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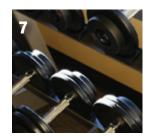
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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Community board meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the HH-BH Community Centre boardroom. All community residents are invited! To be on the agenda, please contact admin at hh-bh.ca at least 2 weeks in advance. Next Meeting: February 8th, 2018.

Here's a chance to provide your input. The HH-BH community association facility enhancement planning (community centre expansion) continues and there is still an opportunity to help plan and create a space to meet 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@hh-bh.ca.

Thank you to all who participated in the recent HH-BH survey and membership drive. We have shared some of the results in this issue, and will share more information as it becomes available in upcoming editions of The Beacon and via e-Beacon.

Register for the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill 2018/19 Playschool year starting on February 21. Please visit hhbhcaplayschool.com for more information and to register online!

HH-BH Health and Wellness classes continue into 2018. Sign up now to start your new year with a commitment to yourself, and in support of your community association! More information is included in this issue or at www.hh-bh.ca.



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board, I hope you are all enjoying a good new year as we arrive in February!

As we progress through the year, we will continue to work on items that are in the community interest such as the Banff Trail development, North Hill Mall development, Community Centre expansion and the secondary suites issue. The recent community survey (please see a summary of the results in this newsletter) has provided us insights into the community's expectations and viewpoints on these topics, which we are using to ensure alignment in how the board approaches them.

These are challenging times and there will always be a spectrum of views and sensitivities, and as a board we are all working hard to ensure we account for these in the context of what can be accomplished with a small group of dedicated individuals and the broader City of Calgary goals. Each board member has dedicated their personal time to support the community they all know and love. Your support is always appreciated and welcomed so please find a way to get engaged to help the community at large. In 2018, Hounsfield Heights and Briar Hill will be celebrating 65 years as a community and this would not be possible had it not been for the efforts of those who came before us tending to the well being of our community. They have paid it forward and I look to you to do the same!

Please watch for the signs announcing Briar Hill School's annual book sale in March and find those gently used books that you can donate to support a good cause. Remember books are not meant to sit on a shelf but to be read, and what better opportunity to get them out and enjoyed by others than this!

Please remember your attendance at the Board meetings, which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month from September through June at the Community Hall at 1922 – 14 Avenue NW, is a great way to stay up to date on what is happening and to ensure your ideas and concerns are heard and incorporated into the management of the community association. To include an item on the agenda please contact admin@hh-bh.ca at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, please write me at president@hh-bh.ca.

Jeff

## **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS HHBH Gvm Drop-In Programs**

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

### **Family Open Gym Night**

Free open gym for the community provided Friday nights when available. Please visit our website at www.hh-bh. ca/community-open-gym-free to confirm availability.

### **Adult Badminton Clinic**

Don't miss this chance to learn this exciting sport! Program is offered Sundays November 5th, 12th and 19th from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Centre, 1928-14 Ave NW. This is a six-hour course and will cover all the basic skills for recreational and club players. Please contact Grace for more info or registration at gymyuen@gmail.com.





### **Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Parking: 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.

Phone: 403-282-6634 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.



Visit HH-BH.ca for full class details and descriptions.

### **High Fitness**

Session: January 8 to March 19 - 10 weeks

Day: Mondays Time: 9:45-10:45

Location: HHBH Gymnasium

Fees:

Non-Members: \$100.00 HHBH Member: \$80.00

Drop in: \$10.00

### **Kids Yoga/After school**

Sessions: January 8 to February 12 - 6 weeks

Day: Mondays Time: 4:00 - 5:00

**Location:** HHBH Board Room

Fees:

Non-Member: \$75.00 Member: \$65.00 Drop in: \$15.00

### **Hypercreative Art**

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February 8 – Valentines for your sweetie, hand paint two custom Wine Glasses.

March 8 - Get spring going by painting a vibrant

flower display.

Sessions: February 8, March 8

Day: Thursdays Time: 1:30-3:30 PM

Location: HHBH Board Room

Fees:

Non-Member \$35.00 per session HHBH Member: 10% discount

Seniors: 20% discount Drop in: None







### **Joanna Greco, Secretary** HH-BH Board of Directors

Born to Italian immigrant parents at the Calgary General Hospital, Joanna grew up the middle child of three in a loving family that exemplified hard work, resilience and tenacity. In 1973, the family moved to Briar Hill, where her parents bought one of the few remaining empty lots in the community to build their family home.

After marrying the love of her life, Louis, the couple initially settled in Beddington and had two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica. In 2004, the family moved into Hounsfield Heights. The move was ideal as Joanna's mother, who lived several blocks from Briar Hill School, was the girls' caregiver while Joanna and Louis worked, and was able to walk them to school and provide lunch and afterschool care. Jennifer and Jessica later attended Queen Elizabeth High School and eventually the University of Calgary.

"It was really the perfect place to raise our children," says Joanna. "Besides loving our home with its big yard and mature trees, we love living in an energetic, inner city neighbourhood close to family, schools, shopping and all the amenities. Proximity to the LRT, especially when the children were attending university and I was working downtown, is another huge benefit."

