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*If you are interested in joining the board, please email [info@myceca.ca](mailto:info@myceca.ca)*

## Monthly Seniors' Hobnob

The monthly Seniors' Hobnob continues every last Thursday of the month between 6:00 and 7:00 pm at Swan Evergreen Village (2635 Eversyde Ave SW).

Contact Sherrisa for more information at 403-829-1078.

## ATTENTION LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Send us your best quality photo of the Evergreen Community or fun family activities for a chance to be chosen as the cover image for the Newsletter. You can win a \$10 gift card! Pictures must be 300 DPI and a minimum 1 MB in file size. (Sorry, no phone snap shots.) Deadline is before the eighth of each month. Please send your image to [newsletter@myceca.ca](mailto:newsletter@myceca.ca).

## CECA MEMBERS ONLY

The CECA Board has been able to negotiate hundreds of dollars' worth of service for Calgary Evergreen Community Association members only.

We are currently working on updating the list to bring you more discounts!

Find out more at [www.myceca.ca](http://www.myceca.ca) and <https://www.facebook.com/myceca>.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CECA BOARD

Dear Neighbours,

As we find ourselves in the heart of winter, I want to take a moment to reflect on how much our community has come together. Your participation, whether it's through attending our events, supporting local initiatives, donating to our programs, or simply being an engaged neighbour, truly makes our community the vibrant and welcoming place we all cherish. Thank you for your continued involvement.

A particular thank you is owed to the incredible group of volunteers who take such good care of our outdoor community ice rink. This winter, they have been out there flooding the rink (at sub-zero temperatures), clearing snow, and ensuring the ice is in prime condition for all to enjoy. It's because of their hard work and commitment that so many of us can experience the joy of skating. The rink has become a gathering place for families, friends, and neighbours, and we're truly grateful for those who give their time to make it a reality.

If you've had the chance to enjoy the rink this season, I hope you've seen firsthand how much effort goes into keeping it in top shape. From clearing snow after a storm to maintaining the surface, the rink volunteers do it all. If you're able, please take a moment to thank these dedicated individuals when you see them out there – their work is vital to keeping this wonderful tradition alive in our community. We also encourage anyone interested in helping out to get involved; every little bit makes a difference. Please email [icerink@myceca.ca](mailto:icerink@myceca.ca) to include you in the list of volunteers.

In addition, I want to extend an invitation to those in our community who may be interested in taking their involvement a step further. The Community Association Board of Directors is looking for new members to join our team. If you have a passion for making a positive impact, sharing your skills, or simply want to help shape the future of our neighbourhood, we'd love to have you. Please email [volunteers@myceca.ca](mailto:volunteers@myceca.ca) for more information.

I am receiving many inquiries about Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) and Evergreen Residents Association (ERA) and would like to clarify the difference. Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) is a separate entity from Evergreen Residents Association (ERA). Most residents (including myself) are

paying an annual fee of \$105 (homeowner fees) to the ERA, which is specifically used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the community entrance features and feature park sites. CECA do not receive any portion of annual homeowner fees. All CECA's activities are funded via membership sales, grants, and generous donations of businesses and residents. CECA is responsible for the many events throughout the year in our community, such as the Winter Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Parade of Garage Sales, and more, as well as building and maintaining the rink.

Please consider purchasing a membership via our website: [www.myceca.ca](http://www.myceca.ca). Cost of the annual membership is \$20 per family. This would entitle you and your family to participate in many events that we hold for the community.

### Events

#### Winter Festival

Saturday, February 15, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

#### Seniors' Hobnob

Please note change of day. The monthly Seniors' Hobnob is switching to every last Thursday of the month between 6:00 and 7:00 pm at Swan Evergreen Village (2635 Eversyde Ave SW). Contact Sherrisa for more information at 403-829-1078.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mohamd Slan*

President, Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA)

[president@myceca.ca](mailto:president@myceca.ca)





# CECA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

## Calgary Evergreen Community Association (CECA) - Working for Our Community's Future!

CECA is 100% volunteer run to bring you events and programs as well as advocate for traffic, safety, and planning concerns. It is separate from the Evergreen Residents Association and the Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association (SECA). Supported primarily by memberships, which are only \$20 per household and occasionally grants, CECA brings you events such as the:

- Winter Festival
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Community Cleanup
- Parade of Garage Sales
- Multicultural Festival
- Seniors' Hobnob
- Community Soccer
- Home Alone/Babysitting Courses
- Gardening/Christmas Lights Contests
- Skating Rink

Buy a membership and/or volunteer today!

The membership gets your family access to events and programs. It provides our operational costs to continue to support the community. Also, our efforts to provide amenities for the community.

Fill out this form or go directly to our website: [www.myceca.ca/membership](http://www.myceca.ca/membership).



### 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

[newsletter@myceca.ca](mailto:newsletter@myceca.ca).

## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM



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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May	24	40	33	\$624,900	\$619,500
April	24	48	41	\$629,000	\$640,000
March	24	27	23	\$749,900	\$770,000
February	24	23	24	\$576,950	\$574,500
January	24	27	28	\$637,500	\$633,500

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

## Traffic

### Snow and Ice

With the snow we received this winter, please help your neighbours and yourself by shovelling the snow. Also do not plow your street without a permit from the city. There are insurance requirements for this. Also, be aware of ice at intersections. Stop with enough room so that you will not go into the intersection if you are bumped from behind. Careful when approaching an intersection as they can be icy, and you may not be able to stop.

### Fish Creek Blvd

We are continuing to work with the city to see what changes can be made to slow down traffic on the boulevard. Now that it is a connector to the ring road, it goes by two schools and we are not seeing enough traffic slow down in the playground zones, or the dangerous S bend with low visibility and bus stops.

## Safety

### Crimes of Opportunity

Keep your doors locked! This includes car doors, garage man doors, house doors, and garage doors. Please follow a 9 pm routine to lock your vehicles and doors before going to bed. Keeping a porch light on at night helps deter crime.

### Operation Cold Start

Again, this winter the CPS will be conducting Operation Cold Start. Looking for unlocked cars left running to warm up. If you must start your car in the morning, either stay with the car or invest in a remote car starter.

### Help Make Evergreen Feel Safe Again!

It has been reported that not many people are feeling safe in the community. The statistics are low, but there can still be work done. Some things you can do to help the community is to get to know your neighbours and fellow parents at school. A community that knows each other and looks out for each other is safer. Talk to your kids about being responsible in the community and not causing issues. Over the years we have heard reports about kids hanging out at the schools causing mischief. We definitely don't want to be a policing community or have to call for more patrols. Your help is appreciated.

### Be a Snow Angel!

Help your neighbours who may be unable to clear their own sidewalks of snow and ice.

### 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](mailto:traffic@myceca.ca) and also via the Traffic Service Request directly to the police. This can be done at [calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx](http://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 [calgary.ca/CS/CSC/Pages/311.aspx](http://calgary.ca/CS/CSC/Pages/311.aspx) or at the app website [spot311.calgary.ca](http://spot311.calgary.ca).

The smartphone app is called Calgary 311.

If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to comment on anything written here, you can email Traffic at [traffic@myceca.ca](mailto:traffic@myceca.ca) or Safety at [safety@myceca.ca](mailto:safety@myceca.ca).

Thanks.

*Paul Bushell*

Traffic and Safety Director

## Annual Holiday Gift Giveaway



Evergreen kids love to colour! They have been diligently sending in their colouring work throughout the year and we love to give them a prize for the holidays. Our annual Holiday Gift Giveaway is always a big success.

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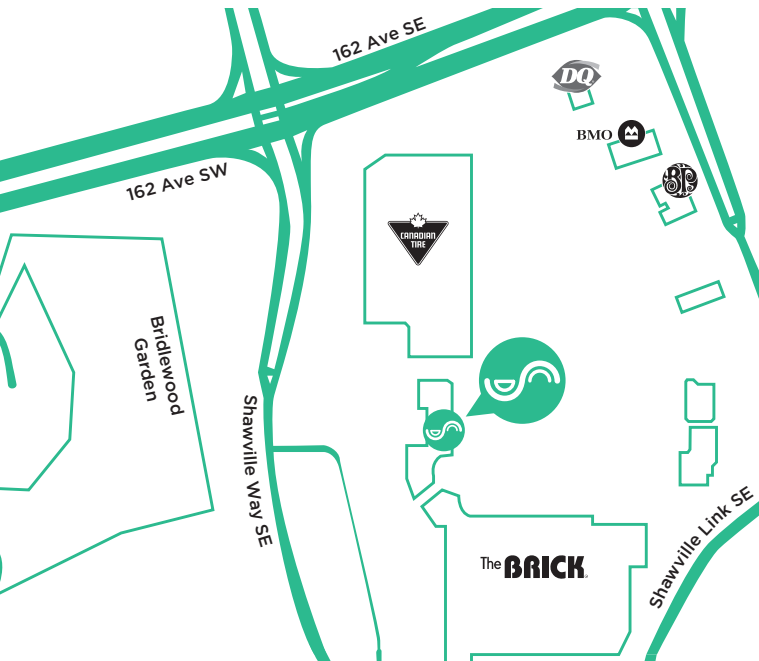


