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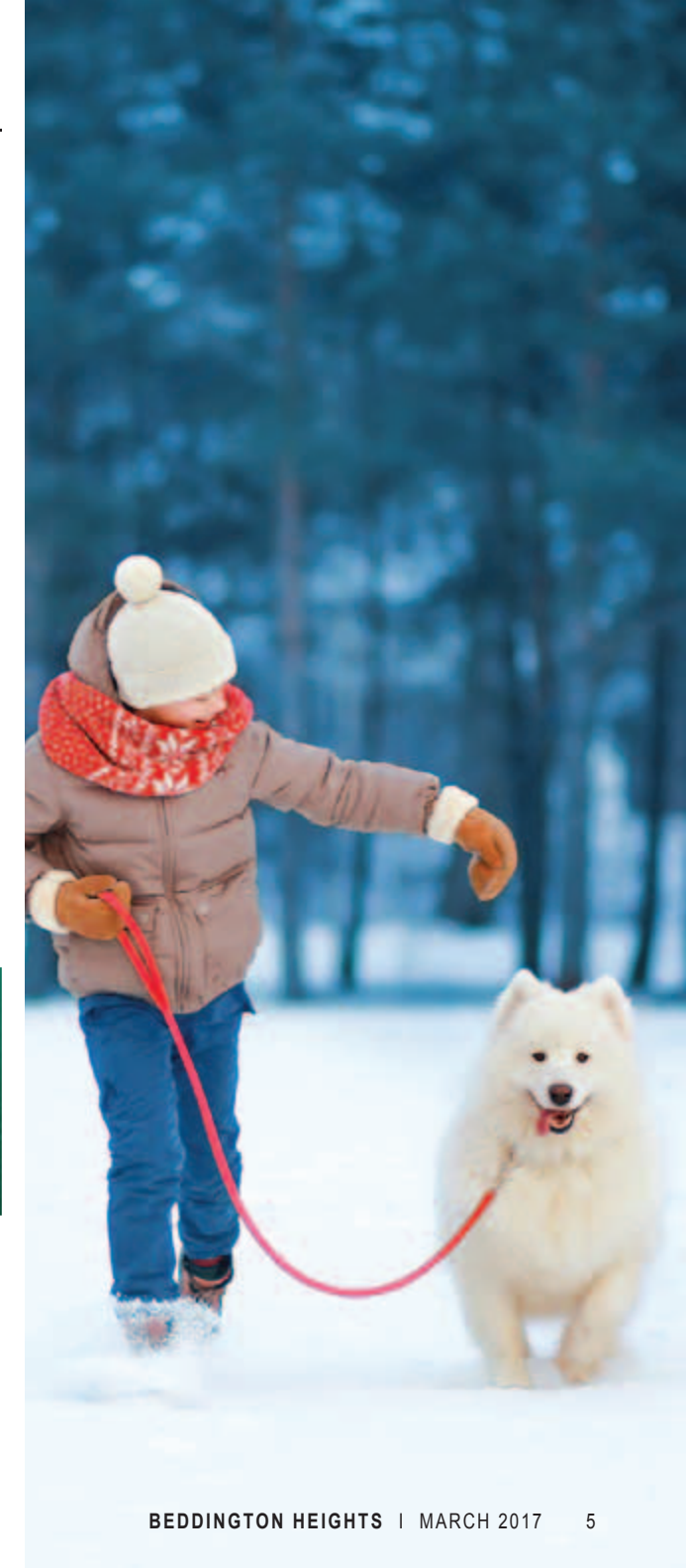
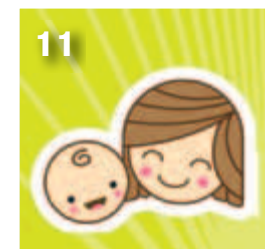
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| Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7                | 811            |     |
| Calgary Police – Non Emergency          | 403-266-1234   |     |
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| Kids Help Line                          | 1-800-668-6868 |     |
| Child Safe Canada                       | 403-202-5900   |     |
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| Foothills Hospital                      | 403-944-1110   |     |
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| Rockyview General Hospital              | 403-943-3000   |     |
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| SeniorConnect                           | 403-266-6200   |     |
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| Alberta One-Call Corporation            | 1-800-242-3447 |     |
| City of Calgary                         | 311            |     |
| Social Service Info & Referral          | 211            |     |
| Community Mediation Calgary Society     | 403-269-2707   |     |
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| Road Conditions – Calgary               | 511            |     |
| Weather Information                     |                |     |
| Gamblers Anonymous                      | 403-237-0654   |     |

