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Dear Brentwoodians,

Spring is in the Air?

We are still getting early April snow as I write this, but (hopefully!) soon we will be into spring weather. Boots, sleds, and skis will be put away, and our warm-weather gear will be pulled out of storage. Many of us have been looking forward to spending more time outdoors in Brentwood's parks and natural areas.

Warmer weather always means more activity on our streets and sidewalks, so I wish to remind drivers to be extra vigilant of cyclists and pedestrians at this time of year – especially kids! It is good for our health, for our city, and for our planet to be out and about on bikes and on foot instead of in our cars, so let's make it safe and fun and share the road.

Of course, responsibility is also shared. Cyclists should obey the rules of the road, including observing stop signs and using hand signals when turning. Cyclists also have a duty to be careful around pedestrians, and to stay off the sidewalk unless you are, or are with, a child.

Pedestrians play a part in their own safety too! Remember to look both ways before you cross the street (for some people this may require looking up from your phone!), even at a crosswalk or stoplight.

Let's all be considerate, careful, and enjoy our spring weather!

Council Hearings

Elsewhere in this issue, Melanie Swailes reports on the Blanket Rezoning repeal hearings at City Hall. She spent a full day watching and listening, and gave her own presentation on behalf of the Brentwood Community Association. Many thanks to Melanie for devoting so much time and energy to advocating for our community!

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

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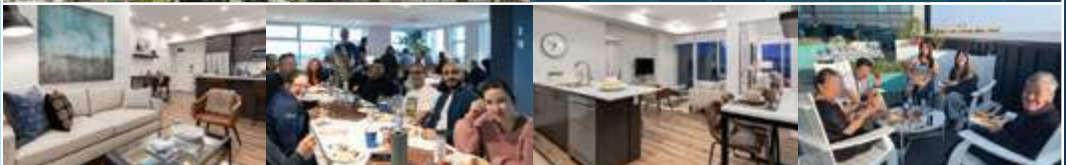
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Brentwood's Events Coordinator

by Lee Hunt

Deonte Doslov-Doctor is a relatively new member on the Brentwood Community Association (BCA) Board. Little did Deonte suspect that working one volunteer

shift at a BCA sponsored casino would lead to his agreeing to become Brentwood's Events Coordinator and the Social Media Representative. But that's exactly what happened!

Deonte, a residential and commercial realtor, moved to Calgary from Edmonton three years ago. (We're glad that he saw the light!) A friend had recommended that Deonte consider living in Brentwood. Deonte acted on that suggestion and especially enjoys the accessibility, quiet, and murals of our community.

As Events Coordinator, Deonte is striving to offer the community a number of free events. Recently there was a Paint Night plus free candies at Halloween. Currently, Deonte is planning a community Garden Day plus events for Neighbour Day. He also told me that there have been a number of requests for some community youth basketball, so he is looking into that.

A new sports activity seems a "natural" for Deonte as he himself greatly enjoys hiking, rafting, and snowboarding.

He belongs to a men's Fitness F3 group which meets regularly at 5:30 am and then goes walking followed by time for coffee. For variety, the group also does such activities as the Calgary Tower stair climb. Besides the exercise, Deonte tells me that "the group aims to encourage leadership and combat social isolation." In his Social Media role, Deonte arranges Facebook posts on the BCA webpage and places ads for upcoming events in our community.

Thanks for taking an active role in our community, Deonte!

To My Readers

Should you be inspired by Deonte's example, you, too, could volunteer to help out in our Community. I note that right now (as of early April), our BCA is looking for applicants for two roles – Casino Coordinator and Membership Director. Why not help out? To apply, please contact the BCA Office Manager, Linda Van Holst, at 403-284-3477.



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Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

The Indigenous Book Club delved into *All the Little Monsters* by David Robertson, the award-winning author, public speaker, and member of the Norway House Cree Nation in Manitoba. Robertson is well known among educators as he has written many books for youth and spoken in many schools.

He writes and speaks about mental health issues, and in *All the Little Monsters*, he lays bare his own experiences with anxiety, depression, and panic attacks. He traces these conditions to childhood and youth struggles with identity, confronting the death of his grandfather, and pondering eternity and his place in the universe. The little monsters are the voices in his head which fuel his fears and anxiety. He openly describes the nature of his panic attacks and depression, as well as his obsession with the health of his heart. He shares the many trips he took to the emergency room to find that he was fine. He also talks about the limits he placed on his physical activities because the little monsters were telling him that these were not good for his heart. In 2010, the cumulative stress of buying a new home, starting a new job, a new book, the illness of his grandmother, and the birth of another child led to a breakdown and deep depression.

Readers will be extremely interested in how Robertson worked his way out of this depression with the support of his wife Jill, the anchor he found in his five children, sharing his experiences with others, counselling, exercise, and medications. He warns against the use of crutches like alcohol and talks about the acceptance of anxiety and the little monsters as a life-long condition which can—and in fact must—be confronted.

