the classic "horseshoes" game, except with witch hats and glow rings! Every child left laughing and saying how much fun they had. A huge thanks is due to all volunteers, including the Scouts and Girl Guides, for making this evening incredible for the kids in our community.

On November 5, the WCA hosted their annual craft sale, which included jewelry, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, baking, knitting/crocheting, pictures, pottery and many more crafts made by members of our community. This was an amazing opportunity to get ahead start on Christmas shopping! Admission was free and there were also draws throughout the event! Thank you to all those who organized, volunteered and participated with your amazing work, because this event could not take place without you! Thank you to the Woodcreek Scout Group for providing refreshments as well.

Do you have an event you would like to organize but have no place to host? We newly renovated community centre has room for you! Contact the WCA for more information about rental rates and capacity!

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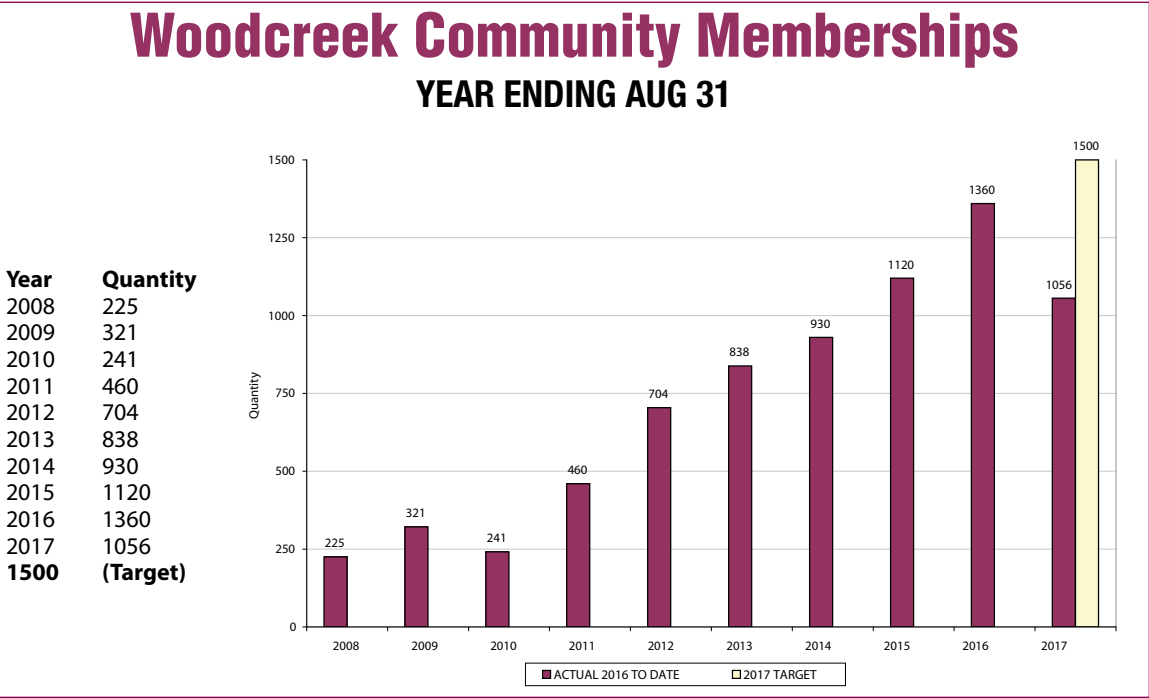
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE WOODCREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY	DAY AND TIME	SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Ballroom and Latin Dance for Adults & Children Dima Levita and Sasha Antonova (Levita Dance) 403-613-5070	Friday, 5:30 – 8 p.m.	Ongoing No classes Dec 23, 30
Ballroom Dance for Adults Joanne Haslock 403-532-8933	No classes currently scheduled Private lessons available	Private Lessons available
Beavers Tim Tratch 403-251-4878	Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Ongoing No meetings Dec 21, 28
Boot Camp Christine Shudra (Step into Fitness) 403-815-4016	Mon and Fri, 9 – 10 a.m. Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Sept 12 – Dec 9 Classes resume in Jan
Calgary Weekend Market Angele Basa 403-629-2962	Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Dec 10
Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club Dennis Belanger 403-660-1201	Second & fourth Mon of month, 7 – 9 p.m.	Ongoing No meeting Dec 26
Children's Christmas Party WCA Office 403-238-1611	Saturday, 1 – 3:30 p.m.	Dec 3
Friday Prayers for Muslims Dr. Mahmood 403-708-1055	Friday, 1:45 p.m. Khutaba/2 p.m. Prayers	Ongoing
Gateway Victory Church, Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant	Saturday 6:30 p.m.	Dec 24
Gateway Victory Church Pastors Rowan and Mara Fraser 403-816-1684	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Ongoing No service Dec 25
Girl Guides Barb Augustyn 403-251-5169	Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Ongoing No meetings Dec 21, 28
Group Fitness Class Danielle Szabo (FITWorx) 403-797-1843	Tues and Thurs, 7:10 – 8:10 p.m.	Tues Aug 9 – Dec 20 Thurs Sept 8 – Dec 22 Classes resume in Jan
Karate for Children Karate for Adults Hermann Pirela (Tenshi Dojo) 403-880-0992	Tues, Wed and Thurs, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Tues, Wed and Thurs, 6:20 – 7:30 p.m.	Ongoing No classes Dec 27 – Jan 5
Knitting Group Anne Bundgaard 403-281-2571	Monday, 1 – 3 p.m.	Ongoing No meetings Dec 19, 26
Mima & Cello Music School Children's Choir Kinder (3 – 6 years) Mima Jovanovic 403-399-2255	Mon to Thurs, 5:30 – 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 – 4 p.m. Tues and Thurs, 10 – 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 – 2 p.m.	Ongoing No classes Dec 18 – Jan 2
Move N Mingle Alberta Health Services 403-955-1554 / 403-863-7708	Monday, 3 – 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, 1 – 1:45 p.m.	Ongoing No class on Stat/Civic holidays
New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance WCA Office 403-238-1611	Saturday, 7 p.m. – 1 a.m.	Dec 31
Peaceful Meditative Movements for Adults 18 – 50 (a flowing Hatha Yoga) Denise-Marie Foch 403-862-5727	PROGRAM DISCONTINUED	

