

The Wedge “Village News”



Spring in Discovery Ridge

2017

Springtime sees the land awakening and everything is full of promise. This is a miraculous time of year as we watch our days fill with colour and allow the scent of our woods to sharpen our senses.

It's a time that we should respect all that nature brings and do our part to be faithful caretakers of the land we all share.

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The last newsletter published in March 2017 & my intention to get a spring edition out before summer was knocking on the door has been more of a challenge that anticipated. Life is busy & spring seems to bring more hustle and bustle each year.

Our village has seen lots of activity over the past few months. During the AGM on March 6th, condo owners elected a new board.

Board members are:

Kathryn Hatch, April Shand, Susan Chittick, Keyvan Tabriz (now resigned), Paul Hodges, Allan Guty & Brenda Belcher.

Appointment of Officers occurred during the March board meeting:

- Chairperson – Kathryn Hatch
- Vice-Chairperson – April Shand
- Secretary – Brenda Belcher
- Treasurer – Susan Chittick

SOC completed the security project including FOB Access, Security Camera, Handicap Doors & upgraded Telephone Access Systems in each Chateau. This was no small task but Susan & Rick worked tirelessly through the transition with some help with a few volunteers. Thank you may not say enough!

Our first food drive for the Calgary Food Bank was held in May. With the help of a few volunteers & generous residents, we collected 380 lbs. of food. Thanks to everyone for making the food drive a success.

Spring cleaning for May included the guest parking lot & underground parkade cleaning. Scheduled for June is residential hallway carpet cleaning, window washing & neighbour day clean up, followed by the 4th Annual BBQ! Information for these have been provided on our website calendar.

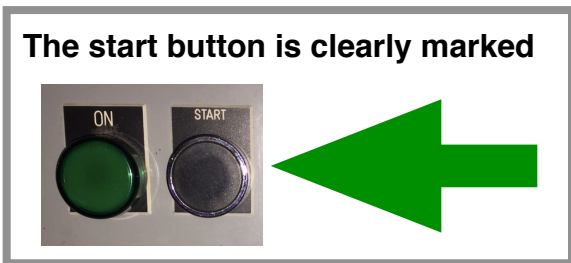
The building envelope repair will commence this summer. For more information check the board minutes. A specific start date has not been set yet but we will be given lots of notice.

GARBAGE HOUSE TRASH COMPACTOR

ONLY HOUSEHOLD DOMESTIC WASTE IS ACCEPTABLE:

Compacting waste reduces the amount of space in the disposal bins & more importantly it has a smaller footprint in landfill. We all need to be environmentally responsible so please take time to familiarize yourself with the equipment in our garbage house.

HOW TO USE instructions are posted on the outside of the compactor. Make sure the door is closed properly after placing your bagged waste in. If you find the compactor full please start up the unit, if it is partially full you can leave it until full. Residents using the compactor system may accidentally deactivate the unit by pressing the emergency stop button. Simply pull the button out to restart the compactor. Learn what to do when the compactor unit is not functioning, there may be simple resolution to the problem.



Educate yourselves, it will pay off in the long run!

The trash compactor is for bagged household waste only.

When placing bagged waste in the compactor please make sure you have **NOT INCLUDED** any of the following identified items:

- liquids, oils or fluids of any kind
 - kitty litter or pet waste
 - diapers or other personal hygiene products
 - hazardous waste
 - aerosol cans, chemicals or paints
 - glass* **or** cardboard*
- these items* should be placed in the appropriate recycling bin.



The large blue metal bins are for garbage items that cannot be placed in the



COMING SOON TO OUR GARBAGE HOUSE

COMPOSTING FOOD & ORGANIC MATTER AT THE WEDGEWOODS

Starting Nov. 1, 2017 multi-family buildings must separate food & organic waste from regular garbage for composting & diversion. Similar to the City of Calgary [multi-family recycling requirements](#),

Planning is underway at The Wedgewoods for setting up our food & organic matter waste diversion program & more details will be provided in the coming months.

Items that will be accepted as organic waste are:

All food (raw & cooked):

- Plate scrapings
- Eggshells & dairy products
- Meat, fish, shellfish & bones
- Jams, sauces, salad dressing & cooking oil
- Fruits & vegetables
- Pastries, cookies, cakes & muffins
- Bread, noodles, rice, bean & grains
- Nuts, seeds, chips, popcorn & candy
- Coffee filters & tea bags



Reference:

[Calgary Waste Recycling Information](#)

WE NEED TO START RETHINKING WASTE

Nearly all of the garbage coming from collection bins isn't garbage at all. It's items like paper & cardboard, items that are compostable & recycling material.

57% Recyclables
31% Compostables
12% Garbage

Be a Good Neighbour:

Altercations with neighbours can make life unpleasant. Taking time to establish good relationships has numerous benefits for all. Wedgewoods will be a friendlier, safer & a more comfortable place to live if residents are good neighbours. These courtesies also apply to our guests & we need your help sending the message.

