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Write On! Our neighbourhood contributors for this month include: Anne Burke, Druh Farrell, Dorothy Haeberle, Lee Hunt, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett, Cheri Macaulay, Lindsey Rostoker, Devina Sharma and Cynthia Sim. Proofreader - Lee Hunt





As the 2015-16 school year is drawing to a close, I have been reflecting on what a great year both my sons had at their respective elementary schools this year. I am in no way saying that our schools are superior to other schools in the city, but I can only speak to our own experiences. I am sure other schools around our city have had similar or other inspiring programs their communities have developed. I would like to commend all the wonderful staff, parents and students that enhance our children's learning through unique opportunities.

My older son attended Hillhurst School. This year the community participated in Let's Create an Opera, a program presented to schools by Calgary Opera. I was very impressed by the enormous amount of work done by the entire school community, which included writing the libretto and score as well as designing and creating sets and costumes. Calgary Opera provided:

- Program introduction for teachers with guidance on integrating activities into the classroom and curriculum.
- An opera education presentation for the whole school including vocal demonstrations by Calgary Opera Emerging Artists.
- A playwright to collaborate with students on writing the opera's libretto.
- A composer to work with the music teacher and students to create the score.
- A stage director to guide students in staging the final performance.
- A lighting and sound kit for use during the production and a great rate for a technician to operate the equipment.
- Complimentary tickets for the Grade 5 and 6 students to attend a Calgary Opera dress rehearsal.

The Opera, named Doppel, which was performed four times over two days by two entirely separate casts, was incredible!

My younger son attended Dr. E. W. Coffin School. This year the teaching staff introduced Fresh Air Fridays, a program where the students take their learning outside every Friday. Over the course of this year, students have

participated in a variety of nature-based lessons that directly connect to their classroom work. Fresh Air Friday was intentionally planned to highlight and engage students in understanding curricular outcomes and processes. Critical thinking and problem solving skills are paramount to Fresh Air Friday lessons.

Staff, students and parents have made this new program a success. The students held a special assembly on June 24 to celebrate Fresh Air Fridays, followed by a hike up Nose Hill to celebrate the end of the school year. I think it is wonderful for the students to get out and experience our local natural areas such as the Whispering Woods, the Nature ground and Nose Hill Park.

I extend my thanks to the incredible staff of each of these schools for "thinking outside the box" to support learning in unique ways. If any parents or school staff are interested in these programs, details may be found on these websites:

http://www.calgaryopera.com/education/create-an-

http://cbe.ab.ca/search/Pages/default.aspx/Results. aspx?k=fresh%20air%20friday

I wish all school staff, parents and students a great summer!







Your donations have helped us knit well over 500 sets of hats, mitts and scarves, as well as a variety of other items for young children in need. The group has donated to various causes including multiple schools throughout Calgary and Ronald McDonald House.

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### **Carroll Place** Join us on July 26 for Bingo

Join vouth volunteers and community members to spend an evening of fun and Bingo with the residents of Carroll Place.

**Tuesday, July 26, 2016** 6 pm - 8 pm Carroll Place Lounge

Additional Info:

\$0.25/card/game. Bring your Quarters!

Winner takes home the pot

We will play 10-11 games. Everyone has a chance to win! Come out and join us for a great time! Everyone is welcome!



Scrabble Group: Call 403-284-3477 for more information.

### 55 Plus Bridge Group:

Following a summer break, we resume playing on September 7. If you enjoy bridge, please join us in the fall! Contact Roman at 403-289-6244.

### **Brentwood Community Association Board Meeting:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 7:15 pm in the upstairs Boardroom of the Sportsplex. All community members are welcome, but are asked to submit agenda items in advance if they have items for discussion at the meeting by contacting Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477 or brntwdca@telus.net.

#### **BCA Hall Rentals:**

The Banquet Hall and Boardroom at the Brentwood Sportsplex are available for rental by the public. Please refer to the BCA website for details www.brentwoodcommunity. com and go to the Facilities page. Current BCA members get a 15% discount on hall rentals.

