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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Notice of North Haven Preschool Closure

As you may have heard, the North Haven Community Association Board recently very reluctantly made the decision to close our preschool after the spring session. We did not arrive at the decision lightly; it has long been a valued part of our community.

The North Haven preschool was started many years ago by a local parent as a community playschool with a mandatory volunteer component. In recent years, we have been told by parents they do not want to have to volunteer. We changed the program to make volunteering not mandatory, but licensing rules stipulated the hiring of an extra worker. Enrollment has decreased year over year, and we cannot continue to subsidize the program to the extent we have been in the last few years.

We have gone from having a full contingent of 24 or even 25 in each of the 3- and 4-year-old classes 11 or 12 years ago, with a very strong volunteer base, to only six children registered in the current 3-year class. Of these six, only one has registered for the fall. Based on a projection of six or fewer in the 3-year class and at best eight or ten for the 4-year-old class, we reluctantly came to the conclusion that closure was the best choice for the time being.

We wanted to inform people early enough that they could make alternate arrangements for fall. We will be exploring options for the space, including an outside run preschool, the feasibility of a daycare or the possibility of restarting the community run preschool. If you are interested in helping the Board explore the options, visit <http://northhavenyyc.ca/nhps> to sign up for the remediation committee. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of the Preschool over the years. Thank you to those who have taught and those who volunteered at the preschool. We have had wonderful, dedicated teachers who have helped our children grow and learn and they have helped us create many special memories. We will miss them and the contributions they have made to our children's lives and to our community.

Jean Togstad  
President, North Haven Community Association

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**Monthly Board Meetings are held every second Thursday at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be May 11, 2017. NHCA Board Meetings are open to the public.**

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## Meet Your Board Volunteer Judy Huber

*1. Briefly describe yourself, how long you have lived in North Haven and your role on the board.*

My husband Hans and I moved to Upper North Haven in June of 2001. We found the community when we were looking to move from Highland Park and we waited very patiently for two years until we finally found our home. We fell in love with Upper North Haven with the view of Nose Hill and convenience to 14th street and Deerfoot Trail. I never get tired of the view of Nose Hill from our living room window. It's a great dog walking area with Egerts Park, green spaces and Nose Hill. We love the quiet neighbourhood with our great neighbours and so little traffic other than residents of the area.

I began volunteering with NHCA in 2007 and until 2011 held the positions of Membership Coordinator and Treasurer. In 2015, I began thinking about retirement and decided it would be a good time to get involved again and took on the role of Treasurer.

It's been great working with the hard-working volunteer Board Members of NHCA. They are extremely dedicated to making our community a great place for all of us to enjoy living in. It would be wonderful if we could get some "younger" residents to assist in the Board to help shape our older community to the changing dynamic of younger families.

*2. How would someone recognize you on the street in the community?*

I would probably be known as the wife of the guy who diligently walks the Akita "Diva" every morning and evening no matter the weather.

*3. What three words would you use to describe North Haven?*

This is more than three words but I would describe North Haven as: family and pet friendly and a community in transition with younger families discovering the benefits of living in a mature established community.

*4. If you could invite five famous or noted people (past or present) to dinner who would you choose?*

Five people I would love to have dinner with: former President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle; Oprah; Abraham Lincoln and Princess Diana.

*5. If you could give the community a gift valued up to \$1 million what would it be?*

The gift of providing home services to the low-income seniors in our community to enable them to remain in their homes as long as possible and not to forget the many disadvantaged youth in all our communities, programs to help them improve their academic and physical skills to become active productive members of our communities.

## IN AND AROUND NORTH HAVEN

### Entertainment & Events

Hello North Haven,

May is already at our doorstep! We got spring off to a great start with our sold-out adults-only comedy night on March 11. We had several amazing comedians, followed by a dance and craft beer tasting. We also held our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt. This is a fun family event is always a hit, those Easter Eggs don't stand a chance!

Our next event is our annual Garage Sale – this will be held on May 13 from 9am-1pm on the field outside the hall. Plots are 10'x10', and come at a cost of \$15 if you have an NHCA membership, and \$20 for non-members. Past garage sales have done really well – it's great having a lot of vendors in one place! So, clear out your basement and your garage, and bring all that stuff down to sell on one fabulous morning! Sign up information can be found on northhavenyyc.ca.

On June 10th, we will be hosting our annual pancake breakfast. June 17th is Calgary's Neighbour Day. We encourage residents to plan something (a street party? a sidewalk chalk competition? A BBQ?) with their neighbours! Need help? Please contact us!

