



## Deadline for input extended

### Local resident is passionate about traffic calming



“My daughter’s friend was seriously injured by a car at the intersection of 12 Ave. and 19 St., so I’m passionate about traffic issues in our community,” says HHBH resident Darlene Cooper.

“I see near-misses daily due to southbound cars skirting around vehicles that stop for children using the crosswalk there,” she adds. “I know Emergency Services used 19 St. and that is why the community’s request for a traffic circle was denied, but a request to lower the speed limit to 40 km/h is in order.”

She also says commuters cut north through our neighbourhood from the 14 St. and 5 Ave. intersection, and then speed west along 12 Ave. She’d like to see speed bumps installed there.

Cooper’s response to a call for input on traffic calming in the February Beacon prompted committee chair Denny Kwan to extend the deadline for submissions from local residents to May 7.

Kwan is working on revising our community’s request for a traffic study, which was submitted to the City several years ago. Recently, the civic Transportation Planning department issued a letter explaining that while our request is still on their List (yes, they do capitalize it), we are not on this year’s List. A formal community study is currently underway for the neighbouring North Hill communities of Mount Pleasant, Tuxedo Park and Capitol Hill.

“This study has been underway prior to the 16 Ave. widening and subsequently put on hold until construction was complete,” explains Transportation Engineer Jill Morrison. “This area was also identified as having the greatest need based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the Traffic

Calming policy.”

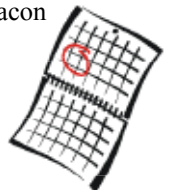
Making sure that HHBH’s renewed request for a traffic study also lines up with these criteria is a priority for Kwan.

If you have concerns about traffic (such as speeding vehicles, short-cutting traffic and pedestrian safety) in our community, please do not hesitate to contact the CA by email ([hh-bh-communityassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:hh-bh-communityassociation@hotmail.com)) or phone (403-282-6634), or directly to Kwan by email ([dellienye@shaw.ca](mailto:dellienye@shaw.ca)), or phone (403-475-3763). All submissions must be received by **May 7, 2010**.

## - Calendar of Events -

*Send us information about your annual or one-time event.*

- Community Board Meetings**  
Apr. 8, May 13, June 10 at 7 pm  
Community Boardroom
- Community Appreciation Social**  
Fri., May 28, 6 pm, Community Hall
- Community Green Space Clean-Up**  
Saturday, June 5  
more details to come in June Beacon
- Tot’s Time Playgroup**  
Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 am  
Community Gym
- Family Drop-In Gym Time**  
Fridays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Community Gym





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*Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (except July and August) in the Community Hall meeting room. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. To include an item on the agenda please contact the Board at least one week prior to the meeting.*

### **Contact the HHBH Community Association at:**

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

**Phone:** 403-282-6634 (voice mail)

**Email:** hh-bh-communityassociation@hotmail.com

*(phone messages & emails are checked 1 – 2 times per week)*

**Beacon Submissions to:** Barbara Green, Editor

email: thebeacon2005@hotmail.com

Deadline for submissions for next issue: May 15, 2010

**Beacon Ads:** hhbhacct@telus.net

**Hall/Gym Bookings:** hhbhacct@telus.net or 403-282-6634

**Website:** <http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/briarhill/briarhill.htm>

***Community Hall/Gym 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.***

*Parking is 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.*

**The HHBH Gym and Boardroom schedule can now be viewed online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).**

## Briar Hill Vipers Bring Home Bronze

Congratulations are in order for our local U12 boys soccer team, the Briar Hill Vipers. After competing at the provincials in Edmonton March 13 - 14, they came home with the bronze medal!

“They really did make us proud,” says team manager Bryan Smith. “They played their hearts out.”

A total of 16 teams competed in the U12 boys division. The Vipers won the bronze medal in the “B” division.

