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### **PRESIDENT'S** MESSAGE

#### Hello again friends and neighbours;

While we pride ourselves in being a tiny gem of a neighbourhood with our own unique character and style, we are also an integral part of the City of Calgary. In the next two months we have a number of opportunities to experience our community as a piece of a larger whole. I would like to tell you about several programs and projects that may interest you.

#### ReTree YYC

As you may recall, in September 2014 Calgarians experienced an unexpected snowstorm causing extensive damage to over 1 million trees. ReTree YYC was created to respond and recover from this disaster. The primary goal of ReTree YYC is to work with citizens to encourage the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. To accomplish this, our community has been selected to participate in seminars to be held right here in our own neighbourhood! Each Tuesday evening in June, horticultural experts will give us advice on how to select, grow and care for our own trees, and also provide instruction on landscaping. These seminars are free! But they won't happen unless you register for the classes as a minimum number of ten participants are required for each week. You can find information and links to reqistration on our website (hh-bh.ca) under the heading Latest News, Tree Education Program.

#### Adult Fit Park Engagement Program

You may have wondered about the strange yellow equipment situated behind the Louise Riley Library. This is our neighbourhood adult fitness park, one of a select few in Calgary. The various machines each target a body muscle group to tone and strengthen through resistance training. If it all seems guite mysterious and intimidating, sign up for one of the city's free classes provided by a certified trainer on June 8 and 13. Again, you can easily find the registration site online through our website hh-bh. ca under the heading Latest News, Fit Park Engagements.

#### Calaarv Police Service Bike Patrol

Each year, about now, our city police service provides officers with bikes so that they can effectively patrol our streets. We are an inner city neighbourhood and unfortunately have the crime rates that go with it. Bike patrols have been shown to be very helpful in allowing police to check our parks, alleys and side streets for signs of trouble. So next time you see constables working hard to get up one of our hills, be sure to wave and let them know they are appreciated.

Summer Solstice Celebration (aka Neighbour Day) June 17 As most of you know first hand, our community has one of the best Block Parties anywhere! We pride ourselves in having held them annually before the city officially created Neighbour Day three years ago as a tribute to Calgary's community spirit during the flood of 2013. City planners must have been inspired by us when they picked the date! By holding our party on Neighbour Day, we are able to avoid the requirement for some city permits and associated costs. Our Summer Solstice is a fun outdoor party for all ages at Green Park. It's a big event and therefore requires a lot of volunteers as well as an over-all coordinator this year. Please email our community association's vice president, Carol Sandahl to let her know how you can help make this party a success: vp@hh-bh.ca

May is the gateway to summer and the time to plan and register for a number of exciting programs provided for us by the city. Enjoy!

Laura







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Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

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The HH-BH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed at www.hh-bh.ca.

For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at **www.hh-bh.ca**.



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



- Community board meetings every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the HH-BH community centre boardroom. All are invited! To be on the agenda, please contact admin@ hh-bh.ca at least 2 weeks in advance. Please note there are no board meetings in July or August. Next Meeting: May 11, 2017
- Plans to build an addition to our community association's facility are now underway. Come and help us create a space that will enhance our facility and serve the needs of our community. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the community boardroom, 7:00 9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Sandahl: vp@hhbh.ca
- Casino June 4th and 5th Get to know your neighbours and help the community association raise funds to maintain and expand our community hall at our next casino fundraiser, June 4 and 5. See ad in this issue for details.
- Free Performing Arts Workshops in preparation for our HH-BH's Canada 150 Celebration event. Open to everyone join us in the HH-BH community centre boardroom on Sundays 2-4 p.m.
- Soccer Skills Training will run every Saturday in May (except May 20th) through till June 24th from 1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. in the soccer field adjacent to the HH-BH community centre. See ad in this issue for more details.
- Our annual HH-BH Summer Solstice is one our most successful events thanks to the committed volunteers who make it happen. Volunteers are needed for the next Summer Solstice - please contact Carol at 403.284.5851 or email admin@hh-bh.ca
- Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Playschool registration for 2017/2018 is now open. Register online at www.hhbhplayschool.com or send us an email to education@hh-bh. ca
- The City of Calgary is holding a number of tree education programs for HH-BH community residents in June. Check out the article in this issue for more information.
- Memberships: A reminder that memberships expire July 31! \$20 / year per family household. \$10/Seniors. Renew online at www.hh-bh.ca



