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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors for the Richmond / Knob Hill Community Association meet on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:00pm, EXCEPT July and August, at the Skate Shack

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RKHCA BOARD MESSAGE

A short update from your Board this month. Reminders of TimBits soccer (might not be any space left by now!), registering for a garden plot (ditto!) and official notice of the **Annual General Meeting to be held on June 15, 2016 at 7pm**. Before the meeting we are expecting the **City of Calgary Crowchild Trail Study** engagement team to be on hand to explain and answer questions about the planning for the upgrades to Crowchild, so come for **6pm**. As this is written, the Phase 3 Concept Identification open houses are in full swing and there is a vast quantity of material posted to the web site at calgary.ca/crowchild. By June the process will be in Phase 4, Concept Evaluation wherein we expect to see fewer proposed realignments and expansion ideas in more detail. These changes to Crowchild will not occur for a number of years, but will affect our community and our commutes, so please take the time to get informed and provide feedback.

On that note, the Board will be setting up a new working committee on mobility. Many community associations have traffic committees, RKH would like to see effort and engagement on a broader mandate, to include all modes - walking, cycling and transit, as well as vehicles. We think four to five interested and committed individuals will be required. Prior knowledge or expertise in transportation of all kinds would be valuable, but assistance and guidance will be available. There are a number of on-going initiatives of interest – the 20th Street bike lanes, the SW BRT, traffic calming, etc. Volunteers for this committee should contact info@richmondknobhill.ca or come to the AGM. The committee chair will be a director position on the Board.

And speaking of the Board, as always, we are looking for volunteers for leadership positions. These include the board executive (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer) and up to six directors. While the current Board continues to review what should be done and by whom, for RKH Director roles will include mobility, engagement, events and activities, development, facilities and others. These are all leadership roles which may include the opportu-

ity to represent the community with elected officials and other organizations. These are excellent opportunities for personal growth and volunteer time for professional development requirements. Challenging and interesting too. Let your interest be known to board-secretary@richmondknobhill.ca or come to the AGM.

Lastly – the casino is soon and your community needs assistance with this, our main capital fund raising effort. Casino revenues keep the community hall in good condition and pay the equipment costs for the rink. Just a few hours of your time would go a long way. Contact information elsewhere in this newsletter, or info@richmondknobhill.ca.

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MEMBERSHIP MADE EASY

**Richmond Knob Hill: A place to have fun.
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We invite you to take out a membership with your Community Association. Fill out the form below or register online through the RKHCA website.
<http://richmondknobhill.ca/membership.html>

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Phone: () - _____
 Email(s): _____

Please circle one yearly membership option

In community: Single \$10 Senior \$5 Family \$20

Out of community: Associate member \$10

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BOARD MEETINGS

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2433 – 26 Avenue SW

Richmond Knob Hill Community Association Hall

Hall Rental Rates

	MEMBERS*	NON-MEMBERS	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Hall Rentals – Daytime 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	\$100 flat or \$20/hr (min 2 hours)	\$125 flat or \$25/hr (min 2 hours)	\$100 damage deposit if food or alcohol served
Hall Rentals – Weekday Evenings (Sun-Thurs) 6:00 pm to 2:00 am	\$60 flat or \$20/hr (min 2 hours)	Non-Members :\$75 flat or \$25/hr (min 2 hours)	\$100 damage deposit if food or alcohol served
Hall Rentals – Weekend Evening (Fri & Sat) 6:00 pm to 2:00 am	\$360 flat	\$450 flat	\$450 damage deposit
Rink Rentals (closed at 9:30 pm)	Rink only: \$40 for 1.5 hours, shack access incl. Rink & Hall: \$80 for 1.5 hours rink with access to shack + 2 hour Hall rental	Rink only: \$60 for 1.5 hours, shack access incl. Rink & Hall: \$100 for 1.5 hours rink with access to shack + 2 hour Hall rental	\$20/hr for additional time \$100 damage deposit for Hall only.

