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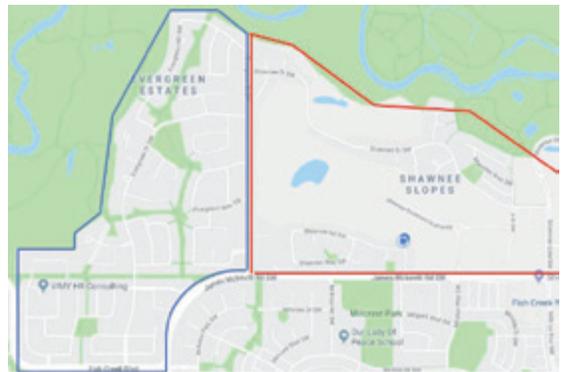
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We are thinking of you and your families during this difficult time. Though the pandemic has been emotionally challenging, our sidewalks and pathways have been busier than ever before, and some of your gardens are looking especially nicely manicured. COVID-19 has caused SECA to take time off from programs, events, our 2020 membership drive, and even our communications, but we plan to re-set and come back strong.

We invite residents to join in our vision of creating a more neighbourly community. To take this vision from a good idea to reality takes volunteers. The contributions of our volunteers on our boards and committees helps to create a warm and friendly community where people feel connected and safe. We have a ways to go but that's the type of community where I want to live. How about you?

You may have noticed an interruption in our communications recently. It all comes down to too few people being responsible for too many tasks. On their own these tasks are not onerous but when they pile up onto just a few individuals, it can be difficult to keep up.

Become a SECA volunteer! We have openings on the Board of Directors and on committees. Or, if you would prefer to volunteer for specific tasks, volunteers with basic social media skills, writing for our newsletters, use of Mailchimp, or website management, to name a few, would be warmly welcomed. We're also looking for a person to help us to adopt *G Suite for Non-profits* which will make our volunteer work more efficient.

SECA's Annual General Meeting will be online, **September 29**, at 7:00 pm. We invite all residents to attend online to hear our reports and to join in the discussion. It's your opportunity to provide feedback to the Board. We are recruiting for a variety of Board of Directors roles (Secretary, Vice President, Directors at Large). Please email info@shawneevergreen.ca or call Lynn at 403-606-2406 to discuss how your skills and interests could fit. If you would like to attend the online AGM, please email at the above address to receive the login information. Watch for reports and agendas on our website and via our e-newsletters.

Membership revenue funds our operational costs, many of which did not stop when the pandemic hit. Thanks to those who, despite the inter-

ruption in our events and programs, continued to support SECA by purchasing a membership. Please consider joining at shawnee-evergreen.ca/membership for \$20 anytime. Your support is appreciated!

Progress has been achieved! Thanks to the action of SECA and engaged residents we have enjoyed some successes recently. (1) – The City has promised to take action to resolve the pre-COVID parking issues on 6 Street SW, though no signs have appeared yet. (2) – Our letter writing campaign resulted in a City Council zoning decision that means there will be no auto-oriented development (gas station) on the Graywood Developments land at James McKeivitt Drive and Shawnee Street. (3) – Many potholes were filled on Shawnee Drive. When we work together, we can make things happen!

SECA Plays is looking forward to reconnecting with families. Our Play Specialists are keen to start offering programs again with COVID precautions in place. We would like to hear from parents. Are you looking for outdoor programs through the fall and winter? (1) – Loose parts play (3 to 10 years). (2) – Families in Nature with Urban Wild (2 to 6 years). (3) – Survival Skills with Rediscover Play (9 to 12 years). Let us know at play@shawneevergreen.ca. Thanks.

Cardel Homes reminds SECA area residents that other than completed and opened areas, Shawnee Park remains an active, privately owned, construction site with all the hazards that entails. For safety reasons, public access is strictly prohibited (including landscape buffer areas) and residents should observe all construction signage and respect the private property. For all development related inquiries please contact Brett O'Reilly, Project Manager, Cardel Homes at brett.oreilly@cardelhomes.com.

We can serve you best when we are connected! Receive our electronic newsletters by emailing info@shawneevergreen.ca, and like our Facebook page, @ShawneeEvergreenYYC. Our Board meetings are open, though we appreciate knowing if you plan to attend so that we can manage our agenda.

The Board of Directors is always interested in your feedback, and we hope to see you at our AGM.