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Qi Gong Classes Linda Varro 403-457-4204	Monday, 7 – 8 p.m.	Sept 12 – Nov 7 Classes resume in Jan
Scouts Tim Tratch 403-251-4878	Second Tues of month, 7 – 9:30 p.m.	Ongoing
Seniors Bridge/Cards Wendy Mackenzie 587-350-5415	Tuesday, 1 – 4 p.m.	Ongoing No meetings Dec 20, 27
Seniors Fitness Nancy Ehle 403-354-4905	Friday, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Jan 13 – Mar 31
Seniors Group Sheila Jahrig 403-251-1436 June Logan 403-238-4916	First and third Tues of month 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Ongoing No meetings in Dec
Silk Road Dance A variety of dance styles for ages 2 - Adult Abu Maliya (Maliya) 403-510-9059	Monday, 5 – 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 – 11 a.m.	Ongoing No classes Dec 20 – Jan 3
Tai Chi Christine Tao 403-208-3564	Monday, 10 – 11 a.m.	Jan 9 – Apr 3 No class Feb 20
The Theory and Practice of Meditation for Adults Denise-Marie Foch 403-862-5727	PROGRAM DISCONTINUED	
WCA Board Meeting Cec Jahrig 403-870-2475	First Tues of month, 7:15 – 9 p.m.	Next meeting Jan 3
Woodcreek Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Steve Molloy 403-999-1711	Thursday, 7 – 8 p.m.	Ongoing
Yoga Sophie Dufresne 587-999-5943	Monday, 7 – 8 p.m.	Sept 12 – Dec 19 Classes resume in Jan
Yoga Stacey Madden 403-889-1313	Thursday, 9 – 10:30 a.m.	Sept 8 – Dec 15 Classes resume in Jan
Zumba Fitness Ana Utrilla 403-630-5756	Saturday, 9 – 10 a.m.	Sept 13 – Dec 17 Classes resume in Jan

For more information please contact the Woodcreek Community Centre at 403-238-1611.

