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Dear Brentwoodians,

I received a message from Epilepsy Calgary about a way they are raising awareness about the disease and the services their organization offers, which I want to share with Bugle readers:

"Purple: it's not just the colour of royalty – it also starts a conversation every March and inspires us to turn the city purple for Epilepsy Awareness Month! In 2008, a girl named Cassidy Megan had a great idea, she wanted to get people talking about epilepsy. As someone living with the condition, she knew firsthand how the lack of understanding and communication makes those with seizures feel alone and isolated...and it stuck!

March is Epilepsy Awareness Month in Canada and every March 26 marks Purple Day, when landmarks and buildings across Calgary, Southern Alberta, and Canada will be lit purple to celebrate. We hope you'll help us raise awareness by turning your outdoor and indoor LED lights to purple – join us in lighting up Calgary purple! Don't forget to post and share your pics on social media or send them to giving@epilepsycalgary.com.

More than 30,000 people in Calgary and Southern Alberta are living with an epilepsy diagnosis. When someone has a seizure, a discharge of excessive electrical activity in the brain affects how a person feels, thinks, and behaves. The symptoms range from mild to debilitating and can last anywhere from seconds to minutes. Epilepsy Calgary offers programs, support services, and advocacy to anyone affected by epilepsy – free of charge and with no waitlists – together, more Albertans are living well with epilepsy. Thank you for your support!

#purpleday2023 #epilepsyawareness #epilepsycalgary

With thanks,

Lenya Wilson, Volunteer Ambassador, Epilepsy Association of Calgary"

Photo Contest

The Bugle is looking for Brentwood's best amateur photographers to provide cover images each month. If you have a great snap of our neighbourhood saved on your phone or posted on your social media feed, send it in for a chance to be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue! Photos must be 300 DPI or higher (i.e., from a newer model phone or good digital camera), 2400 x 1600 pixels minimum size, and portrait

orientation. If submitting pictures of minors, please make sure that you have direct, express permission to submit the picture from a parent or guardian. Send your photos, or any questions, to bcabugle@telus.net.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Jucker, Editor

Brentwood Bugle

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Brentwood's 60th Anniversary

Brentwood Logo Contest

Help us celebrate Brentwood turning 60! We're looking for a positive Brentwood logo for printing on stickers, T-Shirts, posters, and perhaps other swag. Contest is open from March 1 to April 15. Please submit image in either .prn, .jpg, or .pdf format to brentwoodcares@brentwoodcommunity.com by April 15. Logo should be about 7.5"x10" in size and must have Brentwood, but then it's your imagination!

Think Brentwood is beautiful, it's better in Brentwood, I love Brentwood...

The winning logo will be used throughout the year, on the July Bugle cover, and we'll try to get you some wonderful Brentwood Swag with your logo and of course your name on it.

How Long Have You Lived In Brentwood?

This year, the Brentwood Community Association is celebrating its 60th birthday.

Bugle columnist Lee Hunt would like to interview anyone who has lived in Brentwood for the entire 60 years – so, if you have lived in Brentwood since 1963 or earlier, and are willing to be interviewed, please call Lee at 403-284-1083.

Thanks - Brentwood 1961



Bugle reader, Maureen Faunt sent me this amazing photo of our community – before it was a community! In her words: "This is a photo taken in 1961 from what will become Brentwood Blvd. (behind the mall) looking north towards Nose Hill, covering a large area that will become Brentwood district."

It is wonderful to see pictures of our local history. Any readers with similar photos in their albums are invited to share them with the Bugle!

Volunteers Needed!

Brentwood is turning 60 next year, and the Brentwood Community Association is assembling an Anniversary Committee to plan events to mark this milestone. They are looking for volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Linda Van Holst at the BCA office at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or 403-284-3477. Let's all help to make this a year to remember and celebrate our great community!



Public Skating at Brentwood Sportsplex

Cooler weather is here, so get your skates sharpened and enjoy some ice time at the Brentwood Sportsplex!

Mondays: 10:00 to 11:30 am
January 9 to March 27, 2023

Wednesdays: 1:30 to 3:00 pm
January 11 to March 29, 2023

No Public Skating Dates:
February 20, 2023.

* No public skating on statutory holidays

Cost: \$1 per person (pay at the office)

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Community Needs Analysis - Have You Got Yours In?

Our Community Needs Analysis went live last summer. Our goal was to gather broad input about community concerns and start to create a community talent bank. Response was much less than expected, less than 30 people.

