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If you are interested in a vacant position, please email info@myceca.ca

ATTENTION LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Send us your best quality photo of the Evergreen Community or fun family activities for a chance to be chosen as the cover image for the Newsletter. You can win a \$10 gift card! Pictures must be 300 DPI and a minimum 1 MB in file size. (Sorry, no phone snap shots.) Deadline is before the eighth of each month. Please send your image to newsletter@myceca.ca.

CECA MEMBERS ONLY

The CECA Board has been able to negotiate hundreds of dollars' worth of service for Calgary Evergreen Community Association members only.

Find out more at www.myceca.ca and <https://www.facebook.com/myceca>.

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The Calgary Evergreen Community Association does not guarantee the service, or the products offered by the aforementioned businesses.

**CECA membership card required for discounts.*

Calgary Evergreen 2023 10th Annual Christmas Lights Contest Results!

We are proud to announce the winners of the 10th Annual Calgary Evergreen Christmas Lights Contest! Thank you to our sponsors Shawnessy Canadian Tire!

Thank you to all those that entered the contest, you really brightened up the community! Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit and encouraging others.

Also, thank you to our judges! Dan McLean (Ward 13 City Councillor), Eric Bouchard (Calgary-Lougheed MLA), Mary Martin (CCSD Ward 13 School Trustee), and Bruno Boccaccio and Bulbul Odedra from the CECA Board of Directors.

Check our Facebook page, and website for more pictures!





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MESSAGE FROM THE CECA BOARD

Hello Evergreen residents,
Hope all are doing well.

CECA is putting the plans for the events and programs for 2024. The calendar would be posted on social media and the CECA's website. Stay tuned!

We managed to build the ice rink at the usual location at 1150 Everridge Drive SW, east of Marshall Spring School. Credit goes to the dedicated volunteers (two to four volunteers) who were working around the clock (yes, sometimes flooding at 10:00 pm) to install and maintain the community ice rink. It takes a lot of efforts and cost to maintain the rink. You can help us by purchasing or renewing your membership and also volunteering with the group that maintains the rink. Please email icerink@myceca.ca to include you in the list of volunteers.

Did you know that we have a Facebook page called "Evergreen Rink Rats" dedicated to the ice rink? Please visit the page, like and comment so that it shows you the notifications whenever there is an announcement, a call for volunteers, or updates for the rink users.

Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) is a separate entity from Evergreen Residents Association that most of residents are paying an annual fee of \$105 (homeowner fees) which is used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the community entrance features and feature park sites. All CECA's activities are funded through membership sales, grants, and generous donations of businesses and residents. You can buy membership by visiting membership page on our website: www.myceca.ca. Annual membership is \$20 per family per year. This membership also entitles you for free admission the majority of our events.

If you have any questions about what is happening in Evergreen, you can always contact us at info@myceca.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mohamd Sltan

President, Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA)
president@myceca.ca

Monthly Seniors' Hobnob

The monthly Seniors Hobnob continues every last Wednesday of the month between 6:00 and 7:00 pm at Swan Evergreen Village (2635 Eversyde Ave SW).

Contact Sherrisa for more info at 403-829-1078.

Christmas Gift Giveaway

Just a few of the happy faces from last December!

Our yearly, traditional Christmas Gift giveaway is always a big success!

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CECA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

A community association membership is an excellent gift for the whole family! Get a Calgary Evergreen Community Association membership and these are the benefits that your family will enjoy for the whole year!

Member Discounts: Our community partners provide discounts to CECA members. Check out the CECA Members Only section in this newsletter or online under Member Benefits.

Cardel Rec South also extends discounts for community association members for partner communities.

Events: Calgary Evergreen Community Association organizes and sponsor the following annual events and programs: Winter Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Parade of Garage Sales, Community Clean Up, Member-Only Movie Screening, Christmas Lights Contest, seniors' events and programs, kids' programs, and community engagement opportunities.

Join or renew your membership at <http://www.myceca.ca>

or complete the form below and mail along with a cheque for \$20 payable to "Calgary Evergreen Community Association": PO Box 24007 RPO Evergreen, Calgary, Alberta, T2Y 0J9.

All this and more, for only \$20 per year for the whole immediate family! Annual membership expires at the end of the month one year from the when it was purchased.

Join Us Today!

Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) is actively involved in current and future development for the community. This includes developing the Evergreen Community Park (1150 Everridge Dr. SW), community land use, playgrounds and the community outdoor ice rink.

We also advocate for the community on concerns of traffic, safety, and awareness.

Join today and help us plan future community amenities that would benefit ALL EVERGREEN residents. Possible amenities may include permanent ice rink, community

centre, rink house, outdoor stage, natural playground, community garden, and park landscaping.

