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Board Meetings

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on September 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Join us in person at the community hall, or email president@myglendale.ca for the virtual link.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening, Glendale!

It's hard to believe we're already in June! The days are getting so long that one of the biggest challenges is convincing children that it is in fact bedtime. For many of us, this is a time to get outside, dust off the BBQ, and enjoy the warmer weather. For those of you fellow gardeners, this is the month of the year we wish we could control the skies – we want rain at night and sunshine all day. Do you talk to your plants to encourage them to grow? It can't do any harm, right? Other than perhaps making your neighbours a little concerned.

For the kids, June is an exciting month—summer break is so close they can almost taste it! It's the last month of school, and I'm sure they're counting down the days until those final bells ring. Here's hoping everyone has some fun summer plans ahead, whether it's family trips, days by a lake or pool, or just some well-earned downtime.

Speaking of summer excitement, we've got a couple of events coming up in July that I hope you'll mark on your calendars.

Annual Glendale Stampede Breakfast – July 5

Our beloved Stampede Breakfast is back, and we couldn't be more excited! It's always a highlight of the Stampede week and we hope to see you all there. We'll be serving up some delicious food, listening to live music, sharing laughs, and of course, celebrating what makes our community so special. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours—everyone's welcome!

We are also looking for volunteers to help pull off this event. If you're interested in lending a hand, whether it's flipping pancakes or helping with setup and cleanup, we'd love to have you! Register on our website: <https://glendale.getcommunal.com/volunteer-opportunities>.

Casino Fundraiser – July 20 and 21

We're also gearing up for our Casino Fundraiser on July 20 and 21, which is another big event to support the association. It's a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for all the things that make our community a great place to live, and we still need a few more volunteers to make it happen. If you have some time to spare and would like to help, please let us know: <https://glendale.getcommunal.com/volunteer-opportunities/1042>.

As always, your involvement is what keeps our community thriving. Whether you're volunteering, attending events, or just staying connected, we appreciate you! Let's make this summer one to remember.

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Note From the Editor

I wonder, how many geoscientists do we have in Glendale? And how many Glendaliens, like me, are not geoscientists, but kind



of wish we had a geology friend to walk around with and ask questions of when we see interesting features on the landscape?

When a lot is redeveloped, it can be an interesting opportunity to peer below at the ground beneath our feet, which is usually invisible to us. I stopped to look at a cross section that was visible for a short time before new basements filled the hole dug a few houses up from me last month. Black topsoil, round river rocks, and till.

I remember the first Jane’s Walk that I joined in Glendale and loving hearing about both the lake that the community originally formed around, and the groundwater flow that weaves through our community. Would anyone out there like to tell us more stories of Glendale’s geologic (or archaeologic or biologic or other?) past and present in the pages of the *Thumper*? Please get in touch. For now, I found a few resources for us:

The Canadian Geoscience Education Network’s Geoscience - Calgary article tells us that the main hills in Calgary are remnants of a much higher plain from one million years ago, that has been largely removed by river erosion with modification by glacial erosion during the Ice Age (<https://www.cgenarchive.org/calgary-landscapes.html>).

For anyone looking for a serious deep dive, the Alberta Geological Survey published a 57-page study in 1985 on the Surficial Geology of the Calgary Urban Area (<https://ags.aer.ca/publications/all-publications/bul-053>), and for those of us who like to look and learn, the CBC published an article in 2021 about notable features around Calgary that you will find while roadside touring (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/dale-leckie-geology-rock-formations-1.6123174>).

To close out a rock-appreciation article, as a child of the 80s, I’ve gotta give a shout out: how cool is it that Calgary gets to be the new home of Fraggie Rock!? (<https://globalnews.ca/news/10320758/season-2-fraggie-rock-calgary/>).

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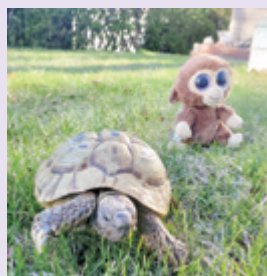
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Pets of Glendale



Glendale, meet Sophie! Sophie is a twenty-something year old Hermann's tortoise who has grown up in our community, and he invites all non-fur-bearing pets of Glendale to join him in the Thumper! Sophie and

his security companion, the monkey, enjoy taking in veggie snacks, the sunny views, and greetings from visitors from their front yard on warm afternoons.

To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to thethumper@myglendale.ca.

Coronation Month

June is royally packed with coronations! Queen Elizabeth II (June 2, 1953), King George V (June 22, 1911), and Queen Victoria (June 28, 1838) all took the throne. Joining the June coronation club: Spain's King Felipe VI (June 19, 2014) and Norway's King Haakon VII (June 22, 1906) - just to name a few!

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Joke of the Month



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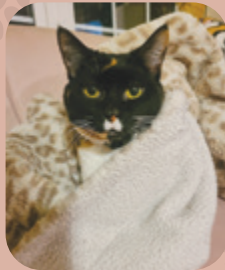
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Board Updates

The Board would like to share that a Glendale neighbour has requested our community's support for a Glendale family in need. A GoFundMe page has been set up, which includes a link to a media article that describes the house fire in our community that occurred in April: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/family-lost-home-possessions-in-fire>.

