



West Park Residents Association Community Newsletter

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Spring has finally arrived!

by WPRA Board Members

SPRING/SUMMER 2018

Landscaping and Maintenance

After a long and snowy winter, the grounds around West Park were definitely in need of some care to get them looking their best! While the City of Calgary is responsible for *basic* maintenance of the city owned areas (81st Street boulevard, playground, pond, tennis courts), additional maintenance and upkeep is necessary. WPRA has contracted Foothills Landscaping to provide *enhanced landscaping services* as well as tending to the flower beds, mulched areas and WPRA traffic circle planters:

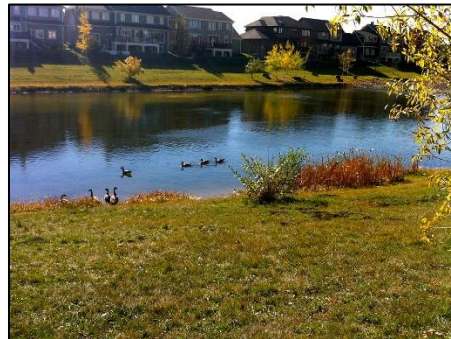
- Spring and Fall clean-up
- Litter pick-up
- Watering and fertilizing flower beds
- Minor pruning of shrubs
- Refilling dog bag dispensers (all year)
- Cultivation, routine weeding and edging of shrub and flower beds
- Planting annuals in flower beds
- Assessment of pests and disease

The City significantly cut back on landscape maintenance services over the last couple of years. This notably included no longer providing irrigation of West Park spaces around the tennis court and playground/pathways, and increasing the naturalization area around the pond to reduce mowing needs. The WPRA board is currently discussing with City representatives how best to address concerns with these changes so that West Park continues to look its best.

In the meantime, please contact 311 for issues such as dandelions, weeds or dead trees in City owned areas and full garbage cans along the pathways.

Pond Fountain

Summer algae growth in the pond has been an issue for several years. Without the original developer planned waterfall to provide some aeration and water flow, the pond has been treated with bio-chemicals in the past when the algae growth caused unpleasant odours around the pond area; however, this is no longer an option.



We are in the process of obtaining City approval to install an aerating fountain on the pond that will help to control the algae level. The goal is to have the fountain running for Spring 2019. More details will be shared about the fountain and the timing as we progress this effort.

e-Payment of Annual Fees

In response to numerous requests, payment of the WPRA annual fees can now be made via e-transfer directly from your bank account!

Please send your e-transfer payment to westparkpayments@gmail.com (see invoice for password to use) and include your street

address in the message so the payment can be correctly applied to your account. Of course, cheque payment of annual fees is still accepted via regular mail to the WPRA PO box address.

The mandatory annual fee is set to cover the Association's operational costs. The annual budget of about \$24,000 (average of \$230 per residence – there are 104 homes in West Park) is mainly for maintenance of our community landscaping. A reserve fund is also maintained to cover investment in community improvements and contingency for unforeseen costs. The fee is reviewed each year and adjusted as needed (maintained at \$200 for 2018/19).

Remember, payment of fees is due by June 30 each year (10% interest is assessed on late payments). Thank-you to those who have already paid your 2018/19 fees!

When a residence is sold, any outstanding fees and interest are paid to the WPRA as part of the settlement. The account balance is typically requested from the WPRA by the Seller's and/or Buyer's lawyer.

West Springs Development

City Council approved an amendment to the [Area Structure Plan](#) for the lands north of West Park, creating the "West Springs North Neighbourhood". Additional information is available at calgary.ca/westspringasp. The two developers (Truman and Trico) are now progressing with subdivision and development permit applications for the initial phases. You can provide input on these applications by zooming to the West District

area on the development map at developmentmap.calgary.ca/#map.

Truman has already started initial land preparation work along the lands behind Westpark Court, including planting of trees for the landscape buffer. Trico expects to begin work on the lands north of Westpark Crescent potentially in late 2018, but likely in Spring 2019. More information will be shared as the work progresses.



Staying in Touch

Keeping residents up to date on what is going on in and around the West Park community is our biggest challenge. The main communication channels we leverage are our website, email and Facebook group. This first distributed newsletter is intended to broaden our reach to ensure the most important information is reaching each of your homes. Please send us your email address and street address to be added to our email distribution list.

www.westparkcalgary.com:

- Community info
- Annual fee details
- AGM materials
- Sign-up for email distribution list
- Fence stain colour

westparkresidents@gmail.com

- Contact Board members
- Update email information
- Used to issue important updates

facebook.com/groups/westparkresidents/

- Connect with neighbours
- Share important information

Mail Delivery Issues?

Many West Park residents have been experiencing missing or incorrectly delivered Canada Post mail. They have made some recent changes to the sorting area for West Park to address these issues. If you continue to experience problems with your mail delivery, please send an email with your specific concerns directly to Adam Ng at adam.ng@canadapost.postescanada.ca.

West Park Tennis Court

Within our neighbourhood, we enjoy biking and walking paths, a beautiful pond, toddler playground and tennis court. The tennis court is actually managed by the City of Calgary and public recreational use is free on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to book the tennis courts for special events, visit Calgary.ca and search “book tennis courts”.



KEY DATES

Calgary Neighbour Day Saturday, June 16

2018 AGM – Tuesday, June 21, St. Joan of Arc school gym @ 7:00pm

2018/19 Annual Fees – Due by June 30, 2018

2018 AGM INFORMATION

Information available on the website:

- Fees invoice
- Notice of AGM and Board Proxy Circular
- Financial statements
- Minutes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact us by email:
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Check our webpage:
www.westparkcalgary.com

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