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Hounsfield Height – Briar Hill

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST!

Saturday, July 11
9 – 11 am
Green Park

Help is needed for setup, cleanup, serving, flipping pancakes.
If you can volunteer, call Carol 403-284-5851.





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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.



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 Sheryl or Robby at least 2 weeks in advance.

Family Open Gym Night

Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm
Community Gym

Stampede Breakfast

Saturday, July 11, 9:00 am - noon
Green Park

Community Cleanup

Saturday, September 19

Casino

November 1&2
Cowboys Casino
Volunteers needed!

HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

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

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

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

in & around your community

Crowchild Trail Corridor Study Update

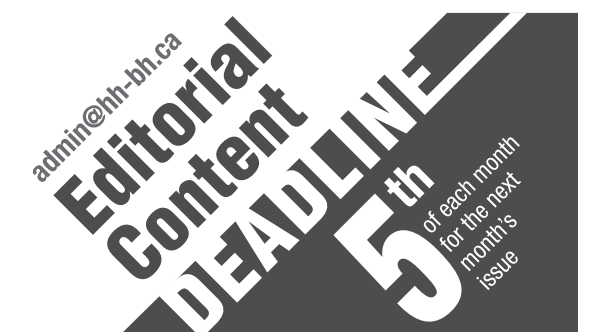
The City of Calgary is conducting a new six-phase study for Crowchild Trail from 24 Avenue NW to 17 Avenue SW. Phase 1 of the study – Engagement Process Design – established an 18-person Engagement Design Team to answer the question “How do we have the most effective conversation possible about the Crowchild Trail Study?” Participants included nine members from bordering communities and nine members from the general public.

Since the last Engagement Design Team (EDT) workshop on March 19, 2015, we have been working to develop an engagement program that includes tools recommended by the EDT.

Engagement opportunities we're preparing include workshops, online questionnaires, sounding boards, and study area tours. These opportunities are expected to roll-out in June along with an awareness campaign about the project and opportunities to participate. More information is available on the project webpage www.calgary.ca/crowchild.

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HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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1.

2.

First Name - Children:

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☐ Membership Drive

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☐ Children's Programs

☐ Fundraising

☐ Seniors' Programs

☐ Facilities/Ice Rink

☐ Sports Programs

☐ Communications/Newsletter

☐ Social Activities

☐ Other

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Volunteers Needed

Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill
Community Clean-Up Day

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015
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 three 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 and 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, as 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 lookout for a Green Space Clean-Up Coordinator; so if you could help organize this aspect, please contact Patricia 403 770 9720

Donate: Women In Need Society will be collecting women's, men's and children's clothing (clean and in good condition); housewares; small furniture (no couches or large chairs)

Contribute: To our community by volunteering to help to organize, man booths or clean up.

What to leave at home (Items not accepted):
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Sears Update

Greetings, Sears Canada Inc. (Sears) and Clifton Associates Ltd. (Clifton) are pleased to provide the following status update on the active investigation within the community of Hounsfield Heights. Since the previous Beacon posting dated February 3rd 2015, we are now finalizing the work related to a first round of soil and groundwater investigation and sampling proposed in the Updated Site Management Plan (2014).

The decommissioning of many of the existing boreholes, as well as the first phase of drilling within the Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill community, has now concluded and the first round of sampling is also behind us. All samples were delivered to a Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) certified laboratory (AGAT Laboratories) and approximately 99% of the sample analyses is complete and have been returned to Clifton. Details of these tests, along with the soil results from the drilling program, will be compiled into an investigation report that will include recommendations for follow up work within some areas of the Site. The investigation report, as with other future monitoring and sampling reports, will be sent to all stakeholders (Gas Plume Committee, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD), Alberta Health Services (AHS), and the City of Calgary). Residents will have access to these reports, as well as historical reports that have been previously scanned and submitted to AESRD, through the link provided at the bottom of this correspondence.

We anticipate that the second round of groundwater sampling will be completed as scheduled during the month of June, per the Updated Site Management Plan (2014) and Intrinsik has begun work to complete the

revised Health Risk Assessment for the community. During the drilling process, residents expressed concerns regarding some damage caused to City property by the groundwater monitoring well installation and sampling activities. We have addressed this concern with those involved and they have been advised that a “Repair and Restoration Plan” was submitted to, and approved by, the City of Calgary Parks Department outlining a plan to restore the affected City-owned Parks areas. Clifton, in cooperation with a qualified landscaping contractor, will be beginning the restoration of the Site in the early parts of June. All areas of concern will be returned to original condition as approved by the City.

