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# What is the Difference Between the Crestmont Homeowners Association (CHOA) and the Crestmont Community Association (CCA)?

Both organizations are non-profit; however, our mandates and our legal obligations are quite different. It is not possible for either organization to take on the responsibilities of the other; however, working closely together allows us to maximize our scope of work.

СНОА	CCA
An organization created through the Developer as a means of ensuring the community is provided with amenities not provided by the City of Calgary, creating enhanced property values within a community.	An organization that serves as an affiliate of the City of Calgary with the goals of finding solutions to local issues (e.g., traffic) and promoting civic and community engagement.
Run by a volunteer board of directors and paid staff.	Run by a volunteer board of directors.
Membership is based on the legal encumbrance registered on the title of the property.  All Crestmont property owners automatically become members of the association upon possession.	Membership is voluntary.  Membership for 2024: \$25
Fees for 2024: \$367.50 (\$350 + GST)	
Annual fees are used to:	Annual fees are used to:
- Maintain the amenity features including the hall, spray park, storm pond fountain, and grounds.	-Create opportunities for residents to participate in social events, recreational programs, and educational activities in their community.
- Provide enhanced snow removal and landscaping on City pathways Provide the community with quality programs and value-added events	-Provide an association for residents to join where they can work together to improve their community's quality of life.
that appeal to our diverse membership.	-Dog Poop bags and dispensers: finding sponsors and maintaining the dispensers.
	-Host broad community and accessible events.
	-Apply for grants and special events linking to community clean up, community garden, dog parks, community rinks.
Liaise with the City of Calgary for enhanced services such as additional snow removal on City pathways, and enhanced landscape maintenance in the greater community.	Representative role to the City of Calgary of the needs and issues in the community and direct line with the MLA and Ward Councillor.
	Partner with the City and other organizations to improve the community.
Direct line of communication with the Developer.	Has a city contact to discuss future planning and development.
Once turnover has taken place, eligible for grant funding for larger scale projects on HOA land.	Reliant on grants, donations, rentals of community facilities, programs, sponsorships, and casinos for funding.





### **Contact information:**

General Information: admin@crestmonthall.com Events/Rentals: events@crestmonthall.com Website: www.crestmonthall.com Telephone: 403-475-7230

#### Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tuesday: 1:00 to 7:00 pm.

Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, statutory holidays, and long weekends.

\*Subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.

### **Adjusted hours:**

Please note that on March 11, 12, and 14 the office will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

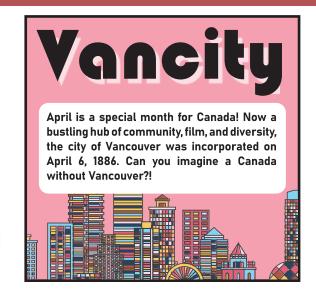
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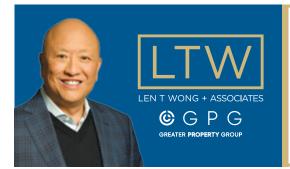
The office will be closed on March 29 for Good Friday

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### **Spring Programs**

The spring session of classes runs from April until the end of June. You can register for classes online, or through the office. Classes require a minimum of six participants to run. Drop in and pro-rated options are available. Youth ages 16+ may be able to register for adult programs.

### Fit Dance for Adults with Fior 12 Classes

### Mondays, from April 1 to June 24 (excluding May 20) from 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Fitness program that involves cardio and Latin-inspired dance. It's all about having fun while burning calories which looks and sounds more like a dance party. Recommend for ages ten to adult. No experience necessary.

Member rate: \$180 | Non-member rate: \$200

### Yoga for Heathy Aging and Well-being with Vanitha 12 Classes

### Thursdays, from April 4 to June 20 from 9:30 to 10:45 am

It's never too late to start practicing yoga! This 75-minute class is for anyone that wants to work on foundation and alignment for balance, flexibility, and strength. To build stamina and support your joints through movement. This gentle practice will help you to increase flexibility, improve balance and motor coordination, and also deal with common health issues and stress. Better sleep and an improved sense of overall vitality are commonly experienced. Beginners welcome.

Member rate: \$225 or \$20 per class drop-in | Non-member rate: \$240 or \$22 per class drop-in



#### **Other Programs Offered:**

#### Sportball

Offered at Crestmont hall on Fridays and Sundays. Non-competitive sports programs for every kid, at every stage. Please visit Sportball Calgary's website for details and registration.

#### **Program Space**

Is your group or business looking for a venue to host their activity? Our hall can accommodate up to 150 people, and we offer hourly bookings during the week. Dance, music, choir, martial arts, or languages. Reach us at admin@crestmonthall.com to talk to us about your ideas!

### Workshops

More Than Just Pansies
Fun, Frivolous, and Functional
Spring Containers
Thursday, May 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Member rate: \$60 | Non-Member rate: \$75

One complimentary beverage included!

