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Dear Brentwoodians,

By now almost all of you will know that our community placed first in this year's annual neighbourhood rankings in *Avenue Magazine*. While Brentwood usually ranks well, this is the first time that we have made the top spot... and it feels great! Many thanks to *Bugle* columnist Lee Hunt, and BCA Development and Transportation Committee chair Melanie Swailes, for their contributions to the article. Melanie's column in this month's *Bugle* goes into a little more detail about the factors that played into the rankings. One thing that I took away from the various facts and figures presented is how well-rounded Brentwood is as a community: we have a little bit of everything that goes into making a neighbourhood a great place to live and work.

While it might be fun to gloat at our friends and coworkers who don't live in Calgary's best neighbourhood, it is worth remembering—as I did while enjoying a bicycle ride through Confederation Park with my family this weekend—that many of the amenities that we enjoy here are not in Brentwood at all. From the spray park in Canmore Park, the warm-water pool at Vecova, Market Mall, or the U of C campus, our neighbourhood is surrounded by other great facilities and services that improve our quality of life.

Of course, a neighbourhood—or even a grouping of neighbourhoods—doesn't exist in isolation; a large part of the pleasure of living where we do comes from the city of Calgary as a whole, and summertime in this city makes the long, cold winters worthwhile. This Heritage Day weekend, my wife and I met some friends on Prince's Island to enjoy Shakespeare on the Bow's rollicking performance of A Midsummer's Night Dream. As we walked across the bouncing footbridge from Sunnyside, we passed happy and exhilarated rafters bringing their vessels to the curling club; people on the riverside pathways strolling, jogging, cycling, scooting, and even rollerskating; and anglers trying their luck in the Bow. I remarked to my wife that it felt like we were at a resort! This city has so much to offer, much of it free and easily accessible to all residents.

What do you love about Brentwood? Write in and share your favourite thing about living here – email me at bcabugle@telus.ca!

#### Photo contest

The *Bugle* is looking for Brentwood's best amateur photographers to provide cover images each month. If you have a great snap of our neighbourhood saved on your phone or posted on your social media feed, send it in for a chance to be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue! Photos must be 300 DPI or higher, 6.3 x 8.2 inches minimum size, and portrait orientation. If submitting pictures of children or a minor, please make sure that you have direct, express permission to submit the picture from the parents or guardian of that child or minor. Send your photos, or any guestions, to bcabugle@telus.ca.

Yours sincerely, Jonathan Jucker, editor Brentwood Bugle



### Carroll Place Join us on September 24 for Bingo

Join youth volunteers and community members to spend an evening of fun and Bingo with the residents of Carroll Place.

#### Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6 pm – 8 pm Carroll Place Lounge

Additional Info:

- \$0.25/card/game. Bring your Quarters!
- Winner takes home the pot
- We will play 10-11 games. Everyone has a chance to win! Come out and join us for a great time! Everyone is welcome!



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Lee Hunt, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett, Ena MacDonald, Cynthia Sim, and Melanie Swailes.



#### **Brentwood Community Association Board Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the upstairs Boardroom of the Sportsplex. All community members are welcome, but are asked to submit agenda items in advance if they have items for discussion at the meeting by contacting Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477 or brntwdca@telus.net

The BCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Sportsplex banquet hall: see the notice in this issue.

#### **Calgary Food Bank City-Wide Food Drive**

Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the Calgary Food Bank for the city's largest one-day food drive and make a difference for a family this fall. Watch for donation bags on your doorstep! For information on the City-Wide Food Drive and the most needed items, visit www.calgaryfoodbank.com.

#### Wanted! Soccer Coordinator

Our soccer coordinator Paul Larmand is stepping down after this season, so the BCA is looking for someone to step into this rewarding role. Please contact Paul at Paul. Larmand@brentwoodcommunity.com to find out more about the position or to express your interest!

#### **Scrabble Group:**

Beginning in September, the Scrabble Group will resume meeting every Thursday afternoon in the Sportsplex Boardroom. New members are most welcome. Please call 403-284-3477 for more information.

#### 55 Plus Bridge Group:

Bridge resumes on Wednesday, September 4. If you enjoy playing the game, please join us. We meet at 1 pm upstairs in the Banquet Room of the Sportsplex. Contact Roman at 403-289-6244.