Some residents have expressed concerns regarding the installation of groundwater monitoring wells within the City-owned right-of-way that adjoins their yards. This is completely understandable, as the right-of-ways are a reflection of our lawns. We have made attempts to restore and clean up these locations as work progressed, but this work is currently incomplete. We will be making a final pass through the community in the next couple of weeks to inspect and restore these locations. If the area surrounding a monitoring well in your area has not been cleaned up or restored to your satisfaction by June 15, please contact Mr. Stephen d’Abadie at the email address found at the end of this communication. Please provide your name and address, as well as the specific complaint, so that we may check upon the issue in person and resolve it.

Sears and Clifton appreciate the opportunity to provide this information to the residents of Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill community and look forward to being able to issue our next progress report in the coming months. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the Sears or Clifton representatives listed below.

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Stampede Taxi Stands

It’s that time of year again, when Calgary is abuzz with Stampede fever. With large crowds expected to converge on the Stampede grounds, finding a cab after a night of festivities can be an adventure in and of itself.

The City of Calgary is working closely with the taxi industry and the Calgary Stampede to provide improved accessibility for cabs into and out of Stampede Park and surrounding areas for the duration of the Stampede, July 3 to 12.

In addition to existing late night taxi stands and permanent downtown taxi stands, four temporary stands have been set up near Stampede Park to facilitate the safe movement of large crowds to and from the event.

Two all-hours temporary taxi stands

Two taxi stands which operate at all hours throughout the day during Stampede are located at the South and North Entrances of Stampede Park.

The North Entrance is given priority to accessible taxi service as it provides the closest means of entering the Park.

Two late-night temporary taxi stands

To accommodate the evening rush of patrons leaving the Stampede after the fireworks display and the evening closure of the drinking establishments located on the grounds, two additional late-night temporary stands have been established on 12th Avenue and Macleod Trail SE. The late-night temporary taxi stands operate every night between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

These locations are marked with signs, and provide safe and easily accessible points for cabs to pick-up and drop-off customers.

Don’t forget, there are a number of other designated taxi locations around the city

Taxi Hydrant Zones

Taxi Hydrant Zones are identified with signs, and are located in various locations throughout downtown.

Late Night Taxi Stands

Late night taxi stands are also available to serve you between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Conveniently located near restaurants, theatres and bars, these stands help Calgarians and visitors come and go from our city centre safely.

Calgary Transit





Calgary Transit provides 24-hour CTrain service during the Stampede.

Other options

Luxury sedans can be booked as a pre-arranged service. Costs are generally higher than a regular taxi. They cannot provide “on demand” service.

We thank Calgarians and visitors alike for Stampeding responsibly, and hope these additional taxi stands help to get you home safely.

Stampede temporary taxi stand maps

	South Entrance (Operating All Hours)
	North Entrance (Operating All Hours)
	12th Ave. SE (Operating late night: 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.)
	Macleod Trail SE (Operating late night: 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.)



The Burrowing Owl

A Unique Little Bird

Article: Janis Turner Picture: Melanie Seneviratne

The Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) is one of the world's smallest owls. In Alberta, only the Northern Saw-whet and Northern Pygmy Owls are smaller, and all these little owls are migratory, coming north in the summer to breed. The Burrowing Owl adult is about the size of an adult pigeon and is very distinctive in appearance, behaviour and habitat, making it easy to distinguish from other owls.

This bird is identifiable by its very long, un-feathered legs and a short, barred tail. It has a round head and distinctive white chin stripe, known as a strap, and have white eyebrow markings above their brilliant yellow eye. Their facial discs are poorly defined, especially in contrast to some of the larger owls, in particular, the barn owl. Their feathering is light brown and streaked with white.

What's so unusual about their behaviour and habitat? For a start, these little birds are not your typical, solitary owl. They are very social and nest in colonies. They communicate with their colony-mates with sounds that are inaudible to human ears, except when mating or showing defensive behaviours where they make sounds that mimic a rattlesnake.

The Burrowing Owl lives in short grassy plains and arid areas in old burrows that are stolen from ground squirrels, badgers or prairie dogs. They spend quite a bit of their time in their burrows (their young stay underground for about 3 weeks after hatching) and are most likely to be seen standing on guard at the burrow entrance.

Even the Burrowing Owl's hunting habits are unique as they change their diet throughout the year to match what is available. They eat large insects such as beetles and grasshoppers, but small mammals such as mice, moles and voles are a major part of their diet. They chase grasshoppers and beetles on the ground (mak-

ing good use of their long legs), and use their talons to catch large insects or smaller birds in flight. Burrowing Owls are crepuscular and as such, are mostly active at dawn and dusk, but will hunt during the day and night when they have hatchlings to feed.

