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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.

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#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



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WRCA website mywillowridge.ca



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The myWILLOWRIDGE.ca is the official newsletter of the Willow Park and Maple Ridge communities. It is generously published by Great News Media and 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.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2025 Community Association facility update: As a recap, in September 2024, our building was partially shut down by safety codes after engineers reported that the floor joists in the original part of our building were not sufficient for our building use. Importantly, no structural issues were identified.

Over the past few months, our Community Association has assembled a team of volunteers to work with the City of Calgary and their engineering partner, Stantec. As of January, Stantec has completed 30% drawings, and we remain on track to perform construction over the summer. Our objective is to minimize the impact on our users and regain full facility operations for the fall.

We have met with other Community Associations across the city to learn from their experiences, and although several other communities have experienced shutdowns due to failing structures (Glamorgan, Lakeview, Rutland Park), we seem to be the only community that has experienced such an abrupt shutdown due to a code violation. With a plan to remediate our facility now in place, we are focusing once again on further investing in our community.

Stay tuned for more details on a unique tree sponsorship program we are working on with the City, as well as our Greener Grounds Project, which will revitalize our fields and parking lot. I'd like to extend thanks to our facilities director, David Hughes, for volunteering to use his extensive project management expertise in leading our community through this unique situation.

If you would like to get involved with our CA in any capacity, please contact me at president@ mywillowridge.ca.

Jason Carling





#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

#### **Guess the Couple!**

- 1. These two periodic elements make for a salty pair.
- 2. These semi-aquatic rodents mate for life and form strong bonds with their partners.
- 3. These two Disney pups celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.
- 4. This British celebrity supercouple are fondly known as Posh and Becks.
- 5. This fictional couple's sweet love story started in an office of all places!
- This prehistoric couple lived amongst dinosaurs with their daughter, Pebbles.



#### **Rent Our Space!**

The Willow Ridge Community Association can accommodate a wide range of guests for activities or functions like wedding receptions, birthday parties, baby showers, workshops/seminars, art shows, fitness classes, and more!

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.

Our newly renovated, air-conditioned building has the following spaces available for rent!

- The Willow 1,924 sq. ft. North Hall (135 dining/200 standing) with large windows, built-in audio/speakers, vaulted ceilings, wood sprung floor. Perfect for high-impact activities!
- The Maple (Closed until fall 2025) 1,200 sq. ft. South Hall (60 dining/135 standing) with large windows, separate sink/washing area, additional storage, vaulted ceilings, and a sound system.
- The Herard Room 540 sq. ft. Board Room (25 dining/50 standing) with large windows, available projector, and mounted whiteboard, conveniently situated off the Ridge Lounge. Perfect for small group yoga, art classes, meetings, catering set-up, etc.

The community centre has the following additional features:

- The Ridge Lounge, an upstairs gathering area for members with a view of the rinks/fields.
- Large floor-to-ceiling windows to allow for more natural light.
- Internal stairs and elevator access to lower level.
- Four individual gender-neutral washrooms, two of which are wheelchair accessible.
- · Wi-Fi throughout building.
- Large change area/washrooms with rubber flooring, accessible to rink users in the winter.

























### Memberships Available Online



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Willow (North Hall)	\$65/hr.	\$98/hr.	\$ 550	\$1,175	\$ 550
Maple (South Hall) Closed until fall 2025	\$54/hr.	\$81/hr.	\$ 450	\$ 975	\$ 450
Herard	\$33/hr.	\$49/hr.	\$ 275	\$ 575	\$ 275
PARTY PACKAGE (all 3 rooms) Not available until fall 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

WRCA Members receive a 5% discount for one-time rentals. Contact: info@mywillowridge.ca or 403-271-8044



## Activities at the Willow Ridge Community Centre

#### Sundays

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#### **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
- Embers
- Expand Yoga
- National Sports
   Academy
- Natyam Dance Academy

#### **Mondays to Fridays**

- FLC Brushstrokes
- FLC Line Dancers
- · Creations Child Care Inc.
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#### **Saturdays**

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I run and play every day at Sue Higgins Dog Park with my doggie friends and am always looking for new pals. Sometimes Grandma comes with mom and occasionally they get separated. I then go into my herding trait so I can keep a close eye on both of them. I know where I am, but I would hate to see them get lost.

I get to play soccer and other games with my two teenage family members after school. My female teenager will dress me up in different outfits for fun which I don't really mind.

At night, my male owner takes me out to throw a ball that lights up in the dark for me to chase. I always find it but being mischievous at times I don't always give it back.

I love all my family's visitors and once in a while I jump up to greet them. Sorry, I can't help myself. I want to give them a hug even though I am guite big.

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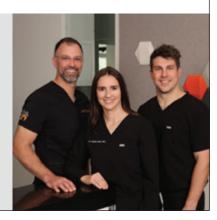
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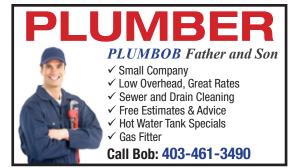
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