

# HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL BEACON

WINTER 2013

Welcome to a new Community Association year! Thanks to those residents and guests that braved the icy roads to join us for a recap of the past year, and enjoyed some refreshments after the meeting. We had a great turnout!

We had three guest speakers that talked about a variety of issues concerning our community: Constable John Kastamonitis from the Calgary Police Service discussed crime statistics for our neighbourhood; he also explained the new HUB communication system. Alderman Druh Farrell's assistant Carol answered some questions about the crosswalks on 14th Avenue, and the completion of the LRT platform expansion. Kari Brawn from the Louise Riley Library talked about how they are being vigilant with transients and suspicious activity. She also mentioned that the Library is greatly enjoying their relationship working with the Board.

The Board also announced that the finances for the Community Association are in excellent shape, largely due to income from casinos. Thank you to the many volunteers who make these so successful!

All of our current board members, with the exception of one member, agreed to serve another year. We are sad to see Sonya Ventura, our Education Director, step down however; we thank her for her time on the Board.

Your 2013-2014 Board members are:

President - Robby Sidhu (Facilities)

1st VP - Carol Sandahl (Programs)

2nd VP - Gunter Sammet (Facilities)

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Emmanuel Malterre (Sears Plume)

Terry Woods (Land Use)

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The Community Association has committees responsible for a variety of projects and always welcomes new volunteers. Each committee submitted an annual report, which is included inside this edition of the Beacon. If you are interested in joining the Board or a committee, please contact Caroline at [admin@hh-bh.ca](mailto:admin@hh-bh.ca).

## Calendar of Events

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

- Community Board Meetings**  
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: Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13
- Family Open Gym Night**  
Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm  
Community Gym
- Tots Time Playgroup**  
Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am  
HHBH Gym
- HHBH Christmas Potluck Dinner**  
Friday Dec. 6, 6-9:30 pm  
HHBH Gym
- HHBH Kindergarten Registration  
HHBH Playschool Open House**  
Monday Jan 13, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Briar Hill School
- HHBH Playschool Pre-Registration**  
Wednesday Feb 26, 7-8:30 pm  
HHBH Gym
- HHBH Playschool General Pre-Registration**  
Wednesday Mar 5, 7-8 pm  
HHBH Gym



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*Board meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Thursday of each month 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.*

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**Beacon Submissions to:** Beacon Editor

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Deadline for submissions for next issue: November 15, 2013

**Beacon Ads:** admin@hh-bh.ca

**Boardroom/Gym Bookings:** bookings@hh-bh.ca

**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](http://www.hh-bh.ca).**

## Your Board Reports

### Land Use Report

*Submitted By: Terry Woods*

**Mandate:** To review and comment on development permits applications in the community; to provide feedback to the city on concerns regarding these DP as conveyed by community members or by the Land Use committee.

**Members:** Terry Woods (chair), Gunter Sammet, Darryl Bourne, Doug Bush, Emmanuel Malterre, Tanis and Patrick Fenton, Tara Brown

**Meetings:** Monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the community boardroom; or on as needed basis.

**Summary of Activities:** It's been another busy year with 21 new DP applications including a proposed subdivision and 2 contextual single detached homes.

Broken down by monthly activities, the following DPs were reviewed:

#### November 2012

DP 2012-4147

1411 22A st

New home

Supported by LU committee with amendments

The committee agreed with the city that both balconies on the loft and the 2nd floor project too far from the building façade. However, if the 2nd floor balcony is made smaller, it may create a clear line of sight from the balcony into the neighbour's back yard- which will present a privacy issue.

With respect to the over height privacy screen on the 2nd floor balcony - we do not object to it and feel it is more aesthetically consistent with the overall design. With respect to the

over height of the retaining wall, we will support it as long as there is a rail along the top for safety.

DP 2012-4539

1523-20 st

New home

Supported by LU committee

Including a relaxation of the front setback which is over by 71cm.

This home is at the northern end of a short cul-de-sac and it does not cut off any views or sunlight of other neighbours.

#### December 2012

DP2012-4846

2212-12 ave

New home

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### Get community news online

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## Your Board Reports Continued....

