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- Non-residents are invited to join as associate members.



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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.
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 - o Maintaining the character of our neighbourhood.

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Happy Summer!

Building a Connected and Vibrant Community!

SECA is all about bringing people together, and now we have a funded Community Connector person to help us do just that! Have you met Anya Pena Egle? She is engaging with residents, strengthening local connections, and uncovering community strengths and opportunities. You may spot her at a pop-up station in a park or along a pathway around the neighbourhood.

Picnic in the Park

What a day we had at our second annual event! This event wouldn't be possible without generous supporters. Thank you to the City of Calgary's Arts and Culture grant program, and to our incredible sponsors: Cardel Homes, Servus Credit Union, and Zeno Renewables. We're also grateful for the generous contributions of Maxwell Capital Realty, and the two locally owned Shoppers Drug Mart locations in Millrise and Evergreen Village, as well as Tim Hortons (Bannister Road), and Shawnessy Co-op. Please "shop local" to show your appreciation to these nearby businesses. Thanks also to the South Gate Alliance Church and to Calgary Evergreen Community Association for sharing their equipment.

A heartfelt thank-you to our Events Committee and all the event day volunteers who brought this event to life. Your efforts are the heartbeat of our community!

SECA Casino Fundraiser

Thank you to the amazing volunteers who filled 36 shifts at our casino fundraiser in June, ensuring continued funding for our programs and projects. A special shoutout to Michelle, our new Casino Chairperson, who stepped up to organize and manage all the moving parts.

Upcoming Events – Save these Dates!

- Community Cleanup - September 20 - Please save up your electronic and metal recycling. The rebate from the electronics collected last year was sizeable and contributed to community programs and events.
- Annual General Meeting - October 27

55+ Programs: Taking a Pause

Our seniors' programs are pausing for July and August. Watch for a September restart of programs. For details, visit <https://bit.ly/seca55> or email Clayton, our Seniors Coordinator at seniors@yourseca.ca.

Children's Programs

The SOGO Adventure Running program will continue through July and August. Thanks to SECA, local kids have enjoyed amazing outdoor programs, right in their own neighbourhood. These programs have helped participants build confidence, connect with nature, and spark friendships. What a gift!

For children's programs to continue, we need your help. Without a volunteer stepping forward to take on a lead role, our children's programs will stop. The good news? You won't be doing it alone—we have mentors ready to guide you and funding in place to hire experienced program leaders. If you are a university student, parent, or grandparent and you value these programs, now's the time to come forward. Let's make sure these valuable opportunities continue for the kids in our community! Email info@yourseca.ca to get involved.

Let's Grow Something Amazing!

SECA is working to bring a community garden to life! A passionate group of residents is planning a garden and community hub in the large park on Evergreen Drive. Have ideas? Want to get involved? Email Elaine at info@yourseca.ca.

SECA Property – Cared for by Volunteers, Loved by the Community

The SECA chairs, Little Free Libraries, and Poster displays in some of our parks are maintained by dedicated volunteers—just for you, our residents. These little touches make our community more connected and vibrant—but they do face wear and tear from Calgary's wild weather (and unfortunately, the occasional vandal).

Together, we can help protect and preserve them for everyone to enjoy!

Feel free to move a SECA Chair to your favourite spot, but please return it to a hard surface when you're done—away from mowers. On windy days, flipping chairs upside down can help prevent damage.

If an A-frame sign has tipped over, a quick reset is a huge help—thank you!

Stop the spread of vandalism. Let us know at info@yourseca.ca so we can take care of it quickly.

Every small action helps keep our shared spaces safe, welcoming, and full of life!

Construction Update

Shawnee Drive will undergo utility tie-ins at three locations, road surface improvements, and the construction of a new roundabout at Shawnee Boulevard and Shawnee Drive. Expect significant detours and road closures through the summer and fall.

Be Part of It – Get Involved!

We rely on capable residents like you to keep SECA strong! Whether you're interested in joining a task team, committee, or the board of directors, we'd love to hear from you. There are many projects underway, that would move faster with the support of a variety of additional volunteers and skill sets. Want to help make a difference and shape the community where you live? Email President@yourseca.ca to get started!

Together, we're building a stronger, more connected SECA!

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Bow River

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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To be perfectly clear, we can't take you for granted
Drought and pollution will sneak and attack

What Is a Boundary Really? Understanding the Rules We Set for Ourselves

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

When most of us hear the word boundary, we tend to think of rules we place on other people: “Don’t speak to me like that,” or “You can’t come over without asking first.” But in truth, boundaries aren’t rules for others—they’re rules for ourselves. They define our comfort zone, and they guide our actions when someone crosses a line we’ve drawn.