The Calgary Evergreen Community Association is different than the Evergreen Residents Association. Visit the evergreenresidents.ca website to learn more and see if your home is within their boundary. If you are, their \$100 membership is mandatory and is affixed to the title of your property. That fee only goes toward some garden maintenance and landscaping and does not come to the community association.

CECA or SECA?

Also, if your street name includes 'Evergreen', you are in the Evergreen Estates which belongs to Shawnee Evergreen. You can purchase a SECA membership by going to www.shawnee-evergreen.ca. CECA Associate Memberships are available, but holders do not hold voting rights at the AGM. Contact info@myceca.ca if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM



To purchase a membership in your Community Association, please fill in this form, attach a cheque for \$20 made payable to **Calgary Evergreen Community Association** and mail to:

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E-mail Address: _____

E-mail address is especially important if you want to receive CECA communications. Your email address will be added to our low-volume mailing list. You may choose to opt-out of the list at any time.

Please mark (a) your choice as a volunteer:

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Online payment by credit card or PayPal™ is available at www.myceca.ca/membership.



Please slow down, drive safely, and watch out for each other!

Traffic

Snow and Ice

With the snow we received this winter, please help your neighbours and yourself by not shovelling the snow from your driveway onto the road. It should go onto your yard. Also do not plow your street without a permit from the city. There are insurance requirements for this. Also be aware of ice at intersections. Stop with enough room so that you will not go into the intersection if you are bumped from behind. Careful when approaching an intersection as they can be icy, and you may not be able to stop.

Fish Creek Blvd.

We are continuing to work with the city to see what changes can be made to slow down traffic on the boulevard. Now that it is a connector to the ring road, it goes by two schools and we are not seeing enough traffic slowdown in the playground zones, or the dangerous S bend with low visibility and bus stops.

Safety

Crimes of Opportunity

Keep your doors locked! This includes car doors, garage man doors, house doors, and garage doors. Please follow a 9:00 pm routine to lock your vehicles and doors before going to bed. Keeping a porch light on at night helps deter crime.

Operation Cold Start

Again, this winter the CPS will be conducting Operation Cold Start. Looking for unlocked cars left running to warm up. If you must start your car in the morning, either stay with the car or invest in a remote car starter.

Help Make Evergreen Feel Safe Again!

It has been reported that not many people are feeling safe in the community. The statistics are low, but there can still be work done. Some things you can do to help the community is to get to know your neighbours and the fellow parents at school. A community that knows each other and looks out for each other is safer. Talk to your kids about being responsible in the community and not causing issues. Over the years we have heard reports about kids hanging out the school's causing mischief. We definitely don't want to be a policing community or have call for more patrols. Your help is appreciated.

Be a Snow Angel!

Help your neighbours who may be unable to clear their own sidewalks of snow and ice.

Reporting

Once again, if you witness any traffic issues on an ongoing basis, please take the time to both report it to me at traffic@myceca.ca and also via the Traffic Service Request directly to the police. This can be done at <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx>.

Please report road and sign issues to 3-1-1. This can be done online at <http://www.calgary.ca/CS/CSC/Pages/311.aspx> or at the app website <http://spot311.calgary.ca>.

The smartphone app is called Calgary 3-1-1.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to comment on anything written here, you can email Traffic at traffic@myceca.ca or Safety at safety@myceca.ca.

Thanks

Paul Bushell

Traffic and Safety Director.

Evergreen Community Ice Rink 2024

Thanks to the hard-working volunteers, we all are able to enjoy the Evergreen Community Ice Rink! But we always need more manpower!

Our lead volunteer, Kevin, is putting tremendous efforts to build and maintain the rink. Help is needed to flood the rink, remove the snow and such. We are looking for residents who could occasionally give us some extra hands. The days would be Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday from 7:00 pm onwards. So, no skating on those evenings! It takes approximately two to three hours to clean and flood the rink depending on the number of helpers. If you are interested, please email Bruno at bruno.boccaccio@myceca.ca.

Hours of Operation for the Rink

Open seven days a week

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Weekends and holidays: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm except when we are flooding!



What is a Community Association?

What is the Community Association and what do they do? Why do they need my support? Read the below article to find out more about your community association.

Many people associate community associations with a building, but CECA is one of 50 community associations in Calgary without a building.

Paragraph taken from the Federation of Calgary Communities website:

“Your neighbourhood has a community association: a not-for-profit organization run by your neighbours and other volunteers dedicated to providing you with social, recreational and educational opportunities close to home, a variety of special events to bring you together as residents, and a voice for your community!”

Purchasing a community association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

Benefits

There are many benefits to having a membership to your community association. The Federation offers discounts with Cloverdale Paints, Servus Credit Union, and Stealth Alarms. Evergreen CA has many discounts for many local businesses: Orangetheory Fitness, Lawn Guard, Castle Toys and many more. See the info online at www.myceca.ca/membership.

