



HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL BEACON

DECEMBER 2010

Meet your new Community Association board



Left to right, back row: Robby Sidhu, Mara Grunau, Norm Anderson, Gunter Sammet, Emmanuel Malterre, Terry Woods, Ald. Druh Farrell, Russell McWilliam. Seated: Carol Sandahl, Kevin Taylor, Tejinder Paul Sidhu, David Winkler.

It's going to be a good year in Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill. Last month's annual general meeting of the community association attracted a turn-out that packed the board room (we're hoping we need to use the gym next year!) and elected a board of directors that blends experience and continuity with new faces and ideas. And there's room for one more director on the board, so let us know if you want to get involved (contact info on page 2).

Kellie Johnston, who joined the board shortly after moving to the neighbourhood two years ago, has agreed to lead it as president this year. You may remember her work leading the NeighbourWoods tree-planting campaign in 2009, and she has been actively involved in other projects, including traffic calming and community clean-up. Kellie has expressed an interest in doing some visioning for the community to take advantage of new opportunities to grow and improve the neighbourhood.

Also returning to the board are Carol Sandahl, who moves from her long-time slot as Programs Director to 1st Vice-President, and Norm Anderson, who chairs the Strategic Planning

- Calendar of Events -

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

- Community Board Meetings**
Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10 at 7 pm,
Community Boardroom
- Playschool, Kindergarten and
Briar Hill School Open House**
Monday, Jan. 10, 5:30 - 7 pm
(see page 12 - 13)
- Tots' Time Play Group**
Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 am,
Community Gym
- Women's Soccer Night**
Thursday nights, 8 - 9 pm until Dec. 20,
Community Gym
- Family Open Gym Nights**
Fridays, 6:30 – 8 pm, Community Gym

Committee and accepted his nomination as 2nd Vice-President.

We will miss long-time board member Phil Johnson, who is retiring from the board this year. Phil chaired the Sears Gas Plume committee for the many years it has taken to get a remediation plant in place in Lions Park (discussion on this issue began in 2001), as well as co-chairing the Facilities Committee with Gunter Sammet. Gunter returns to the board for 2011 and will continue to be responsible for staffing and scheduling for the CA gym and boardroom, now co-chairing the

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HHBH Community Association Board

President	Kellie Johnston	475-3763
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Director	Kevin Taylor	863-4445
Director	David Winkler	680-7231

Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the second 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

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

Beacon Submissions to: Barbara Green, Editor

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Deadline for submissions for next issue: January 15, 2011

Beacon Ads: hhbhacct@telus.net

Hall/Gym Bookings: Andrea.Schmidt.09@gmail.com or 282-6634

Website: www.hh-bh.ca

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.

Your New Board *cont'd from page 1*

Facilities Committee with new board member Robby Sidhu, who will take over responsibility for facility maintenance. Robby's name may sound familiar, and it should – not only did he grow up in our neighbourhood, but his dad, Tejinder Paul Sidhu, is a long-time board member who will be back this year as well. So will Emmanuel Malterre, who is taking over as chair of the gas plume committee.

Mara Grunau returns to the board but plans to move from her long-time position as Education Director (where she liaises between the CA and its ancillary groups, the playschool and kindergarten located in Briar Hill School) to the secretary position. Mara has agreed to continue coordinating the monthly reports between the groups until a replacement has been found – thanks, Mara!

Terry Woods returns to the board and continues as chair of the Land Use committee, which is becoming a very interesting job – development permit applications are still down compared to the heyday a few years ago, but as our neighbourhood is changing, there is more discussion about new developments.

Russell McWilliam got more than he bargained for last spring when he joined the board, immediately being appointed Treasurer. We're happy to have him back in that position again this year.

As for new faces, we're excited to welcome Kevin Taylor, Robby Sidhu and David Winkler to the board.

You don't have to be a board member to attend meetings – feel free to drop in at any meeting to observe or participate in a particular discussion. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the community hall boardroom.



Kellie Johnston (who led the 2009 NeighbourWoods tree-planting campaign) will be the new board President.

Job Posting

HHBH Board Assistant

The Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Community Association seeks a diplomatic, organized individual to be their Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper. This is a part-time contract position. Working with little to no supervision, the candidate will be responsible for bookkeeping (including payroll), managing gym bookings and staff scheduling, taking minutes at Community Association board meetings and overall document management. Other duties include researching and completing grant applications, providing information on advertising in the Beacon and invoicing advertisers, website management, drafting correspondence and liaising with many outside organizations. For more information, please check out our website at: www.hh-bh.ca.