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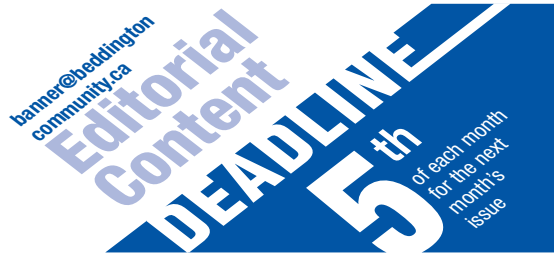
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## Beddington Heights Community Association Membership Application

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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
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 Membership: \$20

# MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

At the end of January, the BHCA Board met for a strategic planning session. During the session, we agreed on the drafted Mission Statement for the Community Association, "**Beddington Heights Community Association creates an environment for Beddington Heights residents and the greater community to connect, participate, communicate and learn**". During the session, we were also able to review the work completed in 2016 and prioritize events and projects for our small but committed volunteer Board of Directors.

Along with continuing to offer the amazing Before and After School Program, our 2017 priorities include:

1. Develop a Membership Strategy and Membership Benefit Program
2. Draft a Scholarship Program for members and BASP staff
3. Develop and approve 3 year budget
4. Develop a Board Manual (including Bylaws, Policies, Procedures)

5. Develop Communication and Engagement Plan
6. Develop a Green Space Strategy (with help from the City of Calgary)
7. Trial adult programming (i.e. wine tasting)
8. Organize and host events including Garage Sale Parade, Pop-up BBQs, Neighbour Day BBQ, Canada Day event and Fall Fair (tentative)

We are a small group of dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with any of these projects, feel free to reach out to us at [bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca](mailto:bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca). We are happy to have volunteers that can give a few hours or give a few days!



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## WANT TO HELP START A COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB?

Do you love to read? Do you want to meet people in your neighbourhood? Cindy moved to our neighbourhood in the summer and is looking for some other avid readers who want to help her start a book club. She was a part of a successful book club in the last community she lived in and would love to get one started here. Please send a message to [bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca](mailto:bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca) if you'd like to help her with the planning.

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Waiting by the water, hungry as can be,  
 Suddenly my sticky tongue is longing to be free!  
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Garter Snake

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Northern Leopard Frog

Turn page upside-down for answer!  
I'm a Northern Leopard Frog © Rosemary Gell, 2017

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# Before and After School Program March Update

By Katie Skoropata

February brought a lot of excitement for us here at Beddington BASP! We had a center wide Valentine's Day Party. We enjoyed a dance, crafts, and games throughout the evening. One of the Valentine's Day activities we did was a collaboration art piece where the children were invited to decorate a square with hearts and other materials. We then put all the squares together and hung them in the hallway for the week as a sign of friendship and community. Over Teacher's Convention each program enjoyed a fun-filled theme day to go along with the always exciting fieldtrip to TELUS Spark! We also very much enjoyed spending a long weekend with our families for Family Day!

Upcoming for us are the Spring/Easter breaks for both school boards where we will enjoy more creative themed days and a few fieldtrips. September registrations for our in-house parents start in April and we will then be filling any empty spots from our waitlist in May. If you would like to be added to our waitlist for the upcoming school

year, e-mail us at [bhca.basp@shaw.ca](mailto:bhca.basp@shaw.ca) or call us at 403.295.8837x104.

Summer camp registrations are starting as of May 1 for public registration. Our summer camp runs on a weekly basis. We go on 2-3 offsite fieldtrips per week and fill the rest with adventurous themed days! We love spending time outside as much as possible and exploring all of the things that allow kids to be kids! Find our registration forms for summer camp on our website starting May 1 ([www.beddingtoncommunity.ca](http://www.beddingtoncommunity.ca)) as well as you can stop by to visit us at our program and pick up hard copies.