The top five issues identified in order of concern (we had a tie for #1) were:

1. Sense of community belonging
2. Neighbourhood safety/petty crime
3. Seniors' basic needs, social isolation, and security
4. Supports for caregivers and parents
5. Community social activities

Brentwood Cares is all volunteers with a budget of zero, but we can access grants and Brentwood has amazing talents. Based on final survey results and community discussions, we'll look at the topics we can tackle and those we can engage others to provide support with. This year is Brentwood's 60th anniversary, a chance to build community, address social isolation, and have more community social activities. We'll have to look at how we might support caregivers and parents through things like community movie nights, respite care hours; and how overall we can make anniversary events more accessible?

If you have skills or talents you'd like to share with our community, please let us know. Are you skilled in dance or art, would you like to tutor French or perhaps teach people how to bake? Do you have free time to babysit for a single parent or a couple without relatives close by?

Survey covers: Affordable housing, Seniors' basic needs, social isolation and security, Food Insecurity, Community social activities, Supports for caregivers and parents, Community mental health support, Community educational opportunities, Sense of community welcoming, Sense of community belonging, and Neighborhood safety/petty crime. As well, there is an option to add other concerns we may have missed.

For some concerns, like affordable housing, Brentwood Cares will be limited in what we can do. Perhaps providing sessions on budgeting and options to manage other costs. Brentwood Cares can certainly help address concerns like social isolation, social activities, and community education activities.



Survey link: <http://bit.ly/BrentwoodCares2022>

Brentwood Outdoor Rink Enhancements

The BCA intends to improve the Brentwood outdoor rink by installing end boards. This is a major project that will require volunteers, fundraising, and community support. This will provide a flexible space for hockey and recreational skating, and practice areas for other sports such as football and soccer in the off-season. The BCA is forming a committee to successfully carry out this project. If you are able to lead or participate, please send an email to office@brentwoodcommunity.com.

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.

Learn to Skate Coordinator Needed!

We are looking for two skating program coordinators to communicate with skaters and coaches and help to run the programs smoothly. If interested, please contact Linda Van Holst at 403-284-3477, extension 2 or email office@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.

Items can be dropped off in the library itself or in the box beside the door at 3624 Boulton Rd at any time. Because of COVID-19, please only donate sealed and unopened items. Hats off to Brentwood for your continued support!

Liza and the Brentwood Cares Team

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Check out the Buy Nothing Brentwood/Charleswood/Collingwood Facebook page, or buynothingproject.org.

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City Councillor: Sean Chu (Ward 4): info@seanchu.ca; 403-268-3727.

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MP: Len Webber (Calgary Confederation): Len.Webber.c1@parl.gc.ca; 403-220-0888.

There's a Development Permit Next Door, What Happens Next?

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

Imagine you come home one day to find a City of Calgary sign on the neighbour's front lawn, with information about a Development Permit (DP) or a Land Use Change (LOC) proposed for the property. What does this mean and what happens next?

If a sign has been posted, then the project requires a DP because the scope of the work posed a significant change to the property or was outside of the standard rules established for that district. (Check with the City if you are unsure about whether or not you require a permit. For example, you can paint or make minor alterations without a permit, but electrical or gas line work likely will require a permit. You can find a complete list of items that require a DP under the Land Use Bylaw, Section 25. Type in "LUB1P2007" into a search engine to get a fully interactive guide.)

There are three main steps in the DP process.

1. Application Submitted

This phase includes an initial review by City Planning staff.

2. Under Review

Once a DP is under review, a file manager has been assigned and there will be "Notice Posting" (sign boards) for one week at the property site. The Brentwood Community Association (BCA) also receives an electronic version of the plans for purposes of review.

In 2018, the BCA Development and Transportation Committee started writing up and hand-delivering a Neighbour Notification (NN) to adjacent homes so that residents knew who to contact for more information. Typically, we circulate a friendly letter to two homes on either side, and several homes across the street or alley.

Feedback comments must be planning related: they must focus on the "use", not the "user". For example, you may comment on window placement, shadowing, or massing but you cannot comment on potential tenants or how the property may be used.

When the BCA receives comments on a proposal, we include those comments in our reviews. We refer to the relevant planning regulations such as height, lot coverage, or setbacks, but we also consider aspects such as window placement, air conditioner locations (noise impact), and trees and landscaping. It helps us with a review if we receive comments from neighbours. For example, sometimes neighbours may suggest that some trees are retained or that new ones should be planted, and even though this may not be mandated in the Land Use Bylaw, we can include these comments for review by City Planners. In another case, a neighbour may support the removal of a tree that is straddling the property line and has grown too large for the site. That kind of feedback is relevant for us and for the file manager who ultimately reviews the application.

