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Dear Brentwoodians,

We have a ton of information about all the great events coming up to help celebrate Brentwood and the BCA's diamond anniversary this year, so I will leave space for this. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the celebrations!

Sponsorship Opportunity

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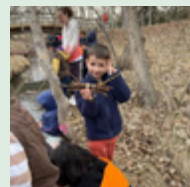
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Scouts About - 4th Elks Triwood



June Updates

Spring has sprung and the 4th Elks Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have emerged from hibernation. The Beavers and Cubs have been enjoying meetings in Confederation Park making boats to race in the creek. The Beavers will just have finished their sleepover at the Hangar Airplane Museum.



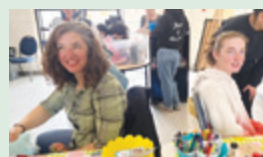
Beavers making stick rafts and racing them down Confederation Creek



Cubs camping out at Wayne, AB

Cubs tried to beat the heat on the spring camp out to Wayne, AB. Next up, they will just have returned from an overnight backpack in May, and are looking forward to canoe lessons in June.

Scouter Teresa and Scout Mary volunteered at the Triwood Easter Egg hunt and painted over 200 faces! They have two more camps planned before the end of June.



Scouter Teresa and Scout Mary painting faces at the Triwood Easter Egg Hunt

If you're interested in having your youth join, we are always looking for more members in fall. Scouting is 100% volunteer-run, and we will need more leaders, especially in our Beaver group, to keep things moving. See details below on becoming a leader and feel free to reach out with questions.

Happy Scouting!

4th Elks Triwood

Fundraisers

Thanks to everyone who participated in our bottle drives and other fundraisers. Stay tuned for our fall market coffee sales. We might have a presence at Super Soccer Saturday – stay tuned!

Become a Leader

We need leaders to make these programs happen. If you are new to scouting or want to get back into Scouting and are interested in building your outdoor skills along with your youth, there is a place for you at 4th Elks. Contact us at 4thElksTriwood@gmail.com.

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For over three years, the Brentwood Little Food Library has helped provide food and connections to those struggling as part of our community. We continue to have the porch bin setup, to accept your food donation (we'll check for squirrels before we bring it over).

Little Food Library (3624 Boulton Rd NW): Thanks for the tremendous support this winter. Demand continues to grow and many times through the day the box is empty. We are still getting some days of below freezing temperatures, so stable goods (like nuts, peanut butter, fish in oil, rice/pasta, cereal, and dried fruit) are helpful to have. But since it is warming up, canned goods are warmly welcome again. Donations of cash or gift cards are always welcome, please use the mailbox and ring the bell or text 403-606-6949 so it gets picked up.

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Celebrate Our Community! Win Door Prizes!

by Lee Hunt

Plan to attend the Brentwood Community Association's 60th Anniversary celebrations – and try to win a door prize too!

The Neighbour Day event is on Saturday, June 17 outside the Sportsplex. This is a free event.

The dinner and dance are inside the Sportsplex on Saturday, July 29 and tickets are required. Contact office@brentwoodcommunity.com for tickets.

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Off The Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

In the Settlers Book Club, we read Jesse Thistle's second book *Scars and Stars*. This collection of prose poems is a very accessible and moving read.

Scars reference the damage Jesse did to his Achilles heel in an incident described in his previous book. He still experiences physical and emotional pain and states that for him poetry serves as a healing tool. He views it as an "Achilles shield" through which he can "create the world anew." Stars, on the other hand, represent "moments of beauty that can illuminate the scars."

He divides the book into thematic sections with evocative titles: A Private War, Show Me Your Scars, Love Letters from Rehab, Forgotten Tobacco, and Someone's Ancestors. Each section starts with an introduction explaining what the section is about and in the process shares aspects of his life not included in his first book.

He dedicates each section to different people in his life: family, street workers, neighbours, rehab staff, and recovering addicts. Some of the poems which stood out for me included "The Suit," referring to the often threadbare and out of fashion suits that released prisoners wear upon re-entering life outside prison; and "The Convict's Braid." At first, I thought the braid referred to hair, but he was talking about convicts braiding sheets into ropes. Then there's "Passport," describing how drug dealers spot undercover cops by the lack of scars on the bottoms of their feet. Very poignant was "Please Remember My Name," referring to the silencing of identity while in prison. "St. Stella" is about the paramedic who recognized him when he was on the street and took him home for a shower and a meal and offered a roof over his head for the night.

