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2016 Summer Edition



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"The Wedge continues to be a great place to live!"

KHMackie, Publisher

SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD

Message from The Board

On behalf of your 2016/2017 Board of Directors I hope that all residents of the Wedgewoods have had an enjoyable summer, despite the frequent rain, thunder & lightning.

The construction of the berm was completed on June 17 & the frequent rain has resulted in the rapid growth of the ground coverage planted via hydra seeding. We celebrated the berm construction with our BBQ on June 18, which was a big success thanks to the hard work of the volunteers that ensured it ran smoothly.



The final stage of the vent upgrade construction was completed in late July with the installation of the grates.

Although some flood mitigation work remains to be completed (purchase/installation of the remaining flood doors, installation of transfer switches for emergency power to run pumps), the vast majority is now complete.

We will also be proceeding with some security upgrades, including additional cameras & FOBS, which will commence in September.

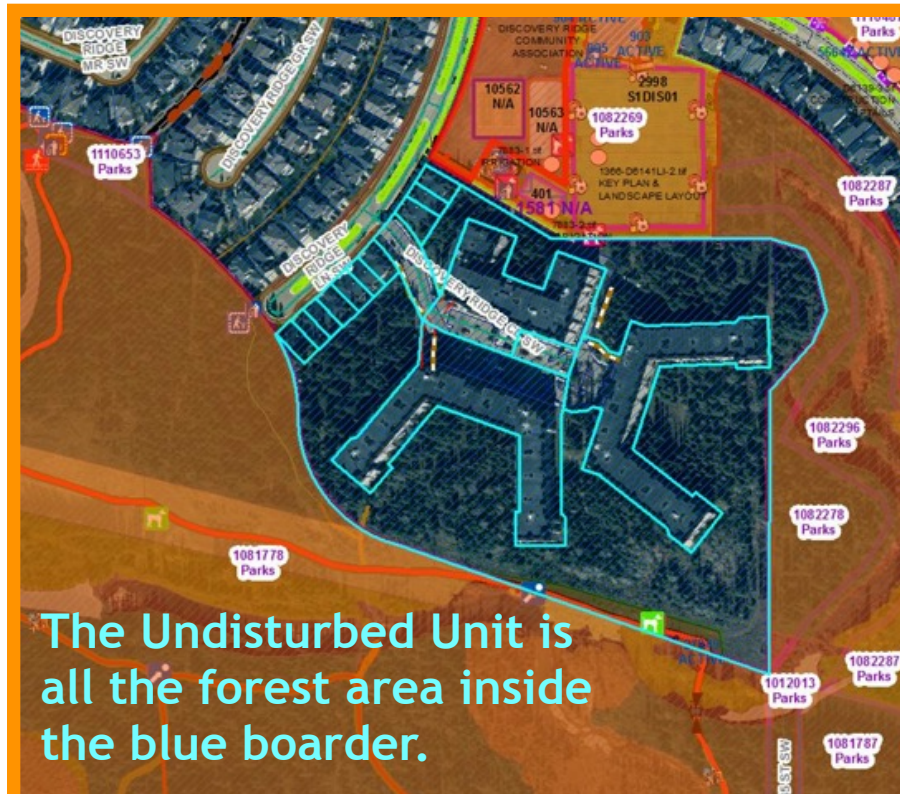
The Board has now shifted its direction & is focused on investigating & solving the building envelope seepage issues which the Condo Corp has managed over the years. In addition, the Board is currently preparing the 2016/2017 Budget.

The Board has also arrived at the unanimous decision to contract a bookkeeper to manage the monthly financials & collection of monthly condo fees. This change will provide continuity for the corporation's financial records going forward, enabling the Board to become more self-sufficient & have better overall control & access to our financial information. The new Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) agreement will be sent to all owners in the coming weeks & your cooperation in the prompt completion & return will smooth the transition & prevent interest charges on overdue monthly instalments (note that interest begins to accrue after 30 days past due).

Thank you to all residents for their continued support as we work together for the betterment of the Wedgewoods community.

*Kathryn Hatch, Chair
Wedgewoods Board of Directors*

What is the “Undisturbed Unit”



The Undisturbed Unit (the “UU”) is the subject of an agreement between the Wedgewoods Corporation & the City of Calgary, & its use is governed by an Environmental Management Plan, which was created prior to the Wedgewoods build.

This plan was created to:

- Limit the introduction of non-native plants and/or noxious weeds, &
- Limit foot traffic to decrease the potential to damage natural vegetation & contribute to soil compaction and erosion.

