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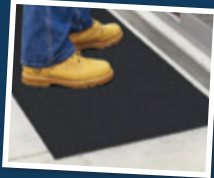
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CECA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

A community association membership is an excellent gift for the whole family! Get a Calgary Evergreen Community Association membership and these are the benefits that your family will enjoy for the whole year!

Member Discounts: Our community partners provide discounts to CECA members. Check out the CECA Members Only section in this newsletter or online under Member Benefits.

Cardel Rec South also extends discounts for community association members for partner communities.

Events: Calgary Evergreen Community Association organizes and sponsor the following annual events and programs: Winter Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Parade of Garage Sales, Community Clean Up, Member-Only Movie Screening, Christmas Lights Contest, seniors' events and programs, kids' programs, and community engagement opportunities.

Join or renew your membership at <http://www.myceca.ca>

or complete the form below and mail along with a cheque for \$20 payable to "Calgary Evergreen Community Association": PO Box 24007 RPO Evergreen, Calgary, Alberta, T2Y 0J9.

All this and more, for only \$20 per year for the whole immediate family! Annual membership expires at the end of the month one year from the when it was purchased.

Join Us Today!

Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) is actively involved in current and future development for the community. This includes developing the Evergreen Community Park (1150 Everridge Dr. SW), community land use, playgrounds and the community outdoor ice rink.

We also advocate for the community on concerns of traffic, safety, and awareness.

Join today and help us plan future community amenities that would benefit ALL EVERGREEN residents. Possible amenities may include permanent ice rink, community

centre, rink house, outdoor stage, natural playground, community garden, and park landscaping.

The Calgary Evergreen Community Association is different than the Evergreen Residents Association. Visit the evergreenresidents.ca website to learn more and see if your home is within their boundary. If you are, their \$100 membership is mandatory and is affixed to the title of your property. That fee only goes toward some garden maintenance and landscaping and does not come to the community association.

CECA or SECA?

Also, if your street name includes 'Evergreen', you are in the Evergreen Estates which belongs to Shawnee Evergreen. You can purchase a SECA membership by going to www.shawnee-evergreen.ca. CECA Associate Memberships are available, but holders do not hold voting rights at the AGM. Contact info@myceca.ca if you have any questions.

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To purchase a membership in your Community Association, please fill in this form, attach a cheque for \$20 made payable to **Calgary Evergreen Community Association** and mail to:

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Online payment by credit card or PayPal™ is available at www.myceca.ca/membership.



Please slow down, drive safely, and watch out for each other!

Traffic

Happy New Year!

This is the time of year when the temperatures really get cold. I hope I am wrong and that we will find ourselves with a mild winter. Regardless of when it gets cold make sure you plug your block heater in, and when it warms up and we have a chinook, make sure you have lots of windshield washer fluid. Also make sure you put your winter tires on and turn on your headlights during dawn and dusk so that your taillights are seen.

Traffic Noise from the Ring Road

If you are one of the houses that borders the ring road the decibel level can be checked to make sure it is within guidelines. Those houses that border the ring road can contact the community association, traffic@myceca.ca, and we can put you in touch with the contractor for consideration that can come out and set up a 24-hour noise study when they conduct their next round of annual road noise assessments.

Traffic Forum

If you are interested in participating in a community Traffic and Safety forum, either in person or online. Please let me know. This would be a group of residents that would come together the discuss issues in the community and will hopefully meet with city officials as well. Please email traffic@myceca.ca and let us know if you are interested.

Safety

Operation Cold Start

The Calgary Police are once again holding the Operation Cold Start. We have a poster illustrating this on our Facebook page, please look. Cars started in the morning to warm them are targets for thieves if they are left running and unlocked. If you must start your car, stay with it, or invest in a remote car starter.

Crimes of Opportunity and Other Precautions

Majority of crimes in Evergreen are crimes of opportunity such as theft from vehicles left open in the driveway or from open garages. Please take your time to locate your belongings before going to bed at night. Also, if you are going out of town for a longer period let your neighbours know about so they can look out for any suspicious activity.

Reporting

Once again, if you witness any traffic issues on an ongoing basis, please take the time to both report it to me at traffic@myceca.ca and also via the Traffic Service Request directly to the police. This can be done at <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx>.

Please report road and sign issues to 3-1-1. This can be done online at <http://www.calgary.ca/CS/CSC/Pages/311.aspx> or at the app website <http://spot311.calgary.ca>. If you have any traffic or safety questions or concerns or wish to comment on anything I have written here, you can email traffic@myceca.ca or safety@myceca.ca.

