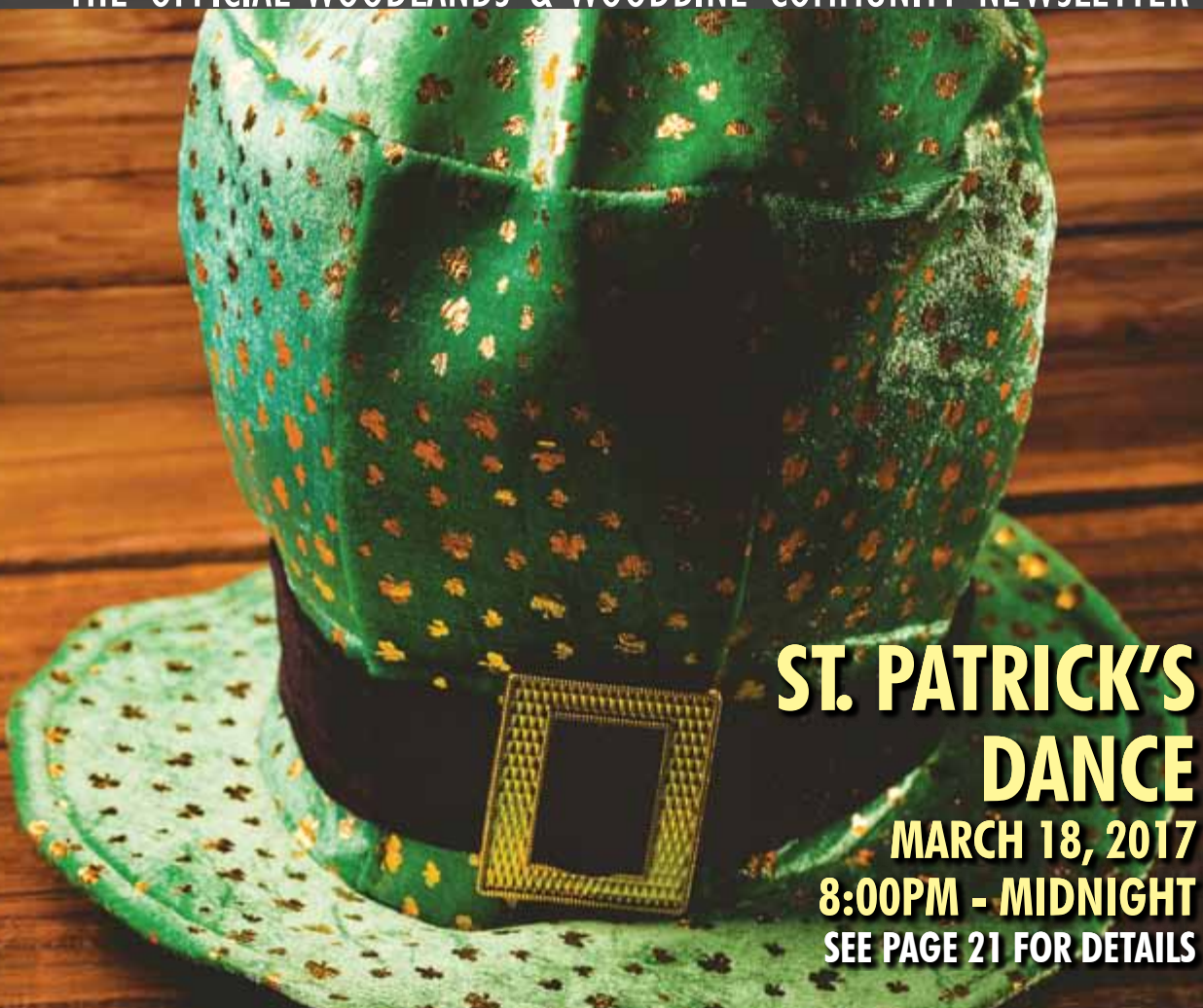


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Last month I spoke to the irony of writing about an event prior to it occurring and having it read after the event occurs. This month I am happy to report that, as anticipated, the New Year's Eve Bash has occurred, was a sell-out, and a smashing success! The WCA office received positive feedback regarding the food, DJ service, decoration, and general organization. While many volunteers were involved, I would like to thank Nora Ward for, once again this year, taking the event on, organizing it, planning the details, and managing the event. Without people like Nora, events like this are not possible.

On a whole, January and February typically have fewer community events scheduled than other months as many people are recovering from the holiday season and getting back into the daily swing of life. But things are never dull around the community for very long. In addition to our normally scheduled weekly activities, on Thursday March 9th from 9AM-11AM, we will be starting our Parents & Tots group. Watch the Chronicle, check-out our website, or contact the office for more details. Later in the month, on Saturday 18th, we will be hosting a St. Patrick's party/dance. Based on the turnout from previous years, I encourage anyone interested to get tickets in advance. The month ends with a kid's event -- Laser Tag, scheduled for the 25th. Once again, we encourage advance registration as past laser tag events sold-out! Looking ahead a couple of months, April will be busy with an Easter Egg Hunt hosted on the 15th and a Spaghetti Dinner, another sell-out event, on the 23rd. In May, we add an additional event – Flea Market & Parade of Garage Sales, on the 6th – to the annual community cleanup taking place on the 13th.

With all of these events, many of which are sell-outs, I cannot overstate the importance of community memberships. At a yearly cost of \$20/family (\$10/seniors) the membership entitles you to purchase event tickets in advance and at a lower rate. Some events are restricted to members only, while others, like the community cleanup, are completely free to WCA members. To quote an over-used but accurate tagline – membership does have its privileges.

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We appreciate the great membership support we get.



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Monday 1:00 - 9:00 pm
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Community Office Staff

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WOODCREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



BOARD MEETINGS
 First Tuesday of each month
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2017 EVENTS

- March 18** St. Patrick's Dance
8 p.m. – Midnight
- March 25** Laser Tag for Youth Ages 7 – 14
1 – 4 p.m.
- April 15** Easter Egg Hunt
1 – 2:30 p.m.
- April 23** Spaghetti Dinner
5 – 7 p.m.
- May 6** Flea Market & Parade of Garage Sales
Details and Time TBA
- May 13** Community Clean Up
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- June 24** Canada 150 Celebration
Details and Time TBA
- July 8** Pancake Breakfast
9 – 11 a.m.
- September** Door to Door Canvas Membership Drive
Community Clean Up (Shredding included)
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Sept 15** Drop off for Lions Club Garage Sale
4 – 8 p.m.
- Sept 16** Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club Garage Sale
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Oct 7** Oktoberfest
8 p.m. – Midnight
- Oct 28** Children's Halloween Party
6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 4** WCA Craft Sale
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Nov 19** Spaghetti Dinner
5 – 7 p.m.
- Dec 2** Children's Christmas Party
1 – 3:30 p.m.
- Dec 31** New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance
7 p.m. – 1 a.m.

