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This is a fantastic opportunity for people looking to learn some excellent, introductory information about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, or who may be searching for additional support, resources, hope and inspiration. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Saturday, January 28th 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Distress/Crisis Line	403-266-4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414

HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403-955-7211
Foothills Hospital	403-944-1110
Peter Lougheed Centre	403-943-4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403-943-3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300
South Health Campus	403-956-1111

OTHER	
Calgary Humane Society	403-205-4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403-537-7000
SeniorConnect	403-266-6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403-705-3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1-800-242-3447
City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
Community Mediation Calgary Society	403-269-2707
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403-479-6161
Road Conditions – Calgary	511
Weather Information	
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



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

Outdoor Soccer U4 to U18

Registration Online February 1, 2017



Bottle Drive

2137 Calgary Highlanders Cadet Corps will be conducting a bottle drive on Saturday, January 7th. If you prefer, you can drop off your bottles in the Sears' North Hill parking lot (the north side) on that date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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: January 12**

Crowchild Trail Study – Mark your calendar for upcoming events!

Thanks Calgary for helping us review the draft recommendations for the study area. We used your input to re fine and finalize the draft recommendations. We thank those of you who attended our open houses in November and December. Going forward, we'll be asking for your feedback on the engagement process. These events are part of Phase 6: Reporting and Completion of the study process so watch for further announcements.

Canada 150 Celebration Workshops

Every Sunday 2 to 4 pm, Community Boardroom

Coming Soon - Networking Evenings

Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Community Boardroom
 Visit www.hh-bh.ca for more details

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!

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Board Room / Gym - 1922 – 14 Avenue N.W.

Parking: west of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library drive-way. 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

Beacon Submissions: beacon@hh-bh.ca

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.



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

2016 Civic Census Results Who are we?



Results of the 2016 civic census are in and despite these turbulent times, our community has remained remarkably stable since the 2012 census in terms of population (HHBH is home to just under 3,000 people) and the kinds of dwelling units

(about 1,100, mostly single-family).

What may raise an eyebrow is our demographics. The largest single age group in HHBH, making up about 20% of our population, are people 75 years of age and older. Add in those 65 to 74 years old and seniors make up 30% of our community, compared to the city as a whole, where 6.44 % are 65 – 74 years of age, and 4.17% 75 or older. Just down the hill in West Hillhurst, people over 65 make up less than 10% of the population (9.3%).

That means our community has the benefit of tremendous life experience and wisdom, and also that we may need to consider how to connect our large population of seniors with their peers and with younger folks who can help maintain those single-family yards.

Your community association is interested in your ideas about how to make HHBH an even better place to live. For example, should we:

Consider programs and policies to enable our older neighbours to age in place comfortably?

Develop more social opportunities for seniors with similar interests?

Compile a resource list of young people interested in doing yard work and maintenance, similar to our babysitter list?

Match older and younger residents in our community for mutual companionship and support?

We'd love to hear your ideas! Contact us by phone at

(403) 282-6634, by email at admin@hh-bh.ca or through Facebook www.facebook.com/hhbhca or our website www.hh-bh.ca

You can access all of the 2016 civic census data at <http://www.calgary.ca/CA/city-clerks/Pages/Election-and-information-services/Civic-Census/2016-Results.aspx>.

Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Duncan	19	403-500-9826	Yes
Grace	16	403-282-8823	Yes
Josephine	15	403-283-0478	Yes
Sophie	17	403-283-0478	Yes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

A new year is an opportunity to share our plans and dreams for the upcoming twelve months. So at this time, I would like to share with you what 2017 may hold in store for our community.

The biggest dream is to finally realize the goal of improving our community facility by building an addition. As many of you know, shortly after we moved into our current building in 2002, an architect was hired to design a large addition. These plans have been tucked away for over a decade and subsequent community association boards have been saving money from revenues and casinos. Members have been discussing how the design could be improved and waiting for our neighbouring library and North Hill Centre mall owners to come through with their promises of renovations so that we could work with them to have an integrated design that would best serve our community.



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After several extensions given to us by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission for future use of the proceeds we received from their casinos, we received a letter last October advising us that we would lose over \$200,000 and possibly be removed from their list of charities if we did not submit a plan for the expenditure of their funds along with a time line. Suddenly, all our waiting for future collaboration with other interested parties was pressured into action.


Our response included a proposal to build a 3000 square foot addition that will be a multipurpose area. This new space will be versatile so that it can be partitioned when needed and suitable for a variety of uses such as meeting rooms, athletic studios, and banquets. Casino funds and our sizable savings from general revenues over the years will fund the project. The time line for this project is estimated to be approximately 2 years.

