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- Where: HH/BH Gymnasium 1922-14 Avenue NW
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We are looking for a coordinator for next season. Please contact admin@hh-bh.ca if you are interested.



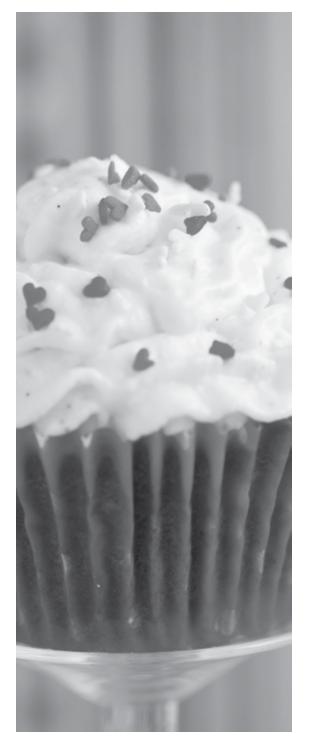
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Board Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Community Hall meeting room. Resident's are welcome and encouraged to attend. To include an item on the agenda, please contact the Board at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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.



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.

Family Open Gym Night Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

Tots Time Playgroup Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am

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HHBH Playschool Winter Update

The first half of the year seemed to fly by and the second half is packed with more fun times. The Christmas parties were a great success. The children looked wonderful all dressed up in their fancy clothes and they put on a great performance for all the parents. Music sessions with Ms. Shannon are a big hit and the drumming circle was especially popular with the kids. January's theme was Welcome to the Jungle and included jungle themed show and tell items. Notwithstanding the frigid temperatures we have had this winter, everyone pulled out their beach wear and enjoyed a break (even it was only imaginary) from winter during Beach Days. The children also met their reading buddies at the beginning of January. The grade 1 and 2 classes will visit three times throughout the rest of the year to share stories with the playschool children.

Upcoming Highlights:

- February theme Vroom & Zoom, Transportation
- Valentine's Day Parties
- No school February $12^{th},\,13^{th}$ and 16^{th}
- Registration Nights for the 2015/16 Playschool Year February $18^{\rm th}$ and $25^{\rm th}$
- March theme Hickory Dickory Dock, Learning Nursery Rhymes
- Green Day
- Spring Break (no school) March 20th to 29th
- \bullet Classes resume March 30th and 31st
- April theme Let's Visit the Farm
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Crazy Hat Day
- \bullet No school April 3rd and 6th



Our annual open house in January was a big success and we're looking forward to next year already. The registration nights for playschool for the 2015/16 school year are:

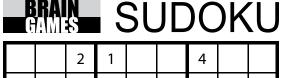
- February 18th from 7:00 until 8:30 pm for Alumni/HHBH Community Residents; and
- February 25th from 7:00 until 8:00 pm for general registration.

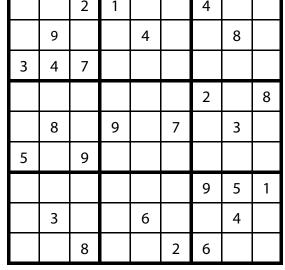
Registration will take place at the HHBH Community Centre. Also, there are still some afternoon spots available for the current school year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Registrar at 403.210.5126 or hhbhplayschool@gmail.com.

Our playschool would not be possible without the hard work of the executive and all of the parents. If you have any ideas on making the playschool even better, please let us know. Monthly meetings of the executive are open to all parents or you can contact your class vice president or one of the co-chairs with any ideas you might have. We are always looking for enrichment activities so if you have a skill or job that you think would be interesting to the children, please let us know.

The HHBH Playschool provides a safe, caring environment where children 3 to 5 years of age can play, grow and learn. The HHBH playschool is a non-profit, parent run cooperative affiliated with the Hounsfield Heights/ Briar Hill Community Association. For more information, please visit www.hhbhplayschool.com.









