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Dear Brentwoodians,

I have received a couple of messages from concerned neighbours over the last month which I would like to share.

The first concern is runaway pet rabbits who have been spotted in the neighbourhood: please ensure that any small pets are kept indoors or in an outdoor pen—and if your family is no longer able to care for a pet, please seek out an appropriate and considerate solution, such as advertising for a new home through Kijiji or the Brentwood Buy Nothing Group on Facebook or contact the Calgary Humane Society. Stray pet rabbits pose a risk to the local population of wild hares through interbreeding, and moreover lack the survival skills of their wild cousins and are thus easy targets for coyotes, bobcats, owls, and other predators that visit our area.

The second concern is over the explosion of creeping bellflowers in our area. Our wet spring has led to these attractive but insidious purple invaders springing up in laneway verges and backyards all over Brentwood, and while they may look like ornamental plants to those of us lacking green thumbs, they pose a real risk of taking over yards and gardens. The good news is that they are easily uprooted: the City of Calgary recommends bagging these and placing them in your black cart, so their seeds don't get mixed into the municipal compost. An inventive solution was also recently proposed by CBC food writer Julie Van Rosendaal: eat them! I haven't sampled creeping bellflower myself, but apparently their leaves make a good substitution for spinach in salads or warm dishes.

### 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 (i.e., from a newer model phone or good digital camera), 2400 x 1600 pixels minimum size, and portrait orientation. If submitting pictures of minors, please make sure that you have direct, express permission to submit the picture from a parent or guardian. Send your photos, or any questions, to [bcabugle@telus.net](mailto:bcabugle@telus.net).

Yours sincerely,

*Jonathan Jucker, editor*

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### **Casino Coordinator Needed!**

If you are interested in taking on the role, which involves recruiting volunteers and submitting paperwork to AGLC, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477 or [linda.vanholst@brentwoodcommunity.com](mailto:linda.vanholst@brentwoodcommunity.com).

### **Learn to Skate Coordinator Needed!**

We are looking for two skating program coordinators to communicate with skaters and coaches and help to run the programs smoothly. If interested, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477, extension 2 or email [office@brentwoodcommunity.com](mailto:office@brentwoodcommunity.com).

### **Brentwood Cares - Little Food Library and More!**

With your donations and support, we continue to stock the Brentwood Cares Little Food Library twice daily, for use by people of all ages and circumstances, from elders to students.

Items can be dropped off in the library itself or in the box beside the door at 3624 Boulton Rd. at any time. Because of COVID-19, please only donate sealed and unopened items. Hats off to Brentwood for your continued support!

*Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team*

### **Brentwood Cares is Looking for a Second Harvest Coordinator**

It would be wonderful to have Brentwood Cares be a part of Second Harvest - did you know that the Safeway in Dalhousie donates perishable and non-perishable goods twice a week to Second Harvest. Safeway also has some great tips for extending food life.

If you're interested in helping coordinate Second Harvest, please email [cam.howey@gmail.com](mailto:cam.howey@gmail.com).

### **Captain John Palliser School Playground**

We are working towards building a new playground! To find more information or donate to our project, please visit [www.cjppa.ca](http://www.cjppa.ca). See our bottle drive poster in this issue and start putting them aside!

### **Carroll Place Seniors**

We are seeking donations for our display case in the lobby at 1540 Northmount Dr NW; gently used jewelry, table or shelf ornaments, and other household items. Proceeds from sales will be deposited into our senior fund account to be used for activities, etc.

Please contact Jean at 587-436-2271 to arrange a drop off time or for any questions you may have. Thank you!

### **Knitting for a Cause**

We give back to the community by donating handmade hats, scarves, and neck warmers to charity. We meet every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Carroll Place and are currently looking for new members and wool donations. All ages and skill levels welcome! Come and join us for some knitting, good conversation, coffee, and laughter. Call Annie Schiemann to sign up at 368-999-0437.