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Your Board Reports on a great year in 2010

Education Committee

AGM Report Submitted by Mara Grunau

Kindergarten

By Pam Schebel

The HHBH Community Kindergarten program has been part of our community since the late 1950s. It was originally housed in the HHBH Community Association building in the library parking lot. It is an ancillary group of the HHBH Community Association along with the Playschool, which reflects the strong ties both of these programs have to our community. All families in the kindergarten program are HHBH Community Association members.

The HHBH Community Kindergarten is licensed, approved and subsidized by Alberta Education. The curriculum is set by Alberta Education, but the daily operations are controlled by the parent-run Local Advisory Council, under the HHBH Community Association Board. The Kindergarten has consistently operated with a balanced budget. There is a Community Liaison position on the Local Advisory Council to communicate directly with the Education Director from the HHBH Community Association, as well as a School Liaison position which communicates with Briar Hill School.

Our teacher is Mrs. Barb Scratch (B.Ed), who is also a resident of Hounslow Heights/Briar Hill. She has taught our program for more than 20 years and is respected by students and parents alike. Our Kindergarten program offers many benefits beyond those offered by the Calgary Board of Education programs including a full-time teacher's assistant, more learning hours, more field trips and other program enhancements. The students are also supported in the classroom by an educational assistant, Pauline Stafford. She has been with this program for a number of years.

The Kindergarten began offering an afternoon program as well as a morning program in the 2003/04 school year. This year there are 36 children in the program: 20 in the morning and 16 in the afternoon.

Playschool

By Danielle Cregg

The Hounslow Heights/Briar Hill Parent-Child Cooperative Playschool has been in operation since 1970 and is one of the oldest in Calgary. It is an ancillary group of the HHBH Community Association of which all participating Playschool families are members.

The Playschool structure incorporates the early childhood provincial standards and is regulated and licensed by Alberta Health Services and Alberta Child and Youth Services.

The philosophy of the Playschool is that children aged 3 to 5 years, learn through "free play." Each child explores at their own pace within a positive enriched environment of trust and respect. The Playschool goals are:

- 1) To encourage each child to develop socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, morally and creatively.
- 2) To nurture self-respect, self-control, self-expression and responsibility for self.
- 3) To promote respect for others and the environment.
- 4) To expand the knowledge base, interest and problem solving in mathematics, science, social science and language arts through play.
- 5) To expand experiences and interest through special activities such as music, movement, drama, physical education, stories and visitors.

An Executive Parent-Teacher Committee including one member who liaises with the Community Association governs the Playschool. It has consistently operated a balanced budget. One full-time teacher, Vicki Martin (ECE III), and one part-time teacher, Julia Lok (B.A., ECE II), are employed to teach and facilitate the children. Vicki has been with us for five years now and Julia came to us new this year after teaching in other preschools for six years and working with special needs children.

The Playschool offers two-day, three-day and five-day per week programs with both morning and afternoon classes. This year there are currently 60 children enrolled

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Your Board Reports

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with 19 MWF am, 16 MWF pm, 13 T/TH am and 12 T/TH pm. Currently, the three day MWF afternoon class is accepting registrants.

Facility Committee

AGM Report by Phil Johnson

Mandate: To operate and maintain the community gym facility

Members: Phil Johnson (maintenance)(chair), Gunter Sammet (staffing, scheduling)

Meetings: Ad hoc, when needed we meet at the gym.

Summary of Activities:

- Terry Hladun and Andrea Schmidt have taken care of scheduling of renters and staff, and staff payroll. Thanks Terry and Andrea - we couldn't do this without you!
- The gym is well used both by community groups and outside users from Sept. through May. The gym is booked weekdays from 9 am to 12 pm and from 4 or 5 pm to 10 or 11 pm. On Saturdays the gym is booked from 8:30 am to 10 pm and on Sundays from 9 am to 10:30 pm. During the summer it is always harder to rent the gym, although badminton continues on weekday mornings and there are some evening basketball groups, basketball camps and special events.
- The gym made a profit of \$25,866 (unaudited).
- The major maintenance projects this year were replacing the carpet in the boardroom and coat/change room, and recoating the gym floor. Half of the cost of replacing the carpet was covered by a City capital conservation grant. The recoating of the gym floor was considered to be routine maintenance and was not covered by a grant.

