



HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL BEACON

SUMMER 2011

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- Calendar of Events -

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

- Community Board Meetings**
Thurs., June 9 at 6:30 pm
Community Boardroom
No summer meetings;
next one is Sept. 8, 7 pm
- Summer Solstice Block Party**
Sat., June 18, 6 pm
20 St. between 12 and 14 Ave.
- Stampede Breakfast**
Sat., July 16, 9 – 11 am, Green Park
- Park N Play/Stay N Play**
August 15 – 19, 10 am – 3:30 pm,
Green Park
- Fall Community Clean-Up**
Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 am – 1:30 pm
- HHBH Community Kindergarten
Party**
Sat., Oct. 1,
Community Gym and Grounds



HUGS for Africa from HHBH

Two of our neighbours
make a difference in the
lives of Kenyan children.
See story, page 6.

A Reminder to...

Renew your CA membership!

Fill out the membership registration form online and pay by Paypal, or print the form and submit it with a cheque.

Or fill out the membership form on page 12 of this newsletter and drop it off or mail it along with a cheque (CA address on page 2).



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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

Phone: 282-6634 (voice mail)

Email: hh-bh-communityassociation@hotmail.com

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

Beacon Submissions to: Barbara Green, Editor

email: thebeacon2005@hotmail.com

Deadline for submissions for next issue: September 15, 2011

Beacon Ads: hhbhacct@telus.net

Boardroom/Gym Bookings: bookings@hh-bh.ca or 282-6634

Website: www.hh-bh.ca

Boardroom/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 be viewed online at www.hh-bh.ca.

HHBH U14 Girls Soccer Synergy Takes Silver

By Gokhan Coskuner



Briar Hill Synergy Team Members:

Front row (l-r): Megan, Anna, Arden, Sophie, Katlin, Deniz; Middle: Olivia, Back row (l-r): Mckenna, Samara, Laura, Karlee. Missing : Zoe, Sophie W., Taylor

The Briar Hill U14 girls indoor soccer team, Synergy, participated in Calgary Minor Soccer League during the 2010/11 season.

Coached by Trevor Ramage and Bevin Wirzba and managed by Barb Bjarnason, the girls continued the tradition of being the strongest team during the regular season and only lost one game.

The Synergy girls played very well during the city finals but unfortunately lost the last game and won the silver medal.

The same team was the best team in the city last year in the U12 category and won the gold medal. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them continued success next year.

Ed. Note: The Beacon regrets missing the chance to celebrate the girls' great season earlier. Thanks to Gokhan for bringing the team's accomplishments to our attention and submitting this article and photo. If you know of a newsworthy event, please let us know at thebeacon2005@hotmail.com or 282-6634. Thanks !

Welcome!

Caroline Pankewich is our new HHHB Community Association Board Assistant. She can be reached at: admin@hh-bh.ca

The Beacon needs you!

The Beacon is your community newsletter – and it takes a community to build it.

How would you like to be part of putting it together?

We're looking for writers, editors and photographers, as well as for tips about community events to cover.

In particular, the Beacon could use an associate editor who could help write and edit stories, help with proofing and production and act as back-up to the editor.

For more information, call 282-6634 or email thebeacon2005@hotmail.com.

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**Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill
Community Kindergarten**

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**Treasurer
needed**

Your Community Association board has room for one or two more directors, and in particular we are in need of a Treasurer. If you've been thinking about getting involved and have a way with numbers, we'd love to hear from you! (CA Contact information, page 2.)



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Community Clean-Up Day

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Time: 9 am to 1:30 pm

Place: Parking Lot
West of Louise Riley Library
at the corner of
19 St. and 14 Ave. NW



(enter the library parking lot, then follow the drive around the north side of the library)

Community Clean Up is a Great Opportunity to:

Dispose of large items: The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services sponsors a unique community program by providing two packer trucks. Residents can bring unwanted household goods and yard waste (things that might otherwise fill your basement, yard, street or alley) to the pick-up site.

Recycle: We will also have electronic recycling and scrap metal recycling.

Exchange: There will be a 'Give and Take' section where you can leave or take anything that may still be of some use. (We can only take items in the 'Give and Take' until 1:00 – please no dealers, this is a community service only.)

Clean: Our green spaces – there will be teams of volunteers tidying up as many local green spaces as we can get to. We're on the look-out for a Green Space Clean-Up Coordinator, so if you could help organize this aspect, please contact Brenda Domeij at 289-4050.

Contribute: To our community by volunteering to help organize, man booths or clean up.

What to leave at home (Items not accepted):

Tires * Household chemicals * Car Batteries * Propane Tanks *
Large-scale Furniture * Paint * Fridges * Freezers
Microwaves * Liquids

If you have questions or would like to help, contact:

For Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Residents:

Brenda Domeij at 289-4050

For Banff Trail Residents: John Kirkland at 651-2822

Celebrating 55 years of 5-year-olds

Please save the date for our Community Kindergarten's 55th Anniversary Party on Saturday, October 1.

We're still working out the time as well as lots of other fun details.

For more info or to be on the party planning committee, please contact Mara Grunau, mara@grunau.ca

Have your say!

The 2011 Neighbourhood Survey is now available at www.calgarycommunities.com.

It is a short survey that you can fill out online that will help all of the not-for-profit organizations that support communities in Calgary.