I feel this was a very brave book to write as it laid out all of Robertson's vulnerabilities. However, he feels that part of his own healing is sharing his story in the hope that it will help others. His insights into what it is like to live with a mental health condition make this book a worthwhile read for all.

In the Settlers' Book Club we read and discussed *Ally is A Verb: A Guide to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples*. The author, Rose LeMay, is a member of the

Taku River Tlingit Nation located in northwestern British Columbia. She is the CEO of the Indigenous Reconciliation Group, an anti-racism and cultural competency trainer, and a policy and program developer around physical and mental health.

At first, I was not sure about this book as it began with material that other authors have covered more effectively. However, the further I read the more impressed I became with LeMay's discussion and guidelines for "putting allyship into action." LeMay believes that Reconciliation among Canadians began not with the TRC but the uncovering of Indigenous children's graves in Kamloops as these graves underscored how the intent of the government of Canada was never benevolent. Instead, its overall goal was to grab Indigenous lands and resources. LeMay characterizes this idea of benevolent intent as the great Canadian lie. LeMay points out that Reconciliation is a social change process that "comes from regular people influencing those around them." She says that we cannot wait for the government, but that Reconciliation starts with us.

What follows is a discussion of what non-Indigenous peoples can do to become allies working towards Reconciliation. Her main point is that there is "no such thing as an inactive ally." For each issue she takes on, she offers next steps for the reader to follow as well as a list of resources. She stresses the importance of learning more about Canada's history, and the existing roadmaps to Reconciliation that already exist. Of key importance is challenging interpersonal, systemic, and institutional racism. She says that the latter is crucial as "racism is the disease that threatens the soul of Reconciliation." She offers concrete strategies for intervening in the day-to-day interpersonal racism that we see, as well as strategies for collaborating with others in the workplace to challenge systemic racism. She then discusses the inequities produced by institutional racism. She also discusses the personal qualities needed in an ally, from humility to lived values, the willingness to recognize and use one's privilege and to take risks.

She ends by talking about the significance of consciously choosing hope. Lemay believes that it is "hope plus action that leads to change." I would encourage everyone who desires Reconciliation to read *Ally is a Verb*.

Council Public Hearing on Blanket Rezoning

by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

By the time you read this, the Blanket Rezoning Public Hearing will be long over, but *Bugle* deadlines mean that I often have to submit an article before knowing what the outcome will be. On March 27, I spent an entire day at City Hall, ending at 9:30 pm as the last speaker of the day.

After spending almost 12 hours at Council, I have great respect for the Councillors who were on their fifth successive day, but were still attentive and asking questions of presenters. Even though the rezoning hearings lasted for weeks, it is so important that each citizen who wishes to speak can do so.

It was impossible not to feel empathy for some of the presenters who spoke about their difficulties in finding housing they could afford. Some speakers talked about the hardships their families have faced or about their immigration experiences. Some have been the victims (sometimes several times) of unscrupulous landlords, of “reno-victions” (renovations so the rent can be raised significantly) or evictions (because the landlord is tearing down the house or simply wanted to double the rent and gave them notice). Many people were genuinely struggling and viewed blanket rezoning as an opportunity with no downside for them: build lots of housing, anywhere and everywhere, and hopefully some of it might be suitable or affordable for them.

But it is clear that the Blanket Rezoning experiment didn't succeed in providing “affordable” housing. As noted in the January column, only about half of one percent of 2024 housing completions were non-market units reserved for households meeting low-income thresholds (Ed.). If a household can afford to pay, say \$1,200 per month, then we can't expect the free market to provide that price point if the average rental rate is \$1,800. If the goal is income-specific housing, simply building more densely is not the solution: that would be like suggesting that since grocery costs are so high, the solution lies in building more Co-ops or Superstores.

There were many presenters opposing blanket rezoning based on their lived experience, who were really upset about what had happened next to them. Some shared poignant stories and showed photos of very large developments next door, some with 12 dwelling units replacing what had previously been a single house. One person shared an awful story about how the extensive excavation next door subsequently ruined her backyard trees – an arborist confirmed that too many tree roots had been severed, which the large trees couldn't survive. The homeowner then had to pay to have her trees cut down and to grind out the roots. It is not NIMBYism to oppose bad designs that negatively impact your home or the community.

Blanket rezoning granted new rights to developers, and many took advantage by designing over-scaled projects that few could have anticipated - it has become all about maximizing the number of bedrooms for rent. The need for housing should not be a reason to allow building forms with suites that are completely below grade, dark and depressing, or dwellings that replace one bungalow with 29 separate bedrooms on a single lot.

We seem to have lost the “Planning” part of Development Permit applications. Start with the existing community context. Does this DP make sense in this location? Ask the residents; they are the experts in their own community. On three recent DP applications, nearby residents have told us that a “City” tree on the boulevard would need to be cut down, and we will fight to retain our public trees. Developers should respect the site constraint of the context of what is already existing next door and on the street. If the proposed project is too large to “fit in”, then this isn't the right lot for that building. If the plan involves paving over most of the property and removing boulevard trees, then scale back the proposal. Don't suggest that “change is hard,” instead recognize that “bad change is hard.”