HANUKKAH

Trivia

In 2016, Hanukkah from in the evening of Saturday, December 24th until the evening of Sunday, January 1st. During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOODCREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE WOODCREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 403-238-1611 WOODCREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION • Serving the communities of Woodbine & Woodlands • 1991 Woodview Dr. SW. CALGARY, AB				1 Music and Cello Music School (Kinder 3 – 6 yrs) 10 – 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 – 2 p.m. Yoga 9 – 10:30 a.m. Mima and Cello Music School 5:30 – 8 p.m. Karate for Children 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Karate for Adults 6:20 – 7:30 p.m. Woodcreek Group AA Meeting 7 – 8 p.m. Group Fitness 7:10 – 8:10 p.m.	2 Boot Camp 9 – 10 a.m. Friday Prayers for Muslims, Khutaba 1:20 p.m. / Prayer 1:30 p.m. Ballroom and Latin Dance for Adults/Children 5:30 – 8 p.m.	3 Zumba Fitness 9 – 10 a.m. Silk Road Dance 10 – 11 a.m. Children's Christmas Party 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mima and Cello Music School – Children's Choir 3 – 4 p.m.
4 Gateway Victory Church 10:30 a.m.	5 Boot Camp 9 – 10 a.m. Knitting Group 1 – 3 p.m. Move N Mingle 3 – 3:45 p.m. Silk Road Dance 5 – 7:15 p.m. Mima and Cello Music School 5:30 – 8 p.m. Yoga 7 – 8 p.m.	6 Music and Cello Music School (Kinder 3 – 6 yrs) 10 – 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 – 2 p.m. Seniors Bridge/Cards Group 1 – 4 p.m. Mima and Cello Music School 5:30 – 8 p.m. Boot Camp 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Karate for Children 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Silk Road Dance 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Karate for Adults 6:20 – 7:30 p.m. Group Fitness 7:10 – 8:10 p.m. WCA Board Meeting 7:15 – 9 p.m.	7 Move N Mingle 1 – 1:45 p.m. Mima and Cello Music School 5:30 – 8 p.m. Karate for Children 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Karate for Adults 6:20 – 7:30 p.m. Beavers 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Guides 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	8 Music and Cello Music School (Kinder 3 – 6 yrs) 10 – 11:30 a.m. / 12:30 – 2 p.m. Yoga 9 – 10:30 a.m. Mima and Cello Music School 5:30 – 8 p.m. Karate for Children 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Karate for Adults 6:20 – 7:30 p.m. Woodcreek Group AA Meeting 7 – 8 p.m. Group Fitness 7:10 – 8:10 p.m.	9 Boot Camp 9 – 10 a.m. Friday Prayers for Muslims, Khutaba 1:20 p.m. / Prayer 1:30 p.m. Ballroom and Latin Dance for Adults/Children 5:30 – 8 p.m.	10 Zumba Fitness 9 – 10 a.m. Silk Road Dance 10 – 11 a.m. Calgary Weekend Market 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mima and Cello Music School – Children's Choir 3 – 4 p.m.
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- Seniors not able to access regular programs due to income, culture, language, /or isolation

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Woodcreek Community Association ,
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Wednesday 1:00 – 1: 45

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WOODCREEK BABYSITTERS

We get calls on occasion asking for names of babysitters. If you would like your name listed as available for babysitting, please contact the community centre at 403-238-1611. We will provide your first name, age and phone number to our residents looking for sitters. The community association will provide this information as a service and take no responsibility for the abilities of the sitter or references for those looking for sitters.

This is another community service we are trying to provide.