These little owls lay an average of nine eggs each breeding season, but most hatchlings do not survive. About four out of ten of the year's young do not survive long enough to migrate and fewer than one in ten return to their home territory the following year. Only half of the adults return north to breed in succeeding years. Once common in the four western provinces, the Burrowing Owl is now considered one of the most endangered birds in Canada. The increase in human activity: farming, burrow destruction, loss of food sources to pesticide use seem to be to blame. Because of the sharp population declines, Burrowing Owls are on Alberta's endangered list under the Wildlife Act, and on Canada's Species at Risk list and as such are protected.

If you find an injured or orphaned Burrowing Owl, or other wild bird or animal in distress please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice.



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FREE KIDS AND TEENS PROGRAMS

Drop-in Family Story Time

No Registration Required
Mondays, Beginning July 6
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Reading Buddies

Week of July 6 – 10
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Family Fun Days

Tuesday, July 14
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Story Thyme in the Garden

July 15 and 29
Outside – weather permitting
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

ESL Teen Talk

Week of July 20-24
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Featured Programs: ESL Teen Talk

ESL teens and tweens can practice English language skills and enjoy a variety of fun activities at the Library. Ages 10 to 14 Program dates: Monday, July 20, Tuesday, July 21, Wednesday, July 22, Thursday, July 23, Friday, July 24. Program time: 2 - 3:30 p.m. Registration begins June 23. Registration limited to 15 participants.

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Build Calgary

Through most of Canada's history, the majority of Canadians lived a rural life. After WWII Canadians left their family farms and small towns and migrated to "the big city" in record numbers. This mass movement fueled urban growth and transformed Canada into an urban country.

Cities themselves have drastically changed in nature. The basket of services historically included the basics like roads, water, waste, fire, and police. Over time, what we consider basic services expanded to include recreation, planning and development, social services, affordable housing, and public transit.

Funding and delivering services in a growing city, to the satisfaction of residents, is no simple task. Municipal governments have grown to become large and sophisticated organizations. It is imperative that City departments act in lock-step with one another to ensure that the machinery works as smoothly and efficiently as possible. With this in mind, the City has created Build Calgary.

Build Calgary is a cross-functional approach to connecting projects, delivering services, and building the city. It is based in part on the model the City used to respond to the 2013 floods. Collaboration was essential in responding to that crisis and important lessons were learned on how to address other challenges.

The City is currently facing a time of financial instability due to a lack of reliable funding sources. As a result, our debt continues to grow. While incurring debt is not always a bad thing, having too much debt can limit the ability to be flexible and respond to emerging and unforeseen issues. Build Calgary can help place greater focus on decisions that improve the City's fiscal position.

This new approach will guide how the City improves its financial situation through initiatives like establishing a City Charter, improved coordination with our regional neighbours, better management of our land and how it is developed, and ensuring that the cost of development is shared appropriately with those who profit from it.

As a just and prosperous city, Calgary is in a unique position. It is important that it is governed in a responsible manner by a thoughtful and effective Council. The extent to which Build Calgary is incorporated in our decisions will determine just how great Calgary can become.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The City is moving forward with implementing a 10-year plan on restoration, invasive species (weeds), and stewardship. Its success will depend on outreach with the public and communities. Some other issues are climate change and using nature for wellness. The budget is yet to be decided. The aims are to promote biodiversity, advance research, and support innovation. If the proposal is approved, there will be partnerships with researchers, governments, and institutions.

There will be a new Advisory Committee on Biodiversity of 11 members appointed annually by City Council, who have expertise in industry or research, conservation planning, and City Departments on Planning, Law, Community, Transportation, and Environment. The terms of reference will go to City Council for approval. The minutes of the new committee meetings will be posted for the public at calgary.ca/biodiversity.

The aspen groves on Nose Hill are protected as wildlife cover and as a natural environment park for Calgarians. There has been damage with chopping trees, building a fire pit and a lean-to shelter. There are also reports of such damage in Bowmont Park. Calgary Parks and City Bylaw have promised to follow up. Another concern is injured wildlife. There is no hunting permitted in the City, so jackrabbits and porcupines are off limits.

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backpack →
...load it with sunscreen,
water bottle, snacks...

← **noisemakers (hands)**
...bring on the noise!

cool kicks
...get ready to run, jump, bend,
walk and explore! →

← **awesome threads
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