#### Playgroup:

The Brentwood Community Playgroup is designed for parents and caregivers to get together with their young children (ages 0-5) for a couple of hours each week to connect, learn through play and most importantly, have fun. Essentially, playgroup is one of the first, and most important, social networks for children and families. Registration is ongoing, and we are

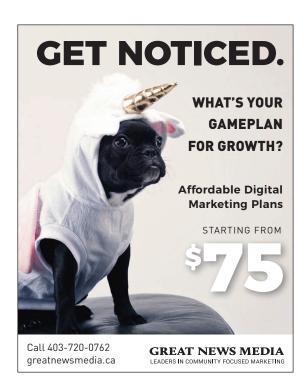
always happy to have new members join. Email us at: brentwoodcommunityplaygroup@gmail.com.

#### **BCA Hall Rentals:**

The Banquet Hall and Boardroom at the Brentwood Sportsplex are available for rent by the public. Please refer to the BCA website for details www. brentwoodcommunity.com and go to the Facilities page. Current BCA members get a 15% discount on hall rentals.

#### **Bugle Submissions:**

We want to hear from you! If you have a community event you want to promote or something to say about our neighbourhood, share it here! The deadline for the October issue is September 1, 2019. For submission guidelines please e-mail Jonathan Jucker at bcabugle@ telus.net.





#### **Carroll Place Seniors**

Carroll Place Seniors are seeking donations of gently used jewellery, knick-knacks or small household items for their showcase. These items are available to residents and community members to purchase. Money raised from sales support the Carroll Place Social Fund for activities, supplies or special events. Call Jean at 403-569-2271 to arrange to drop off donations or to purchase items. Thank you!

#### We are Knitting for a Cause!

The Knitting for a Cause group would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to everyone in the community who has donated wool and knitting supplies to their initiative over the years. Thanks to your donations, the group has been able to spread kindness and compassion throughout our wonderful city, one stitch at a time. The group began by knitting sets of children's hats, scarves and mitts to donate to elementary schools in Calgary. Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of little hands and ears have been kept warm during our frigid Calgary winters. While the group continues to knit winter wear for kids, they have also expanded to participate in some incredible initiatives. Our group has been busy and there is no sign of slowing down. We are always looking for new members. All ages and skill levels welcome! No knitting experience necessary. Come knit with us and be part of the amazing projects we have underway. We meet from 1:00 to 3:00 pm every Saturday at the Carroll Place Lounge. Call Erika Cusimano to sign up. 403-452-5575.

#### **Horizon Church**

Beginning September 8th, Horizon Church, is going to be launching a weekly Sunday morning gathering at 10:00 AM at Brentwood Elementary School with Pastor Nathan Hildenbrandt. It is open to anyone and everyone, regardless of who you are, where you live, or what you believe. Horizon is a church where skeptics are welcome, and we hope to explore the claims of Christianity together. Childcare is available, and there will be coffee during the service. You can find more information about Horizon Church at www.wearehorizon.ca.

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2019

7:00 PM
REGISTRATION 6:30 PM
BRENTWOOD SPORTSPLEX BANQUET HALL
1520B NORTHMOUNT DRIVE NW
CALGARY, AB

\*\*Refreshments following meeting\*\*



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## Brentwood

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And then came the hail...

After my effusive and enthusiastic comments in August's Bugle article about how beautiful and lush the garden looked, we had a sudden and sad reminder of how susceptible our delicate plants are to the ferocity of the weather. Just a few minutes of large hail stones resulted in significant damage to many of the plants. Particularly hard hit were the rhubarb plants, whose leaves showed huge holes where they had been struck (see photo). Also, among the casualties were the apple trees: most of the small apples had been ripped off the branches and strewn about the ground. Many of the larger apples managed to stay attached but showed bruising and holes where they had been struck by the hail stones, and their ultimate fate is uncertain as the damage exposes them to disease. Similarly, many small cherries littered the ground, an additional setback for the cherry bushes which had suffered damage because of the very cold winter and were only recently showing some signs of recovery.

On a more positive note, most of the vegetable garden beds showed minimal effects from the hail. The taller plants lost some flowers and most of the onion stalks were broken, but except for some holes in leafy vegetables, many of the garden beds escaped serious damage. For those clever gardeners who had protected their beds with some sort of cover, their plants came through relatively unscathed. Root vegetables were also largely spared. So, while the hail caused some dismay, there is still time for some of the plants to recover.

Our monthly garden cleanup for July was held on a Wednesday evening instead of a Saturday morning, as summer weekends are few and precious and many families want to spend that time away from the city, enjoying the outdoors. We had a good turnout for the session and the weather was cooperative. One disappointing observation was the disappearance of the small yellow wrought-iron bench that had been a fixture in the garden for several years. Perhaps it is now decorating someone else's garden! If you happen to see it, please call the Community Association at 403-284-3477.