The UU is comprised of all of the natural treed areas surrounding the Chateaux & Villas (see image). **People & pets are NOT permitted to enter the UU**, except under special circumstances approved by the Corporation.

It is important for residents to understand their responsibilities & obligations in preserving the UU. Please ensure that you & your pets do NOT enter the UU. This includes throwing anything from your balcony, including but not limited to cigarettes, dead plants & cut flowers.

The newly built berm lies within the UU with the western edge ending in a private yard beside the southern-most villa. Any part of the berm is considered part of the UU & residents are reminded to stay off of it.

Security Camera & FOB System

SOC updated the Board that both **LIBERTY & CHUBB** have been awarded contracts per below & will begin in or about the beginning of September, depending on the electrician's schedule.

Liberty will install the following:

FOB access:

- into the garbage garage
- the front, main entrances into the lobbies of C10 & C20 & upgrade C30
- all entrances from parkades, including fire stairwells & elevator lobbies into all 3 Chateaux
- upgrade entrances to social room & gym

Add push button power door openers to handicap accessible doors from the parkades into elevator lobbies & the garbage garage.

Parkade door opening system which combines long range transmitters with proximity door FOBs.

Chubb will install the following:

Extending or upgrading camera surveillance to all parkade vehicle entrances, entrance lobbies & vestibules of all 3 Chateaux, all elevator lobbies & elevator interiors, social room, gym, & garbage garage.

Policy Reminders:

Move In/Move Out Protocols

The Wedgewoods sees 15-20 moves/month, meaning a lot of activity tying up elevators & potentially causing property damage to the common areas. In order to streamline moves, ensure they go smoothly & with minimal damage to the property, we utilize a Move Manager (MM). The MM is responsible to monitor the entire move in or move out & maintain building security during moves by ensure all people entering are residents or guests of residents.

To make this work, all moves must be pre-booked a min. of 4 days prior to the move date by submitting a [Move Request Form](#). There is a move fee, whether in or out, of \$200.00 if pre-booked, \$300.00 is less that 4 days in advance, & \$1,000.00 if not booked & instead considered an unscheduled or unauthorized more. **Owners are responsible for the move payment**, however they may collect payment from their tenant. These fees pay for the MM's time to safely & securely conduct the move, & also pays for quarterly minor repairs. Any damage caused during a move is repaired at an additional cost of the party moving in or out.

No move will be booked for a TENANT MOVE IN until a Notice of Intention to Rent/ Tenant Undertaking has been submitted to the Property Management. And per the Condominium Property Act, Section 53, a deposit of \$1,000.00 must be on account with the Corporation in order for a tenant to move into an owner's property.

Moves are not permitted on Sundays. Please plan your move to allow for pre & post move inspections. If your request to move conflicts with a move that is already booked, you will need to rearrange your move. Deliveries do not need to be booked, but please email onsitemanager@wedgewoods.ca with notice of the delivery. A delivery is considered to be a maximum of two entries into or out of the building or two trips on the elevator. This is considered to be less inconvenient to other residents than a notice of a move.

VISITOR PARKING

The surface lot on the Wedgewoods Common Property is designated as Visitor Parking & is for the use of authorized guests and service contractors of the Wedgewoods. The following procedure for the use of visitor parking stalls (“stalls”) by residents’ guests will ensure the availability & shared use of the stalls, promote the fair & equitable use of the stalls, & will allow enforcement in instances of unauthorized use of the stalls. And vehicles found to be in violation of the allowed stall use will be fined, tagged & towed by Calgary Parking Authority.

1. Residents shall ONLY use stalls for temporary activities such as mail pick up & grocery delivery, otherwise residents must park in their assigned parkade stalls.
2. Overnight guests must display a valid visitor parking permit (“permit”) at all times & follow instructions on the back of the permit.
3. Each suite is allowed to purchase only one permit. The permit is registered to the suite on the Owners List.
4. The permit may be purchased only by an Owner of a suite & only upon an Owner updating details of all vehicles owned/used by the residents of the suite.
5. The cost of the permit is \$20.00 & is owned by the Owner. If ownership of the suite changes, the seller of the suite may sell/transfer the permit to the new Owner upon the new Owner updating vehicle details as per #4 above.
6. If the permit is used in an unauthorized manner, the permit will be cancelled, the Owner notified of such cancellation & another permit is not available for purchase for three months from the date of cancellation. A replacement permit may be purchased for \$100.00 after three months has elapsed.
7. If the permit is lost, the lost permit will be cancelled & if subsequently used, the vehicle using it will be ticketed & towed. A lost permit may be replaced immediately by purchasing another permit for \$50.00.
8. The visitor parking permit shall be used no more than four (4) times each calendar month between the hours of 2 am to 5 am. The permit number & the license plate number will be logged each night it is used. If a different permit is used for the same vehicle, that vehicle will be deemed unauthorized, ticketed & towed by the Calgary Parking Authority & both permits will be cancelled.
9. Any vehicle parked in a stall between 2 am to 5 am in an unauthorized manner, which includes no permit displayed, a vehicle owned by a resident, a vehicle parked more than 4 times per calendar month, will be ticketed & towed by the Calgary Parking Authority without exception.
10. If a resident has extenuating circumstances which may affect a guest’s potential length of stay, email onsitemanager@wedgewoods.ca explaining the circumstances & requesting permission for an extended stay. If permission is granted the details will be shared with the night security.

