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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: December 13, 2018.**

Please forward any community events you would like to promote to admin@hh-bh.ca or contact the HH-BH Executive Director at 403-282-6634.



**Register for the 2018/19**

Playschool year,  
starting on February 21  
Please visit hhhbcaplayschool.com  
for more information and to register online!

**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.

**SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS**

**Queen Elizabeth High School**

The holidays are upon us! While we are all looking forward to time with family and friends, many events are taking shape at the school.

Many of our Grade 12 students are wrapping up classes in preparation for their first round of Diploma exams. Yet, even though exams are occupying many of our Grade 12 students' minds, so too is grad! Grad is a wonderful rite of passage for our students; however, for some our students and their families it can be a financial struggle. The CBE's Cinderella program has dresses and accessories for available to help. If you are in need of this program or would like to donate a dress to this program, please contact Elizabeth Evans (nee Greyson) at eagreyson@cbe.ab.ca.

Science teacher Alicia Taylor is looking for volunteers to judge our upcoming Science Fair on January 29, 2019. If you have a passion for science and can volunteer, please contact Alicia at ahtaylor@cbe.ab.ca.

Further, our art teacher Alisha Ingbritson is looking for volunteer landscape or wildlife artists who would like to join her students in the classroom. Details can be determined with Alisha. Please contact her via email at atingbritson@cbe.ab.ca.



**Message from HH-BH  
Board of Directors**

Your Hounslow Heights-Briar Hill community association board of directors would like to wish all our neighbours a safe and happy holiday season!

We celebrated our 65th year in great style and look forward to continuing to evolve as a vibrant, accessible and inclusive community. Thank you to all those who participated in our 2018 events—especially those who took the time to volunteer. We are excited about what 2019 has in store and encourage all community residents to play a role.



**Seniors' (55+)  
Discussion Group**

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 Hounslow 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



# Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CONTACT

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

**Parking:** west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library drive-way. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

**Phone:** 403-282-6634

**Email:** admin@hh-bh.ca

**Beacon Submissions:** beacon@hh-bh.ca

**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).

For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2017/2018 year has been very busy for the community association!

We have been working on a number of items that impact the community;

- Banff Trail redevelopment
  - Secondary Suites
  - 16th Ave /Crowchild Trail redevelopment
  - ADAC expansion
  - Sears Plume
  - Facility Expansion
  - Louise Riley Library – Fire Truck and Redevelopment
- Please do read the director reports to get more details on items.

In addition to these items we have also been working to ensure we have policies and procedures in place to ensure that our community association and its activities are consistently and transparently governed. These policies apply to not only board governance but also the operations of the community center ensuring we have a safe and respectful place for our residents to gather and for people to work at. At this time, we have completed high priority definitions, HSSE, employment standards and fiscal policies and we will continue to create others over the next year.

I do want to mention one item specifically, the Sears Plume. Over the past two decades, the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association (HH-BH CA) 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 Envi-



ronmental 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 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.

I would like to thank our board members for their work and for supporting me as President this year. It has been a pleasure to work with such caring, capable and enthusiastic people! I have been honoured to serve you and I thank you for your support.

Our Community Association is relevant and successful, and an important part of our neighbourhood. I remember the first time I joined the board and I was very nervous but found quickly that the members of the board are knowledgeable and supportive and that the spirit of caring and trying inevitably leads to success. Do NOT hesitate to join in, I promise you will be supported and find the experience rewarding!!

Please remember that you are always welcome to attend our meetings or communicate with board members individually, and that we value your input and participation.

Sincerely,  
Jeff

# CHRISTMAS BAKING RECIPES



## Thick and Chewy White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies - Baker by Nature

The combination of white chocolate and dried cranberries is perfect for the holidays, and this recipe goes from mixing bowl to oven in just eight minutes.

### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 15 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 cups white chocolate chips
- 1 cup dried cranberries, chopped

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees (F).
2. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside.
3. In a medium-sized bowl whisk together the dry ingredients; set aside.
4. In a large bowl combine the butter, sugars, and vanilla; whisk until light and fluffy; about 2 minutes (you may use a standmixer/ handheld mixer to help if you have one).

5. Add the eggs and beat quickly – for only about 30 seconds – until they're just combined. Let the mixture rest for 5 minutes, then beat the eggs for another 30 seconds. Gently fold in the flour mixture with a wooden spoon, stirring only until the flour begins to disappear.
6. Fold in the white chocolate chips and cranberries.
7. Roll 3 tablespoon sized balls of dough between your palms to form a ball (they should be big; almost a 1/4 cup), then place on prepared sheet (make sure to leave enough room in between each cookie for inevitable spreading). Continue this process until all the dough has been rolled. Place baking sheets in preheated oven and bake for 11-14 minutes, or until golden at the edges but still soft in the middle. Let cookies cool for 5 minutes on the sheet before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Chocolate Crinkle Cookies - Woman's Day



These decadent cookies are a little bit naughty (crunchy shell) and a little bit nice (fudgy inside).