3. Decision Outcome

Once a Decision is made, there is an "Advertising and Appeal Period" of 21 days. If there are objections to the approved DP, affected parties must file an appeal with the Subdivision and Appeal Board (SDAB) within 21 days. If there is no appeal, there will be some Prior to Release Conditions and finally, the Permit Release.

You can also look up information on DPs in your area – even if you are not directly affected – on the DMap at www.dmap.calgary.ca. In the past year, the City has started posting drawings or plans on this website and it's interesting to see what is proposed for a site.

In Brentwood and Charleswood we are seeing a lot of change and renewal. City policies dictate the planning process, and our voices are but one aspect of any review. The Development and Transportation Committee of the BCA tries to make sure that people have as much information as possible about what is happening, and clear information about how to participate in the planning process.

If you are interested in community planning and redevelopment issues, we welcome new members to join us. We meet at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of every month in the Sportsplex Boardroom. Contact the BCA for more information at office@brentwoodcommunity.com or at 403-284-3477.

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Esso Hockey Week

Congratulations to the Northwest Warriors, who had two teams win their divisions at the Esso Minor Hockey Championship: the U13-1 (coached by Brian Sartison) and U15-NBC2. As always, the Brentwood community is thrilled to play host to so many talented youngsters at our Sportsplex.



Esso Hockey Week - U15 Champs



Esso Hockey Week - U13 Champs

Joke of the Month

What's the difference
between a hippo and a Zippo?

One is really heavy, and
the other is a little lighter.

Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

We often hear about the need for healing within Indigenous communities but don't necessarily understand what this entails. Chapters 9 and 10 from the Final Report of the Enquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls go a long way to explaining this and offers concrete examples of Indigenous-led healing initiatives.

Chapter 9 makes it clear that for healing to take place it must address the Four Pathways to Violence: "Inter and multigenerational trauma; economic marginalization, the lack of institutional will to change, and the failure to recognize the agency and experience of Indigenous women and girls and Two-Spirit". The report goes on to elaborate four "foundational concepts" in healing: "dignity, family participation, peer support, and cultural safety". Approaches to healing need to be holistic, and long term.

Much of the chapter is devoted to numerous examples of Indigenous-led resource centres across the country which offer a range of services and supports to Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit. At the heart of these are cultural programs are teachings that instill a grounded sense of identity and pride and reconnection to community and families.

These centres offer dignity and a culturally safe space, encourage family participation, offer peer support, and use a holistic approach to service delivery.

Unfortunately, often these centres and programs are not sufficiently funded, which undermines their stability and longevity, and they often encounter systemic barriers. For example, Grandma's House which provided various programs for sex workers in Vancouver's Downtown East Side had to move to a new location which was more deserted and dangerous. Then the police made their location public, and eventually they were forced to close.

Chapter 10 talks about how commemoration of loved ones can play a role in healing. This cannot be founded only on the past but must address the continuing impact of colonization today. In turn, commemoration should lead to action and bring communities together. Reference is made to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action involving commemoration and the need to fund Indigenous artists to engage in commemoration projects.

A special term is used to describe commemoration through art: "Calling Forth", as a way to remember those who are murdered and missing and to bring about healing. The point is also made that it is not about victimization but about leaving a legacy for the future, one that leads to action for justice.

To this end, the Enquiry created a Legacy Archive of artwork and projects. What follows is a description of many community and individual art projects that are now part of the Archive, some collected at the Enquiry hearings, and some created afterwards. Those collected at the hearings were placed in a red willow basket, symbolizing "connection to land, ceremony, and culture". The offerings included poems, visual artwork, music, as well as ornaments and baby items. Community projects focused on remembering included "The Tile Project" and the "Heart Puzzle," murals, videos, and Red Dresses. There were many more examples and I encourage all who are interested in the healing power of art to read this chapter.

Sanaaq, an Inuit Novel was originally written in Inuktitut syllabics over a period of 20 years and published in 1984. It was the first book to be published in this language and was later translated into French and finally published in English in 2014.

The author, an Inuk woman named Mitiarjuk Mapaaluq, began writing in the mid 50s. As we learned from *The Right to be Cold*, before this time contact with the outside world was usually through trading posts and the exchange of a variety of goods for furs. With the end of WWII, the disappearance of the fox, and the dwindling of the caribou herds, the closing of the trading posts, the killing of sled dogs by the RCMP, the establishment of settled communities, the introduction of government services, and the presence of missionaries, life began changing more rapidly.