- Make an effort to introduce yourself to new residents,
- Consider different lifestyles & how your actions may affect them; a neighbour may work shift work, have a new baby, or be ill,
- Be responsible for your pets on walks & when they are to be left alone, neighbours feel sorry for howling & whining dogs,
- Be aware of your surroundings & report irregular activity if you see it,
- Be aware of shared walls, sound carries more than you may realize.
- Sound through floors & ceilings can be disruptive to those below or above you, even for example the droning of a bathroom fan,
- Also try to avoid overly loud conversations on balconies & in the guest parking areas, this is an imposition to other residents,
- When windows are open, or you are on your balcony, please use a quiet voice. Not everyone should be privy to your private conversations.
- Position your BBQ so smoke & smells are less likely to prompt your neighbours inviting themselves over for dinner,
- Smokers should be respectful of their surroundings, open windows & smoking on balconies allows smoke to waft into other units & onto their balconies,

- Practice parking etiquette, don't block driveways or fellow parkers.
- Be considerate of your vehicle's noise & headlights as you come & go during early mornings & nights.
- Remember vehicles & motorcycles in guest parking should not be revving engines or left idling,
- Think about the residents whose suites open onto the front of the Chateaux as you & your guests come & go, no matter the time of day.
- Keep your balcony clean & tidy, with only patio furniture, a natural gas barbecue & potted plants.
- Put rubbish/recyclables in the garbage house, not stored on the balcony or in your designated parking stall,
- Let your neighbours know if you are going to have an event & remind your guests to be considerate while arriving & departing,
- Communicate with your neighbours when something you are planning to do may affect them & make plans to minimize the disruption,
- Offer to lend a hand, your neighbour will likely do the same for you.

ADHERE TO THE BY-LAWS, RESPECT QUIET TIME. REMEMBER CONTRACTORS CAN ONLY WORK DURING APPROVED TIMES. MOVES & DELIVERIES ARE WELCOMED FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

In the community at large there have been lots of events as well!

The DRCA held an *Earth Day Litter Pick* in April, neighbourhood *Garage Sales* on May 27th, neighbourhood *Clean Up* on May 28th. & the *Stampede BBQ* will be held June 11th.

Community activities are planned & organized by
[Discovery Ridge Community Association.](#)

Community landscaping, pathway snow removal & the waterfall are maintained by
[New Discovery Homeowners Association.](#)

For more information, please click on the links above to visit the respective websites.

The City of Calgary provides current information on recreational activities throughout the city, offering drop-in fitness opportunities, registered programs and plenty of events & festivals.

Visit: [Calgary Recreation](#) & enjoy the Spring/Summer programs available to all Calgarians.

- Arenas
- Aquatic & Fitness Centres
- Arts Centres
- Athletic Parks
- Calgary Soccer Centre
- Glenmore Sailing School
- Golf Courses
- Leisure Centres
- Skateparks

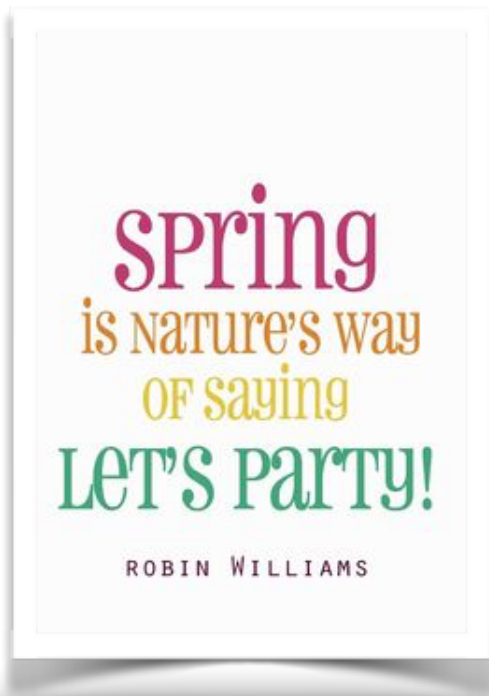
Closer to home, the **Public Library in Signal Hill.**

Only one bus stop away!

Visit: [Public Library Events](#) & find all the wonderful ways to fill your mind.

1-2-3: Count With Me!
3 Things for Canada Party!
50+ Lecture Series
Baby Bookworms
Baby Rhyme Time
Bill's Book Cafe with Jay Ingram
Book Discussion Group: Adult
Career Coaching
Coding Buddies

Colossal Calgary Playdate!
Computer Technology Coaching
ConocoPhillips Reading Buddies
Drop-in Family Storytime
eBooks and Library Apps
ESL Conversation Club
Intermediate Microsoft Excel
Math Quest
Words and Wiggles



“ This edition of the Village News is meant to keep the door open. Recognize how time can get away on all of us & realize that I still have not found a way to fit it all in. All the things!

Next edition will be a Summer Newsletter & hopefully I will have the opportunity to regroup with the resident contributors once more. “ *Kim*

Please feel free to email me your thoughts & ideas. I always welcome your feedback: volunteering@wedgewoods.ca

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