This year there are ten \$200 gift certificates that you will be entered into a draw for, just for taking five minutes to fill out the survey. Plus, you will help to make Calgary a place that everyone is proud to call home.

If you think that Calgary is a neighbourly place, or if you feel your community can be improved, we want to know. Everyone's opinion is important.

Get community news online

- Did you know you can receive the
- Beacon and other community no-
- tices by email? If you're interested,
- just send your email address to:
- admin@hh-bh.ca

HUGS for Africa from Hounsfield Heights

It's a long way from Hounsfield Heights to Kenya, but Terry and Mike Fleming cross it in a heartbeat.



Grandma Terry giving one of her welcomed HUGS!

It's where their adopted kids and grandkids live, as well as 12 more children they have helped feed, clothe and educate for the last three years.

The couple moved to Kenya for the first time in 1985 when Mike took on the job of setting up an electrical department of a new college there. "That was a wonderful experience – things are more difficult now," Terry Flem-

ing recalls. "Africa is a continent in crisis now. Security is much worse than it was, corruption is rampant and AIDS is destroying families – there are 2.3 million orphans in Kenya alone (a country of 39 million)."

Because the couple formed close ties with friends and effectively adopted the man and woman they had worked with, becoming first-time parents and then grandparents to Kenyans, they decided to move there as missionaries for the nondenominational Christian group Serving in Mission when Mike semi-retired from SAIT in 2008.

A Kenyan friend told them about a small orphanage in Kerugoya that was about to shut down due to lack of resources, and Terry and Mike stepped in to help.

"We wrote letters to friends and families, they responded

and we were able to get those children through the next three years," Terry recalls. She and Mike now spend six months each year living in Kenya, and recently helped all 12 children find foster homes and places

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"HUGS for Africa" ("HUGS") is a Christian ministry of compassion which is organized for the purpose of helping orphaned and vulnerable children and widows, especially those who are victims of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Our programs are designed to care for these needy individuals in a way that will demonstrate the love which God has for them.

Our vision is to:

- * identify disadvantaged individuals such as orphans, vulnerable children and women impacted by HIV/AIDS;
- * arrange for suitable accommodation for these individuals and to pay for their education and basic needs whether this be in an orphanage or in a foster home;
- * provide supervision, training and encouragement to caregivers to help them meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the children;
- * help those in our care to overcome the trauma and abuse that they have suffered due to HIV/AIDS or family violence.



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in good boarding schools. About half the kids are now living with destitute relatives, so helping to offset food costs in these households is an added benefit of the program.

Because providing the resources to meet all the food, clothing and school needs of a child is a big job, Terry and Mike have set up HUGS for Africa, a Christian charitable foundation which now has official charitable status.

“Our mandate is to help widows, orphans and vulnerable children,” she explains. “It costs about \$100 a month to support one child and supply all their food, clothing, medical and school expenses.”

That may sound high if you’ve been listening to ads that say you can take care of a child in a developing country for \$1 a day, but as Terry explains, “They’ve been saying that for 30 years – it can’t possibly still be the same amount. And while you may be able to supply all the basic food needs for a child for a year for that much, you certainly can’t also supply their school fees, clothes, books and other necessities.”

Because Terry and Mike are so personally committed to the work, they underwrite the cost of administering the charity, as well as their own six-month stays in Africa each year. They hope to widen their donor base enough to include siblings of the original 12 children they helped.

If you’re interested in finding out more about HUGS for Africa, check out the website at www.hugsforafrica.com.

Know a Great Volunteer in Our Community?

Nominate them today!

The Federation of Calgary Communities is celebrating 50 Years of Community Support’ with new awards that recognize and honour volunteers who give their time and talents to improve neighbourhood and community life in Calgary!

If you know an individual or group of volunteers making a difference in your community, give them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for one of these new awards. The four award categories include:

The ‘Be Part of It’ Group Award: Honouring a group of volunteers whose community contributions improve neighbourhood life and create a sense of belonging.

The Step Up Award: This award winner is someone who shoulders the responsibility for things that regularly go unnoticed. This individual steps-up to help out without hesitation.

The Spark Award: This is someone who engages people to be a part of their community and sparks a sense of excitement among residents.

The Community Builder Award: Recognizing people, organizations, or companies based in Calgary whose efforts have enhanced and made a significant difference to the quality of life in Calgary.

Help celebrate one of Calgary’s 20,000 community association volunteers today!

How does someone get nominated? By someone like you!

1. Complete the nomination form on our website at www.calgarycommunities.com
2. Attach any supporting documents
3. Send via mail, fax, or e-mail to:
 - Federation of Calgary Communities
 - Suite 301, 1609 – 14th Street SW
 - Calgary, AB T3C 1E4
 - Phone: (403) 244-4111
 - Fax: (403) 244-4129
 - E-mail: communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com

**The deadline to nominate a volunteer is Monday, July 4 2011

Black carts have arrived – now what?



Last month, residents in the north-west began receiving black carts for automated garbage collection.

Once you receive your black cart you can start using it immediately and set it out on your next collection day. There will be no change in service: put your normal garbage in your cart, and it will be collected on the same day and from the same spot as usual. Households must use their black cart to have their garbage collected and the service is provided at no additional cost to residents.

