

Chaparral Pointe Adult Village

Spring 2017 Newsletter



We are finally able to welcome spring after a seemingly long and hard winter. The landscaping crew did a great job of keeping the snow off our driveways. The plowing done when the snow was at its worst was super! Now the landscapers are hard at work on our lawns and garden beds. If flowerbeds around your home weren't dug by the crew, it's because you have some plants/bushes of your own in them. The

landscapers won't clean around your plants in case they are damaged in some way. The responsibility of looking after those beds is up to the owners of the units affected.

Speaking of the landscaping crew, Steve and his crew also worked as handymen building the good-looking new fence along the east side of our property, as shown. It looks wonderful!

Recycling and Garbage Sadly, we once again are disappointed that someone has been putting cardboard boxes, brown paper, newspaper and magazines in the garbage bin rather than the recycling bin. At a recent Board meeting a city employee showed us a film depicting garbage that was put in a landfill in the 1970's. The landfill was recently dug to check on things, and nothing in that landfill had decomposed. There was a Calgary Herald newspaper from that era that was in perfect, readable condition – scary when you think about it. As landfills are getting harder to find, it is very important that we recycle as much as we can. We expect that we will be reducing the size of the garbage bins in our sheds down the road.

Bottle and Can Recycling Please remember that things such as soup cans cannot be recycled for a rebate. We can be reimbursed only for beverage containers and we appreciate your donations to these bins. The plan this year is to use money from this fund to plant a few lovely plants in front of our new fence, and our planters at the entries to the complex now have new flowers in them for us to enjoy.

Speed Limit A few vehicles have been noticed speeding through our complex. The speed limit here is 15 km/hr. Perhaps some guests are not aware of this, so please remind them. Not all of us are able to get out of the way quickly if someone is speeding.

Annual BBQ Plans are getting underway regarding our usual get-together in July. A date hasn't yet been set, but details will be forthcoming.

Wildlife in the Neighborhood I think that we are all aware of the plethora of rabbits in our area. It has come to our attention that someone has been feeding them, and this needs to be stopped. The rabbits become accustomed to being fed and when the feeder moves, the rabbits won't know how to feed themselves. The food left out can also attract other wildlife such as mice and coyotes, and we don't want them in our community. Although the stories say that carrots are loved by rabbits (i.e. Bugs Bunny), the truth is that carrots are a bad food source for them. Please don't feed wildlife anything!

Organic Waste Update Please remember that a city representative will be at your door on the evening of May 31st to give you more information on the program. Re the compost, there will be a 64-gallon blue bin just inside the 'people' door in each of our sheds starting in June. You may deposit organic compost in these bins as many times per week as you need to. Please remember to use bags that have a 'compost' logo on them or else use newspaper or paper bags for your compost. Grocery store bags, plastic bags and biodegradable bags are not accepted in the program. The organic waste will be hauled to a special facility where it will actually be composted to be used as soil supplements down the road, unlike garbage. It will be a renewable resource. Questions about different items can be answered by checking the website Calgary.ca/multifamily or of course by calling 3-1-1.