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Art Classes for Seniors Get Creative

This is a free art program for Community Members of the Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association.

The class is taught by Patricia Leahy, and will take you through the basics of pencil drawing, color pencil drawing, water colors and acrylic painting.

Materials provided.

Beginning October 2020

Monday afternoons 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Maximum of 6 people for the classes.

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We Are Re-opening October 1, 2020!

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association is excited to welcome you back!

This has been a challenging time for everyone, and we want to thank you for your patience and loyalty. We understand the services that we offer are of value to the community and many of you are ready to come back.

The health, safety, and well being of our community is the top priority for HH-BH, and we have had many areas to consider as we have been working to re-open our facility.

We have developed new protocols to ensure that once our building is open, you feel safe to return. The safety and well-being of everyone in our community remains our top priority.

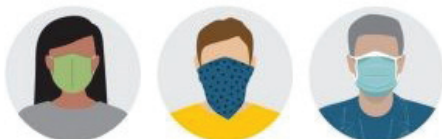
As we near the opening date, we are also seeing increased, stringent public health guidelines, recommendations, and mandates, all of which are in the best interests of the community and are crucial to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Mandatory Face Covering Bylaw

On July 21, City Council voted to pass the Temporary Face Coverings Bylaw, mandating that face coverings be worn in all indoor public spaces and in public vehicles. The new bylaw comes into effect on August 1, 2020.

All persons entering HHBH must wear a mask in all public areas. While you are in the gymnasium and participating in a sporting activity, you will not be required to wear a face covering.

<https://www.calgary.ca/csps/abs/bylaws-by-topic/face-covering-bylaw.html>



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Open Community Gym

Closed until further notice.

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

Closed until further notice.

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

Closed until further notice.

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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HHBH Community Association Playschool

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

SENIOR HH-BH NEWS

by Patricia Leahy

COVID-19 is often more severe in people over 60 or with health conditions like lung or heart disease, diabetes, or conditions that affect their immune system.

High-Risk Activities

COVID-19 can be transmitted by touching objects or surfaces the virus has landed on, then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Activities that carry this risk are not recommended, even with physical distancing in place, including:

- sharing food, drinks, or utensils
- sharing equipment
- close-range conversations
- direct physical contact or touch with people outside of your household

Given the above, once you personally feel safe given the risk of COVID-19 and feel comfortable practicing the directives for the minimization of risk of infection that are current and continuously updated by the Alberta govern-



ment, join us. We will be hosting free Art and General Exercise classes for seniors on Mondays, starting in October, as follows:

Exercise – 1:00 pm. A combination of senior-friendly exercises, which will include alignment, yoga, dance, and seated movement.

Art – 2:00 pm. Drawing and painting techniques will be explored; supplies are provided.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The kids are back in school, which should allow some of us to give fuller attention to our work lives at home or in the office. In addition, the Community Centre has re-opened under Alberta Health's COVID-19 guidelines, and the centre is starting to bubble with activity. September 8 was the first day of playschool, and with registration of only 16 kids in two morning classes, the Playschool Committee is having to deal with harsh enrollment and financial viability questions. Fortunately, there is a small reserve that will allow the Playschool to function while they determine their future.

Crime and social disorder remains a very energetic topic, whether it be at the North Hill Shopping Centre, Lions Park LRT Station, or in our back alleys. The HH-BH CA is activating a discussion group of residents and volunteers to define measures which can bring a greater sense of security and safety to the community. Please come share your ideas.

Next month is the HH-BH Annual General Meeting. Please watch for the announcements in the next month's newsletter and on street sign boards. The HH-BH has established a 3-year strategic plan, which has been abbreviated due to COVID-19, but many of the initiatives remain viable, especially with community support. Pitch in with your hands and voice. We are looking for new Directors to the Board so please send me an email (president@hh-bh.com) to learn more.

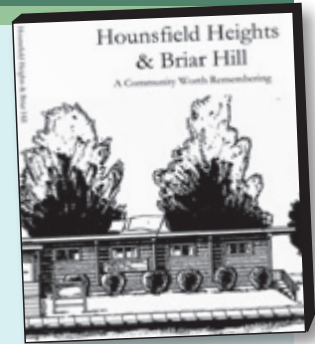
Finally, this is Halloween Month, so be safe, dress to be seen, and have fun!

