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Palimpshed Project

Palimpshed Project has a new artist onsite! Stay tuned for an update. The Palimpshed Project was created by Banff Trail resident, Terese Mullin, and is a local urban art spot in Banff Trail that offers an opportunity for mural artists! This lane way space is located in the alley running along the south side of Edelweiss Village. Go check it out! See @palimpshed on Instagram for more details and watch for a call for submissions. Send inquiries to Terese Mullin at palimpshed@gmail.com.

Mural pictured here is by artist Justin Scott.



Eco: Battery Disposal

With so many electronics, gaming consoles, and devices these days, it's no doubt that we are going through batteries like crazy! Did you know that batteries are never to be put in your garbage or recycling bin? This is because batteries get crushed and the chemicals in them can lead to fires at recycling or landfill sites. The cobalt and lead in them can also be very harmful to the earth.

However, although one-time use batteries and rechargeable batteries can be dropped off at local municipal sites, you can also discard them at local businesses that are becoming more eco-friendly conscious:

- The Source at North Hill Mall (#1734, 1632 14 Avenue NW)
- London Drugs (#33, 3630 Brentwood Road NW)
- Staples Canada (3909 University Avenue NW)
- Save on Foods (#6647, 4163 University Ave NW)
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Oh my goodness, how lucky we are to have spring here. Finally! By February, I was already getting fed up with the snow and ice. Finally, today we can see the return of robins, birds are desperately trying to find perfect items to make their nests, and our family is already in discussion as to what we will be growing in our garden this year.

Look out for new Ecological-Environmental posters starting this month! I am very much hoping to chair the Eco-Committee this year. I have been working on eliminating single-use plastic bags at the municipal level, working with city counsellors and business owners to make a difference. In our quest for Truth and Reconciliation, it is my hope that we provide educational opportunities to learn about the medicines and healing herbs that grow here on traditional ancestral Blackfoot territory. I would also like to see a seed/plant exchange soon as we are getting our gardens ready for the warmer season. Interested? Please let us know!

Our annual Banff Trail Community Cleanup will be taking place soon! Time to clean out and dispose of any unwanted items and clean out those alleys. This also provides the opportunity to get rid of furniture, dishes, collectables, clothes, and other items that you may wish to be rid of for free! We are projecting that this takes place in September so please look out for more information in upcoming issues!

With the rising costs of vegetables and cooking ingredients, the Banff Trail Community Association offers community gardens for rent, but spaces are limited. Why not grow your own medicines or flowers? Reserve your space soon! Contact Marie Fraser at btcommunitygarden@gmail.com for more information.

Have any kids in your household? If you have a kid between 12 and 17 years of age who is looking to get involved while having fun, we have an opportunity for you! The Banff Trail Youth Council meets once a month and has already done remarkable things for our community. A Youth Group helps foster character, build leadership skills, and provides the opportunity to make new friends! Email ycl@banfftrailcommunity.ca. Many thanks to these amazing young leaders for all they have accomplished and for all their community contributions!

Want to get your Banff Trail Howler before it comes in the mail? Check out the digital newsletter at https://mycalgary.com/magazines/banff_trail/.

If you have anything you're interested in, don't hesitate to get involved. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Feel free to call 403-282-2234 or email hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You are more than welcome to join us! You can also join us or see what is going on every month via online video using this link: <https://meet.google.com/gsd-cyzo-fhx>. The Banff Trail Community Association (BTCA) consists of a wonderful group of neighbours who are dedicated to our community and its residents. Thank you for all your time and volunteering efforts.



BTCA Memberships

Uh oh! Did your membership expire? Please note that a BTCA membership expires in March. These memberships do not automatically renew. Don't forget to renew your 2023-2024 membership. Your Banff Trail Membership is absolutely free! Six years ago, the Banff Trail Community Association voted to set memberships to zero dollars in order to include everyone. For new memberships, please provide your name, contact information, and let us know if you live within the Banff Trail neighbourhood boundaries to membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca. Or, just let us know if you wish to renew as a member for an additional year. Thank you so much for your support! Welcome to all new members! Welcome back, those who are returning for an additional year.



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7-9 PM

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BTCA Memberships

There is no charge for membership for the year. Memberships run from March to February. Registrations still required. If you would like to become a member and find out about upcoming events and ongoing activities, please send an email to membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca

Please include your name, address, phone number, partner's name, and how many children you have under the age of 18.

Banff Trail Community Association

BOARD MEETING

Second Wednesday of every month

From 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Google Meet video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/gsd-cyzo-fhx>.

Have questions about Hall rentals or availability?

Contact our Facility Manager at 403-282-2234

or hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting story you think should be in The Howler? Know of someone living in Banff Trail how deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do please contact howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca.



Remember, www.BanffTrailCommunity is the place to look for short-notice events, and more community info. Check out Banff Trail Community through social media through the following:

Facebook: @Banff TrailCommunity.ca

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Artists of Banff Trail

If you are an artist in Banff Trail and would like to exhibit your work in the Banff Trail Artist Exhibit, please email your submission to Terese Mullin at Tereseamullin@gmail.com. Use the subject line "Banff Trail Howler Exhibit." Please include up to five images, your artist statement, and brief biography if applicable.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for our second BTCA Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Enjoy face painting, a petting zoo, our bike park, and treats. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:30 pm - trade your finds for a prize!

*Your BTCA Events
Committee*

Hey Kids!

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Have you checked out any of our events?

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HowlerEditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca

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Budget 2023: Securing Alberta's Future

With a forecast surplus of \$2.4 billion in 2023-24, Budget 2023 provides the opportunity for our government to invest in Alberta's future, providing security for Alberta families and communities.

Balancing the Budget and Creating Jobs

Building on Alberta's strong foundations, including low taxes, a skilled and educated workforce, and an efficient regulatory environment, Budget 2023 enhances Alberta's business climate even further by making strategic investments that support key and emerging sectors.

Record Investment in Healthcare

Our government continues to invest in healthcare this year by committing an additional \$965 million to health to build a stronger public healthcare system for Albertans.

Continued Investment in Our Students

The UCP has increased investments in K-12 education, directly addressing inflation and rising enrolment growth in schools, meeting students' increasingly diverse needs, and building and refurbishing schools to meet both current and future demand. We are also increasing post-secondary seats and providing more supports for these students.

Making Life More Affordable

Budget 2023 continues to provide relief through our Affordability Action Plan. Albertans continue to benefit from ongoing programs such as the fuel tax relief program, electricity rebates, natural gas rebates, and monthly \$100 affordability payments for eligible seniors, families, and Albertans on certain benefit programs.

We are building a province that is stronger and more resilient than ever. For more information on the budget, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/budget.aspx>.

As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to reach me through email at calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca or call 403-216-5436.

As you may know, I am the United Conservative Candidate for Calgary-Varsity. Our campaign team is reaching 200 strong and I would sincerely appreciate your support, both on our team, and on election day. Please reach out to me at jason@copping4varsity.ca if you are interested in volunteering for my campaign. And thank you all for relating your questions and concerns. I am delighted that knowledgeable and engaged citizens in the riding keep holding me to account.

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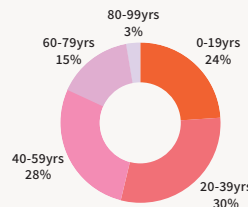
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