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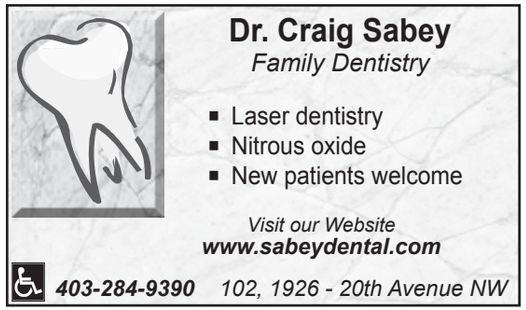

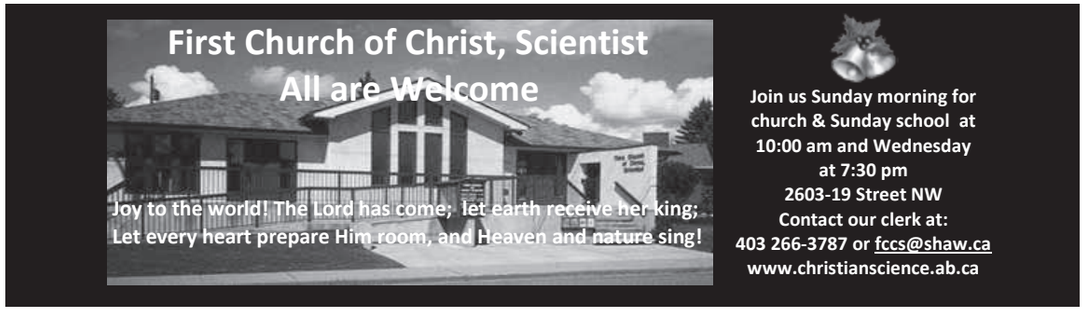

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Information of note in the community:

Our **2017 Harvest Festival was excellent!** I'd like to thank everyone who came, and especially those of you who made soup and, of course, those fine folks who organized the event.

The **X-mas Singalong is coming, December 9th**, 1-4pm at the hall. There's nothing better than hot chocolate and a good rousing round of songs with your friends, family, and neighbours.

The New Skating Rink should be done as of this newsletter! This was a substantial project, accounting for years of effort by many volunteers, and costing just over $600,000, $500,000 of which is coming from a combination of Federal (Canada150), Provincial (CFEP), and Municipal (CCG) grants. Keep your eyes out for a ground-breaking or project completion ceremony announcement.

There is ongoing **development engagement** going on with the City, including open houses. We don't usually get notice of this in time to get it into this newsletter, but we try to put it on our website and Facebook. Your best bet is to keep an eye out for City signs, newspapers, the City Facebook feeds, or check the website. Our development committee (email them at development@banfftrailcommunity.ca) generally has the most complete or up-to-date idea of what's going on.

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.

We have taken on a new person – Abigail Harker is our new facility manager. She also manages the Capitol Hill community hall, and we look forward to working with her to build community programmes and make the most of our hall.

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'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

SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

Queen Elizabeth School

Queen E students are snuggled in to their classes as the colder weather sets in. November brings the culmination of a few athletic seasons. Congratulations to our Senior Girls Soccer team and our Cross-Country competitors. Thank you for representing Queen E so well. A big thank you to all the staff coaches, league officials and competition organizers for their dedicated work with our students. Did you know that Queen Elizabeth has 8 volleyball teams? November brings volleyball playoffs and we are busy! Our students would love some extra cheerleaders!

We have also some field trips in the past few months with a highly successful Grade 9 Outdoor Education classes camping at Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park in September. In October, Science 9B class went to Weaselhead in support of the Biodiversity Unit. Coming up, on November 21, the Queen Elizabeth Debate Team and our fantastic student and staff volunteers will be hosting a city-wide debate tournament.

This month, Parent-Teacher Interviews will occur on Thursday November 16 and November 17. Please visit the school website for more information regarding interview times.

On November 24, Band Director Ms. Shannon Fehr, and her band students will be hosting a Winter Gala. Please join us for a night of big band music, dancing and desserts. Please see the school website and the Band webpage for more information.