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

The Richmond/ Knob Hill Community Hall is a new facility with a full kitchen, sound system and large meeting room (licensed capacity 120). This is a beautiful location for hosting birthdays, wedding or baby showers, team parties, or meetings. We have plenty of parking for all your guests. There is an adjacent play-ground, sports field, and an ice rink.

The Community Hall offers competitive rates for rentals. Community Association members may rent the hall for a discounted price.

For more information on hall rentals, please call Lola at 403-474-3845 or email rentals@richmondknobhill.ca.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- \$100 Booking Fee required to hold a booking reservation. Cancellations permitted with no penalty up to 30 days prior to the event. Booking Fee will be forfeited if cancellation received less than 30 days prior to the event and a new renter cannot be found.
- Rent and damage deposit required 14 days in advance of the event.
- Proof of insurance & liquor permit required if alcohol served at the event. Liquor permit & insurance the responsibility of the renter.
- Hall to be cleaned during rental time. Additional cleaning charge of \$25/hr if not returned to the same condition accepted.
- If there is damage to the facility, the damage deposit will not be returned until the cost of repair or cleanup has been determined.
- \$30/hr + materials or commercial cost of repair to damaged facility or appliances.
- \$100 if hall left not secured or doors left unlocked.
- \$100 lost, broken or late return of keys.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

The RKHCA Website is updated bi-weekly with community events, development updates, hall rental calendars and online newsletter access. Community Association news such as meeting minutes and membership information are also available for your convenience.

<http://richmondknobhill.ca>

Help your community association raise funds for future capital projects.

Want to know how?

Once every two years, we hold a casino to raise the funds to cover building and equipment costs for our association. This is our year and we need your help!

Dates are: July 3 or 4, 2016 at Calgary Casino. There are two shifts available each day: seven day shifts and five night shifts. Positions available: cashier, banker, chip runner, day shift GM and assistant GM

Please sign up at stainsby@nucleus.com stating dates, shifts and positions preferred.

Thanks in advance,

Kim Stainsby
Casino Committee

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Phone: _____

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What would you like to get involved in?

Children's Activities _____

Organize Single Event _____

Seasonal Activities: _____

Please specify which season – spring/summer/winter/fall

SpecialInterest: _____

Forward completed form to: info@richmondknobhill.ca.

Book Trivia

Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone with the Wind* between 1926 and 1929. In her early drafts, the main character was named "Pansy O'Hara" and the O'Hara plantation we know as Tara was called "Fountainey Hall."

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Did You Get Your Trees?

All new or recent infills in Richmond/Knob Hill should have trees in their yards -- either existing trees that were preserved and protected by the developer during the construction process, or new trees planted by the developer after construction was finished, or a combination of the two. Generally speaking, any infill on a 25ft wide parcel should have at least one tree in the front yard and 1 tree in the rear yard, and any newly planted:

1. One deciduous tree should have had, at the time of planting, a caliper size (ie. trunk diameter) of at least 50mm (2in); and
2. Two coniferous trees should have had, at the time of planting, a height of at least 2m (6.6ft), and infills on wider parcels should have three or more such trees.

It is critically important to our community that all trees that are supposed to be retained or planted are in fact retained or planted. Trees provide numerous benefits, including energy conservation through natural summer cooling and shelter from winter winds, storm water capture/purification, air purification, oxygen production, traffic calming, stress reduction, etc., and our community has lost a significant number of its trees over the past few years as a result of re-development activities and extreme weather events. Unfortunately, although City development inspectors are quite good at making sure that new infill developments are constructed in accordance with their approved plans and most other applicable requirements, they don't always make sure that the required trees are present.

If you are living in or near a new or recent infill that doesn't appear to have at least this number and size of trees, please contact the City's 3-1-1 call centre so that someone can check it out and make sure that any missing trees are planted. Alternatively, if you bought a new infill from the builder, please follow up with the builder to make sure that the required trees are planted. Your assistance in helping to "re-forest" our community is most appreciated!

Richmond Knob Hill Community Association 2016 Garden Plot Rentals

Online plot renewals available April 1 to 15. New rentals available April 16 to 30 based on availability.

Renters must have a current RKHCA membership and commit to minimum five hours service to garden maintenance: compost turnover, path weeding, community orchard weeding and planting, water capture, etc.

