



HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL BEACON

APRIL 2013

Community membership change proposed

At the March 14, 2013 Board meeting, a motion was passed to change the membership year from April 1 – March 31 to August 1 – July 31. The Board sees that this change will better accommodate the school and sports year for members.



A Special Resolutions Meeting will be held June 13, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the HHBH Boardroom to take a vote for this change. All current members are welcome to attend this special meeting to vote on the change. Refreshments will be served after the vote and all in attendance are welcome to stay for the regular Board meeting at 7:00 PM.

If the vote is YES to change, all current memberships renewed on April 1, 2013 for this year will be valid until July 31, 2014. Please come and support your community!



Let's Celebrate Spring!

Pizza Night and Social

April 12, 2013 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HHBH Gym

Calendar of Events

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

- Community Board Meetings**
on the second Thursday of the month at
7 pm in the Community Boardroom
*All welcome! To be on the agenda,
please contact Caroline or Robby at
least 2 weeks in advance*
Next three:
Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6
- Pizza Night & Social**
April 12, 2013, 6 - 9 pm
Community Gym
- Community Clean-up**
September 7, 2013
- Tot's Time Play Group**
Mondays
9:30 – 11:30 am, Community Gym
- Family Open Gym Night**
Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm
Community Gym

*We wish to
welcome Laura Hunt
to the HHBH Board.
Thank you for contributing
to our community in
this way.*



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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 two weeks 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) *(checked 1 - 2 times per week)*

Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

Beacon Submissions to: Caroline Pankewich, Administrative Assistant
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Deadline for submissions for next issue: May 15, 2013

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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.

A Message from Alderman Druh Farrell



RouteAhead, Calgary Transit's long-term strategy for public transit over the next 30 years was approved by City Council on March 4. It is a comprehensive plan that includes ways to improve the customer experience, expand Calgary Transit's

network, finance construction and operating costs, and how to best invest our limited resources. All the recommendations in the plan are based on the feedback the RouteAhead team received during its extensive stakeholder engagement, and the goals of the Calgary Transportation Plan.

If you haven't seen the plan yet, I encourage you to have a look on RouteAhead's website (www.routeahead.ca). You'll see that many of the projects will improve transit service in Ward 7, such as the North-Crosstown Bus Rapid Transit from Brentwood to Saddletowne, West Campus Mobility, and the North Central LRT.

RouteAhead focuses on improvements to customer service and includes better access and connections, shorter wait times, easier ways to pay, and an improved riding experience for the many Calgarians who take transit every day. Upgrading the system to four-car CTrains in 2015 will also greatly reduce congestion and make it easier for you to get to your destination!

Some interesting tidbits about Calgary Transit: in 2012 they had a ridership of 102,000,000 and provided 2.67 million hours of service. Calgary Transit has 970 buses, 192 Light Rail Vehicles, 163 bus routes, and 44 CTrain stations.

For regular email updates on City related issues, please contact my office at ward07@calgary.ca or visit the Ward 7 website at druhfarrell.ca.

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**Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association
presents**



Let's Celebrate Spring!

Pizza Night and Social

April 12, 2013 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

HHBH Gym

Pizza and Beverages will be provided

All welcome, bring your friends and neighbors

Please RSVP Tejinder @ 403-284-0000 by April 10

You are welcome to bring any other food (appetizers, desserts)



Report from the Crowchild Communities Initiative



The Crowchild Communities Initiative convened for the first time on Thursday, January 31st. Representatives from eighteen community associations met with representatives from the city's Transportation and Planning departments, as well as Aldermen Druh Farrell and John Mar.

First, the status update on Crowchild Trail. The plans presented in November have been scrapped. A Notice of Motion was presented at the December meeting of city council and unanimously approved. The goal now is to design a new policy governing all transportation corridor studies. This is anticipated to take up to a year. Transportation will then implement that policy in their review of Crowchild Trail. Everything is on the table, including any new designations of the roadway (which is currently classified as "skeletal").

