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## Community Office Staff

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# Woodcreek Community Association Executive Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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## BOARD POSITION

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**WCA Board Meetings**

Get involved! Make a difference!  
Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates:

- May 7
- June 4
- September 10
- November 5

Meetings start at 7:15 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!




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## Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Events

May 4	Pantry Grand Opening
May 7	WCA Board Meeting
May 11	Tritons Swim Bottle Drive
May 25	Community Cleanup
June 15	Woodcreek on Wheels
June 21	Tween Dance
July 6	Stampede Breakfast



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## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE



As I write this, the City crews are putting up street sweeping signs, so by the time you're reading this all the winter gravel should be cleared away. One of the other messes that is harder to clean up is graffiti. Our facilities, City infrastructure, and private properties have been marred by a wave of graffiti. It seems worse than what we've seen in the past. Please report any graffiti or painting activities to 3-1-1.

Unfortunately, the date of delivery of our *Chronicle* is beyond our control and is sometimes later than we'd hope. There are two online alternatives to the printed newsletter. One is our e-newsletter, available through our community association webpage at [woodcreekcommunity.ca](http://woodcreekcommunity.ca). You can also sign up to receive it via email. This also puts you on the email list for periodic emails from us about breaking news or event changes. The other alternative is the Great News Media site, where an electronic version of the printed newsletter is available before the printed version arrives in your mailbox. You can see Woodcreek's *Chronicle* at [www.mycalgary.com/magazines/woodcreek](http://www.mycalgary.com/magazines/woodcreek) as a pdf.

### Event Reminders

Our Community Pantry Grand Opening is May 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We have invited some special guests, and a \$2 donation gets you a hotdog, chips, and a drink.

Our Community Cleanup day is May 25 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is our event, not in partnership with the City. We will have the shredding truck, e-recycling (we get a grant based on weight, so bring your electronics!), along with the garbage bins, plus the metals, paint, tires, and batteries. Sorry, no composting truck. Please have your membership up to date.

The next Good Food Box ordering deadline is May 27. Donating a box to the pantry is an easy way to help keep it stocked with fresh produce.

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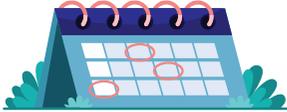
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## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess The Day in May!

1. On May 3, musicians who play the largest, lowest-pitched, brass musical instrument are recognized.
2. This day celebrated on May 4 is a play on words from an iconic line in an epic space movie created by George Lucas.
3. This day is observed on the second Sunday of May and honours the maternal figures in our lives.
4. On Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12, hardworking healthcare workers are honoured.
5. World \_\_\_\_\_ Day, observed on May 20 this year, acknowledges the role of our favourite yellow pollinators.
6. On May 24, a date dedicated to this magnificent, jewelled crown, everyone can feel like royalty.



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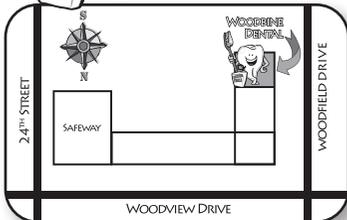
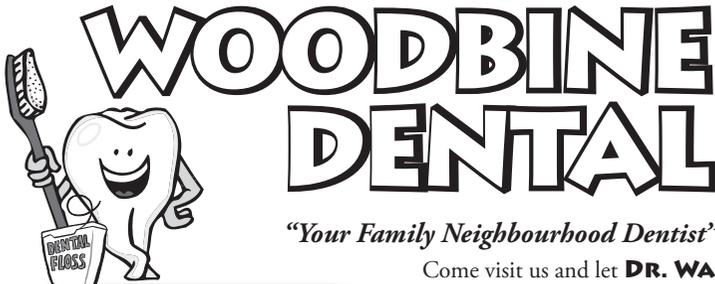
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### Pricing and Sizes

- Small: \$30 for 15 to 20lbs
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- Large: \$40 for 35 to 40lbs

\*Please note weights are approximate.

