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# Community event gives wine lovers a taste of the good stuff

the community because of the high-quality nature of the wine and food brought to the community centre.

"We are having hors d'oeuvres and nice ones, not just piggies in a blanket type of thing," says Rattai, who says items such as beef yorkies, duck confit

once schools are in full swing again after the Easter break. I hope it's a good educational event."

Like most community association events, the major theme is for neighbours to get to know one another.

"We do have a lot of children's activi-

Dance, pub nights and all sorts of sports-related events, they have also had to take in five additional communities into their hockey program.

"There are more parents and people in and around the Lake Bonavista community as a result of the extra communities and so we're really hoping they also take advantage of events like this," says Rattai.

"It's important for our community to have events for people who live here but also outside of the area. It's always nice to see the community centre busy."

The LBCA's International Wine Tasting event is on April 17, 2010. Tickets are \$60 per person and are available at the LBCA recreational centre office. Please call 403-271-7107 or go to [www.lbca.info](http://www.lbca.info) for more information.

Whether you're a wine connoisseur looking for the next great Chardonnay or someone who drinks wine out of a box, Amanda Rattai's Lake Bonavista Community Association's (LBCA) International Wine Tasting event is looking for adults who enjoy the pairing of fine wine and good food.

Additionally, Rattai believes events like this bring community members out of the typical child-related fair such as soccer and hockey practices. It also enables the LBCA to utilize building space that may otherwise be empty.

"We've held this event for several years. The last one was a different mix of people [from the over-40 crowd] typically. Hopefully we can get a younger crowd as well as there are more and more new families in the community," says Rattai, the LBCA community activities coordinator. "It's a fun event for adults and in conjunction with Willow Park Wines and eight vendors bringing some international wines."

Typically, the event brings out over 100 attendees and is highly popular in



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croquets, salmon tartar and lamb dishes are on the menu for the evening. Thus far, about 60 people have signed up to go.

"With families and a million things going on, everybody is last minute Charlie but it's really not a problem. It's good value and should pick up

ties. It's nice to have a social evening where everyone gets real dressed up to a high class event. The hall is going to be decorated nicely and it's going to be fun for everyone. Hopefully it's a nice day so everyone can just walk home."

With the LBCA office busy planning their annual Stampede breakfast, Jelly

## Willow Park

Willow Park is located in southeast Calgary and is bordered by Southland Drive to the North, Acadia Drive to the East, Anderson Road to the South, and Macleod Trail to the West. These roads, coupled with the LRT line, provide excellent access from Willow Park to downtown. Willow Park was annexed to Calgary in 1956, and developed a decade later.

The area contains a mix of residential, commercial and recreational land uses. These land uses include the nearby Bow River Valley, the city's pathway system, Southland Mall, the Family Leisure Centre and Fish Creek Provincial Park. There are both public and separate schools in the area.

The Willow Ridge community association, which represents both Willow Park and Maple Ridge (a is active in providing programming for residents. Tennis courts and a skating rink are also located nearby.

### Schools

- Ecole Sam Livingston Elementary - Public

- Fred Seymour Elementary School - Public
- Willow Park Elementary School - Public
- St. William Elementary School - Separate
- Maple Ridge Elementary - Public
- Ecole Fairview Junior High - Public
- R.T. Alderman Junior High - Public
- Lord Beaverbrook Senior High - Public

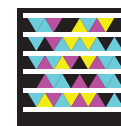
### Demographics

Located in Ward 12, Willow Park has a population of 5,307 (2006 Civic Census) with approximately 18.7 per cent comprising the immigrant population (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada). A total of 4,895 families in Willow Park accounted for a total of 1,690 children still living at home with 35.5 per cent or 605 of these being 6-14-years-old.

According to Stats Canada, 2001 Census of Canada the median household income in 2000 for Willow Park was \$63,588. In addition, 59.3 per cent (Willow Park) of the population over 20 completed college, attended

university or graduated university with a degree - an additional 13 per cent (Willow Park) graduated from Trade Schools (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada).

There are a total of 2,220 occupied private dwellings in Willow Park with 71.4 per cent being single detached, 19.1% row housing, and 9.5 per cent apartment or detached duplex (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada).



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