We'll take a break from organizing events during July and August but will get back at it in fall.

Information about all our events can be found on our website, northhavenyyc.ca, on our Facebook page, and on the sign at the hall. If you are reading this, you already know the info is in the newsletter too!

Regards,  
Elise, Anne, Margaret  
Entertainment Committee  
North Haven Community Association

# May is Membership Drive Month

*Please support your North Haven Community by purchasing a membership during Membership Drive Month. Memberships are valid for one year from date of purchase.*

The benefits of having a North Haven membership:

- 10% off Hall rental fees when you show your membership card.
- Membership in one of the best communities in Calgary! Invitations to attend all our amazing Annual Events (Halloween Dance, Winter Carnival, Garage Sale, Pancake Breakfast and more!)
- Continued financial support for the following programs: Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Sparks.
- A continued high level of maintenance and improvements to our building and grounds including our immaculate hall and board room, a wonderful preschool and our huge outdoor skating rink.

- Continued support for the following volunteer run events & committees: The Development Review Committee, Seniors Tea, Senior's Bridge, Yoga, Family Dances, Preteen and Teen Dances, Comedy Nights, Craft Sales, Snow Removal Program, Parents and Tots, North Haven Casino and much more!
- Annual memberships are required for participation in Soccer and Preschool.
- Free annual membership to board members with over one year of service; enjoy regular liaison with the City of Calgary, Ward 4 Counsellors and Members of the Legislative Assembly.



## Membership form

There are great activities at North Haven Community Centre!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event (Scouts, Guides, Snow Removal, Soccer, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

In providing my email address I am agreeing to accept an email once a year for membership renewal purposes

### Membership Type:

- |                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Resident (per household/voting)     | \$15.00      |
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| Senior (65+)                        | \$5.00       |
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### For planning purposes only:

I am interested in the community having and/or personally attending the following:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness/Aerobics | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool     | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Drop-In      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Rink     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Dance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Teen Dance    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Dance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pub Nights    | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior's Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> McKnight Sports  | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Sales   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme parties     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comedy Nights    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent & Tots | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camps      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |  |  |

I consent to receiving community reminders on an occasional basis.

*If you are interested in volunteering or becoming active in our community please call Jean Togstad, President, at 403-274-4177 to discuss your interests.*

Please mail or drop off to the  
North Haven Community Centre,  
5003 North Haven Drive NW,  
Calgary T2K 2K3

## 2017 Spring Events

Dates	Times	Description	Location
May 13	9am-1pm	Garage Sale	Community Hall
June 10	Morning	Pancake Breakfast	Community Hall
June 19	7pm	Annual General Meeting	Community Hall



# MAY 2017

# NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bridge 12-3pm Scouts	1 Girl Guides Yoga	2 Bridge 12-3pm Girl Guides	3 Square Dancing 7-10:30pm	4 Bridge 7-11pm	5 Bridge 7-11pm
7 Symons Valley Gospel Church 10am - 1pm	8 Girl Guides Yoga	9 Girl Guides Yoga	10 Bridge 12-3pm Girl Guides	11 Square Dancing 7-10:30pm	12 Bridge 7-11pm	13 Community Garage Sale
14 Symons Valley Gospel Church 10am - 1pm	15 Girl Guides Yoga	16 Girl Guides Yoga	17 Bridge 12-3pm Girl Guides	18 Square Dancing 7-10:30pm	19 Bridge 7-11pm	20 Bridge 7-11pm
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Events are subject to change from the time of submission to time of publication so please check the North Haven Facebook page for any changes. Private rentals of the hall do not appear in this calendar, if you are looking to rent the hall, please check for availability at 403-284-2716.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY



### Celebrate Neighbour Day on Saturday, June 17

Do you miss the days when neighbours connected and got to know each other?





Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of a front yard barbecue, garden party, picnic, clean-up or afternoon tea in a local park to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary.

The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, have fun and maybe work together on a project that benefits the entire community.

Make Saturday, June 17 the day you get to know your neighbours! Visit [Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay](http://Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay) for ideas to help you celebrate.

Planning a really BIG event? Special event and festival permit applications are due March 17. Block party and greenspace permit applications are due May 26.