FLEA MARKET

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OR SELL YOUR OWN CREATIONS!

More details in our March Woodcreek Chronicle.

NEW Thursday Woodcreek Parents & Tots Program



Starts Thursday, March 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Woodcreek Community Centre located at 1991 Woodview Drive S.W. This will be an ongoing program and open to children up to 4 years of age. Coffee, juice and cookies will be served.

For further information, please call Kelsey MacGregor at 403-615-5581.

WCA BULLETIN BOARD / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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If your organization is planning a **bottle drive**, please call the Woodcreek Community Association at 403-238-1611 to coordinate the date with other bottle drives in the community.



Woodlands School
Bottle Drive the week of Feb 5, 2017
See page 29 of this Feb Chronicle for details.

WANTED: Volunteers for Ice Rink Flooding Woodbine and Woodlands Rinks



Please call 403-238-1611 or e-mail wca@hotmail.ca

Woodcreek Membership Renewal

We appreciate the great support we get from our Woodcreek **residents** by purchasing Woodcreek Community memberships. We are already around the 1200 mark on our way to our target of 1500. Reviewing our membership list we still have over 500 residents who have not renewed their membership from the previous year. Your support allows us to improve facilities and add programs for the benefit of all Woodcreek residents.

Renewing your membership is easy with the following options.

1. Call the Community Centre at 403-238-1611 and renew by credit card or drop in and renew in person.
2. On line with a credit card <https://www.compumim.com/woodcreek/membership>
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For more information contact:
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WHAT IS WOODCREEK?

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.

SENIORS



WOODCREEK SENIORS MOMENT

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

Our president, Sheila, was able to secure the Opera House at Heritage Park for our next annual Christmas Party.

In January we planned our excursions for throughout the year. All suggestions and ideas are welcomed if you have any to add or suggest at this time.

In January the group had a guest speaker and the topic was about Family Counselling.

Please join us in FEBRUARY to get an update and further activities in the group. We enjoy playing bingo, cards, games and just good conversation and companionship and of course the 50-50 draw. Must say the coffee, tea and munchies are always well favored...

Looking forward to the next meeting for good fellowship and fun! President: **Sheila Jahrig** phone: 403-251-1436 - **June Logan** 403-238-4916. *If you have any questions please feel free to call either or email: Denise at: freeborn@telus.net.*

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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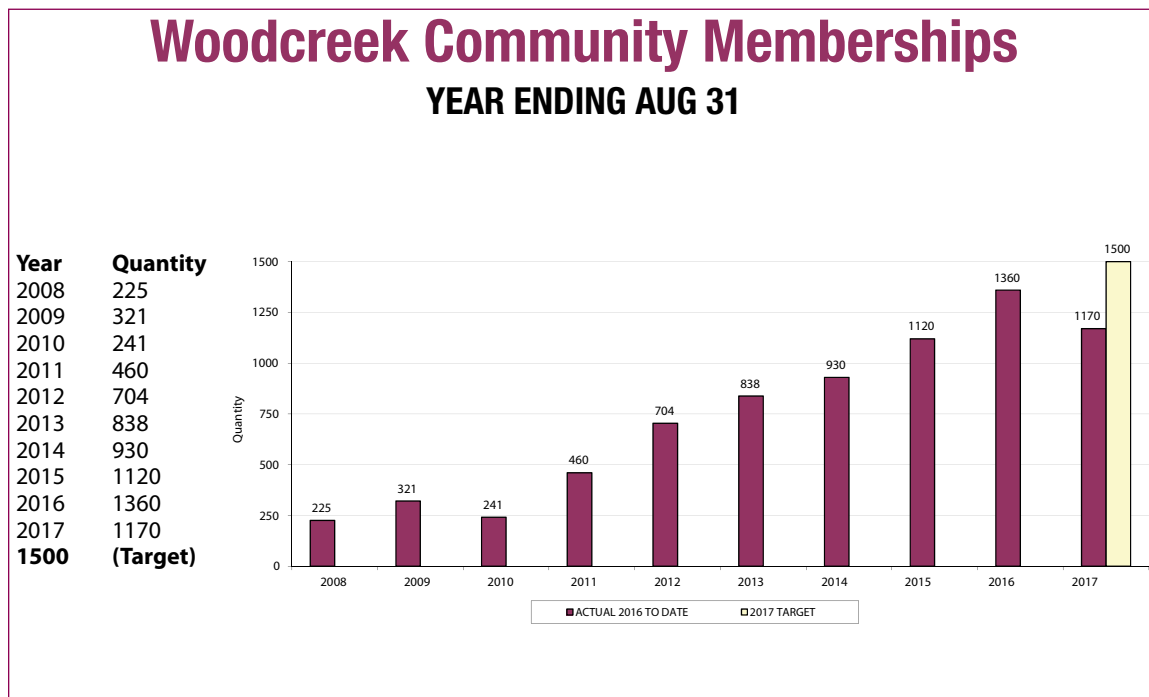
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Mon - Thur 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Fri 8:30 am - 12:00 noon



POP! FIZZ! BUBBLE! BANG!

If you did not make it to this year's New Year's Eve party at the community hall, you certainly missed a great one.

Where else could you go that set the scene of a winter wonderland, including an adult indoor snowball fight?

We put our resolutions aside and feasted on Leroy Brown's prime rib dinner. We danced our feet off to the tunes of our DJ, Glenn Mitchell. And it goes without saying that we were spirited by the flow of drinks and champagne.

As always a big thank you to the volunteers who helped pull this event off. As with every event, there are always

paying guests who stick around after and help pack things away and clean up. That's community spirit!

A very special thanks to all who attended. We can plan and decorate all we want, but it's really the guest, our community and our friends who are there to have a good time, that truly makes the night successful.

Happy New Year and may your troubles only last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

*NYE Event Coordinator,
Nora Ward*

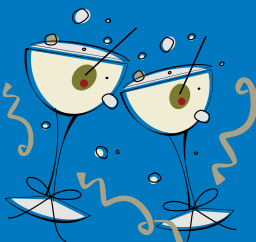


Just wanted to drop a note to thank Nora and her committee for the excellent New Years Dance. My husband and I and a couple of friends attended for the first time!