The city's goal with this new approach is to work closely across departments and with affected communities. They are realizing the long term benefits of small, interconnected changes, if they are made after thorough community

consultation, and are monitored for their radial effects on other roadways and neighbouring communities.

For our part, we are looking at ways to enhance communication between communities and with the city. Thus, we are investigating the creation of The Crowchild Corridor Council. Modeled after the South Shaganappi (Trail) Area Development Council, this will be a permanent body made up of community association presidents and/or their appointees. Our mandate will be to review and discuss any issues that affect two or more communities so that effective solutions can be found that maintain quality of life for everyone. There is much work to be done, so we will keep everyone informed through newsletter reports and other forms of communication.

For those who are disappointed by the termination of the proposed Crowchild plans, please understand that (a) there was never any money to proceed with those plans; (b) if money was suddenly available, the plans still wouldn't have begun for at least five years; and (c) they would have taken 20-30 years to complete. Most important to bear in mind is that we now have a greater sense of community cooperation than ever before, and the city is listening to us.

Comments or questions? Contact Rebecca at crowchildtrail@gmail.com

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Calgary Police Service is going digital

The Calgary Police Service is expanding the Police and Community Awareness Program (PCAP) to include e-mail and text capabilities, and is being rebranded “The Hub”.

The Hub is the information headquarters of the Calgary Police Service where you can access news stories and announcements at your fingertips. Information on the Hub will be updated in real-time so that you can keep abreast of occurrences throughout the City and community crime prevention messages.

As of March 1, 2013, Calgarians who want information about crime and other activity in their community can sign up to receive voicemail, email or text alerts as part of The Hub, the new CPS information headquarters.

The system, originally known as the Police and Community Telephone (PACT), has sent approximately 2,700 voicemail messages to Calgarians since 1993.

The Hub will alert citizens to important situations such as criminal activity or requests for public assistance in

cases such as missing persons. The Hub will also be used for proactive community information such as crime prevention advice, and promotion of community events.

More than 64,000 households and nearly 6,500 businesses subscribed to PCAP. Current subscribers will be required to re-register with the new system in order to keep receiving alerts.

The Hub will also help deliver messages to Calgarians based on several factors including demographics and their geographic location.

To sign up, visit www.calgarypolice.ca.

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Avoid ER wait times - Know your options

It's 6:00pm on a Friday and you develop flu symptoms that become progressively worse. You have a fever and sore throat and your family doctors' office is closed for the weekend. You consider your options. You could go to the nearest emergency room, urgent care centre or walk-in clinic, but you're not too keen on enduring the long wait times. You wonder: what other options are out there and what should I be doing at home?

If you have a health question or concern, you can call HealthLink Alberta (403-943-5465), a 24/7 telephone service providing health advice and information. An experienced HealthLink nurse can assess your symptoms, offer advice on self-care at



home and help you find the right care in your community. For example, if you need to see a family doctor within 24 hours, the HealthLink nurse may offer you a same-day appointment at the After Hours Clinic.

Operated by the Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network, the After Hours Clinic provides free non-emergency medical care on weeknights, weekends and holidays. Unlike a walk-in clinic, you can relax in the comfort of your home until it's time to

go to your appointment. Afterwards, the After Hours Clinic will let your family doctor know what treatments you received. If you do not have a family doctor, the clinic will arrange for you to see a doctor for follow-up care.

The Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network is one of four Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Calgary. To find out which PCN you belong to and what other services you can access through your PCN, call HealthLink Alberta (403-943-5465). To learn more about programs offered by the Calgary Foothills PCN, visit cfpcn.ca. For more information on Primary Care Networks, you can also visit albertapci.ca.

