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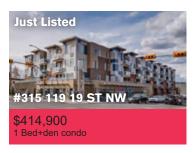








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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a community we continue to face issues that impact the wellbeing of our residents and, as a board, we are continuing to bring you information and to work on behalf of the residents. Please do attend the board meetings where you can get more information and watch our web site, http://www.hh-bh.ca/\_for updates.

#### Sears Plume:

As of April 25th, the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board has declared that the only parties permitted to participate in the appeal and attend a mediation meeting in the appeal of the environmental order will be BMI North Hill and Bentall Kennedy (the Mall Owners), Sears, Concord Pacific and the Director, Alberta Environment and Parks. Others who had requested participant status were denied. The HHBHCA board will have ongoing correspondence sent to us and we will keep you all updated via our website.

#### **Banff Trail Development:**

As of writing this we have yet to receive formal feedback from the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SBAD) regarding their position on the Banff Trail development appeal but when we receive it we will post it for you on the website.

#### **Louise Riley Library Development:**

The City of Calgary has approached the HHBHCA board to begin discussions about the potential redevelopment of the Louise Riley Library. In a meeting with board members the City has suggested that the library, the medical building north of it, and some of the land around the buildings is being looked at for the development of a multi-use facility which would house the library and potentially some municipal (or other) offices and 48 units of affordable housing. No concrete plans, timelines or budgets have been presented, however, we are working to ensure the community is an active participant in shaping this potential development.

#### **New Leaf Cannabis Retail Outlet:**

As a result of the licensing required to operate a cannabis outlet there will be a requirement for the strip mall on 19th Street to apply for rezoning. We are working collaboratively with New Leaf to assess the implications of this and to ensure the community has a voice at the table during the rezoning process.

#### **Summer Solstice:**

Plan to attend our annual Summer Solstice Block party on June 16th (see ad in this issue). Volunteering to help with this big event is a fantastic way to meet your neighbours and have some fun. Please reach out to Margaret (events@hh-bh.ca) if you are able to help out!

#### **Stampede Breakfast:**

The community Stampede breakfast is held on the second Saturday of Stampede, which this year will be July 14. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please make plans to attend and say howdy to your neighbours!

Please remember your attendance is welcome 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 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.

#### **Northwest and North Central French Immersion Program**

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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:**June 14, 2018.

Our 9th annual Summer Solstice is now upon us! On June 16th, from 5-10 our community will come together to celebrate Calgary's Neighbour Day, and the imminent arrival of the longest day of the year. In addition to children's activities, burgers and hot dogs for sale, and a potluck, Sano Stante Real Estate and the HH-BH community association have partnered to undertake a community beautification project on that day. See ads for both events in this issue, and please consider volunteering some of your time.

Our annual Stampede Breakfast will be held July 14, from 9:00 am - noon in Green Park. This year's theme is "our past, present and future" which celebrates the heart of the Stampede being its people and the passing on of traditions, values and community spirit.

Plans are currently underway for our annual community clean-up event on September 16th.

Many hands don't just make light work but also help build lasting relationships and benefit the community as a whole. Please reach out to Margaret (events@hh-bh. ca) if you are able to help out with any of these events.



#### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

#### **HHBH Gym 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: \$5 per person, \$4 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.

## **Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Drop-in Fee Increase**

After a review of our operating budget and a comparative review of other Calgary community associations confirmed that our drop-in rates have fallen behind. To manage and maintain our facility and related services, and to continue ensuring safety and compliance with all bylaws, we are required to modestly increase our rates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our clients and members for their continued support.

## Thanks to Colleen Garnsey, HH-BH resident, for sharing this with us.

Are you confused about what can go into compost versus the recycle bin or straight to garbage? The City of Calgary has a great resource for these questions! Did you know hair (and pet fur!) can go into compost? So happy I found it—check out: www.calgary.ca/ whatgoeswhere.



The defending champion of Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest is Joey Chestnut. This champ of chomp ate 72 hotdogs in 10 minutes in 2017 to win the "bejeweled" mustard-yellow belt.

