



July 2010

“Hawkwood Paint Your Screening Fence Weekend”

Spring has sprung, and it's time to spruce up our community of Hawkwood!

The City of Calgary will be partnering with the Hawkwood Community Association, and the Calgary Attendance Center (Calgary Attendance Center staff will be assisting those unable to work) to rally a “Paint Your Screening Fence Weekend” on the weekends of July 17, August 21, and September 11, 2010.

We're encouraging the community to come out and join in this initiative!

The City of Calgary will be supplying paint brushes, and local retailers have committed to discounted paint for homeowners to purchase. Details can be found in upcoming local community newsletters. Residents with a screening fence will be able to obtain paint brushes at Hawkstone Field on Hawkstone Drive between 10:00 am and 11:00 am, July 17, August 21, and September 11, 2010.

To confirm your participation in the “Paint Your Screening Fence Weekend”, or if you require assistance with painting (seniors or those with a disability), please contact Susan at volunteer-hawkwood@shaw.ca.

Those unable to paint their screening fence (such as seniors or those with a disability), are required to sign a waiver authorizing The City of Calgary to perform services to private property.

Thanks in advance for your eager participation in keeping our community of Hawkwood a beautiful place to live!

Do I have to paint the fence in my yard?

The short answer is, “yes”.

Any fencing on your property (including sound attenuation fencing installed by developers in the past), is your responsibility to maintain, and may be enforced through The City's “Community Standards Bylaw”.

This bylaw essentially states that the owner of the property is obligated to ensure fencing (among other things) is maintained, and in good repair.

The “Community Standards Bylaw” is intended to create a clear, city-wide minimum standard for property upkeep and maintenance in the communities of Calgary. This “good neighbour” bylaw was developed as a result of an extensive consultation process involving regular citizens from throughout the city.

What is a screening fence?

A community screening fence is similar in appearance to typical back yard privacy fencing. Screening fences are intended to provide visual screening of private residences and amenity spaces from adjacent uses (i.e. a fence that backs on to major roadways such as Sarcee Trail, Nose Hill Drive, John Laurie Boulevard and Country Hills Boulevard).

Screening fences are also employed to provide a consistent visual aesthetic to community boundaries.

Typically homeowners on the perimeter of the community will have a screening fence.