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Dear Brentwoodians,

It is hard to believe that I am already writing holiday season's greetings, because as I look out my home office window I am treated to a view of late afternoon sunlight – what photographers call the “golden hour” – seemingly setting fire to trees that still have a few leaves, and the top of Nose Hill just peeking over our neighbours' houses. Halloween was just a few nights ago, and my son has barely made a dent in the massive haul he netted canvassing a few crescents and roads in Brentwood with some friends. Halloween is one of my favourite holidays, not for the treats or the spookiness, but for the chance to walk around and say hello to people in our neighbourhood who we might not otherwise cross paths with often. I see more “trunk and treat” events being advertised each year, and they have a place, especially for people who are unable to go door-to-door, but nothing beats the sense of community brought on by the real thing. Teaching young kids to interact with their neighbours is also beneficial for their social skills!

We have a lot of great content this month, so I will keep it short and sign off with best wishes to all my neighbours for the winter holidays and the coming new year. Many thanks for your support and continued interest!

I also want to thank the readers who send in more gorgeous photos each month than I know what to do with, and save my biggest thank you for our amazing contributors, Lee, Melanie, Rosemary, Cam, Andrew, Ann, Nancy, and of course Linda and Bonita at the BCA.

**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,  
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### 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.

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*Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team*

### Buy Nothing Brentwood

Give freely; share creatively! Post anything you'd like to give away, lend, or share; ask for anything you'd like to receive or borrow.

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You can find the Calgary Police Service's space on Nextdoor here: <https://ca.nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ab/calgary/calgary-police-service/>.

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## The Big Community Volunteer Effort

by Lee Hunt

Have you noticed that our neighbourhood is a bit cleaner these days? That might be partly because on Sunday, October 6, Brentview Baptist Church held "Serve the City Day".

Julie Peters, Director of Volunteer Development at Brentview, told me that after the church service that day, "some 160 members of all ages spread out in Brentwood and Charleswood to pick up garbage... while another 50 stayed at the church to do projects".

The main goals of the day were to:

1. Pick up garbage.
2. Help anyone they came across who might be in need.
3. Distribute treat bags to students at U of C.
4. Prepare "car bags."
5. Pray for peace over the neighbourhood.

Volunteers in the first category worked to clean up litter at nearby schools Senator Patrick Burns, Brentwood Elementary, Dr. E.W. Coffin, and Captain John Palliser. Others collected litter from nearby commercial areas. In total, they collected 30 large green bags of garbage. Whenever they encountered used needles, they kept track of the locations and forwarded those to the proper authorities.

Julie told me that another group, "scrubbed the bus shelter in front of the church parking lot which definitely needed it".

A third group worked inside the church to prepare "car bags". They made 400 such bags which contain, "snacks, toiletries, winter gloves, and toques". Congregation members will each take a few bags to be given out to those in need.

Still others who had remained at the church served coffee to people who stopped by Brentview's outdoor Food Pantry.

In all, it was an exceedingly thoughtful and caring day.

Might some of our *Bugle* readers consider taking on similar projects in the spring or summer of 2025? What group(s) do you belong to – a church, a team, a school, a club of some sort? Might everyone go out for an hour or two to collect litter? Or perhaps wash down the bus shelter nearby? Or...? Your endeavour would build camaraderie plus help keep Brentwood clean.

As this article will be published in the December issue, I want to wish all our *Bugle* readers a joyful holiday season plus a healthy 2025!



Photos by Julie Peters

## Thoughts on New Zoning Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants

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

If you see a City of Calgary Development signboard on a neighbouring property, please read it immediately! It will contain information about the type of project (such as single dwelling or rowhouse), the number of units (usually not including the number of secondary suites), and most important the Development Permit (DP) number with a link for further information. There will also be a date by which to respond, typically about two to three weeks. If you have any concerns, it's important that you ask questions and submit your comments within that time frame.

Neighbours sometimes contact us when they see the foundation, or when walls and windows are being erected on a new dwelling, to ask how to change or stop a building that seems too large or too tall. However, once the DP is approved, there is a three-week period in which to file an appeal, but after this the project can go ahead. The more you know about the planning process ahead of time, the better.

Why might this matter now? Previously, there were relatively few houses torn down in Brentwood, and most of those were replaced by a new (sometimes much larger) house. However, blanket rezoning was approved by Council in May 2024. After August 2024, all former R-C1 ("single-family") properties are now shown as R-CG on City maps: this means that it is now possible to build up to a rowhouse on most lots without requiring a rezoning first.

