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Mailing Address: Box 65086, RPO North Hill Calgary, AB T2N 4T6 Board Room / Gym - 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.

Parking: west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library driveway. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field. Phone: 282-6634 (voice mail) (checked 1 - 2 times per week) Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

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Boardroom/Gym Bookings: bookings@hh-bh.ca

The HH-BH Gym and Boardroom schedule can be viewed at www.hh-bh.ca.

For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at **www.hh-bh.ca**.





Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your ideas to **vp@hh-bh.ca.**



Youth Badminton Youth Badminton - Ages 12 – 17

Information at www.hh-bh.ca Badminton@hh-bh.ca

HHBH Gym Drop-in Programs

Badminton: Tues – Fri - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Pickleball: Tues – Wed - 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Rates: \$4 per person, \$3 for seniors (55+)

Family Open Gym Night

FREE -Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm Community Gym



Community Board Meetings Second Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Community Boardroom. **All are invited!** To be on the agenda, please contact admin@ hh-bh.ca, at least 2 weeks in advance. Please note there are no Board Meetings in July or August. **Next Meeting: November 10**

Halloween Hey Day Party

Friday, October 28, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Briar Hill School

HH-BH – 2016 AGM

Wednesday, November 16, 7 to 9 pm – Community Boardroom

HH-BH Community Kindergarten Banquet and Reunion

Saturday, November 19, 6 to 10 pm – Community Gym

Memberships: A reminder that memberships expire July 31! \$20 / year per family household. \$10 /Seniors. Renew online at www. hh-bh.ca, by mail or in person at our next Community Event! Thanks!

HALLOWEEN HEY DAY PARTY

Briar Hill School Parent Council invites all ghosts and goblins to attend our Halloween Hey Day party scheduled for Friday, October 28, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Briar Hill School, 1233 – 21 Street N.W. We welcome all community families to attend! The event is both a fundraiser for our school Parent Council and a great community builder. Come play some carnival type games, visit the Haunted House and even get your fortune told! Coupons may be purchased at the school the evening of the event. Please no full-face masks. Have questions about the Halloween Hey Day? Please contact Lea at leaprice@shaw.ca





Hello neighbours, and welcome to October!

I am sure that you are now in the full swing of this new fall season. School, sports, work and other family routines are now getting to be old hat. Our community association's board has also been back to work since September 8 and a few changes have happened since the summer break.

One of these changes has occurred on the board itself. Emmanuel Malterre, our Sears Plume Director, has tendered his resignation. Emmanuel has worked tirelessly for many years towards achieving a remediation of chemicals that have leaked into the soil of our community due to defective gas tanks at the former Sears gas bar.

He has been our liaison with Sears Canada Inc. and Clifton Associates Ltd., asking for technical information and updates on their plans and actions to address the





contamination of soil on which some of you live. He has also written numerous letters appealing to government department heads at the municipal, provincial and even federal level, asking them to help us with this complicated process that has been dragging on for years as the contaminates work their way down the hill towards the Bow river.

Emmanuel's tasks also included informing residents regularly about the Sears Plume and its remediation process by submitting monthly reports to our community board meetings, and yearly reports at our AGMs each November. As well, he has forwarded updates from Sears and Clifton for submissions to the Beacon (see the latest update presented in the August 2016 Beacon) and submitted several public documents for posting on our website (hh-bh.ca).

Emmanuel's knowledge and hard work on this project will be missed, not only by all of us on the community association board but by all residents affected by this Plume. Thank you so much Emmanuel!

But this remediation process is not finished yet and it is an important health and environmental issue. I am therefore appealing to you, dear residents, to step forward to fill this vacancy on our board. Please consider volunteering to represent our community's concerns and to work with Sears and Clifton on resolving this problem. Simply contact any board member or come to a meeting to get involved.

On a happier topic, our board has applied for and received a Capital Conservation Grant for \$8,650.53. This money will be a great help in replacing the floor tiles in our community facility. Thank you to all those who helped make this happen!

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving, and I hope that you will take the time to look around and appreciate how fortunate and privileged we are to live in such a great community.

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Put Your Stamp on the Process

Times have changed since the first letter was sent in Canada in 1693. The postal service provided by Canada Post is no longer as dominant in our daily lives as it used to be. With cell phones, email, texting, paperless billing, e-transfers and courier services, Canada Post has seen its role in our daily lives diminishing annually since 2006. At the same time, an average of 169,000 new addresses are added each year to the existing 15.8 million existing addresses.

With more places to deliver mail each year and less mail being sent, this has had a dramatic effect on revenues and costs. Canadians need to take a good look at our postal system and figure out a way to make it both sustainable and affordable. It is a vicious circle - stamp costs increase to cover growing operating costs which, in turn, results in less mail being sent and revenue dropping even further.

However, we still have a critical need for a national postal system as many Canadians and businesses rely on it for many reasons. Last year alone, Canada Post delivered almost nine billion items to every corner of Canada.

The time has come for Canadians to look at the future of our postal system to ensure it is both sustainable and affordable for everyone. A review of Canada Post is now underway and you can participate.

Canadians are being asked to contribute their comments, concerns and, most importantly, their ideas on how we can achieve these goals. For example, the most common idea I have heard so far is the suggestion to make mail delivery every second business day. This would save money and the impact on the environment. Canadians are known for being a resourceful and creative bunch and I am sure there are many more ideas to come.

An independent Task Force is currently gathering facts and developing options for consideration. Next, a Parliamentary Committee will consult Canadians on the options and make recommendations to the Government on the future of Canada Post.