We were impressed with the winter wonderland decorations and theme, excellent dinner and bar service, the DJ and great music. It was a great night that we all enjoyed.

Please pass on our thanks and appreciation to the Association and their great volunteers for a spectacular experience.

Warmest thanks and a Happy New Year. Edna and Bob Sutherland, Valerie and Geoff Dunlop.





Move 'n Mingle

Program Criteria:

- Adults over 65 at risk for falling and losing their independence.
- Seniors not able to access regular programs due to income, culture, language, /or isolation

Fall Prevention group exercise classes offered two times a week

- Reduce falls by improving flexibility, leg strength, and balance
- Remain independent by increasing strength, range of motion and endurance.
- Talks about fall risk factors and healthy living

Started May 25, 2015

Woodcreek Community Association ,
1991 Woodview Drive SW,
Monday 3:00 – 3:45
Wednesday 1:00 – 1:45

**NO CLASSES
ON STAT OR CIVIC
HOLIDAYS**

Registration required.

To register or for more information call 403-955-1554 or 403-863-7708



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 | 13 | 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 |
| Stephanie | 12 | 403-540-9938 | C |
| Makenna | 13 | 403-281-2653 | C |
| Talyssia | 12 | 403-474-4400 | C |

Living Kindness Yoga

Yoga & Meditation Courses and Workshops

For dates and times of upcoming classes and workshops, please contact:

Denise-Marie Foch* 403-862-5727
Director *Rhymes with "Josh" denisemarie@livingkindnessyoga.ca
Certified Yoga Instructor www.livingkindnessyoga.ca



St. Patrick's Dance



DJ, Dancing and Prizes!

March 18, 2017
8:00 - Midnight

Woodcreek Community Centre

Join us for a wee bit of Irish cheer!

Light supper will be served at 9:30

Members: \$15.00
Non-Members: \$20.00



For more information please call the office at (403) 238-1611 or come in and pick up your tickets during office hours.

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 |
| 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 |
| Boot Camp Christine Shudra (Step into Fitness) 403-815-4016 | Mon and Fri, 9 – 10 a.m. Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Ongoing No class Feb 13 – 24, no class Mar 24 - 31 |
| Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club Dennis Belanger 403-660-1201 | Second & fourth Mon of month, 7 – 9 p.m. No meetings Jul and Aug | Ongoing |
| Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club Garage Sale Dennis Belanger 403-660-1201 | Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Sept 16 |
| Canada 150 Celebration WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Saturday, details and time TBA | Jun 24 |
| Children's Halloween Party Kelsey MacGregor 403-615-5581 | Saturday, 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Oct 28 |
| Children's Christmas Party Kelsey MacGregor 403-615-5581 | Saturday, 1 – 3:30 p.m. | Dec 2 |
| Community Clean Up (Spring) | Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | May 13 |
| Community Clean Up (Fall) – shredding WCA Office 403-238-1611 | | Sept 9 |
| Easter Egg Hunt Kelsey MacGregor 403-615-5581 | Saturday, 1 – 2:30 p.m. | Apr 15 |
| Flea Market & Parade of Garage Sales WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Saturday, details and time TBA | May 6 |
| Friday Prayers for Muslims Dr. Mahmood 403-708-1055 | Friday, 1:45 p.m. Khutaba/2 p.m. Prayers | Ongoing |
| Gateway Victory Church Pastors Rowan and Mara Fraser 403-816-1684 | Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | Ongoing |
| Girl Guides Barb Augustyn 403-251-5169 | Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Ongoing |
| Group Fitness Class Body weight & free weight training Danielle Szabo (FITWorx) 403-797-1843 | Tues and Thurs, 7:10 – 8:10 p.m. | Ongoing |
| Karate for Children | Tues, Wed and Thurs, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Ongoing |
| Karate for Adults Hermann Pirela (Tenshi Dojo) 403-880-0992 | Tues, Wed and Thurs, 6:20 – 7:30 p.m. | Ongoing |
| Knitting Group Anne Bundgaard 403-281-2571 | Monday, 1 – 3 p.m. | Ongoing |
| Laser Tag for Youth ages 7 – 14 Kelsey MacGregor 403-615-5581 | Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. | Mar 25 |
| Membership Drive Door to Door Canvass WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Month of September | Month of September |

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AT THE WOODCREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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|---|---|---|
| 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 Closed Feb 18 – 20, Mar 14 – 17 and Mar 25 – 31 |
| 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 | Sunday, 7 p.m. – 1 a.m. | Dec 31 |
| Oktoberfest WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Saturday, 8 p.m. – Midnight | Oct 7 |
| Pancake Breakfast WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Saturday, 9 – 11 a.m. | July 8 |
| Parents & Tots Program at Woodcreek Kelsey MacGregor 403-615-5581 | Thursday, 9 – 11 a.m. | Starts Mar 9 Ongoing |
| Qi Gong Classes Linda Varro 403-457-4204 | Monday, 7 – 8 p.m. | Jan 9 – Mar 13 Free intro class Jan 9 No class Feb 20 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 class Feb 18, 20 |
| Spaghetti Dinner WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Sunday, 5 – 7 p.m. | Apr 23 Nov 19 |
| St. Patrick's Dance WCA Office 403-238-1611 | Saturday, 8 p.m. – Midnight | Mar 18 |
| Tai Chi Christine Tao 403-208-3564 | Monday, 10 – 11 a.m. | Jan 9 – Apr 3 No class Feb 20 |
| WCA Board Meeting Scott Eden 403-560-3585 | First Tues of month, 7:15 – 9 p.m. | Next meeting Feb 7 |
| Woodcreek Craft Sale Anne Bundgaard 403-281-2571 | Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Nov 4 |
| 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. | Last class Jan 30 PROGRAM DISCONTINUED |
| Yoga Stacey Madden 403-889-1313 | Thursday, 9 – 10:30 a.m. | Ongoing |
| Zumba Fitness Ana Utrilla 403-630-5756 | Saturday, 9 – 10 a.m. | Ongoing No class Feb 18, Mar 25 |

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WOODCREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE

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LASER TAG

When: Saturday March 25, 2017

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm*

All players must pre-register by March 23, 2017.
Please call the office (403) 238-1611 or email wca@hotmail.ca with child's name, age and phone number.

Where: Woodcreek Community Centre
1991 Woodview Drive SW

Who: Youth Ages 7 - 14

Cost: \$5.00 (must have a community membership)

***Please note:** your children will not be playing for the full 3 hours, as we are dividing into groups based on age and number of registrants. You will be contacted in advance with the time your child needs to be ready to play at the community centre.