Orders are placed monthly through the Woodcreek Community Association office and can be made in person, over the phone, or online. Payment is due at the time of ordering and no refunds can be issued. If you would like to donate a Good Food Box to our community pantry, please select 'donate a box' when ordering.

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Recently, we were made aware of a neighbour being told by a contractor that they intended to access their property in order to facilitate construction relating to an approved DP on their next-door neighbours property. The contractor took the concept of implied consent as the right to access, dig up, and utilize the adjacent neighbours land for their construction work as they deemed fit. The neighbour in question objected to this use of their property and issued a formal, written notification of No Trespass to the contractor, the adjacent property owner, and copied both the Calgary Police Service as well as their Councillor. All this took place prior to any work occurring on the adjacent property. The contractor then threatened legal action, claiming that any additional cost over runs for executing the work without accessing the neighbour's property would be the responsibility of the objecting neighbour. Had the neighbour not objected in advance of the work taking place this might have had some basis in law, but in this case the neighbour clearly withheld consent in advance of any work taking place. For anyone who may be faced with a similar situation, know your rights. You can say no; you can refuse access to your property as long as you act within reason. Even after construction begins you can still withdraw consent, but unless you have valid reason to do so you may at that point become legally liable for additional expenses incurred to complete the work in question.

Given that the City of Calgary presumes Implied Consent, the easiest way to remove this option is to specify you do not consent to your property being used to facilitate

construction on an adjacent property during the public comment period prior to a DP being approved. Ensure you keep a copy of any comments made in case you need to produce it should litigation occur later on. The next best time to withhold access is prior to construction taking place. This can be done verbally but should also be done in writing. If you do consent, take steps to ensure your property rights are respected. A written agreement (consult your lawyer) outlining what is or is not allowed with clear language regarding who is responsible for the costs and repairs of any property damage on your side of the property line should be in place prior to construction occurring. Do not rely on a verbal agreement to protect you. Take photos of the condition of your property prior to any work commencing, and photos to document the work in progress in case you need to make a claim for damages. Accidents can occur. You may also wish to check with your property insurer regarding what, if any, coverage they may provide in case of any unanticipated damage or lack of remediation upon the completion of work. Keep in mind that trees and other vegetation located on your side of the property line may have roots extending beyond that line; construction work can damage roots enough to result in decline and death. This may occur a considerable length of time post construction; photo evidence of roots being cut through as a result of the construction process will be helpful if you end up in court.

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Linda Mulligan

Development Liaison, Woodcreek



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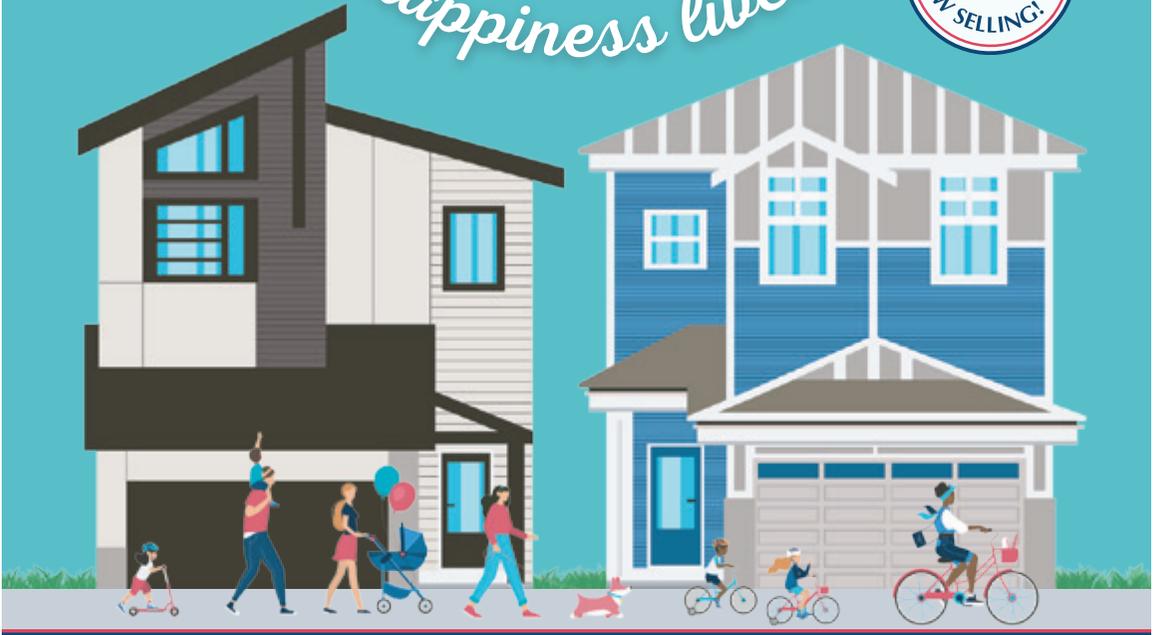
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### Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

### Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

### Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can open to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

## Easter Egg Hunt 2024

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success again this year, despite the weather. Many kids and their parents came out to enjoy the snowy egg hunts, face painting, crafts, and games. The whole facility was abuzz with activity! We would like to thank Tara from Play Makers Playschool for all her hard work, and all the amazing volunteers who made this event a great success!



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In support of this community event, we are looking for community members who have vintage, rare, or unusual vehicles (cars, trucks, boats, trikes, bikes) that you would like to show off and share your knowledge of. Vehicles will be showcased in the community hall parking lot where there are roughly 22 stalls for vehicles, anticipating room between for walk through. To ensure success, a nominal participation fee of \$10 has been set for all ‘show’ vehicles. Registration and payment can be made online at [www.woodcreekcommunity.ca](http://www.woodcreekcommunity.ca) under ‘Event Registration’, or by contacting the WCA office.

Decorated wheels apply to all age groups. Please ride on over with your decorated bicycle, stroller, or wagon.

Street parking for attendees will be limited.

If you have experience with Show and Shines, we would be delighted to have your support and insight on making this event a memorable success.

There will be a prize draw for all participants. Local businesses who would like to donate prizes or sponsor the event, please contact the office at [wca@woodcreekcommunity.ca](mailto:wca@woodcreekcommunity.ca). It will be greatly appreciated.

For questions and for volunteer opportunities, please contact Ruth at [Ruthhepburn05@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthhepburn05@gmail.com), Dianna at [adamsdianna825@gmail.com](mailto:adamsdianna825@gmail.com) or 403-804-9379, or the WCA office.

The Woodcreek Seniors’ group is celebrating their 23rd Anniversary on May 7. We are extending an invitation to seniors in the community to attend one of our meetings. Come, meet us, have a coffee and some cake, and see what the group can offer. We welcome all seniors to our group. The Woodcreek Seniors’ meetings are scheduled the first and third Tuesday of each month and begin at 9:30 am.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the Woodcreek Community Association at 403-238-1611 for a WCA membership.

- May 7 - Meeting and musical entertainment - Angela Cavar
- May 21 - Meeting and a fun brain exercise
- May 28 - Annual Seniors Spring Brunch. Location TBA

For further information, please contact Anne, Chairperson, at 403-238-1611 or [akbund954@gmail.com](mailto:akbund954@gmail.com), or Sandy, Vice-Chair, at [woodcreekseniors826@gmail.com](mailto:woodcreekseniors826@gmail.com).

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# History of Woodcreek Seniors

*Compiled by Cec Jahrig*

On May 7, 2024, the Woodcreek Seniors group is celebrating their 23rd Anniversary. The following is a history of the group's journey from its origins to present day.

The Woodlands Community Association was incorporated on May 21, 1980. Two years later the Woodbine Community Association was registered on October 19, 1982. In 1987, a community centre building approximately 1,000 sq. ft. was built on the Woodlands Community Association grounds. To better serve the needs of the area, the Woodlands and Woodbine Communities amalgamated on January 29, 1992. The Community Association's name was changed to Woodcreek Community Association (WCA) and now represents the approximate 15,399 residents of both communities.