### MAY MOON CALENDAR

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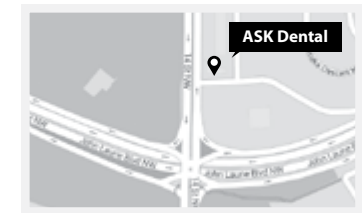
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# May 13<sup>th</sup>

## Tables for rent!

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## Girl Guides Update

Thank you, North Haven, for your continued support of our programs and our cookie sales. It's such a positive experience for our girls to be able to sell cookies here. The girls really benefit from being able to go door to door to sell cookies. They gain skills in public speaking, social manners, counting and math skills, safety awareness, and sales experience. They also take responsibility for raising funds for some of their activities. If we missed you that night please call Sandra Whitty and she will arrange for someone to sell you a box.

They groups have been up to their usual busyness. They have been enjoying the great spring weather. The Sparks and Brownies are learning about nature, doing earth day and other nature based activities. The Brownies will end their season with a camp and the Sparks have started a new tradition of ending with ice cream making. They will have a joint advancement ceremony in May and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sparks will go over the rainbow to Brownies and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Brownies will fly up to Guides.

The Girl Guides recently went to Frank Slide Interpretative Centre for a sleepover and also stopped at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump for a tour. It was a great way to learn new things about Southern Alberta and have fun too. The Guides and Pathfinders both took part in

service projects with Days for Girls again this year. We feel great about being able to help girls around the world get the hygiene necessities they need to stay in school. The Guides and Pathfinders will have some joint activities to end the year. They will go tent camping, go to a trampoline park, and have a joint advancement ceremony to celebrate our Guiding accomplishments.

We want to congratulate Guider Nenor (Katrina) and her husband on the arrival of their baby girl Evelyn on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was great fun to have Nenor with us this year and we will miss her while she takes some time off to be with her little "Trickster".

We are looking for a few new leaders to help in our units. As well we have many nearby units in Thornccliffe and Tuxedo Park that are looking for leaders. Spring is a time for change and some of the current leaders are moving on to new jobs and education programs. Guiding is a great place to have fun and help girls learn and grow. We have training to help new Guider's learn about our program. The monthly time commitment varies between 6-10 hours a month depending on the age group.

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## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The City annually invests in infrastructure and upgrades to ensure levels of service and address both capacity and lifecycle needs. The storm water quality retrofit program adds more wet ponds to long-established areas of the city. Wet ponds protect the quality of river water by slowing the flow, allowing sediment to settle. Plants help to remove pollutants. In all, there are 200-flood related projects requiring repairs or restoration. There are riverbank stabilization and erosion sites, the storm drainage system, and lift or pump stations. Construction projects include water main and pipe repairs, as well as new projects and upgrades to improve water and wastewater systems.

The North Calgary Water Servicing Project is underway. This is part of a long-term plan to sustain the water supply system. A new water supply line (feeder main) is required to service future area development. A consultant will design and construct a new water main from Big Hill Pump Station to the Beddington Reservoir. The preferred alignment will cross Nose Hill Park, using geotechnical tunnelling up to 90 metres or 300 feet deep. A rare plant and bird survey to ensure conservation of protected species will be done before phase 1 soil sampling to test the proposed route. The optimum time to drill 21 test holes (each 6 inches in diameter) is mid-winter when the ground is frozen, which minimizes the impact on the surface environment. However, the areas

adjacent to these test locations will be rehabilitated prior to crew leaving the site.

The City promises that there will be only minor surface disruption in the SW and NE corners of Nose Hill at the entrance and exit of the proposed tunnel. No other surface work would be required in the park. Phase 2 construction will occur in Summer 2017 to summer 2018. Drilling and survey equipment and personnel will be visible on the hill but away from the paths by mid-February to early April 2017. In addition, there will be signs at Nose Hill parking lots and an information brochure at [www.calgary.ca/nosehill](http://www.calgary.ca/nosehill). You can phone 3-1-1 for general water construction inquiries or a list of road closures due to other construction projects.



## VICTORIA'S REIGN

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## North Haven mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Tate	12	587-216-9222	Yes
Marissa	16	403-923-9012	Yes
Jessica	21	587-580-5696	No
Christina	36	403-474-1979	No

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**CLOTHING / TEXTILE RECYCLING DRIVE:** While spring cleaning, you may find old, worn, torn or stained fabric items. Bring them to the May 9-16 **Clothing/Textile Recycling Drive** at Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 5931 4th St NW. For details, visit [www.corpuschristicalgary.org](http://www.corpuschristicalgary.org).

**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).

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On March 22nd, the federal government released its budget for 2017.

Many of you have contacted me expressing concern over the level of federal spending, the deficit, and the lack of a plan to return to balanced budgets in the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, the latest federal budget does not do anything to alleviate your concerns. In fact, the projected deficit for 2017 is \$23 billion and, at this current rate of spending, the budget will not be balanced until 2050.