Thanks,

Paul Bushell

Traffic and Safety Director






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August	23	40	36	\$547,450	\$568,000
July	23	39	42	\$499,700	\$514,548
June	23	44	33	\$569,900	\$592,000
May	23	30	44	\$599,900	\$602,994
April	23	40	34	\$472,000	\$498,500
March	23	41	35	\$509,900	\$523,000
February	23	28	24	\$507,500	\$526,250
January	23	17	13	\$439,000	\$442,000
December	22	13	31	\$495,000	\$505,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
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MESSAGE FROM THE CECA BOARD

Hello Evergreen Residents,

We wish you all had joyous holidays with families and friends.

The year 2023 was unique for CECA and Evergreen Community. CECA managed to have an almost complete board of directors thanks to our community volunteers stepping up to join us. We now have sixteen directors taking different roles on the board. Better off, we all work together when it comes to running programs and events. We managed to run successful activities including the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Cleanup, Zumba Classes for the public, Family Skating Event, Multicultural Event, Christmas Lights Contest, and Seniors' programs including Zumba, Hobnob meetings, and computer classes.

Our community ice rink should be up and running at the time you read this article. The ice rink is a huge success each year where families from Evergreen and the surrounding areas (yes) come and enjoy family time together. We have managed to put up solar lights that we hope that we can add more to make the rink "brighter" and ask you to take care of them as they belong to our community. We have a team of volunteers of two people managing the ice rink which is a huge undertaking. We need your support to help us maintain the ice rink. Please email icerink@myceca.ca to include you in the list of volunteers.

I frequently get calls from residents asking if Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) and Evergreen Residents Association (ERA) are separate entities and the answer is yes. CECA is a community association that provides programs and events for the community. We run and maintain the ice rink, have our input and suggestions to traffic and safety issues with the city, and more. All CECA's activities are funded via membership sales (\$20/family/year), grants, and generous donations of businesses and residents. Evergreen Residents Association is responsible of the ongoing operations and maintenance of the community entrance features and feature park sites. The funds you pay to ERA cover the operations and maintenance costs within their scope.

For more information about both associations, please visit Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) website: <https://www.myceca.ca/> and Evergreen Residents Association (ERA) website: <https://www.evergreenresidents.ca/>.

We are always looking for people like yourself to help in running one or more of our major events. If you have the time and would like to help, you will be part of the team (committee) that runs the event. The events are managed by our event director. Please email our volunteers director volunteers@myceca.ca.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mohamd Sltan

President, Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA)

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Community Outdoor Ice Rink

Hello Residents, all set for another year of ice skating? Our Volunteers, Kevin and Dorothy have set up boards all around the rink and eight solar lights! Kevin has offered to maintain the rink again this year, but he could use some help! The days would be Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday from 7:00 pm onwards. So, no skating on those evenings! It takes approximately two to three hours to clean and flood the rink depending on the number of helpers. If you are interested, please email Bruno at; bruno.boccaccio@myceca.ca.

Hours of operation for the rink

Open seven days a week

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

Weekends and holidays: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm except when we are flooding!

Use rink at your own risk, as we do not have anyone supervising so, please be careful. If small children are present, please make sure an adult is present. We also allow kids to play hockey at one end of the rink. We have two nets provided by the city. So, happy skating!

Your Volunteer Director,

Bruno B.

Seniors' Programs

2023 had been a quieter year for the seniors in Evergreen. We did some computer classes and Zumba Gold. Thank you to New Horizon for the Seniors Program. In the last quarter, we resumed our Seniors Hobnob at Swan Evergreen Village every last Wednesday of the month 6:00 to 7:00 pm where seniors from the community and residents of Swan meet and play together. Thank you, Swan Evergreen, for your hospitality and generosity. There is more collaboration in the works to including Revera Evergreen and Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS). More activities including educational sessions would be instore for seniors this 2024. Seniors in the community are encouraged to participate.



Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or too icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; never toboggan alone.
- Tobogganing at night is not advised.

Plan Ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Attempt to cover any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face, such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water, until re-warmed.

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Happy Colouring!

Big thanks to our kind and very generous donors for helping us fill last year's Christmas bags with goodies and making many kids very happy!

You are the best:

- Evergreen Shoppers Drug Mart,
- Elise Sommer Avon rep.
- Bilingual Reaching my Potential Dayhome.

Pictures will be posted in the February Newsletter.