All of the kids are from the surrounding area which includes St. Andrews Heights, Capital



## U12 girls take gold at Soccer City



Congratulations also go out to Briar Hill Synergy for taking the gold medal at the U12 Girls Indoor Soccer City Championship last month. Players are: Alison, Katie, Sophie C, Dani, Karlee, Nicole, Samara, Deniz, McKenna, Chelo, Sophie W, Grace, Laura, Sophie W, Daisy, Anna. Coaches - Trevor and Bevin

Coaches: David S, Karl F (head coach), Chris O  
 Players: Max D, Nicholas H, Nikki P, Alex A (back row),  
 Nicholas S, Jesse N (back row). Calvin O,  
 Kyle F (back row), Josh R, Konur T, Josh W, and in front  
 Matt B, Isaac S  
 Missing from photo: Connor T

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## Sears Gas Plume Report

By Phil Johnson, Committee Chair

By the time this Beacon newsletter is published, the remediation facility in Lion's Park should be operating. The facility will continue to operate until only clean groundwater is being recovered from the aquifer. Until the facility has been operating for some time, it can not be predicted how long it will take to get to the "clean water" stage.



## Keeping our soccer field ready for fancy footwork

Ever walked across a green space and felt your foot step into something soft, squishy and stinky? Ewww . . .

That's why there's a "No Dog" rule for the soccer field beside the community hall (north of Louise Riley Library, west of Safeway). Following complaints from local and visiting soccer teams about dogs not on leash or not being picked up after, the Community Association board arranged with the City of Calgary to install signs this spring to make the policy clear.

City workers will install temporary signs stipulating that dogs must be on a leash and that owners must pick up after dogs in the area between the library and the community hall, and a permanent "No Dogs" sign at the soccer field.



## Public Notice

### INFORMATION SESSION

#### Transportation Utility Corridor (TUC) Secondary Use Study

Alberta Infrastructure and The City of Calgary are jointly hosting an information session regarding the Transportation and Utility Corridor (TUC) Secondary Use Study, which has been initiated to provide background information and guidance on temporary uses within the provincial TUC in Calgary.

The public are invited to attend upcoming drop-in information sessions:

<p><b>Monday, March 29, 2010</b>  <b>Crestmont Hall</b>                  12400 Crestmont Blvd. S.W.                  6 – 8 p.m.                  (drop in anytime)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 7, 2010</b>  <b>Calgary Rugby Club</b>                  9025 Shepard Rd. S.E.                  6 – 8 p.m.                  (drop in anytime)</p>
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For more information, please call Neil Younger at 403-268-3243 or Salma Mohiuddin at 403-268-4967.

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## Get community news online

Did you know you can receive the Beacon and other community notices by email? If you're interested, just send your email address to: [hbhacct@telus.net](mailto:hbhacct@telus.net).



## How about a babysitting co-op for HHBH?

By Jen Silverthorn

After moving to this neighbourhood last July, I noticed that the community did not seem to have a babysitting co-op. Since I'd been an active part of such a co-op where we lived previously, I very much wanted to be part of one here, but the closest one I could find operated out of the Banff Trail Community Association. And as these things go, I'm now its Coordinator, so I wanted to extend the opportunity for HHBH parents to get involved.

The co-op works by creating a network of families willing to babysit on an "as needed" basis. Babysitting may be for an hour while you run to the doctor/hair salon/grocery store, a whole day if you're called in to a meeting, work, other, or for an afternoon or evening while you and your friends or spouse go out. If you can find someone available, you are welcome to use them.

There is NO OBLIGATION to use the co-op for babysitting, or to provide sitting unless you are able at the needed time. If you want to use the co-op primarily as a social network, that's perfectly fine.

Meetings are held monthly at members' homes to give parents plenty of opportunity to meet each other. The co-op also organizes fun social events throughout the year for the whole family.

The only fee to join the cooperative is a \$15 annual membership to the Banff Trail Community Association. Interested parents can call me for all the details: Jen Silverthorn - 403-282-3554 or [jen.silverthorn@shaw.ca](mailto:jen.silverthorn@shaw.ca)

## A new HHBH history book moment

By Nancy Tronsgard

I am in my sixties now and remember quite clearly, and with great affection, the fields and freedom that existed then for children. I remember the old Riley houses, including the one on the Bethany site and the old stable out back. My best friend

Street; the other one was at the bottom of the hill and was the orphanage (since destroyed).

I attended Briar Hill School, and was in Grade 1 the first year it opened. I was an avid fan of the library, and the 'new' main library was named after our neighbor across the street,

Bill Castel. Before the Louise Riley library was built, I used to walk the long distance to the one on Kensington Avenue beside the Plaza Theatre. I remember when the bridge on 14 Street was built.

My parents were quite active in the community, and I wonder if any of our neighbours from those years still live there.