WCA Babysitters Register			
First Name	Age	Phone Number	Course
Michaela	13	587-352-0028	C
Joel	14	403-251-9825	C
Ari	14	403-921-6272	C
Fiona	13	403-251-3838	C
Neshama	14	587-352-0028	C
Henry	15	403-719-8282	C
Deia	15	403-921-6272	C
Lilly	15	403-719-8282	C
Marissa	16	403-251-7663	C
Grace	14	587-888-2423	C
Sharon	42	587-350-0172	No
Tenisha	12	403-454-3472	C
Natalie	20	403-238-0803	C
Kiara	12	403-281-0908	C
Carson	11	403-238-1527	C
Brooke-Lynn	14	403-281-6899	No
Robyn	37	587-438-4442	No
Alexia	12	587-439-6842	C
Jyotsna	52	403-802-1938	No
Hailey	16	403-620-0609	C
Emily	11	403-479-3362	C
Febrilyn	26	403-478-8262	C
Karleigh	20	403-671-1533	C
Stephanie	12	403-540-9938	C
Makenna	13	403-281-2653	C
Talyssia	12	403-474-4400	C

A New Program is Starting at WCA Tai Chi Program



WCA Tai Chi
Instructor
Christine Tao



10 – 11 a.m.
Monday,
Jan 9 - Apr 3
No Class Feb. 20

Woodcreek Community Centre
1991 Woodview Drive SW

\$5 per class or \$50 for 12 classes

Everyone is welcome.

New Session to begin Jan 9



Come take part in a weekly fitness class led by Nancy Ehle, a group fitness instructor

Jan 13 - Mar 31

PROGRAM DETAILS:

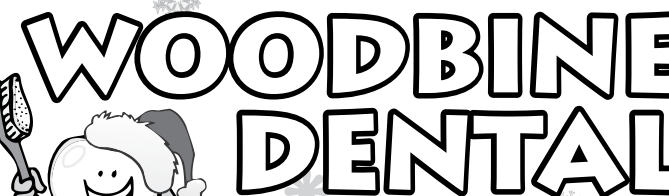
When: Friday, 10:30-11:30 am

Where: Woodcreek Community Centre
1991 Woodview Drive SW
(403) 238-1611

Cost: \$5.00 per class or \$50 for 12 classes

New Session to begin Jan 13

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Yes, there is still a Santa Claus

It was about three in the afternoon when I received the call. It was Andy, our maintenance manager at Hull Services—a Calgary-based charity dedicated to helping kids (and their families) who face behavioural and mental health challenges—where we work.

“Our Santa Claus for the kids’ party tonight has cancelled out.” With a hint of suspicion in my voice, I asked, “Andy, what’s your backup plan?” Not one to mince words, he replied flatly, “You are”. Looking for one last way out, I said, “And if I can’t do it, what’s your plan?” Unflustered, Andy made it clear, “There isn’t one.” Apparently, the conversation had come to an end. I was it. “OK, I’ll see you at six. Leave the suit in my office.”

I had mixed feelings about my delegation. It was a nice job, but you need to be in the right mood ... overflowing with cheer and spirited laughter. I was concerned that I wasn’t and the kids would know it. It was too late to worry about that. Maybe the suit would work some magic on me. I began to unpack it from the bag. Soon Andy showed up, “Come on! They’re expecting us in 15 minutes!” “Relax,” I said, “I only found out about this two hours ago! And besides I don’t have any stuffing. Go get a pillow from one of the residences.” “Oh geez,” he said, disappearing into the night. When he returned, I stuffed the pillow under the red coat, and strapped it all together with a wide black belt. Just the finishing touches now: beard, wig, and hat. But the beard

wouldn’t stay up. The moustache was down around my lips. “Here,” Andy said, “I’ll staple it to your head. Who cares?! We gotta go. C’mon!”

Ready or not, it was showtime. About to leave my office, I realized we had forgotten something, “Andy, the bells! Go get the bells, they’re in the washroom.” A moment later Andy was running back down the hallway with bells ringing. Before you could say, Ho, Ho, Ho we were in his white pickup truck and off into the frigid, dark night.

We pulled up in front of one of the treatment residences and Andy told me to wait while he made sure everything was ready inside. Soon he reappeared and we went in. We asked some of the staff to do a visual check on Santa. After a few vain attempts to secure the floppy beard, we crossed our fingers and proceeded into the main area.

These kids here have not had it easy in life. That’s a gross understatement. For one reason or another, they’ve been dealt a bad hand, whether it’s from abuse or the result of a disorder of some kind. Day-to-day life can be a real struggle, both for the kids and the staff.

