

THE WESTGATOR

WESTGATE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Gators Nook Development

You may have noticed construction outside of the Hall in September. This was Phase 1 of Gators Nook, a beautification project to enhance the area on the west side of the hall to create a space where people can gather and enjoy being outside.

Phase 1 of the project involved clearing and grading the area, replacing retaining walls along the east side of the rink and replacing the south parking lot walkway. This was completed through grants from the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta.

Phase 2 will take place in Spring and Summer 2026, and will include outdoor seating, planters, and a native plant garden.



Join us for a

Holiday Celebration & Santa's Toy Shop



December 13th from 1pm-4pm

Enjoy an afternoon with your community at the Westgate hall on December 13th from 1pm-4pm for some festive family fun!

Get your photo with Santa, go ice skating, drink hot chocolate by the fire, and pick up your Community Festival Light Map.

Bring a toy to donate to the WINS Foundation to participate in Santa's Toy Shop. Every holiday season, the Women in Need Society (WINS) opens Gift Rooms to welcome families in need across Calgary. Parents can choose gifts for their children at no cost, and you can be part of their story too!

Santa's Toy Shop is looking for brand-new gifts for children and teens (ages 0-17, especially 12+), appreciated by all genders. Gift cards are also welcome. Together, we create warm, joyful moments and spread holiday magic for those in need.

If you'd like another way to help, consider Handbags with Heart: collect gently used purses and fill them with hygiene items, cosmetics, or fun goodies to brighten someone's holiday.

For more information visit www.winsyyc.ca

Enter Your Home for the Holiday Lights Map!

Let's make Westgate sparkle!

Do you love decorating your home for the holidays? Submit your address to be featured on Westgate's Holiday Lights Map, a self-guided tour of the brightest, most festive homes in the neighbourhood.



Send an email to: info@westgatecommunity.ca before December 10th to be included.

Neighbourhood Holiday Markets and Events



Mark your calendars! Westgate and nearby communities are gearing up for festive markets, local makers, and cheerful holiday events. It's the perfect way to shop local and celebrate the season close to home!

 **Tibetan Fall Bazaar:** Saturday, November 15th 9am–6pm.
Rosscarrock Community Hall (4411 10th Ave SW)

 **Glenbrook Makers' Market:** Saturday, November 22nd
10am–4pm. Glenbrook Community Hall (3524 45th St SW)

 **Wildwood Artisan Christmas Market:** Saturday, December 6th 10am–4pm. Wildwood Community Centre (4411 Spruce Dr SW) Free admission with Food Bank donation

 **Rosscarrock Family Christmas Event:** Saturday, December 6th 2pm–4pm. Rosscarrock Community Hall (4411 10th Ave SW) Registration required.

 **Killarney Last Minute Market:** Saturday, December 6th 2pm–7pm. Killarney–Glengarry Community Hall (2828 28th St SW)

Winter Planters & Wreaths



Garden Soil-lutions offers winter planters and wreaths available to order now through December 15th. To order contact gardensoilutions@gmail.com or visit chelsiesgardens.com for inquiries and quotes.

Are you interested in local development issues in Westgate?

A committee of neighbourhood residents is being formed to help create Restrictive Covenants for our community. If you would like to learn more about this initiative or participate in the committee, please contact info@westgatecommunity.ca

Senior Fitness



Monday and Wednesday Classes.

9:30am–10:30am: Light and Lively.

10:30am–11:30am: Sit Fit

Both classes incorporate a variety of exercise equipment, including weights, resistance bands, and balls. These classes promote health and wellness, as well as a fun place to connect with friends and neighbours. **\$7 per class for WCA Members.**

Masonry & Concrete Support Needed

We're looking for experienced masonry and concrete workers to help support upcoming maintenance projects at the Westgate Community Hall. If you or someone you know can lend a hand or provide a quote, please reach out to the Westgate Community Association.

PickleBall

Westgate's first pickleball season has now come to a close. Thanks to this beautiful fall weather the season was able to extend into October. To everyone who participated in the program, please watch your email for a survey coming soon to help us gather feedback so that we can grow the program for 2026.