It's been a busy month with courts membership starting up and looking ahead to the summer season. One action we are looking forward to is a Paint the Pavement project we are initiating with artist Jessica Sinclair. This project involves students from Glendale School, who have submitted inspiration drawings to Jessica, and she will use those to design nature-based images that will be painted on the roadway between the school and the Hall grounds. Look forward to this new bright spot in the community supported in part through funding from Activate YYC!

We had another successful Community Cleanup Day on May 4, thanks to many helping hands who worked together to make the drop off area safe and smooth sailing for everyone who drove or walked in loads destined for the dump, electronics recycling, metals recycling, and donations.

We are also looking forward to our next Annual General Meeting on September 10. Stay tuned for more information; we will be circulating an administrative update to the GGMCA bylaws for vote by the membership, as well as providing an update on all of the projects and activities that have happened in our first full year of reopening the Hall since the sewer damage and renovation project.

Updates from the City of Calgary



- Full information on activities in City parks can be found at <https://www.calgary.ca/parks/activities.html>.
- Calgary's General Election will take place on October 20, 2025, and eligible voters can check if they are registered,

update their information, or add themselves to the Permanent Electors Register until August 1, 2025.

Visit www.voterlink.ab.ca or call Elections Alberta toll free at 310-0000 then dial 780-427-7191. As of June 1, due to the start of Municipal election, the Ward 6 office will have restrictions on what can be shared (e.g. no City-funded newsletters, open houses, or mass emails unless approved for emergencies). Additionally, beginning September 22 (Nomination Day), City-funded websites will not be updated until after the election. Despite these changes, the Ward 6 Office is available to support you and assist with any concerns.

- **Reminder: New Bylaw for Recreational Vehicles.** Between April 1 and October 31, an RV can be parked on your front driveway or if no driveway, on the street in front of your house for three consecutive days, followed by two days that it needs to be in storage, with additional details at <https://www.calgary.ca/bylaws/recreational-vehicles.html>. Between November 1 and March 31, the RV should be in storage and is not allowed to be parked on the driveway/street. Detached trailers and campers cannot be parked on city streets or alleys.
- **Edworthy Park Access:** The City conducted focused engagement with the Wildwood community in March to better understand preferences for Edworthy Park access. Option two was the preferred option by respondents and will be incorporated into the recommended plan; see the detailed 'What We Heard Report' summarizing the feedback received at Engage. [Calgary.ca/EdworthyAccess](https://www.calgary.ca/EdworthyAccess).

Upcoming Events

Most events are free, and we ask that all participants have an active community association membership. Watch myglendale.ca/events for the following fun activities and to register.

June 10, 10:00 am to Noon - Please note that the Book Club will continue to meet through the summer! See <https://myglendale.ca/book-club/> for title listings. A big thank you to Manibh Awada for organizing this popular club for the last two years!

July 1, Canada Day! - Glendale community member, Charlie C., asks you to participate in a spot the flag challenge during June leading up to Canada's 158th centennial. Hang, display, or wear your flag in the neighbourhood and try to count them all. See if you can spot 158 proud maple leaves.

June 21 – Neighbour Day! No events at the Hall this year but start planning with your neighbours. Information available at <https://www.calgary.ca/events/neighbour-day.html>, including how to apply to close your street for a block party.

July 5, 9:00 to 11:30 am – Glendale's annual Stampede breakfast! Volunteers still needed. Please contact president@myglendale.ca.

July 20 to 21 – Glendale's casino fundraiser date has been assigned! Volunteers needed! Sign up is available at <https://myglendale.ca/event/ggmca-2025-casino/>.

September 10 - Hold the date for our Annual General Meeting. Details to be confirmed.

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The Month of Promise

Article by Monika Smith, Master Gardener

Jane's Walk is an annual event in Glendale and each year some aspect of our unique and beautiful space is presented. This year, we focused on native plants and what makes the grounds around our Hall interesting! Eight people joined, from Braeside, Garrison Woods, Glenbrook, Willow Park, and Wood Willow, for a relaxing hour talking about native plants, ideas, sharing stories, and Naturally, Glendale plants.

The first plant to point out was the native Bebb's willow (*Salix bebbiana*) also known as beaked and diamond willow, near the Hall, in front of the preschool. The shrub was full of bright yellow catkins and abuzz with honeybees (*Apis mellifera*), three species of bumble bees (*Bombus* spp.), other solitary bees and I think a male mosquito, which also needs nectar to survive (only the females require blood). Honeybees fly fast, over 24 km/h, and can travel a few kilometres. Bumble bees are big and loud and fly half the speed and distance. Other solitary bees also fly quickly. The nectar is food for all of these insects and also, when they visit other Bebb's willows, they pollinate the female shrubs.

Warm weather brings insects out of dormancy. It only takes ten degrees to bring the eusocial honeybees out of their hives looking for food. For bumble bees, which are North America's only social bee, only the queen emerges, usually from a hollow in the ground. Bumble bee hives can have up to 200 individuals in this part of the world but only the queen survives and hibernates in winter. When they emerge, they need nectar, fast. Perennial and annuals don't flower for a while. Crocuses are here; but not enough for the swarms of insects I found!