Plot Rental: \$25.00/season

Membership: \$20/family, \$10/single or Associate, \$5/senior

Renewal notices will be sent to 2015 plot renters in March and will be open until April 15, after which available plots will be open to RKHCA members April 15 to 30. Check online at www.richmondknobhill.ca for updates.

RKHCA Drop-in Play Group

The Richmond Knob Hill Drop-in Play Group meets twice a week at the Richmond/Knob Hill Community Hall, 2433 – 26 Avenue SW. Play Group has been a community tradition for over 30 years. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to drop by the Community Hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to noon with pre-school age children. Activities include crafts, singing, circle time and outdoor play in a fenced playground area adjacent the Community Hall.

Participants are asked to be members of the Community Association and pay a \$1/person or child drop-in fee. For more information call Stacey & Ksenia @ 403-249-8385 or email info@richmondknobhill.ca



Get Ready To Line Dance At Stampede 2016!



The Line Dance Stampede is starting a new line dance instruction session March 9, 2016.

The session will run for approximately eight weeks every Wednesday evenings at the Richmond Community Hall. It offers Beginner Level 1 and Level 2 Improver classes. The one hour lessons start at 6:25 for Level 1 and 7:25 for level 2. A mixture of line dances are taught by Diane Seguin and Maryann Fitzpatrick such as coun-

try, cha-cha, mambo and contemporary dances. Please wear comfortable and dry shoes or boots for line dancing.

The cost for the drop-in one hour lessons is \$10 per person. Payment is made upon arrival at the hall.

For more details, contact Diane Seguin at linedance.stampede@gmail.com or call 403-470-9868.

Me? → You?

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2016 APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1

T.G.I.F. Birthday Party

Celebrating April birthday members

Cost \$6

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

April 8

Tea and Conversation Program

1 – 3 p.m.

April 12

CCIS – Floor Curling Partnership @ 10:00

April 12

Social Supper: HH 4:30 p.m.

Supper: 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12/members \$15/non-members

Entertainment: T.B.A

April 22

Tea and Conversation Program

1 – 3 p.m.

April 29

Annual Rummage Sale

9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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April 30

Annual Rummage Sale

9:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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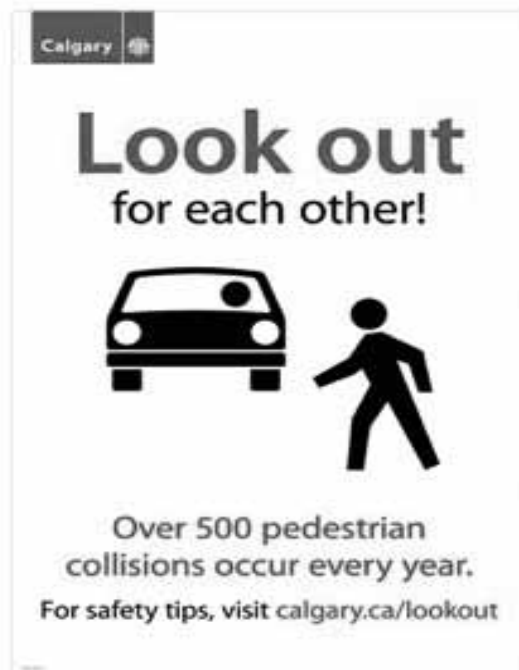
Richmond School

April at Richmond School will see our students enjoy a two week-long Debra Ward Art Residency that will culminate in a showing and 'auction' of their work during an evening exhibition for family members on April 15th. We can't wait to see what our young artists create!

We will also be celebrating Earth Day on April 21. This is always a wonderful opportunity to get outside and educate our students on the environment and what they can do to ensure a healthy future.

At Richmond School our door is always open, and we welcome the opportunity to work with you and your children, as we are "Educating Tomorrow's Citizens Today".

*Duncan White
Principal*



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The Book Truck

Your library on wheels is out and about in Calgary! Visit calgarylibrary.ca/booktruck to see where The Book Truck will be next and to request The Book Truck at your event.