**Youth Badminton** 

Youth Badminton -Ages 12 – 17 Information at www.hh-bh.ca Badminton@hh-bh.ca

### HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

Badminton: Tues – Fri - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Pickleball: Tues – Wed - 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Rates: \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

Family Open Gym Night

FREE -Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym

Outdoor Soccer U4 to U18 Registration Online February 1, 2017



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## **Tree Planting**

#### ReTree YYC -Free Education Programs in Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill has been chosen as a Re-Tree Community in 2017! As part of the program, the City of Calgary will be planting new City trees in our community and educating community members about the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill will receive free tree care education programs in spring 2017. More information will be posted on our website in the early spring.

**Background on ReTree YYC**: ReTree YYC is a program created in response to the September 2014 late-summer snow storm causing extensive and severe damage to over 1 million trees. ReTree communities are chosen based on many factors, including the extent of the storm damage, open canopy space and community interest. By helping Calgarians plant and maintain trees on both public and private property, we hope to make the city landscape better for generations to come. You can learn more about the program at Calgary.ca/trees.

## Soccer Skills Training

There is so much more to soccer that just kicking around a ball! Strategy, teamwork and skill is required to win the game.

Come and perfect your game at our Soccer Skills Training every Saturday in **May (except May 20th) through till June 24th from 1:00 p.m.** - **2:30** p.m. in the soccer field adjacent to the HH-BH community centre.



# Membership has its Privileges

It's time to renew your HH-BH community association membership (valid August 1 – July 31 each year), and it's gotten easier: renew online by visiting our website: www.hh-bh.ca.

### A family membership is only \$20/year, and entitles you to

- register children in the HH-BH Community Playschool
  register children in indoor and outdoor youth soccer, badminton and other sports programs
- take part in adult badminton, pickleball and other recreation programs

• bring the whole family to the community hall for free Family Gym Nights on Fridays year-round

 vote at HH-BH Community Association Annual General Meetings (ours is coming up in November, by the way – we'd love to see you there!)

In addition, your membership helps support the wide range of activities organized or supported by the community association, including:

- annual Stampede Breakfast
- Summer Solstice Block Party
- annual Community Clean-Up
- family-friendly community events in the Fall, Winter and Spring, with entertainment such as the bouncy house, face painting, dunk tank, live music, dancing and FREE food and beverages
- up-to-date news and event listings on our HH-BH website, Facebook and Twitter. Check it out at hh-bh.ca!
- the Beacon delivered to your door Monthly
- ice maintenance, equipment and supplies for the outdoor rink at Green Park
- a clean, well-kept and efficient community gym and meeting facility with friendly and helpful staff, employing youth from our community
- organizing casino fundraisers to keep all this going
- strategic, business and land-use planning for our community and liaising with the City of Calgary



## CALLING ALL SINGERS / MUSICIANS / ACTORS / DANCERS AND WANNABEES! We are looking for you!!



Canada's  $150^{\mbox{th}}$  Celebration Casting Call for friends and neighbors of Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill

Join our community celebration August 19, 2017, celebrating 150 years of Canadian Confederation. We need actors, musicians, dancers, characters, comedians, poets and storytellers, neighbors and friends, all are welcome to attend the planning, production and rehearsals running Sundays between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm in the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Hall Boardroom. If you have something to contribute or if you would like to participate, please attend.

FREE WORKSHOPS EVERY SUNDAY 2:00 – 4:00 PM HH-BH Community Hall Boardroom 1922 - 14 Ave NW

For more information please email Patricia at events@hh-bh.ca

## Outdoor Soccer Referees Needed

This is a job that pays! A training session is mandatory and provided by the community association. This is a great way for you to be involved in our community. If you have already taken the training, you are not required to attend again. You may retake the training if you would like to refresh your skills.

If you are 12 years of age or older and interested in becoming a referee for the 2017 outdoor soccer season with HHBH, please contact Melissa Hagg at melissahagg@gmail.com or 403-284-2410.





