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Dear Brentwoodians,

Finding Hope in Tragedy

Like many Calgarians, my family received with great sadness the news of the death of 11-year-old Parker. Having lost our oldest son to illness seven years ago, we understand some of the grief felt by his family, and we hope that they are able to find the comfort and support they need at this time and in the weeks, months, and years to come.

It is hard to find a silver lining in a situation like this, but it was heartwarming to see how many Calgarians were touched by the story and volunteered to take part in the search or put up signs in hopes of finding him. In an age where it often feels like corporations and interest groups seek to divide people in order to promote various political or financial goals, it was wonderful to see so many come together in the hope of helping a child. Hopefully part of Parker's legacy can be this reminder that as a community we are better when we are united in a common effort to help one another.

The Shady Side of The Street

It is amazing how a simple patch of shade can offer respite and relief on a scorching day, and increasingly hot summer weather offers a reminder of the importance of trees in keeping ourselves, our pets, and our homes a bit cooler. How many of us have crossed the road to walk in the shade, or even planned our route to avoid treeless streets when the thermometer climbs above 30°? In this issue, Melanie Swailes offers some insight into the rules around tree cover in our neighbourhoods, and the importance of preserving the mature trees that make up our urban canopy.

We are very fortunate in Brentwood to enjoy as much tree cover as we have: there are many areas of Calgary which are virtually devoid of this benefit and unfortunately maps showing more or less tree cover match closely with maps of high vs. low-income neighbourhoods. In addition to the challenges of growing trees in the prairie, part of the issue lies with the way that newer neighbourhoods were designed. If alleyways are eliminated in order to increase housing density in an area, then utility lines all must come in from the front, leaving less area to plant trees. Front

driveways also take up potential growing space. Finally, efforts to build quickly and cheaply lead to a lack of care and effort in fostering tree growth (see www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/features/calgary-city-of-haves-and-have-nots-when-it-comes-to-trees).

While people in many parts of our city look on Brentwood's canopy with envy and try to plan ways to increase their own, we should take care to enjoy and preserve what we have.

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. 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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Steve Dietrich, Sportsplex Manager

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Welcome to Brentwood

by Lee Hunt

Brentwood welcomes relative newcomer Carole Emes.

Carole has lived in Calgary for 43 years, raised her daughter and son here, but only became a Brentwoodian in 2024.

Carole especially enjoys crocheting. Last Christmas, she crocheted five large blankets—one for each of her grandchildren. Carole is also an avid reader with a particular penchant for true crime novels. Her favourite author is Catherine Cookson whom Carole especially admires because Cookson continued writing until age 94.

Cookson's determination serves as inspiration to Carole. Despite having severe arthritis and using a cane, Carole remains very energetic. She gets out daily to walk with her bichon shih tzu, Doodad.

If you put a camera or phone camera in her hands, something special happens. As Carole puts it, "taking photos is lots of fun—almost an obsession." As for subjects, Carole told me that, "Everywhere I look, I can



Carole and Doodad

see something—for example a bee on a dandelion." She added, "I especially love sunsets." Carole has contributed a number of impressive cover photos for the *Bugle*.

That respect for Nature appeared on the front cover of July's *Bugle*. There Carole is seen comforting a young magpie which had earlier been trapped in cut down branches and left by workers.

Much of Carole's enthusiasm for nature comes from her childhood spent with three siblings near Sudbury, Ontario. In Carole's words, "I literally grew up in the bush." Summers were always spent on an island in Lake Simcoe in a home which her grandfather had built with his own hands. Carole fondly recalls the home's furniture which was all built in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Welcome to Brentwood Carole—and keep that camera nearby!

Condolences

We at The Bugle express our condolences to the family of Diane Hobbs. Diane, who died on June 25, was described as "The Flower Lady of Brentwood". According to her obituary, "Diane started a memorial garden in 2009 to pay tribute to her gardening friend and continued gardening right up until she needed to move to hospice". May she rest in peace.