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (DTC)**

Submitted by Melanie Swailes, on behalf of the BCA Development and Transportation Committee

#### Brentwood - We're Number One!

We in Brentwood think our community is a pretty great place to live, and now it's official! Avenue magazine has ranked Brentwood as the top overall community in Calgary in their annual "Best Neighbourhood" edition.

Avenue magazine collected data on 185 established residential communities in Calgary. A survey asked respondents to list and rank the characteristics that are most important to them in a place to live. Responses then underwent a max differential statistical analysis to determine just how important each amenity and characteristic is. Further information on each neighbourhood also included data collected from the Civic Census, Calgary Police Service and Open Calgary (the City of Calgary's open data catalogue).

If you'd like to read about Calgary's best neighbourhoods, a digital edition is available online at www.avenuecalgary. com. For a print edition, a free copy is available at a number of locations across the city: a full list of locations is at www.avenuecalgary.com/find-avenue/. Thank you





to Käthe Lemon, Editor-in-Chief of Avenue magazine, for her willingness to help me with information for this article, as well as for explaining the survey and data collection methods to me.

#### What did residents consider most important?

- 1. A high proportion of park space and pathways: Pathways were scored on their proximity to other walking areas, be those regional (part of City-wide network), local (secondary route within communities), or trails (unpaved pathways recognized by the City). Parks were rated based on the size of parks, the number of smaller green spaces, and parks adjacent to communities.
- 2. Good access to supermarkets, grocery stores, and food markets: Using the City of Calgary's business license data, varying points were given for supermarkets, grocery stores, specialty food stores, and convenience stores licensed to sell food within a neighbourhood.
- **3. Walkability:** Walk Score measures the walkability of a neighbourhood based on the percentage of daily errands that can be accomplished on foot in the area.
- 4. A high number of restaurants, coffee shops, bars and pubs: Again, City of Calgary business license data was used to determine the numbers of these types of businesses in Brentwood.
- Good access to major roads: Brentwood has excellent access to Crowchild and Shaganappi Trails, and John Laurie Boulevard.
- 6. Strong community engagement: The point system used is based on the idea that a community where neighbours interact with each other more often is more engaged. Greater engagement opportunities included the number of households with a dog, the percentage of cycling and walking commuters, the percentage of owner-occupied dwellings, access to pathways, the number of playgrounds, proximity to a library, and community association membership levels and activities.

#### What else makes this a great community?

Brentwood residents really do have it all within our community! On top of the items listed, we also have schools covering kindergarten to high school, both public and separate. There are several churches in Brentwood, as well as Northland Village, Brentwood, Dalbrent, and Northland Plaza shopping malls. You'll also find many

services such as dentists and doctors, lawyers, computer repairs, and even dog grooming and a registry office.

There is one more crucial element that makes Brentwood great: resident involvement and volunteers! In this issue, you will see a long list of volunteers, everything from president, to directors, to representatives for figure skating, gardening, and the environment.

Brentwood is very fortunate to have so many people involved with the Community Association (CA). At our monthly meetings, guests from the City or other organizations have expressed surprise at the number of people who are always present.

Whether you are new to the community, or whether you've lived here for a long time, you are always welcome to join us. If you've never been to a CA meeting, the best place to start might be with our Annual General Meeting on September 5th at the Brentwood Sportsplex (the ice arena building behind the SWC Pool and the Nose Hill Library). Registration will begin at 6:30 with the AGM to start at 7:00.

Brief reports of the activities of the past year will be presented so it's a great way to learn more about what has been happening in Brentwood and what is planned for the coming year. Refreshments will be served after the meeting so that there will be time to socialize and meet some new neighbours.

We're always interested in hearing from you, so don't hesitate to contact the Community Association with questions or comments: all the addresses and contact information are listed on page 6.

I will end with a message from the BCA President, Bonita McCurry, who is always quietly active behind the scenes helping to make our community an active and vibrant one!

"As one of the board members and volunteers for the Brentwood Community Association, I am excited and honoured that Brentwood has been selected as the number one Community in Calgary.

Our residents are always willing to step up and volunteer when help is need. We are starting to get younger families back into the community which brings fresh ideas and suggestions for events in the community.

I want to thank everyone involved in this process of selecting Brentwood as the top community and hopefully we can keep moving forward with new ideas and plans."

