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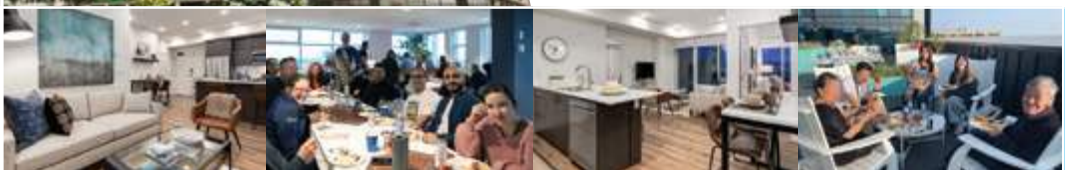

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Dear Brentwoodians,

Join your community association!

We have a full issue this month, with lots of photos from community events and the return of Rosemary Brown's "Off the Bookshelf" column, so I will keep things short!

Melanie Swailes asked me to remind readers to join the Brentwood Community Association (www.brentwoodcommunity.com): "Encourage people to sign up for the BCA. It's really the only way that we can reach people directly through mailouts; if we don't have their emails, we can't send updates for events (especially if they are less than a month ahead). With big changes like the Truman/Brentwood Co-op site or the upcoming Calgary Plan and new Zoning Bylaw, it's important that people know about opportunities for engagement or feedback."

Membership fees support your neighbourhood and fund maintenance of our facilities and programs. It also includes you on mailouts for important events or information. Our membership year is May 1 to April 30, regardless of when you purchase your membership.

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- Family | $35
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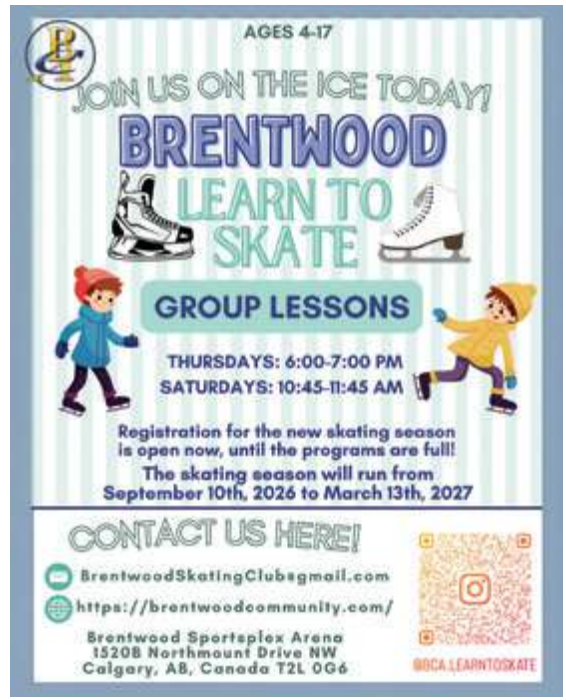

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Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

Katsi'tsakwas Ellen Gabriel was a spokesperson for the Mohawk land defenders who in the summer of 1990 threw up a barricade on a dirt road and later a bridge to forestall the destruction of the pine forest and cemetery on their ancestral lands. Dr. Sean Carleton is a historian at the University of Manitoba whose research interests focus on settler colonialism in Canada.

When Pine Needles Fall: Indigenous Acts of Resistance is a series of conversations between the two, with Sean asking about what the media referred to as the "Oka Crisis", as well as Gabriel's life, interests, and observations about colonialism and Indigenous resistance.

Carleton's excellent questions and observations and Gabriel's responses uncover a very interesting life informed by the teachings of the Longhouse and Mohawk elders; as well as the complexity and long arc of issues that led to the blockades and the subsequent siege of the Mohawk communities of Kahnesatake and Kahnawake.

While young, Gabriel began taking part in Longhouse activities. The Longhouse was the site of traditional ceremonies, "a form of governance and a place to learn about how to protect the land". Elders taught about our reciprocal relationships with each other and the natural world and within that context our responsibilities to the land, waters, and natural world around us. These teachings are present in many other Indigenous nations, as we have seen in *Braiding Sweetgrass and Blackfoot Ways of Knowing*.

Furthermore, Mohawk women were the stewards of the land and bore the responsibility of protecting the land and waters, which is why it was Gabriel and other women who initiated the blockade, and why Gabriel, who was trilingual, became the spokesperson for the land defenders.