Ice Rink 2024

We are in need of volunteers to help maintain the ice rink for the season and to take on the Ice Rink Director role on the Board of Directors.

With the support of a committed group of volunteers, we would be able to have and run the ice rink smoothly. Without manpower this would be impossible. We count on you! Please reach out to volunteers@myceca.ca if you are able to join our team!



Editorial Deadline!

Please submit all newsletter content to the CECA

by the fifth of the month!

(E.g. January 5 for February newsletters.)

All submissions can be sent to

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Households in the area shown below are eligible to become regular members.

- For Evergreen Estates, your street name will include 'Green,' for example, Evergreen.
- Almost all other areas will include 'Shawnee' in the street name.
- Fish Creek Exchange and Beacon Hill condominiums are within the SECA boundaries.
- Non-residents are invited to join as associate members.



- On the North: South of Fish Creek Provincial Park boundary
- On the East: West of Macleod Trail SE
- On the West: East of Fish Creek Provincial Park boundary and east of Fishcreek Blvd SW
- On the South: North of James Mckevitt Road and Fishcreek Boulevard SW

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News, Events, & More



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HERE IS WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECA) DOES:

SECA is building a neighbourly community where residents feel a sense of belonging and community pride.

- Hosts Events and Programs:
 - o Community Campfires X5.
 - o Monthly Children's Programs.
- Advocacy supports residents' interests with respect to:
 - o Proposed development projects in our neighbourhood and nearby.
 - o Neighbourhood safety (crosswalks, traffic lights, crime prevention, etc.)
 - o Maintaining the character of our neighbourhood.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Purchase a SECA membership to support programs, events, and the advocacy work that SECA does on your behalf. Pay just \$20 every 12 months. Complete the form, attach a cheque for \$20 payable to Shawnee Evergreen Community Association and mail to SECA c/o Southgate Alliance Church 1436 James McKeivitt Rd. SW Calgary, AB, T2Y 2W9.

Questions? Email membership@shawneevergreen.ca.

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Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

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Please consider volunteering with SECA. May we contact you to volunteer? Y / N

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Resident Non-Resident (Associate Member)

SECA is always looking to engage residents as volunteers on the board, on committees, and at events. Learn more by emailing info@Shawneevergreen.ca.



Say Cheese? Or Maybe Not...

Back in the 1840s, instead of saying "cheese," folks opted for "prunes" during photo sessions. Flashing a big grin was considered juvenile at the time. A savvy London photographer advised people to say "prunes" to maintain a more composed expression. This practice, predating the modern "fish face" selfie, harks back a good 180 years.





SECA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello SECA Residents,

Wishing you and yours a happy, and healthy 2024!

Thank you to all those who have been and continue to be part of SECA's growing success! 2024 will be a big year for SECA. Our board, committees, and grant writers have been busy, and we are planning more grant and casino-funded events and programs than ever before for Shawnee Evergreen residents and their families to enjoy.

Events Updates

SECA and Millrise residents are invited to our next Servus Community Campfires, on January 27 and February 24 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Enjoy the opportunity to skate at the rinks in Millrise, beside Our Lady of Peace School. We are proud to be co-hosting these events with the Millrise Community Association again this year.

Thanks to support from Servus Credit Union, SECA will be providing music, hot chocolate, as well as foods for you to roast. And, we now have four low-smoke fire pits for your enjoyment. Bring roasting sticks and chairs if you can.

Join us and remember to **bring non-perishable food items** for the Calgary Food Bank. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars for the upcoming Servus Community Campfires on March 23 and April 27 in Evergreen Estate parks.

We Need Your Help!

We would like to create a Campfires Subcommittee, to help us deliver these events in collaboration with our Events Committee. Please contact us to learn more about how you can support these much-loved events.



Families in Nature



Art in the Park



Let's imagine the future together

Program Updates

Our programs committee is ramping up to offer 55+ and Seniors programs. Please contact us if you'd like to be involved in this sub-committee.

In the coming months, SECA will be exploring how we can support youth in our community. We will be considering ways to give youth an active voice in these explorations. Ideas, especially from youth, are welcome at info@yourseca.ca.

Our two children's programs are delivered outdoors, monthly, all year around. These programs are a great opportunity to meet others who live in the community, find new friends, and build a community that is safe and welcoming for children and families. Grandparents are welcome too! Bring your grandchildren. Use the QR codes below to register for these free programs: Families in Nature and Art in the Park.

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Ian Jobe

On behalf of the SECA Board

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