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### **Horizon Church**

Horizon Church services are online through our Facebook page: search for @HORIZONCHURCHYYC.

They are open to anyone and everyone! Remember to be safe and show compassion and generosity to those around you.

### **Your Representatives in Brentwood**

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## What I Learned on my Summer Vacation

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

Did you travel outside of Calgary this summer? If you travelled somewhere familiar, did you notice any changes?

In Revelstoke, I had a very interesting conversation with a sporting goods business owner, who lamented that he had only been able to hire about half the staff he needed for the summer. At a nearby café, a sign on the door read, "limited hours due to a lack of staff". I asked why there were so few summer students filling the available jobs and was told it was due to a lack of available rental housing—much like in Banff and Canmore.

The business owner told me that Council meetings had been held about Short Term Rentals (STRs) such as Airbnb. According to the Revelstoke Review, "December 2021 showed 278 advertisements for STRs on online platforms." Those 278 accommodations were potentially available for tourists seeking short term stays (less than 30 days), but not available for rent on a seasonal or yearly basis.

At Revelstoke Council meetings, opinions were divided. STR hosts said they rely on these revenues to earn their income and did not want limits on how they could use their homes. Other residents felt that STRs were changing their "small town" feel and moreover were limiting rental options for those who want to stay in the community longer-term. Still others said that it should be the problem of businesses and developers to create long-term rentals for their staff, not individual property owners.

The Internet has made it possible for STRs to exist on a large scale and be booked from anywhere in the world, offering an alternative to traditional hotels. Still, I couldn't help but feel that the town is losing out if they cannot get staff for the summer because the places which would have previously been filled with staff are now rented out more lucratively to tourists. Also worth considering is that hotels provide employment for staff for front desks, cleaning, maintenance, and restaurants, and pay business taxes, hotel taxes, and other costs, all of which add to city coffers. Surveys in Revelstoke

showed divided opinions on whether hotels and STRs were competing on a "level playing field." (Follow up note: As of September 1, all STRs will require a Business License with an annual fee, as well as other conditions depending on zoning and so on).

While biking through orchards and vineyards in Naramata outside of Penticton, I noticed signs reading "Preserve Naramata Bench". Being curious, I looked up more information: a developer had proposed a land use rezoning to allow for more than 300 new homes, which the community opposed, even staging a tractor rally to City Hall. Council opposed the original plans, and the developer has since returned with a new proposal featuring 112 homes, only about one-third of the density in the original plan. The outcome is still to be determined.

While biking in Kelowna, we saw construction seemingly everywhere. Plans are in place for some very tall towers - over 30 storeys. Opinions are divided: some residents feel the new towers are much too tall, too invasive and overshadowing, while others feel that more housing is desperately needed. One project was originally proposed as a 13-storey building, but then "grew" to 25-storeys when an affordable housing component was added.

What I learned on my summer vacation is that development issues never take a rest! Every community struggles with how to best accommodate new developments or redevelopments. Opinions can be divided and unfortunately, so can communities.

The most important thing that we can do is stay informed. Join your Community Association. Attend open houses regarding a project in your area. Learn about the pros and cons of any new proposal. Talk to your Councillor or your MLA and let them know how you feel. Don't be afraid to write letters or pick up the phone. Your voice matters!

If you are interested in community planning and redevelopment issues, we welcome new members to join us. We meet at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of every month in the Sportsplex Boardroom. Contact the BCA for more information at [office@brentwoodcommunity.com](mailto:office@brentwoodcommunity.com) or at 403-284-3477.





# BRENTWOOD CARES!

## Community Needs Analysis - Have You Got Yours In?

Our Community Needs Analysis went live August 1, to gather input about community concerns and start to create a community talent bank. Thanks to those who have already completed the survey. All family members are welcome to complete a survey.

If you have skills or talents you'd like to share with our community, please let us know. Are you skilled in dance or art, would you like to tutor French, or perhaps teach people how to bake? Do you have free time to babysit for a single parent or a couple without relatives close by?

