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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, and 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: November 8, 2018.**

Our second annual **HHBH / greenC Holiday Night Market** will be held on Friday, November 9th. We are looking for crafty entrepreneurs and artisans in our local community. Please contact Colleen Garnsey for more information. colleen@greenC.ca.

We will be holding our **Hounslow Heights-Briar Hill Community Association annual general meeting** at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 21st, 2018 at the Centre - 1922 14 Ave NW. Please plan to attend - we would love to see you there!



This year, **Hounslow Height-Briar Hill turns 65!** A celebration will be held in our community centre gym (1922 14 Ave NW) on November 24th from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. HHBH residents are encouraged to send any stories and photos to Margaret at events@hh-bh.ca. See ad in this issue for more details. If you are able to volunteer for any of these events, please reach out to Margaret (events@hh-bh.ca).



Volunteers Sandra Falconi and Todd Kathol

The Great Clean-up Event

Despite the chill in the air and gloomy gray skies, the HH-BH Community Clean-ups event on September 16th was a success. We don't have the final numbers of how much garbage and recycling was taken away that day, but volunteers report we had a steady stream of cars, trucks and people (and even a guy on a Vespa!).

We want to thank the volunteers for braving the weather, and all those who took the time to bring in their garbage, recycling and give away items.

Thank-you to everyone who came out to take part in cleaning up our community.

Triple Meg Indoor Soccer

October 2018 – April 2019

Triple Meg will be offering indoor soccer for ages 3-11 at the Briar Hill Gymnasium over the winter. The indoor soccer will include once-a-week sessions and intersquad games. Participants will complete a program where they will learn fundamentals, skills, ball control, and team play. Lots of time on the ball in a fun environment with experienced coaches. For more information and registration please visit www.triplemeg.com.

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.

Hounslow 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.



Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association

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Board Room / Gym - 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.

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

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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.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With winter upon us, I'm wishing you and your family a warm and safe entry into the season. Please remember that many folks are still walking in our neighbourhood and that clear sidewalks help to ensure mobility for some and safety for all. If you have an extra few minutes when you are clearing your walkways, please help a neighbour by clearing further than just your property line to make our community a safer place to trek!

First let me remind you of a couple of community events.

Community Association Annual General Meeting:

We will be holding our annual general meeting Wednesday November 21st, 2018.

Please plan to attend.

The new board will be formed, and you are invited to step up to take on a role. Our board members are a talented and committed group of residents and, along with our executive director; we are able to accomplish a lot. Please join us!

Community 65th Anniversary Celebration:

Saturday November 24th – 65th Community Anniversary Celebration.

Location – Community Gym

Please send any stories and pictures you may have to events@hh-bh.ca.

For more details check out our ad in this issue or our website! <http://www.hh-bh.ca/events/65-anniversary-celebration/>

Sears Plume:

Over the past two decades, the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association (HH-BH CA) has worked on behalf of the community on the 'Sears Plume' issue to try and ensure continued focus and efforts to manage the plume. Until now, we've had a dedicated board role responsible for tracking and communicating any activity related to the Sears Plume. The Board believes that the interests of the community are now best served by Alberta Environment and Parks as they have put into place Environmental Protection Order (NO. EPO-2018101-SSR) to manage the 'Sears Plume'. The HH-BH Community Association will now step back from any further management efforts related to the Sears Plume. The HH-BH CA will continue to post all items provided by various parties in regard to the 'Sears Plume' on our website. Sears has also set up a website for official

Environmental Order communications to residents, <https://searscanadaepo.sears.ca/>.

The HH-BH CA Board is also aware of the formation of a group, the Hounsfield Heights Landowners Group (HHLG), of potentially affected residents who have engaged legal counsel, Mr. Gavin Fitch of McLennan Ross LLP, to further their specific interests and concerns with respect to the 'Sears Plume'. The only means of contacting the HHLG that the HH-BH CA Board is aware of is via Mr. Fitch. To the best of the Board's knowledge the HHLG and its members do **NOT** represent the entire community of potentially impacted residents.

As of the writing of this message, the mediation session has not occurred as there's been a request by an unnamed group to be named as a party to the Environmental Protection Order which is under review. The decision on this is expected to be delivered in early October 2018.

Louise Riley Library Development:

There have been no updates on this, however, we expect more information once the municipal budget has been approved sometime in November.

Louise Riley Library Fire Engine/Children's Program:

As of writing this note, the development permit and engagement process are continuing with a focus on the parking implications of the plan. Please watch our website, <http://www.hh-bh.ca/>, for dates and further information.

Alberta Health Services Development on the ADDAC property:

The Alberta Health Services (AHS) has held two more community engagements sessions and as this project progresses, AHS has committed to ongoing engagement - including in its meeting with the city for planning approvals. Please watch our website, <http://www.hh-bh.ca/>, for dates and further information.

Please remember your attendance is always 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.



Duelling Duvet Covers

by Barbara Green

I know we're supposed to stop "should-ing" on ourselves (say it out loud, it's funnier), but one thing I really *should* do is put up a laundry line. My next-door neighbour is always out on her deck, virtuously hanging laundry to dry in the fresh air and sunshine while I slink guiltily down to the netherworld to machine-dry mine.

But if I made the switch, I'd miss out on the metaphysical teachings offered by my personal Zen master, the dryer. You're probably already familiar with the koan, "What is the sound of one sock disappearing?" This is a routine mystery, and one the dryer can manage on its own. The other day, it teamed up with a duvet cover to do something truly perplexing.

I should start by saying that I have a long history of bitter combat with all duvet covers. And, inexplicably, all of our beds use the darned things. If Joseph Campbell had been looking for heroic quests involving housework, I think that the struggle to get a duvet properly inserted into a duvet cover so it's not lumpy and bunched would qualify. Best descriptions of the undertaking I've run across are: insert a live squid into a pillowcase or a goat into pajamas.