We wish everyone warm thoughts over this next month and will check back soon!



## BOARD MEETINGS

Fourth Tuesday of the month (except Dec/July).

7 p.m. start in upper board room at Community Theatre Building (former Community Centre)  
Open to all BHCA members and the Beddington community.



## CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Book Discussion Groups**  
Our NEW Book Discussion Groups happen at every community library and feature new books and topics every month. No need to register—just drop in and travel the world of ideas with your neighbours! Visit [worldofideas.ca](http://worldofideas.ca) for details.

**Bill's Book Café with David Ward**  
Take in *Bill's Book Café* with Library CEO Bill Ptacek and CKUA's David Ward. It's guaranteed to be a lively discussion of *Chronicles: Volume One* by Bob Dylan. Memorial Park Library  
March 21 | 7:00 pm

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# New Friends & Neighbourhood Groups

## Calgary Immigrant Women's Association

- Practice English and make new friends
- Personal story-telling
- Community resources information
- Field trips and guest speakers
- Sessions run from September to December and January to June
- Join anytime • Free childcare (6 months - 6 years)

**Beddington Group meets Tuesdays 1-3PM (Sept 13 - Dec 13)**  
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I hope everyone has had a great winter and is excited to welcome spring; it's almost here.

As of March 2<sup>nd</sup> our government is back in session and I am looking forward to once again bringing your voice to Edmonton.

Last month I had the opportunity to hear from businesses in the riding at the Small and Medium Business Town Hall I hosted. A variety of resources and supports were available including information on new initiatives like the Alberta Investor Tax Credit and the Capital Investment Tax Credit. These are available at [www.alberta.ca/starting-running-business.aspx](http://www.alberta.ca/starting-running-business.aspx). The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade also has a helpful Small Business Resources website, <http://smallbusiness.alberta.ca/>.

Calgary Mackay Nose Hill is a diverse riding that includes many farms and ranches as well as established and much newer urban development. Last month, I was pleased to meet with and tour a variety of amazing organizations. Among these was The Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA). The EFA represents Alberta's more than 170 registered egg farmers, who are dedicated to providing our province with a steady supply of high quality, locally produced eggs. Also in the constituency, I visited Center for Affordable Water Sanitation and Technology (CAWST). CAWST an incredible organization in Calgary that enables clean, safe water worldwide. I learned about bio sand and sanitation initiatives that help keep people healthy. I was also pleased to visit The Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC), which has been rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife since 1993. All of these incredible organizations are valuable to our community and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

I want to represent you as much as possible. I welcome your feedback. My office is open from 9am until 4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday (we are closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm). On Thursday's our hours will be 12:00pm until 7:00pm.

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**LOOKING FOR A NEW FAMILY DOCTOR?** Mount Pleasant Medical Clinic currently has 2 physicians accepting new patients, Dr. Rene Lee (female, speaks Cantonese) and Dr. Jeffrey Dai (male, speaks Mandarin). Book ASAP before they fill up their practices! Phone: 403-247-6966, address: 519-23 Ave. NW.



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 375 Bermuda Drive NW - Beddington Heights Community Arts Ctr.  
 ☎ 587-581-1858 • 🌐 [www.thepathwaychurch.ca](http://www.thepathwaychurch.ca)

Sunday Services at 11am  
 Bible Study at 10am

## Beddington Heights mybabysitterlist

| Name      | Age | Contact      | Course |
|-----------|-----|--------------|--------|
| Alexandra | 34  | 587-716-3894 | Yes    |
| Angeline  | 15  | 403-275-0344 | Yes    |
| Bella     | 16  | 403-969-2072 | Yes    |
| Brittney  | 19  | 403-464-0213 | Yes    |
| Cameron   | 13  | 403-455-0142 | Yes    |
| Kasandra  | 27  | 403-483-1788 | Yes    |
| May       | 55  | 587-968-0782 | Yes    |
| Nikkita   | 25  | 403-826-8917 | Yes    |
| Rebecca   | 14  | 587-223-6730 | Yes    |
| Sabrina   | 17  | 403-512-3171 | Yes    |
| Winner    | 18  | 587-893-2935 | Yes    |
| Zara      | 24  | 587-703-9212 | Yes    |

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**Calling All PARENTS** Visit [mybabysitter.ca](http://mybabysitter.ca) and find available babysitters in and around your community.