Not supported by LU committee unless there suggested amendments are adopted

The committee does not support the following request for exceptions – (in order of priority).

Excessive parcel lot coverage - the size of the home or the garage needs to be reduced to comply.

Over-height of the garage. Garage height must be reduced to comply.

Details need to be supplied regarding the attic space accessibility or the height of the attic need to be reduced by 1.5 meters. We prefer the latter solution.

Also, the west setback of the home needs to be increased by at least 29cm to comply with bylaw guidelines.

### January 2013

DP2012-5131

1111-15 st

Not supported

The main concern of the committee is the look and massing on the north side of the building. It is a massive, featureless plane that looks like the “Berlin wall” which may not appeal to the neighbours. We suggest at the least some clearstory windows on both levels. This would maintain privacy for both parties and break up the massing effect.

Additionally the contextual front setback is not compliant - the building should be moved at least 2 meters towards the rear of the property.

Also, the building looks to be over-height as the height chamfer cuts through the roof. It needs to be reduced to comply with the bylaw limits.

DP2012-4748

1920-13 ave

The Church is changing their parking lot configuration and installing a new planter.

LU committee supports the proposal

DP2012-4728

1118-16 st

Supported but with amendments

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## Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Community Kindergarten

### **OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION**

Monday, January 13, 2014

*Registration begins at 5:30 pm*

*Open House 5:30 - 7:30 pm*

Room 11, Briar Hill School  
1233 – 21 St N.W.

#### **MEET**

the Teacher and parents of children currently in the program

#### **SEE**

the classroom and sample work of current students

#### **REGISTER**

your child for Kindergarten (2013/14)

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Children must be 5 on or before March 1, 2015.

#### **TO REGISTER, please bring:**

- **Completed registration form** (forms will also be available at the Open House)
- **3 Separate cheques are required.**
  - \$20.00 Community membership fee
  - \$45.00 non-refundable registration fee
  - Classroom Cleaning deposit
- **Original birth certificate of the child**
- **Alberta Health Care number of the child**

Registration forms are available online  
[www.hbbhkindergarten.ca/registration.html](http://www.hbbhkindergarten.ca/registration.html)  
OR outside the classroom

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

## Your Board Reports Continued....

The LU committee is concerned about the oversized balcony at the back of the house. It needs to be reduced to comply with bylaw limits.

Amended drawings show reduced balcony to comply with bylaw limits, which the committee supported

Approved DP was appealed – DP approval was upheld  
DP2013-0058/59

1616-11 ave

Proposed subdivision of a single lot into 2 R-1 lots

Appealed – decision pending.

### February 2013

DP2013-0083

1943 Briar cres

Supported by LU committee.

DP2013-0137

1826-12 ave

Supported by LU committee.

### March 2013

DP2013-0633

1423-21 st

Supported by LU committee.

DP approval was appealed – DP approval was upheld

DP2013-0657

1615-21A st

Supported with some amendments.

The LU committee applauds the builders' plans to build such impressively designed home on this street; it is next to 16th Avenue (TransCanada Hwy) and is the first new development on this block.

However, the plans call for numerous relaxations;

- A basement entrance, which is not allowed
- A roof slope less than 4:12 that is within 1.5 meters of the horizontal plane which forms the max maximum building height.

We have no objections to these first 2 items.

However there is also a request for height relaxations on the house and the garage by significant amounts.

We ask that the maximum height restrictions apply to the main house and to the garage.

Plans were amended to comply with the LU committee requests and the plans were approved by the city.

The approved plans were appealed – DP approval was upheld.

### May 2013

DP2013-1233

1319-17A st

contextual single detached

DP2012-0359

1220-18A st

Supported

### June 2013

DP2013 1606

1304-20 st

Supported

DP2013 1963

1237-17A st.

Not supported unless plans are amended to comply with bylaws.

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## Your Board Reports Continued....

