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## Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2014	\$1,609,974	\$1,448,750
June 2014	\$1,164,668	\$1,101,857
May 2014	\$1,218,266	\$1,186,666
April 2014	\$1,749,000	\$1,725,000
March 2014	\$1,246,266	\$1,217,333
February 2014	\$1,350,000	\$1,310,000
January 2014	\$1,494,450	\$1,415,000
December 2013	\$949,844	\$945,000
November 2013	\$709,900	\$700,000
October 2013	\$2,100,000	\$1,875,000
September 2013	\$0	\$0
August 2013	\$703,720	\$687,600

### Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
July 2014	7	4
June 2014	7	7
May 2014	6	3
April 2014	2	1
March 2014	7	3
February 2014	5	1
January 2014	5	2
December 2013	3	4
November 2013	2	3
October 2013	6	1
September 2013	2	0
August 2013	8	5
<b>Total</b>	60	34

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit  
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## HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS-BRIAR HILL Community Association

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Tots Time Children's Program	vacant		tots.time@hh-bh.ca
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## Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Hall meeting room. Resident's are welcome and encouraged to attend. To include an item on the agenda, please contact the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Contact the HHBH Community Association at:**

**Mailing Address:** Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6

**Phone:** 282-6634 (voice mail) *(checked 1 - 2 times per week)*

**Email:** admin@hh-bh.ca

**Beacon Submissions to:** Beacon Editor – email: Beacon@hh-bh.ca

Deadline for submissions for next issue: Fifth of the month

**Boardroom/Gym Bookings:** bookings@hh-bh.ca

**Website:** www.hh-bh.ca

**Boardroom/Gym 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.** Parking is west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library driveway. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

**The HHBH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).**

# HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

**Badminton:** Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Pickleball:** Wednesday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Rates:** \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

## 2014-2015 HHBH Indoor Soccer U10 – U18

Registration will run August 1 – Sept 15

Online @ [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca)

First come – First serve only

More details will be available on our website closer to August

We will need lots of volunteers to make this program happen!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Send us information about your annual or one-time event.

### **Community Board Meetings**

Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Boardroom. All welcome! To be on the agenda, please contact Caroline or Robby at least 2 weeks in advance.

Next: Sept. 11, Oct. 9

### **Family Open Gym Night**

Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm

Community Gym

### **Tots Time Playgroup**

Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am

### **Briar Hill School Wall Mural Reveal**

Tuesday September 9

Briar Hill School

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### **Banff Trailers Square Dance Club**

every Monday starting  
September 15, 2014  
7:30-9:30 pm  
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403-275-8389 for more info  
or [www.banfftrailers.com](http://www.banfftrailers.com)  
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## MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2015 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST. Simply fill out this form & mail it in.

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<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2014-15</b>	
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<b>First Name - Adults:</b>	1. _____ 2. _____
<b>First Name - Children:</b> _____	
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<i>Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email?</i> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>Send cheques payable to Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association</b> <b>Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6</b>	
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Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association presents

# Community Fall Party

Saturday September 27, 2014

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HHBH Gym

Food and Beverages will be provided as well as special activities for the children.  
All welcome, bring your friends and neighbours. Save the date!

## TOTS TIME PLAYGROUP



We are an informal, caregiver-supervised playgroup providing a venue for social and physically active interaction among babies, toddlers and their caregivers in the community. Our morning consists of free play in the gym, crafts and snack time.

### Come check us out!!

When: Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: HH/BH Gymnasium 1922-14 Avenue NW

- North of Louise Riley Library
- Entrance is on SW corner of gym; parking is west of library

Who: Children ages range from newborn – 4 years old

Cost: \$25 per family (Sept. – May) plus community membership. Families from any community are welcome to join, but required to be members of HHBH. Includes coffee/tea, a surprise on your child's birthday and 2 entertainment venues per year. Each family rotates bringing a group snack weekly.

For more information, contact us at [tots.time@hh-bh.ca](mailto:tots.time@hh-bh.ca).

**We are looking for a coordinator for next season.**

**Please contact [admin@hh-bh.ca](mailto:admin@hh-bh.ca) if you are interested.**

## Alberta Health Services: EMS

### BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students about some basic road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians

#### Motorists

- Avoid talking on cell phones, texting, or any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right of way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles - other than those that are parked - in school zones or playground zones, during posted hours.

And motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

#### Around school buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop. Motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP, when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

#### Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines until fully clear of the roadway.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

## Ensuring the safety of people and pets

### Responsibilities of dog owners in off-leash areas:

Dogs are allowed to be off-leash only in designated off-leash areas. Even in off-leash areas, dogs must be on leash in the parking lot and on the pathways. All of Calgary's pathways are on leash areas.

In an off-leash area, owners must ensure that their dog is under control at all times. Under control means that the dog must remain at such a distance from his owner so as to respond to voice, sound or sight commands. It also means that the dog must not chase, threaten or attack people or animals.

### Responsibilities of dog owners on pathways:

- Owners must have their dog secured by a leash no longer than two metres.
- Owners must ensure that their dog remains on the right-hand side of the pathway unless moving around other users.
- Owners must ensure that their dog remains under control at all times and does not interfere with other users.
- Owners must not be on a bicycle, skateboard or rollerblades with any animal on a leash.
- Responsibilities of dog owners in other public spaces:
- Owners must not leave their dog unattended while tethered or tied on premises accessible to the public.

### Responsibilities of dog owners on private properties:

- Owners must ensure that their dog is not left unsupervised while tethered or tied on a private property.

For more information, visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and search "Responsible Pet Ownership."

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- Don't contaminate your recyclables with black bags, scrap metal, yard waste or food waste.
- If in doubt, check it out at [www.calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://www.calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere)

You + recycling = a big difference.



# Community Clean-Up Day

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2014

Time: 9 am to 1:30 pm

Place: Parking Lot - West of Louise Riley Library at the corner of 19 St. and 14 Ave. NW

*(enter the library parking lot, then follow the drive around the north side of the library)*

## Community Clean Up is a Great Opportunity to:

- **Dispose of large items:** The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services sponsors a unique community program by providing 3 packer trucks, one only for organic and yard waste. Residents can bring unwanted household goods (things that might otherwise fill your basement, yard, street or alley) to the pick-up site.
- **Recycle:** We will also have electronic recycling, scrap metal, & car battery recycling.
- **Exchange:** There will be a 'Give and Take' section where you can leave or take anything that may still be of some use. (We can only take items in the 'Give and Take' until 1:00 – please no dealers this is a community service only).
- **Clean:** Our green spaces – there will be teams of volunteers tidying up as many local green spaces as we can get to. We're on the look-out for a Green Space Clean-Up Coordinator, so if you could help organize this aspect, please contact Phil or Cindy Johnson at 403-284-4977
- **Donate:** Women In Need Society will be collecting women's, men's & children's clothing (clean & in good condition); housewares; small furniture (no couches or large chairs)
- **Contribute:** To our community by volunteering to help organize, man booths or clean up.

## What to leave at home (Items not accepted):

Tires \* Household chemicals \* Propane Tanks \* Large-scale Furniture \* Paint \* Fridges \* Freezers \* Microwaves \* Liquids \* Car seats \* Stuffed animals \* Household batteries

We are looking for somebody to volunteer to coordinate this year's clean up. If you are interested, please email Carol Sandahl at [vp@hh-bh.ca](mailto:vp@hh-bh.ca).



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# your **COMMUNITY** business of the month

## The Yoga Shala

Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Community

In 2003, the Yoga Shala Calgary opened its doors as the city's first traditional Ashtanga Yoga studio. In those days, yoga was not nearly as popular as it is now. The studio quickly became known for offering high quality yoga instruction and a sense of community to its participants. Many of the current students have been attending since its inception, and most of the teachers started at the Shala as students.

Dana Blonde, a native Calgarian, was one of the first instructors at the Yoga Shala (then owned by her friend and fellow yogi, Melody). Upon hearing the studio was up for sale in 2008 Dana knew it was her destiny to return to Calgary from BC, where she was living with her husband Brent. In April 2008, Dana and Brent stepped in as the Shala's new owners, and are an essential part of the studio's day-to-day activity. Also a busy Calgary realtor, Brent is invested in his community and the area of Briar Hill in particular.

To this day, the studio thrives by teaching traditional Ashtanga Yoga, in the lineage of Sri K Pattabhi Jois of Mysore, India. From Monday to Friday students attend as early as 5:00 a.m. to partake in the popular "Mysore Style" practice, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest program of its kind in Canada. Between the hours of 5:00 - 8:30 a.m. every day, students of all shapes and sizes do a self-led practice with guidance and one-on-one instruction from a teacher. The hustle of many bodies coming and going at different times along with the sound of deep rhythmic breathing is a sight to be seen!