Bugle Deadline for the September 2016 Bugle community articles and notices is July 26, 2016 and the deadline for the October Bugle is August 26, 2016.

#### **Cloverdale Paint Discount**

Cloverdale Paint is now offering wholesale pricing to Brentwood Community Association members.

Present a Club Member card and you will receive more than 25% off paint and more than 15% off paint accessories!

If you have a BCA membership and wish to take advantage of this offer, please see Linda at the BCA office to receive a Cloverdale Paint Club Member card.











### **Brentwood News:** Blakiston Park's **Summer of Love**

By Cheri Macaulay. Photos by Cheri Macaulay

Blakiston Park got its humble start as a utility right-ofway turned greenspace many years ago and while there are still trees, benches and a small playground, over the years it has become primarily a pedestrian shortcut from the neighbourhood to the adjacent LRT Station. This summer all that will change.

On Sunday, May 8, Brentwoodians were invited to join a walk offered as part of the Jane's Walk weekend, an annual event where people worldwide offer tours of the places they know best in their cities. Our Blakiston Park walk was led by Matt Williams (the designer from O2 Planning + Design who planned our public engagement sessions and created our new master plan), Patrick Wiley (our project lead from the City of Calgary Parks Department) and Cheri Macaulay (our Brentwood Community Association volunteer rep on the project).

The theme for the walk was the potential for transforming public spaces by paying attention to them, looking after them and, most of all, using them well. The rain held off just long enough for us to stroll through the neighbourhood to Blakiston Park for an overview of the changes to come: new play areas (note, that's plural as there will be three distinct areas geared to different ages and abilities), more hard-surface pathways where only well-worn trails exist now, lighting along the most heavily-used path to the LRT, a natural amphitheatre, a small plaza at one edge, adult fitness stations, a contemplation space, benches, picnic tables and more.

We talked about the many trees that will be planted during the revitalization, including dozens of flowering trees that will border the main pathway through the park, much-loved stands of trees that will be preserved for their beauty and shade and some trees that will be removed because they are at the end of their lifespan or

because they limit safety-enhancing sightlines into the park. We talked about features that will be preserved: everything from open spaces for play to the water supply necessary should the community choose to re-create the outdoor rink from years past. And we touched on the need for patience during the period of active construction, most of which is expected to take place this season with possible finishing touches to come in 2017.

This is the biggest public infrastructure project to come to Brentwood since the opening of the Nose Hill Library in 1988 and it would not be possible without \$950K in density bonus funding provided through the University City development; \$2.9M in Enmax Legacy funding that Councillor Farrell championed on our behalf; months of work by the Brentwood Community Association, City of Calgary and O2 Planning + Design; and, best of all, the invaluable input of the many Brentwoodians who came to open houses to share ideas and provided feedback online. Blakiston Park, it's gonna be the Brentwood place to be in 2017 and for many years to come. All it needs is love.

### The Life-Changing Magic of **Tidying Up Blakiston Park**

There's a proverb that says "a good neighbour is a priceless treasure". If that's true, we hit the jackpot in Brentwood earlier this spring when a group of friends got together to do a good deed for their hood.

It all started with Helio Lima Neto, one of the first people to move into the new University City development with his young family. Helio describes city parks as great community assets and appreciates that the park on his doorstep - Blakiston Park - is "a place to rest and enjoy

### Blakiston Park's Summer of Love cont'd

our lives after a busy day at work...a place to reenergize and spend time with our families". And so Helio organized fellow University City residents Erica Teixeira, Nick Sousanis, Leah Keller, Mathias Klein, Clarissa Coda, Julio Coda and Ana Bras as well as Kim Lane and Mark Davy who live nearby and Kyrra "with the glasses" whose last name has been misplaced by yours truly but whose efforts are appreciated nonetheless. Together the volunteer cleanup crew set out to tidy up Blakiston, gathering several bags of trash one spring afternoon.

