



HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL BEACON

SUMMER 2013

Community membership change proposed

A Special Resolutions Meeting will be held June 13, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the HHBH Boardroom to take a vote on changing our membership year to August 1 – July 31. 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 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!

WANTED

Cowboys and Cowgirls

Wrangle yourself up some flapjacks and sausages at the annual
HHBH Stampede Breakfast



Saturday, July 13
9 – 11 am
Green Park

If you'd like to help flip pancakes, do set-up or clean-up,
call Carol ("Round 'em up") Sandahl
284-5851 c.sandahl@shaw.ca

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:
Jun 13, Sep 12, Oct 10
- Summer Solstice Block Party & Briar Hill's Got Talent**
Saturday, June 15
5 - 10 pm
- Community Clean-up**
September 7, 2013
9 am - 1:30 pm
- Indoor Soccer Registration**
starts July 15 - online
- Tot's Time Play Group**
Mondays
9:30 – 11:30 am,
Meet at local playgrounds for the summer.
- Family Open Gym Night**
Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm
Community Gym
Ends June 28 for the summer



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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
email: thebeacon2005@hotmail.com

Deadline for submissions for next issue: September 15, 2013

Beacon Ads: admin@hh-bh.ca

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.



BRIAR HILL'S GOT TALENT

SOLSTICE PARTY YOUTH STAGE

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

BRIAR HILL'S COMMUNITY
SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY IS JUNE 15TH
YOUTH STAGE: FROM 6:30 - 7:30 PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR LOVE OF
MUSIC OR OTHER TALENTS AT THE PARTY
PLEASE EMAIL:
BRUCE LOVSTROM AT BLOVSTROM@SHAW.CA OR
BRIAN MCKAY AT BMCKAY@CFR-CHEMICALS.COM
BY THURSDAY JUNE 7TH.

ALL ACTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN
INFORMAL "AUDITION" TO CLARIFY THEIR ACT
AND ITS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS.

Congratulations

to Julie Chafer!
She won the
Community Survey draw
for an iPad.
Thanks to all residents that
participated in the
2012 Door-to-Door and
Online Survey.

Get community news online

Did you know you can receive
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community notices by email?

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address to:

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COME CELEBRATE
HHBH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S
60TH ANNIVERSARY!

BRIAR HILL
SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY
JUNE 15, 2013

1300
20A STREET NW
BETWEEN 12TH AND 14TH AVENUES BY GREEN PARK
5-10PM

**DONATIONS
ACCEPTED!**

PROCEEDS OF
MONEY RAISED
WILL GO TO
BRIAR HILL SCHOOL
MUSIC PROGRAM!

**CAUTION:
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COMMUNITY Clean-up Day

Date: Saturday, September 7, 2013

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, scrap metal, & car battery 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 Phil or Cindy Johnson at 403-284-4977

Donate: Women In Need Society will be collecting women's, men's & children's clothing (clean & in good condition); housewares; small furniture (no couches or large chairs)

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 * 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 – Phil or Cindy Johnson at 403-284-4977





A Message from Alderman Druh Farrell



Welcome news for homeowners in communities with aging infrastructure!

In March, City Council voted to change the local improvement bylaw, ending the previous 50% cost-sharing policy for sidewalk replacement work. From now on, when The City

identifies a portion of sidewalk, curb, or gutter for replacement, adjacent residents will not be charged for the work.

It has long been an area of contention that a homeowner must pay for what is considered normal lifecycle maintenance. Historically, The City shared the cost with adjacent residents who benefited from the renewed infrastructure. Residents had the option to pay an upfront one-time payment or an annual amount that was included in their property tax bill for up to 15 years. Residents who objected to the local improvement were required to petition their neighbours for a two-thirds majority.

The new policy applies to projects initiated by The City from the 2012 local improvement bylaws onward. The local improvement cost-sharing rules still apply when residents request their own local improvements for concrete repairs and replacement.

Rather than requiring a tax increase to pay for this program, Council was able to find funding by allocating \$1.4 million from tax room identified during November's budget discussions. Calgarians can still expect reliable infrastructure to be installed and maintained in their communities, while not having to bear the previously required 50% cost.

City of Calgary Parks Update

Last year, The City of Calgary Parks began work on park improvements in our neighbourhood as part of the Established Communities Open Space Upgrades project. These improvements are part of a three-year initiative (2012 to 2014) designed to improve and enhance existing green spaces within Calgary's older, established neighbourhoods.

Remaining park improvements for 2013 include the installation of picnic tables at the 14 Street park site and construction of the asphalt pathway along the top of the ridge at the Bethany Slopes park site will be completed this year. All work will be completed according to the approved plans discussed with your Community Association.

A construction start-up date is currently not available, as work depends on a number of factors such as weather, ground conditions, and contractor schedule. However, Parks will provide updates when information becomes available. All work is targeted for completion by fall 2013.