Woodcreek Community Association Membership Advantages

- Members receive discounted rates on hall rentals. Call Linda / Lorraine at 403-238-1611.
- Members receive a 20% discount on cost of Trico Centre Membership.
- Members receive FREE Community Announcements in the Woodcreek Chronicle
- Members receive FREE recycling at Community Clean Up held each spring and fall.
- Members receive discounts on tickets for special events such as Pub Night, Wine & Cheese, Oktoberfest, Ice Breaker Dance, Children's Christmas Party and more.
- Members receive discounts at participating neighbourhood stores.
- Members have FREE use of tennis and pickle ball courts at our Woodbine location, as well as ice rinks at both Woodlands and Woodbine locations.
- Members are eligible to attend the Knitting Group and/or Seniors Group meetings.
- Members can influence the work of the community association and "give back to their community" though serving as a volunteer on the Woodcreek CA Board.
- Members in good standing have a vote at WCA annual general meetings.
- Members benefit indirectly – membership fees help support free community events such as Family Fun Day and Pancake Breakfast, as well as the cost of running the community centre, hockey and pleasure rinks in Woodlands and Woodbine, and tennis and pickle ball courts in Woodbine.
- Members demonstrate a sense of community pride and stay informed and have a greater community connection.
- Easy Options to purchase a membership – at Woodbine Cleaners, Fishman's Personal Care Cleaners, Crispy Crust Pizzeria and the Woodcreek Community Centre during office hours OR on-line at: <https://www.compusim.com/woodcreek/membership>.
- You can call the community centre at 403-238-1611 and give your credit card number for membership.
- Alternately, you can send the form below with a cheque or money order to the Woodcreek Community Association at 1991 Woodview Drive SW, Calgary, AB T2W 5E5.



SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 – AUGUST 31, 2017

Please circle applicable membership type:

\$20.00 - Family Membership \$10.00 - Sr.(55+) Family Membership \$20.00 - Business Membership

Amount Paid: _____

MAIN CONTACT

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ CellPhone: _____

Email: _____

I consent to receive emails from the Woodcreek Community Association

Signature: _____

I WOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stampede Concession <input type="checkbox"/> | Casino <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Events <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outdoor Rinks <input type="checkbox"/> | Bartender <input type="checkbox"/> | Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Membership Drive <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Events <input type="checkbox"/> | Chronicle Reporter <input type="checkbox"/> |

PLEASE FILL IN

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Cash <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Family 55+ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cr Card <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Membership <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Senior Club <input type="checkbox"/> |

Credit Card No: _____
Expiry Date: _____

No resident will be refused membership for financial reasons. Please call the office for a confidential discussion of your membership.



WILL POWER Wills, Estate and Tax Planning 101+

To our neighbours, volunteers, supporters, colleagues and friends we invite you to attend this free workshop the morning of Saturday, February 11, 2017. Note: the content has been revised and expanded.

Having a proper, up-to-date will is important for everyone. This workshop will help you understand the reasons for having a will; what happens if you do not have a will; the legal issues that affect wills; and the choices that a will provides, involving executors, beneficiaries and trusts. In addition, it will present an outline of the tax issues associated with an estate and point out relevant planning opportunities.

This is a valuable presentation and will be beneficial to everyone.

Please accept our invitation to this free presentation. It is important that everyone pre-registers.

Jonathan Ng, Estate Lawyer, will cover all the essentials about sound planning to ensure your wishes are fulfilled and you optimize what you do with your estate (otherwise, the government decides for you).

John Tobin, Tax Partner with KPMG will outline the tax issues relating to estates and provide suggestions to minimize taxes to the estate,

What: WILL POWER: Wills, Estate and Tax Planning 101+
When: Saturday, February 11, 2017

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

Where: Social Room of Hull Campus, 2266 Woodpark Avenue S.W.

Cost: There is no charge.

Registration: <https://helping.hullservices.ca/event-wills>

If you have any questions, please contact John at jphin@hullservices.ca

If you are interested but unavailable, please let us know and we will send you notifications of our future Wills Workshops.

Hope to see you February 11!

Thank you,
*John Phin, Director
Resource Development
Hull Services
www.hullservices.ca*



We Serve

CALGARY WOODCREEK LIONS CLUB

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Alberta, Canada T2W 6E4

Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.calgarywoodcreeklions.ca>

LIONS - Celebrating 100 Years of Service

CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE -

CALGARY WOODCREEK LIONS CLUB IS CELEBRATING OUR -- 15TH YEAR

Our Calgary Woodcreek Lions Club meets at 7 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the WOODCREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

NEXT MEETING(S) ARE MONDAY FEBRUARY 13 & 27 @ 7 PM

COME JOIN US

Speaking of joining - Are you newly retired and looking for something to do - surprisingly we have something you might be interested in

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings - If you require more info. Please call

Lion Dennis Belanger 403 660 1201 OR email -
magicmtn@telusplanet.net



WE CONTINUE OUR WORK WITH THE BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

NEXT CLINIC IS FEBRUARY 18TH -- FROM 4 - 9 PM - CARDEL SPORTS CENTER

We will have our ANNUAL CAR RALLYE -- late May or early June -MORE TO FOLLOW

WE CONTINUE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY IN AS MANY
WAYS AS POSSIBLE

MORE TO COME NEXT MONTH.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St Jude School

January has been another exciting month at St Jude! Staff and students came back from Christmas break, ready to dive into school activities. The students had their second Bundles of Energy cooking day, a program that teaches students about the importance of nutrition, as well as safe cooking skills. The recipe prepared this session was Broccoli Apple Salad and Poppysed Dressing. Later in the month, the grade fives and sixes spent an afternoon doing dry land training in preparation for a trip to the Olympic Oval to learn speed skating. We ended the month with Pajama Day and the beginning of our Mission Impossible unit in gym.

Upcoming dates:

- Feb 1 Grades 5 and 6 to Olympic Oval
- Feb 6-10 Dance Kreations with a student performance
Feb 10 (1:00)
- Feb 14 100th day of school celebrations (Gr 1-2)
- Feb 23 Grade 3 to Sports Hall of Fame
- Feb 24 Calgary Opera visits in the am
Bottle drive - **Please drop off your bottles at the flag pole!**
- Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast for students
Evergreen Theatre visits



Woodlands School Bottle Drive

The School Council is excited to offer families an opportunity to donate all their bottles to our Woodlands School bottle drive! Please drop off all your bottles at Woodlands School during the week of February 5th. There will be a marked vehicle in the staff parking lot, before and after school, where you can deposit all your bottles.

