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What's the plan for the future of this area?

Communities change and evolve over the years and we're planning for future growth and development in this area.



In 20 or 30 years, your community and the surrounding area will likely look and function differently than it does today. A local area plan is being created for a number of inner-city communities in northwest Calgary. Learn more about growth and redevelopment, why we're working together now to plan for the future, and how you can get involved.

Get Involved

Public engagement kicks-off late April and there will be ongoing participation opportunities throughout the next year.

Visit calgary.ca/Area4LAP to learn more and get involved.

Apply to join your Local Growth Planning Working Group

Are you passionate about your community? Do you have an interest in future growth? Are you curious about redevelopment and community planning?

We're looking for locals who are passionate and committed to participate in the Area 4 Communities Working Group. This working group will provide key input into the Area 4 Communities project and will help ensure different viewpoints and perspectives are brought to the table.

Visit calgary.ca/Area4LAP to learn more and apply by April 19.

HHBH Community – Outdoor Soccer

Our soccer program relies on VOLUNTEERS. Every year new volunteers are needed to keep the program running and vibrant. One parent from each family is required to volunteer during the season. There are many options to choose from; Coach, Assistant Coach, Assistant Coach with First Aid, Team Manager, U4/U6/U8/U10 Coordinator, Fields Coordinator, Referee Coordinator for U10-U18, Community Equipment Coordinator, Community Equipment Assistant, Season-End Party Coordinator. Please contact outdoor.soccer@hh-bh.ca for more information on the scope of each task. The season is short, the tasks are not onerous, and your efforts contribute to the success of the soccer season.

Open Community Gym

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association is happy to offer free open gym time to our community on Friday evenings when we have no rentals.

Please follow the link below or call 403-282-6634 to confirm dates & times for this month!

<http://www.hh-bh.ca/community-open-gym-free/>

HHBH Badminton Program 2019-2020

Hounsfield Heights Briar Hill Community Association is excited about our new partnership with Badminton Alberta to provide badminton programs in our community. <http://www.hh-bh.ca/badminton/>

Drop-in Programs

Badminton - Tuesday to Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

(3 courts)

Pickleball - Tuesday to Friday - 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

(3 courts) <http://www.hh-bh.ca/drop-in-gym/>

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Spring is here and it's time to bring cheer to our great community and neighbourhoods. This is the time get started with outdoor cleaning, including clearing your eavestrough of the leaves that have gathered over the fall and winter—trust me, I've experienced this damage before. It's also the time to prune back your shrubs and hedges before the buds start to form. Finally, for those with bedding out plants, it's time to seed and germinate and get ready to plant in May. So why all these reminders? Because HH-BH is renowned for its green space and mature vegetation. Flourishing gardens and beds of flowers makes this community one of Calgary's most desired and appreciated established communities.

Another reason is a well-kept yard, home and property is also a deterrent for unwanted and undesirable elements in our communities. This activity helps demonstrate that our residents are active outdoors, thus a deterrent for people looking to capitalize on our property and assets. Other tips to protect your property are available through

Avenue Magazine

<https://www.avenuecalgary.com/city-life/the-dos-and-donts-of-protecting-your-home/>

Calgary's Child Magazine

<https://www.calgaryschild.com/health-and-safety/safety/2333-protecting-your-property-how-can-you-outsmart-the-thieves>

The HH-BH Community Association - Safety Committee is working to engage the community on other safety measures. Please feel free to contact community.safety@hh-bh.ca for more information. If you are active on Facebook, please ask to be a part of the Friends of Hounsfield Heights Briar Hill Facebook page; this is a great way to keep in touch. Another tool is an app for your cell phone call, Next Door, which allows participants to share a number of alerts and announcements about their community and surrounding areas as a means of digitally looking out for each other.

Finally, a great big thank you to Lucas Ramage and the ice rink volunteer team for another great season of outdoor skating. Your contribution to HH-BH is one of the prime reasons people stay and others want to move in. Bravo!

Guidebook for Great Communities

Community Engagement Required

City Council will be considering the approval of the Guidebook for Great Communities on April 27. This will represent a very significant change in the way that development occurs in established residential neighbourhoods in our City.

The Guidebook is very lengthy, but a key concern for Community Associations in established areas across the city is the fact that the changes will effectively remove single family zoning. What this means is that on any lot in our neighbourhood, developers could build a single-family home, a duplex, a triplex, or townhouses of up to three storeys. Approvals for such developments would be granted. Any form of such housing developments would be allowed on any street—meaning a single street could be a haphazard mix of bungalows, duplexes, triplexes fourplexes or rowhousing.

You can access the Guidebook at the following link: calgary.ca/guidebook, or alternatively go to the City website and search for “Guidebook for Great Communities”.

The Community Association recommends that citizens in our community get involved. You can contact Druh Farrell’s office via email at caward7@Calgary.ca, and by telephone at 403-268-1796. Because this is an issue that is moving quickly, we will be using the HH-BH Community Facebook page to provide information and updates. For further information, please contact [strategic.planning@hh-bh.ca](mailto:planning@hh-bh.ca).