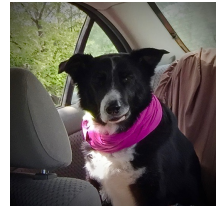


PET POLICY

Earlier this year the Board developed an updated pet policy in order to establish guidelines for all residents with pets of the Wedgewoods. With many people living in close proximity, the actions of individual residents can & do affect the comfort & safety of their neighbours. In such circumstances it becomes necessary to regulate certain aspects of behaviour for the common good. Pet ownership is one such activity. Our pet policy seeks to balance the ability of residents to live with pets, with the wellbeing of the general community & the preservation & upkeep of the common property.

An Owner or Tenant desiring to bring a pet onto Wedgewoods' Managed & Common property shall first make a written application to the Board of Directors, by contacting the property manager. It is the responsibility of Owners to communicate this policy to their Tenants. A pet may be approved by the Board at its sole discretion &, if approved, registered with the Corporation prior to being brought onto Managed & Common Property or residing in a unit.

To apply for approval a [Pet Application](#) must be submitted with the required details completed for the Board to properly consider the application along with a photograph of the animal(s). Upon written approval, the pet may visit or reside at the Wedgewoods.



The owner of the pet will ensure that the pet is properly licensed by the City of Calgary & be responsible for all costs for his/her pet. Pets shall be leashed at all times while on Common Property, both interior & exterior. Pets shall not be tied to, nor left alone on patios, decks, balconies or Common property at any time. Up to two pets are allowed per unit, only one of which may be a dog.

Pets shall not make audible sounds which frequently annoy other residents. Where a complaint of a pet's audible sounds has been determined to be **reasonable**, & referred to the owner to remedy & the owner has not satisfactorily remedied such within 10 days, a further complaint is deemed a breach of this policy. Continued on next page

Defecating or urinating on Common property, which includes hallways, elevators, stairwells, lobbies, parkades, visitor parking surface lot, garden beds, walkways, stonework, exterior of planter boxes, balconies, patios or any other Common property structures is not permitted under any circumstances & will be met with a fine if caught. The only exception is the designated pet area which is the grassed area adjacent to the fire lane to the north & east of Chateau 30 but not the undisturbed unit.

All pet waste should be cleaned up appropriately & immediately by the owner of the pet wherever it occurs, & in the event of any damage (e.g. a stain), the owner of the pet will immediately advise the property manager.

A dog/cat shall be spayed/neutered & have received all up to date vaccinations. If the pet is too young to be spayed/neutered at the time of move in, the owner will provide proof of the procedure being completed within six months of moving in. Cat litter shall be tied in a plastic bag & placed directly into the garbage bin – NOT THE COMPACTOR.

An owner is responsible for all damage caused by his/her pet or a tenant's pet. The Corporation will invoice the cost of cleaning or repairs to the unit owner.

A pet currently approved by the Board is grandfathered under the policy until such pet passes away or is permanently removed from the property.

All dogs must have a behavioral assessment by a person qualified to perform such assessment, & this will accompany the [Pet Application](#) which shall indicate the dog's demeanor & training to be acceptable & sufficient, to reside in a high density residential setting.

Unregistered pets are not in compliance with this policy & the owner is subject to fines & removal of the pet with seven (7) days' notice pursuant to Section 61 of the Bylaws.

Any breach of the City of Calgary Animal Bylaws dealt with by the City will not be fined additionally as per this policy, however the breach will be counted as an offence under this policy.

Fines: Any breach of the Corporation Bylaws or Rules relating to pets will incur a fine. First offence: \$250.00 Second Offence: \$500.00 Third Offence: \$1,000.00 & Board review to determine if removal of the pet from the Wedgewoods is required based on negligent or intentional breaches.

