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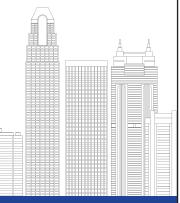
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## Woodcreek Community Association

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## **WCA Board Meetings**

First Tuesday of the month at the Woodcreek Community Centre at 7:15 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you wish for your name to be added to the meeting agenda, please contact Keith Cartmell at 403-238-1611.

#### **Next Meeting:**

May 2, 7:15 pm

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## **EXECUTIVE MESSAGE**



Hello Woodcreek Residents.

With spring here, our community police liaison would like to state a couple of reminders. It's bike season - please register your bike with the Calgary Bike Index. If your bike is

stolen, this is the best way to ensure it makes its way back to you if it is found. That time of year where we clean up our yards has arrived - please don't leave your garage door open if you are not in direct line of sight. Tools and garage content go missing that way!

We have many events in our community this month, which is a great way to get out and meet other community members. Woodcreek Mini Basketball starts May 3, which is free but does require registration. Learn to play the Ukelele for adults is May 10. The community cleanup is on Saturday, May 13, be sure to purchase your community membership in advance. The Adult Spring Dance (with a live band!) is set for Saturday, May 27.

The Pickleball and Tennis Courts are now open - you need a valid WCA membership as well as a WCA Racquet membership to use and book the courts.

Our summer 50/50 raffle is back, open from May 1 to June 15. We're fundraising this year for some muchneeded community events equipment. Last year's winner took home over \$2,500 - help us double that this year by purchasing your tickets! The link can be found on our website, www.woodcreekcommunity.ca.

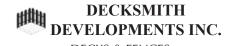
We have managed to secure a grant through ActivateYYC to install roadside bump outs and paint the crossing by the entrance to Woodborough Park. We're looking for volunteers to help with this initiative - if you're interested in participating, please contact the office.

The Good food box dates for May are orders due May 22, with pickup on May 31.

Jennifer Hogg

WCA 1st Vice President





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## The Woodcreek Seniors' Knitting Group

Come join us with your own knitting/crochet skills and enjoy time spent with like-minded people. We meet on Monday's between 1:00 and 3:00 pm at the Woodcreek Community Centre.

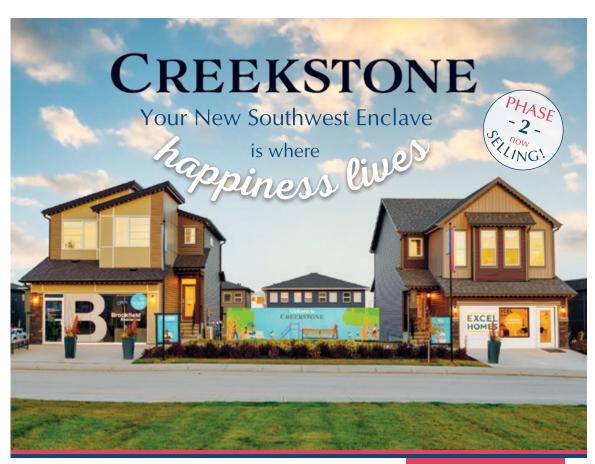
We continue to look for knitting yarn and wool. Donations can be dropped off at the WCA office, Monday to Friday between 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Contact Sandy Keating for more information at missuskeating@gmail.com.

## **March Membership Draw**

Congratulations to our March Membership draw winner - Lise Anderson! Lise and her family won a large Good Food Box, 5 Trico day passes and a mini photo session.

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May 10	Ukulele Night
May 13	Community Cleanup
May 27	WCA Spring Adult Dance
July 8	WCA Stampede Breakfast

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## **Community Office Hours**

Monday to Friday: 1:00 to 4:00 pm or by appointment Closed on statutory and civic holidays

## **Community Office Staff**

Facility Manager Sue Larson
Office Administrator Erin Lackie

**Phone:** 403-238-1611

Address: 1991 Woodview Drive SW

Calgary, AB T2W 5E5

**Email:** wca@woodcreekcommunity.ca **Website:** www.woodcreekcommunity.ca

## **Good Food Box**

The Good Food Box Program, (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby anyone can purchase boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables at an affordable price.

Each Good Food Box contains a combination of fruits and vegetables. The content varies monthly, due to seasonal availability.

