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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Southwood,

I hope everyone is enjoying summer so far.

We have rescheduled the community cleanup to take place on Sunday, July 16. It will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the community hall (11 Sackville Dr SW). We are looking for volunteers to help run this successful event.

We have noticed that there is an increase in graffiti at the skatepark. If you are someone who doesn't like this, we suggest that you submit a 311 report. The City is quick to respond to these requests. It only takes a couple of minutes if you submit through the 311 app.

A huge shout out to the community members that who near the Anderson LRT station. I saw on Facebook that they have come together to do monthly cleanups around their area and are all looking out for one another. This is the best way to build community and I wanted to let you know that I appreciate the steps you are all taking to making Southwood the best neighbourhood it can be! Keep up the great work, everyone!

Do you have a knack for gardening and are looking for a few more projects to take on this summer? The CA is looking for volunteers to help maintain the gardens at the community hall. We are looking to redesign these spaces so we can limit the number of weeds that come in as well as limiting maintenance. Please reach out to Amanda at southwoodvp@gmail.com.

Changes are coming to the outside of the hall this summer and we are looking for volunteers to help build flower boxes and benches! If you are handy or are looking to expand your carpentry skills, let's connect! We would really appreciate some extra hands to get this wonderful community space finished this summer. Please contact me at southwood.president@gmail.com.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your summer!

Becky



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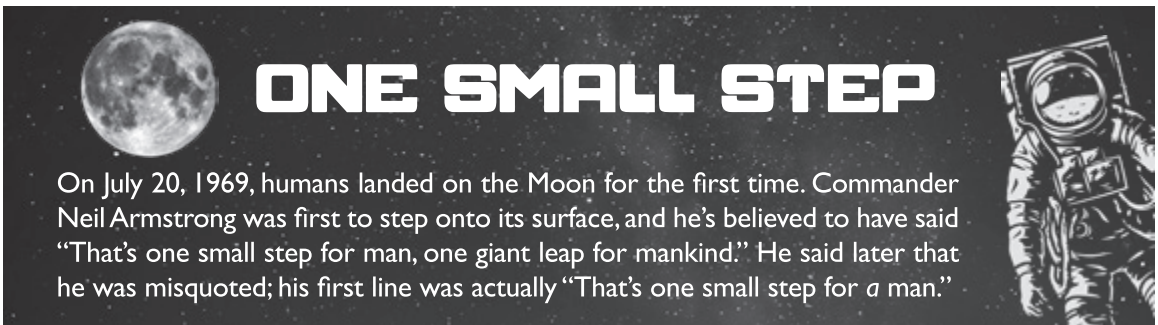
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Hall Rentals

Looking for a space to hold your next function or weekly/monthly meeting? The Southwood Community Hall is the perfect spot for birthdays/anniversaries, seminars/workshops, book clubs, day camps and playgroups, fitness classes and more! Discounted rental fees for community members! For more info, visit our website at www.southwoodconnects.ca or call Lola at 403-474-3845.



On July 20, 1969, humans landed on the Moon for the first time. Commander Neil Armstrong was first to step onto its surface, and he's believed to have said "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He said later that he was misquoted; his first line was actually "That's one small step for a man."



Tips on Auto Theft

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



The theft of your automobile is only the start of your nightmare. Items left inside the vehicle such as cell phones, money, documents, etc. will be stolen as well. Your personal papers may be used to commit further crimes including credit card fraud, cheque forgery, etc. Garage door openers may be used in house break-ins, including your own. You'll have to find alternate transportation and may have to replace the stolen vehicle altogether. It can take less than a minute for a criminal to break into your vehicle and steal it.

On average, 16 cars are stolen each day in Calgary. Not only does auto theft cost the victim time and money, but it costs society, because it drives insurance premiums up and many times, stolen vehicles are used to commit other crimes.

But don't worry!

Here are some tips you can use to avoid being the victim of a car thief:

1. Always close the windows, lock the doors, and pocket the key, even if your vehicle is parked in front of your home.
2. Don't leave vehicle registration, insurance policies, credit cards, or other valuable papers in the glove compartment. Keep them in your wallet or purse.
3. Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to make a report.

4. Don't place any personal information on the vehicle's key ring.
5. Never leave valuables in plain view, even if your car is locked. They attract thieves. Put them in the trunk, out of sight.
6. Never hide a second set of keys in or on the vehicle. Thieves know all the hiding places. Store a spare key in your wallet or in your home.
7. Always park in well-lit areas with plenty of pedestrian traffic when possible.
8. Most (if not all) vehicles today come with some type of security system from the factory. However, there are upgraded systems and other security options as well. The best choices are systems that shut off the fuel supply so that a car can't be started or driven. Other security systems include:
 - an electronic vehicle disabling device
 - a steering wheel locking device
 - a vehicle alarm
 - a hood locking device
9. Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business, store, or to warm up in the winter. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs, convenience stores, etc.
10. If you have a garage, use it, and lock the garage doors. Also, lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in the garage.
11. If you see suspicious people in or around motor vehicles, call the police. Call 403-266-1234 if it isn't an emergency. If it is an emergency, such as a life and death situation, injury, accident, or a crime in progress, call 911.
12. If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately.