The carts are about the same size as the blue carts and can hold the equivalent of three or four standard garbage bags. Once you have filled your cart, any extra garbage can be left in bags next to your cart.

On garbage day, a truck equipped with a mechanical arm will pick up garbage from the black carts, resulting in a system that is safer, cleaner and more efficient. Automated garbage

collection reduces the need for heavy lifting and potential exposure to sharp objects, communities will be kept cleaner by reducing litter in lanes and streets, and the system is more efficient by using single-operator trucks.

Cart Placement Tips

- Leave one foot of space between your black and blue carts, and extra garbage bags.
- Park the wheels of your cart against the front curb or at least one foot from your back hedge or fence.
- Space your cart at least one metre away from obstacles on either side (e.g. parked cars, utility poles, fences).
- Ensure there is at least three metres of space above your cart.

Remember to pull your empty carts back on to your property or against your fence by 7 p.m. on your collection day, and avoid blocking traffic.

For more information about Black Cart automated garbage collection, visit calgary.ca/blackcart or call 3-1-1.

New playground for Hillhurst- Sunnyside:

Help build it on
June 18

The Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association has been awarded a new playground which will replace the one on the 5 Ave. perimeter.

The HSCA needs 150 volunteers to build this playground in ONE DAY – Saturday, June 18, 2011, from 8 am to 8 pm. For more information and to volunteer, please call Jay Michi at 283-0554, ext. 221, or email jay@hillhurstsunnyside.org.



Attention Long Time HHBH Residents!

The Federation of Calgary Communities 50th Anniversary Magazine Needs Your Help!

The Federation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, and in celebration a magazine will be published. The magazine will be filled with stories, photos, and quotes of neighbourhood life in Calgary over the past 50 years. We want YOU to fill the magazine with your memories of growing up in this great city!

Be a part of it and contact Rebecca Dakin at (403) 244-4111 ext. 204 or communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com to set up a one-on-one conversation or a group discussion with a group of people you know!

Seniors and students matched by Calgary Homeshare program

More than a third of HHBH residents are over 65, according to the 2010 civic census. That fact, combined with the neighbourhood's proximity to the University of Calgary and SAIT Polytechnic, make it the perfect place for match-ups between seniors looking for a little help around the house and students looking for an affordable place to live while they study.

These are the kind of mutually beneficial matches Calgary Homeshare Program was designed to facilitate. An initiative of Calgary Seniors' Resource Society funded by the United Way of Calgary, Calgary Homeless Foundation and a United Way Special Gift Donor, Calgary Homeshare was set up to match seniors who are willing to provide low-cost housing for students in exchange for four to 10 hours of help each week.

"We're looking to create good matches, and the key is compatibility," says program manager Sandra Rhead. "What does the senior want help with? Maybe they like the flowers, but are tired of doing the gardening. Perhaps they can't climb up on a chair and change a light bulb, or they'd just feel more secure with another pair of eyes and ears around the house – young ears that work really well!"

Depending on how much assistance the homeowner would like and the space being offered, program guidelines suggest that students pay between \$100 and \$400 per month for accommodation.

The range of services students can offer include:

- ❖ Meal preparation
- ❖ Housework
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Laundry
- ❖ Snow removal
- ❖ Yard work and gardening
- ❖ Grocery shopping and errands
- ❖ Minor home maintenance
- ❖ Companionship
- ❖ Pet care
- ❖ Medical reminders or monitoring
- ❖ Watering plants
- ❖ Basic computer skills training

"A student could easily save thousands of dollars a year by doing the same tasks for a senior that they'd be doing anyway if they lived elsewhere," says Rhead. "In addition, students can note the experience on their resume and if attending the U of C, it may qualify for co-curricular credits."

Feedback from seniors in matches already made by Homeshare indicate that the biggest benefit is having someone handy, right there in the house, to help with little things. Some seniors don't have family close at hand, and others worry about asking too much of their adult children, Rhead explains. And even if the rent paid is relatively low, it can make a difference: one homeowner said she now has money to buy birthday presents for the grandchildren.

Because the idea of bringing an unfamiliar young person into your home can be stressful, Homeshare provides a screening, matching and facilitation service. Students provide references

and a current police check, and Homeshare introduces potential matches, but the parties decide for themselves if the proposed match is good.



Homeshare also helps with the process of articulating a contract between the homeowner and the student that spells out expectations on both sides.

Seniors have to be comfortable setting their terms, and we assist with that, and then we stay involved to support both parties and to change or alter the agreement as time passes and situations change," Rhead says. "Also, each Homeshare agreement is as unique as the people involved. The agreements can be short-term or long-term. They can change with the season. It really depends on what individuals want."

Calgary Homeshare matches homeowners and students all year round and is always striving to build its pool of seniors and students – if you're interested, this is a great time to join.

For more information, call 266-6200 or visit www.calgaryseniors.org.

Community Policing

Attention:

Help Stop Graffiti/Vandalism

Graffiti can take many forms, but it's essentially words, figures, letters or drawings that are scribbled, scratched or sprayed on a surface without the consent of the property owner, and it's a serious problem. It causes property damage, encourages more graffiti/vandalism and other crime, and it can also create an expensive clean-up problem for the property owner.

That's why the Calgary Police Service and the City of Calgary Animal and Bylaw Services offer these tips for dealing with graffiti/vandalism:

Record: location, type of property, message, date and time first noticed, take a photo of vandalism.

