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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

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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.



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.

Next Meeting: November 12

Family Open Gym Night

Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

Casino

November 1&2 - Cowboys Casino
Volunteers needed – Contact Carol at vp@hh-bh.ca or 403-284-5851

AGM

Wednesday, November 18 - 7 p.m.
Community Board Room
All Welcome – Refreshments!

Community Winter Party

December 5, 6:00 pm - Community Gym
Family Style – All Welcome!!
Food and Refreshments provided!

Please visit www.HH-BH.ca for information on Information Sessions regarding the Kensington Road Legion and Grace Hospital Re-Development.

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+)



Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7 pm

HHBH Community Hall
1922 – 14 Ave. NW

*Entrance is on the south west side of the gymnasium.
All are welcome and refreshments will be served
Board and Committee positions are open.
More Information at www.hh-bh.ca

MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2016 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.

| HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015-16 | |
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CASINO



Volunteers Needed!

for the Hounsfeld Heights – Briar Hill Community Association Casino

Cowboy's Casino, 421 – 12th Avenue SE

**Sunday November 1
& Monday November 2, 2015**

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in & around your community

North Hill Centre Redevelopment Project

Ward Councillor Druh Farrell and Bill Ptacek, CEO of the Calgary Public Library, attended our Community Board Meeting on September 10 to share news about a future redevelopment around North Hill Centre that has the potential to include both the Louise Riley Library and our Community Association building.

Concord Pacific has partnered with Sears and is planning to redevelop the Sears site. No details about the future redevelopment have been given and it's likely there will be residential and /or mixed use high rises. Bentall-Kennedy, the company who owns the rest of North Hill Centre, is also looking into redeveloping part of the mall / site. Councillor Farrell explained that the whole site from Sears to the Library would be included in the redevelopment, including improvements to 14th Avenue.

With this kind of redevelopment there is usually funding for public improvements that could be used for expanding the Library or improving 14th Avenue. Bentall-Kennedy is working with the Sears partnership but also wants to work with the City of Calgary and Library to have a comprehensive project plan. Mr. Ptacek told us that this is an opportunity to have the entire area involved, including our Community Association building. His vision is a major expansion of the Library, almost doubling from its current size. Capital would come from a fund set up by the redeveloping parties. These are the very early stages of discussion and a master plan is needed thus there is no time line to report as of yet.

It was recommended by Councillor Farrell that our association have a subcommittee that could represent us in this project and be involved. For example, we might have resident architects or other residents with expertise or interests on this committee to provide input into the design etc... Since the Community Association would like to expand their facility, we would like to become involved with the NHC Redevelopment initiative at the earliest stages to best explore synergies and avoid potential conflicts with our own project.

To facilitate our community's participation in this endeavour, we have formed a committee to liaise with the City of Calgary, the Calgary Public Library, Bentall Kennedy, Concord Pacific and other Stakeholders who may become involved. If you want to get involved or want to communicate with the committee please email nhc_redevelopment@hh-bh.ca. As information becomes available we will keep you updated through our website www.hh-bh.ca.

Leaf & Pumpkin composting program is underway!

Bring your leaves and pumpkins to a depot near you until November 8

Fall is in the air – and on the ground. As Calgarians tidy up their yards they can bring their bagged leaves and pumpkins to one of our 36 drop-off locations around the city. By composting this material it keeps it out of the landfill, reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions and helps turn the leaves and pumpkins into useful compost. We recommend using paper yard waste bags as they can be composted with the rest of the material. No sod or rocks please.

NORTHWEST LEAF & PUMPKIN DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

- **BirthPlace Forest at Silver Springs Park** 37 Silver Springs Dr. N.W.
- **Bowness** 7937 43rd Ave. N.W.
- **Confederation Park** 905 30th Ave. N.W.
- **Crescent Heights Community Centre** 1101 Second St. N.W.
- **Edgemont Reservoir Site** 6911 Edgemont Dr. N.W.
- **EMS Station #6** 1940 Westmount Blvd. N.W.
- **Hidden Valley Community Association** 10504 Hidden Valley Dr. N.W.
- **North Haven Community Centre** 5003 North Haven Dr. N.W.
- **Spyhill Landfill** 69th Street and 112th Avenue N.W.
- **St. Andrews Heights Community Centre** 2504 13th Ave. N.W.
- **Triwood Community Centre** 2244 Chicoutimi Dr. N.W.
- **Varsity Athletic Park** 39th Street and 46th Avenue N.W.