Land Use Committee

AGM Report by Terry Woods

Mandate: To review and comment on development permit applications in the community;
To provide feedback to the City on residents' concerns regarding a proposal;
To provide support or comments and feedback on appeals.

Members: Terry Woods (chair), Gunter Sammet, Barb Scott, Darryl Bourne, Doug Bush, Emmanuel Malterre, Mandy Donovan, Tanis and Patrick Fenton

Meetings: Monthly, the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the community boardroom.

Summary of Activities:

It's been a slow but steady year, with 14 applications for development permits to date compared to 13 last year. There have been some controversial proposals, two of which have gone to appeal:

At 1943 Briar Crescent, a proposal for an overly large home on the bluff was initially approved with amendments by the city. However, the approval was appealed by the rest of the street residents and they won.

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Land Use Report cont'd from page 5

At 1616 – 11 Ave, a proposal for subdivision into two 40-foot lots, which although technically legal was strongly opposed by the rest of the street’s residents and they successfully appealed it.

Programs

AGM Report by Carol Sandahl

Mandate: To facilitate the running of community programs. We define a Community Program as a not-for-profit event that adds social or recreational value to this community and has 50% community resident participation.

Members: Carol Sandahl (chair)

Summary of Activities:

• Our largest community program and membership drive is Outdoor Spring Soccer; the coordinator is Terry Killackey. This spring there were 176 players signed up, 168 played in our community on 19 teams from U5 to U12. Eight U14 and U16 players joined teams in other communities. For the coming season Terry will

be replacing the community uniforms worn by the U8s and up.

- This year Brenda Domeij organized a Community Green Space Clean-Up. We would like to make this a yearly event for the first Saturday in June. This year it was June 5 and was under the Adopt-a-Park program, as Green Initiatives and all the equipment including gloves were loaned by the City. Brenda choose to limit it to green spaces north of 12 Avenue; next year we hope to expand the areas to clean.
- The Community Association sponsors a yearly appreciation event for all community volunteers, now called Community Appreciation Night. This year we hosted this event on the evening of Green Space Clean-Up.
- We hosted our 6th annual Stampede Breakfast in Green Park Saturday, July 17, the second Saturday of Stampede. This event gets better each year.
- Tot’s Time Playgroup is continuing Monday mornings in the gym 9:30 - 11:30 am excluding holidays September to May. Contact information is in the Beacon.

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Bags of Love **Calgary Central Church** 1920 - 13 Avenue NW, Calgary 403-289-0196

Please help us support the "Bags of Love" program for displaced children in our city. If you would like to participate in this program, teddy bears, quilts or monetary donations would be gratefully accepted. We would also appreciate any donations of scrap material, particularly cotton for the quilts, corduroy or drapery material for the bags, buttons, etc.

Donations may be made dropped off at the
Central Church address above (please call for business hours)
or please call Charlynn Cundliffe at 697-9727
for pick up.



Your Board Reports

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- Indoor Soccer has a new coordinator this year, Eve Ackroyd. The teams are: U8, U10, U12 girls, U12 boys, U14 girls, and U14 boys. All teams practice in the gym and the U10s and up play games in either of the two soccer domes. The seeding rounds are being played now.
- Youth Badminton is coordinated by Lorne Cowan and split into two age groups: 10 to 12 year olds on Mondays, 5:30 to 7 pm and 12 to 15 year olds on Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 pm.
- Ladies Indoor Soccer has Norma Dougall as the coach and runs Thursday 8 – 9 pm. Drop-ins are encouraged at \$5 or \$40 for the session for HHBH Community Association members.
- There is free Family Gym Night for HHBH Community Association members Fridays, 6:30 – 8 pm.
- The 6th annual fall Community Clean-up was Saturday, Oct. 17. Brenda Domeij did a fabulous job organizing the event, and the participation has dramatically increased, especially in the give-and-take area.
- Lorne Cowan approached the board last year about installing an Adult Outdoor Fitness Park and with the help of Norma Dougall and financial support from the CA (from casino funds), it was installed south of the gym this summer. The grand opening was September 26, and it's been busy ever since.
- Money has been allocated for a dedicated water hook-up for the outdoor skating rink in Green Park, because we have been told we can no longer use the fire hydrant to flood the rink. We are waiting for information from our City Representative about how best to proceed.