Statistics released from the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) 2016 Labour Market Assessment show that despite the massive deficit spending the federal government has undertaken, between Q3 2015 and Q3 2016 there were no net full time jobs created. For those of you who are unaware of the role of the PBO, they provide non-partisan, independent, and arms-length fiscal and economic analysis of government activity.

Of further concern is the fact that the government's own Gross Domestic Product projections continue to decline despite the increased deficit spending. Canadians are right to be questioning the logic of huge deficits, with no end in sight, which are not creating jobs and are not increasing Canada's competitiveness economically or creating future growth. This is not to mention the scraping of tax credits, including the public transit tax credit, and delays for investments in critical job training programs, infrastructure, defence, and child care.

I will continue to fight for the interests of Alberta families, workers and seniors who are being impacted by this economic downturn.

I recently sponsored petition e-983 which is currently open for signature. The petition is in response to the government's discussion paper regarding changes to the way the House of Commons operates. These proposed changes would eliminate Friday sittings in Parli-

ment, set permanent limits to debate in the House of Commons and committees, and only require the Prime Minister to attend Question Period once per week.

I believe these proposed changes are not in the best interest of Canadians. If you agree I would ask you to visit my website, [www.MichelleRempel.ca](http://www.MichelleRempel.ca) and sign the petition today.

As a reminder, I am hosting a Career Services event on May 13. For more information, and to RSVP, please visit [www.MichelleRempel.ca](http://www.MichelleRempel.ca).

As always, if you have comments or questions on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Hello Ward 4 Residents,

*Save the date! Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2017*  
Ward 4 Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Meeting

**As your Ward Councillor I am dedicated to keeping our streets safe for users of all modes of transportation. As such, I would like to invite you to the City of Calgary, and Calgary Police Service (CPS), annual Community Traffic/Pedestrian Safety meeting on:**

*Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

*Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association (5600, Centre Street North)*

The meeting will give residents an opportunity to hear about the Calgary Safer Mobility Plan and learn how we are keeping Calgary's roads safe for all users. At this event residents will also be given the chance to voice their ongoing concerns.

As a 21 year veteran of the Calgary Police Service, traffic safety is of paramount concern to me. This issue also consistently appears as a top concern in citizen satisfaction surveys so I also know it is of great importance to you. That is why the Traffic Safety meeting is open to all Ward 4 residents and will be a forum that fosters discussion, raises awareness, and leads to real solutions.

CPS who utilizes both education and enforcement to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians, rely heavily on traffic safety requests, as a key indicator of where targeted enforcement and education are needed, to address traffic concerns. So, based on your feedback at this meeting, CPS will be able to conduct additional enforcement in our Ward and report-back their findings. The City's Transportation Department will then be able to research and recommend specific engineering measures that could be applied where issues other persist.

For more information about the sessions, visit [calgary.ca/trafficsafety](http://calgary.ca/trafficsafety) or [calgary.ca/ward4](http://calgary.ca/ward4)

### Investing in Albertans

Occasionally, constituents tell me they're concerned about the state of Alberta's finances. The fact is that Alberta is set to lead the country in economic growth this year, and has the lowest debt-to-GDP ratio of all Canadian provinces. Given this outlook, there are several important arguments for maintaining the state of our front-line services.

The moral argument is the one I find most compelling: Albertans shouldn't be made to pay or suffer for fluctuations in the price of oil and the lack of foresight of previous governments. Since oil was discovered in Alberta, governments have used non-renewable resource revenues to fund schools, hospitals, roads and infrastructure. When oil prices were high, previous governments pretended to be wise fiscal managers, and when oil prices were low, they slashed and burned front-line services Albertans rely on. This isn't fair to Albertans. People shouldn't be made to line up for hospital care, or put their child in a classroom with 50 others, just because the price of oil fluctuates.

There's also a strong economic argument to be made for maintaining funding levels for health and education while investing in infrastructure. As Alberta's economy recovers, we want to be an attractive place to move to, start a business, and invest. This means building the infrastructure we need while prices are relatively low, and maintaining the state of our front-line services. Companies rarely start new branches or move employees to places that throw their health and education systems into crisis. Maintaining stable funding to services helps Alberta remain competitive on the world stage.

The role of any government should be to make life better for Albertans, and that's the role I see myself and my New Democrat colleagues accomplishing. Yes, serious conversations need to happen regarding the responsible management of revenues in Alberta. But when a world-wide oil price shock hurts working Albertans and their families, the first priority of government is to support Albertans as they weather the economic storm.

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