To Helio and each member of his hearty cleanup crew, we send a great big neighbourly high five. Thanks for making Blakiston Park and Brentwood a better place for all of us to hang out.





Did you know that there is a Facebook group and a Twitter account dedicated to bringing our community together? Use the Twitter profile @BrentwoodYYC to get connected.

Brentwood Facebook https://www.facebook. com/BrentwoodYYC/

Would you like to add to the Brentwood Bugle's Bulletin Board? Contact the Editor Kelli at bcabugle@telus.net



### In Memory of **Ted Goosen**

**Bv Lee Hunt** 

We were saddened to learn of the May 3 passing of Ted Goosen, Brentwood President in the mid- 1970's. Ted was a long- time volunteer in Brentwood where he coached hockey for many years. He was also the person who spearheaded the building of our Brentwood Sportsplex by initiating the door to door selling of \$100 debentures to help finance the construction. This very successful endeavour raised \$1 million. Ted himself purchased the very first debenture and still proudly owned the certificate at the time of his death.

Ted always maintained a positive attitude toward life. As his obituary stated, "He was quick witted, always joking - often at his own expense."

The BCA and The Bugle extend condolences to Ted's wife, Ann, and family. Ted will be remembered and thanked as a major contributor to the success of our Brentwood Community. We remain grateful for Ted's dedication and hard work.



### **BCA Volunteer Position Available**

The BCA is seeking a volunteer for the position of Secretary to the Board of Directors effective October, 2016. If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please email Linda at the BCA Office: brntwdca@telus. net. The Secretary's duty is taking minutes at the monthly Board meetings and at the AGM. The meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:15 and are approximately 2 hours long. There is no meeting in July or December.

### **Brentwood Mural Update**

As we write this update (June 3), the creation of a new mural remains somewhat uncertain.

The original plan had been to replace the Charleswood – Northmount mural which had been so badly vandalized in December. We competed for and won \$10,000 from The Calgary Foundation and RBC to pay for the replacement mural. Unfortunately, the strip mall owners – having originally said we could use the wall – changed their minds.

Suddenly, we had \$10,000 but no mural site!

The Brentwood Community Association along with mural coordinators Melissa Neville and Lee Hunt have been continuing the search for a new site. We are currently negotiating with owners of another strip mall. With the assistance of Councillor Druh Farrell's office, there are also two City Departments researching the possibilities of three other sites which we have proposed.

By the time the August Bugle is published, we hope to tell you that not only has a site been confirmed, but that our Brentwood youth are about to begin painting!

Melissa Neville & Lee Hunt





### MP. CALGARY CONFEDERATION **LEN WEBBER**

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I am pleased to let you know that my office has moved to 2020 10th Street NW in order to serve you better.

Along with my staff, I am pleased to offer you information and assistance when dealing with the federal government. While many of the requests are for general information and guidance on services, we also do assist with those having difficulties receiving their services from the federal government.

The departments and programs we most often assist with include the Canada Revenue Agency, Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Old Age Security (OAS), Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), Passport Canada, Employment Insurance (EI), Citizenship and Immigration and Veterans Affairs.

We can also help direct you to information or services if you are not sure where to access them directly. This may include information on joining the Canadian Armed Forces, applying for benefits or notifying the government of a death.

Along with information on government services, we are able to provide information on Canada and Parliament and can help arrange a tour of Parliament on your next visit to Ottawa.

When someone celebrates a special anniversary, a milestone birthday, a special achievement, we can also assist in arranging congratulatory messages from Her Majesty the Queen, the Governor General, and the Prime Minister. It can take eight weeks or more to process these requests, so please plan ahead for your special occasion.

It is requested that you make an appointment before coming to the office with your concerns as this allows us to serve you better and ensure you are not required to wait an excessive amount of time. Often, we are able to assist you over the telephone without the need for an appointment too.