Since my brother died I have been feeling quite nostalgic about our time as children growing up in the house my parents built (a board every payday was the joke). Unfortunately I have lost all contact with anyone in the old neighbourhood. I moved away in 1972, but visited my husband's family every few years. I would always grab a couple of hours during these visits and walk around the old place.

*Memories of old times are now in new formats: visit the HHBH History Book online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).*

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## Community policing

### Reducing residential break-and-enters

*In this issue of the Beacon, Cst. Eric Levesque, Community Liaison Officer, would like to address an issue of concern to many community members: residential break-and-enters, a crime that affects all communities in Calgary.*



*Constable Eric Levesque  
Community Liaison Officer  
Calgary Police Service  
District 3*

Many house break-and-enters are committed by culprits looking for easy opportunities — if you take those opportunities away, you can help protect yourself and your property. The majority of house break-and-enters occur during the day when residents are away; however, they can also occur at night, usually if no one is home. The Calgary Police Service suggests these quick and easy ways to help protect your home.

**Start outside:** Trim plants in your yard to eliminate potential hiding places for burglars. Consider using a type of fence that offers a compromise between privacy and visibility. Pay particular attention to trees growing near your house — could a burglar climb a tree to get onto the roof and then enter through an upper-storey window? If you're in a condo or apartment, how easy would it be for someone to climb in through one of your windows?

**Show your pride:** Keep your yard maintained to give the house a lived-in, cared-for appearance. Cut the grass, plant flowers, and remove dead branches and debris. This sends the message that you care about your home and your neighbourhood.

**Light it up:** Install exterior lights to brighten dark areas around doors or windows to make them more easily seen by passersby. Motion-sensor and photo (light) sensitive lights can help. Also make sure that emergency personnel can easily see your address from the street and back alley, even at night.

**Lock it up:** Keep house doors locked when you're inside. When you're out in your back yard, keep your front door and windows locked — and vice versa. Also, keep garage doors closed and locked.

**Check your doors:** Exterior doors and frames should be made of wood or steel, which are harder to force open than hollow-core doors. Frames around outside doors should fit snugly against the door. Glass in outside doors should be at least 1 metre or 40 inches from the lock or be unbreakable. If you don't have glass in the door, install a peephole viewer so that you can see who is outside without opening your door.

**Use deadbolt-style locks:** Secure all outside doors with deadbolt locks (which require a key to lock and unlock them from outside). Reinforce the locks with longer screws and strike plates to make them less vulnerable to being forced open. Door hinges should be attached securely by screws that go through the door frame into the supporting stud — the

hinges shouldn't be exposed on the outside.

**Double-check your windows:** Take a close look at your windows, to see how they operate and how they lock. If any of the locks are broken or no longer work properly, replace them. To keep sliding doors and windows from being lifted out of their tracks, limit clearance by installing screws that protrude down from the top track.

**Putting it all together:** You can take other measures to help you keep your home safe: Consider installing a monitored alarm system to warn you of dangers such as break-ins, fires or carbon monoxide poisoning, for example. It's easy for people to see inside your home at night when the lights are on, so keep window coverings closed during night-time hours. And always close and lock any windows that could be used to gain access to your home while you're sleeping — even on those hot summer nights.

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## CBC Calgary Reads Book Sale April 30 – May 2

To most of us, it's as fundamental as learning to walk, as elemental as our ability to speak, as natural as breathing. Most of us cannot imagine life without reading. It's a tool, a diversion, a pleasure to be anticipated.

But learning to read does not come easily to everyone. Without adequate literacy skills, children struggle with low self-esteem, reduced academic achievement and ultimately, given limited career choices, face a life of poverty.



Early literacy programs, if administered between Kindergarten and Grade 2, are highly effective at improving the ability and confidence of children struggling with reading. Calgary Reads, an early literacy initiative, was designed to identify and support at-risk children. Today

350+ volunteers work with 500+ students in over 75 schools to ensure that each child is given the tools needed to instill the confidence to read.

The CBC/Calgary Reads Book Sale has become a major annual fundraiser for the program, and an essential event for book lovers. Last year the book sale raised \$98,000 for Calgary Reads, while thousands of book enthusiasts returned home with arms laden with high quality used books.

Come to the 8th Annual CBC/Calgary Reads Book Sale April 30 (4 - 9 pm) and May 1-2 (9 am - 4 pm) at the Triwood Arena. Unearth some literary treasures while raising funds needed to assist a child in learning to read. You can also donate quality used books by dropping them off at the CBC lobby from April 12-26.