St. Gerard School

After a restful Christmas break, January was a busy month at St. Gerard! The Grade 6 class spent an interesting and interactive day at the Calgary Police Interpretive Centre where they explored ways of coping with online relationships, texting and bullying. They also learned about gangs. Then, the John Howard Society visited the school for an informative presentation to the Grade 6 class on Criminal Justice. Later in the month, the Grade 5 and 6 students were at Canada Olympic Park for two days of skiing and snowboarding lessons. Our kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes had tremendous fun working for three days with an exciting instructor from Alien In-Line Skating. We are looking forward to February and our Carnival activities.

Yours truly,

Mr. Christian Harries | Principal

Important Dates for February:

- February 2nd Sandwich Dropoff (families are encouraged to make sandwiches for those less fortunate), Parent Council Meeting 9am-10am
- February 9th Carnival Singer
- February 16-17th Teachers' Convention (No School)
- February 20th Family Day Holiday (No School)
- February 24th Taffy on Snow
- February 27th Evergreen Theatre at Eugene Coste School

There is also an opportunity for you and all your friends, neighbours and family to drop off your bottles during the week of February 5th to the new Tsuu T'ina reservation bottle depot (Bay 108, 3700, Anderson Rd. SW). Simply drop off your bottles at that location, and let them know to sort them under our Woodlands School account. All proceeds go directly to help fund many exciting opportunities for your children throughout the school year. This includes supporting the School Patrol Program, \$7.00 per student classroom fund and subsidizing off site field trips.

Stephanie Iverson, Fundraising Committee, Woodlands School Council



THE 401 WOODCREEK SCOUT GROUP

KNIFE RAFFLE TO SUPPORT THE CANADIAN JAMBOREE THIS SUMMER RAFFLE DATE FEBRUARY 22, 2017

The Woodcreek Scouts Group is selling tickets for a very special fund raiser. As some of you might know, the Canadian Jamboree is being held this summer from July 8-15 at Camp Nedoaae, Elderbank, Nova Scotia. The Scouts have been very busy with many fundraiser ideas so that they can attend this very special event. We are extremely fortunate to have a gorgeous custom hand made knife donated by one of the parents to support the Scouts fundraising efforts. Only 30 tickets at \$10.00 each will be sold so your chances are very good. We will be pulling the winning ticket at our annual Baden Powell banquet in February.



The knife has a recurve blade made from 1095 carbon steel with a stabilized maple burl handle, stainless and copper fitted bolster in a black leather sheath with a ferrocerium rod.

To purchase a ticket for this knife raffle please call Cindy at 403-251-9825 or jongeling@telus.net. You can send an e-transfer to her using the question, "who am I supporting" with the answer "scouts" or arrange other payment options with her.

The Scouts have been very busy with snow removal too. The proceeds from snow removal is also going to support their Jamboree costs. Please keep them in mind if you need your snow shovelled this season. They will come for a one time call or they can be set up for monthly removal. You will be very pleased with the price they charge, probably

the lowest anywhere and you can feel good about helping these kids out. Please feel free to call Laura at 403-281-1929 any time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that donated to our bottle drive in January. It was a very cold Saturday but our Group was out in full force. The hot chocolate was very popular that day for the kids and adults to warm them up. This is one of our biggest bottle drives and without our wonderful communities support it would not be the success that it was.

Here is a quick recap on what the Sections have been up to.

The beavers have a lot of fun activities planned, one of which is working towards their Outdoor Adventure skills-winter skills badge. This will consist of 4 meetings to accommodate the requirements needed some of which include a winter hike, sledding, a scavenger hunt and fort building. Just recently they also learned all about how magnets work and that a compass actually has a magnet inside of it.

The cubs have had an outdoor activity, a sleepover at Telus Spark in January and cub car speed trials on our fancy new aluminum track with built in timers. The beavers and scouts were also invited to race with them. This is all leading up to big races with other groups in the near future.

The scouts have recently enjoyed laser tag, working on badges, swimming at Southland Leisure Centre and a night hike/ geocaching. They are always looking for new fundraising ideas for the Jamboree. If you have extra bottles you could donate to help them please call Laura at 403-281-1929 for pick up or if you could consider donating some of your returns to our account that we have set up at the Tsuu Tina reserve bottle depot under the name Woodcreek Scouts. It would be greatly appreciated. It is a huge expense to take part in the Canadian Jamboree and these kids are working very hard to earn the money needed.

If this program is something you feel your children would enjoy or if you have ideas to offer to us please feel free to call our Group Commissioner Tim Tratch at 403-251-4878. We are always looking for wonderful parents to become a Leader although you do not have to have a child in the program to become a Leader. Think about it, you could have the opportunity to make a big impact on these kids lives with your generous donation of time and your great ideas. All costs, uniforms and training are included. If you have questions please feel free to call Tim.

As always we would like to mention our deepest gratitude towards the Woodcreek Association and the local Lions Club for their ongoing support to us.



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FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK MID-WINTER UPDATE

Leaving a Legacy for Cherished Green Spaces and Healthy Families

Public Information Session

Saturday, March 4, 2017

2:00 pm at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre

Remembering family in your will is most likely an important part of your final wishes.

Considering the Friends of Fish Creek in your legal will or through other philanthropic means is one of the best ways to ensure that future generations will enjoy this breathtaking natural area as much as you and your family do. For over 20 years the Friends have collaborated with park management, volunteers, community organizations and members to raise awareness about environmental stewardship in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Legacy gifts (Planned Giving) allow you to make a future donation to the Friends of Fish Creek without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned gift you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and vital impact on the park that you care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes. Your legacy will help ensure that the important programs operated or sponsored by the Friends of Fish Creek can continue to be maintained and expand. A planned gift in your will is a wonderful way to help protect and preserve this park so that future generations can enjoy it as much as you and your family do. For more information, please join us on March 4 and stay tuned to www.friendsoffishcreek.org/estate-2

The February Fish Creek Speaker Series
Beaches, Birds, and the Boreal Forest – Lesser Slave

Lake Provincial Park

Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Presented by Ceiridwen Robbins, Visitor Services Coordinator for the Slave Lake District of Alberta Parks

Allow Ceiridwen Robbins of Alberta Parks to transport you to northwestern Alberta and explore the fascinating landscape and diversity of life in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park – all without leaving Calgary! Beaches, birds, and boreal plants abound in this provincial park, including some rare and unusual species. Free for Friends members and \$5.00 for non-members. For more information or to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/beach

Introducing Yo-Qi: A Wellness Experience

The Friends are excited to announce that we have expanded Yoga and Qi Gong into the Winter and Spring! “Yo-Qi” is a combination of Yoga and Qi Gong – and each session will have a different wellness-focused theme. Sessions will be lead by Dianne Smith, Spring Forest Qi Gong Certified Instructor, and Yoga and Guided Meditation Instructors Gwen Draude of Birds of a Feather and Naomi Parker of Elemental Wellness. Sessions will be held indoors at the Environmental Learning Centre at Shannon Terrace from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings:

- January 26** – Boost Your Immunity
- February 23** – Heart Opening
- March 23** – Spring Cleaning and Detox
- April 20** – Connecting to Earth
- May 18** – Gratitude for Mother (your own or Mother Earth!)

