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Dear Brentwoodians,

In this issue our neighbourhood reporter Lee Hunt celebrates the 55th anniversary of the *Bugle* (I promise I didn't put her up to it!). I am proud to be part of this long tradition of keeping our community connected and informed.

Lee found a copy of the March 1970 newsletter, whose cover is featured once again this month. This sketch of a very traditional family feels a little bit "retro" now, and I am glad that Brentwood has become a very diverse neighbourhood in every regard. It would be great if the writing in the *Bugle* could better reflect this diversity, so I would like to encourage people to share their voices and submit opinion or local interest pieces for publication. There is no need to commit to a monthly column (although that would be great too), and if you are nervous about your writing skills – well part of my job is to help with that! Reach out at the email below if you are interested.

Speaking of getting involved, I will echo Melanie Swailes' appeal for volunteers to join the Development and Transportation Committee. Now more than ever we need people for this important role in our community.

Churchill Reunion

In another throwback to the '70s, Dennis Taylor has asked me to include a notification about the Sir Winston Churchill High School Class of 1975 50th Reunion event. Dennis says it will be very informal, and you can contact him at 403-512-6533 or razmatazzdt@yahoo.com for information. Keep on truckin', class of 75!

Support Local

As I write, a trade war has erupted, with our neighbour to the south putting tariffs on Canadian goods and reprisals from Ottawa. Given the mercurial nature of US leadership, this may have blown over by the time the April issue lands in your mailbox, but it is nevertheless a good reminder to support Canadian and especially local businesses. And remember, even if a store or restaurant has a multi-national brand, they are still likely to be owned by Canadians and employ local workers. There are plenty of websites and apps that will help you research this if you want.

Casino

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

Jonathan Jucker

Editor, Brentwood Bugle

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Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team

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Why Get Involved in Your Community Association?

by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

After about 96 *Bugle* articles dating back to 2017, and after over seven years as the Development and Transportation Committee (DTC) Chair, I will be stepping down from my role by September. Development and Planning never ceases, so please consider becoming a member to help ensure that our community's voice is represented. If you feel that you don't know much about Development Permits (DPs) or City Bylaws, neither did most of us before joining the DTC. There are all kinds of ways to learn, there are other committee members who have experience to share, and we need a variety of skills.

If you have an architectural background and can read a blueprint or set of plans, you can help us evaluate new applications. If you are good at notetaking, we need a secretary for the monthly meeting. Perhaps you could volunteer to update the bulletin board in the Community Association building or perhaps post information on our BCA website. If you are interested, please send an email to the office at office@brentwoodcommunity.com and let us know how you would like to get involved.

Why get involved? For starters, to meet and feel connections within your community. It's also interesting to view new DPs for projects, such as an advance look at proposals for the Northland Mall redevelopment. Representing our community has been very challenging at times, such as speaking before Council, but there is also satisfaction in knowing that you tried your best to make a difference, regardless of the outcome.

Finally, you may find yourself having to quickly become familiar with planning and development anyways. Redevelopment is happening in Brentwood (we've had our first application for a multi-unit building with eight units on a single lot) and the more you know ahead of time, the better you will be able to respond.

A case in point: twice in the past week, people from other communities have sent me copies of papers that they found in their mailbox. One was a letter asking if they would sell their home so that there could be an amalgamation of properties on their street: a developer wants to buy homes in a row so they could maximize the number of units to be built. In another case, neighbours in an area received a notice that angrily stated, "Our rights are being taken away by blanket rezoning. A builder has just posted notice to develop beside our home…. 16 homes which can be divided into 32 suites on only two lots. I'm just learning that due to blanket rezoning, we can't fight it!"

When I looked up the DP application on the second letter, the zoning was R-CG (the same as most former single-family homes), and that zoning allows for this type of development. To look up details on a DP, go to the Development Map (DMap) at https://dmap.calgary.ca, where you can find the project plans and information on how to submit comments.

To be clear, the above application is for a "Discretionary" Development Permit, which means that neighbours can submit their comments during the review process. Many times, that's when people contact their Community Association, usually asking, "they can't really do this, can they?" or "everyone on our street is opposed, so how do we stop it?"

If a project is approved, impacted residents can appeal a decision at the SDAB (Subdivision and Development Appeal Board). This is not easy: the appeal must be filed within three weeks of the DP approval, you need to submit materials (photos, letters, etc.) clearly stating your rationale and reasoning, and there is no guarantee of an outcome. The cost is $200 to file, and many residents also hire consultants to represent them. I'd encourage you to look up some of the current cases so that you have an idea of how the SDAB process works. You can also view the plans and reports for each hearing, which will give you a good idea of the types of developments taking place throughout the city – many of the current appeals are for R-CG rowhouse and townhouse projects. calgarysdab.ca/active-appeals.html.

It is no longer an option to present your opinions before Council: blanket rezoning removed the public hearing process, including the ability to hear arguments from both sides and learn how the decision was reached.

