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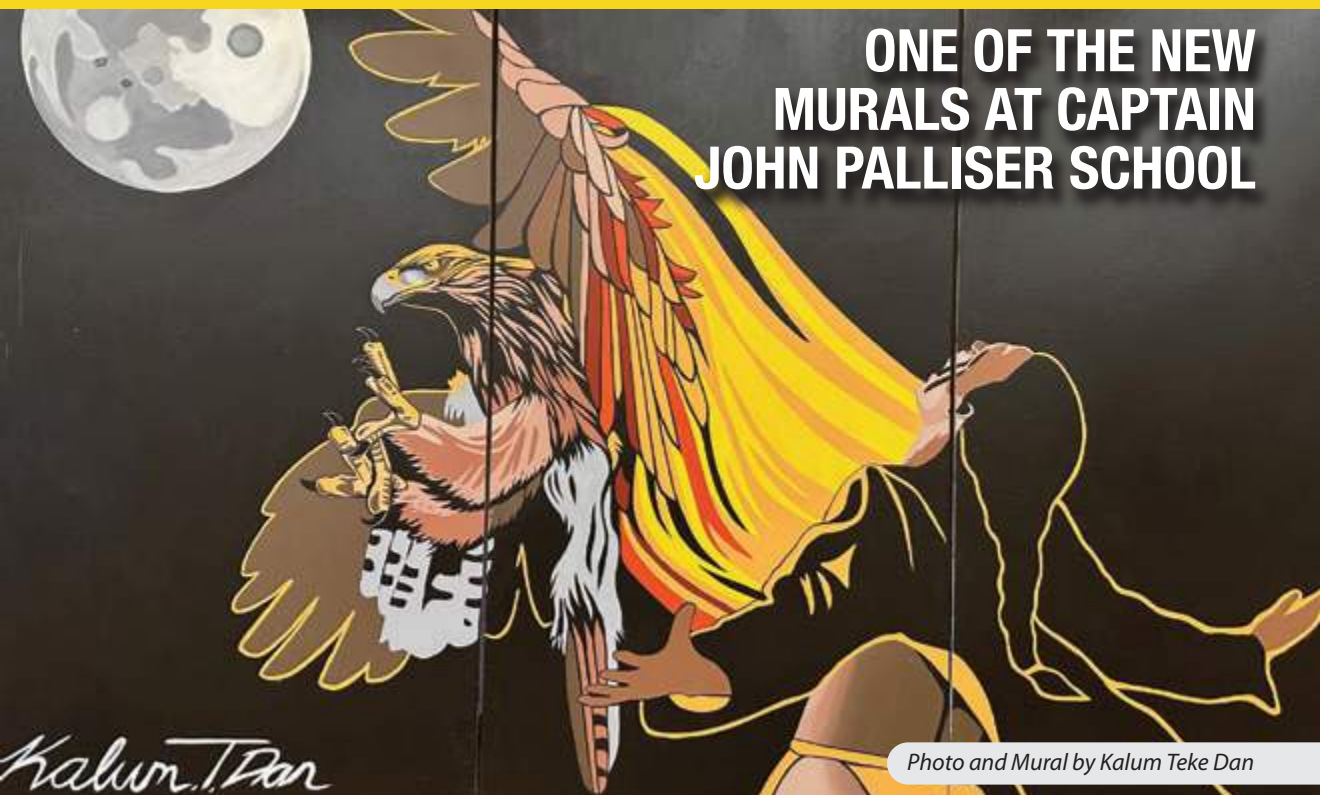


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Dear Brentwoodians,

Parking – Lots?

If you are like me, and 93% of all Calgarians, then your household owns a car – probably two. This high rate of car ownership exceeds that of Dallas, Denver, or Tempe, but the question is whether it can be sustained as Calgary undergoes densification to accommodate our ongoing population growth. As off-street parking requirements are relaxed to promote more and denser residential construction, where will all the cars go?

There is only so much room along the sides of city streets, and street parking adds risks: to pedestrians crossing by cutting down sightlines; and to cyclists and drivers by increasing chances of doors opening in their path or vehicles pulling out.

Street parking can be hazardous to the parked cars themselves, exposed to rain, ice, hail, and sunlight. They can pose tempting targets for thieves or vandals, and they are at the mercy of careless drivers passing by or wayward snowplough blades. It can also cause grievances between neighbours – will you be happy to park two blocks away from home in a February cold snap, because the folks next door are parked in front of your house?

