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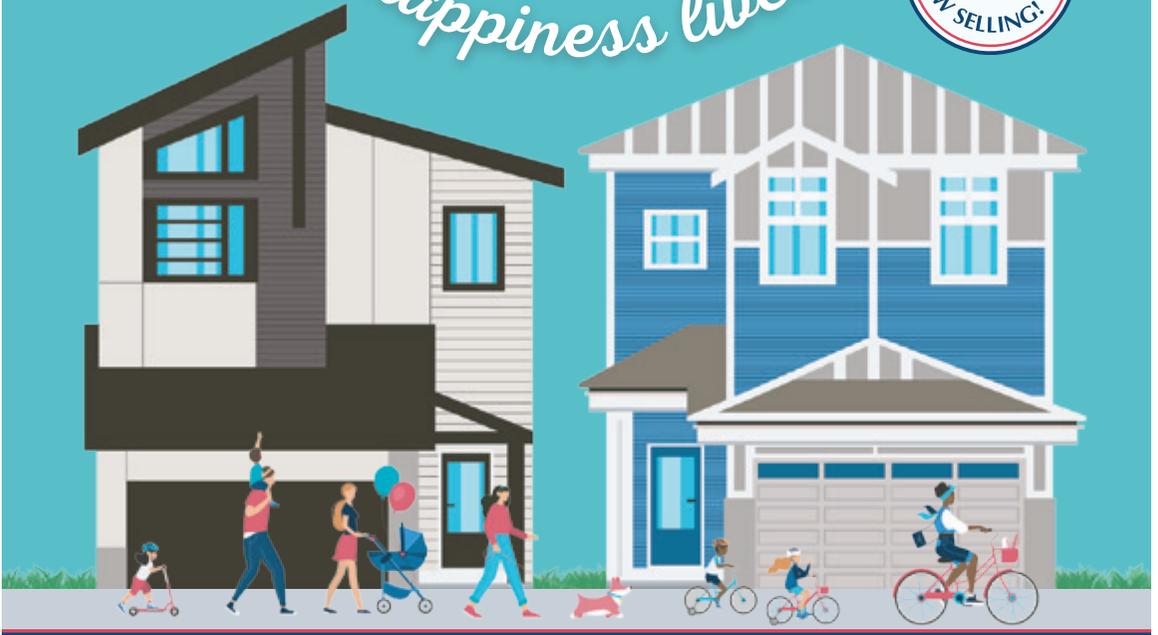
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Households in the area shown below are eligible to become regular members.

- 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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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 Five Community Campfires
 - o Children's Programs – Monthly
 - o Party in the Park – Neighbour Day
 - o Stampede Festival – June 22, 2024
 - o Community Cleanup
- Advocates to support 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

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 South Gate Alliance Church, 1436 James McKeivitt Rd SW Calgary, AB T2Y 2W9.

Questions? Email info@shawneevergreen.ca.

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Street Address: _____

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Email address: _____

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

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2023 was an incredible year, full of SECA events, programs, and advocacy provided by volunteers for our residents. These accomplishments were made possible by our strong corps of volunteers, collaborators, and funders:

- Nine Little Free Libraries maintained and curated
- Party in the Park for Neighbourhood Day in June
- Children’s Programming - three streams, monthly
- Community Campfires – five events gathered 450+ participants in total
- Stampede Festival – 1,300+ served
- Community Clean-Up – our most successful yet
- SECA Chairs Project - 60+ chairs distributed
- Development and Advocacy - 25+ files managed

Together, these activities helped connect residents and created greater neighbourliness, a growing sense of belonging and community pride.

2024 promises more growth and opportunities. It’s amazing what can be accomplished with many people contributing! We look forward to your ongoing support as we journey forward together. Would you like to get more involved? Join a committee? Have skills to share? From the smallest task to thought leadership, there are a myriad of possible ways for you to contribute. Let’s chat about how you would like to support SECA’s journey. Email info@yourseca.ca.

Community Campfires

Our Servus Community Campfires have been incredibly well attended. It’s lovely to see that all residents, from infants to octogenarians, are gathering with their neighbours to enjoy the campfires, live music, hotdogs, marshmallows, and our delicious hot chocolate. Thank you for your enthusiastic and appreciative feedback. Join us on the last Saturday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. On February 24 bring your skates as we will co-host with Millrise Community Association at their rinks on Millrise Hill SW. On March 23 you’ll find us at the park on Evergreen Circle SW and on April 27 we’ll be in the big park on Evergreen Drive SW. Thanks to Servus Credit Union for sponsoring our series of community campfires this season! Also, thanks to the nearby Shoppers Drug Mart and Sobeys locations for their support of these events. Join us and remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Emergency Transitional Housing

SECA is working closely with Councillor McLean and the Ward 13 office to follow the development of the Transitional Housing project. Email the Ward 13 office at clward13@calgary.ca for the latest information and/or to provide feedback. You may also request more information or provide feedback to the Housing Strategy Team by calling 3-1-1. SECA is following this development and will endeavour to keep residents informed via Facebook (ShawneeEvergreenYYC) and through our electronic newsletter. Subscribe to the e-newsletter.



Imagine SECA Places

If you liked the SECA Chairs project, we hope you’ll participate in learning and experimenting with us as we re-imagine our neighbourhood places together. Join the project mailing list at the QR Code below.