We had a happy sighting of a mourning cloak butterfly (*Nymphalis antiopa*) at the Bebb's willow. It wasn't looking for pollen, as it is more interested in sap from aspens and poplars and sugary residue from fallen fruit and aphids—their caterpillars eat the leaves of willows, wild roses, alders, birches, and poplars. Now I know why I had one in my yard. They need food, now! It's a wide-ranging species found across colder areas throughout North America and Eurasia and South America and even Japan.

In my yard, I have a couple of silver buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*) plants (they have thorns!) and russet buffaloberry (*Shepherdia canadensis*), which have awesome leaves. I have both male and female silver buffaloberries, so the lady trees have fruit! But just male russets. Both species of male trees were just full of tiny flowers; you have to really get close to see them. Foraging honeybees had found the shrubs, and the hive members showed up en masse. Only a couple of bumble bees were around.

Keep looking at flowering plants! You might be surprised just how many and what kind of insects need nectar and how many arthropods help pass the pollen around.

For more information about Naturally, Glendale, native plants or biodiversity, or questions and comments about gardening, contact Monika at naturallyglendale@myglendale.ca.



Jane's Walk, May 3, 2025, at the hall.



Bebb's willow in full bloom! Golden yellow catkins are flower clusters that are laden with nectar that insects need to survive, with lots of pollen to spread around!

Residents of Glendale

Kelwood Drive, Part II

by Colin Campbell

As mentioned last month, I purchased this home in December of 1979 and have had so many great memories over the years living in Glendale. Fast forward 27 years to the spring of 2006, it was time to do some major renovations to this old 1955 bungalow. It started off slow, but the idea was to make the home more energy efficient by adding updated insulation to the exterior walls. We removed the old plaster and added insulation and vapour barriers, at the same time moving and shortening some interior walls.

Some mid-50s building codes no longer apply today; for example, it was required to have a door at each end of the kitchen, likely due to fire codes. These were taken out. This house was a two bedroom with what was called at the time a country kitchen, so there was no dining room. The kitchen was considered large back then.

When our work got to the living area, the plaster near the front door was removed and the black R7 value old insulation was also removed. To our surprise, there were dozens of invoices hanging on nails on what would be the exterior wood wall boards. These invoices provide an interesting story. They were invoiced to Kelwood Corporation for all sorts of construction materials with different dates all around 1955/56. It's possible this house may have been used as a staging lot for building materials being delivered for homes being built in the area.

Something that really surprised us was the address on the invoices were all listed as 1930 Kelwood Drive. It was unlikely a typo as there were several invoices listed that way. Today there is no 1930 Kelwood Drive. We can only deduce that at some point the houses were renumbered. There may be other homes in Glendale that were renovated that have similar stories. It would be great to hear what was found in them.

Editor's Note: Thank you for sharing Colin, and agreed! It's always interesting to hear the stories our homes can tell. Feel free to share what you've learned about Glendale history at thethumper@myglendale.ca.



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Wood Ducks: A Living Work of Art

by Catherine Warwick

Calgary is lucky to have Wood Ducks within our city limits. In May, eBird checklists have about a 6% chance of including a Wood Duck, compare this with Edmonton with only a 0.1% chance! Virtually zero! Something to keep in your back pocket next time the subject of hockey comes up. "Well, we have Wood Ducks!"

If you have seen a Wood Duck, you will know why this is a brag. They are like a beautiful sculpture come to life. If you want to see one for the first time (or again) head to the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, a Wood Duck hotspot. This waterfowl has a beautiful shimmery green pompadour swept back to the nape of its neck and bright red eyes. No boring modern minimalism for this guy, it has speckles, stripes, shimmers, and all kinds of colour: burgundy, blue, a bit of beige. Its Latin name is "Aix Sponsa", which can be loosely translated to "bridal duck", it's all dressed up for a fancy wedding (Audobon). The female has plainer plumage; she makes do with some speckles on her front and a large white eye ring.

Its name comes from its close relationship to trees. The Wood Duck has claws on its duck feet that allow it to climb up trees. This is necessary since it nests in trees. The female will have two broods a year, which apparently is very rare for ducks. When the chicks are ready, they will jump out of the tree, up to 50 feet! You have probably seen a video on the internet of ducklings jumping from trees in slow motion, landing like little puff balls on leaf litter. Their mom calls them out, encouraging them to jump, but doesn't help otherwise. Then they follow her to the pond.


So, make a trip to the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and you might get lucky and see the famous Wood Duck. They will be in the pond looking for weeds to eat. They also love perching on the logs in there, firmly in place with their claws, making it easier for you to get a picture of their finery.



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The female and male Wood Duck, climbing on a log with their claws. Photo: wikimedia commons no restrictions.



Before *Shrek* had his iconic Scottish accent, Mike Myers originally voiced the ogre with a thick Canadian accent! After recording all his lines, Myers changed his mind and re-recorded everything in a Scottish accent which he felt better countered Lord Farquaad's English accent. Talk about an ogre-achiever!

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