Westbrook Library

Coming soon! Celebrate Westbrook Library's Grand Opening on Saturday, April 23. Visit calgarylibrary.ca for details.

Play!

Play Spaces at Calgary Public Library are designed to give parents and caregivers colourful, fun, and playful spaces to help babies, toddlers, and preschoolers develop skills that will prepare them for reading and success in school.

Library Play Spaces include areas to promote learning in all sorts of interesting ways:

- Reading and games with puzzles, books, quiet games
- Dramatic play and storytelling with puppets, costuming, play materials
- Large and small building activities with Duplo, blocks, shapes, mixed materials
- Writing and creative arts with paper, paints, white boards

Our latest vibrant, interactive, and playful Early Learning Centre is now open at Fish Creek Library!

Teen Takeover!

The last week of April is Youth Week 2016! This year, the library is hosting Teen Takeovers: we'll turn over seven libraries to teens, and have plenty of games, snacks, and activities for them to enjoy. See calgarylibrary.ca for locations and times.

Authors Live at Calgary Public Library An Evening with Lawrence Hill

Lawrence Hill reads from his award-winning book, *The Illegal*, which tackles the timely topic of refugees.
Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.
Central Library

An Evening with Wade Davis: *White Darkness and the Living Dead*

Wade Davis recounts his work investigating zombies and the Haitian voodoo culture, where he was propelled into a world beyond his imaginings and developed an appreciation of a fascinating and complex culture.

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Central Library

To register, visit calgarylibrary.ca

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Community Cleanups: Save Yourself a Trip to the Landfill

Calgary Community Standards (formerly Animal & Bylaw Services) in partnership with Waste & Recycling Services and your community association is pleased to offer another year of Community Clean-ups for FREE of charge to Calgarians. A Community Clean-up is a day scheduled at your community centre where you can bring your household items that may not fit in your black, brown or blue carts like furniture or old fencing or items that fill up your carts too quickly or just an accumulation of items that are ready for the landfill. If you live in a multi-unit housing complex, we welcome you to bring your waste and recycling items to this event especially if it is closer than the designated community recycling depots.

We are pleased to announce that 3 packer trucks will be provided this year (2 for waste and 1 for organic materials). Last year, 110 communities were served between April and October. Please check with your community association to see when your Community Clean-up has been booked and better yet, volunteer to help with the event which is held either on a Saturday or Sunday from 9 am – 2 pm. Your community association needs 15-20 volunteers to put on the event so your assistance is greatly appreciated. Calgary Community Standards provides funds for food and refreshments for the volunteers, advertising and promotion, gloves, garbage bags and any other items used to help Clean-up.

Please note, there are items that the City of Calgary's packer trucks will not accept:

- Tires, home appliances, paint, household chemicals, propane tanks, microwaves, car batteries, home electronics, liquids, metals and glass, railway ties.
- Your Community Association usually enhances the event with recycling services such as electronics, metal, paper shredding and possible tire recycling and paint pickup (or you can take your cans of paint to any fire hall station).

The Community Clean-ups provide a fantastic opportunity to work with your neighbours and community associations to Clean-up your yards and homes, parks, off-leash areas and sport playfields. Thank you for your commitment to help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

For more information about the date set in your community, please call your Community Association or you can go to www.calgary.ca/cleanup for the full schedule and further details.

EMS: Bicycle Helmet

Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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Richmond-Knob Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	\$574,450.00	\$555,000.00
January 2016	\$650,000.00	\$625,000.00
December 2015	\$799,900.00	\$798,900.00
November 2015	\$757,900.00	\$757,500.00
October 2015	\$624,950.00	\$618,750.00
September 2015	\$654,000.00	\$644,500.00
August 2015	\$662,500.00	\$637,500.00
July 2015	\$675,000.00	\$650,000.00
June 2015	\$737,450.00	\$715,000.00
May 2015	\$704,900.00	\$680,000.00
April 2015	\$699,900.00	\$685,000.00
March 2015	\$819,000.00	\$830,000.00

Last 12 Months Richmond-Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	22	4
January 2016	16	1
December 2015	3	3
November 2015	7	1
October 2015	21	10
September 2015	12	4
August 2015	9	8
July 2015	18	9
June 2015	14	14
May 2015	19	14
April 2015	14	9
March 2015	19	9

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Some tips to remember:

- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and bedrooms
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches and other smoking materials high out of the reach of children. We have found the kids to be very observant regarding "hidden" lighters.