SOC MANAGEMENT CORP.



Building Envelope Report

The building envelope is all of the elements of the outer shell of a building that maintain a dry, heated indoor environment and facilitate its climate control. Building envelope design is a specialized area of architectural and engineering practice that draws from all areas of building science and indoor climate control.



The many functions of the building envelope can be separated into three categories:

1. Support (to resist and transfer structural loads)
2. Control (the flow of matter and energy of all types)
3. Finish (to meet human desires on the inside and outside)

The control function is at the core of good performance, and in practice focuses, in order of importance, on rain control, air control, heat control, and vapor control.

The Wedgewoods, over the years, has experienced leaks from the roofs and the visitor parking surface lot. Reports from Engineers have been provided. The repair of the building envelope has been budgeted within the Reserve Fund.

The Corporation has now commenced the repair process. Wall Engineering, building envelope specialists, was engaged by the Board to actively investigate the source of leaks. This is why you may have noticed parts of the garden beds, roadway and building trim being dug out, cut away and removed.

Building envelope repairs will be ongoing until completion in the spring/early summer of 2017. There will be inconveniences to residents however notice will be provided and alternative access to parking or anything else if required will also be provided.

Although waiting on the scopes of work and the construction timetables, it is expected work will occur in front of 10 in early fall and in P1 East and West in the fall or early winter. Visit the website for ongoing news which will be posted as it becomes available.

VILLAGE INFORMATION FROM THE WEDGE

Planters that Beautify our Chateaux



How very fortunate we are to have stunning planters at the entrance of each Chateau. Such a welcoming sight! We have Susan & Rick to thank for the gift of these beautiful plants this year.

Hydra currently take care of all the landscaping needs for The Wedgewoods & gifted the planters to us this past Christmas, adorned with attractive seasonal greenery.



This summer they have further gifted the lovely annuals we see at the entrance sign to The Wedgewoods. How very lucky we are!



My sincere thanks goes out to the ladies that have volunteered to tend the pots at each Chateau; Sonia C30, Rose C20 & myself in C10.

We are thinking we may be able to over-winter some of these plants by bringing the pots into the atrium. If anyone has any thoughts on this please let Susan know.

“Until then, continue to enjoy their beauty a little bit every day!”

KHMackie

2016 BBQ Review

June 18th, 2016 attendance est. 200-225

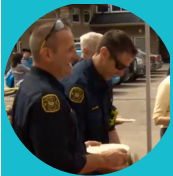
Submitted by KHMackie/ BBQ Co-Ordinator



We served burgers & hotdogs. Drank cold beverages. Munched on bags of chips & enjoyed cookies. And, WE ATE ALL THE VEGGIES!



The registry recorded good attendance, resident feedback has been positive & chatter for next year has started :-)



ENGINE 33

Representatives from the Calgary Fire Dept. enjoying a perfectly grilled burger!

COMMUNITY

Residents, friends & guests out taking in the fun of the day :-)



It was another great BBQ!



BERM LAUNCH



Year Round Landscaping helped celebrate the completion of our berm.

It was another extremely successful & well attended event, including City Councillor Richard Pootmans, Provincial MLA Mike Ellis, City Planner Morgan Huber, the Calgary Fire Department and Global TV. Funding of \$1500.00 was received from The City through a Ward Community Event Application. The Superstore provided \$100.00 toward our food purchase. We appreciate all the time & effort taken by everyone involved.

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERING

The volunteer team helped make the day a huge success.



HOUSEKEEPING REMINDER

We continue to have misuse of our GARBAGE HOUSE & I would like to remind all residents to please respect the importance of garbage disposal, recycling & other unwanted items. BIN misuse means everything in that particular BIN must go to landfill. Do your part & sort your materials.

GREEN BINS: flattened corrugated cardboard is to be placed in these metal bins

TRASH COMPACTOR: bagged household waste, no hazardous waste, pet waste or diapers

LARGE BLUE METAL BINS: garbage items that cannot be placed in the compactor

CAGED BIN: small electrical recycling only

BURLAP LINED BINS: refundable beverage containers & clean glass jars/bottles (no lids)

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTED IN ANY FORM: batteries, appliances, liquids, chemicals, tires, etc. must be taken to the land fill.

LARGE BLUE CARTS: loose recycling PLEASE DO NOT BAG!!