## HH-BH Annual STAMPEDE BREAKFAST Saturday July 14, 2018 Green Park 9 am to noon



#### **BOARD PROFILE**

#### **Laura-Marie Berg** Community Advocate

If you haven't heard Laura-Marie Berg's name over the past year, you haven't been paying much attention to what's been happening in our community.

In April of 2017, Berg was advised by a neighbor that a 30-storey building was slated to go up in Motel Village directly across the street from Briar Hill—a community that is now destined to be overshadowed by one of the tallest, if not the tallest building on the Calgary skyline because of its hilltop location. Berg was astounded to learn that Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill (HH-BH) community association had also just become aware of the project. She immediately drafted a notice and set about knocking on hundreds of doors to inform and galvanize residents.

Over the past year, Berg has drafted countless emails and letters, organized and attended numerous meetings, and worked diligently to ensure that all affected parties were aware of the effects this development would have on the community as it relates to parking, traffic, height, and privacy.

"While I welcome the redevelopment of Motel Village, the massive height of the proposed building is completely out of context with anything in the existing and surrounding neighbourhoods," says Berg, "And the City's total lack of consultation with us as an affected community is alarming."

While it appears the proposed development will go forward, Berg remains optimistic about what it may add to the community. "We met with the developer on a number of occasions, and it is clear that he is very experienced, and completely committed to a well-managed building for students that will add to the community. The initial proposal he put forward was just 12 storeys, with adequate parking. It is the City that pressed for the current plan of a 29-storey building with limited parking stalls. Ongoing work with our local councillor and people in the City development department needs to be a priority."

Berg was born in rural southern Alberta on a ranch, the fourth of six children. Her family was very active in the local community, from involvement with their local church, to actively participating in farm and ranch groups addressing land conflict issues with oil and gas companies. From a very early age, she saw first-hand the positive impact that individuals working together could have on their local community, environment, and provincial public policy.

In October 2003, Berg purchased and moved into a1960s bungalow in Briar Hill. A single parent of twins (a boy and a girl), and carrying significant student debt from law school, Berg could have purchased a home almost anywhere else in Calgary for less. Regardless, she chose to spend a significant share of her income to live in this community, leaving her with \$90.00



weekly for food, clothing and non-essential living expenses. "I was willing to go through managing an extremely tight household budget for a number of years because I wanted my children to grow up here. It was, and is, a wonderful place for children to grow up."

The twins attended Briar Hill School and before-and-after school care, both described as "amazing and best in the city" by Berg. The school's proximity to the C-train made it possible for Berg to walk her children to school in the morning and pick them up after work, and leave her car parked in the garage.

"My children have great memories of growing up in this community, including evenings spent playing soccer with their friends in Green Park, and the piles of books exchanged weekly at the local library," says Berg. "It may sound crazy but some of my favourite memories are of our Halloweens, when my kids would meet friends on the street from the community while trick or treating—invariably becoming part of a large pack of children going from house to house (with an equally large group of parents trailing behind)."

Though much has changed in the 14-plus years Berg has lived in HH-BH, what hasn't changed is her love for her home, which she now shares with partner John Lacroix. Berg no longer needs to worry about her weekly budget, and her twins, now adults, have both escaped the Calgary winters. "They enjoy texting me pictures of flowers in February from the west coast, while I send them pictures of how high the snow is in the front

"I love our 1960s bungalow, and the proximity of this neighbourhood to everything. There are a lot of great local services from the library to yoga to groceries," says Berg. "We also have amazing neighbours. One of the real positives of knocking on so many doors this past summer is that I met a lot of really great people in the community."

Berg's hopes for the future of her beloved community? "I hope that it can continue to grow and adapt as Calgary changes. I am trying to be optimistic about the changes that are coming to the local area, including the Motel Village area and North Hill redevelopment, and hoping that those developments will add positive things to what is already a great community."

The work to monitor and respond to change is never-ending and it's people like Laura-Marie Berg, tireless advocates selflessly contributing time, knowledge and skills, that will ensure any future development projects align with the best interests of our community.