There were a number of relaxations highlighted, some of which the committee was opposed to:

Regarding the relaxation needed on the front yard setback:

- the acute angle of the corner lot and slope of the bounding street create a situation that requires a significant relaxation (over 12 M). However, this relaxation is acceptable because the new home front is approximately in the same position as the existing one. Furthermore it lines up reasonably well with the immediate neighbour to the south and does not affect their site line.

LU committee supports the relaxation on the front yard setback.

Regarding the relaxation on the bay window and eaves projecting:

The committee is concerned about the “massing” effect, and therefore does not support this request for relaxation of 12.68 meters - as it would look too imposing from the street side.

Regarding the dimensions for the window well, we request dimensions be shown on the revised plans.

Regarding the 3rd floor balcony, we do not support it as shown. At its current location, it overlooks the home and

backyard of the neighbour to the south and creates privacy concerns. Large rooftop decks have the potential to invite large noisy evening parties that disturb the neighbours in the vicinity.

The rooftop deck should be reduced in size and could be moved to the north side of the home overlooking 12 Ave.

Regarding the height of the building from grade facing the street: We do not support the relaxation of 1.43 M. Being so close to the street, we are concerned about the “massing” effect from the street side. It needs to be lowered to meet the bylaw maximum.

Regarding the retaining wall over height by 1.62M:

As long as there is a fence or safety banister on top, it is acceptable.

Regarding the fences, we expect the locations to be noted on the amended plans.

No mention has been made regarding the front driveway: Plans show a double garage. We do not support this. The existing home has a single attached front garage. However, there is a back lane. A new home should be using the back lane for a new double garage.

In all, it is an interesting and attractive design on a challenging shaped and sloped lot.

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## Your Board Reports Continued....

If the amendments noted above are implemented, the Land Use committee will support it.

DP2013-1765

2034 Briar cres

contextual single detached

LU committee supports the plans.

### July 2013

DP20132631

1207-18A st

New home

Supported

### August, 2013

DP2013-2826

2307-12 ave.

Renovation & Addition

LU committee supports the plans.

The LU committee recognizes that the pre-existing street sloping conditions on 2307-12 Avenue NW makes it difficult to comply with the bylaw's standard driveway requirements. However, we reviewed the proposal and would support a bylaw relaxation to accommodate the driveway entrance to begin sloping down outside the property line. At the location of the driveway, 12th ave begins a steep decline heading west and due to this large amount of existing cross-slope (across the lot and driveway) there

is less concern for any water run off entering the driveway and the applicant's home.

We appreciate the efforts to keep the original home as part of our community. The proposed addition and updating would enhance the street and our community. Allowing the start of the driveway slope down to the garage just outside of the applicant's property line supports the integrity of the original home.

DP2013-2861

2308 juniper Rd

Major renovations with addition of a second storey to existing bungalow.

Supported by LU committee

## Programs Report

*Submitted By: Carol Sandahl*

The mandate of the Programs Committee is to facilitate the running of community programs. We define a Community Program as a not for profit event that adds social or recreational value to this community.

We have a Casino next weekend November 23rd and 24th to help fund our Community Programs.

Outdoor Spring Soccer is still our largest community program and membership drive. The teams this year ranged from U5 to U14. The end of the season was impacted by the flood but the windup party went on doubling as a fund raiser, collecting \$1700 for the Red Cross. The main coordinator for this program has resigned and we are seeking a new coordinator. We are also looking forward to playing on the newly resurfaced field in front of our community centre for the 2014 season.

The Summer Solstice party has become an annual event. The celebration is on a Saturday close to the Solstice so far it has always been the day before Father's Day. This year the date was June 16th and incorporated our Community's 60th Anniversary. A talent show is included in this event and we do have great talent in this community.

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

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

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

**First Name - Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

*Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email?*      yes     no

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

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

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*Valid through July 31, 2014*

Annual membership (including GST) is :

\$20 per household

\$10 for seniors

Paid by:    cash     cheque

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



## Your Board Reports Continued....

The event gets better each year thanks to the coordination of Patsy M.

On the second Saturday of Stampede we host a breakfast for the entire community. This year the date was July 13. The breakfast had a cold and slow start but the people did come and the sun shone. We thank Kevin T for helping with supplying the sausages, pancake mix, and juices.