This is a full list of acceptable items

Paper products

- Cardboard boxes flattened (cereal boxes, pizza boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel & toilet paper tubes), Catalogues & magazines, Newspapers & flyers, Mixed paper, Letters, Envelopes/window envelopes, Greeting cards, Brochures, Non-foil gift wrap, Paper bags, Telephone books & paperback books & Tetra Pak® soup & beverage cartons.
- Shredded paper (in tied transparent plastic bags).

Plastic jugs, bottles & food containers

- Clean plastic jugs, bottles & food containers/lids with the recycling symbol 1-7 (foam cups, food

containers or packaging are not accepted),

- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap (bundle all plastic bags, plastic wrap & bubble wrap into one plastic bag & tie closed).

Which plastic bags are recyclable?

- If plastic stretches (like a grocery bag) it's recyclable; if it crinkles (like a cereal box liner), it's not recyclable.

Metal food cans & foil

- clean food cans flattened, metal lids washed & clean aluminum foil, aluminum foil plates & containers.

DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLING. IT WILL NOT BE SORTED & ENDS UP IN LANDFILL.

Large furniture is not accepted & if left will be charged back to the owner.

For disposal of items we are unable to take please reference

<http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/WRS/Pages/What-goes-where/Default.aspx>

Key Access & Contact Information

It is extremely important for all residents to be current with contact information on file with the office. Whether owner resident or tenant resident we all need to be conscientious about these particulars.

🔑 Key holder access information is certainly advantageous to have. As an example, the in suite alarm testing recently conducted could have assisted by key holder access for some suites. Of our 568 units there were 109 residents not home & 31 units that made key access available by an alternate means. 140 units with residents not home represents 25% of our village population. I think that is pretty significant!

Please take a moment to ensure [SOC](#) has the correct information for you & your family:

- Emergency contact information,
- Dates residents will be away,
- Vehicle information,
- Email address,
- Phone numbers,
- Pets; resident or visiting guest.

We are pretty good about watching out for each other but there are times that simply need a back-up. Property management does not hold keys, we all need to be responsible.

CHATEAUX RESIDENT'S ARTICLES

The Wedgewoods Social Room

Submitted by Sheila Rivers, Resident

Located on the main floor of Chateau 30 the social room is for the use of all residents and their guests. The room contains a pool table where you can challenge a friend to a rousing game of 8 ball, 9-ball cutthroat etc. Booking the table is not necessary as it operates on a "first come first served" basis. If you don't have your own pool cue there are some available for your use.



There is also a small library where residents are encouraged to drop off their used books and in turn pick out a new novel to read. I've noticed at times that books have been left in the garbage house, the social room would be a much better place to leave them if you wish to share your love of reading with others. As well, there are cupboards to the right of the shelves that contain more books and games for your enjoyment.

Bring along your laptop or tablet and you can enjoy the relative quiet.

Many residents have expressed a desire to take part in book clubs, card clubs, discussion groups etc. The social room would be the ideal place to hold these gatherings if a large group is involved and you don't wish to use your own residence.

Access Times: Monday through Sunday 8:00AM - 10:00PM

The social room can be booked for private events by contacting Property Management at onsitemanager@wedgewoods.ca

Understanding Your Cat's Body Language

Submitted by Alannah Vanel, Resident & Petsitter

Ever wonder what your cat is thinking? The special bonds we share with our cats can deepen even further the more we understand their unique way of communicating. Below is a sampling of what could be helpful when trying to determine what your cat is signalling.



When a cat lifts his nose & tilts his head back slightly he is saying "I acknowledge you".



When he flicks his tongue out slightly & licks his lower lip he is showing that he is worried or apprehensive.



On the other hand should he lift his head, open his mouth slightly, curl his lips, & squint his eyes he is gathering information.



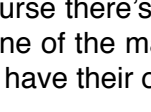
And how about that tail of his? A cat slightly twitching his tail indicates restlessness while an actively twitching tail can mean a cat is fed up & uneasy.



If your cat's tail is held upright he is happy & comes in peace.



Should that stand-up tail also have an upright curved tip, (almost like a question mark), he is feeling friendly but unsure; however if that same upward curved tip appears when his tail is lowered he is feeling unsure & defensive.



A cat with a low twitching tail, dilated pupils, & flattened ears is telling you, in the only way it can, to back off. While a cat sitting or lying down, eyes half-closed, pupils narrowed, with ears forward & a mostly still tail is feeling extremely content.



If he tries to eat your hair, he may be trying to "groom" you, just like a mother cleaning her kittens, a cat licking you is showing the ultimate sign of trust.

A wet nose "kiss" is an affectionate feline gesture & his slow, languid blinks are his way of expressing his love.