After almost 35 years of working in the energy industry, Joanna was laid off in the spring of 2015, which she describes as one of the most devastating events of her life. "In hindsight, as difficult as the layoff was, not working allowed me the time to help care for my ailing father alongside my sister and brother. That experience was priceless and something I will cherish the rest of my life."

In addition, the layoff provided Joanna with an opportunity to follow her passion for bookkeeping, which she developed over years of maintaining her husband's residential concrete business books. So, she upgraded her education and began working as a bookkeeper for a small company. Unfortunately, the company is closing soon so Joanna will now launch into self-employment, which she describes as both exciting and scary. Joanna attends mass (she particularly loves the singing!) and swims laps at a nearby pool, both of which she attributes to keeping her somewhat sane.

Joanna's involvement with the HHBH board of directors began in the summer of 2016, when while reading through The Beacon she learned the board was in need of a Secretary. She was excited about the chance to volunteer and give back to a community that had provided so much for her family, so she met with then-president Laura Hunt, whose kindness and warmth was a major factor in Joanna's decision to join.

As she began volunteering, Joanna quickly recognized that there were no policies or procedures in place to help guide the board. Having worked with policies in her previous work, and understanding the importance of having processes in place, she began developing them. While those processes are now completed and adopted, there are still others to be developed (safety and health, employment, financial, etc.) which the Executive Director (Guy Latour) and Joanna will continue working on together. Joanna was also instrumental in updating the association bylaws governing the work of the board.

While Joanna admits that there is still work to be done to increase resident involvement and address community safety, she is heartened by the residents she meets. "It was very comforting during the estate sale after my dad's passing to hear so many great stories from residents who remembered the house being constructed, and who had wonderful stories of my parents throughout the years."

Joanna is grateful for the opportunity to be actively involved with the community association and encourages other residents to come and share the experience of continuing to build community. "The integrity and work ethic of the other board members has been inspirational. We are all working hard to achieve the HHBH vision to be a peaceful community with friendly neighbours who are connected through vibrant public spaces and activities,"

### The Survey Says...

Over the last months, we surveyed Hounsfield

Heights-Briar Hill residents to learn more about what's important to you. We are still analyzing the results but can share the following at this time. We will provide a more comprehensive report in an upcoming issue of The Beacon.

- A total of 211 residents completed the survey online or
- Almost 75 per cent of residents believe we should have social events to bring residents together.
- The top five community initiatives are
- Annual Community Clean up
- Outdoor skating
- Outdoor soccer
- Playschool
- Summer Solstice
- Over 70 per cent of residents fully support the community centre expansion
- The two top issues identified by residents for our community is 1) crime and 2) increasing density/secondary suites. Thank you again to all of you who completed the survey. The information collected will help your board plan, and execute those plans, more effectively.

The survey is now over, but not your opportunity to provide your thoughts, ideas and feedback. Your board of directors (listed in the front of this publication) would love to hear from you any time.

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### Say Goodbye to Winter with Calgary **Recreation's Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide!**

Say goodbye to winter with The City of Calgary's Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide, on-stands February 21. The City of Calgary offers hundreds of fun and affordable recreational opportunities to get you and your family more active, more often this spring and summer. Registered programs include sailing, golf, dance, swimming, summer day camps and more! With dozens of facilities located throughout the city, there are many convenient locations for you and your family to take part in a variety of activities, practically right in your own backyard! Registration opens February 26. To learn more and find a program that's right for you, visit Calgary.ca/recreation.



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### Calling for Calgary Awards Nominations:

The Calgary Awards is one of the largest citizen recognition programs in our city. The City of Calgary established the Calgary Awards in 1994 to celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians in the previous year. Each year, individuals, corporations, community groups and organizations are nominated in five major award categories, for a total of 13 awards.

The City of Calgary encourages all Calgarians to look to their neighbours, colleagues, community leaders, local organizations and businesses for those who could qualify as recipients of the Calgary Awards.

The Calgary Awards are for Calgarians, individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, community groups and other organizations can all be nominated. For specific eligibility requirements, how to nominate someone in your community and for more information visit: calgary.ca/calgaryawards. **Nominations close on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.** 



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(no refund after the 1st class)

For information contact: badminton@hh-bh.ca

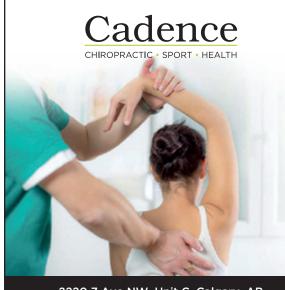


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Winter Walk Day celebrates winter in Alberta while promoting the year-round health benefits of taking a walk by encouraging all Albertans to get outside and walk for at least 15 minutes. On **February 7,** grab your family, friends and neighbours and join us as we get outside and get active.

For tips on how to plan an awesome walk in your community, visit www.ab.bluecross.ca/news/winter-walk-tips.php. #WinterWalkDay

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