As I entered the room full of children, families, and staff there was a moment of quiet expectation. I shook the handbells and the room erupted in frantic delight. The children rushed Santa, grabbing and hugging every available part of me. Staff pulled kids off of me and I was able to make it to my designated chair where I could dispense presents. “Stephanie,” I called, and a child would come forth, rushing me, squeezing me, mashing my glasses into my face. Over and over, this was repeated, each child having their special call, when they would come and sit with Santa, look into his face, and receive their gift. Some of the older teens pretended to be too cool, but most sat on Santa’s knee, anyway. An autistic child came forward guided by a staff. He approached, and then withdrew. For the briefest of moments he turned and we connected, sharing our space.

One little girl sat upon my knee, looked seriously into my eyes, and slowly asked of me, “Are you the real Santa Claus?” After a moment of wondering about the correct thing to say my heart spoke out, “Yes, I’m the real Santa Claus.” Satisfied with my answer the child waited no longer. She reached around my neck and embraced me with all of her strength, and I felt every bit of her belief in the spirit of Christmas. Then I realized what

this evening was all about. Here were these children, so potentially beaten down by life, but reminding us that the spark is alive within them and they will not allow it to be put out. They still have hope. It is to the anonymous Santa Claus that it is safe for them to reach out. In him there is giving, receiving and joy. That’s what this whole opening up to the red-suited stranger was all about. After the hug the little girl again focussed on my face and assured me, confidently, quietly, “You’re the greatest man in the world.” Then she was gone into the crowd.

Before long, the piles of neatly wrapped presents had bloomed into acres of chaos and paper and the laughter of children. It was time to slip out. In the cold night I was warmed, not only by the suit, but by the joy the kids had given me. Back and forth, the discovery of Christmas shone between us all that night.

Back in my office I changed into my street clothes, asking Andy, “So, where do I put the Santa suit?” In his matter of fact manner he told me, “Just hang it up and I’ll get it in the morning. We’ll need it again next year.”

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For those of you that missed the above notice last month, please consider calling on the Woodcreek Scouts. This is by far the best deal in the area. Please consider calling them to set up a once only or an entire season of worry free snow removal. The Scouts are working hard to fund their summer Jamboree. Please call Tony or Laura for more information at 403-554-7601.

The Scouts have also set up a bottle donation account at the Tsuu T'ina Bottle Depot at 3700 Anderson Road SW. It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider donating your bottles or part of your bottle drop off to the 401 Woodcreek Scout account that has been set up there. If you have a large amount of bottles to return and would like to donate them please call the above number to possibly arrange something with them.

Our Woodcreek Beavers have had a busy couple of months. They met at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary one evening to learn all about bugs. If you have not been to the sanctuary we would highly recommend it. There is something there for all ages and it is such a beautiful part of our City.

The fall camp for the beavers was held at Camp Valaqua in Water Valley. The theme of the camp was building,



busy beavers building. The activities included making a wooden dump truck and building wooden bridges. The weather was amazing and much of the time was spent outside. These camps are so wonderful at creating life long friendships, the food is pretty darn good and the nightly camp fires are epic.

Another great off site trip was to Joe Johnson Equipment to learn all about street sweepers, vacuum trucks and ice re-surfacers. The kids got to climb all over the equipment and check out the loud horns which was a bigger hit for the kids than the adults.



Remembrance day was celebrated in a different way this year. The beavers met up for a colour parade to the Ogden CP Rail yards. It was a very special intimate place to pause to remember our Veterans.

The month was rounded out by a program called

Creative Expressions where the beavers created musical instruments from household items.

This year Scouts Canada has introduced a program for beavers to be able to collect Personal Achievement Badges. These are designed to allow youth to explore and expand skills and knowledge in areas that are of particular interest to them. This is an optional program that I'm sure some beavers will really enjoy and will work on all year long.

Do you think your child would like to join our wonderful programming? Do you personally have a great place you work at that we might be able to tour? Would you like to join our team of Leaders and get in on all the fun? If so, please call our Group Commissioner Tim Tratch at 403-251-4878.