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In Praise of Trees

“Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees then names the streets after them.” - Bill Vaughan

In the heat of the past summer, how many times did you walk, play, or rest in the shade of a large tree? How much difference did a large shade tree make to keeping you or your home cool? On one especially hot day, as I walked along Northmount Drive and then along Brentwood Boulevard, I was grateful for the shade the heavy tree canopy provided (American Elms along Northmount Drive and Green Ash along Brentwood Blvd). Some of those very trees are now threatened by new developments.

Most of those trees are “City” trees, which were planted by the developer or the City many decades ago, usually on the public portion of a property or on a boulevard. Trees are a “public tree” if they are on the right-of-way or easement section of a private property. For example, the strip of land right next to the sidewalk may require that legal access be given for workers accessing utilities, making this the “public” portion of a property. Is a tree on your property a “City” tree or a private tree?

Check the City tree map (www.calgary.ca/parks/trees/city-owned.html), which shows every public tree in Calgary, including the location, a description of the tree, its size, and its value. Calgary has approximately 7 million trees, located on both public and private lands, in parks, natural areas, and green spaces. Approximately 75% of Calgary’s trees are located on private properties.

The Tree Protection Bylaw (23M2002) recognizes that “trees play a vital role in keeping Calgary healthy and liveable. By protecting and caring for public trees and helping Calgarians plant and look after trees on their own properties, we’re building a stronger tree canopy that cools our neighbourhoods, cleans our air, supports local wildlife, and contributes to a more resilient city for future generations.”

The Calgary bylaws do not apply to private trees: property owners have the right to remove (or plant) trees in their yards. There may be many reasons for removing a tree: poor health or disease, outgrowing the space in which they are planted, or interfering with the intended usage of the yard such as planting a new vegetable garden or building a garage.

Based on the many development permits we have reviewed, the biggest threat to our mature tree canopy lies not in property owners who cut down a tree or two, but rather in new developments which remove every single tree and shrub on a property, usually leaving little room left over for future large trees. For existing houses in Brentwood, on average 34% of the lot is covered by buildings, leaving space for the large trees, especially spruce and fir, which are so prevalent in our area. Compare that to R-CG zoning (a 4-plex plus 4 suites) which can now have 55% lot coverage, plus the required spaces for garbage and recycle bins, bike storage, four sets of window wells, four sets of external stairs, four sets of sidewalks, etc. On one application, adding up all the required components totalled 86% of the lot area, leaving only 14% for landscaping.

There is a requirement to plant trees on R-CG applications: the Land Use Bylaw requires, “a minimum of 1.0 tree and 3.0 shrubs must be provided for each 110.0 square meters of parcel area.” However, the trees which are planted are usually thin and columnar, often planted within a narrow space or within the shade of a 10-metre (33 foot) dwelling, making them unlikely to thrive long-term. All of our new multi-unit DP applications will have multiple air conditioners, but no large trees to provide shade or relief from summer heat.

A further challenge we have noted on recent applications is that new R-CG buildings can be just three metres from the sidewalk. Along Brentwood Blvd, the trees have a canopy of up to 17 metres (as measured by

an arborist), creating a conflict between the proposed building and the survivability of the tree(s). A Tree Protection Plan is required when construction is near an existing tree, but this does not ensure that roots will not be severed and the tree canopy so drastically pruned back as to severely damage or even kill the tree. Quite simply, it is impossible for a three-metre front setback to be feasible when the existing trees have a diameter which is four or five times that size. It is also extremely unlikely that spruce or fir trees will be planted in small or narrow spaces, yet those are the trees which characterize much of Brentwood, while also providing winter interest, bird habitats, stormwater retention, and many other benefits.

When you stand on Nose Hill in the summer, you can barely see Brentwood houses because of all the trees. We should not take this for granted. Calgary's tree canopy coverage is 9.62% as measured in 2024. This includes trees planted on both public and private property. The City is working to grow and expand our tree canopy coverage to 16% (www.calgary.ca/parks/trees.html).