For office contact information, photographs, my Parliamentary speeches, helpful links and other important information, please visit my website at www.lenwebber.ca on a regular basis. You can also follow me on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube for the latest updates.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the constituents of Calgary Confederation for your overwhelming support to the people of Fort McMurray. I am aware of the countless volunteer hours so freely given, together with endless contributions of clothing, toys, bedding, books, food, household items and accommodation. It is through this strength of giving to each other that makes our community strong. Thank You.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you, and your families, at a pancake breakfast during Stampede.



By Cynthia Sim, Garden Coordinator



Springtime in Alberta is always full of surprises. After an amazingly balmy April and early May, winter gave us a final (we hope) blast of snow on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The accompanying photo shows one of the garden planters containing hardy violas (Johnny jump-ups) surrounded by wet snow. Most of the recently planted seedlings seem to have survived the abrupt weather change, although some look a bit stressed and a few were lost earlier in May when the temperature fell below freezing. However, the moisture from the rain and snow was sorely needed and all of the surviving plants seem to have been rejuvenated overnight.

The annual spring garden cleanup day on May 14th was very well attended by about two dozen of the members. They were an enthusiastic bunch and worked diligently at removing weeds and quack grass. Many of the new gardeners were present and there was a continuous buzz of conversation throughout the garden. The weather was very favourable and at the end of the day, the garden looked well-groomed and attractive. Thanks to those of you who brought snacks for the gardeners; judging from the few leftovers, your donations were greatly appreciated.

At time of writing, about three quarters of the garden beds have been planted and many of them are showing new growth. We have four new Saskatoon bushes in the northwest corner of the perimeter bed and three new apple trees have been planted in the north perimeter bed. A special "thank you" to Larry Hart, Cheryl Moller and Linda Rands for their assistance and advice in selecting, transporting and planting the trees. We also thank the City of Calgary landfill for giving us free mulch for our new trees - a real necessity in our climate. More donations came from Linda Rands (delphinium and oregano) and from Madeleine Oldershaw who brought several black currant cuttings to join one well established plant. With the perimeter beds largely restocked, we can now concentrate on what we all want to do grow our veggies in our raised beds.



### **Brentwood Elementary**

By Devina Sharma, Brentwood School Council Secretary

The staff and students of Brentwood School hope that you are all enjoying a fun and relaxing summer! We look forward to the new school year, which commences on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

If you are a Senior Citizen living in the Brentwood community and would like to volunteer at our school one morning a week (typically a Thursday), then our Grandparent Program is just for you! We ask that our grandparent volunteers be fluent in both written and spoken English, as well as be able to get to and from the school independently. Interested seniors can contact the school for further information at 403-777-6130.



By Dorothy Haeberle. Photos by Lee Hunt

Our Seniors' Tea on May 26, 2016 was held at Captain John Palliser School. This was the third annual Seniors' Tea hosted by the school. There were about 30 seniors present. We were served tea and pastries by the ESL students at CJP. The student servers were most pleasant and attentive.

There was a range of musical entertainment. The Kindergarten students sang a song and performed a dance. The Grade 1 and 2 students sang a song. The Grade 3 to 6 Choir sang and were followed by a Grade 4 and 5 Ensemble playing recorders, drums, and xylophone.

The gym was decorated with Student Art – especially noteworthy were the hanging oriental lanterns. Lots of smiles from both the seniors and the students indicated that everyone had a great time.

Thank you to Karen Neufeld for doing such a wonderful job of teaching the students all year so they are able to perform for us, as well as all the other staff who contributed their time to coordinate and host the event.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer! We will start the Teas up again in September and will confirm the dates for next season in the August Bugle.

### **Outdoor** Soccer

By Lindsey Rostoker

Another successful outdoor soccer season has come to an end. It is great to see the community of Brentwood come together and support our active kids. A special thank you to the Brentwood Community Association, Soccer Committee members, coaches, and parents who make everything happen.

Now that the season has ended, it is important to ensure that all uniforms (U10 and up) and equipment are collected. If you did not return your soccer items, please contact Melanie Dewar at melgmat@hotmail.com. Failure to return equipment and uniforms will result in a charge to cover the cost of the items.