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## Break and Enters cont'd from page 6

In addition to these measures, community residents can also protect themselves by looking out for their neighbours. Please report any suspicious activity to the Calgary Police Service. As well, in order to improve the chances of solving these crimes, all house break-and-enters, including those of detached garages, should be reported to the Calgary Police Service. Often, break-and-enter culprits will commit numerous crimes in a community or adjacent communities. District 3 currently has officers assigned to investigate residential break-and-enters, and the more information available to investigators the greater the likelihood of a successful investigation.

If you witness a crime in progress, call 911; if it is a non-emergency, call 403-266-1234. In addition, you may also call the District 3 Crime Information Line at 403-206-5338 or your Community Liaison Officer, Cst. Levesque, at 403-880-9773.

## Kids invited to dig in at Calgary Garden Show

We are inviting children (12 and under) to enter our Children's Container Garden Competition. Last year we had some children enter our regular container competition, so we decided this year to add one especially for them! We want to encourage young gardeners to join in this fun, family-friendly event.

All containers will be on display at our annual Garden Show at Spruce Meadows, April 10 - 11, 2010. Visitors to the show vote for their favourite container to choose the first, second and third place winners. All participants will also receive a certificate of participation, thanking them for entering and two free tickets to the show. Children can enter on their own, or work in groups.

This year's show also features free children's gardening activities. Companies will be hosting informative, fun sessions on topics ranging from water conservation to worm composting. There is more information about the show on our website at the link below:

<http://www.calhort.org/events/gardenshow.aspx>





# memberships

Your annual membership is good from April 1 through the following March 31 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. Simply fill out this form and mail it in.

## HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010-11

**Family Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name - Adults:**      **1.** \_\_\_\_\_      **2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name - Children:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please provide ages) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Would you prefer to receive the newsletter by email?*      yes     no

**I would be interested in volunteering for:**

- Land Use
- Green Space/Reforestation
- Fundraising
- Facilities/Ice Rink
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- Other
- Membership Drive
- Children's Programs
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- Sports Programs
- Social Activities

**Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Valid through March 31, 2011*

Annual membership (including GST) is :

- \$20 per household
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**Paid By:**    cash     cheque

**Send cheques payable to Hounsfield 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 Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill gym and board room schedule can now be viewed online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca). We are planning on adding improvements to the site over the coming months.



## It's time to renew CA memberships

If you have kids in soccer, playschool or kindergarten locally, you have probably already renewed your Community Association membership – but for the rest of us, it's a detail that can easily be overlooked.

Having an active membership is important to the CA in many ways – first, it's a good sign of a vibrant community, it encourages us to get to know one another, and it adds weight to any lobbying the CA does on behalf of residents at other levels of government.

The family membership (\$20 per year per household, or \$10 for seniors) also entitles you to participate in community programs such as family gym night, youth badminton and women's soccer, which are held in the community gym.

A membership also entitles you to vote at the CA's annual general meeting in November, and to sit on the board (we're \*ahem\* still short one or two, and are looking for a treasurer in particular).

Also, by taking out a community membership, you show your support for programs the CA sponsors for all residents, including the Stampede Breakfast, volunteer appreciation night, community clean-up and Neighbour-Woods tree planting.

There's a membership form on the preceding page of this issue of the Beacon – please fill it out and drop it off at the community hall or in a mailbox with your membership fee.

Thank you!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Money manager needed

The HHBH Community Association is looking for someone to oversee its investments and prepare monthly and annual financial reports from records prepared by the board assistant..

In other words, we're looking for a Treasurer.

If you're interested, please contact CA President David Trudeau (403-592-1695).

### We need a Wiki moderator

HHBH CA launched a community Wiki site in January ([www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca)), and it needs an administrator/moderator. This position could be filled by a teenager who's looking for a project to put on his or her resume, or by an adult community member. Please contact Linda McKinnon for more info (403-816-4044).

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## Automated Garbage Collection

By Druh Farrell

City of Calgary Alderman, Ward 7



After a successful pilot program for waste collection, the age of automation has finally arrived in residential garbage collection in Calgary. With it comes the near elimination of injuries inherent in hand collection. The pilot project that began in

October 2008 resulted in zero injuries to garbage collectors in the first year compared to 215 injuries related to hand collection from Oct. 2008 to Sept. 2009.