### **Annual General Meeting**

The HHBH Community Association Playschool annual general meeting will be held in the classroom on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be two representatives from the IMforKids team in attendance to discuss the benefits of early intervention



Calgary Parks is working with citizens to encourage the proper planting and maintenance of Calgary's urban forest. They will be visiting 25 selected ReTree communities in 2017 to plant trees on public property and provide education programs for community residents to encourage proper care and maintenance of their own private trees. Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill is one of these communities - below are the sessions offered free of charge to our residents. To register, go to http://www. calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Programs/Tree-planting/ Tree-Education-Programs.aspx

#### **Stretch Your Roots: Guided Walk**

The Stretch your Roots tree tour is 'poplar' among all ages and we encourage you to bring out your whole family for an hour and half of tree-filled fun. The tour is customized to highlight the native and non-native, heritage, unique trees found within your community. The kids will have a great time completing tree bingos and scavenger hunts while experiencing all our Urban Forest has to offer. The tour is focused on the identification of trees in your community and tree care and maintenance tips to ensure your private trees reach their full maturity and 'budding' potential. Learn about tree history in the City of Calgary and the influential people that have shaped our Urban Forest. Join us for a relaxing and educational walk around your stunning community! Max capacity: 20 Date: Tuesday, June 6

#### **Pruning and Disease 101**

Have you ever pruned your trees and were not sure if you were doing it right? Have you looked at your trees and noticed they aren't as healthy as they use to be and wondered what could be happening to them. Pruning & Disease 101 will cover what you need to know before "making the cut" as well as cover common tree diseases in Calgary, what they look like, what treatments can be used and where to go for more information. This is a beginner to intermediate course, but also a great venue for community experts to help educate their neighbours and discuss community tree care. After this course you can feel confident pruning and maintaining the health of your trees. Still have questions? Don't worry! There will be plenty of time for Q & A with a certified City of Calgary Urban Forestry Technician at the end of the presentation. Maximum capactity is 30 participants. **Date: Tuesday, June 13** 

#### **The Under Story**

#### Presented by the Calgary Horticultural Society

Is the area around your tree lacking that certain spark you envisioned? The Under Story program will help you achieve the lush and scenic garden, around your trees, that you've always wanted. Discover a variety of plant species that are guaranteed to beautify the space around and below your trees. Learn how to plan and create the understory of your dreams and get design tips from the experts at the Calgary Horticultural Society. Learn how to maintain your understory and understand why no understory is complete without the addition of compost and mulch. Maximum capactiy is 20 participants.

Date: Tuesday, June 20

#### Gardening with trees and shrubs in mind

#### Presented by the Calgary Horticultural Society

Have you recently acquired a new garden or looking to 'spruce' up an existing one? The addition of a tree or shrub can be the backbone of your garden design, elevating it to the next level of enjoyment. Join us in Gardening with Trees and Shrubs to discover the variety of attractive and hardy species available to revamp your home and garden. Learn to maximize the health of your tree and/or shrub by understanding the various microclimates within your garden, water conservation strategies, and the importance of mulch. Did we miss something? Don't fret; there is an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation to ensure everyone feels confident about the fresh addition to their property.Maximum capacity is 20 participants. Date: Tuesday, June 27

Note: Minimum registration for programs is 10 persons. If program is cancelled, we will try to accommodate those affected into other programs in the closest community.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2017 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.

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## Why bother

#### **By Barbara Green**

On Saturday, March 18, I spent a little over an hour at the community hall, helping our board confirm changes to HHBH Community Association bylaws. A friend on the board had texted me in advance of the meeting, apologizing for imposing but asking if I could come because getting guorum might be tough.

And it was. We dragged in neighbours who were at the hall having a birthday party for their kid. We inveigled our own children who were over 18. We waited, because our old bylaws said quorum was 30, but if we waited 30 minutes, it could be 10. We finally made it.

The bylaw revisions were, as Board President Laura Hunt put it, "rather obscure but necessary." So, why bother?

Because while bylaws are boring, bylaws are the bones of any organization. They are obscure, boring, tedious, and they matter. For example, some of the changes will help improve support for and oversight of the community playschool.

Because your neighbours put their own free time into reviewing every iot and tittle of them so you didn't have to. They made it really easy to look over the changes, too, by offering links to the old bylaws, the new bylaws and a summary of the changes.

Because it shouldn't be so hard to get a guorum of 30 people from a community of 3,000 to attend a local meeting, whether it's a more meaty Annual General Meeting or a quick bylaw review. That's ONE per cent of us! But it is hard: one of the bylaw changes reduced guorum from 30 to 10.

Because community association boards can raise money and run a facility and review land use plans and revise bylaws, but they can't actually create a community. That takes us showing up.

