



August 10, 2026 – News Update

CRRA Greenspace Committee

Since the beginning of the summer season, the CRRA Greenspace Committee has completed several beautification projects, expanded landscaping throughout the community, and established new working relationships with City of Calgary departments to support future improvements.

Seasonal Planting and Maintenance Program

Earlier in the season, Pixie Gardens completed the regular 2026 seasonal planting program throughout the community. Flowers and plantings were installed in entrance features, medians, pathway locations, and decorative pots to help keep Cougar Ridge vibrant and welcoming throughout the summer season.

In July, the Greenspace Committee worked with Pixie Gardens to build a program to further enhance our entrance and median gardens, and shrub gardens in all our five smaller parks. The program was approved and in early August Pixie Gardens planted approximately 100 new shrubs and over 200 new perennials and topped up some areas with fresh mulch.

Throughout the remainder of the season, Pixie Gardens will continue to maintain and water our gardens at entrance features and medians, shrub gardens in the five CRRA smaller park & playground areas, and decorative pots throughout the CRRA community.

The partnership between CRRA and Pixie Gardens has contributed to many of the community's signature landscape features and seasonal enhancements. Their expertise and ongoing support have helped maintain the attractive streetscapes and public spaces that residents enjoy year after year.

Working with the City of Calgary

Through regular meetings with City departments, the committee has advanced initiatives related to tree replacement, greenspace maintenance, pest control, and future community beautification projects.

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the CRRA community, the committee continues to explore partnerships and initiatives with the City that may support beautification, infrastructure improvements, and other enhancements that benefit residents. We will provide updates as new ideas and initiatives unfold.

Established initiatives with the City of Calgary currently underway include the following:

Dead Tree Removal and New Tree Planting

The Greenspace Committee met with the City of Calgary Parks and Open Spaces team and the Urban Forestry team to identify dead trees in the community. As a result, Urban forestry recently began dead tree removal and will continue through the coming months. Some dead elm trees have been identified however their removal may need to wait for fall/winter when the trees are dormant to eliminate potential disease spread.

The committee is working with the City of Calgary Parks and Open Spaces team and the Tree Planting team to identify potential areas in the CRRA community for replacement of dead trees removed and areas for additional trees. We will work together in the coming few months to establish a City of Calgary Tree Planting plan for 2027 for CRRA community greenspaces.

Should any residents have concerns with City trees on their property (typically in their City of Calgary Right of Way), they are encouraged by the City of Calgary to contact 311. This could include dead trees, replacement trees where City trees were previously removed, or required trimming where the City tree is impacting adjacent structures or access.

City of Calgary Maintenance Gaps in Areas not Specifically Maintained by CRRA and Pixie Gardens

The Greenspace Committee continues to work with the City of Calgary Parks and Open Spaces team to identify greenspaces lacking City of Calgary attention. The City of Calgary has been responsive assigning their crews to select areas. Recently this included some roadside greenspace repairs, and substantial weeding in some large park gardens.

Pest Control in CRRA Greenspaces and Gardens

There has been significant and costly damage in some of our community gardens from Richardson Ground Squirrels (sometimes referred to as gophers). There are also grassed areas where there is apparent activity. These rodents pose a real threat to our flower gardens and create a safety concern for children playing in parks and playgrounds.

In response to concerns raised by the Greenspace Committee regarding damage to community gardens and greenspaces, the City of Calgary has initiated control measures to reduce rodent activity in affected areas and help protect community gardens, greenspaces, and park areas. This is an ongoing City of Calgary initiative and will continue as appropriate during August.

Paskapoo Sign Restoration

CRRA is planning repairs to the Paskapoo entrance sign located at the corner of 85th Street SW and Paskapoo Drive SW. The Greenspace Committee is assessing restoration requirements and contractor quotes. Repair work is anticipated to be done later in August or September. This restoration project will improve the appearance of one of the community's most visible entrance features.

As part of this initiative, the CRRRA will also arrange painting of the small street facing section of the stucco wall on 85th Street where the prior CRRRA Board painted sample paint color strips. We will work to return this wall section to its intended original color.

We will provide further updates as the project advances.

Thank You

Further updates will be shared as projects progress throughout the year.

The Greenspace Committee would like to thank residents for their continued support and interest in maintaining and improving our community. The committee remains focused on practical projects that enhance community appearance, support property values, and make Cougar Ridge an attractive place to live. We appreciate the support and feedback of residents as these initiatives continue.

If you have any concerns, questions, or would like to provide feedback please feel free to contact us through the email link on the Cougar Ridge Residents Association webpage. Indicate “Attention Greenspace Committee” in the email subject line. The committee will respond and do our best to assist.