As well, our board has contacted Councillor Druh Farrell and she has been sympathetic with our sudden call to action by facilitating a meeting with the city's public library department and mall owner. We still hope that our project will fit into an integrated design even if it is done in stages rather than all at once. And we hope that you will contribute with your ideas and support so that we can create a design and renovation that will be worth the long wait! We will be asking for your input.

A much smaller project this year is to update our community association's bylaws. They are outdated in some areas and inaccurate in others. Change requires a special general meeting with 21 days notice so please watch for further information and an invitation to attend this event.

I hope that you are looking forward to your own plans and dreams for 2017 and I wish you health and happiness.

Laura



YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

Chinese New Year celebrations are Jan. 27 – Feb. 2 and this year is the year of the Rooster. Roosters are born 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017. Their personality is observant, hardworking, courageous, talented, frank and honest. Lucky numbers are: 5, 7, and 8.

2017 HH-BH Outdoor Soccer U4-U18



Register
February 1 to March 15
online at www.hh-bh.ca

Season runs
late April to late June,
details on our website

We will need lots of volunteers
to make this program happen!
Contact judyaldous@yahoo.ca
to volunteer

Tree Planting

ReTree YYC -Free Education Programs in Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill

Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill has been chosen as a Re-Tree Community in 2017! As part of the program, the City of Calgary will be planting new City trees in our community and educating community members about the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill will receive free tree care education programs in spring 2017. More information will be posted on our website in the early spring.

Background on ReTree YYC: ReTree YYC is a program created in response to the September 2014 late-summer snow storm causing extensive and severe damage to over 1 million trees. ReTree communities are chosen based on many factors, including the extent of the storm damage, open canopy space and community interest. By helping Calgaryans plant and maintain trees on both public and private property, we hope to make the city landscape better for generations to come. You can learn more about the program at Calgary.ca/trees.

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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



IS IT HARD TO READ THIS?

The leading cause of vision loss among people over 65 is an eye condition called age-related macular degeneration, or AMD. AMD affects central or detail vision, while peripheral vision remains good – that means a person with AMD may not be able to recognize faces, read a newspaper or drive, but can often get down the street safely without the use of a white cane.

The CNIB reports that seniors with vision loss are three times more likely than those with good vision to experience clinical depression. There is evidence that depression is connected to a lack of personal support, loss of independence and lack of information about how to keep doing the things they love despite vision loss.

However, with the right support, information and strategies, there is no need to stop enjoying your hobbies or lose independence due to vision loss. Here are a few tips and tricks from a community member with MD:

Can't see the "walk/don't walk" light at intersections?

Turn around. It's much easier to see what's on the traffic light on the corner where you're standing!

Don't have enough hands to shop and read labels with a magnifier at the same time?

Consider wearing a pendant magnifier around your neck that you can pick up with one hand and drop again without losing it.

Trouble with transit?

If you can't read the route name or number on an approaching bus, ask someone else waiting at the bus stop or train platform, or confirm with the driver when you get on.

Not sure if you got to the stop in time? Call Tele-Ride ((403) 974-4000) for real-time information on when the next bus will arrive. You'll need the four-digit number from the bus stop sign. Can't see it? If you have a smartphone, take a picture of the sign and enlarge it until you can read the numbers.

Take advantage of Calgary Transit's interactive trip planner – it will not only give you options and times to get you to your destination, but will also email the directions to you. You can print them or access the email on your phone in order to help the bus driver help you get off at the right stop.

Miss reading?

There's no need to miss out on the great consolation of reading. The Calgary Public Library has a great selection of both large-print and audio (talking) books to borrow for free, and there are several good free audio book apps for smartphones as well. In addition, if you have an iPhone, its VoiceOver function will read ebooks (for example, Kindle and iBooks) to you.

If you're having trouble reading the print version of the *Beacon*, get it online through our website (<http://www.hh-bh.ca/>) or subscribe to it by email.

Cooking, cards, calendars and more

There are large-print recipes, knitting patterns, playing cards and calendars at the CNIB store, and CNIB staff can provide information and support to anyone experiencing vision loss, not just totally blind people – give them a call at (403) 266-8831.

One-third of residents of HHBH are 65 or older. If you're interested in being part of an information-sharing group about coping with vision loss in our community, contact the community association by phone at (403) 282-6634 or email (admin@hh-bh.ca).



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150 Celebration Casting Call for friends and neighbours of Hounsfeld Heights-Briar Hill

We are having a community celebration August 19, 2017, celebrating 150 years of Canadian Confederation. We need actors, musicians, dancers, characters, comedians, poets and storytellers, neighbours and friends.