Sometimes it was single lines of poetry that stood out for me. In "Christopher" he describes looking into the eyes of someone with "black, vacant pupils right down to the ocean floor." "Labour of Love" tenderly expresses his very deep feelings for his wife "Lucie."

One phrase that struck several of us in the book club was: "What matters is the quality of the heart, rather

than quality of the mind." In "Reciprocal Onion" he recounts wisdom shared by his auntie Maria Campbell.

In the last section, Someone's Ancestors, Thistle ends with poems about domestic life and parenthood.

In the video we watched, Thistle said that his first book, *From the Ashes*, was written based on the senses; that it was empirical in approach. In contrast, he wrote the poems in *Scars and Stars* from the heart. Jesse has a very generous one: besides teaching as an associate professor in the Department of Humanities at York University in Toronto, he advocates for the unhoused.

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60 Years in Brentwood – Part Two

by Lee Hunt

If you had an opportunity to read “60 Years in Brentwood – Part One,” which appeared in the May edition of the Bugle, you will recall that I interviewed ten long-time Brentwood residents. They told me of an early Brentwood with no trees, lots of dust, and cows and horses – the former roaming loose.

My “experts”—now joined by two more residents, Sandy and Len—also told me that both the Public and Separate school boards built elementary, junior high, and high schools in the Brentwood area “just as our children needed them,” said Susanne.

Over the years, along came amenities such as Sir Winston Churchill Swimming Pool (now upgraded to a Rec Centre), the Nose Hill Library, and the Brentwood Sportsplex. Sandy, who moved here a “mere 46 years ago” recalls that the Sportsplex had “just been completed and all we newcomers were asked to donate was \$100 – what a bargain!”

Though Calgary Transit had long served Brentwood, Alice recalls the fare being 10 cents, with Brisebois being the westernmost stop. The arrival of the LRT shortly prior to our 1988 Olympics made access to downtown that much quicker.

And who remembers the Air Raid Siren which used to be behind the service station at the corner of Brisebois and Northmount? My historians do not recall exactly when the siren was installed nor when it came down, but nearby resident Len recalls a day in the early 60s when the siren just kept blaring and blaring and blaring. Len’s mother was convinced that Canada was under attack!

Over the years, a number of churches were built in Brentwood. And have I mentioned our proximity to the two buildings which in 1963 changed from being the University of Alberta in Calgary (UAC) to the University of Calgary (U of C)? Those two original buildings are now well dwarfed by the many newer, taller buildings. Charlene is pleased that “my kids all attended U of C and could easily walk from Brentwood.”

When asked why they have remained almost 60 years in Brentwood, Margaret and Bruce told me because, “It’s all here.” Walt commented that “With the trees all grown, Brentwood is such a pretty area of the city.” Others referred to “easy access to malls and medical clinics” plus “easy access to the mountains.” Many referred to programs offered by the Brentwood Community Association for school age children in the areas of soccer, hockey, figure skating, and lacrosse. Charlene enjoyed coordinating and refereeing soccer when her children were in that program. She is proof of Sandy’s belief that “Brentwood loves volunteerism.” Claire and Ernie observed that, “All of these amenities have encouraged many young people who grew up here to now live in their parents’ home as the parents downsized or passed away.” Thus, another generation will raise their children in Brentwood.

I extend my thanks to all of the long-time Brentwoodians who shared their memories with me. I would certainly add that another “plus” to Brentwood is the friendly and helpful people such as Joyce, Walt, Margaret, Bruce, Alice, Charlene, Maureen, Susanne, Claire, Ernie, Sandy, and Len who so generously shared their memories for *The Bugle*.

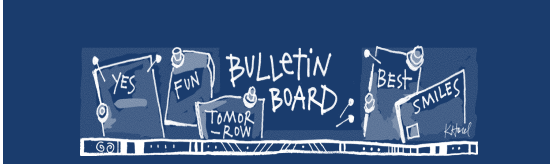
Prairie Mountain Fiddlers



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15 musicians from the Prairie Mountain Fiddlers performed at an “Under 100 Club” event at Hope Lutheran Church on April 20, 2023.

This local group of musicians finds great joy in sharing their love for old time fiddle music. Almost 90 guests enjoyed the toe-tapping music!