Disclaimer: We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at [mybabysitter.ca](http://mybabysitter.ca).



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*Greetings Residents,*

**City crews ready for spring street sweeping program**

Spring is just around the corner! That means The City's annual Spring Clean-up is coming to neighbourhoods across Calgary.

Spring Clean-up is an annual street sweeping program that removes sanding materials and debris that has accumulated on roads and along major sidewalks and boulevards during the winter months. The program improves safety and mobility for Calgary motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

In order to sweep our city as efficiently as possible, crews will be sweeping on a compressed schedule, working 7 days per week.

Keeping Calgary clean is a collaborative effort. To make sure the program runs smoothly, we're asking all Calgarians to help us make the city beautiful by removing vehicles and carts from City roads when they see street sweeping signs in their community. This year, that includes weekends.

- Once the program begins, visit [Calgary.ca/sweep](http://Calgary.ca/sweep) to:
- Find answers to all of your questions on our FAQ
  - Track sweeper progress across the city on a live map
  - Learn if there will be a parking ban in your neighbourhood, and
  - Enter your address to confirm your street sweeping date.

Make sure to visit the website to learn more about street sweeping, and don't forget to watch for signs in your neighbourhood once the program begins.

**Call 311 to request an accommodation or service for a City event or meeting**

The City of Calgary is committed to ensuring that all Calgarians, including anyone living with a disability, are welcome to participate and enjoy City events, services and programs.

Services like captioning, sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other services are available to accommodate your needs.

Contact 311 to request an accommodation or service for

any City event, including public meetings, open houses or engagement sessions. Please provide at least two weeks' advance notice so we can coordinate the service.

We're committed to providing a barrier-free municipal experience for all Calgarians. Visit [calgary.ca/accessibility](http://calgary.ca/accessibility) for more information.

**Year-Round Programs**

The City of Calgary offers a wide variety of fun and FREE drop-in programs and activities for children, youth and families.

From after school programs, to health and wellness classes, to leadership opportunities, we have something for everyone.

Find out what's happening in your area, visit [calgary.ca/CommunityPrograms](http://calgary.ca/CommunityPrograms).

*Cheers,*

*Councillor Sean Chu, Ward 4.*

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- ◆ Forty word limit

**LOVE TO SING?** Want to experience the benefits of singing in a welcoming vocal community? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September to May in a convenient central location. For more information, see [www.vocalitudes.org](http://www.vocalitudes.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Calgary Performing Arts Festival seeks volunteers for the 2017 Festival, April 18 to May 6 at Mount Royal University. Positions are available mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. For more information contact Holly at 403-283-6009 or [volunteer@cpafestival.ca](mailto:volunteer@cpafestival.ca).

# Calgary Police Service

**Changes to Calgary's alarm bylaw**

The Calgary Police Service and The City of Calgary have revised the current Alarm Services Bylaw, changing how officers are dispatched and introducing paid, annual alarm permitting.

As of Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, you'll need an alarm permit in order for police to attend your location for an alarm call. Annual permitting ensures we have the most up-to-date and accurate information about your location and can attend in a timely manner. Permits are \$15 for residences and \$20 for businesses, and are subject to an annual renewal. For any existing permit holders renewals will begin in July 2017. Premise owners will be contacted two months before their permit needs to be renewed and new permit holders will pay when they apply for a permit.

This spring, the false alarm penalty fee structure will also change. More than 75 per cent of alarm users only have one false alarm each year; CPS used to charge \$75 for each false alarm. With the new fee structure, the first false alarm is free. The second false alarm will be \$75, with an escalating scale for additional alarms to a maximum of \$625 for 10 or more alarms in any 12-month period. This is intended to hold alarm systems users more accountable to properly manage their systems.