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Michelle Rempel, MP Calgary Centre-North Report to Constituents

I was very pleased to host a Telephone Town Hall for all the constituents in the riding on April 23. This was the first time I've held a telephone town hall in our riding and it was very successful with almost 9000 participants over the hour long event. Participants had

the opportunity to ask questions and respond to polls on a variety of Government policies. It was wonderful to have so much feedback from those who participated. As always, your views are important to me.

Also in April, I held a Community Round Table with a focus on immigration issues. I was delighted to welcome M.P. Rick Dykstra, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, to Calgary from his riding in St. Catharines, Ontario. His outstanding expertise was invaluable, and provided a good insight for community leaders. I thought that this was a very successful interaction with a large amount of useful feedback and comments. I would like to thank all of the participants in this valuable exercise and commend them for their activities in the community.

In my last newsletter, I wrote to you about a study on Urban Conservation Practices in Canada. I led in my capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, on the House of Commons Standing

Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development. I also asked you for your views on the subject, and I want to thank all of you for the overwhelming number of thoughtful and insightful responses my office received. These were truly helpful to our committee as we finalized our report on the subject.

With the conclusion of one study comes the beginning of another, and to continue our committee's commitment to the development of the Government's National Conservation Plan, we recently began a new study on Habitat Conservation in Canada. Aside from learning how the Federal Government can work to improve upon its current habitat conservation efforts, our committee also hopes to expose some of the excellent work done by locally-based conservation groups, aboriginals, landowners, hunters and larger conservation organizations in protecting Canada's biodiversity and ecosystems. These groups and organizations are truly the unsung heroes in the overall protection of Canada's natural environment, and it is important that our Government learns how to leverage their local knowledge and expertise in its efforts.

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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 2013-14	
Family Name(s): _____	
First Name - Adults:	1. _____ 2. _____
First Name - Children: _____	
Address: _____	
Postal Code: _____	
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Send cheques payable to Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6	
<i>Privacy Consent: By providing the personal information on this form you are consenting to HH-BH Community Association's collection and use of that information for the purposes of providing you a membership in the community association. This information will be stored in a database of community members for the sole use of the Association. The Association will not sell, barter or lease membership lists or information. We may retain this information until nine months after expiry date of the membership.</i>	

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...

Animal & Bylaw Services is part of the Joint Graffiti Investigative Team. The team includes Calgary Police and Calgary Transit. Citizens are our partners in the fight against graffiti:

- Report graffiti by calling 311 to help get it removed & aid ongoing investigations
- Call 911 to report graffiti in progress
- Remove graffiti from your property within 24 hours to discourage more graffiti
- Get help from Animal & Bylaw Services to organize a Community Clean-Up
- Find out about the educational resources offered
- Learn more about the Graffiti Abatement Program

*Visit calgary.ca, graffitifreecalgary.ca or call 311 to find out about the programs, services and resources mentioned above.

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Sunday
 June 9
 2013

Doors open
 at 3:00pm
 Show starts
 3:30pm

HHBH Community Association
 Gymnasium

1928 14 Ave NW
 (by Fire Station and
 Louise Riley Library)

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The Storytellers by Ted Lewin is a picture book with lovely watercolours that give you a vivid sense of street life in Fez. A grandfather and grandson walk through the souk marketplace, observing all the professions as they head to their job as storytellers.

Doc by Mary Doria Russell. Russell's novel about Doc Holiday and Wyatt Earp is a bold act of historical reclamation that scrapes off the bull and allows those legends to walk and love and grieve in the dynamic 19th-century world that existed before Hollywood shellacked it with clichés.

MONDAYS at your library...

Computer Technology Coaching: Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Mondays Jun 3 to Aug 26, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *No registration required* (No program on Jul 01, and Aug 05)

Other programs at your library...

Thousand Dollar Thursday: Join us as the top four finalists for June make their 90-second pitches to the Awesome Team in quest of a \$1000 grant to make their ideas a reality. Presented in partnership with the Awesome Foundation - Calgary. Thursday, Jun 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Registration required*

Ebook Doctor: Looking for help with OverDrive or Freeding? Drop in for one-on-one help with your ebook and ereader questions. Tuesday, Jul 9, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. *No registration required*

Coming soon to your library...

Grandparents Day! Grandparents Day is Sunday *September 8th 2013!* Save the date for an afternoon of family fun. It's a carnival of fun for grandparents and kids to experience together. There will be entertainers, storytellers, crafts, games and snacks. Please make the date in your calendar and remember B.Y.O.G. (bring your own grandparent!)

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!
Closed July 1 for Canada Day and
August 5 for Heritage Day





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Grandparents Day
and Riley is preparing to celebrate!

Save the date for an afternoon of family fun. It's a carnival of fun for grandparents and kids to experience together.

There will be entertainers, storytellers, crafts, games and snacks.