If you have any comments or suggestions for next year's soccer season, please contact me at Linz.rostoker@gmail.com.

### **Hockey**

Brentwood is in need of a volunteer Hockey Representative

The position consists of attending Westwood hockey meetings and reporting at the Brentwood Community Association Board meetings. You would be a liaison between the two boards, keeping both boards informed. Please contact Linda at brntwdca@telus.net if you are interested in helping out your community. Westwood Hockey meets every other month and the Brentwood Board meets the last Tuesday of every month except for July and December.



### **LONG-TIME BOARD MEMBER RETIRING TO B.C.**

Bv Lee Hunt

Long-time Brentwood Community Board member, Paul Neilson, and his wife, Dolores, have sold their Calgary home, run a successful two-day garage sale, and headed to their new 'digs' in Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C.

Paul and Dolores moved to Brentwood in 1978 so that Paul could be close to the U of C where he was finishing up his C.A. They both became involved in the Brentwood Community Association when their children Eric, Kevin, and Lesley played community soccer. Paul coached soccer for many years, while Dolores was taking care of bringing such "Mom treats" as oranges and watermelon to the soccer teams. Though the family grew up and went out on their own, Paul became even more involved in our community.

Paul had first joined the BCA Board as Membership Director in 1989. Paul chuckled as he reminisced about going door to door in Brentwood in the early 90's encouraging residents to buy a BCA Membership. Over the years, Paul has been particularly successful in seeking Government grants for our community. Kirk Osadetz (BCA VP) credits Paul with attaining grant money to help purchase a new Zamboni plus funds to re-roof the Skate Shack. Paul was happy to do all of that paperwork. As he puts it, "By my filling out the forms, it allows the staff to perform their day to day operations on behalf of the community." Paul's accounting skills were also put to good use when the Federal Government first introduced the GST. As Paul summarized it, "The GST was really complicated for Community Associations." Paul aka "The Grant Expert" became BCA Treasurer in 2012.

At the time of Brentwood's 50th Anniversary in 2013, Coordinator Kelli Wreford "thought of Paul right away to serve as MC at the Gala". Kelli plus many others in attendance commented, "Paul was great as MC!" He, himself, is still impressed at "how big the event was - with even the MLA and Mayor in attendance."

BCA President Bonita McCurry "would like to thank Paul for the countless number of hours he has volunteered to the Board. Paul will be greatly missed by all. I was hoping that bribery could convince him to stay, but no luck!"

In turn, Paul asked me to extend his admiration for the "dedication of his fellow BCA Board members who have no kids still young, yet here they are still doing so much for others". He also asked me to wish new Treasurer Melissa Neville well in her new role.

Once settled in Fairmont, Paul and Dolores are looking forward to golfing and skiing. Dolores will also have more time for guilting and bridge. They also plan to travel - with one major aim being to visit Vimy Ridge during Canada's 150th year. But Paul won't be leaving his BCA experience behind - he has already been asked to help apply for a grant on behalf of the Invermere Hospice. Go for it, Paul!







Come see the Handsome Harebells in Whispering Woods this July. Artwork on this Whispering Alphabet Sign is by Madeleine Browne, when she was in Grade 2 in 2006. Now, a decade later, Madeleine gave the Valedictorian Speech at her Sir Winston Churchill High School Grade 12 graduation. It is extraordinary how engagements in community lead to a strengthened sense of place.



### **Summer Bees & Potlucks**

on Thursdays: You're Invited!

### Join Us in the Centennial Naturearound and Whispering Woods!

If you live, work, attend school, play, shop, volunteer, or visit in Brentwood – or would like to – please join us this summer for another season of social stewardship through biodiversity conservation.

