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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: April 12th, 2018.**

The results of the survey tell us you have some great ideas for enhancing our facility. Here's a chance to provide your input in person. 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.

Briar Hill School Used Book Sale is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, and they need the community's continued support. The Used Book Sale will take place from March 19th - 21st. Please start saving those books - we will begin accepting donations of books March 1st.

Outdoor soccer referees are needed. A training session is mandatory (unless you've already taken one) and provided by the community association. Please see our ad in this issue of The Beacon for more information.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has sprung – April is here!

Over the last few months your HH-BH board's focus continues to be:

1. The Sears Plume
2. Banff Trail Motel Village Development
3. Community Centre Expansion
4. City of Calgary Secondary Suite Regulatory Changes

Work on the Sears Plume has resulted in concrete governmental action with the province issuing an Environmental Protection Order to the property owners and Sears. This will ensure that the efforts to clean up the plume continue. The efforts of the community at large, the HH-BH board, and concerned residents, helped to ensure this was realized. The HH-BH board will continue its efforts to keep the right parties accountable for and actioning the clean up. I urge you to read the details that have been assembled to inform community residents. <http://www.hh-bh.ca/important-sears-plume-update>

The Banff Trail Motel Village Development appeal was not successful but again the collaboration between directly impacted residents and the HH-BH board realized a combined effort and brought a very strong argument to the Sub Division Appeals Board (SDAB). At the time of writing this note we do not have the final details on why the SDAB supported the applicant. Once that information is available it will be shared with residents. I expect that it has already been published as you read this. This experience has reinforced the resolve of the HH-BH board to look for early engagement opportunities with developers to maximize the opportunity for community benefit.

The HH-BH Community Centre Expansion is an ongoing project and we are moving through the stages with careful deliberation. Your input and feedback will ensure the best possible renovation to maximize the relevance and flexibility of the community centre.

Finally, the secondary suites issue will be with us for some time and it is being monitored carefully. Please watch the website for ongoing updates to keep you informed. This is a city-wide issue and while we are focused on the priorities you have given the HH-BH board, based on the recent survey, it is a challenging issue.

Please remember your attendance is welcomed 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 HH-BH Community Hall at 1922 - 14 Avenue NW. Attending these meetings 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 HH-BH 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.



## Outdoor Soccer Referees Needed

Are you 12 years of age or older and interested in refereeing for the 2017 outdoor soccer season with HHHBH?

This is a great way to be involved in our community and earn some extra money. A training session is mandatory and provided by the community association.

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**Boardroom/Gym Bookings:** bookings@hh-bh.ca

The HH-BH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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## Sandra Falconi

### Communications Director

Hi. My name is Sandra Falconi and I am the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill association communications director. As editor of The Beacon, and the person who writes these monthly profiles, it seems silly to write about myself in the third person, so I will just tell you a little about me.

I was born at the Calgary General Hospital, the first of three children. My early childhood was spent in Cambrian Heights, but my parents purchased one of the few remaining lots and built their forever home in Briar Hill in 1972. I have fond memories of playing at Green Park and riding my bike through the then-quiet streets of the neighbourhood. In later years, my mother took my children to Green Park and today I take my grandchildren.

I am married with two grown children, and four grandchildren ranging in ages from 2 to 12 years old. Being married to a contractor, we've lived in many areas of northwest Calgary, renovating and building a number of homes throughout the years.

About 12 years ago my husband and I purchased a home across the street from my parents, and together with my sister and brother (who also lived close by), were able to ensure our parents could live out the remainder of their lives in their beloved Briar Hill home. After they passed, my brother and his wife bought and moved into their home. My sister Joanna, who is also a board volunteer and recently profiled in this column, lives in Hounsfield Heights with her family.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and a Master's in Leadership, and over the past 20 years I have worked in a variety of industries, specializing in internal or employee communication – the past seven years as a consultant.

Though one reason I initially joined the board was to spend more time with my sister, I've found the work to be highly rewarding and am grateful for the opportunity to apply my education and experience. My volunteer role on HH-BH board allows me to continue working in a field I love, especially given the effects of the downturn on my contract opportunities! Working with other board members and getting to meet community residents has been a highlight.

Some of the things I love about this community are access to major thoroughfares, public transportation, shopping, hospitals and schools, and the mature trees and established green spaces. Most of all, I am grateful for all the people, past and present, whose community spirits contributed to making this a truly special neighbourhood.

Despite the benefits, the consequences of a growing city include increased crime rates and significant change. This is why I believe it is more important than ever for us all to become informed and involved. I'd like to invite anyone who is interested in improving how we communicate as a board, and as a community, to contact me – I'd love to hear from you. [communications@hh-bh.ca](mailto:communications@hh-bh.ca).

# Sears Plume Update

The Government of Alberta recently issued an Environmental Protection Order (EPO) to ensure the monitoring and remediation of the Sears Plume continues despite Sears' recently announced bankruptcy.

The EPO orders that the parties involved (Sears Canada and Concord North Hill) must:

- Create a website to communicate the situation to the community within 30 days.
- Recommence semi-annual soil vapour monitoring.
- Recommence groundwater sampling and monitoring.
- Fully delineate the boundaries of the dissolved gas plume by July 1, 2018.
- Submit a written remediation plan by Dec. 15, 2018.
- Implement the plan by no later than March 4, 2019.
- Submit yearly status reports on the situation. (as reported by CBC)

The Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill community association is very proud of the work done by so many committed volunteers who have worked relentlessly over the years to ensure we remain a safe and healthy community.

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## SECONDARY SUITES

As communicated in March's edition of The Beacon and through our HH-BH social media channels, the secondary suite proposal went to a City council meeting March 12th. The outcome was, while there were some minor amendments, the Motion went through pretty much as proposed:

1. to allow secondary and backyard suites as a discretionary use in R-1, R-C1 and R-C1L districts;
2. To develop a policy to guide discretion and relaxations on development permit files, and,
3. To make changes to the suite registry and fee schedule.

In summary, what this means is that homeowners wanting to add a secondary suite in R-1, R-C1 and R-C1L districts can now apply directly for a Discretionary Development Permit without having to have the land redesignated (as was previously required). Development Permit applications will then be circulated to community associations to provide comments and also be notice posted (a sign is placed on the property advising the neighbouring residents of the Development Permit application and how to make comments on the application). Decisions on Development Permit applications may be appealed

One of the outcomes of the approved Motion is that registration of secondary suites with the City is now mandatory. There is an existing suite registry that was voluntary. Despite the fact that it is believed Calgary has over 16,000 secondary suites, only about 900 of them are registered. You can view them here: <https://secondariesuites.calgary.ca/>

The full extent of what the secondary suite bylaws look like will not be known until they are published. Details of how the City intends to implement the bylaws, including what additional resources will be required, are also unknown at this time.

More information about the secondary suite reform process is available on a City of Calgary site at <http://www.calgary.ca/PDA/pd/Pages/Home-building-and-renovations/Secondary-Suite-Process-Reform.aspx>

If you have any questions about this for your HH-BH community association, please contact Jeff Marsh, HH-BH Strategic Planning Director at [strategic.planning@hh-bh.ca](mailto:strategic.planning@hh-bh.ca).

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