

Neighbourhood News

Cougar Ridge Residents Association Update

The snow is (mostly) gone and the citizens of Calgary are looking forward to cleaning, weeding and beautifying their gardens. The CRRA is no different. We are also looking forward to implementing our plans to beautify Cougar Ridge. Carlson Irrigation is our landscaper of choice and has been instrumental in turning our vision for the community into reality.

After collecting fees for the first time in 2009, the CRRA was able to develop a landscaping budget for the 2010 growing season. The first priority was to clean out the four overgrown entranceways and replant them with perennials and annuals. They will again be planted, weeded and maintained for this coming growing sea-

son as well.

In addition to the entranceways, the board is very excited about our new landscaping project. The boulevards in our community have long been only trees and grass. This year we look to beautifying the boulevards. Sixteen boulevard locations will feature sets of three planters at each end. The top soil will be removed where the planters will be placed and then backfilled with screened loam and a filter cover will be put on top. There will also be a variety of junipers planted around the planters, and finished with mulch. The planters will have some perennials that will be complimented with flowering and cascading plants. The board is very excited about this project because it will be a large improvement over the existing look of the boulevards, and it will show your resident association dollars at work.

All of this work would be in vain if it weren't for regular maintenance. Carlson Irrigation will also be weeding, watering and fertilizing the entranceways, new planters and shrub beds. Carlson will also be doing pesticide-free weed control around the playgrounds in the community. This is technically the City's responsibility, but the playgrounds often get overlooked during the summer season. The board has also assigned two of its members to monitor areas that the City is responsible for such as grass cutting, status of weeds etc.

The Cougar Ridge Residents Association Board is looking forward to these changes, so look for these improvements throughout the community. If you have any feedback please email us at feedback@mycougaridge.com. ♦

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