It could be that city planners are hoping that a lack of parking will encourage people to give up their cars and trucks and switch to bicycles, e-bikes, and transit. Unfortunately, Calgary has neglected and underfunded transit for decades (and the belated and truncated Green Line is a drop in the bucket of what is needed), and cycling infrastructure leaves a lot to be desired as well. Calgarians won't be tempted out of our cars with the current alternatives.

Dogs Off-Leash

A reader contacted the BCA to ask that Brentwood dog owners please follow the city's leash bylaws (<https://www.calgary.ca/pets/dog-leash-guidelines.html>). They have observed many unleashed dogs in the area, in particular around the Captain John Palliser School playing field and the surrounding lanes and alleys.

There is an off-leash park at the corner of Barrett Dr and 52 Ave, another inside Carragana Crescent across Capri Ave, and a long stretch along John Laurie Blvd extending from Brenner Dr all the way to Charleswood Dr. Everywhere else, dogs must be leashed at all times when out in public.

As our reader says, owners may know and trust their pets' temperament and behaviour, but the rest of us can't trust that an unleashed dog will interact safely towards people or other pets.

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) 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.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Jucker

Editor, Brentwood Bugle



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: September 4th, 2025

TIME: 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Brentwood Sportsplex Hall
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CPS Community Safety Guide

<https://brentwoodcommunity.com/2024/11/21/cps-community-safety-guide/>.

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Can Housing Become More Affordable?

by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

Imagine that you own and live in a house but no longer use all the space, so you decide to rent out the basement. You complete any necessary secondary suite upgrades and are ready to list it for rent. How would you decide how much rent to charge? You'd likely look up some comparable rates on rental websites, and then charge the going rate: would it make any sense to charge a substantially lower rent? It would depend on your reason for creating the suite in the first place. If the goal is to make money, then a higher rate is most desirable. If your goal is to provide housing for a friend, you might charge them less. If you are creating a room for a grandchild to stay while attending university, you might charge a very minimal rate, or even nothing.

For most investors and developers who build units as a business, profit is the motive. There is no reason for them to build low-cost units instead of more expensive, more profitable ones. They charge what the market will bear for current demand in the area.

The alternative to this model is non-market housing, an umbrella term that covers shelters, supportive, social, and co-operative housing intended for low- and moderate-income households¹. Low rents are often subsidized through government programs such as grants, low-cost loans, and subsidies.

In June, I attended an open house for the Varsity Multi-Service Centre, including a new fire station, 48-unit affordable housing building, and some retail/workspaces². The residences are managed by Calgary Housing, which administers rental and rent supplement programs on behalf of the City of Calgary. The 48 units include 11 fully accessible units, and all are intended to serve tenants with a range of incomes who might otherwise struggle to afford a unit: rental rates range from near-market rates to deep subsidy programs.

Tenants pay different rates depending on their income. By combining market and subsidized units in a project, the higher rents help with the overall project viability. Over time, as the mortgage for the project is paid down,

rents may become more affordable, providing affordable housing options for the life of the building. The City of Calgary has similar affordable housing projects planned or underway, but the numbers are small compared to the need (196 units in Southview, 52 units in Whitehorn, and 16 units in Mount Pleasant³). Subsidized units have to be paid for by someone, and non-profit organizations have limited resources: meanwhile, Calgary is growing rapidly, and the need is increasing.

Most housing starts in Calgary are for the profitable market-rate housing sector. Housing has become an investment, not just a place to live. Population growth in Calgary has outpaced housing starts, and builders cannot keep up; the city cannot “outbuild” the demand, nor does this result in affordable housing. Cities around the world are facing the challenge of offering housing to those who actually live and work in the community.

Calgary has placed City-owned surplus sites for sale at non-market rates, since land cost is a significant barrier for non-profit organizations. Governments at other levels contribute through policy, for example, providing tax exemptions for non-market housing. Co-ops may be another option to remove the profit motive: residents buy into a member-owned and managed system and collectively determine how the co-op is run. Other measures include streamlining planning processes to make them more development-friendly: however, blanket rezoning has created a lot of building, but the new units have not brought “affordability”.

In practical terms, perhaps home sizes and built forms should be reviewed. In Brentwood, our original bungalows were about 1,100 to 1,200 square feet – would there be a demand for smaller homes again? Does every home need to have 9' ceilings or granite countertops or three bathrooms? Could there be a market for smaller, less expensive homes? In many communities in B.C., mobile home parks are common but here most have been torn down. Could more of these help with affordability? Other housing forms, such as tiny homes and modular homes might provide options; ATCO Structures currently has a modular building open for touring.