Lynn Jobe, VP@shawneevergreen.ca

Starting October 1, remember to tag your extra garbage bags

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Where to buy tags

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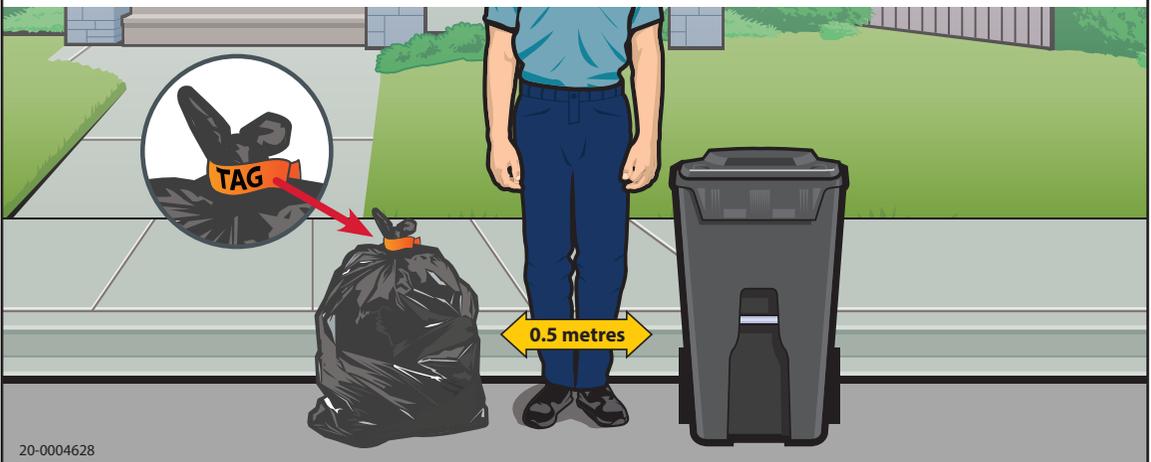
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- Provides a director for Trico Centre for Family Wellness
- Works with Cardel Homes, Graywood Developments and the City to try to ensure that Shawnee Park is developed in a way that melds with our existing community as well as is possible
- Diligently alert to the future development of lands surrounding Fish Creek Lacombe LRT station
- Involved with the City in transportation issues (e.g. SW Ring Road, traffic and safety issues, etc.) that impact our community
- Address speeding and other traffic issues within our community (e.g. Shawnee Drive SW and 6 Str. SW intersection)

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To purchase a membership in Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association, please go to our web site at shawnee-evergreen.ca/membership. Alternatively, fill in this form and mail or deliver to Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association c/o Maigul Wickham 130 Shawnee Common SW T2Y 0P9

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A Message from your Friends - Why Do I Need to Keep my Dog on a Leash in Fish Creek?

Calgary is a dog-loving city. You may have one or more dogs, have had a dog in the past, or are considering adopting a new furry family member. For thousands of years, dogs and humans have existed together and enjoyed a mutually beneficial relationship. In an urban setting like Calgary, dogs are used less for work, and more for companionship and home security – even the smallest of dogs can sound the alarm at the first indication of an unwelcome guest. Dogs are truly cherished family members, and like people, each dog has a unique personality. Fish Creek Provincial Park is a vast urban greenspace that experiences over 4 million visits each year, a number that is sure to increase as the city continues to grow. Dog walking is one of the most popular activities in the park, and the extensive pathway system is perfect for going on long walks with your four-legged best friend. Dogs love Fish Creek for the bustling activity, the open spaces and waterways, the smells, the friendly people and the other dogs.

We know that dogs love running freely, and pet owners want their dogs to be happy! However, off-leash dogs can be at risk in wild spaces like Fish Creek Provincial Park for several different reasons:

- They can surprise or disturb wildlife, inviting potential conflict or injury to your pet. They could be kicked by a protective deer, sprayed by a skunk or be quilled by a porcupine, all of which could lead to costly vet bills, or worse. A small or medium-sized off-leash dog can look like a tasty meal for a coyote, whereas an on-leash dog may encourage the coyote to look elsewhere. And since Fish Creek is a natural wildlife corridor that funnels wildlife from Alberta's eastern slopes, run-ins with a bear or cougar are also possible, bringing risk to everyone.
- Off-leash dogs can give chase or attack wildlife or harass and injure park wildlife.
- There are also different natural hazards that might put your off-leash friend at risk, such as gopher holes and thorny bushes, not to mention hazards associated with busy park trails, pathways and roadways, which can pose a significant threat to a wandering off-leash dog.

Many park visitors may not know that it is illegal to have dogs off leash in Alberta's provincial parks - such as Fish Creek - while others may be aware of the regulation and simply choose not to follow it. Off-leash dogs represent one of the most common provincial park infractions, and the Friends of Fish Creek increasingly hear stories from park visitors about dogs running wild or visitors being approached by unwelcome dogs. There have even been reports of dog owners responding rudely when asked about keeping their dog on leash. Fines for not having your dog on a leash or not picking up after your dog range from \$115 to \$2000.

Keeping your dog on a leash is also an act of respect for other park users, who may not appreciate being approached or jumped on by a dog. Some people are fearful or uncomfortable around dogs, or may be allergic to them, and while most people feel their pets are well-trained and gentle, that is not always the case. Invasive plant species can also be further spread throughout our park by being transported on the fur of an off-leash dog, further compounding the issue we already have with invasive plants. This will not happen if you keep your dog on-leash and stay to the park's pathways. And while we are on the subject of dogs, please be sure to pick up after your pet, and properly dispose of their waste in garbage bins. We have learned that one of peoples' biggest "pet" peeves is when people leave dog waste bags along the park pathways. And while most people would agree that this is unsightly, there is also an associated safety risk, as dog waste can act as an attractant to large carnivores, such as bears.