Plus, your support of the CA by buying a membership will mean it has the funds for its necessary expenses. That way it can run the events and programs for the community.

There is more information about Community Associations online.

Check out this link: <https://calgarycommunities.com/community-info/what-is-a-community-association/>.

Volunteers

A Community Association is only as good as the volunteers that run it and the community that supports it. What is put into a community is what you will get out of it. A community that knows and supports each other, not only is stronger but also safer. Community residents that look out for each other, help each other in times of distress, and enjoy spending time together which makes living in that community enjoyable and worthwhile. If you have time, consider giving back to your community.

We are always looking for people to join the Board of Directors or one of our committees to help accomplish our goals.

Amenities and Programs

The Calgary Evergreen Community Association continues to work towards providing events that allow residents to come together and have fun. We are working towards amenities such as a permanent ice rink and others that will help support any community programs or events. We are also in communication with our stakeholders and partners, whether that is neighbouring communities, or city officials that we advocate, to make living in the community better.

Become A Member!

Support your community by becoming a member or continuing to renew your membership. Get involved, by volunteering at events, on committees, or joining the Board of Directors and help steer the direction of the community that will continue to make it a great place to live.


CA vs RA

A community association is different than a resident association. A CA has a volunteer membership and looks after events, and programs. Whereas a RA or HOA (homeowners association) is a mandatory encumbrance on a home's title that is paid to a legal entity that provides certain services.

Questions?


If you have any questions about the Calgary Evergreen Community Association, email us at info@myceca.ca. Also come out to any of our events and talk to a board member about how you can get involved.





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Amy (6)



Brooklynn W.(gr.6)



Sophia



Ellie(4)



Aoife(8)

Congratulations to Amy (6), Ellie (4), Aoife (8), Brooklynn W.G. (gr. 6), and Sophia, the winners of the December coloring contest!

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Households in the area shown below are eligible to become regular members.

- For Evergreen Estates, your street name will include 'Green,' for example, Evergreen.
- Almost all other areas will include 'Shawnee' in the street name.
- Fish Creek Exchange and Beacon Hill condominiums are within the SECA boundaries.
- Non-residents are invited to join as associate members.



On the North	South of Fish Creek Provincial Park boundary
On the East	West of Macleod Trail SE
On the West	East of Fish Creek Provincial Park boundary and east of Fishcreek Blvd SW
On the South	North of James Mckevitt Road and Fishcreek Boulevard SW

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HERE IS WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECA) DOES:

SECA is building a neighbourly community where residents feel a sense of belonging and community pride.

- Hosts Events and Programs:
 - o Five Community Campfires
 - o Children's Programs - Monthly
 - o Party in the Park - Neighbour Day
 - o Stampede Festival - June 22, 2024
 - o Community Cleanup
- Advocacy supports residents' interests with respect to:
 - o Proposed development projects in our neighbourhood and nearby.
 - o Neighbourhood safety (crosswalks, traffic lights, crime prevention, etc.)
 - o Maintaining the character of our neighbourhood.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Purchase a SECA membership to support programs, events, and the advocacy work that SECA does on your behalf. Pay just \$20 every 12 months. Complete the form, attach a cheque for \$20 payable to Shawnee Evergreen Community Association and mail to SECA c/o Southgate Alliance Church 1436 James McKeivitt Rd. SW Calgary, AB, T2Y 2W9.

Questions? Email membership@shawneevergreen.ca.

Household information (held in confidence in accordance with Privacy Legislation):

Surname 1: _____ Given Name: _____

Surname 2: _____ Given Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please consider volunteering with SECA. May we contact you to volunteer? Y / N

Payment (\$20): Cash: _____ Cheque # _____

Resident Non-Resident (Associate Member)

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SECA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2023 was an incredible year, full of SECA events, programs, and advocacy provided by volunteers for our residents. These accomplishments were made possible by our strong corps of volunteers, collaborators, and funders:

- Nine Little Free Libraries maintained and curated
- Party in the Park for Neighbourhood Day in June
- Children's Programming - three streams, monthly
- Community Campfires – five events gathered 450+ participants in total
- Stampedede Festival – 1,300+ served
- Community Clean-Up – our most successful yet
- SECA Chairs Project - 60+ chairs distributed
- Development and Advocacy - 25+ files managed

Together, these activities helped connect residents and created greater neighbourliness, a growing sense of belonging and community pride.

2024 promises more growth and opportunities. It's amazing what can be accomplished with many people contributing! We look forward to your ongoing support as we journey forward together. Would you like to get more involved? Join a committee? Have skills to share? From the smallest task to thought leadership, there are a myriad of possible ways for you to contribute. Let's chat about how you would like to support SECA's journey. Email info@yourseca.ca.