Black cart collection rolls out to the rest of Calgary starting this year at no extra cost to Calgarians. Automated collection uses trucks equipped with mechanical arms to collect garbage from wheeled carts. One of the main safety improvements is that workers no longer manually lift up to 13,000 kilograms of waste a day.

There will continue to be some residential hand collection as excess garbage bags can be placed beside the black carts. But the pilot showed that only 13 per cent of garbage collected was placed outside the carts.

The pilot, paid for by City health and safety funds, served 15,000 households in Cedarbrae, Citadel, Deer Run, Dover, Huntington Hills and Mount Pleasant. Results showed that not only do black carts improve safety; they also keep neighbourhoods cleaner and are easy to use.

A survey of those participating in the pilot project found that 93 per cent were satisfied with black cart collection and 78 per cent found the cart was large enough to hold their weekly garbage accumulation. Homes up to and including fourplexes will eventually receive a black cart along with detailed instructions on how to use it. Each cart can hold the equivalent of three to four garbage bags. The carts will remain the property of The City.

## Pay It Forward

A big Thank You from The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services to the thousands of Calgarians who annually license their dog or cat. These responsible pet owners recognize the value of licensing their pets and are being rewarded for it through a new program.

The I Heart My Pet rewards program is a reward for Calgarians who license their pets. More than 90% of dogs and 45% of cats are currently licensed in our city. Calgary is recognized as having the leading pet licensing program in North America.

How to access the rewards program:

- A letter and the I Heart My Pet rewards card will be included with pet owners' licence renewals starting in March 2010.
- Responsible pet owners who have licensed their pets will get their cards throughout 2010 with their renewal notices.
- The rewards card will provide pet owners with discounts and special promotions through our partnering vendors.
- The I Heart My Pet rewards card is valid until December 31, 2011.
- Calgarians who currently have a free six-month licence for their dog or cat will receive a rewards card when they renew their pet's licence.

By using the rewards card only a few times, pet owners of licensed pets can recoup their licensing fees. Visit [iheartmypet.ca](http://iheartmypet.ca) to see the list of vendors and available discounts.

If you would like to receive your pet reward card sooner, come down to The Animal Services Centre at 2201 Portland Street S.E. during working hours: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed statutory holidays).

A licence is your dog or cat's ticket home!

For more information visit [calgary.ca/animalservices](http://calgary.ca/animalservices) or call 3-1-1.

## Public Drop-in Badminton

HHBH Gym

Tuesday-Friday from 9 am – Noon

Drop-in fee - \$4.00/person

(No membership required)



## More than pennies for penguins

Local residents raised \$1,000 to support Marion Woodman's trip to the Antarctic as a chaperone for the Students on Ice program over the Christmas break. The intrepid Ms Woodman brought her experiences back to enrich her grade one class at Briar Hill School, and has also shared photos and stories from the trip with the rest of the school and the community.



Here's her message to the community:

"Many thanks to everyone for coming to my Antarctic presentation at the end of January. It was wonderful to be able to share the experience with so many people. This trip with Students on Ice left a huge impression on me and on the 88 others with whom I was fortunate to travel. For many, the memories that remain are of the preciousness

of clean air, clean water, silence, open spaces, and the many friendships that were made over the brief time together. While it was amazing to see so much beauty, the issues of global warming, pollution and other environmental stressors were discussed. The students that participated all realized the importance of the SOI mantra: *Protect the poles, Protect the planet!* I hope the result of participating in such an adventure will help spur the students and others into making good choices to protect the planet in the future."

If you are interested in learning more about Students on Ice, check out their website at [www.studentsonice.com](http://www.studentsonice.com).

In the meantime, here are a couple more of Ms. Woodman's fabulous photos.



Ms. Woodman and traveling companion Kermit



Checking out an iceberg in a Zodiak.

## At *your* Library

### Upcoming programs at your community library



#### Tax Clinic at Your Library

Saturday, Apr 10  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Drop in for free, one-on-one help with your tax return. First-come, first-served. In partnership with the Poverty Reduction Coalition, United Way of Calgary and Area. No registration required, however, there is an eligibility requirement based on income.

#### How to Choose a Financial Planner

Wednesday, Apr 21  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Thinking about money and your future? Learn what to look for in a financial planner. Presented by the Financial Planner Standards Council.