The City has seen an increase in Development Permit applications for duplex, townhouse, and row house projects. This year, in the period from May 14 to August 12, the city received 51 applications for DPs on R-CG and H-GO zoned parcels across the city, more than double the 24 applications during the same time frame in 2023. A city official quoted in the *Calgary Herald* was hesitant to attribute the recent increase in development permits to the change, in part because the city has received more DP applications of all kinds year-over-year. Regardless, it is up to you to be aware of redevelopment near you and respond. Sending a

copy to the Brentwood CA is recommended so that we can accurately represent our residents by including your feedback in the CA comments to the city. (Source: [calgaryherald.com/news/calgary-blanket-zoning-r-cg-applications-increase](https://calgaryherald.com/news/calgary-blanket-zoning-r-cg-applications-increase)).

Besides the Blanket Rezoning changes, the City is currently working on a new Zoning Bylaw, with the fourth phase of engagement already closed for commenting. This new Zoning Bylaw will regulate how and where buildings are developed throughout Calgary. [engage.calgary.ca/citybuilding](https://engage.calgary.ca/citybuilding).

Some of the main changes being proposed include:

- Consolidated zones: 26 residential districts have been simplified to three new housing zones (this would include the current R-CG building category).
- Counting secondary suites as units in density calculations. Currently, when you see an application for a "four-unit" townhouse, it can also have an additional four basement suites for a total of eight units. The total would now reflect that more accurately.
- The minimum front setback would be three metres. In Brentwood, most of our front setbacks are much larger so this means a new development could extend further out beyond the current contextual averages for the street.
- Parking would be "an Open Option approach" where residential or mixed-use property owners would decide how much parking is required to meet their residents' needs. This would replace the current .5 parking stalls per unit (i.e. a rowhouse with a total of eight units would need four parking stalls under R-CG zoning, but the new bylaw would let the owner/developer determine the amount parking provided).

Most people I've spoken with are not aware of the new proposed bylaw; they believe that the blanket rezoning approval is the extent of the changes in what and how redevelopment happens. If you don't want to be surprised by the changes being proposed, then it's up to you to learn more now.

A common theme among CAs and residents throughout all discussions about densification and redevelopment is that yes, we need more housing, but it has to respect and fit in with what already exists in each community. Many people want to provide their input about how



and where redevelopment should occur, but more than that, they want their responses to matter! Each of us experiences our community on a local level and what gets built next door will impact you, either positively or negatively. It starts with the signboard on the front lawn! Read it, find out more, and respond.

If you would like to join our community association, you are always welcome to do so. Contact the office at [office@brentwoodcommunity.com](mailto:office@brentwoodcommunity.com) or at 403-284-3477.

## Brentwood Cares

### Young Farmers and Our Little Food Library

Maria Montessori Education Centre (MMEC), as a class business grew vegetables at Livingston Farms, a small family farm located east of Vulcan run by two retired teachers. The junior high class went out to the farm in late May for a few of days to prep and plant. Through June and the summer months, smaller groups of students and parents returned to weed, mulch, and water. Students got hands-on experience about where our food comes from, and the transformation from a single seed to a small plant, and finally mature plants. The class returned in early October for harvest, which was more bountiful than expected. After fall "sales" at the school, additional surplus was twice donated to our Little Food Library. BCA member and class teacher Jo Colgan arranged the donations.

Thanks so much to Jo and the students for sharing the bounty with those in need and contributing much-needed fresh vegetables.



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## Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

Ontario, ten years after the world has experienced a permanent power outage is the setting for Waubgeshig Rice's novel *Moon of the Turning Leaves*, the sequel to *Moon of the Crusted Snow*.

Waubgeshig, an author and journalist, is from the Wasauksing First Nation near Parry Sound, Ontario. Members of the Indigenous Book club had the privilege of meeting Waubgeshig online to share their thoughts about his book and to ask questions.

Waubgeshig is a wonderful storyteller, and the story he narrates in this book is a classic quest full of challenges and sacrifice. It was hard to put the book down and it ended way too soon.

When the power failed ten years ago, a number of Anishinaabe people went north to escape the mayhem and to build a new community. Now ten years later, and as game has become scarce, a small band is sent south to learn what had happened in the past ten years and to seek out any other Anishinaabe groups that have survived. A central character is a young woman who hunts with a bow and arrow and is considered to be one of the best hunters in the community.

Among the challenges she and her companions, including her father, face as they journey southward is the existence of roaming well-armed survivalist militias. A haunting feature of the trek are the abandoned and derelict towns and small cities they pass through.

