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

- For Evergreen Estates, your street name will include 'Evergreen,' for example, Evergreen Drive.
- Almost all other areas will include 'Shawnee' in the street name.
- Condominium residents in Shawnee Park are invited to become members.
- 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
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SHAWNEE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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
 - o Picnic in the Park
 - 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- - -

Join for just \$20 every 12 months. Pay by e-transfer to 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.				
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Please consider volunteering with SECA. May we contact you to volunteer? Y / N				
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SECA is always looking to engage residents as volunteers on the board, on committees, and at events. Learn more by emailing info@yourseca.ca.				

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Happy Holidays from SECA!

As the year comes to a close, we're grateful for our wonderful community and all we've shared together. Wishing you a season filled with joy, connection, and good cheer.

From Our Community Connector

As your Community Connector, I'm continually inspired by the unique strengths, gifts, and abilities each neighbour brings to Shawnee Evergreen — even when we don't always see those qualities in ourselves. So often, the things we naturally love to do — gardening, cooking, storytelling, fixing things, organizing little gatherings, or simply listening and caring — are the very skills that help bring people together.

I believe that when we pause to notice and celebrate what we each have to offer, we unlock new possibilities for connection, belonging, and fun. Every passion can become a contribution. Every smile can spark a friendship.

Together, we're not just living side by side — we're building a vibrant, caring community where everyone



Community
Connector
Meeting

belongs, and everyone makes a difference.

Connect with me so I can learn about your passions! Email me at connector@yourseca.ca.

Or let's make it even easier - you can set up a time to meet with me here: https://scheduler.zoom.us/anyapena-egle/connector-chat-.

Calling all Teens and Tweens!

We had so much fun this summer that we decided to continue to 'Game and Gather'. Join us for board games, cards, and more with music and snacks - all free.

December 1 and 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. South Gate Alliance Church, 1436 James McKevitt Rd SW.

55+ Programs

Thursday mornings at Peace Lutheran Church (14640 6 St SW).

Join us for programs and social time — all are welcome!

 9:15 am – Winter Slip Prevention (until Christmas): Instructor Tanya returns with a new class focused on stability and strength for safer mobility in winter. Please bring indoor shoes, a water bottle, and a 9" Pilates ball.

• 10:15 am – Crafts, Cards, and Conversation: Bring your knitting, crafts, or art supplies — or just come for the coffee, tea, treats, and conversation. A few board games, cribbage boards, and cards are provided.



Senior's Programs

Visit the dedicated Seniors' website, or scan the QR code, to see more details and the full calendar. Clayton, our Seniors Coordinator is happy to assist you at seniors@yourseca.ca or 1-888-487-2010.

Community Campfires – Where Neighbours Gather and Friendships Grow

Our free seasonal campfires return on the fourth Saturday of each month, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, starting in December! Mark your calendars: December 27, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25.

If you live in Shawnee Slopes, Shawnee Park, or Evergreen Estates, you're invited — bring your family and guests too! SECA provides hot chocolate, hot dogs, and marshmallows to roast over the fires. Enjoy live music from a local guitarist, singing favourite tunes as you mingle and warm up by the flames. The December campfire is always in Shawnee East Park (Shawnee Blvd at Shawnee Street). Watch for location announcements on social media, on our Little Free Libraries, and on A-Frame poster displays in selected parks.

Join the Campfire Team! We're looking for two enthusiastic volunteers to help coordinate food for these gatherings. We'll provide the plans and mentorship — just bring your warmth and community spirit! Email info@yourseca.ca and let's chat!

Thank You for Joining Us at SECA's Annual General Meeting

We loved seeing neighbours reconnect and new friendships spark during the pre-meeting social time. With over 70 individuals attending, it was our biggest turn out in many years. Residents heard about SECA's 2025 activities and exciting plans for 2026. A special thank-you to our guest speakers from the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) for sharing

updates on the potential Transit-Oriented Community development near the Fish Creek–Lacombe station. Planning and engagement will continue through 2026, and your input will be vital.

Stay informed:



• Subscribe to CMLC's project newsletter.



 Subscribe to SECA's monthly e-newsletter.

Share the Spirit of Giving – Support the Calgary Food Bank

The spirit of giving and the power of community are strong in Shawnee Evergreen. If you have a bit extra to share this holiday season, please consider supporting the Calgary Food Bank.

Thanks to the Food Bank's partners, every \$1 donated becomes \$3.50 worth of nutritious food for Calgarians in need. Prefer to give non-perishable items? Most grocery stores have bins ready to accept your donations. Donate anytime at tinyurl.com/SECA-Food-Bank2025 or use the QR code. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for our neighbours.