The Community Clean-up is becoming more popular, this year our date was September 7. The Clean-up was successfully organized by Phil and Cindy, who have thankfully agreed to continue next year. The downpour did little to dampen the enthusiasm of all the people involved.

Tot's Time Playgroup is continuing Monday mornings in the gym 9:30 - 11:30 AM excluding holidays September to May, contact information is in the Beacon. The community board is working with the group to make the participants more comfortable.

The Indoor Soccer program is still popular. With extensive help from Caroline we were able to have Sportzsoft installed and running for the online registration this season. Eve continues to do an excellent job coordinating this program. This year the CMSA sanctioned teams (U10 – U16) have 90 minute practices in our gym.

Youth Badminton has a new coordinator, Alice C. The program is full and the board as agreed to pay for the coaches' certification with a guarantee of continuing to coach with our program.

The free family gym for HHBH Community Association members Fridays 6:30 – 8:00 PM continues.

Drop-in Badminton runs Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM to noon the fee is \$4.00 and \$3.00 for seniors.

The ice-rink is currently part of the City's Adopt-a-rink program. The boards for the rink were to be put up on November 16. The weather postponed this but the rink will be ready soon. Will M is again managing the rink.

New this year is Pickleball. Pickleball is similar to tennis and played on a doubles badminton court. The program runs in our gym 1:00 – 3:30 PM Wednesday and the drop-in fee is \$4.00 and \$3.00 for seniors.

### Facility Report

*Submitted By: Gunter Sammet*

Mandate: To operate & maintain the Community gym facility

Members: Gunter Sammet (staffing, scheduling) (chair), Robby Sidhu (maintenance)

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

Summary of Activities:

The gym is well used both by community groups & outside users. The gym is booked weekdays from 9 am – 12 pm and from between 4:30 and 6 pm to late in the evening. On Saturdays and on Sundays the gym is used all day.

We recently started drop in Pickleball Wednesday afternoons. The gym continues to be run at a profit for the Community Association.

Our board assistant Caroline Pankewich manages booking and scheduling. Caroline, thank you for all your hard work!

Also a big thanks to our gym caretakers. They work behind the scenes to make sure our gym stays in good condition.

Technical issues in the gym have been taken care of on an as needed basis. We aim to keep the facility in good condition.

We haven't had any major expenditures for the gym this year.

In 2014 we will have a new lifecycle assessment for the facility.

We plan to clean the ducts and rafters again in December.

We have a free community drop-in time on Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to come & play badminton or volleyball or basketball with your neighbours.

The gym schedule can be viewed online at [www.hh-bh.ca](http://www.hh-bh.ca).

Implementing the environmental policy has been delayed. If you want to help out working on the environmental policy, please contact Caroline or Gunter.

We managed to get some furniture from Cenovus for the board room. Thanks for their donation.

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## Your Board Reports Continued....

### **Sears Gas Plume Report**

*Submitted By: Emmanuel Malterre*

Mandate: In conjunction with Alberta Environment (AE) and Alberta Health Services, to investigate and monitor the activities of Sears' remediation of the hydrocarbon plume that has migrated into the Hounsfield Heights Community.

Members: Emmanuel Malterre, Phil Johnson, Kevin Taylor

Communication: The Committee requests regular updates from Sears' remediation plant operator. The updates are both formal quarterly monitoring reports - issued by Sears under Alberta's FOIP Act - and written questions to the operator and/ or Sears directly, usually in connection to the reports and direct queries by the Committee.

Background: A Pre-Commissioning Site Monitoring Report was released on 17 January 2011 by Sears' operator, Clifton Associated Ltd. Based on the results of fluid sampling in 47 boreholes drilled throughout the community during September 2010, the report provides a monitoring base line against which remediation progress would be gauged.

The Dual Phase Vapor Extraction (DPVE) remediation plant started operations in February 2011. The remediation of the contaminated portion of the Hounsfield Heights community is governed by the Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines.