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: hbbhacct@telus.net.

Sears Gas Plume Committee

AGM Report by Phil Johnson

Mandate: In conjunction with Alberta Environment and the Calgary Health Region, to investigate and monitor the activities of Sears remediation of the hydrocarbon plume that has migrated into the Hounsfield Heights community.

Members: Phil Johnson, Emmanuel Malterre

Meetings: Alberta Environment has not convened any meetings with the stakeholders this past year. The Committee gets monthly phone updates from Sears consultants and has spoken with Alberta Environment several times.

Summary of Activities:

- The remediation facility in Lions Park has been sitting idle for nearly two years while Sears prepares for startup. The facility actually ran for about a week in October, but did not meet the City's noise bylaw guidelines. It is now being monitored.
- Now that the remediation plan has been approved, Alberta Environment does not hold regular progress meetings with Sears and the stakeholders. Alberta Environment expects reports when Sears has reached certain milestones in the remediation project.
- Sears consultants will present updated monitoring reports to Alberta Environment, Calgary Health Region, the City, and the Community Association every six months.
- Within the community there are still five monitor wells with free-weathered gasoline sitting on the aquifer (plus one well which was not monitored but previously had free gasoline). The current thickness of the weathered gasoline varies from 0.001m to 0.475m. There are seven wells with groundwater hydrocarbon contaminants above Alberta Environment's Tier 1 guidelines (plus two wells which previously were above the guidelines but were not monitored).
- The remediation will go on until uncontaminated water is being recovered.

Your Board Reports

Traffic Calming Committee

AGM Report by Denny Kwan and Kellie Johnston

Mandate: To collect traffic concerns from residents and forward to the City of Calgary to provide support for a traffic study in the community.

Members: Denny Kwan and Kellie Johnston

Meetings: June 2010

Summary of Activities:

- In order to compile a list of traffic issues, notices were placed in the Beacon throughout the fall and winter.
- In June of 2010, a meeting was held at the Community Hall; residents voiced concerns and various actions were suggested. In this regard:
- It was suggested that Traffic Complaint Forms as provided by the City should be filled out with all of the complaints received from residents to date. Forms are required to be signed by the Community Liaison Officer and Alderman Farrell. The forms have been signed by Officer Levesque and will be forwarded to Alderman Farrell.
- Once the forms are signed, they will be put together with a covering letter and forwarded to the City in support of a traffic study in HHBH community.
- In addition, it was suggested that an electronic traffic speed recorder be placed on 14 Avenue and 12 Avenue to assess speed in the community. This will be done in 2011 in order to help to determine if speed is an issue in the community or if the speed limit (50 kph) in the area is too high.
- In the summer of 2010, an electronic speed display was placed on 12 Avenue in the playground zone to provide awareness that it was a playground zone and to display the speed of vehicles to the drivers.
- The Traffic Calming Committee will continue to collect concerns from residents and forward signed forms to the City as necessary to show the City that the concern in HHBH community is enough to warrant a traffic study.



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Community policing

Report crime online

Your guide to the Calgary Police Service Online Report System

*Submitted by Cst. Eric Levesque
Community Liaison Officer*

Constable Levesque attended the HHBH Community Association board's October meeting and reported that break-ins are in the rise in our neighbourhood. He said the best way to cut down on these incidents is for residents to add their eyes and ears to those of the police – if they're notified when there is suspicious activity or unfamiliar people are in the neighbourhood, they have a chance to prevent crime rather than trying to track down stolen goods after the fact. Here is a quick guide to who to call about what:



**Constable Eric Levesque
Community Liaison Officer
Calgary Police Service
District 3, 567-6300**

Did you know that you can report certain types of crimes to the Calgary Police Service online? When you use the CPS Citizen Online Police Report System, you can submit a report about a crime immediately and print a copy of the police report for free.

When you use the quick and easy online reporting system, it can help you by providing reports for your records. It also helps the police to identify and address crime trends in your area.

What can I report online?

The online reporting system currently takes reports about the following crimes, as long as their value is less than \$5,000 (Canadian), there's no known suspect, and the incident happened within Calgary's city limits:

- Lost Property
- Theft
- Damage/Mischief to Property
- Theft from Vehicle
- Damage/Mischief to Vehicle

When should I call police instead?