Casino Coordinator Needed!

If you are interested in taking on the role, which involves recruiting volunteers and submitting paperwork to AGLC, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477 or linda.vanholst@brentwoodcommunity.com.

Brentwood Cares - Little Food Library and More!

With your donations and support, we continue to stock the Brentwood Cares Little Food Library twice daily, for use by people of all ages and circumstances, from elders to students.

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Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team

Seeking Christmas Market Vendors

The BCA will be hosting a Christmas Market on November 4, 2023. If you want to reserve a table for your business, please submit the registration form at the link below. Space is limited so reserve early! <http://brentwoodcommunity.com/2023/03/31/seeking-christmas-market-vendors>.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Spring brought renewal and awakening of Mother Earth in April. There was a three-hour interpretive walk to connect with cultural landscapes through the ages in Nose Hill Park where attendees could be closer to the stars.

The group at the John Laurie Blvd parking lot began the 2.2 km route on pathway and gravel trail. The leaders were Crystal Many Fingers, a Blackfoot member of the Kainai First Nation of Treaty 7, and Laureen Bryant, a professional archaeologist who focused on human occupation.

Legends and sharing stories are an integral part of an oral culture. The importance of Nose Hill to pre-contact indigenous people is highlighted by sites such as the buffalo rubbing stone for ceremonies, vision questing, and fasting.

A natural area is a City-owned park with a natural/native plant community. Our primary role is to preserve the natural significance. Conservation protects these (relatively) undisturbed parcels of land. Damage can be repaired while loss can be restored.

Public engagement and feedback from tourists will contribute to Calgary's 20-year Park Plan. After a draft proposal, there comes a final version by spring 2024, before presentation to City Council. For more information, visit <https://engage.calgary.ca/parksplan>.

A House or a Home?

Submitted by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

If I ask you to picture a “house” in your mind, what do you see? Probably the exterior of a house, maybe a peaked roof or large windows, maybe some flowers and trees? Now, what if I ask you to think of the word “home” instead? Chances are you are focused more on the interior, the furniture, the photos on the wall, or the decorating and the things that we do to make our “house” into a “home.”

Everyone needs a home, but that home does not always need to be a “house.” It might be a condo, a townhouse, even a trailer or a room in a friend’s house. Regardless of the form, housing has become expensive and not everyone has access to good, safe, or affordable housing. If you use the Bow River pathways, it’s likely that you have seen tents or shelters in the trees or along the riverbanks. It’s not just in downtown areas. Last year there was a shelter in the trees in Brenner Park near Dr. EW Coffin School.

What has changed? At the risk of over-simplifying complex issues, it does seem that changes can be broadly lumped into two categories: social/economic issues and development/building changes.

Certainly, COVID accelerated some trends that were already present. Some users of facilities like the Drop-In Centre didn’t feel safe and some organizations had to cut back on the services they were able to provide. Many people lost their jobs as businesses were shut down. The LRT lost much of its ridership and some stations were used as ad hoc temporary shelters or gathering spaces, plus there was an increased presence of drugs like opioids and Fentanyl. Many individuals found themselves in precarious positions or homeless.

But housing itself also changed. When Brentwood was developed 60 years ago, nobody had ever heard of Airbnb and “flipping” houses wasn’t jargon that most people knew. In a May Bugle article, Lee Hunt interviewed residents who have lived in Brentwood since the beginning of the community, some for over 60 years! If you are a long-time resident, when you bought your house, you were likely looking primarily for a long-term “home” and not so concerned with the appreciation and valuation of your home as an asset.

Other factors also enter into the picture: work from home (the ability to live anywhere and commute only rarely), short-term rentals and Airbnb, foreign ownership, and even a proliferation of renovation shows on TV that promote quick renovations as a means of rapidly increasing the value of a home. On top of that, rapidly increasing housing prices in places like Vancouver and Toronto provided windfall gains for property owners who could “flip” their properties and make a lot of money for simply holding a property for a short period of time.