To register and for more information visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/wellness-clinics



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SILVER BIRCH DISTRICT



What's new with the Silverbirch Girl Guides?

Who tied up our Pathfinders?

Turns out it was their idea. Part of a team building project they designed for their own enrolment showing that if you stick together you can solve most problems.

Meanwhile, one of Brownie units is earning

the Key to Stem (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The first week they will take on building challenges with a variety of materials. Skyscrapers, bridges and things that move will be on the menu!

Girls are welcome to come dressed as a scientist or detective as they will be learning about the science that connects the two! Fingerprints, chemistry and practicing our observations skills will be part of the meeting.

Next the girls will explore the many ways we communicate and try a few new ways that they might not have experienced before. We will also get a chance to think about (and maybe invent our own) machines that humans have created to make life easier. They will end the month by celebrating with a skating party (weather permitting).

Canada may be 150 years old but Guiding is only 107. A Pathfinder unit, Guide unit and Brownie unit will travel

together to visit our own archives at Guide Centre. They will have lots of things to look through and lots of fun ways to learn about Guiding History. Some of the things they will be doing includes trying on old uniforms and trying out program requirements from the past. They will also talk about how Guiding started and how, thank goodness, it has progressed to keep us relevant in 2017.

Our next exciting adventure for Silverbirch District is our Thinking Day celebration. Thinking Day is when the 10 million members of Guiding together celebrate our Guiding membership in a 146 countries around the world. This year our theme is camping so our Rangers will help prepare a presentation highlighting the international camp they experienced last summer.

If you want to have this much fun, **come join us.**

Contact Barb at 403.251.5169 or silverbirchgirlguides@gmail.com.

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Valentine Chocolate Trivia

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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.

February at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our passes are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a pass, 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 pass with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Recession Busters

- The Trico Cares program offers fee assistance for passes and admissions. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, and KidsSport.) See www.tricocentre.ca for details.
- Affordable swim specials: 8:30-9:30pm Monday to Saturday, just \$3/person. Sundays 6-8pm, Family Night Swim, \$3/person.
- Swim specials: Early bird 50% off admission and last hour swim special for \$3/person. Parent and Tot swim \$6/parent; \$1/tot aged 2-6. See www.tricocentre.ca for schedule.

Did You Know?

- Refer a new passholder and get a free month on your pass!
- Buy a new pass and receive a coupon for up to \$50 off a program, personal training, or a daily/ 10-visit pass for friend/family.

Adults

- Focus on your specific goals in a 6-week, small-group (max of 4 participants) setting. Choose from Focus on Fat-Burning, Focus on Learning the Basics, Focus on Power Lifting, Focus on Strength Training Design, or Focus on Healthy Back and Joints. Register at www.tricocentre.ca.
- Learn how to stop the chatter of your mind and relax your body with our Mindful Relaxation Intro Workshop February 4, 2 – 3:30pm.
- Maximize your mobility and reduce pain with Myofascial Stretch and Release. This 6-week registered



class runs Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm starting February 21 or Thursdays 9:15-10:15am starting February 23.

- Trico Centre now provides emergency response certification courses. This month, CPR C/AED recert & First Aid/CPR full recert on February 4. Wilderness & Remote First Aid covers material in Standard First Aid & CPR, plus special material on techniques for wilderness & remote areas. Part of the class is taught in an outdoor setting. February 11 and 12, 8am – 6pm.

Families

Family Day Event: Join us for SHINE FM and Trico Centre's Funderful Family Day Celebration, Monday February 20 from 10am to 2pm. Admission to the event is free. There will be lots of cool activities including a free family leisure skate, hot chocolate bar, and Storytime Theatre. Plus, a swim in the wave pool is just \$2 per person.

Children & Youth

- Mindfulness for Youth Workshop (8-12 years with parent.) You and your child will learn techniques that will achieve life- long calming strategies. February 4, 12-1:30pm.
- Preschool Drop-Ins: Drop-In Gymnastics (Monday 9:30-10:30am and 10:45-11:45am, Wednesday 11:30am-12:30pm.) Drop-In Playtime (Tuesday and Fridays 9:30-11:00am) and Drop and Go (Saturday and Sunday 9am-12pm.) See www.tricocentre.ca for schedule and details.

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- Avoiding near or distance work or holding objects very close to the face.
- Excessive blinking, rubbing of the eyes, grimacing or squinting.
- Covering or closing one eye.
- Tilting the head or unusual posture.
- Losing place while reading.
- Using a finger to maintain place while reading.
- Omitting or confusing small words when reading.

Children should have their first exam between six and nine months of age, and again between two and five years of age and once a year after starting school.

Doctors of optometry are primary health providers that help diagnose, prevent and treat diseases and disorders affecting the visual system. Certain health conditions are often first detected through an eye exam.

Dr. Steve Alfaiate, OD



Take Control Of Your Heart Health

As many as 9 in 10 Canadians have at least one risk factor for heart disease and stroke. While some risks are outside of our control, up to 80% of premature heart disease and stroke is preventable through lifestyle choices that can reduce key risk factors.

You can take control and decrease your own risks by making small, healthy changes in your daily routine. Making changes is always challenging. Your health-care team can help you figure out what risk factors you should focus on first and set goals that you can reach.

Maintain a healthy weight

If you are struggling with your weight, you're not alone. Over 60% of Canadian adults are overweight or obese. By achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and waist, you can significantly reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke, and help control other conditions such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes.

Maintain a healthy diet

The foods you eat affect your health. Start by making sure you eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables every day to get you on track to a healthier diet.

