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- 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
On the South	North of James McKeivitt 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 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.

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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.

Questions? Email info@yourseca.ca.

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Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

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

Payment (\$20): Cash: _____ Cheque # _____

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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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Egyptian Gem

January's birthstone is the garnet, but did you know that this gem was used by ancient Egyptians! As far back as 3000 BC, Egyptians used garnets for their jewellery, amulets, and burial artifacts. The Egyptians considered garnets a symbol of royalty and power. Perfect for any Pharaoh!

Welcome to a fresh new year in Shawnee-Evergreen! We hope the holiday season brought you moments of rest, connection, and joy. As we step into 2026, SECA is excited to keep building on that spirit—creating welcoming spaces to gather, stay active, and strengthen the vibrant community we share.

Community Connector Message

Just like that, a new year is here! Winter brings a little extra magic—and plenty of chances to connect with your neighbours. Whether you're gliding down the toboggan hill, gathering around the Community Campfire, or joining us for Game and Gather, it's a great time to build community.

Looking for simple ways to connect with your neighbours this month? Try hosting a front-yard fire or hot-chocolate chat, joining a neighbourhood walk, or organizing a casual game night. Even small gestures—sharing a holiday card, offering help, or starting a group chat for your block—can spark meaningful connections. Little moments of kindness and togetherness go a long way in building a stronger community. Let me know how I can help make it happen.



Community
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Meeting

I love hearing your stories, interests, and passions. Let's chat—join me for a hot drink or a walk anytime. Email me at connector@yourseca.ca.

Or let's make it even easier - you can set up a time to meet with me at the QR code.

Game and Gather for Teens and Tweens

These Monday-evening drop-ins are gaining momentum—come check them out! Join us every second Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for board games, cards, music, snacks, and a friendly vibe. Free and open to all teens and tweens. Mark your calendars: January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, and onward. Find us in the portable behind South Gate Alliance Church (1436 James McKeivitt Rd SW) and bring a friend!

Community Campfires

Our much-loved seasonal campfires are where neighbours gather, and friendships grow.

They continue on the fourth Saturday of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm through to April. Mark your calendars: January 24, February 28, March 28, and April

25. If you live in Shawnee Slopes, Shawnee Park, or Evergreen Estates, you're invited—and your guests are welcome too! Enjoy live music, steaming hot chocolate, with hot dogs and marshmallows to roast over the fire. We provide all-beef hot dogs and veggie dogs; feel free to bring your own items if you have dietary needs.

- January 24 – Shawnee Park West (near the west end of Shawnee Blvd). Weather permitting, we'll also be skating—so come prepared!
- February 28 – Joint event with Millrise Community Association and their residents, at the Millrise rinks located beside the school on Millrise Hills SW. Bring your skates for hockey and leisure skating.

55+ Happy and Healthy Programs

Looking for a warm, welcoming place to connect, stay active, and try something new? Join us Thursday mornings at Peace Lutheran Church (14640 6 St SW). No registration required—just drop in!

- 9:15 am – Exercise: We begin the year with Seated Yoga, a gentle, restorative session led by our popular instructor Tanya.
- 10:15 am – Activities: January brings a lively mix: a card tournament, a video travelogue, and a fun word-association game. Come for the laughs, stay for the company!
- 9:15 to 11:15 am – Crafts, Cards, and Conversation: Drop by anytime. Bring your knitting, crafts, or art project—or simply come for complimentary coffee, tea, treats, and great conversation. We've added new board games to our SECA collection too.
- Talk of the Month: On January 29, learn practical tips



Senior's
Programs

on How to Avoid Cyber Scams—a valuable and timely presentation, especially for seniors.

Visit our dedicated Seniors website for more details and the monthly calendar. Or reach out to Clayton, our Seniors Coordinator, at seniors@yourseca.ca or 1-888-487-2010.

Let's Grow Something Amazing! A Community Hub and Gardens

We know many of you are excited to see SECA's Community Hub and Gardens take root—and so are we! This shared space will offer neighbours a place to

gather, learn, and grow together.

Progress has been slower than hoped, as our small volunteer Board has been stretched managing programs, events, advocacy, and this major project. To move forward, we need community expertise. Before we can start planting, we need help with the planning and building stages—especially from neighbours with skills in engineering, planning and development, project management, community engagement, or general administration.

If you can lend a hand, even in a small way, please email president@yourseca.ca. Together, we can bring this project to life for the whole neighbourhood.

New Community Resource Officer (CRO)

We welcome Constable Matt Messenger to the CRO role, working out of the District 8 facility in Mid-Sun. Feel free to reach out to him at pol4757@calgarypolice.ca if you have concerns about community safety and policing topics.

Let's Keep in Touch

For the latest SECA updates, visit yourseca.ca, subscribe to our e-newsletter, follow our social media, and watch for posters at our Message Centres (Little Free Libraries and A-Frames in local parks). We always enjoy hearing from residents—reach us anytime at info@yourseca.ca.



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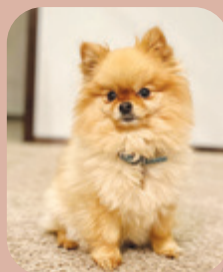
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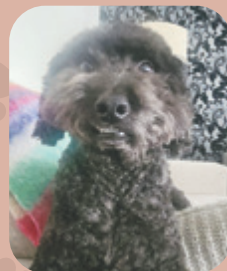
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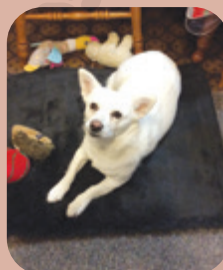
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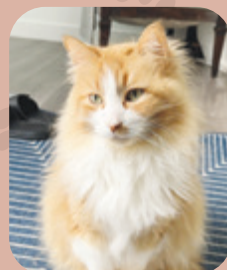
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- Feb 28 • Millrise Rinks (skate)**
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Joke of The Month

**What kind of cow
wears a crown?
A dairy queen**

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.
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- Obtains member discounts with local businesses.

New Membership Registration:

A household Millrise Community Association membership is less than \$2.50 a month!

Please go to www.millrise.org/index.php/community-membership to get your membership and support your community association.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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
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- Events

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The Shawnessy Community Association

Volunteer Board of Directors

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