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## The Willow Ridge Community Association (WRCA) Vision

To be an integrated community connecting partners, family, neighbours, and nature.

## The WRCA Mission

To foster an integrated community by providing meaningful and inclusive programs and experiences, safe gathering spaces, and advocacy for the needs and interests of our residents.

**GET WRCA NEWS IN YOUR INBOX** – With your membership, receive e-newsletters to share up-to-the minute news and events. We think you'll find the information valuable, but you can unsubscribe at any time.

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**WRCA website**  
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The My Willowridge.ca is the official newsletter of the Willow Ridge Community Association and is distributed monthly for free to all residents of Willow Ridge (approximately 3,050 households).

**Monthly Board of Directors Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, but please check with the office as these meeting dates may change. They commence at 7:00 pm in our WRCA Boardroom. If you would like to make a brief presentation to the WRCA Board, please notify the WRCA office at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date and state the topic you wish to address.**

# Seniors Coffee Hour!



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Monday  
of every month from 1pm-3pm

Members: FREE  
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## OUR TREES ARE SUFFERING

No doubt many of you have seen the orange “tree removal” signs on a number of poplars in Willow Park. The City has deemed these poplars to have either reached the end of their life or to be a danger to private property or to citizens.

Trees became a personal experience for my neighbours and myself on Woodbend Road in late November, where there is a small playground that is also a skating rink in the winter. All eight of the cottonwood poplars in our playground were marked for tree removal.

Now – thanks to our neighbourhood – not all the poplars are coming down, at least for now. Your calls to 311, letters to the mayor’s office, the Ward 11 councillor’s office, and our Community Association have been heard loud and clear at the City of Calgary. Thank you again! Your letters and calls made the difference.

The Superintendent of Urban Forests met with our Community Association president in late November to outline the City’s plans to cull the old trees and replant new ones. The Community Association will host an open house, together with Urban Forestry in early 2024 so we can hear more about the plan.

Not all the trees can be saved. Some are too far gone and have suffered a lot of stress due to the drought over the past several years. However, some, though not perfect, still have years of life left. Immediate clear-cuts of all the old poplars – 300 to 400 across the community – are not the answer, especially if we don’t have a clear plan for replanting.

So, keep an open eye on your own boulevard, green space, and park. Contact 311 when you see trees in need of pruning and maintenance. Work with the Community Association to make sure there is a tree replacement plan for your street. And stay tuned for updates on the open house to come.

*Gord Paynter*

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### Sundays

- Unity of Calgary Spiritual Community
- Church of Christ
- Dance with Maya
- YVC Drum Circles

### Mondays

- Expand Yoga
- Pathfinders
- Sparks
- Pyramid Psychology

### Tuesdays

- Devotion Danceworks
- National Sports Academy

### Wednesdays

- Devotion Danceworks
- Expand Yoga
- Girl Guides
- Simple Harmonies
- Zumba with Maan, Marian, and MJ

### Thursdays

- Because You Can Fitness
- Embers
- Expand Yoga
- National Sports Academy
- Calgary Karate

### Mondays to Fridays

- FLC Brushstrokes
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- Willow Park Preschool
- Willow Kids Club (Daycare)

### Saturdays

- Devotion Danceworks

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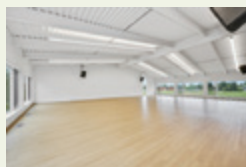
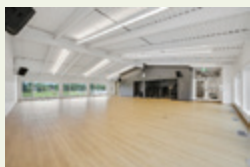
Located outside are two private parking lots, crock curl (in the winter), gaga ball pit, pickleball/tennis courts, lacrosse box/hockey rink, baseball diamond, 50-plot community garden, and a large green space which we use for our WRCA Soccer league in the summer and a pleasure skating rink in the winter.

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## Seeking Events Director/ Social Committee

The Willow Ridge CA does not currently have an events director or a social committee. We are looking for some community members who are interested in forming a social committee to assist with planning and running a variety of wonderful events throughout the year! Please contact the office at 403-271-8044 or email gm@mywillowridge.ca if interested.

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Hi, my name is Zeus, my nickname is Boubou.

I enjoy going for walks and hikes with my family, I also like to fight and bark at the squirrels in my backyard, it's very fun! I enjoy socializing

with other small dogs, eating treats and yummy (human) food. Some of my favourites are beef, chicken, and liver, the more the better! I also love pastries and drinking warm milk.

I love spending time with my family, especially if it means I can get more food. I like napping on the different blankets that are spread out in the house. As well, I am also a great guard dog despite my (small-ish) size. I have lots of different outfits in my wardrobe including sweaters (as seen in the image) and a raincoat.

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**12**

# New Properties



**4**

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Average Days on Market



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Median Sold Price

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Detached Home Stats - Last 45 Days



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