Programs

To inform our future program investments, we’d like to hear from families, youth, and 55+/seniors. Please complete our Programs Survey before February 28.

Youth Programs – SECA continues to explore how we can support youth in our community. We are considering ways to give youth an active voice in these explorations. Ideas, from youth or their parents, are welcome at info@yourseca.ca.

55+/Seniors Programs – coming soon.



Children's Programs

See the QR codes below for more information and to register for the Art in the Park (February 10 and March 9) and the Families in Nature (February 11 and March 10) programs for children, accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome.

Meet Like-Minded Families at Our Children's Programs

See the QR codes below for dates and registration information.



Families in Nature



Art in the Park

Let's Imagine the Future Together

We need your help to dream about how to make Shawnee Evergreen even better. Join us as we reimagine our neighbourhood places together. Use the QR code to join the mailing list.



Let's Stay Connected While SECA Transitions to New Coordinates

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Rare Plants in Alberta – Green Milkweed and Sticky Purple Geranium

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Presented by Tory Blanchard, Masters of Ecology Student – University of Calgary.

Conservation needs a greater focus on how rare species interact within their neighbourhoods. Rare plants have been found to exist in areas that are positively associated. These are areas with plant communities that facilitate or help one another. One example of facilitation occurs through shared pollinators. Common plants may attract numerous pollinating species, such as bees and butterflies, to a community and the rare plants who rely on these pollinators for their reproduction will benefit indirectly from the common plants. Tory's work will examine the distribution, assembly, and pollinator-mediated plant interactions of two rare species in southern Alberta: Green Comet Milkweed and Sticky Purple Geranium. The study will involve collaboration with members of the Kainai First Nation and will use data from community science platforms such as iNaturalist to address these occurrences. Free for Friends of Fish Creek members and \$10 for non-members. Registration required. www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/rareplants.

Dedicate a Bench in Fish Creek - Leave a Lasting Legacy

As you pass through the different areas of Fish Creek Provincial Park you have most likely seen and perhaps sat upon one of our beautiful dedication benches. Dedication benches provide a comfortable place for park visitors to rest and appreciate nature and feature a bronze plaque with a unique and personal message. There are approximately 105 benches in the park, and each year several benches are made available to a new donor. This year we will have some beautiful benches available in the west and central regions of the park, so if you have been thinking about dedicating a bench, this may be the perfect opportunity for you. Benches are available for a ten-year term and all donors will receive a valuable tax receipt. Dedicating a bench here in Fish Creek Provincial Park is also the perfect way to leave a legacy for future generations of your family. The dedication bench

program provides essential funding for the Friends of Fish Creek and helps ensure that we can continue and expand upon our stewardship and engagement activities in the park. We would like to thank Alberta Forestry and Parks and the Venturers Society of Calgary for supporting the Friends of Fish Creek in the delivery of this very special program. For more information or to dedicate a bench, please give us a call at 403-238-3841 ext. 1 or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/dedication-bench.

Membership Shows You Care

Now is the best time of year to renew your Friends of Fish Creek membership or to become a member. By renewing your Friends of Fish Creek membership, you will help ensure that Fish Creek Provincial Park remains a cherished and accessible resource for all, now and for generations to come. Your generous contribution will play a vital role in enabling us to continue with our stewardship and engagement initiatives aimed at preserving the natural splendour of Fish Creek Provincial Park. Friends of Fish Creek members receive benefits like admission to our Fish Creek Speaker Series programs, a discount on the popular Birding Courses, a discount at select local businesses, and the ability to vote at our Annual General Meeting. Show your support for this park by becoming a member or renewing your membership today. Memberships will be valid until December 31, 2024. To renew your commitment to Fish Creek please visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/membership.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have free time and would like to volunteer in Fish Creek Provincial Park? The 2024 volunteer season is just around the corner, and we are looking for people to assist with various programs starting this spring. To begin volunteering please visit our website and create an account on our online volunteer system, MyImpactPage. We look forward to working with you to bring the Friends' 2024 volunteer programs to life! For more information, please visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteering-basics.

Stay Safe, Stay Off Storm Ponds

by the City of Calgary

With more people heading outside for winter activities, The City of Calgary wants to remind kids and their families to be safe while enjoying outdoor skating.

City of Calgary or community-designated outdoor skating rinks offer fun, free skating for all skill levels. Rinks maintained by The City are checked daily for ice thickness and quality, and surfaces are flooded as needed to make sure they're safe for skating.

While your community storm pond may look inviting, recreational activities are not allowed on them. These ponds are part of your community's stormwater infrastructure and are there to reduce community flooding and clean stormwater before it returns to our rivers. Ice on these ponds is less predictable than ice on regular ponds and can be unstable even when it looks solid.

Here's why:

- Storm ponds contain sediment and contaminants (e.g. bacteria, fertilizers, pesticides, vehicle fluids, metal, road salt) that are collected as water travels through the community on their way to the storm pond and can weaken the ice.
- Water levels are also constantly changing as water moves between inlet and outlet pipes creating unpredictable ice conditions.
- Although the ice may appear thick in some areas, other areas may have little to no ice and often snow can cover visible hazards.

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Leapers and Leaplings Special Day

Four million leap day babies? Did you know the odds of being born on February 29 is one in 1,461! Leap day babies are better-known as 'leapers' or 'leaplings'. Hats off to these time-defying, once-in-a-blue-moon birthday legends!





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VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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