All are welcome to participate in the planning,

production and rehearsals starting December 18 at 2:00 pm and running each Sunday

between 2:00pm and 4:00pm in the Hounsfeld Heights- Briar-Hill Community Hall

Boardroom. If you have something to contribute or if you would like to participate,

we would love to meet you. Hope to see you there!

Traffic Concerns

Do you have a concern about traffic in our community? Your community association can assist you in an application for a community traffic study as outlined in Section 3.1.1 of The City of Calgary's Traffic Calming Policy. If you are submitting an application and need community association support please email communications@hh-bh.ca.

Community traffic study application process

After reviewing the information online in the Traffic Calming Policy, if you would like to apply for a community traffic study, you must complete the Traffic Issue Reporting Form, found in the appendix of the document, and submit it to Transportation Planning.

Please note that in order for the form submission to be considered complete, you will need to collect signatures from your community association, Councillor, police, and from members of your community, as a minimum level of support from the community needs to be demonstrated as outlined in Section 3.1.1 of the policy.

All information, forms and applications are online at the City of Calgary website or call 311.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

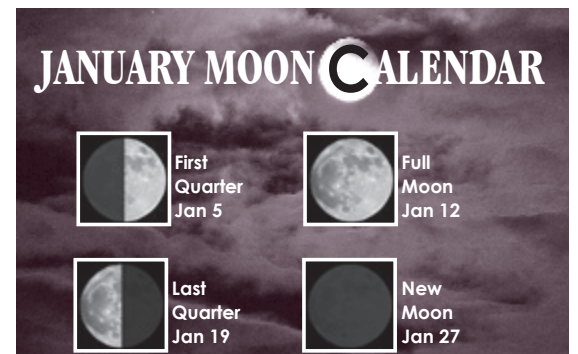
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Hounsfeld Heights/Briar Hill Real Estate Update

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

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$599,500	\$577,500
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$1,774,950	\$1,845,000
August 2016	\$1,597,450	\$1,575,000
July 2016	\$1,049,900	\$1,040,000
June 2016	\$594,900	\$578,750
May 2016	\$1,224,950	\$1,201,000
April 2016	\$619,900	\$590,000
March 2016	\$0	\$0
February 2016	\$2,199,000	\$2,100,000
January 2016	\$0	\$0
December 2015	\$0	\$0

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	2	2
October 2016	3	0
September 2016	7	2
August 2016	2	4
July 2016	5	3
June 2016	2	2
May 2016	8	4
April 2016	4	3
March 2016	2	0
February 2016	0	1
January 2016	5	0
December 2015	1	0

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit hounsfeld_heights_briar_hill.great-news.ca



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As your Member of Parliament for Calgary Confederation, it is my job to represent you in Ottawa.

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I read your letters, your emails and canvass homes in the riding by going door-to-door.

These interactions allow me to know what issues you feel are the most important, how you want to be represented and get critical feedback on issues of the day.

Another way I get input from all residents is to send mailings to your home. I use these mailings as a way to inform you of critical information as well as getting your feedback on issues before Parliament.

For example, while I supported making our national anthem gender-neutral, the response I receive via my community mailings was clear. When asked, 82% of constituents favoured keeping the existing lyrics for our national anthem. As a result, I voted in favour of keeping the existing wording as it is my job to represent you.

If you don't respond to my mailings, you may not be represented on issues before Parliament in the way you want to be. I can't encourage you enough to participate in these surveys to ensure you are heard.

Recent issues I have focused on in my mailings are unemployment, electoral reform, organ donation, seniors, carbon taxes and voting rules.

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wish to unsubscribe from my newsletter, I can remove your email at any time. In the meantime, you may be quite surprised at the useful and interesting information I pass along.

Included in that email newsletter is a poll that has proven to be one of the most popular features. Again, I would like to have your opinions on these issues.

A healthy democracy requires a good dialogue between citizens and their elected representatives. Those who do not participate in their democracy are destined to be represented by those that do. Please consider getting more involved and ensure you are heard.

BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

For the Nose Hill Trail and Pathway plan (2004) there was a commitment of \$4.5 million from the Enmax Legacy Parks Program of the total \$6.6 million. From 2007-2012, this was for ongoing trail repairs, renewing degraded land, restoring damaged habitat, adding interpretive and orientation signs. Trail work was expected to continue for several more years. The paved pathways were intended to manage use and help protect the prairie grasslands (plants and wildlife).