Thank you Woodcreek Community Association and our local Lions Club for your wonderful support.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St Jude School

In November, students at St Jude School were given the opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities using a non-traditional medium, glass, when the entire school participated in the program Passion for Glass. We also came together for our annual Family Movie Night, always such a fun evening! At our Remembrance Day liturgy, students reflected on the sacrifices made by our war veterans and the ways we can live peacefully today.

Important Dates:

- December 1st/2nd: Parent Teacher Conferences
- December 8th: School Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- December 15th: Advent Evening, 6:30pm
- December 21st: Advent Liturgy, 10:15am
- December 22nd: Last day of school before Christmas break. **Please drop off your bottles at the flag pole!**

Upcoming:

Along with the usual Christmas excitement that comes in December, an extra excitement fills the halls at St Jude when the annual Christmas raffle items are unveiled. Students buy tickets for their favourite items and a draw is made on December 20th for each item. All items for the raffle are generously donated by school families and members of the community. A huge thank you to all who supported this important fundraiser for School Council.



St. Gerard French Immersion School

1204 96th Avenue SW

In November and following through into December, we welcomed our **Artist in Residence** for the 2016-2017 school year. **David Stockton** is an accomplished musician, storyteller and speaker. Working with the students, he inspires our children to weave their imaginations and experiences into powerful storytelling.

Woodbine School

December will be a short but busy month for staff and students at Woodbine school!

After completing their 4-day stay at Outdoor School, grade 6 students will return to Calgary December 1st and the grade 1 classes will then have the chance to go on a field trip of their own to Heritage Park the week of December 5th.

Along with regular meetings for the science fair, choir, leadership and Healthy Learners, students will also be busy preparing for the holiday assembly. This year, Woodbine school will be hosting an *evening* winter concert! The students will hold dress rehearsals during the day of December 8th, and will then put on the full performance later that evening. Stay tuned to the school message system for further details.

A couple of important dates for December: The 2nd is a PD day, so no classes for students. December 16th will be the last day before the holiday break and students will return Jan. 3 for regular classes.

Woodbine school would like to wish all students and their families a happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year!!

Upcoming Dates:

- December 2nd: Parent Teacher Interviews (No School)
- December 7th and 15th: Artist in Residence Jeff Stockton
- December 15th: Winter Celebration of Learning (evening). All are Welcome to attend.
- December 22nd: Last Day of Classes
- January 9th: First Day Back

While our school is part of the Separate School Board, all families are welcome. Questions? Please visit us at <http://www.cssd.ab.ca/stgerard/> or contact us at 403 500 2028 or michelle.taylor@cssd.ab.ca



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

December at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Wellness Access Program/Helping Others

- December can be a strenuous time on the budget. The Trico Cares program offers **fee assistance** for memberships and admissions. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport.) See www.tricocentre.ca for details.
- For the fifth year, Trico Centre invites you to help those less fortunate in Calgary by dropping off items for Inn from the Cold. List of needed items available at Trico Centre and on our website. Drop off items until Thursday, December 15.

Register for Winter Programs

- Winter program registration begins November 15 and 15th for members and November 16 for general public. Swimming, skating, sports, creative, dance, gymnastics, adult fitness, winter break day camps.

Student Holiday Passes

- Students, want to stay active over the holiday break? Trico Centre offers student holiday passes: Post-Secondary Students (18-24yrs), valid between November 7 and December 31, \$56; Youth Students (12-17 yrs) valid between November 14 and December 31, \$32; High School Student January Exam Stress Release Pass, January 1-31 just \$22.
- Gift of Health – give the gift of health this season. Gift a friend or loved one with a 10-Visist Pass or a Trico Centre Membership. See Guest Services for details.



Adults, Older Adults

- Adult fitness in December: Candlelight Christmas Yoga: Treat yourself to a relaxing yoga class before the celebration begins – December 23, 10:30am – 12pm, Ride on New Year's Eve: Get a jump start on your New Year's goals with this invigorating spin class, December 31, 12 – 1:30pm.
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week – including aquafitness in our newly refurbished pool. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Bones and Balance, Chair Yoga, and Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults: These multi-week registered programs start in January – registration is open now.