### Ingredients

- 4 oz. bittersweet chocolate
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 c. unsweetened cocoa
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter
- 1 c. firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 c. confectioners' sugar

### Instructions

1. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Melt the chocolate according to package directions; let cool. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt.
2. Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the eggs and vanilla, then the cooled chocolate.
3. Reduce the mixer speed to low and gradually add the flour mixture, mixing just until incorporated.
4. Place the confectioners' sugar in a small bowl. Drop a slightly heaping tablespoon of dough into the confectioners' sugar (the dough will be soft) and roll to coat and form into a ball; repeat with remaining dough. Place the dough balls on a prepared



baking sheet and refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes and up to 4 days.

5. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly toss the chilled cookie dough balls in confectioners' sugar and arrange on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 2 inches apart. Bake, rotating the position of the pans halfway through, until the cookies are puffed, cracked, and just set around the edges, 9 to 11 minutes. Let cool on the sheets for 3 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Eggnog Snickerdoodles - Lets Dish

Everyone loves a good ole snickerdoodle, especially when it's flavored to taste like eggnog.

### Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 1/3 cups sugar, divided
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla or rum extract
- 1 cup eggnog
- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and 2 cups sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla.
3. In a large bowl, sift together the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.
4. Add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture, alternately with the eggnog. The dough will be thick and slightly sticky.
5. Mix together 1/3 cup sugar and 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg in a small bowl.
6. Shape the dough into rounded tablespoons; roll in sugar and nutmeg mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets and bake for 8-10 minutes, or until cookies are just set and starting to crack.

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One of the main tools community associations use to keep their residents informed on what's going on in the community is their community newsletter. Calgarians have grown to rely on these monthly publications to find news and updates from their community association, City Councillor, provincial MLA, as well as other stakeholders like the City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, and much more.

Community newsletters not only keep residents informed on important happenings, but they also help foster Calgary's uniquely small town feel in our large, urban city. These monthly newsletters have grown to include resident and volunteer profiles, showcasing neighbourhood assets, local business features, and more. In doing so, community newsletters truly help community associations work towards being hubs for neighbourhood life by showcasing the many people and places who make the community a great place to live, work, and play.

For over a decade, community associations have been fortunate enough to have their monthly community newsletter published and delivered for free by the publishing company. In recent years, with the economic decline in Calgary, this luxury is now at risk, with community newsletter publishers struggling to find advertisers to offset their costs, and Canada Post's delivery fees continually rising.

The Federation of Calgary Communities believes that community newsletters are essential to community life here in Calgary, and we support the value they bring to all Calgarians, organizations, businesses, and the city of Calgary as a whole. Without funding support or reduced delivery fees for community newsletter publishers to continue providing these monthly publications for our city's community associations at low or no cost, we are at risk of losing these essential resources that connect Calgarians to both their neighbourhood and their city.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Evans  
Executive Director



## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

We were recently invited to join the National Community Park Group Network of "Park People". The group has online resources, a Community Park Group Guidebook, park toolkits, and funding ideas. There are reports on the challenges and opportunities of our parks, in addition to information on how to make the case that "parks matter", and videos of the first National City Conference. Potential members should review the Guiding Principle for Community Park Groups and create a map profile.

Nature Canada aims to have a positive impact on the natural world with the collaborative partnership of 150 women of influence. Women for Nature has the collaborative voices of Canadian women with vision, who choose to demonstrate their passion for nature and pass on their values to others in order to effect change. Women for Nature is a generous initiative by professional women from across Canada—this unique partnership of motivated women champions Nature Canada's work to their network of colleagues and friends. The goal is to be more effective in the efforts to save wildlife, protect nature, and inspire young leaders. <http://naturecanada.ca/initiatives/women-for-nature/>.

Stand up for Protected Places in Canada! Our group has signed The Protected Places Declaration: A Natural Legacy, because protected areas directly address the primary driver of extinction, habitat loss and degradation. A mass extinction, unlike any since the disappearance of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago, has already resulted in global wildlife populations decreasing by over half, since the 1970s. Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial Ministers of Environment, Parks and Wildlife signed A Statement of Commitment to Complete Canada's Networks of Protected Areas, in 1992, and this work remains unfinished.

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