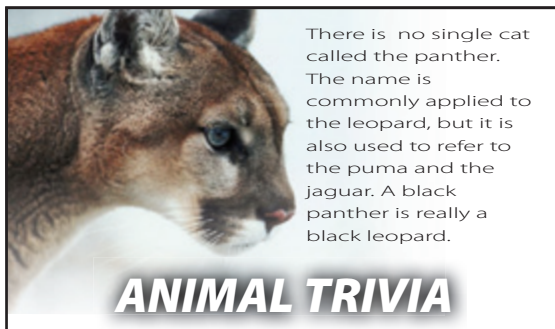
There was a recent urgent item of business for City Council from a Community Services Committee report which was received for information. An update on City Parks Projects contains more information about capital funding for Nose Hill Park.

Council created the ENMAX Legacy Parks Program in 2003. The purpose was to develop new regional parks and improve existing ones, local community parks, and open spaces. A steering committee is responsible for managing the funds, including an investment plan for infrastructure, in some cases. City Council invested over \$135 million through this program. In addition, Council approved \$75 million for more projects to 2017.

Due to the economy, part of the 2016 ENMAX dividend is no longer available. So, there are shortfalls in funding for future priority projects. Some projects are already in progress and others are on hold, although design work was already done.

There is no shortfall for Nose Hill, because the Legacy-funded portion is complete and the construction in north and south zones is underway and ongoing. The total amount was \$4.4 million from phases 1 and 2; the non-Legacy budget was \$1 million and total project budget is \$5.5 million. The total actual cost to date is \$4.6 million, in addition to about \$54 thousand for existing purchase orders not yet invoiced. The remaining allocations are \$800 thousand.

An action plan for Calgary will enhance the urban forest and landscape, protect the environment by encouraging public awareness, and ensure that we have access to nature. In general, parks support biodiversity: a variety in the number and types of plants and animals in a particular area, such as Nose Hill, or in the world. Our parks network and open spaces offer recreational opportunities and help to offset carbon in urban spaces.



There is no single cat called the panther. The name is commonly applied to the leopard, but it is also used to refer to the puma and the jaguar. A black panther is really a black leopard.

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Affordable Housing Part Two - Why, Where, and How

In your October 2016 newsletter, I wrote about how increasing the affordable housing supply is one of Council's priorities. In Part Two, I will share information on why, how, and where the City builds affordable housing.

Council unanimously passed the new Affordable Housing Strategy last year and is working to find homes for over 3000 families on the Calgary Housing Company waitlist. The recently released 2016 Citizen Satisfaction Survey confirmed that Calgarians want increased investment in affordable housing: 95% of Ward 7 residents said affordable housing is very or somewhat important.

A key principle in Calgary's Municipal Development Plan is to provide a mix of housing types and prices in all communities, including affordable housing. The City has learned from experience that building affordable housing that blends into neighbourhoods works best for new residents and for communities. Happily, the days of "social housing ghettos" are behind us.

Alongside the goal of providing safe and affordable housing for Calgarians, the City focuses on designing buildings that fit in with communities. Building quality affordable homes makes these developments indistinguishable from market-priced housing and helps low-income Calgarians integrate quickly into their new neighbourhoods. Many residents are surprised to learn that from Dalhousie to Mount Pleasant to Hillhurst, almost every community in Ward 7 has welcomed affordable housing developments.

The City develops affordable housing units that are built to last over 65 years. Using slightly more expensive materials at the outset reduces long-term maintenance and utility costs. The City seeks LEED Certification and focuses on the Building Durability, Energy-Efficiency, and Tenant Health sections. These features minimize monthly operating costs, allow for maintenance dollars to be set aside in reserve, and ensure Calgarians see maximum value from our investment in affordable housing.

Over the last three years the City has also reduced the cost of affordable housing from \$330,000 per unit to about \$250,000 per unit – and in many cases much lower. Most of the funding comes from the Provincial and Federal governments, with a recent commitment from Ottawa for \$2.3 billion nation-wide.

Ultimately, the City builds quality, durable, and cost-effective homes that provide much-needed housing for low-income Calgarians. Our model ensures those homes integrate well into all neighbourhoods and deliver value to all Calgarians.

To sign up for updates on key community and Ward 7 issues, please visit www.DruhFarrell.ca. To contact my office, please email Ward07@Calgary.ca.

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MEMBERSHIPS

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Address:	Postal Code: _____
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I would be interested in volunteering for: <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive <input type="checkbox"/> Green Space/Reforestation <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors' Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities/Ice Rink <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Membership # _____ <i>Valid through July 31, 2017</i> Annual membership (including GST) is : <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 per household <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 for seniors Paid by: cash <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
Send cheques payable to Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6	
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As my thoughts turn gratefully to family, friends and clients,
I wish you all a well-remembered past, a joyful present & hopeful future.

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