## **Neighbour Day is 'Massive Area-Wide Yard Sale' Day!**

To celebrate Neighbour Day each year, numerous homes between 10A through 12th Street take part in massive areawide yard sale where treasures and treats abound. From 9am to early afternoon, move between the yards and the streets where you'll finding interesting things, meet even more interesting people, and find more than just lemonade stands to refresh you (look out, YYC Food Trucks... some budding young entrepreneurs are coming up the ranks!).

Take part!—whether you host a sale yourself or come down to wander through, it's a fantastic way to meet others who live in this community. It's so easy to strike up a conversation when curious knick-knacks, Century Homes and gorgeous gardens beg to be asked about.

Area-Wide Yard Sale: Saturday, June 16th 9am-2pm; 10A Street to 12th Street NW (between Kensington Road and 5th Ave)

## **Spring has**

Our Spring Fling event in April successfully kicked off the season—we've had spring-like weather ever since! Next up, Summer Solstice in June!

Thank-you to all the residents who attended, and to the following organizations:

- Butterfield Acres
- Reptile Parties
- Pippi and Miss Loosie
- Cupcakes by Scones and More
- Plant Creations by Me
- · Joseph (piano player)

And a special thank-you to Ben and Sage for making the day go so much smoother, and to all the other amazing volunteers who helped us make this a memorable event.



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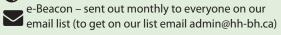
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### **How to Stay** Informed

HH-BH residents tell us that they like receiving The Beacon monthly, but did you know there are also other ways to stay current about what's happening in our community?

- www.facebook.com/hhbhca (community association page)
- Friends of Briar Hill / Hounsfield Heights (resident's page)
- @hhbhca



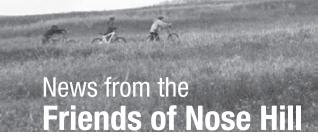


Monthly meetings - every second Thursday at 7:00 pm in the community centre boardroom (1922 14th Avenue NW behind the Fire Hall)



## Children's **Loaning Library**

Are you looking to downsize your kids' book collection? Our loaning library is short on children's books and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Drop your books off at 1226 21 St NW (across the street from the school).



by Anne Burke

International Migratory Bird Day in May was when we offered a free guided walk during the peak time for migrating birds, especially songbirds, to return to Calgary. It is also when they are actively searching for and establishing nesting sites. There is a link on our website to past bird observations for the species that may be seen on Nose Hill. The males will be singing to attract a female and they tend to be most active at an early hour, from sunrise until 10 a.m. In addition, there was an evening Flower Walk to identify and discuss the May Count of Plants in Bloom.

The 2000 Calgary Pathways and Bikeways Plan is being updated to reflect changes to the existing network, updated connections, and approved policies. Priorities will also be reviewed, to determine new pathways, bikeways, and missing connections, so as to improve connections city-wide. With the consultation currently underway, it is anticipated that the final plan will be presented to City Council, in July or Sept. 2018.

The 2003 Calgary Parks and Pathways Bylaw is being reviewed. A report will summarize the feedback received and offer an analysis to determine if a second phase of engagement is required. Once the process is complete, the results of the consultation will be posted on the City's website. During the summer, a project team will determine next steps, before the updated bylaw is drafted and presented to City Council for approval in the fall of 2018.

Although the survey is now closed, part of it asked about linear parks for walking, running, cycling, and dog walking. Another was about pathway use year-round, ranging from popular routes for recreational activities; community connection for walking to schools, community stores, or centres; and for commuting to and from work.

Smoking in outdoor recreational spaces; responsible pet ownership rules for on-leash and off-leash; and tree protection on public land, including in city parks, are not part of the review. However, the Parks Bylaw and others may need to be changed to reflect the legalization of recreational cannabis.

#### SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

#### **Queen Elizabeth High School**

It's here! The last month of school! We made it!

Our Grade 12 graduating class had a wonderful celebration of their accomplishments last month. Thanks to Oueen E staff and the Grade 12 Student Grad Committee who helped to organize such a significant event.

As well, in April, Poet Emma Healey came to talk to grade nine GATE students as part of Wordfest. She discussed themes regarding the meaning of her poetry and what it takes to be a professional writer. Students enjoyed learning from her expertise.

