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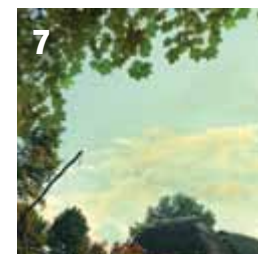
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another fine summer in Banff Trail. Our community garden is as usual fantastic, and only getting better. Don't feel like you need to be a gardener to hang out, either. Our gazebo is a fabulous place to sit and have a cup of tea. We'll see you there.

Notice of Community Association Bylaw Change

Change of 4.2.1 from "The Board of Directors shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Membership on or before **June 15** of each year." to "... on or before **September 30** of each year."

This is to give the bookkeeping and account auditing process more time, as it's quite tight to get it completed prior to June 15th, as well as to move the election of new board members to the fall when our meetings are more regular.

Information of Note in the Community:

- Our infamous **Stampede Party is Thursday July 6th, 5:30 to 8pm**. There's food, live music, games, a cash bar. This is one of our most well attended and long standing events, so don't miss it!
- **June 17 is Neighbour day**. We'll be throwing a party in our lovely garden. There will be food, games, and lots of fun stuff donated by the City.
- **Our AGM is June 9, 7pm**. If you can't make it, the key messages are that we're a fine community with a top-notch little hall. We're about to undergo significant change / densification in coming years. We're in fine financial health, and the only thing missing is good community feedback on how to spend our energy and money to make Banff Trail even better.
- **August 3rd will be Lawn Chair Theatre** in the garden. Look out for more details.
- Does anyone know where to find our sign? The one near the train station has gone missing....
- The city is running an engagement process for **visioning of the North Hill Mall area**, including surrounding communities (and of course Banff Trail). There are many meetings, as well as a substantial on-line engagement at engage.calgary.ca/NorthHill

- If the tender process goes as planned, **demolition and construction of the new rink will begin in June**. We'll let you know more when we know.
- The city has let us know that they plan on addressing our **traffic-calming concerns** as part of a "**Complete Streets Project**"; to begin in the fall of this year. The noted streets are 20 Ave, 24 Ave, 19 St, King George School site, however the plan could encompass the entire Capitol Hill / Banff Trail / Mount Pleasant area.
- Banff Trail has been selected by the Ward 7 office this year for the "**This is My Neighbourhood**" program. We get more engagement and attention from the full set of City of Calgary departments, with the goal of making our community a better place. The engagement will begin in earnest in the early summer, but now is the time to send in your ideas. Check out engage.calgary.ca/TIMN, and please send us any ideas you may have!

Every one of these fantastic items happens thanks to the help of interested members of the community. If you have anything you're interested in, don't hesitate to get involved. We don't meet over the summer, but starting in the fall we're at the hall the first Wednesday of the month, 7-9pm. If you'd like to talk with us or just observe, send me an email at president@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You'll be welcomed into a pretty awesome group of neighbours who are here to make Banff Trail a great place to be.

*Barry Clement
 BTCA President*





Banff Trail Community Association

BOARD MEETINGS

are on the first Wednesday of every

month from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

next Meeting is June 7

See you there!

MEMBERSHIPS

Community memberships are available at \$10 for single, \$15 for family and household, and \$25 for businesses Membership year is March 1 to February 28
Pay by PayPal online at www.banfftrailcommunity.ca

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Do you have an interesting story you think should be in The Howler? Know of someone living in Banff Trail how deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do please contact howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca.

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POTENTIAL MOTEL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The BTCA Planning and Development committee has received a number of inquiries recently about a potential development in the Motel Village. As this is the first project of its kind in this area, we thought we'd share some information for interested community residents.

In 2011, the city released a document called the Banff Trail Station Area Redevelopment Plan for the area we call Motel Village. This document outlines plans for badly-needed renewal and revival of the village and was preceded by extensive community consultation. The ARP includes guidelines for land use and specifies appropriate building type, shape and height for various sections of the area. In accordance with the ARP, a developer recently submitted a proposal for a 30-story residential tower with office / restaurant space on the main levels for the site of the Royal Wayne Motel.

The BTCA planning and development committee is currently in the process of thoroughly examining the proposal and providing feedback to the city. We have identified some definite benefits to the community from this type of development: for example, any renewal along 16th Avenue will be required to include cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, which is currently non-existent. An increase in square footage in the Banff Trail Station Area will trigger the construction of a ramp directly from 16th avenue to Crowchild Trail, which will go a long way to reducing the volume of traffic that currently cuts through our neighbourhood. At the same time, we have some questions about parking and congestion that we are working to resolve.

We are lucky to have excellent relationships with city planners and Councillor Farrell's office, all of whom have been very helpful in providing information and responding to our questions. We will be meeting face-to-face with the developer in the coming month to learn more about his rationale for choosing this site and to discuss the viability of the project.