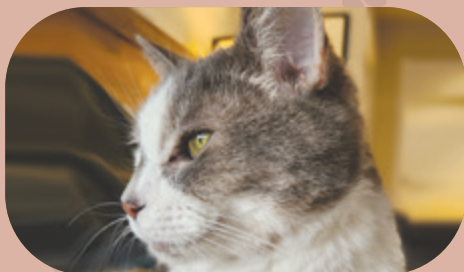
In most of those cases, property is viewed primarily as an investment rather than a “home.” When a new Canadian law with regards to foreign buyers of residential properties took effect January 1, the statement on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s website was that “The desirability of Canadian homes is attracting profiteers, wealthy corporations, and foreign investors. This is leading to a real problem of underused and vacant housing, rampant speculation, and skyrocketing prices. Homes are for people, not investors.”

“Homes are for people, not investors.” Certainly, we need investment in houses, but should it be privately or publicly funded? What role should the City play in creating or supporting more affordable housing options, for example, converting existing office towers into housing? There are no easy or correct answers, but there are many different opinions as to how to begin to tackle the problems.

From a Planning perspective, it might seem that the easiest way to have more options for housing, especially more affordable options, is simply to build a lot more. If there is a glut of housing, prices should come down, right? Except it doesn’t seem to be working that way. Many of the newer townhouses and multi-unit buildings are replacing existing old homes: the old ones were cheaper to rent, while the new homes sell or rent for much higher amounts. Newer doesn’t necessarily mean affordable. Plus, with increasing numbers of new residents coming to Calgary, the number of new builds cannot outpace the growth.

Herein lies the challenge: according to Statistics Canada, Calgary’s population increased by 42,225 between 2021 and 2022. If you were in charge of Planning and Development, where and how would you house that number of people? Part two of this article will continue next month with a look at some facts and figures.

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COME CHECK US OUT!



Dear Residents of Ward 4,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to discuss the importance of preserving natural areas in our community. Natural areas are a unique type of park space that play a vital role in supporting the biodiversity of our city. These spaces provide a natural environment for plants, insects, birds, and other wildlife to thrive while also offering a place for the public to access and enjoy.

Unlike manicured parks, natural areas do not require the same level or frequency of management. It may be tempting to mow or trim natural area vegetation near your property line, but doing so can have damaging effects on the natural area. Mowing removes wildlife habitat and alters the local ecological system, diminishing the health and integrity of natural areas and reducing their ability to provide benefits like stormwater storage and filtration, carbon sequestration, and pollinator habitat.

Furthermore, mowing interferes with everyone's ability to enjoy the natural aesthetic of these areas. Therefore, it is crucial to understand that maintenance methods like mowing and weed control are different for natural areas versus manicured parks. By avoiding mowing into natural areas, you can help protect native plants, animals, and the ecological systems that allow them to thrive in our city.

Remember, park space is available for all Calgarians to enjoy. For more information on natural areas and how they are maintained, please visit <https://www.calgary.ca/parks/natural-areas> or contact 311.

Additionally, I want to bring your attention to the issue of pooled water on streets during heavy rainfalls. If you notice water accumulating around storm drains and it hasn't drained within 90 minutes, take a photo and report it using the 311 app or through an online request at [calgary.ca/stormdrains](https://www.calgary.ca/stormdrains). This will help the City's crews prioritize their response. However, if the water poses an immediate threat to safety or is entering a building, please contact 311 immediately.

Let's work together to preserve our natural areas and keep our community safe during heavy rainfall.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,

Sean Chu



Where to Start?

Still in school? Just graduated? Looking for a second career? Just looking for a better job?

Looking for a new career is a daunting process no matter your reasons or your age. The Government of Canada has a number of useful tools that help you chart (or rechart) your future. All of the digital resources below are available at www.lenwebbermp.ca/careers. By making the right decisions early, you can save time, money, and stress when it comes to career choices.

Your best job performance and satisfaction comes when your career matches your personality and skills. Canada.ca offers three personality quizzes that help identify your style of thinking and understanding, your learning style, and your work values. The results of each personality test help you better understand how you may fit with future employers.

By using the career possibilities quizzes, individuals can determine how their unique interests, abilities, and skills fit with possible fields of interest. The second quiz helps you identify what your strong skills are, and the third quiz lets you discover how you like to work. The results help you focus your employment search in areas where you are most likely to be satisfied and successful.

Once you find careers you are interested in, you can use the Job Profiles section to find out more about that specific career and the available opportunities. Just search the job and enter a location (city or province) and you will find out more about the common education requirements, the average pay, available jobs, and what skills are most recommended.

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