Because it's actually kind of pleasant to get out of your house, out of your routine, and into the presence of your neighbours, even to talk about bylaws. Some really nice people live here. Let's get to know one another! If you're a curmudgeon like me and want to skip the more social activities like Spring Flings and Christmas Pot lucks, then consider coming out to monthly board meetings or the third-Wednesday-of-the-month planning meetings for the new hall expansion.



Introducing Guy Latour Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill's Community Association's new Executive Director

As it turns out, you can go home again – at least during business hours.

The new Executive Director for the HHBH Community Association, Guy Latour, spent his high school and university years just across the street from the community hall on 13th Avenue.

"It's a real full-circle thing," he says. "I was in transition and when I saw this position advertised, I got very excited about the opportunity to give back to the community I came from."

Guy will be drawing on more than 20 years of experience in community recreation and development, including work as Manager of Parks and recreation in High River, Business Manager for the town of Drumheller and Program Manager for Scouts Canada. His degree in Physical Education (he also played university football) and outdoor activities have also inspired him to volunteer with search and rescue groups.

"I'm really looking forward to being part of the growth and development of this community – that's what I really enjoy," he says, adding, "I'm not a status quo kind of guy."

That's good, because the status quo isn't an option for HHBH. The Community Association has been notified that it needs to move ahead on its expansion in the next two years and is also hoping to boost revenues through rentals and grant applications. Guy will be part of all of that, providing administrative support to all CA portfolios from management of the community hall and grounds to supporting the playschool.

Board President Laura Hunt adds that Guy's extensive experience with the ActiveNet online system for program registration will help resolve problems experienced recently with soccer and playschool registration. "It's kind of like a teenager buying a Ferrari," Laura says with rueful humour. "It's a great system that can supposedly do everything, but you have to know how!"

Stop by the community hall to welcome Guy back and give him your ideas; you will find Guy working out of an office converted from the former cloakroom.

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#### **Community Spring Cleaning**

#### A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

#### **Building Safe Communities Program**

The snow has melted and spring is now in the air, which means there's no better time to participate in a community clean-up! Bring your community together to help beautify your neighbourhood.

Here are two approaches that you can begin creating a cleaner neighbourhood,

1. Preserve a space: Collaborate with your neighbours and preserve a space, whether it's a community green area, public walkway, or playground that you and your neighbours can take ownership of to clean and maintain.

2. Clean sweep: Rally neighbours to put a couple of hours aside to do a one-time sweep of your community. You can also make this approach a regular community event!

Ensure you always have safety precautions in place like gloves, bags, proper footwear, and safe handling of dangerous items.

For more resources, check out our website at calgarycommunities.com.



### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary Book Drive & Sale**

#### **Outpost Tent at Crossroads Market**

(Junction of Blackfoot Trail and Ogden Road SE)

Book Sale begins Thurs May 4 3:00 - 8:00 pm and continues

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## **About Wine**

by Nik Rasula

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#### Paolo Conterno, Nebbiolo

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ABOUT THE MAKER: Founded in 1886 by Paolo Conterno who recognized the connoisseurs' market for guality wine. In 1955, Paolo Conterno II replanted the vineyards with Nebbiolo clones better-suited to the family's alpine Langhe sites. In 1993 Paolo II was knighted by the Italian Federation for contributions to the Italian wine industry. Now run by a fourth generation, Giorgio Conterno carries on the tradition of his visionary ancestors.

ABOUT THE MAKING: Combining traditional methods (ageing in 35 hectolitre French barrels) with modern vinification (temperature controlled fermentation), the Conternos bring together best-practices of both winemaking worlds. They live their motto "We make wine for our family that we share with others."

ABOUT THE ESTATE: South-facing calcerous clay slopes, that average 300 metres a.s.l. provide ideal conditions for growing Nebbiolo. With vineyards on 38 degrees slopes, the 10 acre estate-vines are hand-maintained and hand-harvested.

ABOUT THE WINE: Medium-bodied wine with luscious aromas of roses and dark fruits. Elegantly structured, this wine is round, with complex - slightly spicy flavours lingering lusciously on the palate as the long finish concludes.

ABOUT PAIRING: Pair with ripe cheeses, risotto, roasted vegetables, pasta with red sauces, or lean cuts of beef. ABOUT STEWARDSHIP: Sustainable production.

ABOUT AVAILABILITY: Check liquorconnect.com (call the listed store too) confirming availability prior to heading out for purchase.