Gabriel provides more details about the roles and responsibilities of women within Mohawk cultures, as well as why the pines were considered sacred to the communities of Kahnesatake and Kahnawake. She also describes the long history of land dispossession at the hands of the Saint Sulpician Seminary and land speculators, and Mohawk attempts to defend their lands. This is the context within which events unfolded once the town of Oka decided to destroy the Pines and the cemetery where Mohawk ancestors were buried, to make way for the expansion of a golf course. While in the end the pines and cemetery were saved, the underlying land issues remain unaddressed over 30 years later.

From the beginning the women made it clear that the blockades were to be peaceful. While the press was full of pictures of the male warriors and focused on the shooting of Corporal LeMay when the Sûreté du Québec (SQ) raided the blockade encampment, the media were not interested in covering the underlying land issues, nor the role of the women in the blockade.

Gabriel describes the constant harassment and provocation on the part of the SQ, and later the RCMP and the Canadian army. The SQ ran wild, with no oversight over their actions, and this situation continued long after the Mohawk ended the blockade. Particularly harrowing was Gabriel's description of bullets flying and fleeing to the Pines for protection. She discusses how traumatic these events were for the entire communities, not only the land defenders. The impact is still felt in the communities today.

The conversations between Carleton and Gabriel also delve into Gabriel's life as an artist, what media she uses, what art means to her personally and as a way of engaging others in a consideration of political issues. They also explore her views and ongoing activism as an advocate for Indigenous women's rights. She found the comments made to her by male politicians while she campaigned for an enquiry into MMIWG both upsetting and revealing.

Many of the questions posed by Carleton prompted Gabriel's reflections on issues such as the relationship between band council chiefs and hereditary chiefs, what reconciliation entails, what the Mohawk resistance in 1990 has meant for other Indigenous communities across Canada and around the world, and the ongoing nature of colonialism, locally, nationally and globally.

This book is well worth reading for the insights it offers into the events of 1990 which dispelled many misconceptions that I had, as well as issues still confronting Indigenous peoples and all of us today.

A Celebratory Afternoon

by Lee Hunt

TV's Mr. Rogers always said, "It's a wonderful day in the neighbourhood", and that it was for the October 3 Block Party! Held at the green space on Barron Crescent, sponsored by the Brentwood Community Association.

Some 70 or more neighbours attended the event to enjoy the hot dogs, donuts, lemonade, and hot chocolate. The homemade whipping cream was a particular hit on the hot chocolate!

The age range of attendees stretched from 2 years to 95 years. The younger set took part in sack races and egg on a spoon races. Edison won a Batman cap in the egg race. When I asked if he had been practicing for the race, Edison told me, "I was horrible at this last year, so I had a better holding method this year." (However, Edison was not about to share that method!)

In the 3-legged race, Spry and Cian came first. They had figured out a way of having Spry carry Cian yet still staying attached by the ankle tie. Cian told me that this method worked because, "I'm light".

Sandy, the only adult participating in the cake walk, won a chocolate raspberry cake. She told me that, "I haven't played this game in years, but when I saw the beautifully decorated cake prizes, I just had to try for one".

All of these competitive endeavours were overseen by our energetic caller Grayson. He had a great smile for all competitors, plus a genuinely sympathetic "sorry you didn't win" for those who did not win prizes.

Audience members were enjoying the sunshine plus the opportunity to visit with neighbours old and new. I spoke with Clare who moved to Brentwood with her husband Ernie 60 years ago. Clare told me how wonderful it was "to see so many neighbours I've not seen for a while". I also chatted with Marg and chuckled about the fact that she and her husband have lived in our community a mere 13 years. Irene and Peter, Brentwoodians for 35 years, told me that they "love Brentwood—especially our good neighbours".

As the topic switched to food, May and Guru Dave praised the "good donuts" while Mari especially enjoyed the barbecued veggie hot dog. I was able to help Mari fill out the square on her Bingo card which read, "I spoke with someone whom I had never met before".

Another popular member of the group was Harry the Horse sponsored by the Calgary Stampede. Harry was generous with his hugs and high fives.

Kudos to event organizers Rebecca Marshall and Shari Couture, and the BCA. They in turn wish to thank Block Party sponsors—Piknic Coffee, The Italian Supermarket, and MLA Luanne Metz. When next you patronize those businesses, do thank them for their community support.

Thanks to all who worked and attended the Block Party. Mr. Rogers was certainly correct—October 3 was another wonderful day in our Brentwood neighbourhood.