## **Pricing and Sizes:**

Order by 4:00 pm	Pickup Date from 1:00 to 5:00 pm
May 22	May 31
June 12	June 21
August 14	August 23

Small: \$25 for 15 to 20 lbs

• Medium: \$30 for 25 to 30 lbs

• Large: \$35 for 35 to 40 lbs

\*Please note weights are approximate.

Orders are placed monthly through the WCA office and can be made in person, over the phone, or online via our "Events" page once logged in. \*Please note that payment is due at the time of ordering and no refunds can be issued.

## **PROGRAMS**

#### **401st Woodcreek Scouts**

Beavers: Wednesdays, 6:15 to 7:45 pm Scouts: Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 to 8:00 pm Contact Tim Tratch at 403-251-4878.

## Authentic Japanese Karate-Do for Children and Adults by Tenshi Dojo

Mondays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm Contact Shihan Hermann Pirela at 403-880-0992.

## Ballroom and Latin Dance Classes for Adults and Children by Levita Dance

Fridays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm Contact Dima Levita and Sasha Antonova at 403-613-5070.

## **Bravo Circus Classes for Kids (Ages 3 to 13)**

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm Contact Maria Chekmareva at 587-894-0675 or maria@bravocircus.ca.

#### **Bridge**

Tuesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Contact Ken Barrie at kenbarrie@gmail.com or

Dorothy Macdonnell at dorothy.macdonnell@gmail.com

## **Calgary Southwest Seniors**

Live music, dancing and socializing Thursdays, 9:30 am to noon Larry Newel, 403-281-0715

#### **Friday Prayers for Muslims**

Prayer time: 1:35 pm

#### **Gateway Victory Church**

Sundays, 10:30 am Contact Mara at 403-816-1684

#### **Knitting**

Mondays, 1:00 to 3:00 pm Contact Sandy Keating at missuskeating@gmail.com

## **Kokodo Jujutsu Adult Classes**

Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 pm Traditional Jujutsu, Aiki Jujutsu, and Goshinjutsu Contact John via https://www.kokodoyyc.com

#### **M&D Dance**

Thursdays and Fridays, 5:00 to 6:00 pm Contact Marissa and Desiree Lanoire at 403-473-3252 or 587-438-4725.

#### Move & Groove

Fridays, 10:15 to 11:15 am Wednesdays, 10:45 to 11:45 am Contact the WCA office to register.

#### Move'n Mingle - AHS Fall Risk Management Program

Monday and Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:45 pm

Contact 403-955-1554 or

move and mingle @ albertahe alth services. ca for more information.

#### **Play Makers Preschool Program**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:30 am Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:30 am, 12:30 to 3:00 pm Friday Accompaniment, 9:00 to 11:30 am Contact Tara Gladun at admin@playmakerscalgary.com.

#### **Silverbirch Girl Guides**

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:00 pm Contact Barb Augustyn at 403-251-5169.

#### Tai Chi

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 am
Beginner (10 forms) and Intermediate (24 forms)
Contact the WCA office to register.

## Therapeutic Yoga for Hips, Shoulders, and Back

Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 pm Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm Contact Rosemarie Bartschak at 403-607-5806.

#### **Vanshaw Academy of Irish Dance**

Pre-Beginner (Ages 3 to 4): Mondays and Tuesdays, 5:15 pm Beginner (Ages 5+): Mondays, 5:45 pm and Tuesdays, 5:15 pm

Adult Fitness Classes: Mondays, 7:00 pm Contact: vanshawacademy@gmail.com.

#### **WCA Parents and Tots Group**

Mondays, 9:00 to 11:00 am Contact Tina at tinawheeleryyc@gmail.com.

#### **WCA Seniors**

First and third Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm Contact Anne B. at 403-238-1611 or akbund954@gmail.com.

## **Woodcreek Gardening Association**

Meet third Saturday of the month, 10:00 am to noon. Contact Ross Snyder at gardener@woodcreekcommunity.ca.

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## **Woodcreek Fitness**

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#### Woodcreek Move & Groove

Come take part in weekly fitness classes led by Nancy Ehle, a group fitness instructor, Wednesday mornings from 10:45 to 11:45 am and/or Friday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 am. Current session runs May 3/5 to June 14/16. The cost is \$49 + GST for members and \$56 + GST for non-members. Drop-in is \$10 per class.

Please register by contacting the office at 403-238-1611 or wca@woodcreekcommunity.ca.





