

Cougar Ridge Residents Association (CRRA) update for spring/summer 2009

The Cougar Ridge Residents Association (CRRA) has begun full operations!

2009 invoices for the Cougar Ridge Residents Association Annual Rent Charge (ARC) fees were delivered door to door in May- June 2009 to all homes that have the encumbrance. **Fees were due June 30, 2009. Thank you to all residents who have sent in their payment! Past Due invoices will be mailed to all homes that have not yet sent in their payments.** If you did not receive your invoice, please email us at feedback@mycougarridge.com

In light of the fact that 2009 is our first collection year for the ARC fees, and that we will not be able to begin formal landscaping enhancements until the spring of 2010, the CRRA Board of Directors members ~~volunteered their time~~ in June 2009 to clean up the main entrance- ways into Cougar Ridge.

This includes the entrances at the following intersections:

- 1) East end - Old Banff Coach Road and 77th Street
- 2) Old Banff Coach Road and 85th Street
- 3) West end near Esso/Mac's station - Old Banff Coach Road and Cougar Ridge Drive
- 4) Smaller area on Cougar Ridge Drive near intersection with 85th Street



CRRA Board members and several Cougar Ridge volunteer residents were able to complete the following improvements to the community:

- General cleanup of the entrances, including removal of accumulated garbage
- Weeding by hand (*no pesticides were used*)
- Pruning back of overgrown bushes and removal of dead trees/bushes

- Planting of annual flowers beds to enhance the entrances



We hope you are pleased with the results! A huge thank you to all the residents who helped out the Board and to those who have kindly offered to water the flowers on a regular basis!

We hope to do another cleanup this fall, to plant tulip bulbs, so that we have colourful blooms next spring!

Moving forward in 2010, we hope to either partner with the City or with a third party contractor, using the ARC fees collected in 2009, to begin formal and ongoing enhancements to the community. You will be kept informed of all progress made.

Other CRRRA News

The CRRRA Landscaping sub- committee met with City of Calgary Parks representatives to review the areas of Cougar Ridge that require additional maintenance and/or enhancements. The CRRRA board feels that the primary deficiencies in our community include:

- 1) Entrance areas to Cougar Ridge (areas are overgrown with weeds, bushes need to be pruned and cut back, need to plant annual flower beds or spring blooming bulbs to provide additional eye appeal and color),
- 2) Weed problem on main boulevards and some pathways

If you feel there are other more pressing landscaping deficiencies that need to be addressed, please email us at feedback@mycougarridge.com

The Landscaping sub- committee also worked with the City and determined that the irrigation system in the park at Cougar Ridge View was damaged. We are pleased to report that a work crew has now repaired the system and tested it to ensure it is now fully operational.

In addition, we contacted the City of Calgary via 3- 1- 1, to report the broken/incomplete sidewalk at the SW end of Old Banff Coach Road and Cougar Ridge Drive. We hope that the City will be able to repair this section of sidewalk, as it is a potential tripping/fall hazard.

Did you



know?

- The City has a “No spray” policy for addressing weed problems, unless the Resident’s Association requests it, or formal complaints are made by residents via 3- 1- 1. We are currently looking into several possible options to deal with the extensive weed problem on our main boulevards.
- Residents have reported that many of the trees in their parks are dead or dying. We examined the trees with the City representative, who pointed out that many of these trees are in fact alive and that they are late blooming trees. We will continue to monitor the situation.

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