Stay active

People who are NOT active have double the risk of heart disease and stroke as well as increased risk of diabetes, cancer, and dementia. Being active helps your heart, brain, muscles, bones, and mood.

Working towards 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every week is one of the most important things you can do for your health. And if you already have heart disease, regular activity is one of the best ways to make a good recovery.

Choose to not smoke

Smoking contributes to the buildup of plaque in your arteries, increases the risk of blood clots, reduces the oxygen in your blood, increases your blood pressure, and makes your heart work harder. You might be afraid that quitting will be too hard, but there is lots of help available when you are ready.

Reduce Stress

Stress is a part of life for just about everyone. Sometimes it's not easy to recognize stress because we are caught up in the flow of life. Although stress happens first in the mind, it has strong effects on the body, such as higher cholesterol or blood pressure levels.

Control alcohol consumption

How much and how often a person drinks alcohol are key factors that increase or decrease health impacts. Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines provide guidance on risky drinking patterns, including avoidance of alcohol in pregnancy. Low risk does not equal no risk. Whenever unsure, always consult your health-care provider.

Find more information, resources, and health etools at heartandstroke.ca



The Common Redpoll A Winter Migrant to Alberta

Article by J.G.Turner
Photo by J. Burns

The Common Redpoll is an energetic, little songbird with a flaming red cap, black throat, whitish rump and streaked back. This songbird a highly sociable, noisy, chattering bird that travels in large flocks of several hundred birds. It is one of the finch family's most northern breeders and is found circumpolar.

Fun Facts:

- You can find the Common Redpoll from April through September in the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories, and even across into Newfoundland and Labrador. The Common Redpoll migrates south into the lower Canadian provinces in late autumn.
- In Alberta, we are likely to see the Common Redpoll in the winter when they might forage as large groups in weedy fields or small tree lots.
- Sightings can be scare when there are winter food shortages in their normal wintering range. This forces them to go even farther south, a behaviour called an "irruption." Common Redpolls tend to exhibit this irruptive behaviour every second year to match the production cycle of catkins on birch and alder trees.
- The Common Redpoll's normal breeding range is on the Arctic tundra or in boreal forests. The female nests low down in dwarf willows, spruce, birch, alders, and small shrubs, where the male brings her food.
- This songbird likes the small high-energy seeds of birch and alder trees and can eat 42% of their body mass every day!
- When in a large group, the Common Redpoll often moves frantically on the ground in their search for seeds to eat.
- When it is extremely cold or food is scarce, the Common Redpoll can store some seeds temporarily in a stretchy part of their oesophagus (diverticula). They will knock seeds down, fly down to scoop them up,

then find a sheltered and safe spot to shell and eat the seeds at their leisure.

- If you want to attract them to your yard you can plant birch trees, but we city folks are most likely to see them at a backyard feeder in the winter where they favour nyger seed offerings.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

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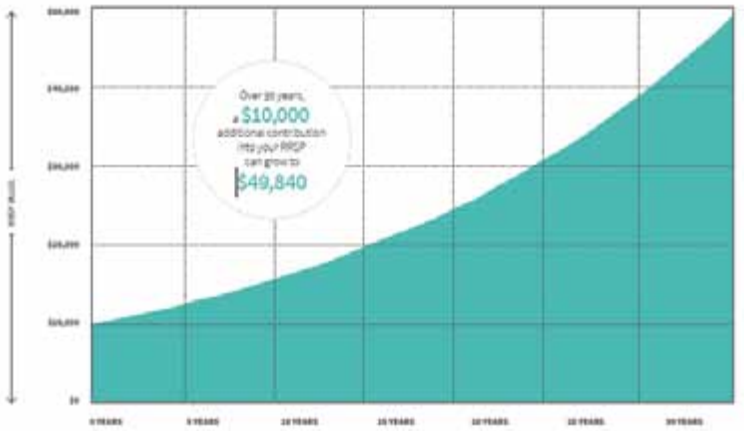
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The benefits of maximizing your RRSP

by Janine Rea, BA Economics

They say you can't make up for lost time - but that's not necessarily the case with contributions to your registered retirement savings plan (RRSP). Canadians are allowed to carry forward unused RRSP contribution room until the age of 71. So, if you didn't maximize your RRSP contributions in past years, you can still take advantage of the opportunity to invest more than your annual contribution limit this year, make up for shortfalls in past years, and take advantage of a large tax deduction - all at the same time. Maximizing your RRSP contributions is one of the best strategies to build the retirement you deserve and dream of.



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Woodcreek Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months WOODBINE MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

| | Average Asking Price | Average Sold Price |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| December 2016 | \$414,500 | \$410,000 |
| November 2016 | \$664,000 | \$637,000 |
| October 2016 | \$419,900 | \$407,000 |
| September 2016 | \$442,500 | \$430,000 |
| August 2016 | \$499,450 | \$481,250 |
| July 2016 | \$389,900 | \$383,000 |
| June 2016 | \$484,900 | \$478,000 |
| May 2016 | \$479,900 | \$472,000 |
| April 2016 | \$464,400 | \$456,950 |
| March 2016 | \$574,900 | \$570,000 |
| February 2016 | \$418,900 | \$400,000 |
| January 2016 | \$599,900 | \$578,000 |

Last 12 Months WOODLANDS MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

| | Average Asking Price | Average Sold Price |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| December 2016 | \$409,900 | \$365,000 |
| November 2016 | \$469,900 | \$461,250 |
| October 2016 | \$449,900 | \$434,000 |
| September 2016 | \$509,900 | \$488,500 |
| August 2016 | \$447,400 | \$441,500 |
| July 2016 | \$431,894 | \$426,450 |
| June 2016 | \$659,000 | \$626,375 |
| May 2016 | \$477,450 | \$473,700 |
| April 2016 | \$456,950 | \$443,750 |
| March 2016 | \$614,950 | \$602,500 |
| February 2016 | \$449,278 | \$428,000 |
| January 2016 | \$519,900 | \$484,500 |

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit woodbine.great-news.ca or woodlands.great-news.ca



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2017 Residential Property and Business Assessments

With 2017 in full swing, it's time to dive into the New Year head first!

In early January, the City released the 2017 Market Reports for both residential and business assessments. The numbers are promising, with residential assessment values experiencing an average decrease of four per cent from 2016 assessment values.

- The 2017 median single residential assessment is \$460,000 compared to \$480,000 in 2016.
- The 2017 median residential condominium assessment is \$270,000 compared to \$280,000 in 2016.