Eighteen students recently volunteered their time and skills to make 270 lantern bases for the "Ploughshares Calgary Society". The bases were for floating lanterns used at a Peace Ceremony on Saturday August 4 at the Olympic Plaza Pool. Thank you to our students for their generosity.

This month we have our annual Knights' Fest celebration. This is an annual whole school festival. Our leadership students have been actively planning a fun day for our students including organizing food trucks and outdoor activities.

As well this month, we will be hosting our awards ceremonies and finishing up the school year. Please see the school website for a listing of award ceremony dates and times, exam schedules, and student end-of year information.

Have a safe and happy summer!

isn't enchanting?

#### Glamourous Grammarians The word glamour originated out of the word grammar. In the 15th century, grammar could refer to "any sort of scholarship" which also included astrology and magic. The word grimoire also comes from the word grammar, And who says grammar



### About Wine

by Nik Rasula

About Wine features wines not typically on one's shopping radar. Unique wines with a story to tell; of place, process or style. Highlighting artisanal producers making reasonably priced (under \$50 retail) wines, all-the-while demonstrating careful earth consideration.

2015, Franz Haas, Manna, Vignetti Delle Dolomiti (www.franz.haas.it)

**About the Region**: Franz Haas Winery is located in the Alto Adige (Ah-D.J.), a German-speaking region at the base of northeastern Italy's rugged Dolomite Mountains.

**About the Maker:** A sixth generation Franz Haas leads the winemaking team, whilst Franz the 7th interns, preparing for succession.

About the Estate: Maintaining smaller vineyards at altitudes to 800 metres, involves specific consideration for microclimate, soil type and grape varietal.

**About Sustainability:** With generational commitments to the Alto Adige, the Haas family uses minimal and selective interventions in their operations.

**About the Label:** As stunning labels grace each of their wines, Franz Haas offers a modern, consumer focus to packaging, Label artist Riccardo Schweizer painted with Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagal.

Shunning traditional cork closures, the winery has committed to a future with screw caps.

About the Name: 'Manna' holds no reference to the Torah's Book of Exodus, instead, an honour bestowed upon company president Maria-Luisa Manna.

**About the Making:** A blend of four white grapes, Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc; each grown, harvested and fermented separately (former-two in stainless, latter-two in wood), based on attributes delivered to the final blend.

About Tasting: A lovely light golden colour, aromas of rose petals, ripe pears and apricots tantalize. On the palate, refreshingly acidic, medium-bodied highlights of nuts and golden fruits enhance the long, mineral-tinged finish.

About Pairing: Conceptualized as a versatile food wine, Manna is suitable for myriad sampling dishes. A wine to pair with the many!

**About Price: \$48** 

About Availability: Check liquorconnect.com CSPC #775580



### Pollen Populous

Bees aren't the only pollinators, there are actually many types of insects that assist in pollination. Beetles, butterflies, moths, wasps, ants, hoverflies, mosquitoes and, of course, bees are all friends to flowering plants.





#### Dear Constituents,

The Spring Session of the Legislature is coming to a close. I have worked hard to challenge the NDP Government on important issues including the budget, the need for an electricity market free of government interference, streamlining Alberta Health Services costs, and reforming primary care with increased prevention (now 3% of the Health budget).

With the federal legalization of recreational cannabis slated to come later this year, we still have much work to do to form strong provincial legislation that will protect health and safety, undercut the black market (currently over \$10B in Canada) and create a fair and productive industry. After a very informative public forum I hosted on cannabis regarding its risks and benefits, I remain concerned with the health effects on the developing brain, the lack of funding for mental health, particularly for youth, and the need for more education and awareness of safe recreational use. Our forum on cannabis took place April 25, 2018 but the Livestream recording is still available for viewing on my Facebook page.

I continue to lend my voice to Mental Health Awareness and the "Get Loud" campaign. "Getting Loud" means normalizing talking about mental health and addiction issues, which are like any other medical condition. Stigma around mental health impairs people's ability to openly and honestly talk about loss, trauma, anxiety and depression. It also hampers people's ability to seek needed treatment and solutions. We are fighting for better mental health policies that include more children's psychiatry beds, early intervention in higher risk families, a new emphasis on peer support and counseling for mental distress and addiction, and addressing the long waitlists for children and youth. With inadequate funding at less than 5% of Alberta's Health budget the Alberta Liberals believe more should be done.