### Louise Riley Library 1904 - 14 Avenue NW

#### Hours

Monday - Thursday from 10 am - 9 pm  
Friday & Saturday from 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday from 12:00 pm - 5 pm

## Wildlife 101: Coyotes



Since its inception in 1993, the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society has received thousands of calls relating to coyote and

human interactions. The coyote is a very intelligent and adaptable animal, as most pest species are, because they have learned to adapt around us and do not flee in the face of increasing human encroachment on natural habitats.

The majority of calls we received were from residents of new communities that used to be grassland or farmland, on the perimeters of the city, close to farmland or those that back onto ravine or natural areas. These areas are natural wildlife corridors where coyotes, deer and small mammals frequent in search of food.

The coyote lives in mixed grassland areas and their diet consists mainly of rodents (mice, voles, pocket gophers, Richardson ground squirrels etc.), hares and rabbits.

Coyotes living near urban areas have been known to hunt cats or small dogs on occasion, but are most active at night and rarely stray away from their natural food source.

Coyotes breed during the months of February and March. During this time many people will hear an increase in their barking and howling. Their young are born in late April or May.

Many of the calls we received from residents were concerned with the safety of their children due to coyotes in the field close to their homes. Conflicts or attacks on people are rare and are usually the result of people coming too close to a mother trying to protect her den site. Education is the key to ensuring safety, respect and harmony with all wildlife species.

It's great living close enough to the mountains and foothills, but with that privilege comes a responsibility to understand the wildlife around us.

Quick tips to reduce your interactions with coyotes:

### 1. Good housekeeping:

- Maintain a clean yard free of debris; remove old wood piles or garbage that can house mice.
- Have secure covered garbage containers and try not to place your garbage out until your garbage collection day.

**Note: For food waste such as meat or fish, etc., add a small amount of household ammonia to the garbage bag before disposing. Ammonia is a common animal deterrent.**

- Maintain the area around any birdfeeders by cleaning regularly. Loose feed attracts mice.

### 2. Be a responsible pet owner:

- You can minimize coyote and other wildlife interactions by keeping your pets in at night.
- **DO NOT** allow your pets to roam free or unsupervised for long periods of time.
- **DO NOT** place food outside for any domestic pets. This will only encourage wildlife to frequent the area.

**Note: The City of Calgary does have bylaws to promote responsible pet ownership. Please refer to the City of Calgary's website for more information. ([www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca))**

### 3. Take time to educate yourself about the wildlife in your community and make it a positive experience.

For more information on wildlife and our society, visit our website, [www.calgarywildlife.org](http://www.calgarywildlife.org).



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A place for 3 to 5 year olds to play, grow and learn

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## Quilt Canada 2010 April 26 – May 1, Telus Convention Centre

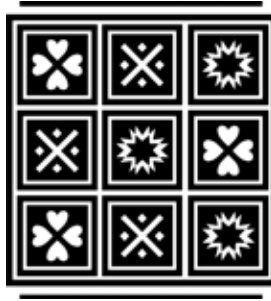
By Carolyn Jurek

Do you appreciate the artistry and handiwork that goes into a beautiful quilt? Are you a quilter yourself, or do you know someone who quilts? Then you will surely enjoy Quilt Canada 2010 – a huge event coming to Calgary at the end of April. Come on down to the Telus Convention Centre, and bring a friend!

Quilt Canada is sponsored by the Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA) and is hosted in different Canadian cities every two years. The event features a judged show, special quilting exhibits, a quilting fashion show, professional quilt appraisals, and an extensive merchant mall – and most importantly offers dozens of exciting quilting workshops taught by internationally known quilting instructors over four days.

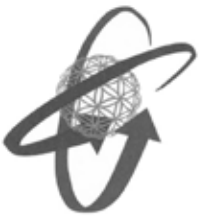
Workshops range from “Fantastic Fabric Faces” to “Beautifully Embellished Landscapes” to “Take Your Quilting to the Digital Realm.” Many more workshop titles are available on the website [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com) – follow the links to CLASSES for a full description of every workshop; then follow the links to REGISTRATION. You can enroll as a day student, or for the full event.

One of the special exhibits will be a showcase of antique vintage quilts with an Alberta connection – these will show a variety of quilting styles throughout Alberta's history, up to Canada's centennial year 1967. If you think you have an heirloom quilt at home, bring it in to be appraised! Quilt Canada offers a convenient opportunity to have a professional insurance appraisal done by certified quilt appraisers. Find out how much your grandmother's bedspread might be worth! The Quilt Canada website provides details on how and when to have your quilt appraised.