Now we get to the start of the Woodcreek Seniors' group. Josie Fogerty and Marie Despains started the Seniors' Group on May 7, 2001. Josie wanted a social area for her mother. Initially the meetings were held at Hull Services and the starting members paid \$5 per meeting to cover the rental cost. That only lasted about two meetings when the group had grown to 15 members! In 2006, the group moved to the Braeside community building. In 2010, a 2,500 sq. ft. addition to the Woodcreek Community Association was completed. The Seniors' meetings were back at WCA and continue to present. They moved to WCA with the stipulation that all members required a current community membership.

After the first chairperson, Josie Fogert, Marie Despains chaired the group for three years, and was then followed

by Sherill Nelson. After Sherill, we had Charlotte McManus and Sheila Jahrig until January 2019 when Anne Bundgaard became Chairperson. There are still four of the original founding members in the group - Mary Burrell, Joan Davies, Marie Despains, and Sheila Jahrig.

Sophia Tahan was the first Treasurer. Cec Jahrig joined the Seniors as the Treasurer in 2006, a position which he still holds. Cec joined the Woodcreek Board of Directors in November of 2008 and on January 20, 2009, a motion was passed at the WCA Board meeting that the Seniors become independent of the WCA and assume management of the Woodcreek Seniors' group.

In the past, substantial funding for the Seniors group was provided by the Woodcreek Lions established on February 3, 2002. From 2007 to 2020, until the Lions disbanded, the Lions donated \$30,300 to the Seniors. Prior to 2010, funding for the Seniors group included bake sales. They initially were vendors at two local organization's craft sales – Braeside Community Centre and Holy Spirit Church. A craft sale was established at WCA in 2010 where the Seniors have baking and knitting tables. Current funding sources include a bake sale, support from the Knitting Group, WCA, local businesses, book sales, 50/50 draws at the meetings, and the Annual Garage Sale. In 2010, two other Seniors groups were added – Knitting and Bridge.

Our membership normally includes 70 to 85 people with approximately 30% of the members coming from outside the community. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month with attendance varying between 35 and 45 persons at each meeting. The Woodcreek Seniors provide a great social outlet for the seniors in Woodcreek. Entertainment, field trips, speakers, luncheons, and volunteering are some of the activities for the group.

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# Community Watch Program Evaluation Update

Members of the WCA Board of Directors have been exploring the idea of potentially sponsoring or sanctioning some form of community-wide block watch program or system. Two Board members have been gathering information from various sources as a means of understanding potential benefits and costs. This included learning how various programs were established and how they are currently managed. They spoke with block watch co-founders and administrators to hear about lessons learned and suggestions they have for others thinking about setting up block watch programs.

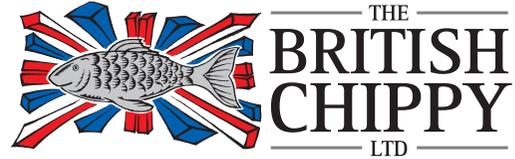
Their first consultation was with the Northern Hills Community Association Sanctioned "Building Safer Communities Block Watch" program co-founder and lead administrator. Their second evaluation involved a test drive of the Canada wide "Neighbourhood Protect" website-based program. Interviews also took place with the administrator of the Lake Bonavista Block Watch Facebook Group administrator and our Calgary City Police Service Community Resource Officer.

A report with findings and recommendations will be submitted to the WCA Board of Directors prior to the May 7 meeting. Please plan on attending this meeting if you have an interest in learning more and potentially becoming a Local Block Captain.

The key themes emerging from the evaluation work done so far include:

- Community wide "block watch" programs work best when underpinned by small neighbourhood groups (usually 40 to 150 homes within close proximity) who are in regular communication regarding topics of interest and benefit to the local community (e.g. Neighbour Day BBQs, Adopt-a-Park programs, lost and found pets, wild animal alerts, etc.).
- The CPS supports the establishment of block watch groups so long as they include training regarding how residents should (and should not) respond to and report crimes.
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