Between the Solstice and Labour Day, we're again meeting on Thursdays, alternating mornings and evenings. We'll also celebrate at the beginning, middle, and end of the season with POTLUCKS:

- 1. JUNE 23: Kickoff & Mentoring Session Potluck Snacks/Supper and BYOB
- 2. JULY 28: Midsummer Brunch Potluck Brunch and **BYO Morning Beverages**
- 3. SEPTEMBER 1: Windup Bee & Celebration Potluck Snacks/Supper and BYOB

Calgarians have repeatedly demonstrated delight in getting to know their neighbours through shared activities of all sorts. You are heartily encouraged to enjoy such camaraderie by joining these fun and festive Community Biodiversity Bees. We will again be hosting regular conservation bees throughout the growing season in Whispering Woods and the Centennial Nature ground, caring for our native and reclaimed rough fescue prairie spaces right here in our shared community.

- Bring your families; Bring your friends!
- · Make an outing of the occasion and enjoy the full opportunities provided by the area's recreation, gardening, and gathering spaces.
- Play. Socialize. Learn. Help. No experience required!
- Strengthen and Sustain your community through conversation, collaboration, and celebration.

Please join us, whether for a few minutes or a few hours, during any or all of the following 11 events:

| THURSDAYS |           | S  | 9–11 a.m. | 6–8 p.m. | POTLUCK |
|-----------|-----------|----|-----------|----------|---------|
|           | June      | 23 |           | EVENING  | KICKOFF |
|           |           | 30 | MORNING   |          |         |
|           | July      | 7  |           | EVENING  |         |
|           |           | 14 | MORNING   |          |         |
|           |           | 21 |           | EVENING  |         |
|           |           | 28 | MORNING   |          | BRUNCH  |
|           | August    | 4  |           | EVENING  |         |
|           |           | 11 | MORNING   |          |         |
|           |           | 18 |           | EVENING  |         |
|           |           | 25 | MORNING   |          |         |
|           | September | 1  |           | EVENING  | WINDUP  |

To confirm all dates and times, and for additional details. please see the Neighbourhood Natural Areas page on the Brentwood Community Association website www. brentwoodcommunity.com/neighbourhoodnaturalareas.html.

#### WHERE:

Meet at the Prairie Amphitheatre in Whispering Woods, just off Brenner Drive NW, or in the adjacent Centennial Natureground on the west side of Dr. Coffin School, at 5615 Barrett Drive NW. Dress for the weather, and for gardening! Although there will be some gloves and hand tools available to share, it would be helpful if you brought your own. We will be working in both Whispering Woods and the Centennial Natureground. Arrive and assist as you're willing and able, and please BYO H<sub>2</sub>O.

To be notified about the schedule, to learn more about native plants, weeds, and grassland conservation, and to keep up with impromptu gatherings, please sign up for our listsery, as below. We welcome you to the growing circle of Neighbours as Stewards of our local spaces.

Environmentally yours, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett, naturegroundnews@gmail.com



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Friends.

Spring session was jam packed with many major pieces of legislation adopted, as well as special focus on the devastating wildfires in the Fort McMurray region. In meeting with constituents and community organizations recently, it was affirming to know just how many of our community members volunteered or donated in support of families from up north. Albertans are truly resilient in challenging times.

In May, I was able to visit the U of C reception centre for Fort Mac evacuees. Endless thanks to everyone who worked so hard to welcome our fellow Albertans to our constituency of Calgary-Varsity.

In tough times Albertans get each other's backs. During spring session, I was proud to introduce a bill to combat predatory lending. It puts an end to exorbitant 600% annual interest rates, so that a loan taken out in a time of need doesn't lead to a vicious cycle of debt. In these tough economic times, Albertans deserve to be protected from predatory lending practices, and have access to fair credit when they need it. That's why I am proud to report that Alberta will have the lowest borrowing rate in the country, along with longer payback periods and instalment payments. We are also actively promoting better alternatives through our credit union and community partners including Momentum and First Calgary Financial.

During my time in the community this session, I had the chance to speak at the Sir Winston Churchill graduation. It was moving to see the over 600 graduates in cap and gown. Congratulations to all 2016 grads of Varsity!

Our office also had the opportunity to host a Seniors' Tea in early June in celebration of Seniors Week. Thanks to everyone who joined us. It was my sincerest pleasure to host everyone in our office. I always learn so much when visiting with the seniors in our community.