Many officially-designated off-leash dog parks exist in our city, and these are the best and safest places for dogs to run wild, play fetch and socialize with others in their special dog way! A list of off leash areas can be found at <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/parks/locations/off-leash-area-locations.html>.

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I know these past six months have been an incredibly difficult time for all of you in Ward 13. I have seen and heard firsthand from many of you – while door-knocking, grocery shopping, and at community events – the desperate situation Calgarians are in. Nothing is the same anymore, with schools and businesses shutting down, including City recreation facilities. This has resulted in significant financial hardship for families and for parents who haven't been able to work or who have lost their jobs. Kids haven't been able to go swimming or play in the parks. The emotional impact has been immeasurable.

We were already in an economic recession since 2015, which was seriously impacted with the collapse of the oil and gas industry, and us not being able to get our resources to tidewater. Then a world-wide pandemic, with Calgary being hit the hardest in Alberta. We are still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of how this second wave will impact our kids going back to school this fall. The loss of loved ones has been heartbreaking.

It is important for us to stay the course and ensure we continue to bend the COVID curve by physically distancing, washing hands, and wearing a mask to protect yourselves plus others. We don't want to shut things down again. Vaccines and other treatments are still a ways off.

Thousands have lost their jobs including within the city. We've been fortunate to work hand-in-hand with Premier Kenney and the federal government in facing this crisis together. I've admired Dr. Deena Hinshaw's regular COVID briefings, and how she and Premier Kenney are aligned in their approaches. Likewise, with the SOLE (State of Local Emergency), which was the longest in our City's history, Chief Tom Sampson worked in tandem with our provincial counterparts. While we aren't out of the woods yet, know that we are in this together; don't hesitate to reach out for help. I am here for you, and I am your voice at City Hall.

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Normally, September is when excited youngsters hurry back to school to reconnect with friends and begin to plot new and exciting ways to avoid homework. But, we know that September 2020 will be different.

The coronavirus pandemic has been a part of our day-to-day lives for nearly six months and has changed our habits and routines. Albertans have done an admirable job listening to the advice from public health officials and have worked together to reduce the spread of COVID-19, protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring our healthcare system was not overwhelmed.

Alberta's Education Minister, Adrianna LaGrange, has worked closely with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, as well as Alberta Health, school boards, and superintendents to develop Alberta's back-to-school re-entry plan. We have acted with the best possible information and are committed to making sure that we make any adjustments we need to, so that we can keep kids safe.

The measures we are taking include: frequent cleaning of surfaces, introducing hand sanitizers to school and classroom entrances, grouping students in cohorts, and adjusting schedules to allow for greater physical distancing. To prepare or to get more information, parents can go to alberta.ca/returntoschool.

And, while kids and teachers return to school, we know that folks still need to get back to work. That's why we launched Alberta's Recovery Plan. It's a bold, ambitious plan to create more than 50,000 jobs and diversify our economy. We are building roads, bridges, schools, and other infrastructure Albertans rely on while making life better with investments that will allow our province to grow in the future.

Albertans came together at the outset of this pandemic to save lives. Now, while we move to gradually re-open our economy and our schools safely, we must continue to work together to make sure that Alberta continues to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

SHAWNESSY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Shawnessy Community Association AGM

September 14, 2020; 7:00 pm

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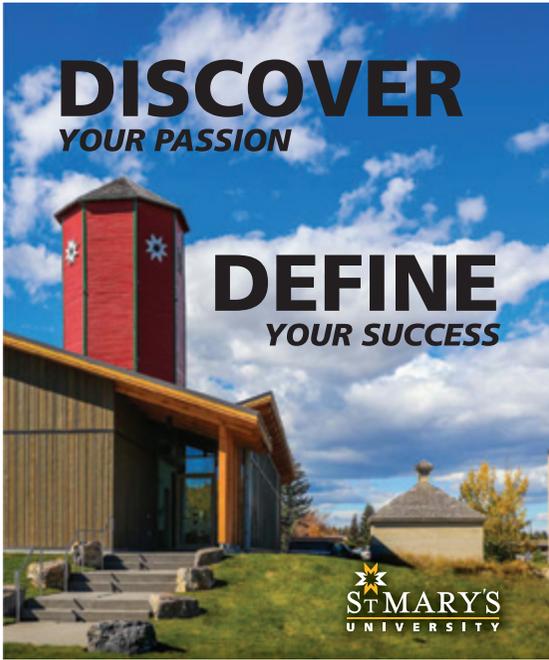
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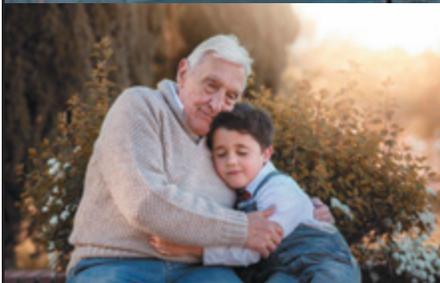
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