Please Save the Date: 14th ANNUAL CALGARY MOUNTAIN VIEW STAMPEDE **BREAKFAST** 

TIME: 9:00AM to 11:00AM DATE: Saturday, July 7, 2018 **PLACE: Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Centre!** We cannot wait to see you all there!

## **BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS**

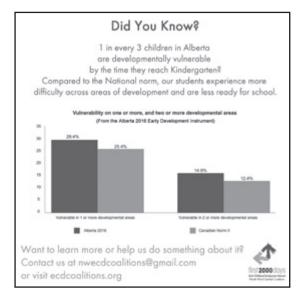
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#### **Bee-Friendly City**

"Bees have so much to offer us if we only listen." - Jay Ebben, **Painted Hives** 

Bees may be tiny, but they play an enormous role in our health and survival. Our world is highly dependent on pollinators living creatures that transport pollen from plant to plant. Pollinators are essential for our forests, meadows, and for crop sustainability. Without pollinators, the rich and vibrant life our ecosystem supports cannot survive.

Between 25 to 30 per cent of wild bee species worldwide are at risk of extinction due to climate change, insecticides, and habitat loss. Many cities are introducing strategies to combat this global issue. While the provincial Bee Act governs bees and beekeeping, cities can initiate bee-friendly approaches to promote healthy pollinator population growth.

The City of Calgary recently launched several projects to help pollinator populations flourish. The "Mulch to Monarchs" program in Riley, Rotary, and Crescent Heights Parks over-seeded mulch beds with wildflowers to support pollinators. This also helps control weed growth. The "Bee and Butterfly Pollinator Boulevard" will be a pollinator-friendly corridor from Macleod Trail to Bow Bottom Trail to attract native bees and butterflies with wildflowers and a variety of nesting habitats. Other upcoming projects such as the "Memorial Drive Naturalization Plan" will focus on low maintenance native plants and flowers.

There are a number of ways Calgarians can help bee and pollinator populations thrive:

- Plant a variety of native flowers in your own or community garden to provide additional food sources to pollinators. In previous years, the Ward 7 office gave pencils to school kids to commemorate their City Hall visit. Now, we offer seed packages containing five different species of native flowers they can take home and plant.
- Manage your garden without using harmful chemical pesticides that compromise our ecosystem.
- Raise awareness on the importance of bees to human and environmental sustainability.

We must always keep our healthy future in mind and do our part to protect pollinators. I encourage Calgarians to help support a "bee-friendly" city.

For more information, visit www.calgary.ca and search for "bees".

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



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#### 495 New Jobs for Calgary Confederation

I am pleased to announce that Calgary Confederation will see 495 jobs created through 163 community groups, small businesses and non-profit organizations with the assistance of \$1,306,561 of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program.

This is a substantial increase from last year's 361 jobs that were created with 132 employers in Calgary Confederation.

We know that services from non-profit organizations and community associations often increase in the summer months and many were concerned about their ability to offer employment opportunities again this year.

Unfortunately, a number of applicants who had previously provided critical summer jobs were banned from receiving funding this year because they refused to support the Liberal government's values test. This has had a negative impact across Canada as organizations were rejected at an alarming rate. The latest numbers show the rejection rate this year was 12 times that of last year.

Many of these organizations provide critical employment experience and skills training for young Canadians. Statistics show us that unemployment amongst young Canadians is the highest of any age group and so the real job experience they obtain through summer jobs is critical to future employability.

The Canada Summer Jobs program provides funding to assist employers to create summer opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years who are full-time students intending to return to their studies this fall.

With this funding, young people will learn or improve job skills and gain work experience with local employers in areas such as retail, hospitality, marketing, technology, research and communications.

Employers will get to extend their services through the summer, allowing a variety of camps, children's programs, specialized teaching opportunities, and unique community service programs for all ages.

This is a valuable program and I encourage community groups, small businesses and non-profit organizations to consider applying for funding next year. Hopefully, Trudeau's values test will be eliminated for next year's applications.



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