Terry Wong
President, HH-BH CA



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.

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| Youth Badminton | Theresa Cowan | badminton@hh-bh.ca | |

| COMMUNITY RESOURCES | | | |
|---|-----------------|--|--------------|
| Louise Riley Library | Allison Thomson | allison.thomson@calgarypubliclibrary.com | 403-221-2047 |
| 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.



Like our Facebook Page - www.facebook.com/hhbhca



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Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your ideas to vp@hh-bh.ca.

Indoor Soccer

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Indoor Soccer Registration

October 2020 to March 2021

COVID-19 Precautions

This year, we will be instituting a Health Monitoring System as part of the Team Snap Team Management System. Health checks will be mandatory prior to attending practices and games.

All AHS guidelines will be in place.

Final Registration Deadline

September 24

If there are not enough players or coaches for an age category, then the program for that age category will be cancelled.

Refunds will only be given if a team is cancelled or if a player withdraws by September 24, 2020.

Categories and Fees

Only the following age categories are being run for the 2019-2020 season:

1. U15 Girls Competitive 2006 – 2007: \$320 CAD
2. U17 Boys Competitive 2004 – 2005: \$320 CAD
3. U19 Boys Competitive 2002 – 2003: \$320 CAD

Every registrant must have a family Community Membership for the cost of \$20.00. Please purchase before registration.

The effective dates for the membership are August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021. Registrations for indoor soccer are on a first-come, first-serve basis. If registration exceeds capacity, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Practice Times – Beginning the first week of October 2020.

1. U15 Girls: Monday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm
2. U17 Boys: Monday, 7:00 to 8:30 pm
3. U19 Boys: Tuesday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Drop-In Badminton and Pickleball

To ensure the continued health and safety of our community and staff members, beginning October 1, 2020, Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill will no longer be accepting cash as a form of payment, and we are introducing a contactless payment system for our drop-in programs.

Our prices will remain the same and you can purchase the Adult 10-visit pass for \$50.00, Seniors (55+) 10-visit pass for \$40.00, and Youth 10-visit pass for \$40.00.

Please call the office at 403-282-6634 to arrange pick-up of your pass.

We can also accept credit card and cheque payments in the office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

Did You Know?

A full moon on Halloween is super rare – the last time this happened was in 2001. This year, October 31 will feature a full moon, and we won't see another on Halloween until 2039!



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 2020-21

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"/> 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

Annual membership (including GST) is :

\$20 per household

\$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 Future of 16 Avenue N.W. We want to hear from you.

The City of Calgary is conducting a study to determine the future transportation vision for 16 Avenue NW between Crowchild Trail and Sarcee Trail as well as the Main Street Streetscape Plan for Montgomery between Home Road to 43 Street NW.

Over the past year, we have worked with communities to identify and understand what's important to Calgarians and generate ideas for possible changes to the study area. In Phase 1: Discovery, we invited Calgarians to join us at an open house and participate in an online survey to garner feedback on opportunities, challenges, priorities, and success criteria to consider when developing preliminary concepts. We collated all the feedback we received, conducted a technical review, and developed preliminary concepts that best met the study's objectives and what we heard from Calgarians.

This October, as part of Phase 2: Explore, we are asking Calgarians to evaluate the preliminary concepts against the study's objectives in Phase 1. We will then use the evaluation, along with additional technical review, to identify a set of recommendations for Calgarians to provide feedback on in Phase 3: Reveal in Spring 2021.

To learn more about how you can participate and provide input, please visit calgary.ca/16avenuenw.

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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Starting October 1, remember to tag your extra garbage bags

Starting October 1, if you have an extra bag of garbage that won't fit in your City black cart, you'll need to buy a garbage tag. Tags are \$3 each and available at participating convenience and grocery stores or online. See the full list at calgary.ca/garbagetag.

How to use garbage tags:

1. Fill your black cart first.
 2. Place extra garbage in a bag and wrap a tag around the knot on top of the bag.
 3. On collection day, set the bag 0.5 metres (2 feet) from your black cart.
- We encourage everyone to look at

what you are buying and throwing away to find ways to reduce waste. Sorting materials correctly helps maximize the use of all three carts (blue, green, black).
Learn more at calgary.ca/garbagetag.