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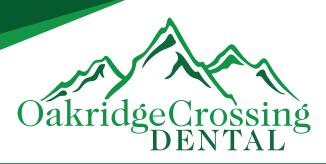
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> To join or for more information, contact Ross at gardener@woodcreekcommunity.ca.





## **Woodcreek Racquet Memberships**

Courts are open! Membership requires a current Woodcreek Community Membership plus a racquet membership. 2023 Racquet Membership Fee per adult (18 +) is \$55.00.

All memberships can be purchased online at www.woodcreekcommunity.ca. Also visit our website for Pickleball Drop-In times.



## **Used Paperback Books**

To raise funds for their activities, the seniors have a rapidly growing book collection with a good selection of gently used novels for 50 cents each. Donations of gently used paperbacks would be appreciated. Please drop off books during WCA office hours.





# 50/50 RAFFLE



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Upload your | photos to iNaturalist. **Tip:** Create a separate observation for the insect and plant.



Alberta is home to hundreds of different pollinators - more than 330 kinds of bees, as well as flies, beetles, wasps, and other insects that are critical to our local food supply. We want to get to know the pollinators that call Calgary home and what plants best support them, and you can help! **Community science** involves the collaboration between scientists and the general public to collect and analyze data. The data you uploaded to iNaturalist can be used in research around the world, and close to home!















## Senior Moments

The Woodcreek Seniors' meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesday of each month and begin at 9:30 am. We are extending an invitation to seniors in the community to attend one of our meetings. Come meet us, have a coffee, and see what the group can offer. We welcome all seniors to our group.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the Woodcreek Community Association at 403-238-1611 for a WCA membership.

- May 2 Meeting and Bingo
- May 16 Meeting and Musical Entertainment by Joel Spiers
- May 18 Seniors Spring Brunch, Carriage House
- May 30 Lunch Bunch, Gold Bistro Restaurant

## **Other Weekly Senior Programs Are:**

Knitting and Crochet Group - Meets on Monday at 1:00 pm

Bridge - Meets on Tuesday at 1:00 pm

For further information, please contact Anne, Chairperson at 403-238-1611 or akbund954@gmail.com, or Sandy, Vice-Chair at woodcreekseniors826@gmail.com.





# **Woodcreek Community Association**

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# COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The Swap Table is Back! Saturday May 13, 2023

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\*We will accept items listed as long as we have space

(NO fridges or large appliances, BBQs, concrete, gas lawnmowers, mattresses, cardboard, propane tanks or fencing)

The Woodcreek Community Association reserves the right to decline any material not suitable for removal.

## **Calgary Police Service Partners** with Bike Index

Bike thefts in Calgary have always been an issue, however in recent years, we have seen a growing trend in our city, prompting our members to explore ways to address thefts and better support victims.

A Bike Index pilot project launched by a small group of our officers in 2019, showcased success using the program as an added investigative tool for officers who recovered stolen bikes, and a partnership was born.

To date, Calgary has surpassed 25,000 registered Bike Index users, and returned hundreds of bikes to victims with an estimated value of \$330,000.

By registering a bike with Bike Index, owners are provided with easily accessible documentation of their bike's information and serial number, which can be looked up by police and aid in a stolen bike's return to its rightful owner.

Register your bike for free by visiting https:// bikeindex.ora/.

## **No Dumping Please!**

WCA has clothing donation bins two locations; one at the community center in Woodlands and the other in the 7-11 parking lot off Woodbine Blvd. Lately residents have been leaving non-clothina items outside of these bins. These items cannot be collected with the clothing, so WCA must cover the cost of removal. We appreciate that residents would like



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## **Speed Control – Woodbine Boulevard**

Due to the concerns brought up by the citizen at Woodbrook Way and Woodbine Blvd SW, The City of Calgary Mobility Department is proposing a special traffic calming treatment at this curve that will include a temporary yellow traffic calming curb in the median with an additional curve warning sign. They are hoping that this additional narrowing and warning will reduce the speed and more clearly communicate the need to slow down to approaching motorists. Pending funding, the project will be included in the 2023 safety improvement program.

In the meantime, the CPS Residential Safety Unit will be monitoring the area. Be aware of your speed and slow down on our residential streets.



## **GAMES & PUZZLES**

## **Guess That Movie!**

- 1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
- 2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
- 3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.
- 4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
- 5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.