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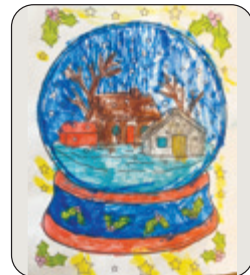
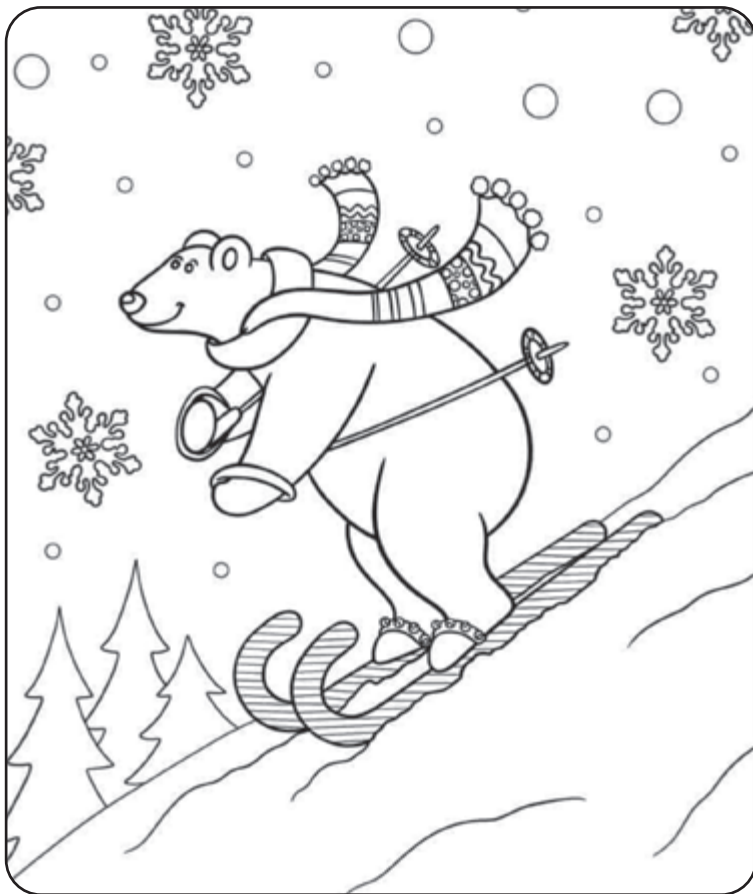
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Helena (6)




Robert (10)

Congratulations to Helena (6) and Robert (10), the winners of the December colouring contests!


Big thanks to the Constituency Office of Honourable Eric Bouchard, MLA for Calgary-Lougheed, for kindly sponsoring this month's prize.

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- Condominium residents in Shawnee Park are invited to become members.
- Non-residents are invited to join as associate members.



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  - o Community Campfires
  - o Picnic in the Park
  - o Community Cleanup
- Advocacy supports residents' interests with:
  - 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

Join for just \$20 every 12 months. **Pay by e-transfer to [info@yourseca.ca](mailto:info@yourseca.ca)** and include your email and street address in the message field or complete the form below with a cheque payable to Shawnee Evergreen Community Association and mail to SECA c/o South Gate Alliance Church, 1436 James Mckevitt Rd SW, Calgary, AB, T2Y 2W9.

Questions? Email [info@yourseca.ca](mailto:info@yourseca.ca).

Household information (held in confidence in accordance with Privacy Legislation):

Surname 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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@yourseca.ca](mailto:info@yourseca.ca).

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We are continuing to build a kinder, more neighbourly world starting right here in Shawnee Evergreen. Let's support each other in taking action and looking for positive ways forward each day.

### Community Campfires

The Community Campfire series kicked-off in December and January. These much-loved outdoor gatherings provide an opportunity to connect with friends and neighbours. Each month, a mix of familiar faces and newcomers enjoy the fabulous live music, as well as many hotdogs, marshmallows, and cups of hot chocolate.

Plan to attend upcoming campfires from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on the fourth Saturday of the month in February, March, and April. The upcoming campfire locations are yet to be determined. For location information, subscribe to our e-newsletter, follow SECA's Facebook or Instagram, and/or watch for posters at our Little Free Libraries or on the A-frame displays in parks.

### Volunteers Are Needed

We continue to look to our very capable residents to volunteer on our task teams, committees, and on the board of directors. Let us know how you would like to get involved and we'll find a role to fit. Please reach out to [President@yourseca.ca](mailto:President@yourseca.ca) to start the conversation.

Anecdotally, and based on newsletter and social media engagement, the work of the Planning and Development Committee is valued by residents. However, this interest has not resulted in working committee participation. If you value the advocacy work related to the Transitional Housing project in Shawnee Slopes and the Calgary Plan (a.k.a. city-wide rezoning – part two), please

reach out to our President. If the committee does not get additional support from resident volunteers, the committee's scope and future are at risk.

Little Free Libraries continue to be short of books. If you have used books to donate, especially children's books, please email [info@yourseca.ca](mailto:info@yourseca.ca) to arrange pickup.

SECA's Casino Event is scheduled for June 22 to 23, 2025, at the nearby Deerfoot Inn & Casino. Resident volunteers are needed to fill 36 volunteer shifts over the two-day event. Please email [info@yourseca.ca](mailto:info@yourseca.ca) to learn more about how you can be a part of this fun and very valuable fundraising event.



### 55+ Seniors' Programs

55+ Seniors' Programs continue to be warmly received. Thanks to the Committee and Volunteer Corps supporting the programs. Please see our program website [bit.ly/seca55](http://bit.ly/seca55) for more details. For questions, please email [seniors@yourseca.ca](mailto:seniors@yourseca.ca) or phone 403-333-9982.

### Children's Programs

Children's Programs are on 'life support'. We have funding and contractors booked. We require volunteers to support the programs. Parent or grandparent volunteers are needed to sustain these programs, or they will not continue.

### Placemaking Ideas

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### Community Garden

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