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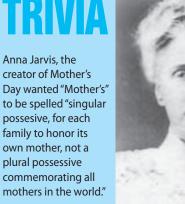
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Thinking about an outdoor home improvement proj- ect this spring or summer? Before you pay for mate- rials, hire a contractor or do it yourself, let The City guide you on the permitting and inspections process	Calgary.ca/MyHome
Free Golf? You bet – join us at McCall Par 3 Golf Course on Mother's Day for FREE golf for the entire family with a suggested cash donation to our 'Kids on Course' program for economically disadvantaged youth and families.	Calgary.ca/Golf
Compost your spring yard waste for free at City land- fills from April 7 – May 28.	Calgary.ca/YardWaste
Neighbour Day (June 17) is an opportunity for neighbours to come together to celebrate our strong community spirit.	Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay
Green carts are coming soon for all your food, yard waste and pet waste. Visit calgary.ca/greencart to find out when they're coming to your community.	Calgary.ca/GreenCart
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## Casino Volunteers Needed June 4 and 5

Get to know your neighbours and help the community association raise funds to maintain and expand our community hall at our next casino fundraiser, June 4 and 5.

HHBH CA Vice-President Carol Sandahl is organizing the fundraiser and is using the schedule with six long shifts to make it easier than ever to volunteer. This year, we're at Cowboys Casino (421 12 Ave SE), easily accessible by C-Train from Lions Park.

Please contact Carol at vp@hh-bh.ca to volunteer or receive more information.



We are now planning Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill's 8th Annual Summer Solstice event to be held on **June 17.** 

This very well-attended event brings HH-BH residents together to celebrate with food, music, children's events, and much more.

Volunteers are needed for a number of roles, both big and small, so please contact us at admin@hh-bh.ca or contact Carol at 403.284.5851 if you are able to help out.



Councillor, Ward 7 Druh Farrell ward07@calgary.ca www.druhfarrell.ca Surd Count Farrell (Count Farrell)

#### **Redevelopment and Public Benefit**

Over the years, I have advocated for smart growth policies to reduce Calgary's dependence on sprawl, while also bringing investment and public benefit to inner-city communities. Our city's Municipal Development Plan sets a 60 year target of 50-50 growth between established areas and new communities. This target is not just about density. It is about promoting great neighbourhoods that deliver value to current and future residents.

To strengthen our inner-city, The City of Calgary promotes walkable communities that are well connected by transit. Communities will have vibrant public spaces, strong local shops, and diverse housing options for Calgarians of all ages and incomes. To make these goals a reality, The City is focussing on the Main Streets initiative and Green Line Light Rail Transit (LRT).

Main Streets will rejuvenate Calgary's historical main streets through redevelopment, heritage preservation, and funding for public spaces. When properties are redeveloped for higher density, The City sees an increase in tax revenue. The City plans to use a portion of this increase to fund traffic calming, rebuilt sidewalks, improved park spaces, and other amenities prioritised by communities during Main Streets public engagement.

Main Streets planning is currently wrapping up along Bowness Rd NW in Montgomery, 1 Av NE in Bridgeland, and 17 Av SW in Killarney-Glengarry. In coming years, Ward 7 Main Streets will include 16 Av N, Kensington Rd NW, 14 St NW, 10 St NW, 4 St NW, Centre St N, and Edmonton Tr NE. Ward 7 residents can expect robust public engagement that helps communities plan for change and identify local priorities for improvements funded through redevelopment.

The Green Line LRT will connect Calgary communities with high-quality transit and promote Transit Oriented Development (TOD). A focus on TOD helps more Calgarians live close to transit and local amenities, with great spaces in between. TOD also enables The City to fund improved streets, parks, libraries, community centres, and recreation facilities.

In the end, successful redevelopment means investing in communities experiencing significant change. I look forward to working through the Main Streets and Green Line processes to help Ward 7 communities identify local priorities and realise public benefits.

To sign up for updates on key community and Ward 7 issues, please visit www.DruhFarrell.ca.



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#### Visit our National Parks

This year Canada marks its 150th birthday and there are many ways to celebrate.

Canada is known for its natural beauty and one of the best ways to experience Canada is to visit our National Parks -- for free.

By visiting www.parkscanada.gc.ca or by calling 1-888-773-8888, you can order your free Canada 150 pass and this will allow you to have unlimited daily visits to all national parks and historical sites across Canada. You can also request a free Visitors Guide for each region of the country.