To share your input, please send your ideas to TPSGC.ExamendeSPC-CPCReview.PWGSC@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca, fax 1-844-836-8138, or even better, MAIL your comments to Canada Post Review, CP2200, Matane, QC, G4W 0K8. As your Member of Parliament, I am interested in knowing your views, and would appreciate being copied on your submission.

Membership has its Privileges

It's time to renew your HH-BH community association membership (valid August 1 – July 31 each year), and it's gotten easier: renew online by visiting our website: www.hh-bh.ca.

A family membership is only \$20/year, and entitles you to

- register children in the HH-BH Community Playschool
- register children in indoor and outdoor youth soccer, badminton and other sports programs
- take part in adult badminton, pickleball and other recreation programs
- bring the whole family to the community hall for free Family Gym Nights on Fridays year-round
- vote at HH-BH Community Association Annual General Meetings (ours is coming up in November, by the way – we'd love to see you there!)

In addition, your membership helps support the wide range of activities organized or supported by the community association, including:

- annual Stampede Breakfast
- Summer Solstice Block Party
- annual Community Clean-Up
- family-friendly community events in the Fall, Winter and Spring, with entertainment such as the bouncy house, face painting, dunk tank, live music, dancing and FREE food and beverages
- up-to-date news and event listings on our HH-BH website, Facebook and Twitter. Check it out at hh-bh.ca!
- the Beacon delivered to your door Monthly
- ice maintenance, equipment and supplies for the outdoor rink at Green Park
- a clean, well-kept and efficient community gym and meeting facility with friendly and helpful staff, employing youth from our community
- organizing casino fundraisers to keep all this going
- strategic, business and land-use planning for our community and liaising with the City of Calgary





Duncan	18	403-500-9826	Yes
Grace	15	403-282-8823	Yes
Josephine	15	403-283-0478	Yes
Sophie	17	403-283-0478	Yes

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Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill Community Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7 pm HHBH Community Hall 1922 – 14 Ave. NW

*Entrance is on the south west side of the gymnasium.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Board and Committee positions are open.

More Information at www.hh-bh.ca.





Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2016	\$1,597,450.00	\$1,575,000.00
July 2016	\$1,049,900.00	\$1,040,000.00
June 2016	\$594,900.00	\$578,750.00
May 2016	\$1,224,950.00	\$1,201,000.00
April 2016	\$619,900.00	\$590,000.00
March 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 2016	\$2,199,000.00	\$2,100,000.00
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
October 2015	\$2,799,900.00	\$2,500,000.00
September 2015	\$1,475,000.00	\$1,415,000.00

Last 12 Months Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2016	2	4
July 2016	5	3
June 2016	2	2
May 2016	9	4
April 2016	4	3
March 2016	2	0
February 2016	0	1
January 2016	5	0
December 2015	1	0
November 2015	3	0
October 2015	1	1
September 2015	3	2

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **hounsfield_heights_briar_hill.great-news.ca**



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As a large urban centre in a prosperous country, Calgary continues to mature and develop. To keep up with the pace of this perpetual growth, it is important for the City of Calgary to make investments in transportation infrastructure like streets and public transit.

Large projects like the Green Line LRT and the Crowchild Trail Study get most of the attention, since they will move many thousands of Calgarians across the city. It is important though that we don't forget about smaller investments that can make positive differences for local residents and their communities.

With this in mind, my staff and I joined the City's General Manager of Transportation and members of his team for a tour of Ward 7. The purpose of this tour was to identify small transportation issues in communities across Ward 7, and to begin working on solutions. We identified certain fixes that could be implemented quickly, as well as more significant projects for the future.

We noted instances where the design of various intersections made it less safe for all road users. One example was at 19 St and John Laurie Bv NW in Triwood, where higher visibility crosswalks and better lighting were identified to improve the safety of people walking through the area. In Sunnyside, we saw that a new crosswalk at Memorial Dr and 9 St NW would improve walking and cycling access to the Bow River Pathway and Downtown. Work on that crossing will be complete in Fall 2016.

We also noticed that several stretches of sidewalk along 16 Av NW, from Mount Pleasant to Banff Trail, were patch works of uneven concrete and asphalt. Weed maintenance was an issue as well. These are cosmetic issues that can improve an area by making them more pleasant and accessible for local residents. The weeding was quickly completed and sidewalk repair was identified as future work. Elsewhere along 16 AV, between Rosedale and Capitol Hill, we saw a need to improve awareness between those driving and cycling at the busy 10 St NW intersection. Inexpensive green conflict paint was soon added across the turn lanes as a result.

In areas seeing redevelopment, we noticed several instances of construction projects impeding access for people walking. In East Village, we found construction hoarding blocking entire sidewalks. This is a serious concern for a community with high numbers of residents with mobility challenges. The hoarding issues were quickly corrected and we secured a commitment from city staff to ensure that sidewalks are more consistently kept clear and safe during construction.

These are just a few examples of issues we identified. If you see concerns such as these in your community, be sure to call 3-1-1 or go online to www.calgary.ca/311. To learn more about this and other Ward 7 topics, visit www.druh-farrell.ca. To sign up for updates on key issues, please email ward07@calgary.ca.



We Remember the Moments!

Save the date! Saturday November 19, 2016, 6 to 10 pm at the community gym. There will be a celebration and reunion of the HH-BH Community Kindergarten. This evening is for all alumni families, former staff and volunteers, former students and friends of the kindergarten to reunite and celebrate. Please check our website at www. hh-bh.ca for more details on this special evening and to register for the event. Volunteers to help with planning, capturing memories and decorating would be appreciated, please contact communications@hh-bh.ca.

MEMBERSHIPS

Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2017 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST.

HOUNSFIELD HEIGHTS – BRIAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2016-17

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