I do not want to give away what happens on the quest: I leave that for readers to discover and enjoy for themselves. At the same time, I want to address some of the themes that emerged. A key one was the stark contrast between the nature of the white supremacist and misogynist survival militias and that of the Anishinaabe, whether it had to do with the role of women, how the dead were treated, the response to dwindling western technology such as guns, and the contrast between individualistic and collective approaches to survival.

Another key theme was that of the environment, as the Anishinaabe passed many examples of the earth reclaiming itself from the concrete buildings, asphalt roads, and metal structures that dotted the landscape.

In the middle of the quest is a hilarious scene where older members of the band reminisce about the pleasure of eating pizza and wondering if they will find any pizza outlets down south.

Waubgeshig told us that as he worked on the book, he researched what are called "prepper" groups, actively preparing themselves for the end of civilization as we know it. He also visited an abandoned highway up north to see how Mother Earth is reclaiming herself.

Throughout the book, Waubgeshig uses numerous Anishinaabemowin words, and its telling that by the end these words become more frequent. For those who are interested, he has put out a video about how to pronounce the words in his language: go on YouTube and search for "Moon of the Turning Leaves Anishinaabemowin Pronunciation Guide".

Enjoy!

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# Scouts About - 4th Elks Triwood



## Fall 2024 Updates

We had a great kick off to the fall as Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts went on a canoe camp to the Red Deer River near Drumheller. The Triwood Scouts also entered two teams into the "Great Escape" event this October. Our team competed against 700 other youth in a giant orienteering game that went from 6:00 pm to 2:30 am and won first prize! Cubs played the animal game in West Confederation Park with 100 other Cubs from NW Calgary. Beavers went on a 'reconciliation' walk along with the Cubs to Nosehill park.

A sleepover at the Tyrell Museum is planned for later in the fall for Beavers and Cubs.



*Cubs canoeing Red Deer River in voyageur canoe*



*Scouts with their 1st place trophy from Great Escape*

## Fundraisers

Thanks to those of you who provided bottles at our bottle drive this past October.

• **Triwood Christmas Market:** Scouts will work as Fire Marshalls at the Triwood Christmas market to help 'keep the fires burning.' They may have some chocolate on hand to sell.

- **Bottle Drive | January 11:** Scouts will knock on doors to collect bottles. You can also drop bottles at TCA between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.
- **Chocolate Campaign | April:** Look for youth selling chocolate almonds around the community.
- **Bottle Drive | May 24:** Scouts will knock on doors to collect bottles. You can also drop bottles at TCA between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

## Become a Leader

We need leaders to make these programs happen. If you are new to Scouting or want to get back into Scouting and are interested in building your outdoor skills along with your youth, there is a place for you at 4th Elks. Contact us at [4thElksTriwood@gmail.com](mailto:4thElksTriwood@gmail.com).

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## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Phase 3 of the Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan is underway, and the draft plan was shared with the public and partners before Council's expected approval in early 2025. You can send questions or comments directly to the project team by emailing [parksplan@calgary.ca](mailto:parksplan@calgary.ca). Please note that these will not be included in the final Phase 3 What We Heard Report. A Park is a space set aside for enjoyment, recreation, education, cultural or aesthetic use, or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. An urban forest includes trees and shrubs intentionally planted, naturally occurring, or accidentally seeded within city limits. This means all trees in parks, river valleys, streets, roadways, natural areas, and commercial and private lands.

A Natural Area is a City-owned park or open space where the primary role is protection of a (relatively) undisturbed parcel or with a natural/native plant community. Natural areas are categorized to provide guidance for management and permitted uses according to habitat sensitivity and conservation needs. Habitat is the environment where the life cycle of a species is found and characteristics of the place (climate or suitable food and shelter). A Habitat Management Plan means a ten-year operational plan on how we manage natural areas that help maintain or improve the health and function of a park. Calgary's natural ecosystems are categorized by their habitat type (e.g., grassland, forest, wetland). There are also categories for classifying parks with natural environments: Special Protection or Major; Supporting (may be buffers), and other naturalized parks. Naturalization means improving management or repairing some function. For Environmentally Significant Areas, some key natural components recognized by the City of Calgary are Water Quality and Quantity; Rare, Intact, or Biologically Diverse content; and Habitat for Native Species of Interest. Read more at [engage.calgary.ca/parksplan](http://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan).

## Message from Dr. Luanne Metz, MLA Calgary-Varsity

Happy December!

Lots is happening in Alberta politics.

With a new Leader of the Opposition, my position within the Alberta NDP caucus has changed. I am now Chair of the Future of Healthcare as part of the Leader's Senior Advisory Team. I am thrilled about this new role as it allows me to lead development of the strategies Albertans need to improve health care in the short term and the long term.