Report: online: www.calgarypolice.ca and/or call City of Calgary by calling 311. If you see it in progress, call 911 or report tips anonymously through Calgary Crime Stoppers by phone at 262-8477 or 1-800-222-8477, or online at www.ttttips.com (submit a tip). All photos or questions may be directed to the Graffiti/Vandalism Unit by e-mail to cpsgraffiti@calgarypolice.ca or by calling 206-8324.

Remove: The City of Calgary requires that graffiti be removed within 72 hours. Quick removal reduces the recognition factor for the originator as well as the tendency for others to "reply" on or near the original site, and sends a message to offenders that defacing property is not acceptable.

Painting over graffiti is often the easiest and most cost-effective way to remove it. ICI Paints and Cloverdale, in partnership with the City of Calgary, offer discounts on graffiti/paint remover and paint-over products through the Graffiti Abatement Program. Check the City of Calgary's website at http://www.calgary.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_784297_0_0_18/Graffiti.htm for details on these and other programs to assist graffiti removal. Be sure to follow all product safety and use instructions, and wear rubber gloves.

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Park n' Play: 10:00 - 3:30 p.m.
(6 - 12 years of age)

Join in the summer fun with games, crafts and other amazing activities led by City of Calgary staff.



Briar Hill Community
12 Ave and 20A St. NW
Aug. 15-19, 2011

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Stay N Play/Park N Play programs in Green Park this summer

The HHBH Community Association and the City of Calgary are once again cooperating to bring the Stay N Play/Park N Play program to our neighbourhood August 15 - 19.

The popular summer kids' program is organized and run by the City with partial funding coming from local community associations.

Stay N Play is a free summer drop-in program for 3 - 5 year olds who must be accompanied by an adult/guardian for the entirety of the program. Children and adults participate in creative play, arts and crafts and outdoor fun from 10 am - 12 pm.

Park N Play is a day camp program designed for 6 - 12 year olds who engage in fun and interactive games and activities from 10 am - 3:30 p.m.

Flexibility is a great aspect of these programs, because parents can opt to sign their kids up just for a day or for the whole week, or decide day-to-day based on weather or other circumstances. A parent or guardian must sign each child in at the beginning of the program and out at the end of each day.

The programs will also be held in other neighbourhood parks this summer, including:

- ❖ West Hillhurst: July 4 - 8
- ❖ Banff Trail: July 18 - 22

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HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011-12	
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The Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill gym and board room schedule can be viewed online at www.hh-bh.ca. We are planning on adding improvements to the site over the coming months.

Briar Hill School literacy events a huge success



The benefits of Briar Hill School’s “Love to Read” Week and “Recycle a Friend” Used Book Sale go far beyond fundraising.

Photos and short summaries of favourite books by the kids posted in the corridors made a stroll down the halls an entertaining, educational and inspiring journey. Neighbours reconnected with neighbours for the first time after months of winter seclusion, chatting over stacks of books at the sale or pitching in to man the cash table. Parents and kids went through shelves of books they’d read and loved, donated some and made room for a whole bunch more.

On top of all that, both events were very successful in raising funds for the school. The book sale raised \$5,018 in cash and donated

158 books to the library and 350 more to individual classrooms (an additional estimated value of about \$3,000). And the readathon raised a whopping \$6,950 this year in pledges for each minute participating kids read during the week.

North Hill Centre helps boost next year’s sale

Planning and activities to support next year’s events have already begun. On the Easter weekend, which coincided with Earth Day, North Hill Centre offered the Briar Hill School “Recycle a Friend” Book Sale the opportunity to set up a table during its Earth Day Re-use event.

NHC also offered to provide storage for the more than 250 books donated that day until next spring’s sale. Thanks for your community support, NHC!

A number of residents from the Renaissance Towers saw the booth at the North Hill Centre on Earth day and brought book donations. Briar Hill School Grade 5 student Sage H. helps unload.



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Comprehensive Cycling Strategy and Pathway Study

By Druh Farrell - Ward 7 Alderman

We are building momentum on the Cycling Strategy, and I have to say I am very excited by the level of community engagement demonstrated by all regarding the motion I brought forward to Council in 2010. We have an opportunity to shape the way we build our cycling network – to encourage not only today’s cycling commuters, but also those who would cycle if our on-street system was safer.

I’d like to thank everyone for your ongoing commitment to this important initiative. Please see the information below from CivicCamp to find out more about important dates and how you can have an impact on the strategy. A special thanks to my Council colleagues who supported the motion, especially Aldermen Brian Pincott and John Mar who’ve been working hard to see it through.

See you on the pathways!

Do you want to ride your bike safely and more often?

If you want a better long-term plan to support cycling in Calgary, watch for the release of the City of Calgary’s new Comprehensive Cycling Strategy. Developed with the support of a citizens’ committee and public surveys, it will be available for public review starting on Friday, June 10 and will go to the City’s Standing Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation for public comment on Wednesday, June 15. Next stop? City Council.

How can you get involved?

A group of cycling enthusiasts and CivicCampers are organizing events to help you:

- Learn how other cities support cycling as transportation
- Get information about the Comprehensive Cycling Strategy
- Provide feedback about whether the strategy works for you
- Show your support to the City for a properly funded, long term cycling strategy

CivicCamp Public Information Sessions and Workshops - date and locations to be announced

CivicCamp will be holding public meetings for those interested in the City’s new comprehensive cycling strategy. Learn more about the strategy and offer your feedback about what does or doesn’t work for you.