- Emergencies, including crimes in progress (always call 9-1-1 for emergencies)
- Crimes where there's a known suspect
- Crimes where someone broke into your house or business
- Motor vehicle collisions
- Theft or attempted theft of a vehicle or vehicle license plate

- Theft or loss of a firearm
- Theft or loss of a passport, Visa immigration document, citizenship card or government-issued funds

Please report incidents like these by phone using the police general number at **266-1234**, or in person at your local police district office (we're District 3).

How do I report a crime online?

To report crime online, go to www.calgarypolice.ca, and click on "Citizen Online Police Report System." Follow the screen prompts to fill in the information and submit your report. If you have a problem with the system, there's 24-hour support available at 206-8318.

When you're finished, you can print a copy of the police report to keep for your records. Police will review your case, and will contact you if needed.

ATCO Gas extends meter-reading hours

ATCO Gas will now be reading meters until 8 pm Monday to Friday and 4 pm on Saturdays in the City of Calgary. ATCO Gas staff visiting customers' homes will wear photo identification that includes the company logo.

If customers do have a question, they can contact ATCO Gas at 245-7888.



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	
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The Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill gym and board room schedule can now be viewed online at www.hh-bh.ca. We are planning on adding improvements to the site over the coming months.

A message from our elementary school's new principal
Lighting the fire of learning at Briar Hill School

By Steven Klukas
 BHS Principal

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

At Briar Hill School we have a highly competent and caring staff who work hard to help their students learn using a variety of approaches, and this fall we have seen "fires" of learning and engagement spreading throughout our school. I would like to share a few highlights with you:

-In September, all students in the school had an opportunity to work with Ewa Sniatycka, a Canadian artist who will be returning to our school in the New Year to do a residency. In this initial phase of her work with us, students learned to look more closely at various objects and explored the properties of lines in sketching.

-In October, two of our grade 2/3 classes participated in the Open Minds program at the Telus World of

Science. This program involved each class working at the science centre for a full week, where students not only had the opportunity to explore the exhibits but also worked in the on-site classroom with their teachers and the program staff. Much of their work was very hands-on, and a great time was had by all.

-On November 2 our students ran with Martin Parnell as part of his quest to run 250 marathons in 2010 to raise funds for the charity "Right to Play."

-Throughout this month our school community has been making donations to the "Fill the Food Banks" campaign sponsored by Shaw and Campbell Canada. The driver from the food bank was surprised by the

size of our donation when he came to pick up the food. Thank you for your contributions!

-Later this month our final grade 2/3 class will be going to the Glenbow Museum for a full week to participate in another Open Minds program, Museum School.

-Some students in grade 4/5 have taken on the leadership role in a "How to Play" initiative with City of Calgary Parks and Recreation.

These are just a few examples of the excellent learning experiences that have taken place at Briar Hill this fall. As you can see, we have a wonderful school where the fires of learning are burning brightly!

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**Hounsfield Heights -
Briar Hill Community
Kindergarten**

**OPEN HOUSE &
REGISTRATION**

Monday, January 10, 2011
Registration begins at 5:30 pm

Open House 5:30 - 7 pm
Room 11, Briar Hill School
1233 - 21 St N.W.

- MEET** the Teacher and parents of children currently in the program
- SEE** the classroom and sample work of current students
- REGISTER** your child for Kindergarten (2011/12)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Children must be 5 on or before March 1, 2012.

- TO REGISTER, please bring:**
- **Completed registration form** (forms will also be available at the Open House)
 - **Chequebook to pay the \$65 non-refundable registration fee** (this includes \$20 Community Membership fee which is required)
 - **Original birth certificate of the child**
 - **Alberta Health Care number of the child**

Registration forms will be available online mid-December at
www.hhbhkindergarten.ca/registration.html
OR outside the classroom

For more information, contact the Kindergarten at 220-9775.



**Hounsfield Heights/
Briar Hill
Parent-Child
Cooperative Playschool**

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

We are located in
Briar Hill School, Rm. 13
1233 - 21 St. NW

Phone: 210-5126
www.hhbhplayschool.ca

- **Open House**
Monday, January 10 from 5:30 - 7 pm
 - **2nd Open House**
Wednesday, February 23 from 7 - 8:30 pm
 - **Pre-registration begins**
Thursday, February 24 from 7 - 8:30 pm
 - **General registration**
Thursday, March 3 from 7 - 8 pm
- General registration throughout the year



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Community Clean-Up

New additions to a community tradition made a great Clean-Up

By Brenda Domeij

Our fall Community Clean-up day is now an HHBH tradition. What a great day we had on October 16. Those that volunteered had fun and those that took advantage of the services were happy – truly the successful recipe for this annual community event.