Sanaaq creates a vivid picture of what life on the land - hunting, trapping, and gathering - were like for Sanaaq and her small Inuit family group, as well as the changes that were occurring in that way of life. The book is composed of 43 very short anecdotal chapters that focus on different events in Sanaaq's life: these include encounters with polar bears, giving birth, childhood quarrels, leaking igloos, death in the water, the making of clothes, learning from the Elders, hunting, fishing, and gathering, the arrival of the missionaries, being hospitalized in the south, domestic violence, and community feasts. As these

stories unroll, they offer a testament to the human spirit and ingenuity. For example, when water bodies were frozen over, families would hack holes in the ice and descend below the surface to dig clams while the tide was out. The goal was to gather as many clams as possible and climb out before the tide came back in.

Life on the land was harsh as danger, cold, and hunger were always present. But so also were the tight ties among extended family members and others in the hunting camps. Reciprocity was a norm as meat from the hunt was always shared. The feasts were a way to bring people together and to mark departures from the community and arrivals home. There were accounts of the constant incursions of dogs into food supplies, and games played with small animal bones. Altogether these stories paint an intimate picture of how humans survived in a very difficult environment.

Napaaluk, who never received a formal education, went on to write over 20 more books in Inuktitut syllabics before her death in 2007. She was awarded a Ph.D. for her efforts to preserve the language and culture for future generations of Inuk children.



She Will Be Missed

A recent obituary in the Calgary Herald read, "A staunch feminist, an ardent unionist, a long-time supporter of the NDP, and a proud adoptive mother, Beth Wiwchar was known for her outspokenness and for her never calling a spade something other than a spade. But her gruff exterior belied an inner generosity."

Beth and her husband moved to Brentwood in 1961 – in fact, theirs was the very first home to be completed on their block! When I interviewed Beth for a 2013 Bugle article about her, Beth told me with a chuckle that, "when we moved in, the Brentwood area was flat like a pancake, knee high with prairie grass, then clay." She described their car getting so stuck in the clay that a tow truck had to be called.

I recently spoke with Garth, Beth's neighbour of 20 years. Garth described Beth as "a straight shooter with a great sense of humour," who was "generous always" and "quick to reward and pay helpful neighbourhood children in order to promote their sense of responsibility."

We at the Bugle extend our condolences to Beth's son Craig, daughter-in-law Melissa, grandson Jack, and her extended family and friends.

This 62-year resident of Brentwood will be missed!





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Investing In Our Future

A balanced budget and a growing economy create jobs and enable us to invest in what is important to Albertans. Here are a few highlights on how our government is investing in Alberta.

Supporting Job Creation

Our province created 88,800 new jobs in 2022 (almost 25 percent of all new jobs created in the country). Job outlook for 2023 has forecasters predicting more economic growth and diversification on the horizon for Alberta.

Diversifying the Economy

Alberta is once again a top destination for investment capital. The last few years saw major investments from companies like Telus, Mphasis, Amazon, Walmart, Air Products, Dow, PIP International, de Havilland, and Phyto Organix Foods, to name a few. Imperial Oil recently announced that it is building a \$720 million renewable diesel facility – the largest facility of its kind in Canada – in Alberta.

Balancing the Budget

International credit rating agencies are taking note of Alberta. Moody's Investors Services upgraded Alberta's credit rating to AA2. This decision speaks volumes about our government's management and decision-making as we focus on healthcare, education, the economy, and affordability for all Albertans.

Investing in Healthcare

A balanced budget and growing economy allow us to continue to invest in healthcare. We have invested a record breaking \$22 billion in healthcare in 2022, the highest amount ever, and we will continue to invest more in Budget 2023.

We are building a province that is stronger and more resilient than ever.

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.

GAMES & PUZZLES

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

by Shelly Smith

Test your knowledge of St. Patrick's Day. Have fun!



1. What country is St. Patrick the patron saint of?

- a. Canada
- b. Ireland
- c. Scotland

2. According to Irish lore, what did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?

- a. Snakes
- b. Rats
- c. Witches

3. What colour is worn on St. Patrick's Day?

- a. Blue
- b. Red
- c. Green

4. What date in March is St. Patrick's Day?

- a. March 1
- b. March 16
- c. March 17

5. How many pints of Guinness are consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day every year?

- a. 13,000,000
- b. 1,300,000
- c. 1,000,000

6. What is St. Patrick's nickname?

- a. St. Paddy
- b. St. Patty
- c. St. Irish

7. When and where was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held in Canada?

- a. Quebec City in 1765
- b. Ottawa in 1870
- c. Halifax in 1790

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