Topics include Affordable housing; seniors' needs; social isolation and security; food insecurity; community social activities; supports for caregivers and parents; mental health support; educational opportunities; sense of welcoming and belonging; and neighborhood safety/petty crime.

Brentwood Cares will then explore ways to address the needs identified where possible.

Survey link: <http://bit.ly/BrentwoodCares2022>



Check out the Brentwood Community Announcement page for more details. Please take the time to complete the survey, which will be open until September 16.

### Hamper Drivers Needed Tuesday to Thursday

Do you have about an hour or so weekday mornings? Brentwood Cares has been helping deliver Calgary Food Bank hampers across the NW and at times the NE since 2020. Typically, three to four drivers help out each day, delivering one to two hampers each, but at times we have struggled to find enough volunteers. Tuesday and Thursday hampers are filled out of a depot on Centre St. and Wednesday from a depot in Ranchlands. Hamper

details are provided to the drivers early evening the night before delivery.

Perhaps the note below helps share the experience:

"Hi Cam,

I just wanted to send some feedback about this morning's hamper delivery.

The hamper recipient took great care to let me know how much the delivery meant, saying "Thank-you for what you do. It's hard. Being poor is full-time work."

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## Congratulations

by Lee Hunt

Wow! Cale Makar continues to have quite a career!

A graduate of Sir Winston Churchill in Brentwood, Cale has now played defence for the Colorado Avalanche team for three years. And in those three years, 23-year-old Cale has won the Calder Cup (top rookie), the Norris Trophy (top defenceman), and this year, the Conn Smythe Trophy (most valuable player for his team in the playoffs).

Always quick to downplay his individual awards, Cale kept the focus on helping to win the Stanley Cup for his Colorado team. And they did exactly that on June 15!

Interviewed following the Stanley Cup win, Cale humbly responded, "I want to thank everybody who helped me along the way" and "It's amazing to have my parents here at the game."

Congratulations, Cale!



Geoff Burke, USA Today Sports

## Condolences

by Lee Hunt

Long-time Brentwood resident, Nabhu Davé, passed away on July 23, 2022. Nabhu was born in India in 1938, lived a time in London, England, then moved to Kenya to assist in his family's store.

In 1960, while in Kenya, Nabhu married Shanta who was from Mwanza (a part of Tanzania).

In 1973, the pair decided to immigrate to Canada. Because Nabhu had relatives in Calgary, they came here, first purchasing a home on Baker Crescent, then in 1975 moving to Brockington where they raised their daughter Renuka (sadly now deceased) and son Ronak.

At Nabhu's funeral, Ronak spoke of his father as a man "who stressed the need to live a simple life – to eat healthy and keep in good shape". Ronak went on to say that Nabhu taught his children "not to hold grudges" and that Nabhu loved to tell jokes: "some very funny – others not so much."

Because Nabhu had been employed for many years as an accountant, he was well qualified to serve as a volunteer Block Captain for the Heart Fund in our area - a task which he willingly assumed.

Neighbour Kelly told me that he and Nabhu exchanged friendly greetings whenever they met. Kelly admired seeing Nabhu out for his frequent walks – always exceptionally well dressed and impeccably groomed. Kelly said that Nabhu walked about two or three miles regularly and always at a good pace even after he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

We at The Bugle extend our condolences to Shanta, Ronak, and Krista, granddaughters, and Nabhu's extended family.

**BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE** September 8th, 2022

**TIME** 7:00 pm  
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### Supporting Education

I hope it has been a fun and healthy summer for all of you! It is now September and for many of us that means back to school. Whether you're a student, parent, teacher, or education staff, this is a busy time of year. We as government recognize how difficult learning has been during the pandemic. This is why we have taken steps to support our educators and get our students back on track.

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### Advanced Education

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As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach me through email at [Calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca) or call 403-216-5436.

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