Summary of Activities: The remediation plant has now been officially operating for nearly three years. In the last 12 months, the plant has been operational for only about 30% of the time, after encountering several kinds of technical problems necessitating lengthy interruptions for repairs. Your CA Plume Committee has been getting more and more concerned about the poor performance of the plant since inception and is continuously alerting Sears, Clifton and AE about it.

For the record, as of 29 July 2013, Clifton states that some 2,205 litres of LPH (liquid hydrocarbon) has been removed from the site.

This year has also seen a series of missed deadlines by, and additional extensions granted to Sears to produce the new Site Management Plan (SMP); year-end 2012, end of

February 2013, end of May 2013, end of July, but no new plan has yet materialized at the time of writing.

The new SMP was requested by AE as a result of a meeting between the Plume Committee, Clifton and AE in June 2012, largely to deal with the inefficiency of remediating the gasoline contamination under Hounsfield Heights. Sears was to incorporate all of requests made by Alberta Environment into a new SMP for the contaminated HHHB area and submit it to AE by year end 2012.

### **Communications Report**

*Submitted By: Kevin Taylor*

The Communications Committee had a quiet year with the civic election in the fall.

Community Rock Sign: After many delays and hard work by Gunter Sammet the community rock sign is now in place and the next step is to have the engraving done.

The Beacon: After many interviews over the summer we welcome April Taylor as our Beacon Editor. Along with April's skills she brings a passion for perfection.

Next will be our History Book:

We have, after many years, 3 draft copies of our Community History Book that we will solicit for any last changes before we head into production.

Once completed, we will have 5 commemorative copies and have a few extra hard copies to purchase from HHHBCA. It will also be on our website.

Let's work together to create positive changes in OUR community! Here's to a great 2014.

### **Ancillary Groups Report**

#### **HHBH Community Kindergarten AGM Report 2013:**

*Submitted By: Laureen Bouey – Program Coordinator*

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

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## Your Board Reports Continued....

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

Our teacher, Mrs. Barb Scratch (B.Ed), who is also a resident of Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill, has returned this year from her medical leave. She has taught our program for more than 20 years and is respected by students and parents alike. We fully appreciate her return for the 2013/14 school year.

The students are also supported in the classroom by a full-time educational assistant, Ms. Pauline Stafford.

She has been with this program for over 10 years. Our Kindergarten program offers many benefits: a full-time teacher's assistant, over 475 in-class hours, field trips and other program enhancements.

The Kindergarten program began offering an afternoon program as well as a morning program in the 2003/04 school year. This year there are 32 children in the program: 17 in the morning program and 15 in the afternoon. Of the 32 students 18 are from within the HHBH Community boundaries.

### **HHBH Community Playschool AGM Report 2013**

*Submitted By: Leigha Pidde – HHBH Playschool Co-chair*

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

The playschool structure incorporates the early childhood Provincial Standards and is regulated and licensed by the Calgary Health Region and Alberta Child Services.

The philosophy of the playschool is that children aged 3-5 years, learn through "free play". Children explore at their own pace within a positive enriched environment of trust and respect. The playschool goals are:

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

A Parent- Executive elected by the Playschool Membership is responsible for the organization and running of the playschool. It has consistently operated a balanced budget.

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Two teachers are employed to teach and facilitate the children. Erin Speer (Ms. Erin) completed her Early Learning and Child Care diploma at Mount Royal College. Upon graduation she received the Governors General Award for achieving the highest grade point average in all the diploma programs, in 2009, at Mount Royal College. Our other teacher, Marie Benedict (Ms. Marie) has spent a lot of time in the past 7 years in the playschool classroom as a parent volunteer and co-chair with her three kids. She completed her Child Development Assistant certificate in the fall of 2009 and taught at WHCA preschool before starting at HHBH last year. The Playschool offers 3-day, 2-day and 5-day per week programs for the mornings and afternoons. This year there are currently 62 children enrolled with 19 MWF am, 11 MWF pm, 19 T/TH am and 13 T/TH pm.

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#### **Open House:**

Monday, January 13, 2014 from  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

#### **Pre-Registration:**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the  
HHBH Community Association Gym

#### **General Registration:**

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at the  
HHBH Community Association Gym

Registration information and forms will  
be available February 2014.

# Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill

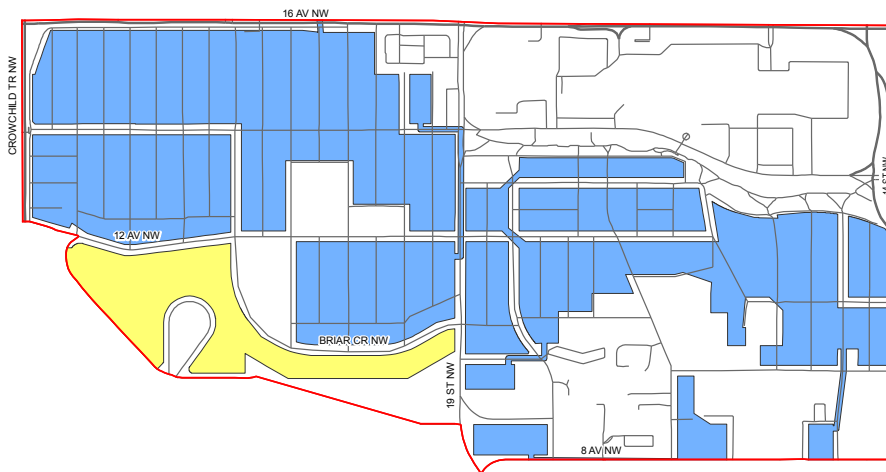
Collection day starting the week of Nov. 11, 2013

## Garbage and recycling collection day changes

Starting the week of Nov. 11, 2013, there will be VARIOUS changes to collection day in Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill.

In order to continue building efficiencies into our collection routes, yearly adjustments to some routes are necessary to keep pace with continued growth throughout the city.

For more information on collection day changes, visit [Calgary.ca/waste](http://Calgary.ca/waste) or contact 311.



**Legend**

Collection Days:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Community Boundary



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## HHBH HISTORY BOOK

Our history book of the neighborhood is almost complete! If possible, we would like to get it as up-to-date as we can. If anyone has pictures from any of our events (Stampede Breakfast, Summer Solstice, Kindergarten 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, etc.) or if anyone would like to volunteer to help edit and finalize the book, please email [admin@hh-bh.ca](mailto:admin@hh-bh.ca).




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## Cold Weather Safety



Alberta Health Services EMS responds to many cold weather related emergencies every winter. Simple actions, such as: dressing appropriately and anticipating sudden weather changes, may help keep you warm and safe this season.

### Frostnip

- Frostnip occurs when skin is extremely cold, but not frozen. It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- Skin appears red, but also turns white when pressed. It may also feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frost-nipped skin will heal without complication;
- Gently re-warming the affected area in a warm environment, is advised.

### Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, that the skin and underlying tissue freeze, completely;
- It may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Treatment begins with removal from the cold environment and placing the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water (about 41°C), until re-warmed;
- Seek further medical attention as required.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is an abnormally low body temperature - less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- People suffering hypothermia may act inappropriately with uncharacteristic stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to lower;
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is crucial. Left untreated, hypothermia may progress to coma and death;
- Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
- Gentle re-warming should start as quickly as possible, including: removal of wet or constrictive clothing, covering with blankets or sleeping bags, and protecting the patient from further heat loss (wind, moisture and contact with cold surfaces).

[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)



## **The Hub - Calgary Police Service**

The Calgary Police Service is going digital with community crime prevention messages.

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

Starting 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](http://www.calgarypolice.ca). The Hub is proudly sponsored by Encana.

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## **A Message from your Councillor, Druh Farrell**



Happy Holidays, residents of Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill! With 2013 winding down, we can begin to reflect on what was a very eventful year in Calgary. The June flood – one of the worst natural disasters in Canada’s history - brought with it some immense challenges. When

Calgarians look back on those troubling times they can be proud of their response. Among the many things I will never forget is your compassion for your neighbours and your commitment to show to the world that Calgarians are resilient and strong.