It is our sixth year participating in this worthwhile community program sponsored by the City of Calgary. A new feature this year was electronics recycling, with the help of Technotrash Alberta, and we greatly appreciated their representative being so extremely helpful – he worked with us all day.

Leapfrog Salvage hauled away our scrap metal items. We had at least three to four times more metal this year than last year, which was the first time we offered metal collection.

Special thanks to Kellie Johnston for coordinating and overseeing our give-and-take section. It continues as a highlight – we all enjoy a newfound treasure for free and the chance to clear up space in our own homes while giving good items new life. Our green space benefited from attention too.

If you are interested in volunteering for the community but prefer a stand-alone activity, please consider co-chairing this event with me next year with the intention to assume responsibility for the event in 2012. I will be documenting the steps required. It truly is not a huge effort. Please call me at 289-4050. I look forward to hearing from you!

We greatly appreciate all of you who took advantage of this event. Make sure you mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011 – next year's date (to be confirmed).

See you all next year!

Ed. Note: A huge thank you from all of us to Brenda for organizing this event once again ... community members now look forward to it each fall, and the Beacon received several inquiries about when it would take place. If you'd like to make a positive impact on our community, please do consider joining the team for next year! And here's one more Thank-You!

A big 'Thank You' goes to all the volunteers from both our HHBH and Banff Trail communities...

Our truck/trailer providers/drivers:

Denny Kwan	Jim Roberts
Ed Pratt	Carol Sandahl

Our truck assistants, parking lot monitors, give-and-take organizers and green space helpers:

Nancy Boa	Kellie Johnston	Emmanuel Malterre
Dana Galuszka	John Kirkland	Laura Morrison
Mara Grunau	Devry Lafferty	Bonnie Pratt
Laura Helfrich	Mike Legge	Rick Schulze
Cindy Johnson	Brian Loach	Lynn Wilsack
Phil Johnson	Steve MacKinnon	

(My apologies to any of you that I may have missed.)

Hi:

Thanks so much for having the scrap metal picked up from my neighbour. I am also pleased that the other discarded items were also removed.

Please extend my thanks to all the volunteers that make this clean-up day happen. I look forward to it each year as an opportunity to improve the neighbourhood and pass on my unwanted items to new owners.

Thanks again.

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Friday & Saturday from
10 am - 5 pm

Sunday from
12 pm - 5 pm

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December

NEW in the Community: If you haven't checked it out already, right behind the Louise Riley Library's Program Center is a new outdoor fitness park for adults! Now that you can so conveniently work on strengthening your legs, arms and core, you'll be able to carry home more library books!



NEW in the Library: We now have a growing Blu-ray disc collection at the Library. Blu-ray is the new format meant to supersede the DVD format. 'Blu-ray' refers to the blue laser that is used to read the disc. A Blu-ray disc has a storage capacity five times greater than DVD disc!

Renewals: Need that cook book for just one more recipe? Did you know you can now renew your items up to four times? Renewals can be made online at calgarypubliclibrary.com (you'll need your Library card number and pin number) or by calling 262-2928 (you will need to provide your card number over the phone).

Worth your salt: Have you checked out our website lately? Now is a great time of year to do so – especially if you are an epicurean at heart! The holidays are a time for trying out new recipes and new flavours as well as for finding the perfect traditional recipe

to share with friends and family. Check out our "Food Blog" on the main page at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com. It always has something delicious and new to try out as well as sharing the titles and links to the books that contain some of these amazing recipes, so you can borrow them! It's definitely "worth your salt"!

Going away? Did you know if you're going on a holiday you can suspend your holds? This doesn't cancel them, you keep your place in line for the book - it just makes sure that your book doesn't arrive while you're away! Ask about suspending your holds next time you're at the library!

Seniors A GOGO: They're back again with another great performance! Seniors A GOGO presents funny and heartbreaking theatrical presentations that speak to the experience of sexuality after 60. Co-sponsored by Calgary Sexual Health Centre. Contact the library for info on the next session. Ages 50+.