But that's not the worst of it: periodically, you have to wash duvet covers. And somehow, no matter what you do (zip or button them up, doesn't matter), the duvet cover will eat everything else you put in the dryer with it. But like the hungry ghost of Buddhist legend, the duvet cover can't metabolize what it eats—its prey gets rolled into a damp crumpled ball in the belly of the beast and thunks around in the dryer until you take the whole soggy mass out and dry everything separately. You'll never get the wrinkles out. Don't even try.

I had a great idea recently: why not wash the duvet cover WITH the duvet? I figured that way the cover would feel full and satisfied and not go looking for other snacks. But no.

What actually happened was that while whirling around in gusts of machine-generated air, the infernal duvet cover somehow SPAT OUT the duvet and then ingested the only other things in the dryer, a towel and two dryer balls. HOW?

Obviously, I need to get out more.

HH-BH CALGARY POLICE SERVICE LIAISON REPORT

At our September HH-BH community association meeting, we welcomed Constable Mark Atkin as our new community liaison officer. Constable Atkin is well acquainted with issues affecting our community and shared some valuable advice:

Report all crime. Reporting even seemingly minor incidents of crime allows the Calgary Police Service to track criminal activity in our community. Police resources are allocated on the basis of crimes committed, so if no crimes are reported, police will be patrolling elsewhere.

Don't leave your car running. There was a 300 per cent increase in stolen vehicles in Calgary last winter. It only takes a second to steal a car so don't leaving your car running, even if you are just going into the store for a minute or waiting inside your house for the car to warm up. And especially don't leave a car running with your child inside.

Deter intruders. Intruders can be in and out of your home in seconds.

- Keep doors locked and check all doors (including garage) before you go to bed
- Keep the front door locked if you're in your backyard
- Keep the exterior of your home well lit
- Always lock vehicles and close garage doors
- Remove garage door openers from cars parked outside your home and never leave spare keys inside your vehicle
- Get to know your neighbours—they can be your first line of defense when you're away
- Don't leave signs that you are away - have someone bring in your mail/newspapers and put your lights on a timer

Festive Flora Fundraiser

Saturday, November 17, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. 1384-1414 19 St NW

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The city is well-known for its park system and has one of the largest urban parks in North America, Nose Hill Park, covering 11 km² of land in the northwest quadrant of the city.

Please plan to join us at our annual meeting on Wed. Nov. 7 at Triwood Community Lounge, 2244 Chicoutimi Dr. NW, at 7 pm when our invited speaker will be Samantha Managh, who is a Parks Ecologist with Calgary Parks Urban Conservation. Her research background is in wildlife management, transportation ecology and citizen science. She is responsible for city-wide landscape analysis for wildlife and leads the citizen science program.

She will report on the results of Calgary Captured! science program which has over 60 wildlife remote cameras in 13 parks. This season includes 70,000 photos from Sept. 2017-Feb. 2018. The data on Nose Hill from May-Aug. 2017 counts a total of 406 events: coyote (13), muledeer (172), unknown deer (60), and white-tailed deer (161).

We assume that animals find it easier travelling through open habitats such as native grasslands, which provide lower resistance to movement, than busy roadways, industrial areas, or fenced neighbourhoods. The City can now move to prioritizing areas for protection and restoration that will have the most impact on maintaining and improving wildlife connections in the city.

Canada signed the 1992 UN Convention on Biological Diversity, an international treaty that aims for conservation. There is a statement of commitment to complete Canada's networks of protected areas and the work is not finished. The Protected Places Declaration provides for our Natural Legacy. There are many benefits from protecting natural areas by preventing extinction, habitat loss and degradation.

FOR ARTS' SAKE



A Stage for One and All

by Aaron Chatha

It's chilly outside, but November is filled with shows to warm your heart.

On November 4, National Geographic wildlife photographer Ronan Donovan stops by the Jack Singer Concert Hall to share tales about the social lives of wolves, chimps, bears and gorillas in Social By Nature. Donovan has travelled from Yellowstone to Uganda, taking fascinating photos along the way.

Running this month in the Engineered Air Theatre, Chromatic Theatre presents Winners and Losers. Two local, powerhouse performances debate whether people, places or things – from Robin Williams to camping and private schools – are winners or losers. The further it goes – the more personal the conversation becomes.

For a show with over-the-top production value and choreography, check out the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. Gloriously hand-crafted costumes and puppets bring this classic story to life at the Jack Singer. They're only here for one night – Nov. 16 – before the twirl over to the next stop in their global tour.

Speaking of classics, Sharon, Bram and Friends are making their final appearance in Calgary on November 18. The farewell tour will cover family favourites like She'll Be Coming 'Round The Mountain, One Elephant and – of course – Skinnamarink. Relive your childhood and use this chance to introduce a new generation of little ones to Sharon, Lois & Bram's iconic music.

Finally, join OK Go on November 17 to experience the band's innovative and experimental videos in a whole new way. The band will perform their songs live and in sync with 20 of their iconic videos, pausing for question/answer sessions with the crowd and special performances. See them perform on handbells and join in the high-tech interactive piece performed by the audience. Like the band, the show defies categorization, but bring your family and expect dancing, joy, and wonder.

Have a nifty November Calgary!

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Mondays (except holidays) from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come on out for an afternoon of socializing and amiable discussion on topics of your choosing.

Meet in the Board Room at the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill community centre every Monday beginning October 1st, 2018.

Parking is available on the West side of the Louise Riley Library.

For any further information, please contact Linda, 403-284-3526

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