Unfortunately, most people don't get involved with City Planning matters until it impacts them directly. I communicate regularly with CA Development leaders from communities throughout Calgary: we

are volunteers who have spent a great deal of time on development issues within our respective communities, but residents shouldn't expect that we can work miracles to stop a project or proposal that they don't like. Yes, Community Associations have a stake in DP applications, but now that blanket rezoning has been approved many applications are now beyond our control. We keep trying to inform residents, we meet with our Councillors, and we write letters to Council.

One can make arguments about Discretionary DP items such as massing, shadowing, context, use and enjoyment of your property, etc. and one can appeal, but these are difficult to do if you have no understanding of the City's planning process or of the bylaws. Learning all these things within a week or two after a DP notice is almost impossible, so get informed in advance: join your CA, attend a meeting, share your talents. We need you, and you may need us some day as well!

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Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

To mark Black History Month, Settlers Book Club read and discussed Kai Thomas' *In the Upper Country*. Kai Thomas describes himself as a carpenter, land steward, and writer. He is Afro-Canadian with antecedents in Trinidad and the British Isles.

Thomas' novel is unique in that it explores Indigenous and Black relationships in the 19th century. The novel is set in a fictional town in Ontario, a few years before the beginning of the US Civil War. The town was settled by escaped slaves and serves as a temporary stop on the Underground Railroad.

The novel begins when a bounty hunter is shot and killed by Cash, an old woman fleeing slavery. It then centres upon an exchange of stories between Cash and Lucinda Marten, a local journalist who writes for the Coloured Canadian newspaper.

The stories are complex and sometimes involve the reading of texts left by former slaves. They traverse time and geographical locations. Each story is intriguing in its own right and together they reveal shared legacies of Black and Indigenous ancestors and other relatives.

Sometimes the switches between stories can seem confusing but if one takes the time, they are well worth reading. And in the end, Thomas very cleverly leaves the reader wanting to hear more.

In contrast, Chapters and Chat discussed a contemporary document: "Anti-Black Racism, Sexism and Systemic Discrimination in the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC)"

The Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights decided to do its own research after CBC News reported that the Treasury Branch had found that the CHRC had violated the anti-discrimination clauses in the contracts of three federal unions. The committee interviewed witnesses and read numerous briefs and other documents. The Senate Report was released in December 2023.

The Report notes that "no institution is free of systemic discrimination". The research revealed definite patterns of overlooking qualified Black and other racialized staff when it came to training and advancement. There were also patterns of exclusion from formal and informal networks, and upper management was almost all white. The report notes the negative impact that this toxic work environment had on the physical and mental health of Black and racialized workers.

Of equal importance is that complaints of racial discrimination brought before the CHRC were often "prejudged" and dismissed by all-white teams assessing the complaints. Only 6% went forward.

This short report is well worth reading as an example of how systemic racism operates within an institution. It's important to note that the Senate Report stated that systemic racism exists across the Federal system. Here is a link to the report if you wish to learn more: sencanada.ca/en/info-page/parl-44-1/ridr-anti-black-racism/.

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The Brentwood Bugle Celebrates 55 Years

by Lee Hunt

A salute to The *Brentwood Bugle* which celebrates its 55th anniversary this year!

Grateful thanks to all who have edited, reported, advertised, and worked on the other myriad of tasks involved in producing The *Bugle* over all of those years.

The Brentwood Community Association Archives holds a copy of "The BCA Newsletter" labelled Volume 3, March 1970, which is featured on this month's cover. The Board of Directors List indicates Vera Krivoshen as "3rd VP – Newsletter". Though Vera was unable to speak with me, a perusal of the edition was most interesting. Annual community membership for a family was only $8 and a children's movie was shown twice each Saturday afternoon, such as *Angel in My Pocket* starring Andy Griffiths, *Man Called Flintstone*, and *Tarzan*. Most movies were free, though there was an admission charge of 50 cents to view the animated film, *Heidi*.

Also in the March 1970 edition, there was a request for volunteers to do finishing work on a planned extension to the community hall (now aka "The Old Hall"), plus the perennial call for "coaches for all age groups". Some things never change!

The next edition in the Archives is the April 1972 copy – and by then, "The Newsletter" had been renamed the *Brentwood Bugle*. The April 1972 *Bugle* lists Bruce Fraser as Editor, Joyce Snell in charge of News and Classified Ads, with Marion Hopkins and Ina Waller soliciting Business Ads. Bruce told me that he and Joyce, "typed the articles, ran them off using a Gestetner (a very messy machine!), then pasted the copy together at my home." The ads were re-photographed and glued onto pages. Once everything was in place, "We would drive it all over to the nearby printer." That was Brentwood Printing run by Ted Kornak out of his garage.

For many years, The *Bugle* was hand delivered to Brentwood homes by youth groups and individuals.

Early Bugle editor Bruce Fraser

Throughout the 1980s, Bob and Jane Heward were named as being in charge of these deliveries.

