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Dear Brentwoodians,

I am always happy to receive emails from *Bugle* readers, but I recently had an alarming note from a neighbourhood dog owner, whose puppy fell ill and required a visit to the veterinarian after eating a suspected cannabis edible while out for a walk. As pet owners know, it can be difficult to keep our furry friends from gobbling tempting bits and pieces they come across—and young kids can have curious fingers as well.

With this in mind, we should all take care not to leave litter in our neighbourhood, whether inadvertently or otherwise. Keeping our streets and laneways clean shows respect for the place we live in and encourages others to do so by example. It also helps keep potentially harmful items away from animals and children. So, whether it's a chocolate bar wrapper, a disposable vape pen, or a little green baggie of dog poop, please just hold on to it until you can dispose of it properly!

Finally, a continuing reminder about the upcoming charity casino at the Elbow River Casino May 3 to 4 (see poster in this issue). Please sign up and support the BCA!

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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) and 2400 x 1600 pixels minimum size. 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).

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*Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team*

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## Word of the Month

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## Are We Building the Right Types of Housing?

by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

Whenever I'm driving down 24 Avenue or 19 Street in Banff Trail, the number of new developments going up where older houses once stood always amazes me. Many are R-CG (rowhouse or townhouse) buildings, often with four or more units on a property, plus the same number of suites. Since August, the City has received about 190 R-CG applications, with the majority in established communities.

Why are these R-CGs concentrated in inner city areas? Primarily because of the large lot sizes (often 50 feet wide), as well as the age of the existing houses, which may be in need of repair or updating. An older house which can be bought cheaper is attractive to a developer to build an R-CG.

Newer R-CGs are a significant change from older, mostly bungalow neighbourhoods. Consider the "built form" – the look and physical shape of the building. Increasingly, the newer R-CGs being built are three storeys, instead of one or two, and rooftop decks are becoming more common. R-CG bylaws allow a building height of 11 meters (36 feet), resulting in a loss of sunlight for the neighbours. R-CG buildings can take up 60% of the lot (compared to 45% for single-family houses), not including protrusions such as bump-outs, stairs, cement sidewalks, or garbage and bike storage. This doesn't leave much room for trees or landscaping.

Are R-CGs the best housing form to build? In my opinion, there are too many shortfalls. In order to construct a three-storey building with nine- or ten-foot ceiling heights, the number of internal stairs increases. I toured one new R-CG townhouse that had 33 steps from the main floor kitchen to the rooftop deck: not very suitable for anyone with mobility issues, or for families with young children. Each main unit in the R-CG is usually about 1,100 to 1,600 square feet above grade, but much of the space within the homes is taken up by stairs, plus space for utility items (washer and dryer, furnace, water heater) since there is usually a separate basement suite. The basement suites are mostly underground with

little natural light, and external cement stairs for access (not ideal in slippery winter conditions). Will these be long-term homes or only stepping points along the way? Aging in place does not seem likely. What about Universal Design guidelines or climate measures such as energy efficiency? With higher ceilings, there is a lot of cubic footage of unusable airspace that has to be heated in winter. Imagine the air conditioning costs to try to cool down third floor bedrooms in the summer, especially when there are no large trees to provide any shade.

The R-CG zoning does succeed in building more units on a property: often the older main house had a basement suite, so the net gain is six dwelling units. The big question is whether these are affordable. Blanket rezoning was initially proposed as part of the City's Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF), under the premise that increasing housing supply would raise vacancy rates and decrease the cost of buying or renting. Even if the new dwellings being built are expensive, as people move there would be a trickle-down effect, freeing up less-expensive units. This premise of course ignores the likelihood that the remaining less-expensive units will themselves become prime candidates for pricier new developments.

There really is no market incentive for developers to build small or "cheaper". The new R-CGs do not seem to be "starter" homes: the price for each townhouse is generally at least as high as the entire original house and property. Expecting developers and builders to provide low-cost, affordable housing is unrealistic unless there is an incentive to do so. Simply building more houses doesn't ensure prices will drop.

As an example, consider Vancouver. Patrick Condon, in his 2024 book *Broken City*, points out that between 1970 and 2020, Vancouver tripled the number of homes built within its limits, while the population increased by "only" 70%, yet as we all know, Vancouver prices have not come down. In the 2024 Strong Towns book *Escaping the Housing Trap*, the author advocates that "no neighbourhood can be exempt from change" but also that "no neighbourhood should experience radical change". The Strong Towns movement considers the "next increment of development intensity" and defines this as, "As a rule of thumb, for a neighbourhood of



single-family homes, the next increment must include duplexes and backyard cottages". Arguably, in Calgary, going from a single-family house to eight units in an R-CG lies outside of the scope of sensitive or contextual redevelopment.