Please mark the date on your calendar.

If you have any suggestions, please comment on this blog post.

See you then!

And remember to **B.Y.O.G.**
(bring your own grandparent)



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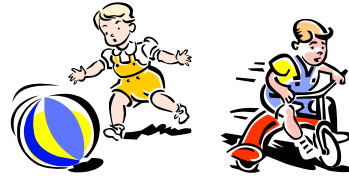
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First come – First serve only

**More details will be available on our
website closer to July**

**We will need lots of volunteers
to make this program happen!**

**Hounsfeld Heights / Briar Hill
TOTS TIME PLAYGROUP**



We are an informal, caregiver-supervised playgroup providing a venue for social and physically-active interaction among children and their caregivers in the community.

During the summer, we meet at local playgrounds for outdoor fun!

In the fall, we return to the community gym.

Come check us out!!

- When: Mondays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Who: Children up to school-age, and their caregiver.
- Where: **SUMMER** – June-Sept - **PLAYGROUND ROTATION**
- Cost: No cost for the summer months

For more information or if you would like to join us at the playgrounds for the summer, please contact Tasha at HHBHtotsttime@hotmail.com or 403-460-4018



Calgary NorthWest Basketball

Do you have children interested in basketball or learning to play basketball?

Calgary NorthWest Basketball runs the basketball program for boys and girls in your neighbourhood. We offer a program for children from 5 – 18yrs. Registration begins June 1. For more information or to register visit: www.cnwb.ca

Pickleball is Coming to HH-BH in October!

Pickleball is arguably the fastest growing sport in North America and it appeals to all ages and fitness levels. Want more information? Drop by the Calgary Pickleball Club table on June 15th at the HHBH Summer Solstice to meet some active pickleballers and find out what makes this sport so much fun.

This coming October, you will be able to play pickleball on a drop in basis at the HHBH gym. We will start with one afternoon per week and see where it goes based on participation levels. Members of the Calgary Pickleball

Club will be on hand to introduce the game to those who want to try it out and to help get the program up and running. More details to follow on the HHBH website and the October issue of the Beacon.

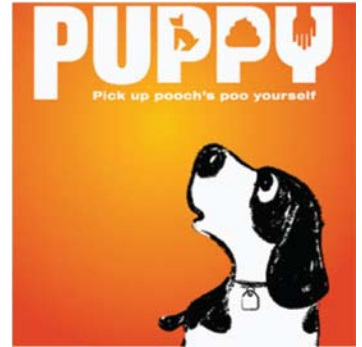
For more information about the game and where it's played in Calgary go to: www.calgarypickleballclub.ca



The P.U.P.P.Y. Program: Help make our parks #1 by picking up #2!

Did you know that pet waste left in yards and parks is washed into storm drains and is the leading contributor to storm water contamination? In fact, pet waste is classified as a dangerous pollutant and is in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil!

The P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) program, a partnership with The City of Calgary Parks and The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services, was established in 2011 to educate Calgarians about the importance of picking up and disposing of pet waste and to make participants familiar with responsible pet ownership and sustainable park use. This program encourages Calgarians to participate in P.U.P.P.Y. events that focus on park stewardship to keep our off-leash areas safe and healthy for pets, people and wildlife. Experts will be on-hand to share information on a variety of pet-related topics; volunteers will lead engaging, interpretive programs; and supplies will be available for community residents to "pitch in and pick up" waste.



What can you do to keep off-leash areas safe and clean?

- Always have pet waste baggies with you when you walk your dog. Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of the bag properly in a waste receptacle.
- Model responsible behaviours and encourage other park users to pick up their pet's waste.
- Participate in the P.U.P.P.Y. program events to learn about sustainable park use and responsible pet ownership.
- Organize a community cleanup in your favourite off-leash area or park by registering for a green project.

2013 P.U.P.P.Y event dates

Upcoming City of Calgary events:

- Saturday, June 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at Auburn Bay Park
- Fall events - dates coming soon

Upcoming community-led events:

- Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at
Tom Campbell's Hill

Note: P.U.P.P.Y. events may be cancelled due to severe weather. Please contact 311 prior to the event for updates.

For more information about the P.U.P.P.Y. program or how you can organize a park cleanup in your area, visit calgary.ca and search "P.U.P.P.Y." or contact 311.



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Backyard Play Safety

With summer fast approaching, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to encourage parents to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe. Direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury. It is also prudent to ensure play equipment in your yard is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Don't forget to check the equipment often and repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment on 8 to 12 inches of a shock-absorbing surface such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel. Grass will not adequately cushion a fall.

Water hazards

- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence should be at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate;
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment. Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Destroy or re-locate hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid a bite in case of accidentally stepping on a stinging insect always ensure you child wears shoes or sandals;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen Jr' prescription from your physician (for serious anaphylactic emergencies only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
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