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## Activities at the Willow Ridge Community Centre

### Sundays

- Unity of Calgary Spiritual Community

### Mondays

- Expand Yoga
- Sparks

### Tuesdays

- Devotion Danceworks
- National Sports Academy

### Wednesdays

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

### Thursdays

- Because You Can Fitness
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### Mondays to Fridays

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## Why Is Our Building Closed?

On September 4, a City of Calgary building inspection found that some parts of the Willow Ridge Community Association (WRCA) did not meet the building code and needed to be closed immediately for safety reasons. The affected areas are limited to the original building structure built in 1970, which include the main entrance, office, kitchen area, front hallway, upstairs washrooms, and Maple Hall. The WRCA immediately complied with the inspection report and closed the affected areas.

Over the past nine months, we have been very busy behind the scenes. We completed a full engineering report with the assistance of Stantec and the City of Calgary. We went through a formal RFP bid process to select a contractor, we applied for Building Permits, and we created a detailed construction schedule that would give our renters the best possible re-entry plan and minimize interruption during the school year.

### **The building was recently renovated. How did this happen?**

While the building was renovated in 2019, the areas that have been closed were not part of the scope during that expansion. The renovation was focused on making additions to the building, such as the Willow Room. As is common with renovations, areas of the building that were not part of the renovation were not included in the building review in 2019.

### **When will the building reopen?**

Our last renter is June 26, and on June 27 our staff and volunteers will be moving everything from the office, storage room, mechanical room, and Maple room up to the Willow Hall for storage over the summer. Construction is expected to begin on June 28, 2025, and take approximately two months. During construction, the entire building will be closed, except for the Willow Ridge Kids Club Daycare.

### **Why is the Willow Ridge Kids Club Daycare allowed to remain open during construction?**

The Daycare is located on the lower level, on the North side of the building in an area that was part of our 2019 expansion. This area meets the building code and will not require any further upgrades. The daycare was built in the summer of 2023, and includes a separate HVAC system, separate washrooms, and a separate outside entrance. They can safely operate while the rest of the building remains closed for construction.

### **Who will cover the costs to repair the building?**

The total expected cost for this upgrade is approximately \$535,000, which includes a 15% contingency. The design phase (not included in this cost) has been paid for by the City of Calgary Engineering Consulting Program (ECP), which is a grant available to all Community Associations. The construction costs will be shared between the City of Calgary Lifecycle Capital Grant (LCG) and the Willow Ridge Community Association. We have confirmed \$300,000 in funding from the LCG. We have also applied for Provincial funding to cover the remaining costs, however at this time, WRCA is responsible for the additional \$235,000.

Updates and photos will be posted on our website at <https://mywillowridge.ca/2025-building-closure> and shared on our socials throughout the summer. If you are curious to see what's happening inside and want to follow along with us on this journey, please follow us on Instagram @mywillowridge and Facebook @willowridgecommunity.



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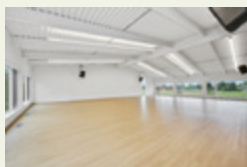
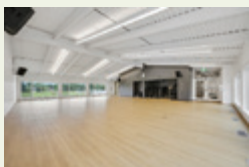
Located outside are two private parking lots, crock curl (in the winter), gaga ball pit, pickleball/tennis courts, lacrosse box/hockey rink, baseball diamond, 50-plot community garden, and a large green space which we use for our WRCA Soccer league in the summer and a pleasure skating rink in the winter.

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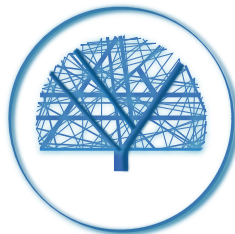
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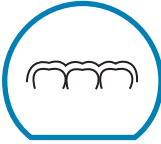
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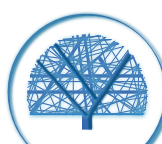
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# WRCA Tree Canopy Replacement Project



The City of Calgary is planting 47 “large caliper” trees and 56 “bucket” trees in Maple Ridge and Willow Park in 2025. You will see the orange tags attached to all the new trees, and you may have noticed some already planted along Willow Park Drive west of Fairmount; at the park near Willingdon and Acadia Drive; near the Trico field and along Willacy Drive (the road along Anderson Drive). There are 23 new trees planned just for the area near Trico field. Those trees are then watered weekly by the City in the first year. Look for the watering truck around your street if you have new plantings.

Along with the new plantings, there are 42 tree removals planned, along with approximately 107 trees planned for significant pruning. The poplar trees along Acadia continue to be affected by the outbreak a dozen years ago of the “sponge moth”. Where trees are being removed, the City has consulted us and we have to agree that most of the trees are beyond saving. Poplars, in particular, can sometimes look okay but aren’t – witness the seemingly healthy poplar that fell on our brand-new LED sign! We are also losing five poplars immediately north of our building along the fence on Acadia Drive.

The Urban Forestry group at the City of Calgary has been very good to work with since we started engaging with them in 2024. They know the community in Willow Ridge loves their trees!

We are putting more information up on our WRCA website about City trees, which trees are being planted and where in the community. There are score species of burr oaks, Siberian elms, ashes, lodgepole pines, larches, buckeyes, crabs, and



even some new cottonwoods. My dream is to plant some trees that will grow into giant oaks that will last a hundred years and provide shade over our parks for generations to come.

The City received funds from the Government of Canada to plant 900,000 trees as part of the government’s Two Billion Trees program. The WRCA is working with the City on a plan to plant additional trees over and above what is budgeted in the 2026 season.

Our Tree Canopy Replacement Project is now registered with Parks Foundation Calgary, and you can donate directly through their website. Your donations will go directly to rebuilding our aging Tree Canopies in the WPMR areas.

We want your input: send me a note or fill out the community survey available at [mywillowridge.ca](http://mywillowridge.ca) from July 20 to August 20, 2025.

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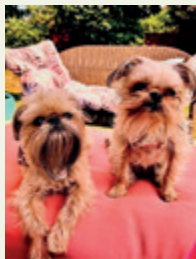
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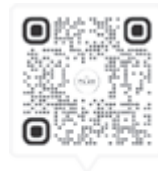
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