A look at the 27 ads in the 1970 edition shows that only four of those businesses remain in Brentwood today. One grocery store ad still seems very appropriate today as it states, "It takes careful buying to make those food budget dollars stretch".

Special thanks to those pioneers in *Bugle* editing – Vera Krivoshen and Bruce Fraser. Over the years, they have been followed by Marilyn Hawtin, Nancy Rutz, Charlotte Wegmann, Joyce Snell, Nicky Walker, Leanne and Kevin Shapkin, Darleen Ternieden, Cheri Macaulay, Shari Couture and Kristine Lutz (aka Goodall), Kelli Wreford, and currently Jonathan Jucker. Grateful thanks to all of them – being the Editor is a demanding and time-consuming job!

Thanks also to the many Brentwoodians who have written articles for The *Bugle* over the years and to the numerous companies that have advertised.

Happy 55th birthday to the *Brentwood Bugle*!

P.S. If you have any copies of The *Bugle* from January 1970 to March 1972 and would like to donate them to the Archives, please contact Linda at 403-284-3477 or office@brentwoodcommunity.com.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan will determine how Calgary's 2,900+ parks are managed, developed, and redeveloped over the next 20 years. A draft will be presented to City Council after review by the Community Development Committee. Parks connect urban communities, but the city is projected to grow to two million people within the next two decades (https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan).

Calgary has over 200 natural areas in the parks system. Our relationship with the natural world is primarily to preserve undisturbed land, wildlife, and native plant communities. In a natural area all uses and activities must comply with the approved habitat management plan to protect the natural environment and not cause damage. New natural areas should be designated. There are different types, but all need to be protected to conserve nature now and for the future. The landscape offers access to the natural world which helps our physical and mental well-being. Special places like Nose Hill, a major natural area, foster stewardship, support biodiversity, and reduce impacts of heat, flooding, and drought. Some areas are sacred spaces for Indigenous Nations and provide opportunities to learn about cultural history.

Controlled burns and animal grazing are encouraged as alternate land management practices. We must assess and update the cost of maintenance to ensure the value of natural areas with a compensation model. We can allow litter-control-only (with guidance) in natural areas to be included in enhanced landscape maintenance requirements. We should develop ten-year operational Habitat Management Plans for all natural areas, including those required as part of the development approval process. Prior to subdivision the developer is responsible for restoration and compensation must be paid to the City when there is damage or disturbance to land dedicated to environmental reserve. Back sloping should not be allowed.

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Ebullient: adjective (ih-buhl-yuhnt)

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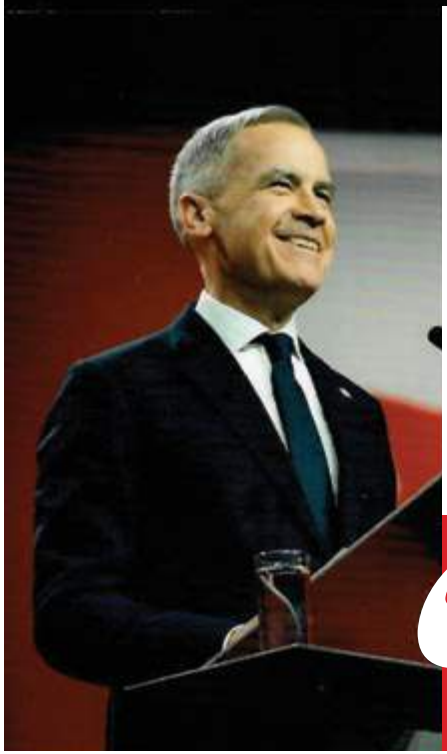
He was in quite an ebullient mood.

Say Cheese! It's Grilled Cheese Month!

April is celebrated as Grilled Cheese Month, a perfect time to indulge in a gooey and perfectly toasted sandwich. Why not honour this tasty tradition with your favourite cheesy creation all month long?



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- Create new jobs.
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SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!

BRENTWOOD—NORTHMOUNT DRIVE.....SOLD for 98% of asking price
EDGEMONT—EDGEWOOD PLACE.....SOLD for 98.4% of asking price
MAYLAND HEIGHTS—14 AVENUE.....SOLD for 98.7% of asking price
CORNERSTONE—CORNERBROOK GATE.....SOLD for 99.5% of asking price

ON THE MARKET

3536 BENTON DRIVE NW (BRENTWOOD)

Rare bi-level home in Brentwood | Attached 4-car garage | 4 Bedrooms | Backs onto green space | Recently renovated and updated. This unique home boasts a myriad of features located in the coveted neighbourhood of Brentwood! Backing onto Brenner Park, this ~1,500 sq.ft. home features 4 bedrooms and 3 newly renovated full bathrooms.

Asking $872,800 mls# A2195333

44 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. 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.

Asking $1,379,800 mls# A2194211

BRENTWOOD - NORTHMOUNT DRIVE

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

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