Family Internet Safety

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Department



As a parent you may want to discuss what responsible online behavior looks like for your family. Discuss what is appropriate to look at, who is appropriate to talk to and what is suitable to download off the internet. Remember that mobile smart phones have all the same internet risks and benefits as a desk top computer so it may be fitting to monitor your child's mobile activity as well. You might want to look into software or online services that filter out offensive material. Check with your Internet service provider (ISP) for any blocking features they might have. The Calgary Police Service suggests that your family creates a computer family contract regarding the internet. You can find an example of a family contract on our website www.calgarycommunities.com under Building Safe Communities Virtual Resource Center.



Here are a few tips additional tips for families:

- Place your family computer in an exposed space – this encourages openness about what is viewed on the internet
- Explain the repercussions of unsafe internet use. Help your children understand the public nature of the Internet and its risks and benefits. Ensure they know that any info they share, such as emails, photos, or videos, can easily be copied and pasted elsewhere, and it is nearly impossible to take back. Things that could damage their reputation, friendships, or future prospects should not be shared electronically.
- Encourage your kids to share their internet experiences with you and remain positively engaged with them. You can always make an internet slip-up a life lesson.
- Establish rules for internet use. For example: how much web use is permitted per day or week.



Enmax in your community

UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAYS: What You Need to Know

What is a utility right-of-way?

A utility right-of-way (URW) is an area where utility infrastructure may be located and to which utility workers must be granted access from time-to-time. For ENMAX, URWs may contain underground power lines, transformers (electrical green boxes), poles, or allowances for overhead lines. Other URWs are used for water, sewage, telephone and gas.

How does a utility right-of-way affect homeowners and tenants?

In order to ensure that utility workers have safe and easy access to equipment, there are certain restrictions on land use on and around URWs. For instance, homeowners and tenants need to keep the area around an above-ground-URW clear of equipment, tools, wood, shrubs or other materials that could decrease visibility or access.



Can I plant a garden within a URW?

You can plant lawns, flower beds, vegetable gardens and low shrubbery in a URW, as long as adequate clearances are maintained. If you have a transformer in your yard, the area around it must be accessible by three metres from the transformer door and one metre from each of the three sides. Shrubs will spread as they mature, so include allowances for growth when measuring clearances.

Can I build a fence around my URW?

Yes, as long as the fence includes a hinged or removable section to provide easy access. Other structures are not allowed and you will be asked to clear access to the URW.

Call before you dig

Before doing any type of excavation, remember to call Alberta One-Call at 1-800-242-3447 to locate any underground utility lines.

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Temporary signs may be illegal

Animal & Bylaw Services reminds Calgarians to avoid illegally placing temporary signs

With the arrival of spring, Animal & Bylaw Services would like to remind Calgarians to consult the rules for posting temporary signs before placing them along city streets or in other public areas.

Complaints about temporary signs advertising everything from landscaping to garage sales tend to increase as the weather warms up. If illegally placed, they can cause a public safety concern by impeding the visibility of motorists and pedestrians. They can even cause traffic hazards.

Since May 2012, bylaw officers have taken down over 7,500 illegal signs.

There are proper areas and methods of legally placing signs. To be legal, the bylaw states that temporary signs must be:

- At least 30 metres away from an intersection.
- At least 10 metres away from a crosswalk.
- Two metres from the curb or edge of the road.

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It is illegal to place signs:

- On a traffic island, centre median, or if the placement creates a potential traffic or pedestrian hazard.
- On a street light pole, traffic control device, fire hydrant, Plus 15 bridge or sound attenuation wall.
- By permanently affixing them or supporting them with string, rope, wire or metal stakes or if the placement causes damage to municipal property.
- That are larger than 0.6 square metres or 2X3 feet in size.

Calgarians are also reminded to be respectful and ensure that they are not placing signs on private property.

Temporary signs must list the name, address and phone number of the owner and date the sign was placed. The sign cannot be displayed for longer than 14 consecutive days or for more than 24 hours after the advertised event has ended.

Officers can impound any signs found in breach of the bylaw with a \$100 fine per sign. The Temporary Signs on Highways Bylaw 29M97 also includes a list of roadways where signs are prohibited or restricted. To read the bylaw, visit calgary.ca/bylawservices.