For a full list of Leaf & Pumpkin drop-off locations, please visit calgary.ca/leaf.

Submitted by City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services

Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association presents

COMMUNITY WINTER PARTY

Saturday December 5, 2015

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HH-BH 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!

Art of the world



**A Sunday Afternoon on the Island
of La Grande Jatte, 1884-1886**

By: Georges Seurat

Georges-Pierre Seurat was a French artist considered to be the founder of the Neo-Impressionism movement. One of Seurat's most famous works, *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* features extensive use of a technique known as pointillism which consists of contrasted color dots that form a single hue through viewers' eyes. Seurat spent over two years on this piece. He would practice his form repeatedly at the park, concentrating on the use of colors, form, and lighting.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Coding4kids

Tuesday 4-5pm

Friday 3-4pm

info@coding4kids.com

Family Open Gym Night

Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

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+)

Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your enquiry or idea to vp@hh-bh.ca

Thank You, Volunteers

Big hats off to all the volunteers for the community clean-up. I hope to see you all next year, we could use a few more helpers as well, so do not hesitate to inform me any time through-out the year of your desire to volunteer. This year to our clean -up we added breakfast and lunch for volunteers. We also changed the flow of traffic and the placement of the 'give and take' tables, thank-you Bonnie and Brenda for these changes. Our community party was the same evening, it was a wonderful event, but I would have liked to see more of our volunteers out enjoying themselves and mingling with other community members. Keep our community strong, volunteer, participate, meet your neighbours; interaction between members keeps a community safe. Remember, if you haven't already, you can purchase a membership at any time and join the fun!

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Sears

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 – Briar Hill. Since the previous Beacon posting dated June 2nd 2015, we have completed 2 rounds of groundwater monitoring and sampling and we are finalizing the Health Risk Assessment as proposed in the Updated Site Management Plan (2014).

The first investigative phase, which included the borehole drilling, as well as the Q1 monitoring and sampling program, is now complete and we are working on finalizing the report for the Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP; formerly known as Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development). Per protocol, all samples were delivered to a Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA) certified laboratory (AGAT Laboratories) and all analyses are complete and have been returned to Clifton. Details of these tests, along with the soil results from the drilling program, will be compiled into the final report that will include recommendations for further work within the community. The investigation report, as with other future monitoring and sampling reports, will be sent to all stakeholders (Gas Plume Committee, AEP, 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 AEP, through the link provided at the bottom of this correspondence.

Presently, we have begun our Q3 monitoring and sampling within the community and have begun working with Intrinsic to develop a long term vapour monitoring program. You may have noticed that the Dual Phase Vapour Extractor (DPVE) has been purposely turned off during the monitoring and sampling events. The DPVE will be turned back on as soon as the present round of sampling is completed. The first round of monitoring and sampling has provided Intrinsic with the necessary information to compile a revised Health Risk Assessment for the community which will be delivered to the

AEP and AHS in draft for review. We plan to share the results of the finalized report with the residents of the community as well as our go-forward plan.

As discussed in the previous posting, concerns regarding some damage caused to City property by the groundwater monitoring well installation and sampling activities have been addressed and all areas of concern have been returned to original condition as approved by the City. We have also made a final pass through the community to inspect the City owned right-of-ways to ensure all areas of concern have been addressed. If any area has not been addressed to your satisfaction, please contact Mr. Stephen d'Abadie at the email address found at the end of this communication with 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 the 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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community kindergarten

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from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

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or before March 1, 2017

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Our annual general meeting is on Wed. Nov. 18 at Triwood Community Centre Lounge (next to the rink) at 7 p.m. All welcome. Cory Gross, President of the Alberta Palaeontologist Society, will take us on a virtual Ice Age tour on Nose Hill of 6 million years of Calgary history and prehistory: what amazing wildlife were in the area of Nose Hill at the end of the most recent Ice Age, and then climate change and extinction. The past unfolds at Nose Hill, by bedrock outcrops, gravel pits, glacial erratics, and spectacular views of the Bow Valley.