Each day the Shala offers a wide variety of classes such as flow, restorative, yoga nidra, kids yoga, prenatal, mom & baby and more. The studio runs a successful Yoga Therapy program, which brings together elements of yoga and kinesiology to create ease of movement in the joints and true core strength. They also offer a

weekly donation-based community class, from which all monies go to local and international causes.

Classes at the Shala are filled with people of all ages, levels and abilities. Staff and teachers are hired based on their friendly, warm and compassionate personalities, with the intention that the studio be a safe haven from the sometimes frenetic pace of city life. With an atmosphere surrounded by warm dark wood and Indian tapestries, stepping into the Yoga Shala is like stepping into a little piece of India, the birthplace of yoga. It is definitely a beacon of peace in the centre of this big city, and a place to feel supported in one's efforts to let go, re-prioritize, and make the most of life by increasing health and vitality.

For those not sure which class might be appropriate to start with, The Shala has a "Yoga Advisor" to help beginner students determine which classes will suit their needs. Feel free to call or drop by sometime if you're curious!

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2 - 3:30 p.m. Magazine Area.

**50+ Coffee and Conversation:** Join us for coffee, conversation and presentations of interest. Ages 50 and up. Mondays, September 8 to December 29 (No program on October 13, November 10, and November 17) 2 - 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday Family Storytime:** Drop in for stories, songs and finger plays the whole family can enjoy. Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Saturdays, September 6 to December 27. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

**A Forgotten Connection? Western Canada and Pulp Fiction of the 1920s and 1930s:** Learn how the careers of three of the most prolific Canadian pulp magazine authors of the 1920s and 1930s helped shape the literary worlds that they created. Presented by Dennis Slater. Thursday, September 25. 7 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration Required.*

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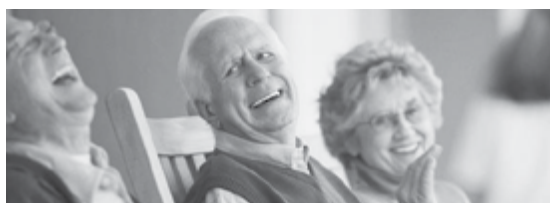
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– Maurice Chevalier



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I have been very active throughout the riding this summer. From our very successful Coffee and Chat in June, through a wide variety of local Stampede events and the ever popular Sun and Salsa Festival, to chatting with you at your own doors, I have enjoyed meeting and speaking with so many of you about issues that are important to you. I would like to thank the many community volunteers who have worked so hard to make all these events so successful. I have also been proactively engaged with local community groups and associations, students, seniors and many stakeholder groups in the riding with visits, meetings and roundtables. As your representative in Ottawa I have been a voice for cutting waste and lowering spending. The Government remains on track to keep its promise to Canadians to balance the budget by 2015. This has resulted in tax savings of nearly \$3,400 for an average Canadian family of four, making a real difference in the lives of thousands of Calgary families.

As Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification (WD), I am privileged to participate in many efforts that strengthen and enhance our economy. For more than 25 years, WD has been promoting the development and diversification of the economy of Western Canada and advancing the interests of Western Canada in national economic policy, program and project development and implementation. Recent WD announcements include:

- Support for the Olds College Apparel Innovation Centre in Calgary which will enable the College, in collaboration with Alberta Garment Manufacturing Ltd., to establish Western Canada's first open-access apparel research and development facility.
- Support for TRIUMF, Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics, in procuring a new TR-24 cyclotron and developing the Institute for Accelerator-based Medical Isotopes (IAM). Our Government is committed to ensuring a reliable supply of medical isotopes for Canadians and the procurement of the new cyclotron and establishment of IAM will allow for the development of new isotope products, processes, and services.
- Support toward the purchase of specialized advanced manufacturing and product development equipment at the Alberta Centre for Advanced Micro Nano Technology Products. Approximately 80 Alberta small and medium companies will benefit from this initiative, which is expected to result in the development of new product prototypes, the creation of new jobs in the field, as well as connections between SMEs and multinational companies.
- Support for Northern Lakes College to purchase specialized equipment needed to establish a new power engineering steam lab at its Peace River Campus. The project will help address the growing need for qualified power engineers in Alberta, and in addition, the initiative will provide surrounding First Nations and Métis communities with greater access to skills training programs needed for careers in the oil and gas, as well as forestry sectors.
- Support for a pilot program that is providing Information Technology (IT) skills training and career opportunities for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) via the Sinneave Family Foundation and Autism Calgary's new not-for-profit organization Meticulon Consulting Incorporated. This initiative is not only helping to improve the quality of life and level of independence for people with ASD, but is also supporting local businesses in accessing quality IT services.