“A boundary means you are responsible for what’s in your yard, which would be your thoughts, your feelings, your actions, and your opinions,” explains Dana Skaggs, therapist. “And your neighbours also have a right to their thoughts, their feelings, their opinions, and their actions.” In other words, you tend your own garden—and you don’t try to control what someone else grows in theirs.

This is one of the most empowering (and humbling) aspects of boundaries: they remind us that we don’t get to control others. We can’t force people to think like us, behave in ways we prefer, or rescue them from their own beliefs. What we can do is make choices about how we’ll respond when someone acts in ways that don’t feel good to us.

That’s where the real work of boundaries begins. As therapist Laura Vladimirova puts it: “There’s no boundary without internal consequence.” It’s not enough to say, “I don’t want you to come over unannounced anymore.” The assumption might be that the person will simply comply. But what if they don’t? That’s when the boundary is tested—not when it’s spoken, but when it’s ignored. Do we let them in anyway? Ask them to leave and come back later? Decide to spend less time with them moving forward? Our boundary is only as strong as the action we’re willing to take when it’s crossed.

An example of this could be for a romantic relationship. We have a list of behaviours that make us uncomfortable, and we would leave the relationship if those boundaries weren’t respected. In practice, what they demonstrate is this core truth: a boundary includes a limit and a consequence. We are clear on what we would do if our boundaries weren’t respected.



This principle applies just as much in parenting. Parents often think of boundaries as rules for their children: “Put your shoes on before going outside.” But children test rules—that’s what they do. The real boundary isn’t whether the child follows the rule, but how the parent responds when they don’t. Do you put the shoes on for them if they don’t? That’s the boundary in action: your response, not their behaviour.

Another common misunderstanding is that boundary violations should always result in cutting someone off. “Sometimes, with boundaries, we think the most severe consequence is what’s always needed,” says therapist Nedra Tawwab. However, if we ejected every person who crossed a line, we’d be left with very few relationships. Realistically, the first time someone violates a boundary, a reminder may be all that’s needed. The second time, you might take space or limit contact. Only in cases of repeated violations or extreme harm do more permanent consequences become necessary.

Ultimately, boundaries are an act of personal responsibility. They require clarity, consistency, and courage—not control. They aren’t about changing other people. They’re about protecting our own well-being and honouring our own limits, even when others don’t. And that’s where true empowerment lies.

July Crossword



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Across

4. Harper Lee's Southern Gothic novel, *To Kill a _____*, was published on July 11, 1960.
8. In July 1930 this South American country hosted the first FIFA World Cup.
9. The revolutionary portable audio player made by Sony launched in July 1979.
10. Gymnast _____ Comăneci scored a perfect ten on July 18, 1976, at the Montreal Olympic Games.
11. The name "Canada" comes from this Huron-Iroquois word for "village".
12. Talented Calgarian Tate _____ celebrates her 22nd birthday on July 1.
14. Lucy Maud _____, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, got married on July 5, 1911, in Park Corner, PEI.

Down

1. On July 30, 1935, this well-known publishing company, named after an Antarctic animal, published their first books.
2. The action thriller *Die Hard* starring Bruce Willis and Alan _____ premiered on July 22, 1988.
3. The popular mobile game, _____ GO, launched in July 2016.
5. Starring Canadian actor Ryan Gosling, this positively pink film premiered on July 9, 2023.
6. Founded by Canadian musician Sarah McLachlan, the first _____ Fair, an all-female music festival, occurred on July 5, 1997.
7. On July 8, 1996, the Spice Girls released this song as their debut single.
13. This North American country made their national anthem official on July 1, 1980.



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BEFORE THE BEATLES

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison are well-known for their incredible roles in the English rock band *The Beatles*. But did you know that it wasn't the first band these three talented musicians were in together? First, they were in a band called *The Quarrymen*!



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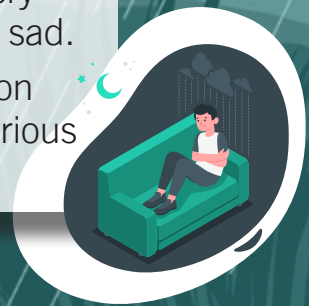


Word of the Month

Lugubrious: Adjective
(loo-GOO-bree-us)

Looking or sounding very gloomy and sad.

He droned on in his lugubrious tone.



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