Scarboro Preschool at Westgate



Space Available!

Offering three programs designed to inspire children ages 2.5 – 5.

Check us out online! scarboropreschool.com or on Instagram @scarboropreschool

Community Clean-Up Day Success

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support and take part in our Westgate Cleanup Day on August 16th! Whether you volunteered your time or dropped off items, your efforts made a big difference in keeping our community clean and beautiful.

We collected enough metal for two truckloads, recycled plenty of electronics, and kept the City trucks busy with multiple dump runs. Westgate cleaned up - and we couldn't have done it without you!



Safe Halloween Recap

This year we were able to access the Ward 6 grant to provide goodies for all kids. Over 100 children and parents stopped by the hall on Oct 31st for our Safe Halloween event. Costumes were amazing! Thank you to everyone who participated and to our volunteers for their time.

Create More Memories, Less Waste This Holiday Season

The holidays bring plenty of joy and often a little extra waste. In fact, we generate about 25% more this time of year from wrapping paper, packaging, and leftover food. Small choices can make a big difference:

- Give experiences instead of things. Time together creates lasting memories.
- Make or repurpose gifts. Handmade or passed-down items tell a story.
- Wrap creatively. Reuse bags, bows, or try fabric wrapping.
- Shop with purpose. Plan ahead and choose meaningful gifts.
- Reduce food waste. Stick to a grocery list, use leftovers, or send extras home with guests.

Together, we can make this season brighter and a little lighter on the planet.

Save the date!

Westgate Winterfest is coming
February 7th 2026



Coffee Break

Every Monday morning, the hall is open for coffee and conversation with neighbours.

Drop by from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Free to WCA members.



Help Keep Westgate Clean and Safe!

If you notice garbage, debris, or any obstructions in our back alleys, **call 3-1-1** to report it. The city of Calgary will come to take care of things.

Green Cart Reminder

Don't forget: Green cart collection has now switched to every two weeks for the winter season.

Christmas Tree Composting



When the holidays are over, give your real Christmas tree a green goodbye:

- Green Cart Pickup: Remove all decorations, cut into small pieces, and place inside your green cart.
- Drop-Off (until Jan 31): Take your undecorated, unbagged tree to a designated site.
- **Find locations at calgary.ca/christmastree.**

Be a Snow Angel

Winter is here. Lending a hand by shovelling your neighbour's sidewalk helps keep our community safe, welcoming, and walkable for everyone.

Community Brainstorm

Have a community project or event ideas that you would like to see in 2026?

Your input helps make Westgate even better!



Send an email to:

info@westgatecommunity.ca

Westgate Community Membership



Westgate Community Memberships are the foundation of our association – they help fund the events, programs, and advocacy that make our neighbourhood vibrant and connected. If you haven't purchased your membership yet, now's the time! Memberships are just \$20 and support all the amazing things our WCA does for you, including:

Community Events & Programs

Winterfest • Santa • Potlucks • Seniors Fitness • Drop-In Coffee • Pickleball • Yoga • Tot Time • Kids Day • Seedling Exchange • Babysitting Courses

Neighbourhood Initiatives

Rink Maintenance • Community Clean-Up • Parade of Garage Sales • Wheels in Westgate • Holiday Festival • Halloween Stop Drop-In • Little Free Libraries

Community Stewardship

Civic Representation • Hall Maintenance • Newsletter

How to Purchase Your Membership:

Option A: Online at westgatecommunity.ca/membership

Option B: Scan the QR code below

Option C: Complete the slip below and drop it off at the hall.



Please complete this form and bring it to the hall delivered to management or drop in the mailbox.

Name:

Address:

Method of Payment included: Cash / Credit / Debit

Why did the Christmas tree join the Community Association?

→ It wanted to branch out and make new friends! 🎄

Host Your Next Event at the Westgate Community Hall!

With space for up to 240 guests, the Westgate Hall is the perfect venue for weddings, celebrations, meetings, and community events.

Affordable rates and flexible options make planning simple and stress-free.

For rental inquiries please contact the Hall Rental Coordinator.



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