Put It Out, Right Out!

- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- DO NOT discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, landscaping,
- peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

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This month I would like to talk about one of the backbones of our city: Community Associations. These volunteer organizations are run by our friends and neighbours, often acting as the voice of the community, and they bring us together as Calgaryans.

Making the community a great place to live work and play is probably one of the most important things Community Associations do. People come together to create the kind of community they want. We have stunning community gardens to enjoy, a variety of locally organized youth sports, seniors activities and several farmers markets, all thanks to Community Associations.

Working with the city, Community Associations are often those consulted first on changes coming to the community. Whether that be a new school zone, community garden, or changes to zoning, Community Associations are the front line our communities have representing our local interests.

It never ceases to amaze me how much creativity, hard work and commitment I see from people, taking time out of their busy lives to strengthen the community around them. There's the soccer coach who is so dedicated to their kids that, even if it means driving around playing taxi before and after games, the coach ensures that all the kids in his community have a chance to play. There are the people who tend to the community skating rinks and make their phone number available to neighbours, so that when problems arise, as they always do, the first step of problem solving is kept local, with supportive friends and neighbours.

I try very hard to get out and participate in as many events that local Associations put on as I can. Recently I attended the Rosscarrock AGM. I've been skating and tasting delicious popcorn at the winter festivals in Glenbrook, Glendale and Westgate, and I've sat in the basement and had a beer in Killarney Glengarry with veterans from the legion.

If you have an event taking place in your community and might be interested in having me out, do not hesitate to give the office a call at 403-246-4794.

I am proud to represent so many communities supporting one another in such great ways. I would like to sincerely thank all of the hard working and talented community organizers we have here in Calgary Currie.

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It has been over 100 days since I was appointed Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. Each and every day I am honoured and proud to serve those who wear—or who have worn—our nation's uniform.

The opportunity to work with my caucus colleagues from across Canada is rewarding, and being a strong voice for Calgary and Alberta at the cabinet table is a tremendous privilege and responsibility that I do not take lightly.

The Prime Minister has given me an aggressive mandate, one that I plan to fulfill through stronger relationships with veterans and the organizations that represent them.

During my first days, I participated in a number of Veterans' Week activities, including Remembrance Day ceremonies in Ottawa. This special day was humbling and concluded a week of learning and listening. It reconfirmed my commitment to ensuring that we get Veterans the care they need, when and where they need it.

Within the first month, I travelled across the country to engage with Veterans and Veterans' organizations, and held my first Veterans' Stakeholder Summit in Ottawa in December. Next, I travelled to Poland and Ukraine to meet our Canadian Armed Forces troops during the holidays and to thank them for their service on behalf of all Canadians.

Veterans will once again be able to access services in offices closed in recent years. And, we have already rehired more than 175 front-line staff to provide more support to Veterans across Canada.

I know that times are tough for Alberta and Canada. In the first 100 days as a government, we have quickly begun work on key campaign promises that I believe will make a real difference in the lives of Canadians.

We have already reduced taxes to the middle class. This will put more money in to 9 out of every 10 Canadian pockets.

We have implemented a consultation process for pipeline projects that allows for industry, communities, first nations and people who are concerned about the environment to take part. I truly believe we are on a path to build public trust in our approach so that we can move forward in a thoughtful manner that will see success for our industry in the long run.

The Prime Minister confirmed that \$700 million in Infrastructure funds would start flowing to Alberta in the weeks ahead. Those investments in projects identified by our Provincial partners and their municipal partners will create thousands of jobs and generate economic benefits for our great province.

My first 100 days have been exciting and I look forward to achieving much more in the future. My door, and my mind, will always remain open to the input and ideas of Canadians. We were elected on a mandate of real change, and part of that real change is a commitment to evidence based decisions and consultation with all of you.

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