Families, Children & Youth

- Family Skate with Santa – come join Santa for a seasonal craft session, leisure skate to festive music, hot chocolate, and cookies. Saturday, December 17, skate from 10am-12:30pm, other activities 12:15-2pm. Member family \$15, non-member family \$20.
- Holiday Drop-In Day Camps. Join camp for a full or half day, whatever works for you and your family. Pre-register due to limited spaces. 6-12 yrs, December 19-23, 26-30, and January 2-6. See Program Guide or www.tricocentre.ca for details.
- Winter Break Swim Lessons. Trico Centre is offering Winter Break swim lessons from December 19-23 and 27-30. See Program Guide or www.tricocentre.ca for details.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.



December in Fish Creek

Looking for an Amazing Gift this Holiday Season?

The Dedication Gift Donation Program is a Great Way to Support the Sustainability of Fish Creek Provincial Park! Support the Friends of Fish Creek by making a donation in the name of someone who enjoys Fish Creek Provincial Park! The Recipient will receive a certificate containing their name, the amount of the donation and the name of the donor, and you will receive a valuable tax receipt.

For more information or to donate visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/ffc-donate

Show Your Support for Fish Creek - Renew Your Membership or Become a Member!

Members are the foundation of our Society and share our vision of a sustainable Fish Creek Provincial Park that improves the quality of life for present and future generations. We had 869 members in the 2015 - 16 year, and we thank all of you for your support. We encourage you to renew your commitment to Fish Creek Provincial Park for the October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017 season.

Friends' membership benefits include discounts on courses like the popular Autumn, Winter and Spring Birding Courses, a subscription to our newsletter *Voice of the Friends*, regular notifications about programs and events happening year-round in Fish Creek Provincial Park and admission to educational Fish Creek Speaker Series presentations.

We hope that you and your family have enjoyed some of the community-focused activities we help organize here in Fish Creek Provincial Park, such as Parks Day & Creekfest, A Taste of Autumn, the Fish Creek Community Fair and the Wellness Showcase. Minibus tours focused on nature, photography and history allow more people to experience this park.

Popular Wellness sessions, like full moon meditation, yoga, Qi Gong and painting provide new and innovative ways to bring people together and celebrate nature. Please visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/friends-of-fish-creek-membership-signup to renew your membership or complete and mail in the form below. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in the park.

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403 238-9222 (Ext. 222)

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Wishing you and your family all the best over the holiday season

From the staff and volunteers at SWCRC.

12 Week Winter Birding Course starts Monday, Jan. 9, 2017

Learn about the variety of bird species in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other natural areas within Calgary through the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society's Winter Birding Course. In the winter months, birds are much easier to see since the deciduous trees have shed their leaves, there are fewer species present and they often occur in flocks. "In fact, there may well be more individual birds within Calgary during the winter than in the summer months," said lifelong naturalist Gus Yaki, who, along with other experienced birding instructors, conducts these outings as a fundraiser for the Friends of Fish Creek.

Choose to come on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 9:15am, Saturdays at 9:00am, or on Sundays at 9:00am or 1:15pm. Reserve early as each group size is limited to 12 participants.

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1. We treasure the contributions our former Premier made to our country; & our hearts go out to the Prentice family.
2. It was an honour to be selected to represent all AB MLA's in laying this Remembrance Day Wreath at the Leg-.
3. I salute amazing AB's Marty, Tammy, & all on the Paralympic Team--you made our entire Nation proud!
4. Thanks to all for your support in my first session as PC House Leader: it is a rare opportunity I take seriously.
5. & 6. At the NW Refinery, in the Legislature, & beyond, I am proud to stand up for AB's Oil & Gas Industry.
7. As PC Advocate for Advanced Ed, Indigenous Rel's, & Wellness, I truly enjoy meeting with all of our stakeholders.

- YOU'RE INVITED! MLA DAVE RODNEY'S "ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE": 5 - 7 pm on Tuesday, Dec 13!