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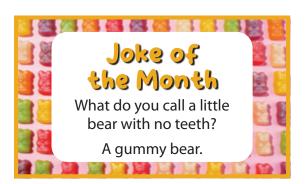
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## **Easter Egg Hunt 2023**

Our Easter egg hunt was well attended this year, despite the weather. Many kids and their accompanying parents came out to enjoy the snowy egg hunts, face painting, egg decorating, crafts, and games. The whole facility was abuzz with activity! We would like to thank Tara from Play Makers Playschool for all her hard work, and all the amazing volunteers who made this event a great success!







## YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

## **Let the Dogs Run Free: Map Shows Off-Leash Areas in the City**

from the City of Calgary



As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to get outside and spend time with your four-legged friend. Calgary has 157 public off-leash areas with a combined area of 1,145 hectares for you and your dog to enjoy.

The City of Calgary has a map that shows the location of off-leash dog areas in Calgary. View the Calgary Offleash Dog Areas Map on the Map Gallery; it can be found at https://maps.calgary.ca/OffLeashDogAreas/.

To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at https://mapgallery.calgary.ca/.



## **Tuna Tostadas**

by Jennifer Puri



To fold or not to fold is the difference between a tostada and a taco.

The decision to stuff toppings into a taco or pile toppings on a tostada is up to you.

The early Mexicans determined that the best way to extend the shelf life of a stale tortilla was to toast it. It appears that avoiding food waste was as important then as it is now.

There are many popular Mexican food options, but the taco is an international favourite, and there are few better ways to achieve a combination of flavours in one bite.

A tortilla fried or toasted is a delicious crunch base and can be topped with refried beans, cheese, Mexican rice, lettuce, tomatoes, ground beef, shredded chicken, or ahi tuna used in the recipe for tuna tostadas.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 8 minutes

Servings: 4

#### **Ingredients:**

- 500 gm ahi tuna
- 2 cups thawed mango chunks
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 tbsp. chopped coriander leaves
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup chopped cucumber
- 3 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 6 tbp. mayonnaise
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
- 4 x 6-inch corn or flour tortillas
- 4 tbsp. vegetable oil

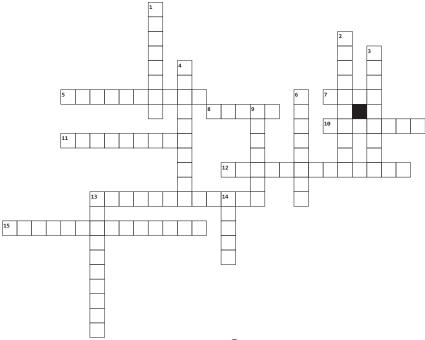
#### **Directions:**

- Slice ahi tuna into bite size pieces and set aside.
- Cut mango chunks into half-inch pieces and place in a medium size mixing bowl. Add chopped, de-seeded jalapeno, red onion, cucumber, coriander leaves, lemon juice, and olive oil. Now add ahi tuna pieces and gently blend together, cover, and set aside.
- Prepare the adobo mayo dressing by combining the chopped chipotle peppers and a little of the adobo sauce with the mayonnaise.
- In a heated frying pan or skillet, place a tablespoon of vegetable oil and one tortilla. Fry tortilla, flipping once or twice until crispy, approximately one to two minutes.
   Remove from pan and place on paper towel to drain of any excess oil. Repeat process with remaining tortillas.
- Place individual tostadas on dinner plates and top with ahi tuna mixture. Garnish with a tablespoon of adobo mayo dressing, a few coriander leaves, and serve.

Bon Appétit!



## **May Crossword Puzzle**



#### Across

- 5. Originally from Nunavut, this artist has won both a Polaris Music Prize and a JUNO for her unique blend of throat singing with Western music genres.
- 7. In May of 1918, some women were given the ability to do this.
- 8. World Day celebrates and raises awareness for this endangered water dwelling mammal.
- 10. On May 15, this band, hailing from Hamilton, Ontario won Group of the Year at the 2022 JUNO awards.
- 11. A Star Wars pun becomes very popular on this day.
- 12. This actor and ex-wrestler has both their American and Canadian citizenship, only getting the latter at the age of 37.
- 13. This classic children's toy was introduced on May 1, 1952, and was the first toy ever advertised on television.
- 15. On May 11, 2019, this novel by Eden Robinson won the Fthel Wilson Fiction Prize.