Garden Group Celebrates Harvest

It was another successful growing season at the Brentwood Community Garden. To celebrate this year's harvest, we gardeners held a potluck dinner on October 3 at the Sportsplex.

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Ward 4 City Councillor DJ Kelly dropped in to the event and made the rounds from table to table getting to know the gardeners and giving us an opportunity to ask him questions.

All of us who belong to the Gardening Group wish to thank Cynthia Sim for all of her hard work in coordinating our group and garden. Thanks also to Kathy White for maintaining the periphery garden and to Bill White for leading the large group of volunteers which regularly replaces rotting bed boards.

I wish all Brentwood gardeners a cheerful winter with time to study seed catalogues in order to determine what to grow next year. See you in the spring!

Newcomers are always welcome to join the Community Garden. Should you wish to rent a plot for next year, please contact Cynthia Sim at: Cynthia.Sim@brentwoodcommunity.com.

Why a Community Association Needs a Development Committee

by Melanie Swailes

This past summer, I was contacted by someone from another community who was upset about a Development Permit (DP) application for a 10-plex (5 main plus 5 secondary suites) on the former single-family lot next to them. The DP had been approved, and I met with a group of about 15 homeowners to talk about the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). The reason for the meeting was because their Community Association no longer had a Development or Planning Committee: it's a volunteer position which not all communities are able to fill.

This meeting made three things clear to me:

1. A Community Association (CA) needs to have enough volunteers step forward to learn about planning, evaluate the DPs which are circulated to the community, and to ensure that there is feedback on submitted plans. The more DPs (or rezoning applications) any community has, the more work for the volunteers. It's impossible for a CA to follow up extensively on each application; residents near a DP have to get involved. The Brentwood Community Association (BCA) and the Development and Transportation Committee (DTC) receive a copy of each DP submitted in our community. We deliver neighbour notifications to the residents who live closest to a proposed development, with information on how to submit feedback to the City, the CA, and the area councillor. If we receive no feedback, we assume there are no concerns with the proposed development. On behalf of the BCA, we submit comments to the file manager, and we try to follow up if we can. To do so, we need your feedback and we need volunteers on our committee. Get involved!

2. Even after the repeal of blanket rezoning, a homeowner or developer can still apply for a rezoning to R-CG (rowhouses with up to 8 units on average-sized Brentwood lots). Brentwood has had 7 multi-residential applications (8 – 10 units on a single lot) to date and all have generated a large amount of opposition from neighbouring residents. After the repeal, a rezoning application has to go before City Council but, according to Joe Mueller from the City's regional planning team, "95 percent of applications for R-CG rezoning receive the green light." In the case of R-CG, under the new Land Use Bylaw amendments, if they meet all of the requirements (such as maximum 10 metre height and 55% lot coverage), they are now a permitted use, not a discretionary use. This is important because a permitted use is an automatic approval and cannot be appealed, whereas a discretionary use allows for feedback and can be appealed at SDAB if you disagree with the approval.

   In July, there was a public hearing regarding backyard suites, with the City Administration report recommending that these become a permitted use. This would have meant that if a backyard suite application met the bylaw requirements, you would have had no right to comment on aspects such as overlooking windows, massing or shadowing impacts, and others. I was one of many CA representatives who spoke against making them a permitted use and retaining the discretionary aspect because it's important that you have input into a building next door which may impact your use and enjoyment of your backyard. A majority of councillors voted to keep the discretionary aspect. If CAs had not provided their feedback, the outcome would have been different, and most residents would only find out when there is an application next door.

3. The SDAB is an important second-look tool for residents, and it is up to residents to stay informed, submit feedback and decide if they wish to take further action. It is vital that the appeal is filed within 21 days of an approval. If you miss the deadline, the appeal will not be heard. The cost to submit an appeal is $200, and anyone wishing to comment on the appeal may write a letter to be included in the SDAB Report or choose to speak at the hearing. SDAB hearings are held online, and further details can be found on their website. www.calgarysdab.ca.

   Note that the SDAB does not itself gather information for the appeal. The onus is on the appellant(s) to provide information, and any materials (photos, maps, etc.) that would be helpful as evidence. The SDAB will make a ruling on the appeal: either allow or

not allow the DP to proceed or impose conditions on the application.

There is no question that Brentwood will change: many of the original homes will require updates, and the City aims for higher densification within existing areas. If we want a say, we have to get involved. Stepping up to volunteer in this role can seem daunting, but there are resources and experienced volunteers to help you learn how to provide valuable input on development proposals and ensure that we build better, not just more.