Maybe the solution lies in "gentler" densification. Instead of eight units on a lot, allow for the lot to be subdivided into two properties with "skinny" infills, or allow for duplexes. With secondary suites, this would mean four units on a lot instead of eight. Allow for the residents to have some yard space, instead of cramming as much as possible onto a property. Ensure that housing is sensitive and contextual to what is already there, as is already mandated in the Municipal Development Plan and the Infill Guidelines.

We need more housing, but it has to respect and fit in with what already exists in each community. What would you like to see? How do you think redevelopment in Brentwood should be undertaken? Patrick Condon put it best when he wrote, "we must move beyond the blame game that pits so-called NIMBYs against YIMBYs and frames local democracy as an obstacle to progress. Local residents and their elected officials are not enemies of affordability; they are essential partners in crafting sustainable, inclusive urban policies."

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## A Tribute to Erna Maschki

by Lee Hunt

“She was a strong, determined, loving human being”. With those words, Frieda Kalak lovingly described her sister, Erna Maschki, who passed away on December 8, 2024.



That strength was needed. When WWII broke out in Europe, Erna was only five years old. In October 1940, her family was forced to leave Germany. They first went to Austria for two years, then to Poland for three years, followed by seven weeks on the road travelling by covered wagon to Neidersachsen in Northern Germany where they lived for ten years.

During the time in Neidersachsen, Erna met and married Bruno Maschki. Their daughter Karin was born in Neidersachsen.

In 1955, the entire family moved to Canada, arriving at Pier 21 in Quebec City.

Erna and Bruno had contracted to work on sugar beet farms for two years – gruelling work that was! Once that obligation had been fulfilled, Erna, Bruno, and Karin moved to Picture Butte then to Calgary.

In Calgary, they bought a Brentwood home on Barr Road. Theirs was one of only two houses on Barr at that time and apparently there was nothing but mud on both the “street” and the alley. In this home, Erna and Bruno raised their four daughters – all of whom attended Captain John Palliser, Simon Fraser, and Churchill Schools.

Erna and Bruno were both lifelong members of Hope Lutheran Church in Brentwood. In fact, they were both present at the church’s sod turning in 1962. Even after she moved in 2008 to Westbourne Residence in Huntington Hills, Erna continued to attend the Sunday Service at Hope – even if it meant going by cab. (As an aside – In 2022, when I wrote a *Bugle* article about the history of Hope Lutheran, Erna was one of the church

members whom I interviewed. She was a walking history book!)

Another of Erna’s sisters – Erika Blakeman – described Erna as “invested and committed.” This was particularly reflected in her volunteer work at Hope Lutheran and at Confederation Park Seniors’ Centre, plus in her paid work at Bethany Care Centre. In fact, Erna was such a dedicated employee and later a volunteer that she was dubbed “Mrs. Bethany”.

One of Erna’s long-time Brentwood friends, Claire, described Erna as “a true, kind friend” and a “real people person.” Claire recalls Erna once arranged a bus to drive about 30 Confederation Seniors to Erna and Bruno’s cottage at Pine Lake for a BBQ. Claire and her husband, Ernie, helped out. Bruno looked after the actual barbecuing, while Erna did the rest. Claire commented how Erna was “very efficient” and a “good cook.”

Pastor Leach of Hope Lutheran referred to Erna’s “strength of character”, while the church Coordinator, Zena, will remember Erna as, “resilient, faithful, and humble - a person who showed love and compassion to everyone she met.”

Erna’s Westbourne neighbours Josie and Lesley both referred to her “beautiful smile for everybody” and the fact that she was “always active.” In fact, when Josie stopped in to see Erna just two days before her death, “Erna was busy cutting baby carrots for soup”.

I myself shall also remember that wonderful “Erna smile”, her dedication to her faith, and her kindness to all. Thanks, Erna.

We at The *Bugle* acknowledge a life very well lived. We extend our condolences to all of Erna’s family and friends.

## Best Wishes

by Lee Hunt

We at The *Bugle* extend our best wishes to Brentwoodian Paul Dunphy who retired from Global TV on December 23, 2024. Many will recall seeing Paul reporting the weather for almost 50 years on TV. Others will recall him being the guest speaker at Brentwood Community

Association's 60th Anniversary banquet in 2023. This reporter vividly remembers watching Paul flawlessly operate a drone as it took photos of the new Brisebois mural last September.

Thanks for your 50 years of keeping us updated on the weather, Paul.

May you experience many new adventures and endeavours in your retirement.

## Congratulations

We at The *Bugle* celebrate the 90th birthday of Enid Holtby on January 20, 2025. Enid, a Brentwood resident for over 40 years, quietly supports Brentwood through donating to murals, patronizing the library, and working at the Community Garden.