CivicCampers and cycling enthusiasts will be on hand to walk you through the strategy, answer your questions (where they can) and guide a discussion to solicit your input. Information will be collected from the meetings and brought forward to the Standing Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation.

Watch out for more information at <http://www.civic-camp.org/paving-the-way/>

Standing Policy Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation

9:30 am, Wednesday, June 15

(Specific timing and location to be announced)

If you want to comment directly and publicly to Council members about the strategy, the LPT committee is the place to do it. Appearing in person before the LPT committee makes a powerful statement but if you can’t attend, be sure to write/email/tweet your Alderman beforehand to give your feedback.

What are other Calgary cycling organizations doing?

With activities like Bike to Work Day and all the great bike-related activities at the Library, May and June are Calgary’s de facto bike months. Many other great Calgary organizations are holding activities in June to promote cycling for transportation and recreation.

Here’s a sampling of other upcoming activities:

- Cyclepalooza Calgary from June 17 to 26
- Calgary Tour de Nuit Society presents the “Ride the Roads” Tour

Contextual Single Detached Dwellings

Raising the roof: why our community is changing

By Terry Woods - Chair, Land Use

There has been a lot of residential redevelopment in our community in the past few years, which entails noise and inconvenience for anyone living close to a building site. Each year there are about a dozen new infills or redevelopments in HHBH with the majority of the activity occurring in the warmer months. After a long cold winter cooped up indoors it is nice to leave the windows open to get some fresh air, unless of course, it is filled with the noise and dust of construction activity.

The number of development permits (DPs) in our community has ranged from 10 to 14 annually since 2006. However, the number of complaints and appeals has increased significantly in the past two years. This can be attributed to two main factors; demographic shifts and the new land use bylaws.

Changing demographics are bringing into our community younger, affluent families with different ideas than the existing residents, some of whom have lived here for more than 50 years. As seniors move away they are being replaced by younger, career-age couples. These new residents, typically in good jobs, often have the desire and the means to renovate or build a new home in this community.

City Council has adopted sustainability principles for future land use development. This means a city wide shift in strategy from non-stop suburban sprawl to higher density in developed communities, particularly

near LRT stations. Development pressure in our wonderful inner-city, low-density neighbourhood will not let up anytime soon. However as a community, we have a say in how some of these changes are implemented.

Recent bylaw changes to the current version 1P2007, has streamlined some aspects of the development permit application process. For instance, a new development permit designation called Contextual Single Detached Dwelling (CSDD) was created. The purpose of this category of development is to streamline the permit application process for both the city and the home owner/developer. Unfortunately for residents who are familiar with the old system where the 'blue notice' on the front lawn announced a proposed development, they may feel that CSDD developments are being approved behind closed doors with no opportunity for input.

To some extent this is true, since CSDD proposals that conform to all land use bylaw requirements can be approved without community inputs or appeals. Nevertheless, developers are encouraged to consult their neighbours to maintain good relations.

A CSDD permit is issued when the proposed development conforms to all of the applicable land use bylaws. For this category, there are no bylaw relaxations allowed of any kind (no matter how small). That means that measurements for lot coverage and height, as well as front, side and

rear yard setbacks must all meet the bylaw rules. Also a comparison with the homes on either side of the new development is made in terms of scale, height and setbacks in order to preserve the existing pattern of development. If a new CSDD proposal meets these strict criteria, it will be approved and cannot be appealed.

Bylaws are available to review on the City of Calgary website at <http://www.calgary.ca>. Search for Land Use Bylaw 1P2007. For the section relevant to residential development in our community, including those for CSDD, go to Part 5 – Division 1 – General Rules for Low Density Residential Districts.

There are advantages to the CSDD permit. For the developer it means faster approvals. For residents, it means they can be assured that the development will be relatively modest in relation to the houses on either side of it and there cannot be any relaxations of the land use bylaws. If a developer wants some bylaw relaxations for a project the plans are classified as discretionary and must be circulated to the community for comments and the 'blue notice' goes up to notify the community.

Changes to our community can be stressful especially if you are living close to one or more construction projects. Sometimes it seems like it will never end. However these changes are also essential to maintaining a strong vibrant community that will continue to thrive and adapt to the needs of the coming generations.

Traffic study and concerns

By Denny Kwan - Chair, Traffic Calming

As recently reported in the Beacon, the HHBH Community Association will continue to work toward securing a traffic study for our community. In this regard, thank you to those residents who have submitted traffic concern reports, and we encourage residents to continue to submit them. We hope that sufficient volume of the reports along with the community's other efforts will result in the City approving a traffic study for our neighbourhood.

Traffic report forms are available online at http://www.calgary.ca/Doc-Gallery/BU/trans_planning/transportation_solutions/traffic_calming_policy.pdf (the form is in Appendix 1) or by calling 3-1-1, and the completed forms can be dropped off at the Louise Riley Library, the HHBH community hall or Briar Hill School. (The school has two envelopes on the bulletin board, one containing blank forms for you to fill out, and the other is there to collect completed ones.) If you have any questions, please contact me at dellienny@shaw.ca or contact the HHBH CA.