When cats stare into your eyes it is an indication they trust you & feel comfortable around you.

Of course there's also that special unique way your cat expresses himself to you alone which is just one of the many ways our beloved cats make themselves that much more endearing to us. Dogs have their own special language as well which we'll explore in the next issue!

You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks (at least the furry cute variety)

Submitted by Teresa Ahloy, Resident

Every day I wake up to hear the many creatures that live amongst us, the birds singing and squirrels busy gathering. Loving life in the spectacular Griffith Woods that surrounds us. As I look outside and see all of this beauty, I remind myself to not take this for granted, I am truly blessed to be living here at the Wedgewoods.



I have only been here for one year, and this is all quite new for me, still it is rare that we don't stop to chat to a fellow resident that will tell us that they still feel this same gratitude as the day they moved here. Gizmo and I manage to walk several times a day and we have come to think of our neighbours as family. I am sure he loves living here and visiting with everyone as much as I do.....and it does seem as though all of you enjoy watching him prance his way through the land as the Prince that he believes himself to be. ☺

As for teaching the old and the young dogs new tricks, I have to admit that it was a bit of a struggle for Gizmo and his fellow furry friends to hold that leg lift until crossing the parking lot to the appropriate dog area. Running through the maze of fire hydrants and equally tempting spots along the way (Sometimes quite frantically!). They seem quite content now to wait until they reach the "Doggie Water Cooler" visiting, sniffing, and enjoying the odd bum scratch from fellow residents. Congratulations to our beautiful fur babies on a job well done.

While on the subject of new tricks, I felt a brief reminder might help us all to remember what a difference each of us can make on a daily basis without having to stray too far from our daily routine.

This complex is actually the size of a small village and with over a thousand residents plus their furry companions one might think it would be crowded, loud and perhaps not as clean as we would expect it to be. In actuality this could not be further from the truth and we manage to share this village with grace and respect for each other. I also think it is important to remember that the common space that we all share, is kept in immaculate condition by James and the PowerHouse staff; Gerardo Reyes, David Linden, Chrissy Kroll, Gloria Dominguez & of course James Linden! Everyday our windows, lobby, elevators, hallways and the fitness centre are sparkling clean and we can feel proud to have our friends and family visit. James and his team have maintained this high standard with a smile for the past ten years.



**Pet Alley
@ The Wedge**



Yes, James has just celebrated his 10th anniversary with the Wedgewoods. Congratulations James!

I personally cannot imagine taking on the grand task of maintaining this small village on a daily basis, I am exhausted just thinking about it. The problem is that because James does such a fantastic job it makes it is easy to become complacent, much like living with Mom! We should all be more mindful to keep our footprint minimal and property values high.

Throwing away our own garbage and making certain that if our pets have an accident that we take the time to clean up after them immediately.

It would also help keep our hallway carpets looking fresh & clean if we were careful to double bag household garbage to avoid unsightly & often smelly spills on the way to the garbage hut.

I think we can all agree that James is a true gem and his team reflect the same values. Let's not take this for granted, we need him to be with us for 10 more years.

COMMUNITY NEWS

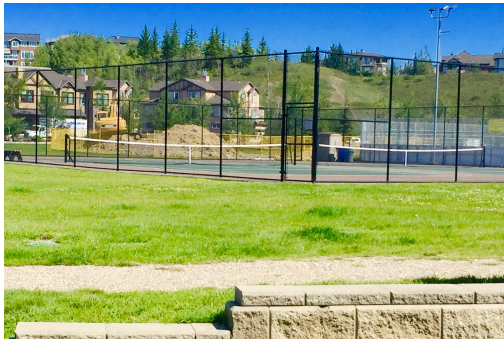
DISCOVERY RIDGE NEW DISCOVERY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The ongoing saga of the **WATERFALL** at the roundabout continues. When the water lines were opened in late April for the irrigation system, testing of the pond levels were carried out. Despite the work done last summer/fall, water loss was still occurring. Specialized cameras were run through a section of buried PVC pipe this spring confirming a structural failure in an elbow. A concurrent test found a secondary leak in another area.

There are separate contractors that will work to remediate the specific leak issues. One company will sleeve the pipe, another will seal & line the pond. Work on the repair was scheduled to begin mid-August however the rainy weather this summer has set schedules way back. The work that needs to be done requires several days of dry weather to apply and cure the product being used to seal the cracks. Please be cautious in the traffic circle area once works begins.

Residents can review the progress via the [NDHA](#) website to see if we can still hope to see water flowing this season. For those of us that remember how lovely the waterfall is, this is wonderful news.