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Tai Chi Classes – Wednesday nights 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday nights from 7-8 at the hall. A great way to relax and meet people. Feel free to just show up – wear clothes you can move in!

Karate and Kobudo – Tuesday 8-9pm and Thursday 7-8 pm and Saturday 11-12 noon

Classes available for all ages. More information can be found at: www.shinshikan.com

Yoga Classes & Workshops

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Wednesday Afternoon Crib Club

Every Wednesday from 12:30 – 3 p.m.

New Players Welcome! Join a lively group of seniors enjoying 9 - 12 tables of crib each week. Two crib tournaments each year and several Pot Luck Luncheons each year.

Feel free to drop by and join in the fun.

Check out the website or the Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

Given the increasing number of young families in the area, a couple of parents are exploring the option of establishing a co-op daycare in the neighbourhood. If anyone is interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Kathryn at banfftraildaycare@gmail.com

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Qigong is back on Monday mornings, from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Sylvie Jutra is instructing.

Banff Trail Conversation Club

Mondays 1:15 - 4 pm – Boardroom

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Notice of AGM

Please come out to this year's AGM.

It will be held at the hall on
Friday, June 9 at 7:00p.m.

BTCA Membership Form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Children under age 18: _____

I am interested in volunteering with the community association:

• Newsletter • Social Functions • Sports • Fund-raising • Maintenance

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The rates for Banff Trail Community Association membership are:

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Banff Trail Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2017	\$674,900.00	\$658,000.00
March 2017	\$699,000.00	\$694,500.00
February 2017	\$644,900.00	\$631,000.00
January 2017	\$649,000.00	\$638,800.00
December 2016	\$699,950.00	\$725,000.00
November 2016	\$627,400.00	\$615,000.00
October 2016	\$627,000.00	\$607,290.00
September 2016	\$658,950.00	\$652,500.00
August 2016	\$799,900.00	\$774,250.00
July 2016	\$635,000.00	\$639,988.00
June 2016	\$653,950.00	\$643,366.80
May 2016	\$659,700.00	\$629,750.00

Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2017	9	13
March 2017	15	7
February 2017	8	8
January 2017	6	3
December 2016	2	5
November 2016	6	8
October 2016	5	4
September 2016	10	8
August 2016	4	6
July 2016	6	11
June 2016	11	6
May 2016	8	4

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Saturday, June 17!

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Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of a front yard barbecue, garden party, picnic, community clean-up, or afternoon tea in a local park to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary.

The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, and have fun.

Create a gathering of your own, or find out if some of your neighbours or your community association is hosting a gathering, and make **Saturday, June 17** the day you get to know your neighbours!

Visit Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay for more information.

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- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

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Register the kids for a summer nature adventure

Looking for activities to keep the kids entertained this summer? Send them on a nature adventure!

The City of Calgary's nature day camps will keep your little critters busy as bees exploring bugs, birds, buds and beyond. These week-long, action-packed adventures provide a perfect blend of fresh air and fun where campers will learn about the natural world and its many wonders.

Nature day camps are offered July through August at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Ralph Klein Park. Half-day camps are available for children four and five years old. These bite-sized adventures include daily nature walks, games and crafts. Full-day camps, designed for children six to 12, include in-depth investigations and outdoor explorations focused on specific themes, including wetlands, raptors and winged wonders.

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Friends,

With June, we have our first month of summer. School is on break until September and we will all get to enjoy several months of great weather. I would like to congratulate the class of 2017 on their graduation, and wish them all success in whatever career path they choose.

It's been a very busy spring legislative session. We've worked to bring in programs to make life more affordable for everyday Albertans, by capping electricity prices, reducing school fees and keeping taxes on families the lowest in Canada. Beginning in June is the introduction of electricity price protection. We're taking action to protect families, farms and businesses from electricity price volatility by implementing four-year ceiling on power prices. This price cap will ensure that Albertans pay no more than 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity - the same as current long-term retail prices. The price ceiling applies to the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) for electricity. From June 2017 to June 2021, consumers on the RRO plan (the majority of Albertans) will pay the market rate or the government's ceiling rate, whichever is lower.

In May I met with the Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research located here in Calgary-Varsity. It is non-profit charitable research and service agency that has been meeting the needs of persons with disabilities and the community-at-large since 1969. Affiliated with the University of Calgary, Vecova is recognized as a leader in the field of disability services and research.

On June 17th, the Calgary Firefighters Association will be celebrating its 100th anniversary of serving this city as an organized professional association. It will also launch their newest charity endeavour the Calgary Firefighters Charitable Foundation. This charity will serve Calgaryans affected by fires or other disasters by providing immediate assistance and relief. I also had the opportunity to attend the Calgary Firefighters Fire-Ops Day, where we donned protective gear and tackled a simulated fire situation, getting an experience of the important work our firefighters do every day.