It's never too soon to announce our Open House here at Queen E. Come by and see what your community school is offering and meet the staff! Our Open House will be held on December 11. Please visit the school website for more information closer to the date.

Did you know Queen Elizabeth High School is collecting donations for the Cinderella Project?

The Cinderella Gown Project provides the opportunity for young grade 12 women in our school to be treated to a Cinderella experience of choosing a beautiful gown and accessories for their graduation ceremony. This project started within the Calgary Board of Education many years ago. The Cinderella Project was created to allow students in financial need to be able to experience their graduation banquet with style and dignity where they would be otherwise unable to do so.

If you would like to donate dresses, shoes, jewellery, and so on you are most welcome to. Please drop off items to the front office at Queen Elizabeth High School.

Remember, www.BanffTrailCommunity.ca is the place to look for short-notice events and more Community info. Check out our event calendar and interactive community map! We are also on Facebook now too: www.facebook.com/BanffTrailCommunity.

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
A great way to enjoy the benefits of yoga and have fun too!

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The All Levels class takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, and the Gentle Yoga class is held on Tuesdays from 10-11am. For more information or to register, please contact Margau at 403-585-0043 or email yogamarg@telus.net. Ask about our monthly yoga workshops too!

New to Banff Trail

If you have been walking around Banff Trail lately, you will have noticed that in addition to all of the new housing, we also have new businesses taking root! Convenience stores, a nail salon, and a take-out pizza joint are just a few of the places opening their doors and sharing space with the businesses we already know. Because of the age of our community, we still see small commercial strips among the blocks of houses, particularly near the schools and community hall. Visit our new and pre-existing business neighbours and keep it local!

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.

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Qigong
will be finished at the end of May, but will return in the fall. Sylvie Jutras is instructing, phone: 403-453-0977

Banff Trail Conversation Club
Mondays 1:15 - 4 pm – Boardroom
Join a lively, interesting group of people who enjoy stimulating and exciting conversation. Participants choose their own topic including global, nation, local, politics, religion, history, geography, science and any other topics you want.

Flow Martial Arts Academy
Starts September 10, classes from 11:00am - 12:00pm. Jeffrey Estrada is instructing, email: fma.academy.calgary@gmail.com

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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BOARD MEETINGS

are on the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00pm-9:00 pm

Next meeting is November 1st

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 February28
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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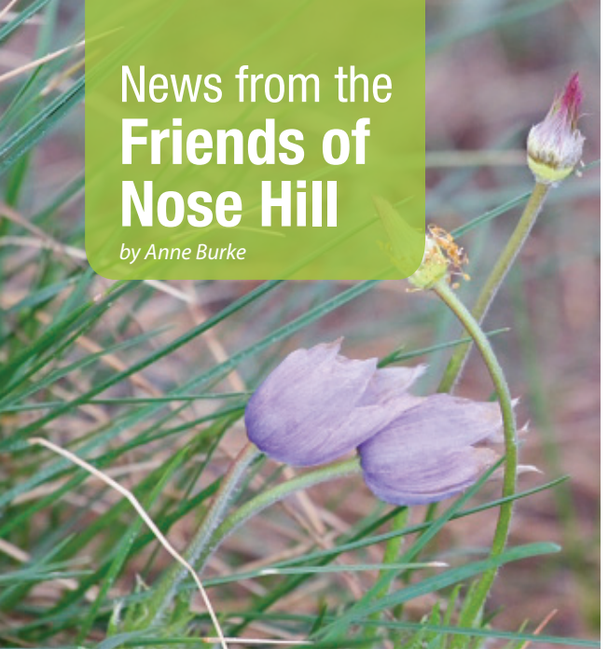

News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Join us on Wednesday November 15 at Triwood Community Centre Lounge at 7 p.m. for our annual members meeting. Details on www.fonhs.org.

The Supreme Court of Canada played a role in the creation of Nose Hill Park. Planned public purchase of land for a park can be a legitimate reason for refusing to grant a building permit or for a refusal of an application for rezoning.