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Last year's speaker Shelley Alexander at the University of Calgary, Geography Department launched the Foot-hills Coyote Initiative which runs to 2019. Her team will conduct interviews and online surveys to study interactions. The aim is to reduce risks while keeping healthy populations of coyotes. The information will be valuable for scientists, wildlife managers, and residents. The Calgary Coyote Project ran from 2005-2013. Her previous project, Living with Coyotes, mapped animals from 3-1-1 calls. Research was conducted by examining scat and did not involve trapping.

The media brands "Coyote Ugly", "wily canines", and "Coyote attacks in the City on the Rise". Can coyotes be good neighbours? Coyotes eat rodents and rabbits, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects, and carrion. As we encroach on their territory, let's remember to keep garbage, pet food, and birdseed away from them. A Fed Coyote is a Dead Coyote. Project Coyotes.org helps to foster co-existence. Be coyote aware. Mating may be Dec.-Feb. Denning is April-August. Family groups disperse Sept.-Nov.

Studies show that development in NW Calgary has left Nose Hill Park as an island of natural habitat, connected to natural areas beyond the city limits by natural gullies that wind through housing subdivisions. The development of trails and roads increase pressure on protected natural areas. Management of wildlife in urban areas recognizes the use of outdoors for recreation, higher density, and population increase, so the need for connections in open space and adaptation of the urban coyote.

Now that the City of Calgary has a policy for the conservation of biodiversity, a key element of this plan is to develop an approach to conservation and urban ecosystem management that extends beyond natural environment parks into the City itself.



Whales and dolphins can literally fall half asleep. Their brain hemispheres alternate sleeping, so the animals can continue to surface and breathe.

Animal Trivia

Parking Recommendations

The board was presented with information from a resident about safety concerns associated with the 15 St. NW section of Hounsfeld Heights, which has no sidewalks on this hill and requires pedestrians to walk in the street. City waste vehicles and local traffic cannot pass due to vehicles parking on both sides of the street. It has been observed in the area of 17A St NW along Hounsfeld Height Park that this block is being used by out of area LRT parkers and SAIT students because of an absence of parking signage.

The board has sent an endorsement and recommendation to the City of Calgary to have the following signage installed:

- No Parking signs on either the East or West side of 15 St NW between 8 and 10 Ave (in areas where there is currently no signs) The Community Association has a preference for No Parking on the East side
- 24 hour in effect 2 hour parking along the opposite side of 15 St. NW between 8 and 10 Avenue, that is currently not signed
- 2 Hour Parking signs on both sides of 17A St NW in the block along Hounsfeld Heights Park



in & around your community
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Crowchild Tr. Study Mark your calendar!

In November, the project team will be looking for your ideas on possible changes to the Crowchild Trail corridor. Attend one of the following workshops to share your ideas. The project team will then use this input to develop preliminary concepts/plans for further consideration.

RSVP for a workshop at calgary.ca/crowchild or call 311. If you're unable to attend one of these workshops, there will also be opportunities to share your ideas online in November.

Idea Workshop #1: Saturday, Nov. 7

Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Sunalta School – 536 Sonora Ave. S.W.

Idea Workshop #2: Monday, Nov. 9

Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Village Park Inn – 1804 Crowchild Tr. N.W.

In addition to the events above, similar workshops for residents, businesses and other stakeholders located within a block or two of Crowchild Trail have been scheduled in October. These invite-only events provide those with homes and businesses in close proximity to Crowchild Trail an opportunity to participate in the same workshops with others who share their unique perspective or concerns.

For more information about this study and opportunities to provide your input, visit calgary.ca/crowchild.

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November 21 to December 20 - Once Upon a Christmas:

Experience what Christmas would have been like in the early twentieth century by participating in old-fashioned traditions such as wagon rides, carolling and gingerbread cookie decorating. www.heritagepark.ca

November 26 to December 24 - A Christmas Carol:

Now a Calgary tradition, this stage production of Charles Dickens' classic novel tells the tale of Scrooge, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, and how an eye-opening journey transforms the grumpy protagonist into realizing the life he needs to lead. www.theatreocalgary.com

December 3 to 6 - Christmas at the Opera:

Christmas at the Opera brings a Christmas-themed production to the Arrata Opera Centre. This year, the one-act opera The Enchanted Child is brought to life. www.calgaryopera.com

December 6 - A Venetian Christmas:

This year, the choir is focusing on early Baroque music from Italy in its concert A Venetian Christmas. The choir performs works by Gabrielli, Grandi and Monteverdi and are joined by specialists performing on sackbuts and cornetti. www.spirituschamberchoir.ca