Despite all the good intentions in the world, simply building more units is not likely to bring down the price unless there is a requirement or a reason to do so. Erick

Villagomez of *The Tyee* recently argued, “The belief that more market supply alone will deliver affordability has long been challenged by housing scholars. Without requirements for non-market housing and without integrated plans for schools, transit and infrastructure, we risk building faster but not more fairly. Cities risk becoming pipelines for capital, rather than homes for people.”

What do you think? What types of housing do you think we need? The civic election is in October so ask your candidates what their vision for growth and change looks like. Join the Brentwood Community Association or the Development and Transportation Committee to learn more and take part! Contact the office at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403-284-3477.

Sources:

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Living with Chronic Pain or Illness: What We Wish Friends and Family Knew

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

Living with chronic pain or illness is an ongoing challenge that impacts every aspect of a person's life—physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. It's not just about the pain or symptoms themselves, but about learning to function, cope, and find meaning in a life that no longer looks or feels the way it once did. For those who care about someone facing this reality, your support matters deeply—but it may not always be clear how to help. Here's what we need you to know.

Chronic Means Ongoing, Not Just Inconvenient

When someone lives with chronic pain or illness, they're not just having a bad day or a tough week. This is a long-term reality, and while there may be good days and better moments, the underlying struggle is constant. Pain and fatigue can be invisible, which makes it easy to overlook or misunderstand. Please don't assume that just because we look okay, we feel okay. We often mask what we're going through to avoid burdening others or to maintain some sense of normalcy.

We're Grieving Too

Chronic illness often brings a quiet, ongoing grief—the loss of the life we once had or imagined. We may grieve the ability to work, travel, exercise, or socialize like we used to. Sometimes we feel isolated, left out, or forgotten when our limitations make it hard to keep up. When you acknowledge this grief with compassion instead of trying to "cheer us up" or push us to be more positive, it helps us feel seen and validated.

We're Doing Our Best—Even When It Looks Different

We often have to weigh every activity, conversation, or commitment against how much energy we have. What might seem like a simple errand or casual hangout could mean days of recovery afterward. Cancelling plans, needing accommodations, or asking for help isn't laziness or lack of motivation—it's self-preservation. Trust that we want to show up for life and for you; sometimes, our bodies just won't let us.

What Helps the Most Is Empathy, Not Solutions

Unless you're asked, please don't offer cures, diets, or miracle treatments. We've likely tried many things or are already overwhelmed with information. What we need most is your presence—your willingness to sit with us in the hard stuff without judgment or pressure to "fix" it. Simple statements like "I'm here," "That sounds really hard," or "You're not alone" go a long way.

Support Looks Like Consistency and Flexibility

Reach out, even if we sometimes don't respond right away. Be okay with changing plans. Offer help but ask first. Say, "Can I drop off dinner?" or "Would a short visit work today?" rather than, "Let me know if you need anything." The more you learn to meet us where we are instead of where you wish we could be, the more supported we feel.

Chronic pain or illness doesn't define us, but it does shape us. With patience, empathy, and a willingness to understand, you can become a vital part of our resilience. We may not always say it, but your care matters more than you know.



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Three New Murals Unveiled

by Lee Hunt



Mural 1 - Phoenix Ng



Mural 2 - Tyler Hochhalter

The next time you are going past Captain John Palliser School (CJP) on Northmount Drive, check out the three new murals (Mind you, if you are driving, please pull over first!).

CJP Assistant Principal Jana El Guebaly told Brentwood Community President Bonita McCurry and me that the students were initially asked for ideas as to what should be in the murals. Many put forward aspects of nature with trees, birds, and mountains being particularly popular. This input was given to the 15 artists who initially applied, and each prepared a sample drawing.

Next a committee of teachers and parents chose the three winning designs.

The three selected artists – Kalum Teke Dan, Tyler Hochhalter, and Phoenix Ng “all met with the students to talk about their respective mural content and process.” (Jana El Guebaly)

I had an opportunity to speak with artist Phoenix Ng at some length. She is a fourth-year student at the Alberta University of the Arts. Phoenix drew on the students’ wishes by including flowers, mountains, a large tree, plus baby birds in a nest eagerly awaiting mom’s return with food. Phoenix went on to say that the nest “represents the school as a place of warmth and security for the children.”

Kalum Teke Dan’s canvas is especially dramatic with a man in apparent supplication to a large eagle with wings widespread. In Kalum’s commentary, he says that his mural “represents dreams and imagination, encouraging viewers to explore, discover, imagine”.