Erick Villagomez, Editor-in-Chief at Spacing Vancouver and teacher at UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning, emphasizes this difference:

"Planning for density asks how many homes can fit in a neighbourhood. Planning for community asks how those homes connect to schools, parks, libraries, businesses, transit, public spaces, and the existing social fabric. Density can be measured in units and floor space. Community is measured in relationships, belonging, and quality of life. One focuses on accommodating growth. The other focuses on how growth becomes part of a living neighbourhood."

Let's build better. If you are interested in community planning and redevelopment issues, we encourage new members to join us. Please contact the BCA for more information at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403–284-3477.

Brentwood Development and Transportation Committee

Where to Learn More

For many years, most of the Development Permits (DPs) received by the Brentwood Community Association were for basement suites, commercial signage, renovations or additions, and retail/commercial applications, such as Northland Mall or new restaurants at Brentwood Mall. The Development and Transportation Committee (DTC) was able to keep up with the applications and submit a detailed review and response.

That has changed. When blanket rezoning was in effect, the DTC received 7 applications for multi-unit buildings, some of which are now going through an appeal process at the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). In the past year, the DTC has also received 8 applications for Backyard Suites, plus 5 applications for new homes (replacing an existing home). We've noticed a trend towards larger units (backyard suites with 3 bedrooms) and larger homes (much greater square footage and up to 10m (32 feet) in height. Those building forms are likely to have a greater impact on the homes next door, so it's important to provide feedback if there is a concern. Once the DP is approved, there is a 21-day appeal period, and after that, the project can go ahead.

However, our group has reached its capacity and we simply can't be as thorough as we'd like on each application. Our role may have to shift so that we can teach or empower you to provide your feedback directly to the city and the file managers. You have an opportunity to get involved in the redevelopment of the Brentwood Co-op site, the new Calgary Plan and the new Zoning Bylaw. All of these are large-scale items which will have an impact on our community. The more you know, the better the feedback that you will be able to provide.

These are some of the important websites that will help you keep up to date on what's happening:

Brentwood Community Association

Check out updates and events, check out the Development and Transportation Committee website (work in progress). https://brentwoodcommunity.com/.

DMap

The development map; shows all recent DPs, including drawings of current applications; lists the contact information for file managers, deadlines for submissions, etc. https://developmentmap.calgary.ca/.

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https://calgarycommunities.com/urban-planning/.

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Check this website regularly to stay up-to-date and submit your feedback when there are opportunities. Most Engage topics have their own link to sign up for updates. Sign up for topics that interest you. https://engage.calgary.ca/.

If you can spend a bit of time familiarizing yourself with those websites, then when there's a Development Permit next door to you, you'll have a better idea of how to respond.

If you are interested in community planning and redevelopment issues, we welcome new members to join us. Please contact the BCA for more information at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403–284-3477.

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I want to be clear that we don't have a budget yet, and council has definitely not arrived at a final tax rate. Council has a lot of work to do this month before we get there, and that means being diligent and serious about the trade-offs we're going to have to make.

Repaired roads, sidewalks, bridges, and water treatment plants, alongside having safety responses to issues in our communities are what I am working towards. I also want to be clear, putting off spending again could mean reduced transit service, more risk from aging infrastructure, more broken pipes, gaps in our pathways and sidewalks, and not making progress on traffic and pedestrian safety in your neighbourhood. Council has to balance all of that—making sure that your priorities are advanced, and your neighbourhood isn't forgotten as it has been in the past—against keeping taxes affordable for everyone.

My debate will be to make sure your needs—your priorities that you have told me about for the past year—are front and center for all of my colleagues. The budget debate begins on November 23, and I want you to get involved. I want your feedback, I want your advice, but most importantly I want to hear from you at ward4@calgary.ca so that we can confidently say all of council has heard from you and your neighbours.

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Asking $1,128,000

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.

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BRENTWOOD—BULYEA CRESCENT

This bungalow situation on a private corner lot, surrounded by greenery on a quiet street. The living room, dining room, and bedrooms all have hardwood flooring underneath the carpet, a detail that matters to buyers planning updates rather than starting from scratch. The kitchen has its own side door leading straight out to the private backyard. The basement is developed with a large family room and wet bar. Location is where this property shines! It's a walk to four schools. This property also presents itself as a renovation opportunity.

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