December 11 to 12 - A Traditional Christmas:

Hear the traditional holiday songs of the season performed by the Cum Vino Cantus choir and the CPO in the beautiful Grace Presbyterian Church. The combination of the church backdrop and the repertoire of well-loved sacred and secular Christmas songs will get anyone in the Christmas spirit. www.calgaryphil.com

December 11 to 12 - Handel's Messiah:

Even though this was originally performed at Easter, Handel's Baroque-era oratorio has since become a Christmas classic. Be sure to stand for the "Hallelujah!" www.calgaryphil.com

December 13 - Soweto Gospel Choir: Christmas Show:

This 30-person choir celebrates the power of African gospel music and also blends reggae and popular music into their tunes. www.banffcentre.ca

December 13 - Sing-Along Messiah:

For only one Sunday afternoon in December, George Frideric Handel conducts the Messiah that he wrote in the eighteenth century. The conductor, dressed in full costume to look much like Handel, leads the CPO, a cast of soloists and the audience. www.calgaryphil.com

December 20 - Core Concerts:

Each concert is unique, but it always includes the CORE CHOIR, guest vocalists and instrumentalists, and a guest speaker. First Baptist Church (1311 - 4 Street SW) in downtown Calgary - 7:00 p.m. www.corecelebration.com



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

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Concrete

In my monthly newsletters I try to write about topics that I hope you will find interesting. However that is not set in stone. This month I chose to write about a hard subject: concrete.

There is little that remains from the early days of Calgary. On a recent walk, I was surprised to see a concrete sidewalk in the Beltline with a date-stamp that read '1907'. Despite being over 100 years old and embossed with large dog prints - what drew my attention in the first place - the sidewalk was in outstanding condition. I wondered how this sidewalk could be in great shape when I often see new sidewalks (under five years) showing significant cracks and chips. I also noticed significant damage to public property around new developments. I started to do some digging around City Hall to find answers.

I now know more about concrete than I ever thought possible (segregation of aggregates, bleeding, scaling, spalling...). I discovered that concrete sidewalks in Calgary should have a lifespan of 50 years. Although our weather contributes to wear and tear, the durability of the sidewalk can be compromised by the quality of the mix or faulty installation.

After speaking with City staff I also discovered the extent to which in-fill construction practices can cause damage to sidewalks and other public property like laneways. This type of damage is becoming more common and is costing the City millions of dollars in annual repairs.

In order to extend the life of our sidewalks and alleyways, and reduce the need for costly repairs, I asked City Administration to explore solutions to:

- Improve inspections to identify and repair problem concrete while under warranty.
- Enhance pre and post-construction inspections for in-



fill development to ensure that the contractor covers the cost of damages to public property.

- Coordinate the various departments and budgets used for the repair of sidewalks to maximize efficiency, improve reporting, and reduce costs.

The City of Calgary should expect a quality product from our suppliers and contractors. If you provide the City with substandard products, you will repair problem areas while it's under warranty. To infill developers, if you damage public property, you will pay to have it repaired. Doing so will help ensure that our city is well maintained and Calgarians are getting value.

On a quainter note, in the last few years, the City has been making efforts to save old sidewalk stamps during lifecycle sidewalk replacement. The heritage fragment is re-installed in the new sidewalk (I put in a word to save the old dog prints). Look for street stamps when out for a stroll in Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods.

Cold Weather Concerns

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It's hard to believe but we are almost at the end of 2015. The year has flown by! As the snow starts to fly and the year comes to an end many families become busy with the holiday season. The holidays are a joyous time of year for many families and their pets, but at Calgary Humane Society the winter season also brings an increase in cold weather concerns, including animals being left outside in the cold.

In Alberta, our winter weather can be very harsh. Very cold temperatures combined with harsh wind chill can make it not only uncomfortable, but unsafe, for pets and other animals. The Alberta Animal Protection Act includes clauses to protect pets from freezing temperatures by requiring that anyone in the "care and control" of an animal provide that animal with appropriate shelter and protection from injurious heat or cold.

What does this law mean for the average pet owner? Keeping Fido or Fluffy inside is always the safest option when the mercury starts to dip with only short trips outside for walks or potty breaks. If your pet spends more than minimal time outside, they need to have free access to an insulated and heated shelter where they can escape freezing temperatures. This requirement is true for both cats and dogs, so if you have an outdoor cat you are required to provide an insulated and heated shelter for your cat on your property.