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by Rosemary Brown

"I am not a mistake waiting to be fixed" - June Eric-Udorie

In *Disability Visibility*, Alice Wong has edited an insightful and revealing collection of stories by the disabled. Wong is a "disability activist, media maker, research consultant, and founder of the Disability Visibility [online] Project and Podcast."

Much more powerful than an academic treatise on what it means to live with a disability, are the voices of those with lived experience: the blind, deaf, autistic, brain injured, mobility impaired, and chronically ill. Furthermore, many of the contributors have multiple identities based on race, gender, and class.

While each voice and story is unique, common themes emerge: societal misconceptions about the value and meaning of the lives of the disabled; attitudes encountered in the medical system; the lack of stylish clothing that suits the needs of those with disabilities; barriers faced accessing public transit and/or using handi-buses; low expectations from others or being treated like a child; the absence of disability justice from other progressive movements; the role of technology in overcoming some barriers; the value of interdependence and collective care among those with disabilities; and dreams of a future where not only are the disabled included and represented, but where their voices count.

Several stories stand out in my mind. There is the astronomer, who after going blind developed a

process by which the numbers used to track the movement of gamma rays expelled from supernovas are turned into sound, allowing him to continue his research. He has since gone on to advocate for the inclusion of the disabled in other scientific fields.

Then there is the man diagnosed as intellectually disabled, who until his early 20s spent years in an institution and group homes where he was treated as if he would never do or amount to much. He went on to become successfully employed, marry, have children, and volunteer in the community.

There is the blind woman's story of discovering her sexuality; the mobility impaired woman who uses a power chair and a special vehicle to enhance her capacity to parent; and the blind and queer woman who folds her anger and frustration with societal attitudes into paper cranes.

There is also the disabled woman who designs clothing specifically for those who are trans, fat (her term, reclaiming and owning it), and/or disabled; and then the writer who pairs up with a friend who is also brain injured to write her novel; and the dancer who dances with her wheelchair.

These are just a few of the stories and voices found in this book. I highly recommend reading it, especially as our provincial government is now cutting off funding to disabled self-advocacy groups at a time when their voices are sorely needed more than ever.



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Hot, because you  
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### ON THE MARKET



#### 1467 NORTHMOUNT DRIVE NW (BRENTWOOD)

Perfect family home in Brentwood with rare 4 bedrooms on upper level plus a large den on the main floor, boasting over 1,934 sq.ft. of living space. Brentwood is a top-ranked neighbourhood in Calgary, with access to established schools, parks, and in close proximity to public transportation, malls, U of C, Foothills Hospital, and public recreation centres (pool, skating, library, tennis courts, etc.).

Asking \$779,900 mls# A2190671



#### BRENTWOOD - NORTHMOUNT DRIVE

This renovated four-level split home offers a total living area of over 2,027 sq.ft., including a fully registered legal suite on the third and fourth levels. The home underwent a complete renovation in 2014, including most windows, doors—exterior, bedroom & closet, and bathrooms. This property is ideally situated just minutes away from a variety of schools, bus stops, the Brentwood LRT Station, shopping malls (Brentwood, Northland & Market Malls), and the University of Calgary. Enjoy easy access to all amenities.

Asking \$769,900 mls# A2170037



#### CORNERSTONE - CORNERBROOK GATE

\*\*Legal registered basement suite. This is the perfect starter investment property achieving two doors with one purchase or live-up and rent down as a great mortgage helper. Close proximity to Country Hills Blvd, Stoney Trail, Calgary International

Airport, Cross Iron Mills Shopping Centre, and minutes away from the newly planned Green LRT line. Shopping plazas, parks, playgrounds nearby making it convenient for all your errands. This is a must-see property for a new homeowner or a property investor!

Asking \$604,900 mls# A2185916

#### MAYLAND HEIGHTS - 14 AVENUE



Well maintained lowrise apartment complex in Mayland Heights. This loft style end unit boasts 9 ft. ceilings with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Plenty of counter space in kitchen. Lots of natural light flows in from the dining room

windows. In-suite laundry. In-floor heating system. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants and major roads.

Asking \$286,800 mls# A2187196

#### EDGEMONT - EDGEWOOD PLACE



This four-level split home boasts over 1,740 sq.ft., across 4 bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms above the ground level. Vaulted ceilings on the main floor and a large oversized bow window. Third level developed an extra bedroom, 1-3 pce bathroom, and a sunroom with the City permit. Most windows and patio doors

have been recently upgraded (2018), shingles updated in 2010, sunroom built in 2020, the kitchen and the entrance floor were upgraded in 2022. Heated double attached garage. Close to all amenities.

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