What to do? First, public trees should be retained. For any development the trees should be a starting point or a constraint on the lot, not just an obstacle to construction. As a community, we can emphasize that we value those trees and will oppose cutting them down. The front setback Bylaws in communities like ours should address the issue of public trees; the three-metre bylaw is not compatible with our tree-lined streets. If the City is serious about increasing the tree canopy coverage, then the bylaws need to reflect that. Maybe developers should pay into a fund so that trees could at least be replaced elsewhere in the area. Why couldn't we plant some trees along the edges of school fields or pathways? As Brentwoodians, we need your feedback and support: if there is an application for a development near you, please review the tree plans and let us know what you think. Thank you.

If you would like to join our Community Association, you are always welcome to do so. Contact the office at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403-284-3477.

Melanie Swailes

On behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

A Nose Hill supporter told me there used to be a plaque in memory of John Lee Laurie at the Brisebois parking lot entrance to Nose Hill Park (Many Owls parking area). It appears that the plaque has now gone missing. He said, "Do you happen to know what happened to it and whether there are any plans for it to be reinstalled in the future?" I responded that my city contact would ask our Infrastructure folks to see if they knew.

A colleague did walk over to read the plaque once, but that was many years ago. It spoke of the help Laurie gave to First Nations. The official name of Mount Yamnuska is Mount John Laurie, but he has no knowledge of the installation of the plaque. When I chaired the Nose Hill Park Management Advisory Committee, the John Laurie Rock Society obtained the City's permission to install the boulder that was moved during construction of the roadway.

John Lee Laurie (1899-1959) was a prominent educator and political activist in Calgary, best known for First Nations advocacy. From 1944 to 1956, he was the honorary secretary of the Indian Association of Alberta. When adopted by the Stoney Nakoda Nations, he was named "White Cloud" and recognized by having a major Calgary roadway and a Canadian Rockies peak named after him. Mount Yamnuska was officially renamed at the request of the Stoney Nakoda First Nation in 1961. Its original Stoney Nakoda name, Îyâmnathka, combines root words of "mountain" and "flat", so "flat-faced mountain". In 1979, concerned citizens collected over 5,000 signatures on a petition and on the Sunday before Monday's Council meeting, marched along John Laurie Blvd in defence of Nose Hill Park. City Council voted against any development rezoning of Nose Hill Park lands.



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Hey, neighbour!

While this September promises a few more great weeks of weather, it also means kids going back to school. Over the summer my office has heard from many parents who are concerned about the safety of their children. They want safe routes to school, with more crosswalks and safe ways to cross roads along those routes.

This September I plan on bringing forward a notice of motion before council to introduce safer timing for pedestrian cross lights at intersections. This motion, if passed, will improve safety for pedestrians and provide more certainty for drivers by ensuring that there is less conflict for people crossing roads and turning through intersections. We know that distraction is frequently the cause for traffic collisions, and this motion will reduce conflict between pedestrians and vehicles using the same part of the road at the same time.

This is one way that I am working towards addressing the pedestrian danger crisis in our city, but it isn't the only way. I have been working with the City of Calgary's mobility department to improve safety on some of the most dangerous roads in Ward 4. I also co-sponsored a motion that would allow additional locations for rapid flashing beacons each year.

Though, we can do more, and I want your feedback on what my office can do to even further improve traffic safety. From new turning lights, pedestrian rapid flashing beacons, speed signs, speed bumps, or more, I want to hear from you about what makes sense to make your street safer. You can email me at any time at ward4@calgary.ca.

In the meantime, please slow down and watch for cars and pedestrians, and let's make this the safest back to school September ever for Ward 4.



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This summer has been marked by Calgary receiving federal dollars for two exciting projects: the Olympic Oval at the University of Calgary and Contemporary Calgary. I was proud to take part in both announcements, which demonstrate the federal infrastructure investments being made in Alberta.

One of the ways we strengthen communities is by investing in sport. Creating more opportunities for Calgarians to play, train, and proudly wear the maple leaf on the world stage brings us together and inspires all generations.