## HOPE in our community

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### A Tribute to Eleanor Chmilar

by Lee Hunt

A powerful spark went out in Brentwood with the recent passing of long-time resident Eleanor Chmilar.

Neighbour Doreen commented on Eleanor's friendly and caring ways as well as her terrific sense of humour. Other neighbours, Lorna and Walt, will miss Eleanor's cheerful wave as well as comparing notes on their respective vacations.

Eleanor loved her home—especially her garden. Our Eleanor was no slouch! She took great pride in telling me that after her husband Bill (now deceased) and son David finished building their garage, Eleanor put on all the shingles!

Within our community, Eleanor was a regular with the Thursday afternoon Scrabble group. She told me that she had received a Scrabble game for Christmas in 1953 and "just loved the game since then." Eleanor's long-time friend and fellow Scrabble player, Sue, commented that, "for Eleanor it was not so much about winning at Scrabble, but about creating a good word." Eleanor also enjoyed joining in the monthly Seniors' Tea at the Brentwood Sportsplex. And she was always such a good sport! For the 2017 Victoria Day Seniors' Tea, Eleanor sported a spectacular broad brimmed hat, while I wore a slightly lopsided fascinator (see photo).





Eleanor was also active at Holy Cross Anglican Church (formerly named St. Cyprian's). Current minister, Kyle Norman, describes Eleanor as "remarkable and outgoing... an influential person in the history of our church." Eleanor was President of the Altar Guild for some 25 years and frequently hosted a Christmas Potluck to say "thank you" to all the volunteers. Kyle also noted that, "Even in the Hospice, Eleanor's door was always open because she wanted everyone to feel that they could stop in and chat with her at anytime."

In addition, Eleanor volunteered with Meals on Wheels for over 40 years. In 2014, she was presented with the Bill Girling Heart Award for her then 40 years of volunteer service. Meals on Wheels Volunteer Services Manager, Desiree Naylor commented, "Dedicated and committed, Eleanor illustrated lifelong dedication to volunteering." Eleanor told me how much she enjoyed speaking with the clients receiving the meals. Just imagine how many meals she must have dropped off—how many people's lives she brightened!

Along with her years of volunteer endeavours, Eleanor also found time to work as an Administrative Assistant in the Political Science Department at the University of Calgary, an endeavour which she greatly enjoyed.

Eleanor and Bill were great travellers. Bill's job took them to many parts of the US, while on vacations, the couple toured in such areas as China, Morocco, Spain, and Australia. When Eleanor and I shared travel notes, two of her special memories were of an elderly Chinese woman selling beautiful crocheted tablecloths at the Great Wall of China, plus the gigantic size of the spiders in Melbourne, Australia! Needless to say, Eleanor admired the former, but despised the latter!

Eleanor was a caring, spunky person who will be greatly missed in our community. We at The Bugle extend our condolences to Eleanor's daughter Barbara (Jim), son David (Lorna), and three grandchildren. That spirited, kind person will live on in all our memories. Eleanor was a remarkable combination of grace and grit—right to the end!

## Northwest (3) Warriors Hockey

by Fiona

We would like to welcome everyone back to the start of another great hockey season. We are incredibly excited about the season ahead for our Northwest Warriors program. Our volunteers have been working tirelessly to produce a topnotch program for all levels.

The arenas are a buzz of activity with the kids sharing their adventures from the summer and their eagerness to see who is gearing up for the ice.

The evaluation dates for each age group are listed below, but please confirm them with our website, as changes may occur. Age group coordinators will be emailing out information to registered players.

- Timbit/Tyke Players (Sept 7 21)
- Novice Players (Sept 3 17)
- Atom Goalies (Sept 2 & 3)
- Atom Players (Sept 5 19)
- Peewee Goalies (Sept 2 & 3)
- Peewee Players (Sept 5 15)
- Bantam Body Checking Session (Sept 11)
- Bantam Goalies (Sept 7 & 14)
- Bantam Players (Sept 15 Sept 24)
- Midget Body Checking Session (Sept 9)
- Midget Goalies (Sept 7 & 14)
- MidgetPlayers (Sept 16 Sept 24)

Exhibition games will follow the evaluation session for Atom to Midget age groups and will be included with the evaluations process. All teams will be confirmed prior to the second weekend in October. For complete details just visit our website at: www.nwwarriorshockey.com (Evaluations tab)

We are kicking off our season with our Annual Fall Freeze Tournaments. They will be running throughout the month of October. It's a great way to get the season rolling and there is nothing like a tournament to ignite the competitive engine. Please check out the schedules on our website and stop by to enjoy some engaging hockey! We will also be hosting the Crowchild Challenge on the Thanksgiving weekend (October 5-7). It's a great chance to see some up and coming hockey players show their skills.