The fall election was an opportunity for residents to elect a Councillor (formerly Aldermen) for the first time ever. I am honoured that Ward 7 residents re-elected me to continue to represent you at City Hall. I am even more proud that Ward 7 had the highest voter turnout in the City. I look forward to applying my renewed mandate to represent all residents in Ward 7. I also look forward to continuing to work with my returning Council colleagues and I welcome those who are new to Council.

Council’s first priority will be to set a fiscal course for the City

over the next four years by approving the City’s budget. Council’s goal is to maintain the high quality of life that Calgarians currently enjoy. The recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey demonstrates that Calgarians place a high value on the services they receive: 88% of Calgarians responded that the quality of life in Calgary is ‘good’, and 84% are satisfied with City services.

With this in mind I look forward to working with Council and City Staff to find efficiencies in delivering top quality services while maximizing value for residents. One way to achieve this is through the implementation of a smart growth strategy, where land developers will pay their share of new infrastructure costs to ease the burden on taxpayers and allow the City to re-invest their tax dollars more wisely. This will ensure new growth begins to pay for itself.

Almost 80% of Calgarians believe our City is moving in the right direction to ensure a high quality of life for future generations. Our ongoing challenge will be to maintain our quality of life while managing costs.



## Be a good neighbour, clear the snow!

Winter has arrived and it's time to be mindful of how the buildup of ice and snow on city sidewalks can post a risk of injury to Calgarians. Older adults, those with mobility issues or parents pushing strollers or walking with young children, may find it treacherous to venture out if neighbours are not diligent about clearing the ice and snow. All of us can help make walking in our communities safe for everyone if we work together and follow the regulations set out in Calgary's Street Bylaw.

Property owners are responsible for clearing all sidewalks adjacent to their property. This means removing all snow and ice down to the bare concrete within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. If, as a property owner, you do not live at the residence, it is important to work with tenants or arrange for a contractor to clear the snow. It's also important to note that if a property is being developed, the developer is often the owner responsible to clean sidewalks around a construction site or empty lot. The property owner is ultimately responsible for snow clearing under the bylaw. For any ice that is difficult to remove, a de-icing mixture is available at fire halls or Roads depots. Please bring your own container.

Remember that snow from private property cannot be put onto the road or boulevard. Large mounds of snow in the street can impede the flow of traffic, limit driver

and pedestrian visibility and hinder Blue Cart and Black Bin collection.

Sidewalks also need to be clear of obstructions such as electrical cords. When plugging in your vehicle, make sure you don't place an electrical cord on or over any portion of a street.

Have you considered being a Snow Angel? It can be a challenge for some residents to shovel and clear their sidewalks. The Snow Angel campaign, now in its 10th year in Calgary, encourages citizens to be good neighbours by helping older adults and others in need with their snow removal. All you have to do is adopt someone's sidewalk this winter and keep it clear.

Let's remember that snow, ice and obstructions on our sidewalks can result in serious injuries and can cause those with limited mobility to be confined indoors. Be a good neighbour and clear the snow.

To find out more about snow and ice removal in Calgary visit [calgary.ca/snow](http://calgary.ca/snow) or contact 311. For information on how to become a Snow Angel, visit [Calgary.ca/snowangels](http://Calgary.ca/snowangels).



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## New at HHBH - Drop-in Pickleball!

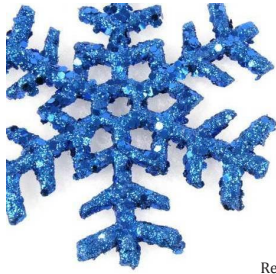
Pickleball is arguably the fastest growing sport in North America and it appeals to all ages and fitness levels. This fun sport will be starting Wednesday November 8 at the HHBH gym as a drop-in program. Members of the Calgary Pickleball Club will be on hand to introduce the game and provide equipment to those who want to try it out and to help get the program up and running.



For more information about the game, go to <http://www.calgarypickleballclub.ca/>.  
HHBH Gym Wednesdays 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Drop-in fee: \$4.00/person, \$3.00/seniors (55+)



# community programs



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## December 2013 ~ Holiday book wishlist!

Looking for a gift for someone special or something new to read? You might consider trying one of these new books!