On a related matter, some residents have expressed concerns regarding the amount of additional traffic and parked vehicles caused by the various construction projects in the neighborhood. Not unlike speeding traffic, parked vehicles can give rise to hazards and safety concerns. In addition, there may be obstruction and nuisance caused by such vehicles. Any questions or problems in this regard

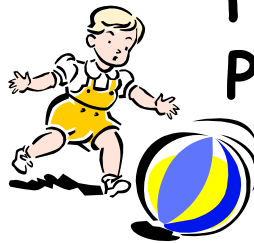
may be communicated to the City of Calgary through 3-1-1 or the Calgary Parking Authority (537-7000).

However, residents may be uncomfortable with making such inquiries or complaints. If this is the case, it has been suggested that a process be set up through the HHBH CA whereby residents may report incidents or ask

questions and the CA representatives may raise the issue with the appropriate authority. At its May meeting, the CA board agreed this would be a productive process, so feel free to register any issues or questions, as well as ideas for improvement, to the main phone number at 282-6634.

Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill (HH/BH)

TOT'S TIME PLAYGROUP



The regular Monday morning community play group is taking a break from the gym until fall, but the group will meet in neighbourhood parks throughout the summer.

Please contact Tania or Rebecca at HHBHtotsttime@hotmail.com if you would like information about where and when to meet.

Tot's Time is an informal, caregiver-supervised playgroup providing a venue for physical activity and social interaction among babies, toddlers and their caregivers in the community.

Regular Monday morning sessions (9:30 - 11:30 am) will resume September 12 in the community gym.

Summer Drama Camps

Adventures in Sherwood Forest (6-12 years)

Imagine the land of Nottingham and the great Forest of Sherwood, where all the characters are animals. Players will explore the characters from Robin Hood and will be given a particular character to bring to life. Players will create a character mask and learn how to use their voice and body to express their character with more confidence. They will explore the story of Robin Hood and play for friends and family at the end of the last day of camp.

Dates: July 18 – July 22 or
 Aug 22 – Aug 26
 9 am – 4 pm (pre & post care available)

Adventures in Wonderland (6-12 years)

Imagine Wonderland and all its possibilities. Players will explore their favorite character from Alice in Wonderland and learn how to use their voice and body to express their character with more confidence. They will assist in creating a set to explore scenes from the story, or create new ones. Players will play for friends and family at the end of the last day of camp.

Dates: July 25 – July 29 or
 Aug 15 – Aug 19
 9 am – 4 pm
 (pre & post care available)

Where: St. Barnabas Church Hall
 1407 - 7 Ave. N.W.

How much: \$250 for one week (\$30 discount for return players/multiple family members)
 \$450 for two weeks (\$50 discount for return players/multiple family members)

Contact: Tanya at theatreagogo@telus.net
 or 283.4622 or
 Facebook: Theatre A Go-Go Calgary



FREE FAMILY EVENT

Summer Kickoff '11

Bowness Park, Site #1

Thursday, June 23rd, 5:30 – 8:30

5:30 – 7:00 – Games, Crafts, Mini Golf, Bounce House

7:00 – 8:30 – Lawn Chair Theatre:
 Live Family-Friendly Entertainment

Come find out about more events in your neighbourhood this summer

www.calgary.ca/cns | call 3-1-1



Summer Day Camps

Summer FC is celebrating its second year and will be hosting Summer Camps at West Hillhurst the months of July and August 2011.

Summer FC is a Calgary based, centrally located, summer day camp for ages 7-13 with a focus on Soccer!!

Early drop off and late pick-up!! Perfect for folks commuting to and from the downtown core!!

If you are looking for a great way for your child to spend their summer learning, having fun, and improving their soccer skills from experienced soccer players, then look no further!!!

New for 2011!!!! Ages 3-6

Summer FC will be offering a once a week high energy, fun, age appropriate introduction to soccer for ages 3-6. Summer FC's focus is: soccer skills, character development, and most of all fun!!

Please visit www.summerfc.com for more information on how to register. Spots are filling up quickly!!

Louise Riley Library

1904 - 14
Avenue NW

Hours

Monday - Thursday from
10 am - 9 pm

Friday & Saturday from
10 am - 5 pm

Closed Sundays until mid-
September

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with your library
card.*

*Register in person, by
calling 260-2620 or
online at
[www.calgarypublicli-
brary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com)*

At *your* Library

Summer 2011

Watch for our NEW program guides for summer, or keep up to date by checking out the online program guide on (www.calgarypubliclibrary.com)

Splash! TD Summer Reading Club: Join us as we kick off Splash! Celebrate Summer with the 2011 TD Summer Reading Club. Drop in for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Dress up as a pirate, mermaid or fish – or anything to do with “Splash!” Come to the library and collect your activity booklet and read all summer to win great prizes! Big “Splash!” Kick Off - Saturday, June 18 from 10 am - 4 pm.



Special Splash! themed programs:

Splash! Adventures (ages 9-12) Bring your friends for some splashin' good fun! Aug. 18, 2 - 2:45 pm.

Splash! Explorers (ages 6-8 years) Stories, games and other activities to celebrate the 2011 TD Summer Reading Club. July 22, 2 - 2:45 pm.