Complete information and all detailed schedules can be found on our websites (www.nwwarriors.com). If you have any questions please contact us at, admin@nwwarriorshockey. com.



## Calgary Concussion Awareness and Support

**Calgary Concussion Awareness & Support** will be resuming their meetings in SEPT 2019 as we now enter our 4th year!

They meet the last FRIDAY of each month from SEP-TEMBER to MAY at the Brentwood Community Association Boardroom (upper level in the Sportsplex building) from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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To learn this & more, you are welcome to attend their monthly meetings.

Their next meeting is: FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 from 7:00-8:30 PM

Topic: CHRONIC STRESS & ADRENAL FATIGUE

All meetings are drop-in sessions. No pre-registration required. No charge to attend. All are welcome—bring family & friends. Free parking.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, you can access their presentation videos on YouTube or Facebook—search for "Calgary Concussion Awareness & Support" and begin with their first video: "What is a Concussion?"



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## Students, Stewardship, & STEM in Whispering Woods

by Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

From Dr. E.W. Coffin School's Sun Circle Kick Off; Simon Fraser School's Stewardship and Science Day; Captain John Palliser School's Forest and Trees Forays; and UCalgary's STEM Education in the Community, Whispering Woods saw its share of inquiring students during June and July.

Thanks to Larysa, Miho, Greg, and many others at Dr. Coffin for running a wonderful after school Sun Circle Summer Kick Off in late June, with planting activities in the Sun Circle gardens, scavenger hunts for native and invasive plants in the Natureground and orienteering in Whispering Woods. All included delicious refreshments and fun for the families too, along with preparing for the volunteer-for-weekly summer watering in the school gardens and biodiversity bees.

Do you know about Dr. Coffin's innovative Fresh Air Fridays program, where the teachers take their students outside every week throughout the year? The staff have presented about this initiative at Calgary Teachers' Convention and are leading the way in Calgary on this kind of endeavour that has so many embedded benefits. Check out their many @FreshAirFriday photos and stories on Twitter.

#### No child left inside!

Thank you so much to all the Grade 5 & 6 classes at Simon Fraser School for their Stewardship and Science activities in Whispering Woods (WW) during the last week of school. They collected lots of trash, helped tidy the Prairie Amphitheatre, and investigated the many interpretive signs. Although the heavy June rains chased them back inside, it was a privilege to witness the skits they pulled together in small groups and performed at the end of the morning—all capturing their learning and engagement in these special places. Thank you so much to teacher Teri Duke for facilitating the experience for these students (who are bused in to SFS, so do not

otherwise know about this area). Teri adeptly connected the activities to the Health and Wellness curriculum, as well as science, social studies, and of course language arts in the expression of learning through drama and speech.

#### Take it outside!

Also taking it outside during the last week of school were Grade 5 & 6 students from Captain John Palliser School. The Alberta Programs of Study includes units in sky science and forests and trees at these grade levels, and the students were joyously running through the trees and also testing out the aerodynamics of their paper airplane designs. In the past, CJP students at many grade levels have made seasonal trips to WW.

#### Keep going outside!

In my own UCalgary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education (STEM) class in July, I took my BEd students (pre-service teachers) to WW in search of STEM Curriculum in the Community. Akin to a BioBlitz, we identified the many potential connections to the curriculum they will soon be licensed to teach at any level from K-12. Last year in August and September, I helped organize stewardship and community-building activities in Whispering Woods for UCalgary students in an Ecofeminism course in Women's Studies, and also for a graduate Social Work course.

#### Do it outside!

It's been a pleasure working with all these groups, schools, and also continuing our special partnership with the City of Calgary Parks in our Adopt-a-Park role and ongoing educational activities. In a future Environews column, I'll let you know where to read more about these engagements.

Happy Back to School this September: Remember to Be Outside!