Many of the speakers at Council stated that they were not opposed to increasing density in their community. But they emphasized that it had to be thoughtful, contextual, and sensitive to existing homes. We can have both more housing and good urban form.¹ Noted Urban Planner Patrick Condon put it best when he wrote “we must move beyond the blame game that pits so-called NIMBYs against YIMBYs² 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.⁷³

We can reach some common ground. Start with the premise that the neighbourhood matters, and that in urban planning, the “customer” is the community. Larry Beasley⁴, a respected Canadian Urban Planner, states that “You start from one basic principle as a planner: Citizens are as smart or smarter than you are, and they have a lot more information at the local level than you can ever have.”

If you want a say in how Brentwood evolves, please provide feedback on any DP near you and get involved with our Community Association: email office@brentwoodcommunity.com.

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Spring 2026 Update

Another great year of activities is continuing for all sections in our group, with more to come!

Beavers (ages 5 to 7) enjoyed a fall overnight camp at Wayne and a winter sleepover at Camp Chief Hector, as well as skating and fun activities at Triwood Hall including homemade mini golf.



Beavers at Winter Camp

Cubs (ages 8 to 10) joined the older sections on an overnight fall hike to Pickle Jar Lakes near Highwood Pass, learned rock climbing and scuba diving skills, and hosted a north Calgary area Cub Car derby.



Cubs Learning How Things Work (or Don't) at Take-Apart Night in Triwood

A highlight for the Scouts (ages 11 to 14) was a cross-country ski trip over the Elk Pass into BC, with an overnight stay in an alpine hut.



Scouts Skiing over Elk Pass

Not to be outdone, the Venturers (ages 15 to 17) did a two-night backcountry ski trip of their own near Lake Louise.

We are looking forward to closing out the year at our all-section camp at Alford Lake Conservation Centre.

This summer many of our older kids travel to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, where they will no doubt make life-long friendships with other Scouts from around the world. They have been working hard to raise the funds for this exciting opportunity!

Registration

If you're interested in registering your youth or learning more about our group, please email or check our Facebook page and website.

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Thanks to all who have supported our bottle drives and popcorn, chocolate, and coffee sales. You have helped our kids learn new skills, have great adventures, and learn the importance of community. Please look out for us again beginning in September!

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Nature Conservancy Canada offers a prairie grasslands action plan to conserve 500,000 plus hectares by 2030 - an area six times the size of Calgary. The first-ever Citizen Science Day was in 2016. Global city scientists participate in the largest community science biodiversity census in the world while helping us better understand - and therefore, take care of - the nature that lives in and around urban areas. Volunteers find nature or wildlife, note the location, take a picture or record a sound, then share their observations online through iNaturalist. The YYC City Nature Challenge collected pictures of wild plants and animals, April 24 to 27; then uploaded observations and identified what was found April 28 to May 10. Results will be announced online Wednesday, May 13. Planning for 2027 is already underway. Jane's Walk (May 1, 2, and 3) is an annual global festival of walking tours. Jane Jacobs (1916 to 2006) was a writer, urbanist, and activist. She promoted walking to foster a sense of belonging. The free event shares stories, discovers communities, and brings neighbours together in 500 plus cities. The YYC walks are sponsored by the Federation of Calgary Communities. Since 1976, The May Species Count has been a citizen scientist project. You can read the results of the 2025 May Bird Count online. In the Alberta Summary there were 477 participants who spent 1,376 hours counting 166,709 birds from 264 species. You can contribute your observations too. Some fascinating plants can be found in our region. The annual survey (May 25 to 31) focuses on the flowering status of native plants. The aim is to collect valuable plant data while encouraging stewardship and promoting appreciation of Alberta's natural areas. Anyone with an interest can participate. However, it is important to first read the project purpose and instructions, at <https://naturealberta.ca/may-plant-count/>.

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It's said that home is best understood from a distance. You never feel more Calgarian than when in Edmonton. You never feel more Albertan than when in Ontario. And you never feel more Canadian than when abroad.

One of the upsides of travel to Ottawa is it affords me a lot of opportunity to think about our home, and how being a westerner shapes me and how I try to serve as your representative.

Alberta, as we know, is more complex than it appears from a distance. Some of us are gunslingers, some of us are barn-builders. But all of us are shaped by our home. Westerners are direct. We like things to be said plainly. We like arguments that stand up to scrutiny.

Westerners are practical. We're less interested in whether something sounds good than whether it works.

Westerners are egalitarian. People should get a fair shot. Effort should matter. Systems shouldn't be rigged.

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And westerners are patriots. We never stop building this country. We never stop fighting for it.

Sometimes, these western values push our politics one way. Sometimes, in different ways. But there are many ways to be a westerner, and a strong community isn't one where everyone agrees. It's one where people feel comfortable participating, sharing ideas, and working together despite differences.

In the end, the goal isn't to eliminate disagreement. It's to build understanding, and to find a path forward. That starts when neighbours meet not as political identities, but as people invested in the same place.

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