In 1973, Calgary passed a resolution restricting urban development on 4100 acres in the Nose Hill area and requiring investigation by the City of "all available means" to acquire the land. In 1976, the City reduced the size of the proposed Nose Hill Park by deleting the western parcel of 1500 acres. The Municipal Plan in 1979 said there will be a plan for Nose Hill Park. Then the City passed an area structure plan called Crowchild III which refers to the "proposed Nose Hill Park".

The City adopted the Nose Hill Master Plan by Parks and Recreation to outline the types of recreational activity desirable in the park. This plan put forward 3 alternative park concepts which were evaluated and with recommendations. As a policy document, it was incorporated in the Municipal Plan in June 1980. (There was a Master Plan Review in 1993). With approval of its plan for Nose Hill Park, the City authorized the purchase of land in the park.

The Court determined that: when a municipality makes a firm decision to create a park and demonstrates this in a land-use bylaw, this does not mean that the municipality must create the park immediately.

Under the 1963 law, land could not be zoned as parkland unless the municipality owned the land at the time. Once the decision was made, it had to acquire the land within 6 months. Otherwise, the bylaw was no longer in force.

In 1984, the Court observed that the law has gradually moved away from the rights of the property owner as paramount to planning flexibility and public interest as more important. Alberta decided that, if the rights of individuals and the public conflict, then to the extent necessary, the "greater public interest" must prevail. Ottawa agreed. In other words, *there is nothing inherently wrong with a development freeze*. The Appeal was dismissed with costs.

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Friends,

In November, the trees have lost the last of their yellow leaves in preparation for the coming winter. The nights were chillier and migrating geese are a common sight in the sky. November is also the first full month of the fall Legislature session. My colleagues and I will be working hard on important legislation that benefits Albertans. Recently I announced how opening the process for Albertans to apply for governance positions on provincial agencies, boards and commissions has also made these boards more reflective of Alberta's diversity. We have worked to actively recruit qualified women. In March 2015, only 32 per cent of board members were women. Today, that number is nearly 48 per cent. Government is still inviting Albertans to join the 5,000 others who have applied for more than 700 positions during the last year at boards.alberta.ca.

Looking back at October, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. I had the chance to tour the Wellspring Calgary facility, a charity here in Calgary-Varsity that provides non-medical supports for people with cancer. These services include mental wellness, nutrition, recreation, and more, and are available to those who request them. Halloween capped off the month and Triwood Community association hosted a scary and thrilling haunted house. I'd also like to congratulate everyone who participated in the Calgary municipal elections on October 16th for their hard work and commitment to local democracy.

Looking ahead to November there is the Taste of Home Gala on November 2nd, a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House here in Calgary-Varsity. Tickets can be purchased through their website and money raised helps provide temporary accommodation for families of children in hospital. We also mark Remembrance Day to honour the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers in protecting our country.

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Following the Great War in 1919, the Parliament of Canada, like other countries of the British Empire, passed legislation to mark November 11th as Armistice Day.

The day was to celebrate the Allied victory in the First World War but quickly became a day of remembrance to those who had died in WWI and conflicts before.

Many Canadians are not aware of a campaign that started in 1928, by many veterans and their families, to change the date of Thanksgiving Day.

At the time, Thanksgiving was celebrated on the second Monday in November and this put the two occasions on the same date much of the time. Activities of remembrance often conflicted with the celebration of Thanksgiving.

In 1931, Parliament decreed that Armistice Day would become known as Remembrance Day and be marked on November 11th every year. It also changed the occasion from one celebrating the political and military successes that lead to victory in WWI to instead focus on the memory and sacrifices of those who served and died in defence of our nation.

At the same time, they decreed that Thanksgiving would be moved to the second Monday in October. In the United States, Thanksgiving is still celebrated in November and they conduct their remembrance activities during the Memorial Day weekend in May.

Early ceremonies were observed primarily within the military community but with the passage of time it has become an occasion for the general population to show appreciation and remembrance for those who made Canada what it is today.

This November 11th, Canadians will again pause to remember those who bravely volunteered at great risk to serve Canada, to go abroad to fight hate and oppression and to protect our peaceful nation. Lest we forget.

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