Spring containers are the most rewarding of seasonal plantings because they are symbolic of a new beginning after the winter months.

Many gardeners rely on pansies to bring their pots back to life. There is more to spring plantings than pansies. As container-gardeners, we want to take spring containers to the next level by opening your eyes to many more plant and pot choices.

If you're keen to start gardening, but your soil is too cold and damp for digging, consider potting up a spring container instead. Depending on the weather, spring containers planted with beautiful, cold-tolerant plants

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now will give you several weeks of colour until it's time to replant them for the summer, while satisfying your need to get your hands in some soil.

### In the workshop, learn about:

- Types of containers, growing medium, and amendments
- Techniques for transplanting seedlings into containers
- The lore around the plants we will be planting
- · Care of your container-wearing, fertilizing, and deadheading
- Propagating and/or planting on your plants into the next season

All supplies are provided but feel free to bring your garden gloves and an apron if you like!

### **Board Game Night** Tuesday, April 23

Join us at our free monthly board game nights every month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Feel free to bring a game you would like to play (modern or classic) or join in with other attendees. Email events@crestmonthall.com to sign up or register using the link on our website.

### CHOA Used Toy and Clothing Sale Sunday, May 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Have you accumulated gently used items? The Used Toy and Clothing Sale is the perfect opportunity to get them out of the house! Tables are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please email events@crestmonthall to grab a table, or for more details! Admission is free for shoppers.





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### **Make Every Drop Count: Collect** and Reuse Water with a Rain Barrel

by The City of Calgary

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It let out a little wine.



### **Spring Cleaning Your Finances**

by Danielle Robbertze

Do you have a bunch of documents, statements, receipts, and more lying around? Well, April is the perfect time to sort this all out. April is often the time for spring cleaning. Although this mostly involves general cleaning of your house or donating items you no longer need. This time can also be used to 'spring clean' your finances.

Here are a few tips on how you can spring clean your finances this year:

#### 1. Sort, Sort, and Sort Some More

Sort your financial documents into categories, this way it becomes easier to manage. Categories can include bank statements, bills relating to your home, receipts, contracts, and miscellaneous. Throw away (or shred which is a more secure option) that which is old and no longer relevant. This could be bank statements for an old credit/debit card, bills from a previous residence, or pay slips older than three months.

Create a filing system with labelled folders in a secure area of your house. Once this filing system is set up it becomes easy to file new documents and throw out old ones.

#### 2. Consider Digital

Some documents are best to keep as hard copies such as rental agreements, mortgage statements, and work contracts. However, documents such as bank statements and receipts are available online these days which can be easily filed digitally either through Google Drive or directly on your computer.



### 3. See Where You Can Start Saving

Once everything is organized it becomes easier to see where your money goes every month. Consider creating an Excel sheet where you can clearly see where you spend your money. Here you can also create categories such as income, savings, bills, subscription fees, groceries, bank accounts, loans, and miscellaneous (spending on clothes, recreational activities, and luxury items).

Indicate in green the money that comes in your account monthly and indicate in red the money that comes out. You can create an easy equation after doing this to see how much money you have left every month.

When all this is done you could possibly see that you no longer use a certain subscription and could save money by unsubscribing, or you have a bank account you no longer use which you can close.

All of this may seem like a bit of a hassle, but once it is done you will not regret spring cleaning your finances. It will only make your life easier moving forward.





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Hello, Ward 1!

April is sure to be a busy month at City Hall. Here are the latest updates on what's affecting your ward and city:

### **Blanket Rezoning**

The Public Hearing on blanket rezoning is happening this month on April 22. I strongly encourage everyone with an interest in this change, no matter their views, to consider registering to speak or to submit comments in writing. Sharing your feedback directly with Council will help us make an informed decision that reflects the views of as many Calgarians as possible. Visit calgary.ca/publichearing to register or submit your comments.

All landowners who are directly affected by the proposed rezoning should have received a formal notification by mail in March. You can learn more about exactly what's being proposed and view a map of the changes at calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing.

A special thanks to everyone who was able to attend my townhall in March and to everyone who has submitted feedback so far.

### **Drought Conditions**

The City and Government of Alberta are continuing to monitor the water situation in southern Alberta. We ask all Calgarians to observe any water restrictions put into place in order to protect our ecosystems and drinking water supply. Taking steps year-round to reduce water consumption can help lessen the impact of drought and reduce the need for restrictions. Learn more at calgary.ca/droughtresilience.

### **River Valleys Project**

The Government of Alberta recently released new draft flood hazard maps for the Bow and Elbow Rivers. These maps are used by The City to inform how land is used in areas that could be affected by flooding. The City will be updating its policies related to flooding and land use later this year. While these policies affect all Calgarians, they are especially important for residents of areas like Bowness in Ward 1. Learn more at calgary.ca/rivervalleys.

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