As I head back to a very busy new session of Parliament I remain committed to being a strong voice for you in Ottawa. As always, your input on important issues is necessary to ensure my work as an effective parliamentarian, so please feel free to contact my office with your concerns or you can send in your suggestions and comments directly to me through my website [www.michellerempel.ca](http://www.michellerempel.ca).







## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

### DRUH FARRELL WARD 7

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"Calgary: a great place to make a living; a great place to make a life."

In November, Council will set Calgary's direction for the next four years by reviewing the City's business plan and budget. Action Plan 2015-2018 builds on five priority themes identified by Calgarians: a prosperous city, a city of inspiring neighbourhoods, a city that moves, a healthy and green city, and a well-run city.

While these priorities may seem basic, they are pillars that guide all departments in service delivery and planning for the next generation. Most interesting is the community feedback with each of these pillars and the differences between Wards. Getting around Calgary was the highest priority for all Calgarians, and while this includes all modes of transportation, Ward 7 residents ranked accessible public transit, and pedestrian and cycling infrastructure higher than other wards. That's not surprising considering the 2013 census results show Ward 7 and Ward 8 with the lowest share of single-occupancy-vehicle commuters in Calgary. Popular alternatives in Ward 7 show growing numbers who carpool (3%), take transit (23%), walk (14%), or cycle (5%) to work.

Ward 7 residents also think globally, choosing affordable housing options and responsible use of energy as important themes. Local festivals and culture rank higher with Ward 7 residents compared to crime prevention, fire protection, and safety education. While safety is important, Ward 7 residents also recognize that cultural activities make communities safer and more vibrant.

When we talk about a growing city, Ward 7 residents put emphasis on local parks, reinvesting in older communities, and development near C-Train stations, all reflective of mature communities undergoing rejuvenation.

Interestingly, Ward 7 residents ranked Calgary's environment higher than Calgary's economy, which was the reverse citywide. We recognize that Calgary cannot be prosperous in the long-term without environmental success. With several Ward 7 communities impacted by the 2013 floods, it is also no surprise that flood and watershed management ranked highly.

To learn more about Action Plan 2015-2018, please visit calgary.ca/actionplan. To see what is happening in Ward 7 visit druhfarrrell.ca. To receive regular email updates, sign up by sending an email to Ward07@calgary.ca.

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# Everyday Banking Freedom

**ATB is refunding \$6M because it's the right thing to do**

ATB Financial has contacted 19,159 customers across the province who qualify to switch to a no-fee monthly chequing account.

While 120,000 of their customers are enjoying the benefits of the Freedom Account, many are not. To make sure all customers know, ATB is contacting all eligible customers 59 and better who don't already have the Freedom Account, switching over those who feel the account is right for them, and reimbursing all regular monthly account fees paid back to the date customers became eligible—as far back as 2007 when the account was introduced.

It's a move that could cost ATB up to \$6 million. "It's the right thing to do," says Rob Bennett, Executive VP, ATB Financial. "We could say that it's up to the customer to get in touch with us, but that just doesn't feel right and frankly, that's just not the way we're going to do business at ATB Financial." ATB is also working to improve how they inform customers about the Freedom Account once they reach 59. "It's an opportunity we've missed for some of our customers, and we can do better for them," says Bennett.

Bennett further commented, "Doing what's right is important to us, while we're 75 years old, we're working hard to take a "no bull" approach and shake out some old school banking stiffness. We started with the question 'why do banks do this?' and we started immediately changing how we look at how we treat our customers. We did it last year when we introduced our Clear-Cut Mortgage rate that took negotiation out of the equation, and we stopped selling market-linked GICs that do not perform as advertised. Why? Because it didn't make sense and wasn't fair to our customers."

ATB Financial's Freedom account is different. Lots of banks offer some form of

**Did you know if you're 59 or over your everyday banking could be free?**

'seniors' banking. Most of the time, they provide discounts for their main accounts, which range in savings depending on the account and options.

ATB Financial thought it simply wasn't good enough. According to Rob Bennett "this is a real, full service, free chequing account—we don't strip out the best parts of the account and make it free. That isn't right, and wouldn't sit well with us."

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If you are 59 or over, contact your ATB Financial branch today. They're ready to help. If you're not sure what your branch contact information is, check the branch locator on [www.atb.com](http://www.atb.com), or call 1-800-332-8383. What have you got to lose? Fees?



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