**"On the Night You Were Born"** by Nancy Tillman, *good for sharing and cuddling, good for ages 0-5*  
**"Stick Man"** by Julia Donaldson, *good to share with the whole family, fun and funny holiday picture book*  
**"Fortunately the Milk"** by Neil Gaiman, *find out just how odd things get in this hilarious story of time travel, good for ages 6-8*  
**"Lockwood & Co. The Screaming Staircase"** by Jonathan Stroud, *in a city stalked by spectres, The Screaming Staircase is the first in a chilling new series full of suspense, humour and truly terrifying ghosts, good for ages 9-12*  
**"Fangirl"** by Rainbow Rowell, *for young adults, who didn't want the Harry Potter series to end so made up their own stories*  
**"The Other Typist"** by Suzanne Rindell, *for fans of The Talented Mr. Ripley and The Great Gatsby comes one of the most memorable unreliable narrators in years, for adults*

The Calgary Public Library also has gift certificates to fit everyone on your list!  
 This gift keeps on giving all year long providing access to a wide variety library materials, services, ebooks and programs!

### 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 Dec. 16, and Jan. 6 to Apr. 28, 2 - 4:00 p.m. *No Registration Required.*
- 50+ Coffee and Conversation:** Join us for coffee, conversation and presentations of interest. Ages 50 and up. Mondays to Dec. 16, Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 14, Apr. 21, and Apr. 28 (No program on Dec. 9) 2 - 3:30 p.m. *No Registration Required.*
- 50+ Coffee and Conversation - Genealogy for Beginners:** Monday, Dec. 9, 2 - 3:30 p.m. *Registration Required.*
- 50+ Coffee and Conversation - 5 Design Trends that are Here to Stay** Monday, Jan. 13, 2 - 3:30 p.m. *Registration begins Dec. 23*
- 50+ Coffee and Conversation - Art for Your Heart:** Monday, Jan. 27, 2 - 3 p.m. *Registration begins Dec. 23*

### Other programs at your library...

- A Taste of the Big Apple!** Join us for a whirl-wind virtual tour of favourite museums, tours, eats, sites and sounds of New York City. Presented by Leslie Barnes. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration Required.*
- Global Flavours:** Discover ways to incorporate ethnic ingredients and spices into your cooking and learn where to find them in Calgary. Presented by Chef Patrick Dunn. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration begins Dec. 23*
- Law at Your Library: Wills and Estates:** Learn: how to plan your will, including types of wills, what to include, choosing an executor, and power of attorney. In partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance. Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration begins Dec. 23*
- Pinterest:** Learn how to use this online visual inspiration board to bookmark your favourite websites and images. Thursday, Jan. 23, 2 - 3 p.m. *Registration begins Dec. 23*
- Ebook Doctor:** Looking for help with OverDrive or Freeding? Drop in for one-on-one help with your ebook and ereader questions. Thursday, Jan. 30, 2 - 3 p.m. *No Registration Required.*



See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!  
 Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> we close at 4:00 p.m.  
 CLOSED December 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holidays





**HELP WANTED – HHBH GYM ATTENDANT**

We are looking to hire a part-time Facility Attendant to supervise our community gym and boardroom while rental groups are using these facilities. Shifts will be Wednesday afternoons 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM plus other opportunities to fill in on morning shifts when required. This is a great job for community residents or for students as there can be large blocks of time for studying!

Responsibilities include:

- Open up facility ½ hour before clients arrive
- Ensure facility is clean and set up appropriately for clients, e.g. set out chairs and tables, sweep gym floor
- Act as a host or contact person while clients are in facility
- Clean up once clients have left including janitorial duties, e.g. clean washrooms, restock washroom supplies, take out garbage and recycling, wash floors, vacuum carpeted areas, sweep gym floor
- Secure and lock facility at end of shift

This position is paid hourly, starting at \$14.00/hour.

Please send your resume to [admin@hh-bh.ca](mailto:admin@hh-bh.ca). Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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## HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

**Badminton:** Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 12 pm

**Pickleball:** Wednesday 1 pm – 3:30 pm

**Rates:** \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

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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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