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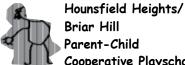
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Bryn	18	403-478-0828	Yes
Duncan	17	403-500-9826	Yes
Faris	13	403-402-0950	Yes
Grace	14	403-282-8823	Yes
Janessa	13	587-830-6585	Yes
Jessica	16	403-969-7147	Yes
Jonahley	50	403-837-6348	Yes
Josephine	14	403-283-0478	Yes
Lauren	21	587-893-8008	Yes
Madison	12	403-850-6001	Yes
Miriam	13	403-774-8880	No
Shy-Lynn	14	403-966-1896	Yes
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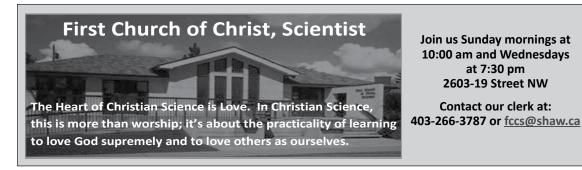
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February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death.

Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Know the signs of a heart attack

- (Any or all of these signs & symptoms may occur)
- Chest pain described as crushing, squeezing, pressure or chest heaviness;
- · Pain that moves beyond the chest such as shoulder, arm, neck or jaw pain;
- · Shortness of breath, sweating or nausea and vomiting.

What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medications in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will also share information with the hospital so definitive treatment can begin immediately on arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few hours.

Reduce your risk

- Heart attack risk factors include:
- Obesity
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Smoking
- High cholesterol
- Age / Gender
- Family history

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As I look forward to a busy new year I continue to be proud of the hard work and the many accomplishments on behalf of Canadians that my colleagues in Parliament have and will continue to achieve. Your Government remains committed to what matters most to Canadians: jobs, growth, and long-term prosperity.

We are taking action to put more money back into the pockets of Canadian families and we will continue to take the necessary steps to secure prosperity for this generation and the next.

Along with the recently introduced Family Tax Cut, the Federal Government has increased the Universal Child Care Benefit, the Child Care Expense Deduction, and the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. All families with children will benefit from these new measures. Details of these and other tax breaks can be viewed at http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca. The average tax relief and benefits for these families will be \$1,140 in 2015. Low and middle-income families will receive two-thirds of the overall benefits provided by the package. We have reduced the overall federal tax burden to its lowest level in over 50 years and we remain on track to balance the budget in 2015.

Canada continues to enjoy one of the best economies in the world. Over 1.2 million more Canadians are working now than in July 2009, when the recovery began, representing an increase of 7.3 per cent and one of the strongest job creation performances in the Group of Seven (G-7). Since 2006, the government has concluded free trade agreements with 38 countries, bringing the total to 43. 2014 saw new agreements with the European Union, South Korea and Honduras, revamping of the trade agreement with Chile and a foreign investment promotion and protection agreement with China. We will continue our efforts to support the free flow of goods for the benefit of Canadians.

On other fronts we will continue to support vital research in medical, environmental, space and aeronautical research and development, strengthen rail and pipeline safety, improve and expand Canada's National Park system and work toward reducing red tape for people dealing with government. We will continue significant efforts to safeguard Canadian homes and streets. We will be seeking tougher penalties for child predators and working toward drug free prisons. Perhaps more significantly we will be moving the Victims Bill of Rights Act forward. In addition, we look to pass the Veterans Hiring Act, the Common Sense Firearms Licensing Act and the Protection of Canada from Terrorists Act.



Civic Charters: A tool for financing growth

In keeping with our recent (and rather dry) newsletter theme on growth and taxes, I wanted to share one solution under consideration: The Civic Charter.

A bit of history: The City of Calgary's current legal arrangement with the Province of Alberta stems back to the days of Confederation when over 80 percent of Albertans lived on the family farm. Canadian cities were considered "creatures" of their province, with limited powers of self-determination. Now, over one hundred years later, with 83 percent of Albertans living in cities, little has changed in our regulatory relationship. (Fun fact: Municipalities in Alberta are only required to do two things hold elections and bury people.)