Police are making these changes to reduce the amount of false alarms we respond to each day. Before initial changes to dispatch criteria were made, police were responding to approximately 45 alarm calls every day; 96 per cent of those calls were false alarms.

In May 2016, Calgary police changed the requirements so that two or more alarm zones within a location need to be activated and that at least two key holders must be called by the alarm company prior to police being dispatched. These changes alone have reduced the number of dispatched alarm calls by 54 per cent, better ensuring that police resources are available to respond to priority calls.

It is important to note that police will continue to respond to any panic, duress, or hold up alarms, confirmed criminal activity, public safety concerns, and verified alarm activations.

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Last month my colleagues and I presented the government with our Alberta Jobs Taskforce report. The report was a result of our collective effort to consult with Albertans who have been affected by the jobs crisis here at home. For those of you who have not yet read the report, you can read it here: [www.michellerempel.ca/alberta\\_jobs\\_report](http://www.michellerempel.ca/alberta_jobs_report).

I would like to thank the many of you who have taken the time to write me and share your personal stories about how you, your families, and businesses have been impacted by various economic and financial stresses. I am continuing to work hard on your behalf to advocate for our community and its needs.

Unfortunately, there are many in our community who are still hurting due to the jobs crisis. That's why I will once again be hosting a "Career Services event" next month. For more details and to sign up please visit my website: [www.MichelleRempel.ca](http://www.MichelleRempel.ca).

A positive piece of news I received for our community, earlier this year, was Huntington Hill's successful application to the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. The Huntington Hills Community Centre has been undergoing a large capital project to expand and renovate a portion of the facility that adds some much needed recreation space to our community. Congratulations to all the association volunteers and staff who have undertaken a great deal of work in order to make this project and application a success.

As always you can contact me at my office, about issues important to you, using the contact information above.

# News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke



Confederation Park was once known as the rough and featureless North Hill Coulee. This Park was added to Calgary's inventory of evaluated historic resources, in 2010, based on the community effort to establish the park, on the centennial of Canadian Confederation. Harry Boothman, a Superintendent of Parks, and Eric Musgrave, founder of the Centennial Ravine Park Society in 1965, were influential in its 18th-century garden design. Boothman was a long-time supporter and board member of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association. There is a bursary operated in his name.

William Reader, a garden designer, was a City Parks Superintendent from 1913 – 1942. Reader Rock Garden, established in 1914, was added to the inventory in 2007, with native plants, local materials, gardens and rock pathways. It reflects the optimism in our city's early 1900s. It was the first Legacy Park to open. ([www.readerrock.com](http://www.readerrock.com))

This bylaw protection is intended to prevent demolition but will pertain to the parks by ensuring any future changes or conservation work follow best practices in handling historical resources. The change has no impact on City operating or capital budgets.

However, the conservation of cultural landscapes can often have significant environmental benefits, as many have biodiversity being conserved as part of the landscape. In turn, their conservation contributes to biodiversity in Calgary.

There were letters of support for this designation from both the Calgary Parks Department and Calgary Heritage Authority.

We are often contacted by individuals concerned about loss of green space, such as linear parks, golf courses, and other connectors used as wildlife routes. People need the outdoors for healthy lifestyles. In a recent media interview, I was asked to describe what Nose Hill means to the quality of life in North Calgary. In addition to hiking, walking, and cycling, I thought of wildlife sighting and plant studies, especially in the spring. However, there are butterfly enthusiasts too. Nose Hill has been the subject of photography, for decades, and there are paintings of the park in different seasons.

The Citizens for Nose Hill was an early preservationist group. Two other Calgary parks (which had been recognized as property of City-wide significance) were recently re-designated as municipal historical resources, under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act. The aim is to protect each site in perpetuity, since they are eligible for provincial grant funds, in order to support on-going conservation.

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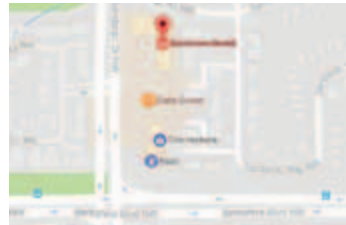
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