The Discovery Ridge **RECREATION FACILITY**, located on the corner of Discovery Ridge Hill & Discovery Ridge Blvd. includes tennis courts, a hockey rink, basketball court & playground. Construction has started for Phase 2 that will see leisure ice & a maintenance house/change room. Please take safety precautions when in the park & avoid the construction area.



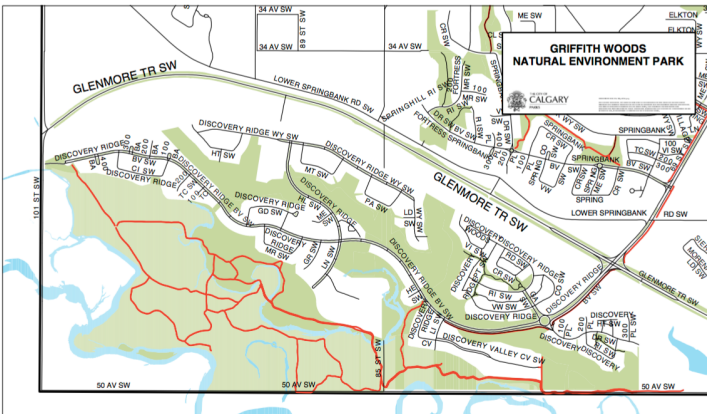
The **DRCA** building will house rink maintenance equipment & provide a covered, heated outdoor area to put on skates or be used for other community functions. Look through the fencing to the yellow area.

The changes in the facility that our complex backs onto are exciting for us to watch & anticipate. Paul Decloux, **DRCA** Director recently advised that the project is 2 months behind schedule with weather preventing progress. However, they still plan to have things complete in the fall of 2016.

DRCA membership is completely voluntary & well worth the investment. We enjoy the facilities, we should help to further establish the **DRCA**.

Please visit <http://discoveryridge.com/membership/> for more information.

ABOUT GRIFFITH WOODS PARK Some History



Griffith Woods Park, primarily a natural environment park whose 93 hectares lie along the banks of the Elbow River in SW Calgary. The land had been ranched since the late 1800's & the park was created in 2000 when Wilbur & Betty Griffith donated a portion of Griffith Estate to The City of Calgary to be set aside as a nature preserve.

Griffith Woods is a classified Special Protection Natural Environment Park because of its overall environmental sensitivity & significance.

The Elbow River, with headwaters in Elbow Lake high up in Kananaskis Country, flows unimpeded down & through Griffith Woods. A "wild river" within a major city! Within this park, the river is relatively straight but it has abandoned ancient curves leaving "oxbow" wetlands. These oxbows combined with the wetlands associated with spring-fed streams that flow into the park, result in a rich variety of aquatic ecosystems.

This information & more is available by visiting:

<http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/SW-parks/Griffith-Woods.aspx>

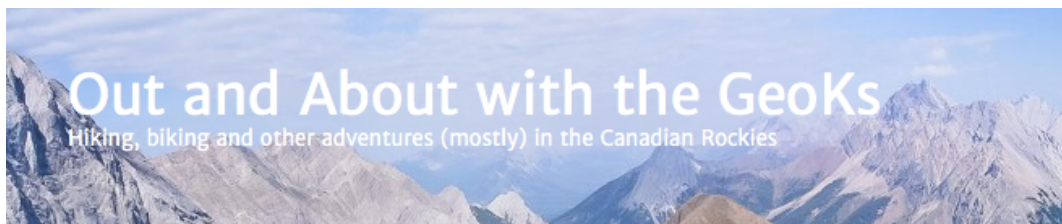
Management Plan

Griffith Woods Natural Environment Park Management Plan was developed in 2001. After the needs & purpose of the park had been identified a management, design & development plan was established. I have included the explanation behind the management plan & if you would like to read the full report you can access it through the link provided below.

“The Management Plan process is required to establish sound management direction to the unique biophysical resources of Griffith Woods Natural Environment Park. The Management Plan is designed to be consistent with the objectives & goals identified in the City of Calgary Natural Area Management Plan & the Calgary Urban Parks Master Plan, both of which have been approved by Council. It will recommend compatible visitor uses & management strategies, & through appropriate design & development, it will put into place the required infrastructure to realize & respect the vision & objectives of the park.”

http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Documents/Planning-and-Operations/Natural-Areas-and-Wetlands/Griffith_Woods_Management_Plan.pdf?noredirect=1

Cycling in Griffith Woods



The internet provides various links to cycling in & about Calgary. GeoKs / June 29, 2016 blog is worth reading. “Bike rides have multiple purposes: exercise, photography, active transportation and/or geocaching. With my [last ride in Griffith Woods](#) centered on exercise & photography, I decided to plan a ride based on geocaching.”