Together, we're building a community where everyone belongs. Be part of it!

Your SECA Board









Ancient Water

In December 2016, University of Toronto scientists presented findings of the world's oldest known water approximately 2 billion years old found at Kidd Mine near Timmins, Ontario. Talk about "ancient" water, older than humans even older than dinosaurs!



CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Shawnee - Evergreen residents and their guests, are invited to gather for live music and hot chocolate.

We'll provide marshmallows and hot dogs to roast.

Dec 27 • Shawnee East Park

Jan 24 · TBD

Feb 28 • Shawnee West Park (skate)

Mar 28 • Evergreen Drive Park

Apr 25 • Evergreen Circle Park



4:00 to 6:00 pm 4th Saturday each month from Dec to April

FREE - Donations Welcome!

FRIENDS Fish Creek

Seed Processing and Listen Garden

It's December now and you might be asking what sort of work the Friends of Fish Creek are up to when it's cold out, the days are short, and not much is growing. Well, our work actually continues year-round, and we have the time once field season ends to reap the fruits of our labours – kind of literally! Through spring, summer, and fall, after you see beautiful blooms on all kinds of different species of native plants, those plants go to seed. And we're out there at plant salvages, in the park, and on land we've been given access to by our partners, harvesting those seeds to continue building species diversity within the park. After harvesting, our incredible volunteers gather weekly to help us separate the seeds from the chaff so that they're easily stored, measured, and perhaps most importantly, planted.

And this year, we've got a special purpose for all those seeds we're harvesting – putting them into the Listen Garden at Bow Valley Ranch – a space for native plants, Indigenous knowledge, and reconciliation. This area has been treated with herbicide to remove the invasive species that cover much of the park and prepare it for the cover crop (annual Plains coreopsis) and native seed mix we'll apply in spring. After one to two seasons, the Plains coreopsis will die, and the high-diversity native seed mix will emerge from below. To speed revegetation along, hundreds of large, salvaged mature plants like Foothills rough fescue, Parry's oatgrass, and Western porcupine grass will be planted in the spring alongside the seed mix. The Listen Garden will also feature several "Habitat





beds" that highlight Alberta's diverse ecosystems. Beds on the garden's west side will showcase alpine/montane, foothills parkland, and Foothills rough fescue grassland ecosystems, merging into the dry mixed grass and badlands ecosystems on the east side of the gardens. These more "formal" gardens will be installed in a few years. Right now, the space consists of contoured pathways – what isn't currently path will be a home for thousands of tiny native plant seedlings.

You can learn more about the Listen Garden project at https://www.bowvalleyranche.com/iiststiiik or stop by Fish Creek's Bow Valley Ranch day use area to see the future site of incredible species diversity (and an impressive assortment of blooms once these species reach maturity).

Help us with this and other exciting projects by making a donation or becoming a member today! www. friendsoffishcreek.org.





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Hollywood isn't the only location to shoot great films; Alberta has become a popular backdrop for many beloved films over the years. Most recently *Die My Love* was filmed here but other blockbusters include *Brokeback Mountain*, *Jumanji: The Next Level*, *Cool Runnings*, *Inception*, *Interstellar*, *Legends of the Fall*, *The Revenant*, *Ghostbusters*; *Afterlife*, and many, many more!



Millrise Community Association Membership

Your membership helps give back to our community.

Purchasing a community association membership enriches our community in so many ways!

What does your membership do for Millrise?

- Maintenance and improvements of our skating rinks.
- Annual Community Cleanup event.
- · Community events and programs.
- Keeps residents informed via Facebook, newsletters, and social media.
- Represents Residents at Cardel Rec and Trico Centre Board Meetings.
- Residents enjoy a 10% discount on programs at Cardel Rec South.
- Obtains member discounts with local businesses.

New Membership Registration:

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Looking to meet your neighbours and give back to your community?

We are looking for community volunteers to help with the following:

- Ice rink during the winter
- · Event preparation
- · Community projects
- Fundraising
- Events

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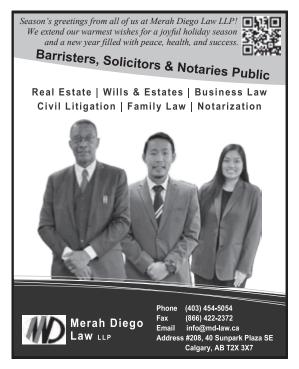
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