#### Down

- 1. On May 17, 1642, this Canadian city was founded by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve.
- 2. At San Francisco's Grand Opera House, this was played for the first time on May 4, 1878.
- 3. This clothing item was patented 150 years ago.
- 4. Released 28 years ago, this film increased tourism in Scotland.
- 6. A solar eclipse on May 29, 1919, proved \_\_\_\_\_\_'s theory of general relativity.
- 9. Canada's first \_\_\_\_\_ was found in 1998 in Yukon Territory.
- 13. In the United States, the most phone calls are made on this holiday.
- 14. On May 30, 1966, the first full-disk image of was taken.





#### May in Fish Creek

### Fish Creek Community Terrace - Reserve Your Brick Before June 1

Dedicate a brick within the Fish Creek Community Terrace to help support the Friends and our conservation efforts here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. A brick would also make an amazing gift for anyone you know who enjoys visiting this unique and ecologically diverse urban park. If you have a small business near the park, consider dedicating a brick for your company. Bricks are only \$250 each and you will receive a tax receipt for your contribution. There are limited spaces available in the Fish Creek Community Terrace so make sure to dedicate your brick today! For more information, please contact the Friends of Fish Creek or visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/brick.

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## The Buzz on Calgary Bumble Bees Thursday, May 11, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

## Presented by Syd Cannings, Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service, Prairie Region Environment and Climate Change Canada

Bumble bee populations pose a conservation concern these days, and several species from the Calgary area have been assessed as at risk by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. This talk will provide an introduction to bumble bees and their basic biology, examine bees whose numbers have declined, the reasons for the decline, and what we can do about the situation. Syd Cannings is a Species at Risk Biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Whitehorse, Yukon. He is a member of COSEWIC, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and has led the development of the national recovery strategies and management plans for four species of bumble bees. He has also written several books, including British Columbia: A Natural History, and The New BC Roadside Naturalist. To register, visit https://friendsoffishcreek. org/event/buzz.

Friends of Fish Creek - Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 24, 2023 7:00 to 8:30 pm Registration opens at 6:30 pm

## Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace

The Friends would like to thank all our members, volunteers, donors, community partners, other supporters for helping to make 2022 a truly memorable year. The Annual General Meeting presents an opportunity to meet with Friends staff, board of directors, members, and volunteers as well as learn about the year that has come to a close and hear about our exciting plans for 2023 already underway. At this year's AGM, we will bid a fond farewell to some of our board members and welcome new volunteers to our board of directors. This event is free to all community members, however only current 2023 members are eligible to vote. To register or for more information, please visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/agm.

## RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

## **Carolyn's Corner: Fantasy Makes a Fantastic Garden**

Imagine your dream landscape, one made of memories of gorgeous gardens seen in travels, stunning photos in magazines, and a good dose of imagination. Our fantasy gardens can say a lot about our personalities.

Practical types with well-organized minds may dream up orderly rows of vegetables with potatoes, fringed lettuces, and delicate french beans tied up neatly on bamboo tripods. A fringe of red stemmed Swiss chard adds a colourful element while maintaining the practicality of being consumed. Mulched pathways dividing groups of berry-bearing shrubs and the cascading stems of raspberries are the main theme in this dream.

Those with an engineering mind may fantasize about rows of apple trees neatly espaliered against garages, ensuring their fruit are in precisely ordered ranks for no muss no fuss harvesting. Simple, clean spaces with functionality are highly prized to create a peaceful feeling in any season.... including a winter dip into the hot tub! This gardener is likely to prefer uncomplicated flowers like tulips and well-behaved evergreens that fall into line... just like the ones they draw at work.

The meditative mind will be drawn to the serenity of a Japanese garden, where every stone and each plant are placed with much forethought. White sand raked into sweeping patterns, a wooden bench under a pergola, and the soft sound of a fountain allow quiet, contemplative moments that are critical to calming a busy mind. Picture yourself under the shade of a tree nestled within the delicate texture of ferns and the floral scent of lily of the valley all around you. A crisply clipped Bonsai on a small table completes this restful scene. Rich in trees, flowering shrubs, draping vines, and flourishing vegetables within a framework of iron, stone, and wood components, your dream garden awaits!









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