Day admission to the Showhalls is \$15, or \$25 for a three-day pass. Additional fees apply to attend workshops. A Professional Development Conference happens April 26-27, and the main show runs from Wednesday, April 28 through Saturday, May 1 at the Telus Convention Centre in downtown Calgary. Showhalls open daily at 10 am, and stay open late on Thursday until 9 pm.

For more information, please visit the website [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com) and click on Quilt Canada; or email [QC2010@shaw.ca](mailto:QC2010@shaw.ca).



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## Hounsfield Heights / Briar Hill (HH/BH)

# TOT'S TIME PLAYGROUP



We are an informal, caregiver-supervised playgroup providing a venue for physically active social interaction among preschoolers and their caregivers in the community. Our morning consists of free play in the gym, organized games and snack time.

### Come check us out!!

**When:** Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 am

**Where:** HH/BH Gymnasium  
1922-14 Avenue NW

- North of Louise Riley Library and Program Centre
- Entrance is on SW corner of gym; parking is west of library

**Cost:** \$20 per family  
(Sept. - May)  
plus community membership

Alternating families provide snack for all children.

For more information, contact Dawn at [dawnehardy@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnehardy@hotmail.com)

## Read all about it!

Remember the old days when kids delivered newspapers to earn pocket money? Well, you could step right into that Norman Rockwell scene by helping to deliver the Beacon.

We're looking for people to deliver the Beacon to every household in the community when it's published (every two months). Remuneration is about 10 cents per delivery, and we deliver to approximately 1,300 residents.

This footwork is appropriate for adults, teens or younger children supervised by adults. If you're interested, please contact Barbara Green at 403-282-3057.



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\$30 per issue	1/8 page
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## Park'N'Play at Green Park

For those keen parents already planning summer camps and trips, please note that this year's City-run Park N' Play program will be held at Green Park July 5 - 9.

Park N' Play is a day camp program for 6- to 12-year-olds, including fun and interactive games and activities from 10 am - 3:30 pm daily. The program is free to participating families - your community association pays the city's fee to hold it in our neighbourhood.

The leadership/participant ratio is 1/15, and activities include recyclable crafts, games and singing. There's often one pool day during the week.



## Private Graffiti Abatement Program

The City of Calgary is partnering with residents and business owners in an effort to remove graffiti from private property. Under the program, residents can call 3-1-1 to report graffiti on their property. They will be asked to pay a \$25 fee and sign a waiver granting a City contractor permission to remove the graffiti. There is a \$100 removal fee for businesses. All revenue will be reinvested into the program.

For more information, visit [calgary.ca/bylawservices](http://calgary.ca/bylawservices) or call Laura Shott at 403-268-1880.

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### Sunglasses Found!

Did you lose your sunglasses while walking through Briar Hill? A pair of expensive sunglasses were found near my house. Call 403-284-2410 to describe and claim.



## Family Drop-in GYM TIME

Free

HHBH Community Association Members Only

Fridays

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Bring your neighbours. Play badminton/ volleyball/ basketball.

Gym staff will set up equipment.

We have a limited number of racquets.

We will use the cross courts, so we can play more than one sport if you wish.



Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill

## Youth Badminton

We are offering a Spring program. Get in on one of Canada's fastest-growing sports – competitive badminton!



For players aged 12–15 yrs (intermediate level)

Spring Session:

Thursdays: 6:05 – 7:35 pm

for an hour and a half

Plus 20 min. of free play time till 7:55 pm

April 15th until June 17th, 2010 - 10 lessons

(Holidays with no classes: Dates TBA)

Cost: \$120.00

with HHBH community membership

\$140.00

for non-community members

Location: HHBH Community Gym

1922 14th Ave NW

(Next to North Hill Mall)

Registration:

Ongoing, starting April 15, 2010



• 1:6 Coach to student ratio

• Coaches are Level 1 & 2 qualified by Badminton Alberta

For information call:

Lorne Cowan

Phone: 403-289-0921

Email: [lorne2@telus.net](mailto:lorne2@telus.net)



Briar Hill is the community that we call home. It follows naturally that where we live, work and play is where we provide our services to friends and neighbors. This is the community where we were raised and have chosen to raise our families.

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