Acknowledgement: On behalf of the HH/BH Safety Portfolio and the other HH/BH Directors, thank you to all residents who are getting involved in continuing to ensure our community is a desirable and safe place to live.

Transparency: On September 2, the Safety Portfolio sent an email to Councillor Farrell outlining, to date, the actions that have been taken by the Safety Portfolio. In addition, we proposed a meeting be arranged with Councillor Farrell and others, such as CPS, to discuss to growing concerns regarding safety and crime in our neighbourhood. Included below are key elements of the letter.

Hello Councillor Farrell

To date, since taking on the role of the Safety Director as of Oct. 2019, I have researched the following:

- Bylaws and Public Safety
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Community Standards and our Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator’s role
- Calgary Police Services. Crime statistics, SCAN, Non-urgent police process, Enmax “Light up the night” program and doorbell video security systems
- Alpha House, Drop In Center and other social services. This includes volunteering at Inn from the Cold Family Shelter
- Transit Watch and the Peace Officers’ role
- Community Response Safety Program
- Alberta Community Prevention Associations and Community Based Policing Models.
- Crime and COVID.

In addition to educating myself and informing the HH/BH

residents, these are the course of actions taken thus far:

1. Submitting a monthly article informing what residents can do to empower themselves when it comes to their safety such as the 9PM Routine Checklist or how to report crimes/social disorders during these changing times
2. Attended District 3 Calgary Police Services Town Hall in November 2019
3. Scheduled meetings with Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator
4. Submitted a grant proposal to Community Standards Fund
5. Participated in a “ride along” with Calgary Police Services Zone 3 Constable
6. Developed and launched Safety Portfolio at AGM in Nov. 2019
7. Informed residents about platforms such as NextDoor and WhatsUp app.

Also, there is a second Safety Director who has worked in other areas of the Safety Portfolio. However, even with all the

combined effort and time invested by the Safety Directors, the HH/BH community needs your help in obtaining the resources required to tackle the current state of safety within our community.

The HH/BH President, Terry Wong and the Directors of the Safety Portfolio would like to set up a meeting with Councillor Farrell, CPS, Calgary Public Library and City Bylaws, Parks, Roads, and Transit LRT to establish a coordinated response.

Please use the HH/BH email address, hh-bh-board@googlegroups.com to provide your availability and the contact information of the other city units.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.”

The purpose of sharing some of the contents of this letter is to let the HH/BH residents know that your volunteer Community Association Board Directors are listening.

Perhaps, as frustrating as some of these processes are, we can’t forget that there are many moving parts when it comes to managing issues like community safety and crime. And complex as it may be, the HH/BH Board of Directors are attempting to find solutions and believe every action, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, does make a difference. Once again, thank you for talking to your neighbours, for walking your dogs, biking on the pathways, and sharing relevant information on social media.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

During a Parks and Recreation Study, an interim report in May 1968 set aside City-owned land designated as Public Land for Park Purposes on Nose Hill. It was “not likely” to be the total extent of the Park. The agreement anticipated major roadways and City waterworks. City Council proposed Nose Hill, Bowness Flats, Glenmore, and Fish Creek. (Fish Creek is now a provincial park).

When the 1980 Nose Hill Park Master Plan was approved, the City owned about one half of the proposed park area. By 1990, the remaining lands were assembled. The public preferred natural and cultural resource values. The uniqueness of the park must be preserved and perpetuate the natural character of the landscape. Although public use increased, Nose Hill is managed as a natural area, with compatible, low-impact recreation.

The Responsible Pet Owners Bylaw is under review. The October 2020 - Phase 2 What We Heard Report will be posted on <https://engage.calgary.ca/petbylaw>, with comments from the public, stakeholders, and City staff. There are phone surveys and focus groups for By-law updates to the Council Committee on Community and Protective Services and to City Council by January-March 2021.

Did you know that Canada has 450 bird species? Yet, grassland birds, aerial insectivores, and shorebirds have all experienced alarming population declines—and many more remain at-risk. We can create bird-friendly cities and reduce bird mortality rates in urban centres. National Wildlife Areas or Migratory Bird Sanctuaries may help Canada meet its protected area targets.

We should have international relationships and set higher standards for protecting the connective habitat on which migratory birds rely. Their diverse habitats have been heavily degraded due to human activity and their populations face rapid decline. More information on Birds Connect Our World at www.naturecanada.ca.

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