The Banff Trail Community Association will be having its annual general meeting on June 9, 7-9pm at the Banff Trail community centre. June 17th is Neighbour Day which celebrates community spirit in Calgary. University Heights will be hosting a BBQ that evening. On June 30th, Triwood & Brentwood will be hosting a Canada BBQ for the country's 150th birthday. The BBQ starts at 5pm, will have live music, and fireworks at 10:30pm. The event is at the Triwood Arena, and is no charge, but RSVPs are requested.

Our office serves all the people of Varsity, Dalhousie, Brentwood, Banff Trail, University Heights, Montgomery, and Charleswood. Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. To find out more drop in, call, email, or check out stephaniemcLean.albertandpcaucus.ca



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361 New Jobs for Calgary Confederation

For the past two years in communities across Alberta we have witnessed personal hardships, challenges and dashed hopes caused by the economic downturn and jobs crisis.

Calgary Confederation communities have not been immune to this impact, as has been evident in feedback from many constituents over the past few months, but there is help.

We know that services from non-profit organizations and community associations often increase in the summer months and many are concerned about their ability to offer employment opportunities again this year.

Many of these organizations provide critical employment experience and skills training for young Canadians. Statistics show us that unemployment amongst young Canadians is the highest of any age group and so the real job experience they obtain through summer jobs is critical to future employability.

How fortunate we are to build upon the Youth Employment Strategy which was introduced in 2006 by the Conservative Government. Today, thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs program, our constituency, together with constituencies across Alberta (and Canada) can provide funding to assist employers to create summer opportunities for young people aged 15 to 30 years who are full-time students intending to return to their studies this fall.

I am proud of the application initiatives of our not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers and small businesses who have taken the time to make their opportunities known to Service Canada. As a result, the Calgary Confederation communities, through 132 agencies, small business and non-profit employers, will be in a position to offer 361 jobs for a total of 3,229 weeks of work this summer.

What does this mean for our community?

- Investment in our small business, organizations and non-profits.
- Opportunity for young people to learn or improve job skills and gain work experience with local employers in areas such as retail, hospitality, marketing, technology, research and communications.
- The chance for non-profits to extend their services across the summer, allowing a variety of camps, children's programs, specialized teaching opportunities, and unique community service programs for all ages, among others.
- All project participants will benefit through personal growth, increasing employability, determining career goals/paths, and ultimately through our investment in them, contribute to the strength of our future workforce and community stability.

I am very pleased to support this important program and extend my best wishes to each and all for a successful summer job experience.



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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The FONHS hosted a free guided walk (2 hours) on Nose Hill to identify flowers and discuss the May Count of Plants in Bloom. Our guide was John McFaul, a professional naturalist who has been leading nature walks and hikes for 30 years. He received a BSc degree in Environmental Biology from the University of Calgary. John is an accredited Professional Interpreter with the Interpretive Guides Association, a member of the Friends of Nose Hill, and an honorary member of the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society (Nature Calgary). He has the Loran L. Goulden Award and the Frank & Alice Harper Memorial Award from the Federation of Alberta Naturalists.

The Alberta May Count of Plants in Bloom is an annual event sponsored by Nature Alberta to record plants in bloom in Alberta during the last week in May, using a standardized approach. The purpose is to provide information on the distribution of flowering plants in Alberta. This monitors the spread of non-native species and provides insights into the response of plants to variations in climate.

The City is responsible for the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and programming for 800 kilometers of pathways. Calgary has the largest urban bike

path system in North America. Let's keep this in mind while Nose Hill needs restoration and trails are closed to protect wildlife habitat.

You can download the new Pathways & Bikeways App from www.calgary.ca. The map is now in three formats: Mobile Application, Online, Paper Copy. Please note that Pathways are off-street routes and Bikeways are on-street routes. The speed limit along pathways is 20 k.p.h., unless posted. Wear a helmet. Yield to the right of way. Stay on the right side of the pathway, unless passing. Use a bell, whistle or horn to protect walkers and joggers. Do not pass in sections with a double yellow line. You cannot cycle or in-line skate on a pathway with a leashed dog.

All pathways and trails are for non-motorized use, except for powered wheelchairs. A regional pathway is part of the city-wide network, paved with asphalt, and off-street. A local pathway has routes in communities, linking to neighbourhood parks, schools, and other community destinations. Trails are unpaved paths and may be granular or compacted dirt. If you know of a bylaw infraction and would like to report it, please call 311.

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- A variety of activities for the kids
- Live entertainment on the Stampede stage
- Opening a time capsule from 1967

After the Confederation Park activities, be sure to head downtown for a fun-filled afternoon and evening with even more Canada Day fun.

Watch for more information on calgary.ca/Canada150 including a location map and details about the time capsule opening.



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