Pets and domestic animals that do not have access to appropriate shelter can often suffer frostbite in the winter months. Frostbite occurs when an animal is exposed to freezing temperatures for too long, causing exposed skin and other tissues to freeze. Deprived of bloodflow and oxygen, this tissue then dies. Frostbite can lead to many serious medical issues, including infection and loss of the affected body part. At Calgary

Humane Society, winter marks a time where we regularly see animals lose ears, tails and even paw pads to frostbite. Our animal health team works hard all winter long providing treatment to these animals, including medication and treatment to control pain, prevent infection and promote healing.

Thankfully, frostbite is easy to avoid by limiting your pet's exposure to extreme cold. Only going out for short walks is a great start, but if your pet is very small, has short hair or is sensitive to cold then investing in a pet coat or pet boots can help your pet stay warm.

Exposure to cold is not the only hazard to watch out for this winter! Certain brands of ice melt can cause chemical burns to paws, so if Fido is not wearing boots it is best to keep them on the grass and off of areas where ice melting chemicals have been spread. Many pets each winter also suffer ill effects from consuming antifreeze that is spilled from cars. Roaming cats are particularly at risk of exposure to this poison. Antifreeze is highly lethal to pets, requiring only a very small amount to produce toxic effects. If you are worried your pet has consumed antifreeze it is a medical emergency and your pet needs immediate vet attention. If you are using antifreeze for your vehicle make sure it is securely stored and clean up any spills immediately.

By limiting your pet's exposure to the elements and taking just a few extra precautions, you can ensure a happy and healthy winter season for all of your family members. If you have questions about ways to keep your pet safe this winter, or you would like to know more about how to build or choose an appropriate outdoor shelter for Alberta weather we are happy to help! Please visit www.calgaryhumane.ca or call 403-205-4455 for more information.

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The Naked Leaf Tea Shop

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The Naked Leaf Tea Shop opened its doors in the fall of 2008 to bring quality teas and tea-wares to Calgary. Owner Jonathan Kane began drinking tea in college as he had an allergy to coffee. Training to become a professional dancer at the time, he found that tea kept his body healthy through the rigorous training and his mind alert. Later throughout his years as a professional dancer, Jonathan found tea to be a constant source of pleasure and never went on tour without his personal supply. After an extensive career that took him to over 20 countries, he retired to open The Naked Leaf Tea Shop.

He is often asked how the name came to be, and the answer is simple. The teas in the shop are all natural and the majority of the teas are organic. No artificial flavours, colors or preservatives. No sugar and no added gluten. Simply naked...

Being a small independent business, Jonathan is able to create personal relationships with his suppliers. This allows the shop to get unique and top quality teas that other suppliers may not. For example, we currently have a small amount of a rare Albino green tea from Japan. Only 50 kilos are produced every year! We also have some exceptional Darjeeling teas in stock. Additionally we have an extensive selection of flavoured and blended teas in stock. Our shop currently works with 12 different suppliers.

As an independent shop, The Naked Leaf is also happy to support our vibrant community. The shop carries locally crafted teapots and teacups from a variety of artisans. We also carry a line of exclusive chocolates, each made with a different tea from the shop. If you are looking for all natural body wash and hand cream, come check out our exclusive products made right here in Kensington for us. These products are without chemicals and contain our chai and matcha teas!

One of our most exciting collaborations is with the Calgary art community. When you purchase one of our fine teas, we will pack it into a sealed tin adorned with a label featuring a work from a Calgary artist. We are pleased to

have featured 250 different works of art from over 90 different artists.

The Naked Leaf also offers customized labelling allowing you to create your own unique label. Perfect for fundraising, weddings, corporate gifting and even for family Christmas gifts!

Our fundraising opportunities are risk free and offer a high rate of return. Great for school trips, sports teams, dance schools and other programs that need a financial boost. We provide everything you need to make this as simple as possible, including an easy way to track orders.

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We are also please to offer private tea tasting events. Fun for a night out, team building, bridal showers, etc. We offer three tastings: Tea 101 - The basics of Tea, Tea and Chocolate Pairing and, finally, a Tea Cocktail Tasting evening.

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