With summer now in full swing, and Stampede just about to kick off, I am looking forward to connecting with residents of our great neighbourhoods. Please join Premier Rachel Notely, on Monday July 11th between 7am -9am for the Premier's Stampede Breakfast. It will take place at the McDougall Centre, 455- 6th Ave SW. I will be flipping pancakes, or serving food. Be sure to come by, join us for breakfast, and Premiers' Stampede hospitality! In that Stampede spirit, the very next day July 12th, the Triwood Community Association will be hosting their famous annual Stampede Breakfast. If you have been before, you know it is not one to miss. The breakfast runs between 7am and 9am at 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW.

Our office serves the people of Calgary-Varsity. Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments. programs, scrolls, and services. Please visit us in our office, and let us know how we can help you.



### **COUNCILLOR. WARD 7 DRUH FARRELL**

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#### **Council Approves Pedestrian Strategy**

On average, one pedestrian is injured in a collision each day in Calgary. Many more injuries occur in parking lots and often go unreported. The financial cost to society from pedestrian deaths and injuries, estimated at \$120 million per year for Calgary alone, is staggering. The impact to individuals and families left to cope with the recovery, and sometimes a lifetime of disabilities, is immeasurable.

These financial, social, and emotional costs were driving factors behind City Council's decision to unanimously support STEP FORWARD, our new pedestrian strategy and safety action plan. I have been striving to make Calgary a better place to walk for many years and I am extremely proud of this work. The strategy also goes beyond safety to encourage more Calgarians to walk more often by making it easy, accessible, and enjoyable.

We focused the plan into four areas with a list of 50 actions for short, medium, and long term improvements:

Safety - reduce collisions and increase the feeling of personal safety.

Plan and Design - remove barriers to walking by improving connections and the walking experience for people of all ages and abilities.

Operate and Maintain - manage sidewalks as public spaces and seasonally maintain and repair infrastructure.

Educate and Encourage - remind citizens about shared responsibilities for road safety and encourage walking for improved health, recreation, and commuting.

Speed is a crucial factor in the severity and survival rate of any collision, especially ones involving those walking and cycling. Lower speeds save lives. From Toronto to Boston to Edinburgh, cities around the world are reducing speed limits on residential streets for the sake of safety. Closer to home, Airdrie introduced 30 km/h on all residential streets in the 1980s. Unfortunately, the recommendation to reduce speed limits on residential streets in Calgary was not supported by Council at this time.

Every Calgarian is a pedestrian. A pedestrian is someone walking (or rolling in a wheelchair) to school, from one business meeting to another, to catch the train or bus, or for an evening stroll. Ward 7 boasts a higher propor-

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### **COUNCILLOR, WARD 7 DRUH FARRELL CONT'D**

tion of people who walk than most other areas of Calgary, partly due to its nearness to downtown, but also because of its walkable neighbourhoods, shopping streets, river pathways, and access to schools and transit. The importance of walking to Ward 7 residents is one of the many reasons that I championed STEP FOR-WARD, as well as other initiatives that support active travel. As we implement this plan over the next decade, you will see Calgary become a safer, more walkable, and more enjoyable city.

To learn more about this and other topics, visit druhfarrell.ca. To sign up for updates on key issues, please email ward07@calgarv.ca.







# Community Clean Up

Photos by Lisa Boychuk

Many thanks to Lisa Boychuk who organized the Community Clean Up this year and to Steve Dietrich and Bob Viani for all their help. Thanks also to the City crew and volunteers who helped out on a wintery May 22nd for the event.

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On behalf of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services

### **Thank you Brentwood**

Congratulations on a successful Community Cleanup on May 22, 2016.

The weights collected for this year:

Garbage: 3175 kgs Organics: 1710 kgs Total: 4885 kgs Truck Loads Hauled: 2

Thank you to the Community Association and residents for your commitment to help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

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in our community

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#### 1716 - 20 AVENUE NW (CAPITOL HILL)

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