Community Campfires

Our Servus Community Campfires have been incredibly well attended. It's lovely to see that all residents, from infants to octogenarians, are gathering with their neighbours to enjoy the campfires, live music, hotdogs, marshmallows, and our delicious hot chocolate. Thank you for your enthusiastic and appreciative feedback. Join us on the last Saturday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. On February 24 bring your skates as we will co-host with Millrise Community Association at their rinks on Millrise Hill SW. On March 23 you'll find us at the park on Evergreen Circle SW and on April 27 we'll be in the big park on Evergreen Drive SW. Thanks to Servus Credit Union for sponsoring our series of community campfires this season! Also, thanks to the nearby Shoppers Drug Mart and Sobeys locations for their support of these events. Join us and remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Emergency Transitional Housing

SECA is working closely with Councillor McLean and the Ward 13 office to follow the development of the Transitional Housing project. Email the Ward 13 office at clward13@calgary.ca for the latest information and/or to provide feedback. You may also request more information or provide feedback to the Housing Strategy Team by calling 3-1-1. SECA is following this development and will endeavour to keep residents informed

via Facebook ([ShawneeEvergreenYyc](https://www.facebook.com/ShawneeEvergreenYyc)) and through our electronic newsletter. Subscribe to the e-newsletter.



Newsletter

Imagine SECA Places

If you liked the SECA Chairs project, we hope you'll participate in learning and experimenting with us as re-imagine our neighbourhood places together. Join the project mailing list at the QR Code below.



Imagine

Programs

To inform our future program investments, we'd like to hear from families, youth, and 55+/seniors. Please complete our Programs Survey before February 28.

Youth Programs – SECA continues to explore how we can support youth in our community. We are considering ways to give youth an active voice in these explorations. Ideas, from youth or their parents, are welcome at info@yourseca.ca.



Programs

55+/Seniors Programs – coming soon.

Children's Programs

See the QR codes below for more information and to register for the Art in the Park (February 10 and March 9) and the Families in Nature (February 11 and March 10) programs for children, accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome.



Art in the Park



Families in Nature

Leapers and Leaplings Special Day

Four million leap day babies? Did you know the odds of being born on February 29 is one in 1,461! Leap day babies are better-known as 'leapers' or 'leaplings'. Hats off to these time-defying, once-in-a-blue-moon birthday legends!





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June 23	44	33	\$569,900	\$592,000
May 23	30	44	\$599,900	\$602,994
April 23	40	34	\$472,000	\$498,500
March 23	41	35	\$509,900	\$523,000
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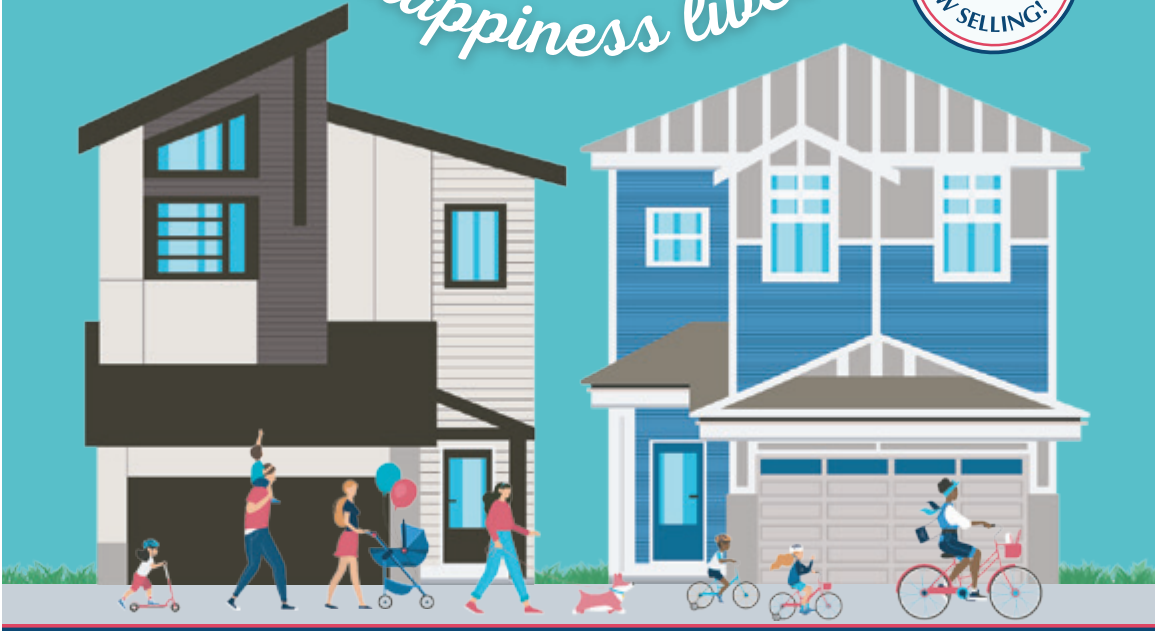
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