Environmentally yours, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett Grassroutes Ethnoecological Association, naturegroundnews@gmail.com Online Registration is open for all Skating Programs and on-going throughout skating season until the programs are full! 2019/2020 Skating Program Schedule (September 16,2019-March 21,2020)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
4:15-5:45pm	*New	4:15-5:45pm	*New	4:15-5:45pm	8:45-10:45am		
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					9:00-9:45am		
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#### CanSkate (Learn-to-Skate) Program

The CanSkate Program is Skate Canada's learn-to-skate program designed for beginner skaters, ages 4 & up that focuses on the development of fundamental skating skills and movements. Our program encourages skaters to learn in a fun, safe, positive environment while receiving constant feedback from our Coaching team for better progression. During the skating season, Coaches will use their discretion to progress skaters through appropriate CanSkate levels according to their skating ability. Those who show potential and interest may choose to join the STARSkate (Intro to Figure Skating) group lesson programs.

#### Beginner Group Star Program - New!

This program is for all beginner skaters ages 6 and over for any skating discipline such as hockey, figure skating and ringette. Skaters in this program can learn the fundamental skating skills focusing on Balance, Control and Agility. Skaters can choose to be in both the Beginner Group Star Program and the CanSkate Program at the same time.

#### STARSkate (Intro Figure Skating) Program

The Junior Group Star Program (STAR 1-2 levels) and the Junior Star Program (STAR 3-5) under the STARSkate framework, is designed for skaters who have completed CanSkate Stage 4 or higher or for those who have progressed beyond the CanSkate program and would like to continue progressing in group lessons. Our program motivates skaters to learn in a group environment and progress at their own pace while developing their figure skating in Singles Skating, Skating Skills and Ice Dance. Skaters immersed in this program will have the opportunity to begin their Skate Canada STAR 1-5 Assessments through a Nationally standardized testing system and have the opportunity to attend STAR 1-5 Competitions.

#### Competitive Skate (Figure Skating) Program

The Competitive Skate program is for skaters in singles, pair and ice dance wishing to compete in qualifying events within Skate Canada. Skaters who wish to challenge their figure skating skills and who show potential as competitive skaters can participate in this program. This is the main competitive figure skating stream for those skaters who would like the opportunity to compete at Sectionals, Skate Canada Challenge and the Canadian National Figure Skating Championships. If skaters are interested in competitive figure skating, they can join the Competitive Skate Program through their Coach.

#### Contact Us

For more skating information and program registration, visit www. BrentwoodSkating.wixsite.com/home.

Or if you have any questions, please contact Ena MacDonald at BrentwoodSkatingClub@gmail.com.

## News from the **Friends of Nose Hill**

by Anne Burke

Why did it take so long to preserve Nose Hill, a natural prairie bluff, as public parkland? During the Ice Age, the area was covered by glaciers. About 19,000 years ago, there was a Glacial Lake. The large boulders found on Nose Hill were left behind and used as "rubbing stones" by bison. The last of the herds overlapped with use of the hill for cattle and sheep herding.

In 1980, City Council approved the Nose Hill Park Master Plan and, in 1981, the Nose Hill Park Communities Board was formed, with representatives from 12 communities. A series of court battles ensued between the City and private land owners. While residents opposed development, there were land swaps. The City and the province agreed to share the costs.

Nose Hill was described as "a blank page" and a challenge to keep its natural and archaeological features. The "founders" hoped that education of future generations would instill in them appreciation and concern for Nose Hill, ensure a sense of stewardship and show respect for the park. Some issues

they anticipated were vandalism, rowdyism, picking native flowers, dogs running loose, campfires, and off-highway vehicles (such as golf carts).

Work on the Glenbow Western Research Centre (which opens at U. of Calgary in Sept. 2019) is progressing, as Glenbow's Library and Archive material relating to the history of western Canada moves to the University's Taylor Family Digital Library. The Glenbow held a small but significant collection relating to the environmental movement in the region (with a total of 35 collections), the Alberta Wilderness Association, Calgary Field Naturalists, Nose Hill Park Communities Board, Friends of Nose Hill Society, Sierra Club of Alberta, Calgary Eco-Centre Society, and others.

There are reports, plans, briefs, newsletters, correspondence, minutes, and notes. You will find legal papers, maps and drawings, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings about personalities and activities associated with the area and park. There are some aerial photos and views of Calgary from Nose Hill, as well as a distant view of Nose Hill, in the 1940s. as observed from 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W.

Editor's note: if you are interested in visiting this important collection of local historical material, check the University of Calgary website for details about the opening of the physical space this fall. You can also visit and browse online by going to https://asc.ucalgary.ca/qlenbow/.



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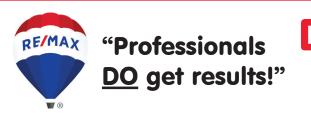
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