Non-residential values have decreased by approximately six per cent from 2016. Downtown office properties and businesses have experienced a greater than average decrease due to vacancies. That has resulted in a redistribution of the tax liability to non-residential properties outside of the

downtown core and those non-residential properties where assessments are remaining stable.

I am deeply concerned about the impact this redistribution has had on small business throughout the City. With nearly \$2B in City reserves, we must be aggressive in easing the burden. I am working with my colleagues to gain support for a 2017-2018 grant exemption to ease this blow. Small business is the backbone of our economy.

2017 Residential Property Assessment Roll

- Total number of accounts: 487,637
- Total value: \$210 billion
- Single residential median assessment: \$460,000
- Residential condominium median assessment: \$270,000
- Typical market value assessment change is a decrease of four per cent (-4%) from 2016
 - Single residential: decrease of four per cent (-4%)
 - Residential condominium: decrease of four per cent (-4%)
- Approximately 97 per cent of residential properties' will stay within ±10 per cent of last year's taxes.
 - 56 per cent of residential properties will see a revenue neutral tax decrease.*
 - 44 per cent of residential properties will see a revenue neutral tax increase.*

*Before Council-approved tax rate and provincial requisition

Ward 13 Residential Median Assessed and Taxable Values

| Community Name | Number of Taxable Accounts | Median Assessed Value | % of Properties Decreasing in RN Taxes | % of Properties Increasing in RN Taxes | % of Properties Changing +/- 10% in RN Taxes | RN Taxes on Median Assessed Value |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Bridlewood | 4,756 | 381,000 | 69 | 31 | 100 | 2,440 |
| Canyon Meadows | 3,136 | 418,000 | 61 | 39 | 97 | 2,670 |
| Evergreen | 7,968 | 460,000 | 76 | 24 | 98 | 2,950 |
| Millrise | 3,275 | 374,000 | 49 | 51 | 98 | 2,400 |
| Shawnee Slopes | 1,029 | 503,000 | 85 | 15 | 98 | 3,220 |
| Shawnessy | 3,604 | 392,000 | 53 | 47 | 98 | 2,510 |
| Somerset | 3,322 | 398,000 | 76 | 24 | 96 | 2,550 |
| Woodbine | 3,336 | 435,000 | 47 | 53 | 98 | 2,790 |
| Woodlands | 2,066 | 433,000 | 58 | 42 | 96 | 2,770 |

Property and business owners should carefully review their assessment notice and should you have any questions, please call The City at 403-268-2888. Changes to a 2017 assessment can only be made if an inquiry is received during the Customer Review Period that runs Jan. 5 to March 6, 2017.

If you are concerned that your assessment doesn't represent market value after reviewing your property details, you can file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board at www.calgaryarb.ca.



Top Left: Congrats to all at the South West Calgary Resource Ctr for working miracles every day!

Top Centre: Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Evergreen Christmas Lights contest!

Top Right: Thrilled to be Santa's helper at the Evergreen Seniors Event—it was great fun



Bottom: It was an honour to once again participate in the lighting of the Menorah at City Hall; & privileged that Chabad Lubavitch is in Calgary-Lougheed!

The past year has been one of transformational change both Albertans and for the Progressive Conservative caucus. We are incredibly proud to represent our constituents in the Legislative Assembly, and look forward to ensuring your voices are heard loud and clear by the NDP government in 2017. We take this responsibility very seriously, and thank each of you for your continued support. This year, we fought for Albertans against the NDP who have legislated an economy-wide carbon tax, made sweeping changes to our electricity system, and designed self-serving electoral finance reform. They also introduced a fiscal plan that will accumulate \$30 billion in new debt over the next three years, refusing to make even the smallest effort to restrain spending during these difficult economic times. This reckless spending, combined with the lack of a credible debt repayment plan, has led to multiple credit downgrades and higher debt servicing costs—creating a fiscal hole so big, it will take generations to recover!

Jobs and the Economy: As economic indicators worsened in Alberta during 2016, the NDP's inability to handle this economic crisis has become painfully apparent. This year, the unemployment rate in Calgary exceeded 10%. By August, over 4,000 businesses were forced to close their doors in Calgary. This has been exacerbated by a corporate tax increase, the carbon tax, minimum wage increases, and a series of energy policy changes that have created uncertainty for investment. These decisions made a bad situation worse for Albertans in 2016 by increasing costs across all industry sectors. As we move into 2017, our caucus will continue urging the NDP to rebuild trust with Alberta business, discontinue their assault on enterprise, and promote growth.

Carbon Tax: This tax is expansive and all-encompassing—affecting Albertans most vulnerable individuals, senior citizens, and families—all at a time when Albertans face unprecedented unemployment levels. On average, families can expect to pay an additional \$600 per year. The decrease in disposable income will be magnified as the cost of meeting basic needs will rise—including food, clothing, and shelter. Costs for basic services can also be expected to increase, since no one is exempt from the carbon tax. In an attempt to promote its ill-conceived Climate Leadership Plan, the NDP are wasting taxpayer dollars by spending \$9 Million on advertising campaign! Additionally, the NDP have continued to implement their climate leadership strategy—including a coal phase-out that will cost 10,000 jobs. The NDP are not taking into account the state of Albertans fragile economy when designing haphazard, piecemeal environmental policy based ideological practice, with negative consequences for all Albertans!

Electricity Changes: The NDP continues to make ideological decisions that are having negative impacts on Alberta families. This was the case for our electricity market, as we saw the NDP attack power companies that have invested billions into our communities over the years. Investor confidence continued to drop in Alberta when the NDP attempted to break 16-year-old legal contacts and threatened to take power companies to court; putting Alberta taxpayers on the hook! Historically, Albertans paid a low price for electricity with a reliable source; but “NDP world-view” decisions introduced price volatility, and forced the NDP to introduce a cap on the electricity regulated rate option—however, the cap will not actually protect Alberta consumers—as families will be forced to pay through increases on their electricity bills or through increases in their taxes!

Woodcreek Recreation Area in Woodbine

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Photos by Ken Brown



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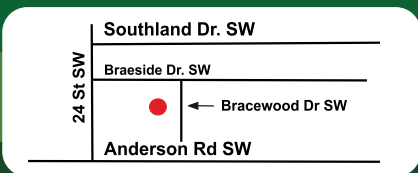


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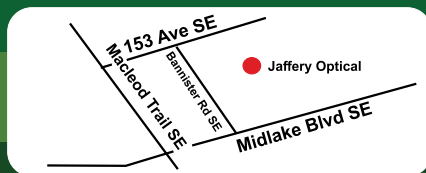
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