Splash! Under the Sea (ages 2-5 years) Discover the wonders of the ocean through stories and rhymes. Aug. 17, 10:30 - 11 am.

Splash! Polliwogs (ages 6-23 months) Enjoy summertime stories, songs and rhymes. Aug. 23, 10:30 - 11 am.

Other Children's Storytime Programs:

Blow Out the Candles! (ages 2-5 years) June 29, 10:30 - 11 am.

Campfire Cowboys & Girls (ages 2-5 years) July 5, 7:00 - 7:30 pm.

Barnyard Banter (ages 2-3 years) July 6, 10:30 - 10:50 am.

Sunshine Stories for Twos (ages 2-3 years) Aug. 10, 10:30 - 10:50 am.

All Summer Long:

Super Summer Drop-In Family Storytime (ages 2-5)
July 7 - Aug. 25, 10:15 - 11 am.

Gaming for Kids (ages 8-12 years) July 5 - Aug. 16, 2 - 3 pm.

*Closures - July 1st closed for Canada Day
See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!



Westwood Hockey Registration 2011

Registration for the next minor hockey season runs from June 15 to August 15, 2011. We run hockey programs from Timbits (5 and 6 years old) to Junior A. There are evaluations, but no cuts. Hockey welcomes girls and boys. A special Timbit clinic will be held by Paul Emery and Alicia Clifford, introducing your child to hockey.

Boundaries

The Westwood Hockey Association is comprised of three communities: Brentwood, Triwood, and West Hillhurst. Please register through your designated community association.

HHBH residents, register through West Hillhurst Community Association, whca.ca

Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill

Youth Badminton

Get in on one of Canada's fastest-growing sports – competitive badminton!

For players aged 10 – 15 yrs
(intermediate level)

New Spring Session:

Wednesdays: 5:30 – 6:55 pm
April 20 until June 22
10 lessons



Cost: \$100.00
with HHBH community membership
\$120.00
for non-community members

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

Registration:
Ongoing starting April 1, 2011

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

For information call:



Lorne Cowan
Phone: 289-0921
Email: lorne2@telus.net



Family Drop-in GYM TIME

June Schedule

The Family Open Gym night is cancelled June 10 and 17 due to community functions.

The last open gym night before the summer hiatus will be Friday, June 24, 6:30 – 8 pm.

Adult Badminton Drop-In

A little bird(ie) tells us there will continue to be Adult Badminton Drop-Ins throughout the summer on week-day mornings, 9 am – noon, Tuesday through Friday, except when a summer camp is using the gym.



P.U.P.P.Y. Initiative Update

The P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) initiative, from The City of Calgary Parks in partnership with Animal & Bylaw Services, educates citizens about the importance of picking up after their pets and proper off-leash park etiquette.

If you were unable to join us at the kick-off event earlier in the spring, you still have three more opportunities to participate in the P.U.P.P.Y. initiative.

Sunday, June 12, 1 – 4 pm at River Park: Dog poop left in parks is not just unsightly; it can be unhealthy, too. Come learn how sickness and disease can spread to both animals and humans if pet waste is not picked up.

Sunday, September 25, 1 – 4 pm at Nose Hill Park: It is a reality that Calgarians must learn to live in harmony with wildlife, such as coyotes. Come explore how the habituation of wildlife can occur if pet waste is left behind.

Sunday, October 16, 1 – 4 pm at Bowmont Park: Calgary's parks are multiuse spaces. Come learn more about how to share these spaces in a manner that is respectful of pets, wildlife, bicyclists and all users of green spaces.

Stop by the next P.U.P.P.Y. special event and have some fun while gaining a deeper appreciation of how to use parks and green spaces in responsible ways. Show how you take pride in your parks by assisting with a park clean-up and learn how to protect your parks for shared use today and in the future!

For more information about the P.U.P.P.Y. initiative, please go to calgary.ca/parks or call 3-1-1.

Family events

Lawnchair Theatre - free!

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great snacks and live entertainment for the entire family! At various locations through the summer.

All events: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, June 23
Bowness Park - 8900 48th Ave N.W. (Site #1 - East End)
 *note—start time for this event is 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 7
Confederation Park - 10th Street N.W. (behind the flags)

Thursday, July 14
Harvest Hills - Harvest Lake Dr. N.E. (by the lake)

Thursday, July 21
Hidden Valley - 10504 Hidden Valley Dr N.W. (by outdoor rink)

Thursday July 28
Scenic Acres—220 Scenic Acres Drive N.W. (across from Crowchild Twin Arenas)


Thursday, August 4
Ranchlands – 7713 Ranchview Drive NW (Behind the outdoor rink)

Thursday, August 11
Edgemont - 33 Edgevalley Circle N.W.

Thursday, August 18
Citadel - Citadel Way & Citadel Bluff Close N.W. (at the Gazebo)

Thursday, August 25
Bridgeland – Centre Ave East and 7A St NE

Friday, September 9
Highwood— 16 Harlow Avenue N.W.

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THE CITY OF CALGARY
 COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Farmers Market open for the summer



Check out fresh local produce at the Farmers' Market at Hillhurst/ Sunnyside (5 Ave. and 13 St. NW) on Wednesdays, 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

Early Child Development Mapping Project

Do you want to help your children and the children in your community get the best possible start in life?

The Early Child Development Mapping Project invites you to participate in an exciting research and community-building initiative to support healthy child development.