Easter Eggs of Every Type

In the Indian state of Goa, the Catholic community celebrates Easter not with chocolate eggs, but eggs made from marzipan. Their particular type of marzipan is made with cashews instead of almonds.



NEIGHBOURING
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WELCOME!





Hounsfield Heights – Briar Hill Community Association BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Board listing will be updated in January Beacon to reflect directors elected in November's AGM.			

CONTACT

Mailing Address: Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6

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.

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.

MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2020 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST.

HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2019 - 20

Family Name(s): _____

First Name - Adults: 1. _____ 2. _____

First Name - Children: _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email? yes no

I would be interested in volunteering for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Space/Reforestation | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors' Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Ice Rink | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Membership # _____

Valid through July 31 2020

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\$10 for seniors

Paid by: cash cheque

*Send cheques payable to **Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill Community Association**
Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6*

Privacy Consent: By providing the personal information on this form you are consenting to HH-BH Community Association's collection and use of that information for the purposes of providing you a membership in the community association. This information will be stored in a database of community members for the sole use of the Association. The Association will not sell, barter or lease membership lists or information. We may retain this information until nine months after expiry date of the membership.

The HH-BH Area Redevelopment Plan is Being Replaced

Many residents may be familiar with the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Area Redevelopment Plan (HH-BH ARP), a document created by the City in the late 1980s with strong input from local resident volunteers. This document contained a number of recommendations to be implemented in HH-BH (most of which were carried out in the early 1990s) and also set out Land Use, Transportation and Social Planning considerations. At the time this document was envisioned to cover a planning horizon of ten to fifteen years, however the City has not undertaken any meaningful consultation and revision in the past 30 years and as such we now have a planning document that does not fit well with the current methods the City uses for planning and redevelopment.

At the HH-BH Annual General Meeting last November, the Ward 7 Councillor's office announced the City's intention to create a new Local Area Plan to replace the current ARP. This new Local Area Plan (LAP) would cover the communities of Hounsfield Height-Briar Hill, West Hillhurst and Hillhurst-Sunnyside. Currently West Hillhurst does not have an ARP, and Hillhurst-Sunnyside has an ARP from the 1980s with a significant Transit Oriented Development (TOD) revision from ten years ago. The City intends to kick-off the engagement process in April, with public awareness and engagement events throughout the three communities until June. For more information on Local Area Plans, visit the City website calgary.ca/LAP.

This new approach to local planning has started with the North Hill Communities Local Growth Planning pilot project. This covers the communities of: Highland Park, Mount Pleasant, Tuxedo Park, Winston Heights-Mountview, Crescent Heights, Renfrew, Rosedale, Capitol Hill and Thorncliffe Greenview (south of Mcknight Blvd) and will replace existing City policy documents covering those areas. For more information on the North Hill LAP, go to engage.calgary.ca and scroll down to Ongoing Projects, the North Hill Communities Local Growth Planning project is listed and updated here.

The HH-BH Community Association is actively participating in this City initiative and will be setting up electronic communication channels for residents to subscribe to, but we need all residents to become aware and involved with this City effort. **This one project, covering the next 18 to 24 months, will set the tone for redevelopment in our community over the next few decades.** This is our chance as residents to have the City hear our voices, it does not mean the final plan will include all our concerns, but the City has committed to listen to us before drafting the LAP.

For more information, please contact the HH-BH Community Association Director of Strategic Planning: Jeff Marsh at strategic.planning@hh-bh.ca.

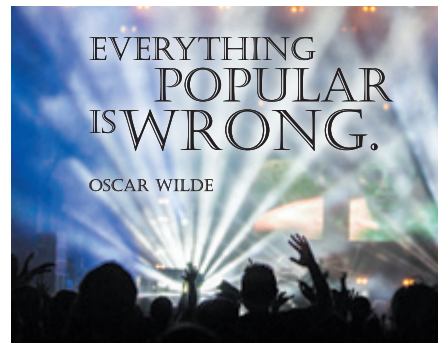


Compost Your Food Scraps

Follow these tips to make composting food scraps an easy part of your kitchen routine:

- Remember that all kinds food scraps can be composted! This includes meal prep peelings, leftovers from fridge cleanings and plate scrapings.
- Your kitchen pail is dishwasher-safe! Clean it out every few weeks to help it stay neat and tidy.
- Empty the pail every 2-3 days into your green cart to help reduce odours.
- Moldy and expired food can go in the green cart – just make sure to separate from the container first before composting.

Find more tips at calgary.ca/greencart





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Calgary Is Officially A Bee City!

Did you know that in December 2019, Calgary became Canada's 36th Bee City? This designation is part of a North American movement to establish healthy pollinator habitat within municipal boundaries. Bee City Canada praised the City of Calgary for its collaboration across many City departments to support the Pollinator Plan.