Information from The Federation for July

ActivateYYC closes next month on August 15! If you want to spruce up your community by turning space into place, apply now for up to \$1,000 towards your project. Don't miss out! Go to activateyyc.calgarycommunities.com to apply!

'Bee' YardSmart

from the City of Calgary



Did you know? YardSmart yards keep our rivers healthy and help create a green and healthy city.

Visit calgary.ca/yardsmart to learn how to create a beautiful yard or green space that is easy to maintain, is suited for our city's unique climate, and needs little watering during hot and dry conditions. You can also visit calgary.ca/droughtinfo for more tips on caring for your yard during dryer times through the summer.

We Have Several Free Resources Available:

- Garden bed layouts for all areas of your yard – wet, dry, or a combination of sun and shade.
- Plant lists to help you choose beautiful and low-maintenance plants at your local garden centre.
- How-to video series, including gardening on a budget and planning a garden bed.
- Native wildflower plant lists and native meadow garden bed design.

Our YardSmart program was created in partnership with The Calgary Horticultural Society to help craft garden designs that thrive in Calgary and support our natural environment.

A Tip to Get Started:

Begin your YardSmart yard by replacing a bit of your grass with water-wise plants and greenery this summer!

Green Line Early Works Construction to Pause For Stampede

from the City of Calgary



Green Line's current Beltline and downtown early works projects will be paused prior to July 7, 2023, in time for the opening day of the Calgary Stampede.

To make way for the future Green Line stations and tunnel, construction is underway, moving the utilities in downtown and Beltline. The project will relocate underground, street-level, and overhead utilities, including City sanitary, water, stormwater, and more.

Green Line early works projects will be paused before the Calgary Stampede, to accommodate for the high event traffic. That means equipment and blockades will be moved, and traffic lanes will be restored to make it easier to get around during the Greatest Show on Earth.

This summer, Green Line will also begin construction in the community of Ogden with work present on 78 Ave SE, 69 Ave SE, and near 72 Ave SE. This work will continue through the Calgary Stampede as construction is not expected to impact downtown accessibility.

To learn more about Green Line construction, including work details, and impacts, visit calgary.ca/GreenLineConstruction.

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- Keeping residents informed through articles in the monthly community newsletter and on line at www.Southwoodconnects.ca
- Hall rentals (creating needed income for Southwood Community Association)
- Exclusive offerings for Southwood Community Association Members at community events

To register your household for a membership, you can do one of the following:

1. Go to Southwoodconnects.ca/Memberships.
2. Complete the form below and drop it off or mail it to the community association (11 Sackville Dr SW Calgary, Alberta T2W 0W3)

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Can we contact you about volunteer opportunities? YES NO

Casino volunteer? YES NO

Quarterly e-newsletter? YES NO

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

- Southwood Community Association meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm – All are welcome. 11 Sackville Dr SW
- Have a voice and be informed about issues affecting our community
- Volunteer at Events. Join the Southwood community board

OUR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 pm
11 Sackville Drive SW
Chateau Room





This is your community newsletter with a mission to keep Southwood residents connected and involved in community life. The volunteer efforts of contributors and distributors ensure its success. This newsletter is printed monthly and is distributed without charge to all residents of Southwood.

Please check out our website, which contains useful information for you to access at SouthwoodConnects.ca.

Newsletter Submissions

We welcome articles and letters from our readers. All submissions must be accompanied by a name and telephone number. Articles should be between 200 and 550 words and can be submitted to the newsletter editor.

We reserve the right to edit articles for appropriate content or length. Photographs of community events are also greatly appreciated. Editorial deadline is the first day of the month prior to publication.

We want to make our newsletter as complete as possible, to include all community events and programs. If we missed yours, please contact the newsletter editor.

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Calgary Summers are Getting Increasingly Hotter and Drier

from the City of Calgary

Extreme heat can put your health at risk, causing illnesses like heat stroke and even death. An extreme heat warning is issued when two or more consecutive days of daytime maximum temperatures are expected to reach 32 degrees Celsius or warmer and nighttime minimum temperatures are expected to be 16 degrees Celsius or warmer.

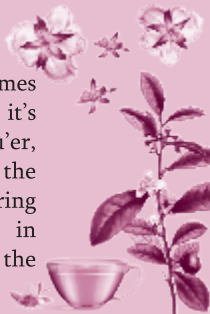
The following tips will help keep you safe during this extreme heat:

- Avoid working or exercising intensely in the heat or humidity when possible.
- Drink plenty of water to decrease your risk of dehydration.
- Have cool drinks in your vehicle and keep your gas tank full.
- Wear sunscreen.
- Never leave people or pets inside a parked vehicle.
- Close curtains and blinds during the day.
- Open windows for cooler air if safe.
- Avoid using your oven, if possible.
- Take cool showers/baths or go to an air-conditioned public space.
- Look at weather forecasts to know when to take extra care.
- Call 911 if you see an animal left in a hot parked vehicle.
- Look out for your pets. Avoid hot surfaces that might hurt to walk on and ensure that they have plenty of water.
- Heat stroke is a medical emergency. If you experience any symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately.

To learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your family, visit calgary.ca/getready.

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