Tyler Hochhalter’s design is more on the abstract side colourfully reflecting flowers, rain, and sky. In Tyler’s words, “some of us are flowers, some of us are clouds, or the rain. We all fit together like a puzzle.”

All three murals celebrate the energy and artistic side of the students and staff at CJP. A special salute to the CJP Parents’ Association which funded the new murals.

Thanks also to the four food trucks plus the Calgary Public Library which provided nourishment for the body and the mind of those in attendance at the mural unveiling.

Congratulations and thanks to all who were involved in creating these three wonderful new murals in Brentwood!

Congratulations To Cale Makar!

by Lee Hunt

Congratulations to Colorado Avalanche defenceman Cale Makar on winning this year’s Norris Trophy!

A graduate of Brentwood’s Sir Winston Churchill High School, this was Cale’s second time winning the NHL’s Norris Trophy which is awarded “to the defense player who demonstrates throughout the season the greatest all-round ability in the position as voted by members of the Professional Hockey Writers Association.” (NHL)

Presentation of the Norris trophy was made at his parents’ home where Cale’s wife, parents, other family members, plus friends were able to share in the honour and excitement.

In his typical humble manner, Cale credited his teammates with the award saying, “to have the group of guys that we did... it seems cliché to say, but it’s truly a team award.”

Cale has also been named to play on the Canadian Men’s hockey team at the Winter Olympics to be held in Italy from February 6 to 22, 2026.

Congratulations, Cale!

Photo Gallery

Flowers of Brentwood by Kelsey Emes



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Long ago, what we know as Alberta was underwater, covered by the ocean and surrounded by tropical forests. As many as 20 major glacial advances and retreats reshaped the landscape, including the continuous plateau of Nose Hill and Lake Calgary. Nose Hill provides spectacular views of the Bow River Valley and the uplands across the valley. Their geological history began in the floodplain of the Bow River which flowed at the top level of the present Hill where the river deposited gravel, sand, and mud. These are relatively thin on the steeper slopes. Nose Hill is bounded by the overflow spillway system, now Beddington and Nose Creek. Big Hill Springs Coulee is what remains.

Erratics are stones, boulders, or big blocks picked up and moved from one place to another during the last ice age. There are many in Nose Hill Park traced to a landslide from Mount Edith Cavell in Jasper National Park; they are part of a series across the Foothills region of Alberta. The Foothills Erratics Train runs from near Hinton, Alberta, to the Montana border. Some large boulders, such as the Nose Hill Buffalo Rubbing Stone, were used centuries ago. You can hike up to the Nose Hill 64 Avenue Glacial Erratic from the parking lot off 14 Street NW. At the top of Nose Hill Park there are several scattered glacial erratics of different sizes grouped close together. The Nose Hill Brisebois Glacial Erratic is between the south Nose Hill Parking Lot at Brisebois Drive and John Laurie Blvd. The Nose Hill Tower Glacial Erratic is on the top of the hill near transmission poles and a small building. Access is by an uphill hike from the North Hill SE Parking Lot along an old access road.



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This gorgeous bi-level home features 4 total bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, a south-facing backyard, renovated illegal basement suite (2024), central A/C, water softener, newer windows on the main floor, and a double detached garage! Behind the home is a stretch of green space off the paved back alley,

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**42 COLLINGWOOD PLACE NW
(COLLINGWOOD)**

An outstanding brand new luxury home in the heart of Collingwood! >3,000 sq.ft. of opulent living space - stacked with plenty of features the builder has planned and executed meticulously throughout the process. At the center is a chef's kitchen with an oversized

island, quartz counters and backsplash, LED-under-lighting, full-height cabinetry and a pot-filler above the 36" gas range. A coffee bar with cabinetry and a beverage fridge adds convenience. This home has a legal 2 bedroom basement suite and a double attached garage. Separate furnace systems, with AC installed for the main dwelling unit. Close to the Calgary Winter Club.

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**179 SCENIC HILL CLOSE
(SCENIC ACRES)**

Prime corner lot in Scenic Acres, perfect family home. Beautifully maintained and extensively upgraded 1,923 sq.ft., 3 bedroom / 3.5 bathroom two-storey split home. The main level features vaulted ceilings and bayed windows in the spacious living and dining rooms, flooding the space with natural light. The vaulted ceiling in the kitchen offers vertical space and airflow, and there is a large walk-in pantry. The fully finished basement offers a spacious rec room, private office/den, and an additional 3-piece bathroom—ideal for guests or a home workspace.

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