<https://thegeoks.wordpress.com/2016/06/29/cycling-in-griffith-woods/>

This article about Griffith Woods by Julya Hajnoczky takes us on an adventure as we wander the paths of Griffith Woods Nature Park. We share a small part of these woods here at The Wedge, a good read for all of us.

<http://www.avenuecalgary.com/City-Life/Exploring-Calgarys-Park-Griffith-Woods/>

Griffith Woods is NOT an off-leash area for dogs

Calgary is fortunate to have [150 public off-leash areas](#) in our multi-use parks for Calgarians & their dogs to enjoy. We may have the largest number of off-leash areas & combined amount of off-leash space (more than 1,250 hectares) in North America. These off-leash designations make up for approximately 17% of the total Calgary Parks inventory & equates to almost 1,600 Canadian Football League fields.



**Please enjoy these areas
& keep your dogs on-leash
in Discovery.**

BE AWARE OF DESTRUCTION IN THE WOODS

Griffith Woods is a prized possession for our community & for the City of Calgary, as such we must all do our part to ensure it remains a family oriented safe area. When Dangerous, Destructive, Illegal Activities occur in the woods all area residents should know what to do!

Sadly occurrences of inappropriate & sometimes dangerous activity have proven concerning with an increase in year round park issues, including illegal activities. There have been reports to police & fire departments regarding late night partying, alcohol consumption, drug use/trade, gun shots, open fires, including burning of bridge & fence posts, a parking lot gate broken as cars smash through it & more. Numerous tickets have been issued for impaired driving, speeding & some charges have been laid for drug possession. Trash, cigarette butts & empty cans / bottles are being left behind in the park & intoxicated people have been seen stumbling through neighbourhood yards.



All Discovery Residents should do their part & report what they see to the Calgary Police Service. Calls relative to fire/safety risks & nuisance/misuse of the park assist to establish patterns of activity used to develop effective strategies to improve safety. The DRCA consider this a priority for the community to be fully aware of & report to CPS before there is a serious forest fire or vehicular accident. We need to work together to ensure Griffith Woods remains safe for all. Please do you part!

CITY NEWS



Central library is now home to a full-sized, real fire truck, inside the library! Engine 23 has retired from fighting fires & begun a whole new life helping children learn. Calgary's youngest citizens can not only read about fire trucks, but suit up, jump in the truck & rush to the scene of imaginary accidents or infernos to bring aid & assistance. The fire truck weighs 22-tonnes & provides a suite of experiences. It's authentic & kids can play on it & interact with it in a very real way.

When the Calgary Fire Department offered to loan a decommissioned fire truck, Calgary Public Library seized upon the opportunity to create an innovative early learning experience. After much planning & design Engine 23 has been installed in Central Library, where it will remain until New Central Library opens in 2018.



You can visit Engine 23 any time Central Library is open, or drop in for special Engine 23 story-times. Toddlers & Preschoolers (ages 2-5) can drop in to enjoy fire-themed story-times while seated atop Engine 23! Families of all ages are welcome to drop in, join a Calgary Fire Department firefighter for a special family story-time & enjoy an opportunity to start your very own new adventures with

Engine 23. A staircase connects the installation to the children's area on the second floor, so be sure to visit the Children's Library on the 2nd Floor!

Visit here for more information, this could be so much fun for all our families:

<http://calgarylibrary.ca/engine-23/>

Message from the Newsletter Publisher



The Village Newsletter team works very hard at having a positive message each newsletter, leaving residents feeling good about where we live & the space we share. I do believe we live well & enjoy life.

Sadly rules, guidelines, policies, protocols, procedures & even the common sense approach seem to be frowned upon because they surely must be “For Someone Else.” Please be respectful & alert within our community.

The distracted driving bylaw starts the minute you put your key in the ignition. **This stop sign is not a YIELD. The Playground Zone is really right there!** You can not roll thru life without guidelines & we certainly do not want anyone to roll over a child or a pet. You must be mindful at all times.

For those new to The Wedge, welcome! The newsletter evolved this time into what seem more like a newspaper! Well, I asked for input & I got it :-). It makes me feel good that much of what you have seen in this edition came from within our village.

The next newsletter will be a fall edition, if there are things you would like to see I always welcome an email.

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