The legislature resumed sitting October 28. The UCP Government have introduced several bills this fall, which include restating existing rights, and limiting the rights of parents to choose physician-recommended care for their children. None of these bills address issues of importance to Albertans like healthcare, affordability, housing, and education, which are the issues I hear about from you and your neighbours most.

I recently had the pleasure of attending a town hall on Health Care in Lethbridge. We heard primarily about the inability to find a family doctor and people suffering with disability and pain for years while they wait for surgery. I hear about these issues daily from every corner of Alberta. This has become the new normal. These issues can be solved if the resources went towards these problems. Solving this needs to be a top priority from the government, however, even when there is a solution agreed to even by themselves, they fail to act on it.

If you have any questions, concerns, or stories you'd like to share with me, please reach out to my office. You can send us an email anytime at [Calgary.Varsity@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary.Varsity@assembly.ab.ca).

With the holidays approaching quickly, I hope you and your family will take time to rest, relax, and enjoy each other's company this holiday season.

*Dr. Luanne Metz, MLA Calgary-Varsity*

\*Written on November 1, 2024, due to publishing deadlines.







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### Christmas Help

This month, many families will gather around the table to celebrate Christmas with loved ones. Unfortunately, the meal will not be as grand as it once was for a growing number of families.

Food Banks Canada has reported that food bank use in Canada is setting all-time records with shocking regularity. They report that up to 25% of Canadians are living in a state of poverty, while 35% feel worse-off financially. Canadians are struggling to keep their heads above water, relying on food banks to survive.

Food bank use in Canada has doubled since 2019 with over two million visits in March 2024 alone. This is 6% higher than last year and this year will likely set a new record.

Food Banks Canada blames inflation, housing costs, and insufficient social supports for creating the food insecurity problem.

At the same time, a 23% hike in the carbon tax is not helping. If you tax the farmer who grows the food, and the trucker who ships the food, you end up taxing the Canadian who buys the food.

One-third of those using food banks are children. One-in-five is employed and 70% live in market rent housing. These are people struggling to keep up. Food insecurity has a huge impact on one's mental health and overall health outcomes. This in turn puts additional stress on other social services and the healthcare system.

This Christmas season, if you are able, please donate to a food bank or food pantry so that we can all celebrate Christmas like we used to.

While the need for donations continues throughout the year, your Christmas donation sends a special message of support to those who need it the most during the holiday season.



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Dear Ward 4 Neighbours,

As the year draws to a close and the winter season settles in, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a joyful and restful holiday season. This time of year is a special opportunity to pause, reconnect, and cherish the spirit of community that makes Calgary such a wonderful place to call home.

Whether you're celebrating at home or traveling to be with family and friends, I hope this season brings you warmth, peace, and plenty of moments to savour. Here in Calgary, we're so fortunate to have a community that supports each other in countless ways. From local events to friendly neighbours lending a hand with snow shoveling, these small acts remind us of the strength and kindness that define our neighbourhood.

Don't forget—if you have any City of Calgary-related issues or concerns, you can easily reach assistance by calling 3-1-1, visiting online, or using the 3-1-1 mobile app.

Wishing you a season filled with joy, health, and all the things that make your holiday bright.

Warm holiday wishes,

*Sean Chu*

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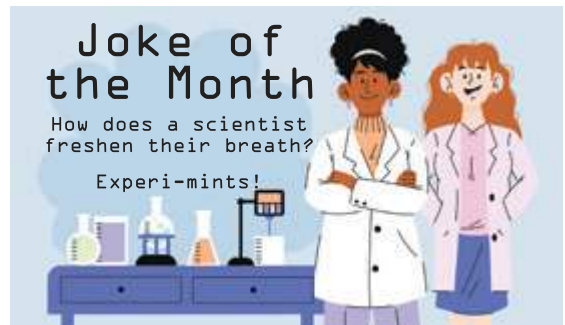
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Asking \$1,849,900 mls# A2153745

**43 EDGEWOOD PLACE NW (EDGEMONT)**

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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**80 CORNERBROOK GATE NE (CORNERSTONE)**

\*\*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!

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**226,1920-14 AVENUE NE (MAYLAND HEIGHTS)**

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**4912 CARNEY ROAD NW (CHARLESWOOD)**

Corner lot in Charleswood. This bi-level property is the perfect family home featuring 1,375 sq.ft. above grade with a fully developed basement, 4 total bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, and hardwood flooring throughout the main floor. A wonderful family home with a great location that is quiet, away from busy traffic, near loads of amenities, and in an established neighbourhood. Just minutes away from John Laurie, Market Mall, and the University of Calgary.

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