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HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2013-14	
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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.

Fostering safe communities...

Street Smart Safety

Recreation

Hockey nets, ski/snowboard/skateboard ramps and basketball nets are not permitted on City streets, even temporarily.

Obstruction

Do not place electrical cords, hoses or chains over a sidewalk.

Do not place any material in lanes, streets, sidewalks or City right-of-ways.

Vehicles

Vehicles parked on driveways may not block sidewalks or boulevards.

Do not leave unregistered, uninsured vehicles on City streets or lanes.*

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April 2013

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In the past we’ve had tiny tea pots, assortments of novelty items featuring Mona Lisa, LEGO sculptures, dozens of bird salt & pepper shakers, Harry Potter collectables, My Little Pony... We want to know what inspires you!

Come visit us at Louise Riley if you’d like to find out more about showing your collection.



Aquaman, vol. 01 : the trench by Geoff Johns. Part of DC Comics New 52 reboot initiative, and I couldn’t have asked for a better reintroduction to one of my favourite superheros! Aquaman has had a tough life as a DC character – he’s been a walking pun, on and off, for most of his 72 years in comics. This book acknowledges the facts and then continues to show just how awesome he is-- not to mention how tollerant! Oh also, the art is beautiful!

Big Mean Mike by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Scott Magoon
Meet Big Mean Mike. He has a big, mean bark and a big, mean car. And he does *not* hang around with tiny, fuzzy bunnies!



MONDAYS at your library...

Computer Technology Coaching: Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Mondays to Apr. 29, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *No registration required*

Other programs at your library...

Citizenship Preparation Class Learn about Canada with the purpose of preparing yourself for the Citizenship Exam. In partnership with Immigrant Services Calgary.

Saturday, Apr 06, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Registration required*

Community Eco-Enthusiasts Our green future is now! Discover the many eco-initiatives that can change and inspire your community. Presented by Gerald Wheatley, Arusha Centre.

Monday, Apr 08, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. *Registration required*

Law at Your Library: Personal Directives and Power of Attorney: Learn how to plan for possible loss of independence, including critical issues surrounding decision-making for personal, medical, accommodation and financial matters if you become incapable of doing so yourself. In partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance. Thursday, Apr 11, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration required*

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!



Century Homes Calgary is Back!



Do you live in, work in or own a house or building dating from the early part of Calgary's history? Then, join us for Century Homes Calgary 2013.

Last year 500 households in 30 communities participated. They put out homemade signs telling their home's story and thousands of Calgarians enjoyed connecting with these "old homes and their great stories."

Intended to be a one-time centennial celebration to honour heritage homes, Century Homes Calgary was a great success including a Governor

General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

What's Up for 2013

We're expanding the age eligibility to include homes from the early days of Calgary through the first part of the 20th century and also encouraging nonresidential sites - churches, schools, businesses, etc. - to participate.

What's Involved

You're responsible for researching your home's history and making a sign featuring its story. The sign and Century Homes Calgary yard flag are provided free of charge, though donations are welcome.

Experts from the Calgary Heritage Triangle – the Cal-

gary Public Library, Glenbow Library and Archives and The City of Calgary Archives will show you how to use their resources to research your home's history. How your present your home's story is up to you and must be ready for Historic Calgary Week, July 25 to August 5.

How to Sign Up - Returning or New Participant

For more information and to sign up go to www.century-homes.org. If possible, have a digital photo of your house to upload for the tour map. Click Participate to join.

Returning participants can use their sign from last year. If your sign was destroyed by Calgary weather or you recycled it, we'll give you a new one.

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Bicycle Helmet Safety



Bicycle crashes are the leading cause of brain injury in school-aged children. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. Remember – it is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

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

Getting started

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

Getting the right fit

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

**Hounsfield Heights / Briar Hill (HH/BH)
TOT'S TIME PLAYGROUP**



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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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