To that end, I was proud to have advocated for federal funding to come to the University of Calgary's Olympic Oval, which received up to \$26 million through the Build Communities Strong Fund. This investment will support the rehabilitation and modernization of the Oval—a legendary facility that hosted the 1988 Olympic Winter Games and remains home to the fastest ice in the world. It has nurtured generations of Olympic medallists and world-record holders, and this funding secures its long-term operation and accessibility for years to come. More than an elite training centre, the Oval is a community hub that keeps Calgary's reputation as a world-class sporting city strong.

Contemporary Calgary received up to \$40 million through the Build Communities Strong Fund. This investment will transform our historic Centennial Planetarium—home to Contemporary Calgary—into one of Canada's leading destinations for contemporary art, education, and community gathering. Expanding public access to the arts, creating a new gallery, education spaces, and revitalizing Calgary's Downtown West End, all while preserving one of our city's most recognizable landmarks through adaptive reuse.

Projects such as these enhance connectivity in our community and drive economic growth. Infrastructure is the foundation of healthy and prosperous communities, and of a strong Canada.

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Joke of the Month

Why are writers always
so cold?

They are always
surrounded by drafts.





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BRENTWOOD—BLAKISTON DRIVE.....SOLD for 97.1% of asking price
HARVEST HILLS—HARVEST HILLS WAY.....SOLD for 101% of asking price
BRENTWOOD—BOULTON ROAD.....SOLD for 97.4% of asking price

ON THE MARKET

34, 1234 EDENWOLD HEIGHTS NW (EDGEMONT)

Perched at the top of Edgemont, this top floor suite delivers sweeping city and Nose Hill views from the living room and private balcony and comes with its own detached garage! The open-concept layout connects the kitchen, dining-nook, and family room with a gas fireplace, creating a bright and airy space for everyday living and entertaining. The primary bedroom features a 3-piece ensuite. Move-in ready.

Asking \$228,500 mls# A2294846

4824 CLARET STREET NW (CHARLESWOOD)

This fully renovated bungalow pairs timeless curb appeal with a complete, modern style and the added benefit of a new constructed carriage house on top of the triple car garage. The main home showcases a classic brick exterior with a charming front archway, while inside, nearly every element has been updated. A brand new triple detached garage, offering ~800 sqft of additional living space! The legal suite features its own open concept kitchen, large waterfall island with breakfast bar. This is a unique opportunity to own a turn-key renovated home with a high-quality legal suite.

Asking \$1,186,000 mls# A2313861

611, 355 NOLANCREST HEIGHTS NW (NOLAN HILL)

Bright and beautifully finished townhome in the heart of Nolan Hill. Open concept main floor, where the kitchen takes center stage with quartz countertops, a stylish backsplash, stainless steel appliances, and an island with a breakfast bar. Upstairs, carpet underfoot leads to two generously sized bedrooms, each with its own ensuite. The single attached garage brings extra versatility with a bonus room at the back. Quick connections to Stoney Trail, Shaganappi Trail, and Sarcee Trail, downtown Calgary.

Asking \$424,900 mls# A2329404

3324 MORLEY CRESCENT NW (CHARLESWOOD)

Bungalow living, steps from the University, shops, LRT station and Nose Hill Park. Tucked into one of Charleswood's quietest streets, this bungalow faces directly onto a green space and offers over 1,270 sqft of freshly painted living space on the main floor alone.

Three bedrooms and a 4-piece bathroom complete the main floor, along with a sunroom that opens onto a private treed patio with a gently sloped backyard. Just minutes from the U of C, Nose Hill Park, Confederation Park, Market Mall, Foothills Medical Centre, and the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Asking \$949,900 mls# A2329119

HARVEST HILLS—HARVEST HILLS GATE

Beautifully maintained two-storey townhouse in the highly sought-after community of Harvest Hills. Two generously sized bedrooms, each featuring its own walk-in closet and private ensuite bathroom, offering exceptional comfort and privacy. The tandem double attached garage features durable epoxy flooring, providing additional storage flexibility and a clean, polished finish. Quick access to Stoney Trail and proximity to YYC International Airport make commuting and travel effortless.

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