Alberta is home to Canada's first national park. Banff National Park of Canada was created in 1885 and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alberta is also home to four other national parks too; Elk Island, Jasper, Waterton Lakes and Wood Buffalo -- as well as many national historical sites.

The special Canada 150 pass is only good for free daily visits but you may want to consider extending your experience by staying overnight for a very reasonable cost.

If you do not have access to camping equipment, you may want to consider some of the more innovative solutions offered by Parks Canada. There are oTENTik, teepees and Equipped Campsites available at most Alberta parks, but space is limited. Accommodation options are much more limited in other provinces.

oTENTik sites are a cross between a tent and a rustic cabin, similar to what early settlers and gold rush pioneers lived in. They accommodate up to six and are both dry and spacious and include the beds. The kids will love the bunk beds!

The teepee equipped sites are only available at Waterton Lakes Park and Rocky Mountain House National Historical Site.

The Equipped Campsites are perfect for those who do not own any camping equipment or do not have the space to transport camping equipment (cyclists and motorcyclists). These sites come equipped with the basics for up to six people.

Visit www.parkscanada.gc.ca or call 1-888-773-8888 to book your overnight visit before space runs out.

Finally, visiting our national parks is a fun experience, but can be deadly if you are not prepared or do not use common sense. Please remember that many parts of our national parks are remote, not well monitored and rely on park users to know their own limits. If you are unsure of the risks in a specific park, please take the time to speak with the knowledgeable staff.

Sharing your experiences on social media will help raise awareness of the fantastic opportunities our national parks and historical sites offer Canadians every day.

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## Community Clean-up Leader

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill is looking for people to lead our annual community clean up event. This annual event brings people from the community together, provides friends and families an opportunity to work together for a good cause, and helps to keep our neighbourhood clean and safe. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Patricia at 587-703-9739 or email events@hh-bh.ca



The City annually invests in infrastructure and upgrades to ensure levels of service and address both capacity and lifecycle needs. The storm water quality retrofit program adds more wet ponds to long-established areas of the city. Wet ponds protect the quality of river water by slowing the flow, allowing sediment to settle. Plants help to remove pollutants. In all, there are 200-flood related projects requiring repairs or restoration. There are riverbank stabilization and erosion sites, the storm drainage system, and lift or pump stations. Construction projects include water main and pipe repairs, as well as new projects and upgrades to improve water and wastewater systems.

The North Calgary Water Servicing Project is underway. This is part of a long-term plan to sustain the water supply system. A new water supply line (feeder main) is required to service future area development A consultant will design and construct a new water main from Big Hill Pump Station to the Beddington Reservoir. The preferred alignment will cross Nose Hill Park, using geotechnical tunnelling up to 90 metres or 300 feet deep. A rare plant and bird survey to ensure conservation of protected species will be done before phase 1 soil sampling to test the proposed route. The optimum time to drill 21 test holes (each 6 inches in diameter) is mid-winter when the ground is frozen, which minimizes the impact on the surface environment. However, the areas adjacent to these test locations will be rehabilitated prior to crew leaving the site.

The City promises that there will be only minor surface disruption in the SW and NE corners of Nose Hill at the entrance and exit of the proposed tunnel. No other surface work would be required in the park. Phase 2 construction will occur in Summer 2017 to summer 2018. Drilling and survey equipment and personnel will be visible on the hill but away from the paths by mid-Feb-early April 2017. In addition, there will be signs at Nose Hill parking lots and an information brochure at www.calgary.ca/nosehill. You can phone 3-1-1 for general water construction inquiries or a list of road closures due to other construction projects.

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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
March 2017	\$1,320,000	\$1,284,000
February 2017	\$4,699,450	\$4,251,000
January 2017	\$650,000	\$620,000
December 2016	\$907,450	\$851,250
November 2016	\$599,500	\$577,500
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$1,774,950	\$1,845,000
August 2016	\$1,597,450	\$1,575,000
July 2016	\$1,049,900	\$1,040,000
June 2016	\$594,900	\$578,750
May 2016	\$1,224,950	\$1,201,000
April 2016	\$619,900	\$590,000

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2017	7	4
February 2017	2	2
January 2017	7	1
December 2016	0	4
November 2016	2	2
October 2016	3	0
September 2016	7	2
August 2016	2	4
July 2016	5	3
June 2016	2	2
May 2016	8	4
April 2016	4	3

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