To raise revenue, Alberta cities are limited by the Province to property taxes (widely considered a regressive tax) and user fees. Faced with extreme growth bursts, Calgary is unable to charge for the full cost of new development. We are dependent on other orders of government for grants, while services long considered Federal or Provincial responsibility, like affordable housing or low-income subsidies, are being downloaded to the City.

After decades of discussion, the Government of Alberta, the City of Calgary, and the City of Edmonton signed an agreement in late 2014 to negotiate a Civic Charter. The key areas under discussion are Governance, Planning and Development, plus Assessment and Taxation.

A Civic Charter could allow Calgary to look at different funding methods other than property taxes, including the ability to negotiate with developers for full-cost recovery rather than the current system of taxpayer-funded operating costs and debtfinanced infrastructure costs. A charter could also help Calgary be more nimble and responsive to wild growth swings.

The concept of a charter goes far beyond financial independence. It could also allow us to make our own decisions on important issues like campaign finance reform, residential speed limits, building codes and safety standards, plus quotas for affordable housing in new communities.

The issues around funding growth will continue to be part of our discussions at Council. I will share more about the Charter negotiations as they progress. In the meantime, please feel free to visit druhfarrell.ca for more information regarding Ward 7 and other issues facing our city.



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Technology Programs...

Introduction to Social Media: What is social media and why is it so popular? Learn about social media basics and the growing popularity of Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn and WordPress.

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Family Storytelling Circle: Discover the history and power of oral storytelling in this interactive program for story lovers of all ages. Join Jilliane Yawney to learn how storytelling can benefit and inspire your whole family. Thursday, February 12 @ 2 - 3 p.m. Registration required.

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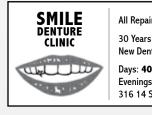
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Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
\$2,749,500	\$2,687,500
\$799,500	\$770,000
\$799,900	\$782,000
\$1,440,212	\$1,418,612
\$1,389,166	\$1,402,600
\$1,609,974	\$1,448,750
\$1,164,668	\$1,101,857
\$1,218,266	\$1,186,666
\$1,749,000	\$1,725,000
\$1,246,266	\$1,217,333
\$1,350,000	\$1,310,000
\$1,494,450	\$1,415,000
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Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2014	0	2
November 2014	4	2
October 2014	5	2
September 2014	9	8
August 2014	6	3
July 2014	4	4
June 2014	8	7
May 2014	6	3
April 2014	2	1
March 2014	7	3
February 2014	5	1
January 2014	5	2
Total	61	38

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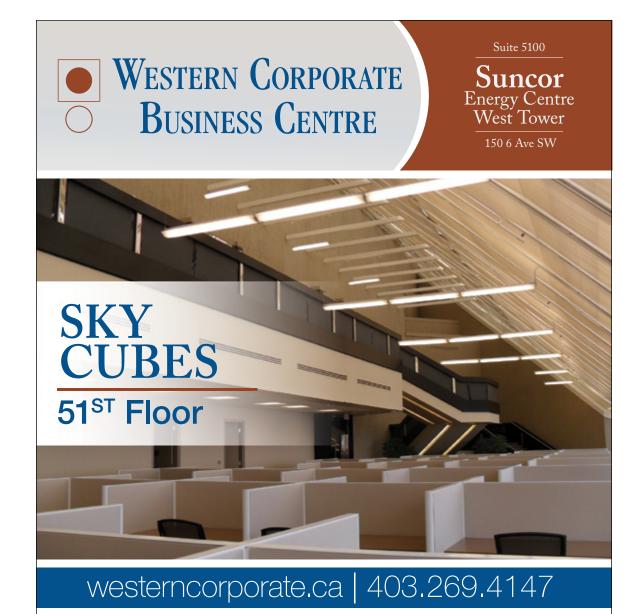
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