Although their work often goes unappreciated, bees are a vital contributor to a complex and diverse ecosystem. Bees are essential pollinators and play a part in every aspect of the ecosystem. They support the growth of diverse trees, flowers, and other plants, which serve as food and shelter for many animals.

Calgarians will be invited to celebrate our new Bee City title in June during pollinator week. Here are just a few examples of ways that The City is actively working on improving urban habitats.

- Last year, the Roadside Naturalization Pilot in Canyon Meadows led to the discovery of The Gypsy Cuckoo (*Bombus bohemicus*), an endangered species of bumblebee. This project has now expanded to restore over 800 hectares of open spaces by 2025. The project now includes public outreach and participation with the development industry.
- Council recently approved an Integrated Pest Management Plan to guide our City departments on how to prevent and manage pests on City land in a way that is effective and environmentally sound, promotes pollinator populations to thrive and minimizes risk to human health.

I encourage Calgarians to do their part to get their gardens and lawns ready for the spring in a way that benefits a thriving pollinator population. Remember, leave your leaves until late in the spring to allow pollinators to emerge from hibernation. If you plant a wide variety of prairie wildflower perennials and non-invasive annuals, you will notice the difference it makes in attracting several types of bees. Check out ALCLA Native Plant's brochure for a comprehensive list of native grasses, shrubs and plants, and calgary.ca/yardsmart to learn more about how to prepare your lawn and garden for spring.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT? Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no-cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www.communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

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A Flower Fit for a King!

Tulip cultivation began in Persia in the 10th century. They became so popular that they were incorporated into the culture's iconography. Sultan Ahmet III of the Ottoman Empire (1673-1736) kept a famous tulip garden in the highland pastures near the town of Manisa.





Bicycle Helmet Safety

Head injuries are the leading cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember, it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

*Parachute Canada, <http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/wheeled-activities1>

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling..

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

Storm Drains in Your Community

Storm drains (or catch basins) are a part of Calgary's stormwater system. There are about 60,000 storm drains in Calgary working to drain water and melting snow off sidewalks, streets and roads.

Keep your storm drains free and clear of snow, leaves and debris

If it's safe and possible to do, remove debris or snow blocking the drain. Create a channel if need be, to facilitate water flow.

Pooled water on your street

In communities built after 1990, The City installs devices in the storm drain to control how fast water flows into the system. During and after a rainfall event, these devices allow water to pool on the road (usually in a depression or low spot, called a Trap Low), until the stormwater system can accept the extra water.

Take a picture

If the storm drain remains submerged for more than 90 minutes or you cannot safely clear ice and snow away, take a photo and submit it via the 311 App or a web request. This way, our crews can prioritize and respond promptly.

For more information on storm drains and why they matter and to locate the closest one to you, visit calgary.ca/stormdrains.

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A Multifaceted Flower

The common daisy is edible! The leaves and flowers can be eaten raw or cooked. Sometimes they're added to salads, sandwiches, soups, or teas. Though you'll want to eat them fresh, as they become astringent with age.



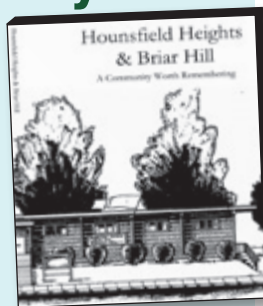
HHBH Community Association Playschool



2020/21 Registration Open Now
Visit hhbhcaplayschool.com
to learn more and to register online

Hounsfeld Heights- Briar Hill History Book

A beautiful book about our neighborhood is available to purchase for \$40.00 from the admin office at the gym. Please contact admin@hh-bh.ca to make arrangements. You can also call 403-282-6634.



The book contains photos and stories written by the families that first moved into the area in the early-'50s. Their stories of building homes, starting the school, and establishing this vibrant community are worth the read.

A big thank-you to Mary Stapleton and her group of volunteers for taking on the task of putting this together.

A vibrant advertisement for 'Make Summer Awesome! Dance Camps'. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow sun rays. In the center, a yellow oval contains the text 'Make Summer Awesome! Dance Camps' in a playful font. Below the oval, it says 'Half Day/Full Day • Ages 3-12 July & August'. At the bottom, the 'freehouse dance plus' logo is visible, along with the contact information: '403-282-0555 • 2020 12 Ave NW' and the website 'freehousedance.com'.

An advertisement for Trickster Theatre's 'SUMMER THEATRE CAMPS'. The background is dark with a colorful, abstract illustration of a person in a costume. The text includes 'Register Today!', 'SUMMER THEATRE CAMPS', and 'Spend a week with Trickster creating an original theatrical production!'. It lists three locations and dates: 'Bears paw Lifestyle Centre July 13-17, 2020', 'Capitol Hill Community Centre July 20-24, 2020', and 'August 10-14, 2020'. A circular badge in the bottom right corner says 'AGES 6-12'. The contact number '403-288-9393' and website 'www.trickstertheatre.com' are at the bottom.



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