Closures in December: The Library will be closed on Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 We will have limited hours on Dec. 24.

Closures in January: The Library will be closed on Jan. 1.

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!



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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

This is a reminder that Residential Parking Zone W permits **expire December 31, 2010**. You may obtain your year 2011/2012 permits beginning **November 1** from the Calgary Parking Authority. Your permits may be renewed in one of the following ways:

1. The permit may be picked up at our office at the address listed below. The bylaw requires that you present a **valid ALBERTA vehicle registration for each vehicle requiring a permit**, showing the correct address within the restricted zone.
PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION!!
2. If you wish, you may mail or fax a photocopy of your **entire valid vehicle registration(s)** along with a copy of some other **proof of address**, such as a cable or utility bill (driver's license does not fax well). We will mail your permit to you. See address and fax number below. Be sure to allow enough time for mailing.

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It is your responsibility to renew your permits in a timely manner in order to avoid receiving a parking violation tag.

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10 lessons

Cost: \$80.00
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for non-community members

Location: HHBH Community Gym
1922-14th Ave NW
(Next to North Hill Mall)

Registration:

Starting December 1, 2010



- 1:6 Coach to student ratio
- Coaches are Level 1 & 2 qualified by Badminton Alberta

**For information call: Theresa
Phone: 289-0921
Email: Lorne2@telus.net**

Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill (HH/BH)

TOT'S TIME PLAYGROUP

Come check us out!!

When: Mondays, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Begins September 13th

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



HOUNSFIELD HTS / BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY WOMEN'S SOCCER NIGHT

Tired of watching the kids have all the fun?
Come try women's soccer at the community gym.

When: Thursday nights, 8 - 9 pm,
runs until Dec. 20

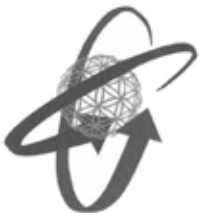
Where: Briar Hill Gym

Cost: \$40 (community members),
\$60 (non members)

Each session begins with warm-up and drills/skills, then a scrimmage for the rest of the hour.

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For more information call
Norma: 289-3130 or Carol: 289-5851



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With the holiday season approaching, Animal & Bylaw Services strongly encourages you to give Animal Services' gift certificates instead. We believe that choosing a pet is an important personal decision. Owning a pet is a responsibility for the lifetime of that animal; therefore, a lot of time and care should be taken when entering into a decision. Our gift certificates are valid for one year from the date of purchase in order to provide potential pet owners with the time to choose the cat or dog that best fits their home and lifestyle.

Not only are Animal Services' gift certificates available in any denomination, they don't have to be used solely for

adopting a pet. They can also be used for the purchase of cat or dog licences. All cats and dogs in Calgary must be licensed at three months of age. Part of being a responsible pet owner is licensing your pet and providing permanent identification. A licence helps to ensure that Animal Services is able to reunite a lost pet with his owners. Licence fees also support all the work we do such as our adoption program, volunteer program, drive home program, educational programs and the operation of our clinic.

Gifts in a responsible way will help to lessen the number of unwanted animals in our city and will encourage your loved one to be a responsible pet owner.

For more information on our gift certificates, adopting an animal or licensing a pet, call 3-1-1, visit calgary.ca/animalservices or visit the Animal Services Centre at 2201 Portland Street SE, during business hours.



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Trees and Alleys

With the roll-out of the new black carts by Waste & Recycling Services that started mid-October, this is a good time to remind homeowners to keep their trees trimmed to allow for proper garbage collection and the passage of vehicles accessing the alley.

Under the Street Bylaw 20M88, no owner or occupant of a premises can allow trees, hedges or shrubs that overhang their property, to interfere with vehicles using the alley. This allows trucks to properly collect your garbage, as well as the unobstructed passage of other City or emergency vehicles if required. Animal & Bylaw Services asks that any overhanging vegetation be trimmed back to the property line up to a height of 4.6 metres or 15 feet.

Animal & Bylaw Services and Waste & Recycling Services thank Calgarians for their cooperation.





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.

Being that this is an area in the city we love, it is also fitting that we love to sell this community. As much as we sell homes, it is also true that we sell communities. And while we align the needs of our clients with properties, it is common for us to find ourselves promoting the part of this city we call home.



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