- Thanks to all Calgary-Lougheed residents who attended our **Oct 25 "Alberta Issues" Roundtable**. I was pleased to bring your thoughtful opinions forward to the NDP government; I just wish they would listen to more of them! Note: **I have always been honoured to represent you as the MLA for Calgary-Lougheed**; & hope I am doing so in a way that you would approve of. Please visit daverodney.ca to view my **most recent speeches in the Legislature**: Remembrance Day, Bill 28 (Public Health Amendment Act); AB's Agencies, Boards, & Commissions... & much more. **Your feedback is greatly appreciated!**

- Our PC Caucus remains focused on holding the NDP accountable for their harmful policy decisions. Our PC team is providing a thoughtful, common-sense alternative. The NDP has saddled future generations with **crippling debt payments, while driving jobs & investment out of AB**--at an unprecedented rate. *We have repeatedly called for a practical approach to spending, climate change, & job creation; but instead, we are facing an \$11 billion budget deficit, a \$3 billion*

per year carbon tax, & job losses topping 100,000... just for starters.

- During this legislative session, I have been proud that our PC team continues to voice a rational, real-life perspective on proposed NDP legislation. We strongly urged the government to drop their attack on AB power companies with their lawsuit against Power Purchase Arrangements--& AB's; provided alternatives to support investment in AB by private industry; & keep energy prices low. Let's hope the government delivers this.

- The Premier & the NDP are intent on implementing their **Climate Leadership Plan**, including a cap on oil sands emissions & a 30% renewable electricity target; but sadly, **their legislation contains precious little detail on how they plan to implement these policies**. Furthermore, they give sweeping powers to the Minister & Cabinet to fill in the blanks--later-- behind closed doors. This is not the transparency & accountability that the NDP promised AB's; & we believe that the details need to be debated openly. Our PC caucus will continue to pushing the government to be honest with AB's about their plans for this transformative change in the way we develop our resources & supply reliable electricity.

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Cllr. Colley-Urquhart speaking with city staff at the Canyon Meadows Power Substation Open House.



Cllr. Colley-Urquhart speaking with residents and members of CPA about angle parking in Woodbine.

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Season's Greetings From The Ward 13 Office!

With all that is going on in our City and our Ward, I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your tireless efforts in making our Ward one of the best in The City. On behalf of myself and my staff, we want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday!

Ward 13 Traffic Tour Summary

On October 12th myself, key City staff and the Ward 13 Community Association Presidents toured problematic traffic areas in Ward 13. We were able to not only identify problems spots, but with the help of the Roads team, we were able to get confirmation of a few traffic calming measures that could be implemented before the first snowfall.

Thanks to the diligent work of community volunteers and board members, the areas of concern now have been identified and we hope to see a swift solution that benefits all members of the community. A few examples of traffic calming measures to be implemented around our Ward include (but not limited to):

- Painted crosswalks
- Curb cuts
- Extra sidewalks
- Explore roundabouts and road narrowing
- Speed studies and engage enforcement
- Reflective sleeves to be added
- Analyze signal time for pedestrian signals (perceived as too short)
- Install playground zones
- New pedestrian signals

With the help of concerned citizens and active community associations, we can help make Ward 13 a safe place for commuters and pedestrians alike.

Woodmont Crescent Angle Parking

Back in October, a small area in Woodbine was the centre of a parking issue that has had neighbours up in arms. On October 6th residents of Woodmont Crescent were ticketed by Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) for angle parking in the cul-de-sac whereas bylaw states only parallel parking is allowed.

While many residents have been angle parking to accommodate the large amount of vehicles in the area, CPA was forced to uphold the bylaw when an area resident made a formal complaint against the practice.

While it was an unfortunate incident, my staff and I, along with Dominic Barbario and Jim Lebedeff of CPA, visited the site to determine the next steps for residents. CPA suggested residents go through the proper channels to have the area specifically marked to allow for angle parking, as well as parallel parking at the bottlenecks of the cul-de-sac. By speaking with area residents and hearing their concerns, we were able to take a step forward in ensuring that this issue will not be an issue for these residents in the future.

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Join us as we present the proposed changes for the future use of learning space at some Area V schools. Come review this proposal, which was developed from feedback gathered in 2016.

date	January 18, 2017
time	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
location	Nickle School 2500 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E.

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