You can make a difference!

Studies show that the early years (from birth to age five) are critically important to children's development. Children's experiences during this period shape the brain and other basic development in ways that affect lifelong learning, behaviour, health and quality of life. Getting a positive early start is key to a successful future.

The Early Child Development Mapping Project (ECMap) is working with communities in your area to map information related to early childhood development and build coalitions to promote healthy development.

ECMap is funded by Alberta Education and is part of the Government of Alberta's Early Child Development (ECD) Mapping Initiative. This five-year research and community-building initiative will help Albertans to better understand how well their young children are doing and to work together to support their children's best interests.

The ECMap Community Development Coordinator in your area, is looking for people who would like to be involved in this work – as members of the community coalition, as advisors in terms of boundary mapping, or as supporters of the children in your community. Please call Danica Martin at 449-0280 or send an email to danica.martin@ualberta.ca.

For more information about the ECMap Project and the ECD Mapping Initiative, please go to www.ecdmapping.alberta.ca.



This fall EcoLiving Events will be bringing their Winterization Challenge to our community. The program focuses on making older neighbourhood homes more energy efficient resulting in lower energy costs and improved comfort for the homeowner. A team of volunteers under the direction of an expert improve the energy efficiency of the home using a variety of solutions such as installing programmable thermostats, adding new weather-stripping, applying plastic film on old windows, insulating exposed pipes and wrapping hot water tanks. Volunteers learn how to winterize a home, skills and knowledge that they will be able to apply to their own homes or pass on to other Calgarians. The program is provided to low-income households (especially seniors) at no cost.

The program is anticipated to run in our community in November. Applicants and volunteers can contact Jen Silverthorn at jen.silverthorn@shaw.ca or 403-282-3554 for more information and application forms.

More information on EcoLiving Events and the Winterization Challenge can be found at <http://ecolivingevents.ca/winterization-challenge>.

Summer Solstice Block Party

Saturday, June 18
6 pm (Rain or Shine)
20 Street
(between 12 Ave.
& Briar Cres.)

Please bring your own beverages, lawn chairs, plates & utensils

Kid's games & Dunk Tank - bring your loonies & toonies!

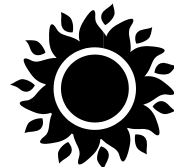
Food: Potluck (please bring small appetizer, salad or dessert)

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs for sale.

Music by local Dads & Kids

Donations for School Music Program welcome!

Questions? Call Patsy @ 284-0128



9-1-1 Needs You!

9-1-1 is in the business of saving lives, but we need your help. We get over 400,000 9-1-1 calls every year – that’s over 1000 calls to 9-1-1 every day. Unfortunately, many of these – up to 30% or 300 calls every day - are accidental, where the caller didn’t mean to call 9-1-1 and doesn’t have an emergency.

But even if they didn’t mean to call and they hang up or even if their cell phone called without them knowing, we have to check and make sure every time someone calls 9-1-1 that it was an accident and they don’t need emergency services. That means we have to call each of those numbers back.

That’s a lot of work! It could also tie up the line if someone with a real emergency is trying to call us.

You can help prevent accidental calls to 9-1-1. A cell phone in your purse, pocket or backpack can call 9-1-1 sometimes EVEN if the keypad is locked. Some phones have a lock feature to prevent this, but others, such as Blackberries have an “Emergency Call” function that can dial 9-1-1 even if the keypad is locked. These phones should be put into “standby” or carried in a holster to prevent accidental 9-1-1 calls. Please talk to your cell phone service provider and find out how to safely carry your phone to prevent accidental 9-1-1 calls.

An inactive cell phone can dial 9-1-1, even if you don’t have a plan or ‘pay as you go’ minutes. Removing the batteries from old cell phones will prevent accidental 9-1-1 calls.

We also get a lot of 9-1-1 calls as a result of children playing with the phone. Please don’t allow children to play with your phones.

If you accidentally dial 9-1-1 from your home or cell phone, stay on the line and tell the Emergency Communications Officer what happened. If you hang up, we have to call you back and that could tie up a line for someone who really needs it. Hanging up is a real hang up for 9-1-1.

9-1-1 needs you to help make sure that everyone who needs emergency help can get it.



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INFORMATION NOTICE

Replacement Tree Planting

16 Avenue – Centre Street to 14 Street N.W.

Starting on May 30, 2011, The City of Calgary will be planting replacement Crab Apple trees along 16 Avenue North from Centre Street to 14 Street N.W. This work is expected to take approximately five days; however, it is weather dependent.

The current trees, originally planted as part of the 16 Avenue North Urban Corridor project, have died off as a result of two issues. Some of the trees planted had an improper root structure that caused them to die; others died as result of the sudden frost that Calgary experienced in the fall of 2009 which affected trees throughout the city.

Planting the trees is currently scheduled to take place in sections starting at Centre Street and moving towards 14 Street N.W. and will require temporary closure of one lane of traffic on westbound 16 Avenue next to the median. This closure is not expected to impact access to local businesses or residential communities.

The lane closure is scheduled to be in effect during off peak hours on weekdays (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) to minimize the impact to vehicles traveling through the area. If work on a weekend is required, the closure may be extended past 3 p.m. to ensure work is completed as quickly as possible.

For more information please call 3-1-1, or contact:

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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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