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Dear Brentwoodians,

At time of writing, we are heading into what is promising to be a beautiful long weekend! I won't tempt fate by expecting to not get any more snow this season, but it does look like winter is starting to fade. While we will say farewell to winter activities like skating and sledding, the warmer weather is always wonderful for our sense of community, as neighbours emerge from their homes to walk, work in the garden, and hopefully renew their connections with each other and the places in which we live, work, and play.

I have been thinking a lot about "sense of place" lately due to some projects I am involved with at U of C, where there is a lot of interest and research happening into the way that people interact with the spaces through which they move as they go about their lives. While we always hope that our environment – built or natural – provides us with feelings of security, belonging, and happiness, this is not always the case. Different individuals react in varied ways to the places we live in and pass through, based on their identity, ability, lived experiences, and a host of other factors.

How do Bugle readers react to the spaces in and around Brentwood? What are your favourite spots? What places do you avoid or feel unwelcome in? Try to think about this as you get outside with the warmer weather and let me know. Our community's 60th anniversary is a great time to take stock of what makes Brentwood special... and to start thinking about ways to make it even better!

Sponsorship Opportunity

If you have a business in Brentwood, here is a chance to show your commitment to our community as a sponsor. Various levels are available and each offer amazing opportunities to highlight your business and brand while supporting community events and improvements to the Sportsplex arena. Please see the sponsorship letter here: <http://brentwoodcommunity.com/2023/03/31/sponsorship-opportunity>, or contact BCA president Bonita McCurry at Bonita.McCurry@brentwoodcommunity.com.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Jucker, editor

Brentwood Bugle

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Come out for an evening to learn about the Arusha Centre and it's work for over 50 years to build a better city, by helping Calgarians through community economic development and community resilience programs.

Their documentary will be shown, and following the film there will be time to briefly talk about issues you believe are important for Brentwood and think about where we might take action. There will also be an opportunity for a sharing of resources for community change, like the Arusha Centre's Take Action grants, which could provide a resource to help build a better Brentwood.

Little Food Library

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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Brentwood's 60th Anniversary

Celebrate Our Community! Win Door Prizes!

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 Dine is inside the Sportsplex on Saturday, July 29 and tickets are required. Contact office@brentwoodcommunity.com for tickets.

We thank the following generous businesses for their donation of gift cards or gifts in kind:

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See you at Neighbour Day!

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!

Volunteers Needed!

Brentwood is turning 60 this 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!

Save the Date BCA 60th Anniversary Events

JUN 17	NEIGHBOUR DAY Petting Zoo and Bouncy Castle 11am - 5pm
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60 Years in Brentwood

by Lee Hunt

Happy 60th Anniversary to the Brentwood Community Association (BCA)! Brentwood has come a long way in those 60 years since the inception of the Brentwood Community Association in 1963.

I have been enjoying speaking recently with residents who have lived in Brentwood all or most of those 60 years – Joyce, Walt, Claire, Ernie, Susanne, Alice, Charlene, Maureen, Margaret, and Bruce.

All reflected on their earliest days in Brentwood – lots of wind, dust, even tumbleweeds – certainly no trees. Add to that, shortly after they finally got a lawn growing, Alice and her husband awoke one morning to find that “cattle from the open prairie across the street from us had walked all over our front yard during the night... leaving deep hoof prints all over. Consequently, we had to reseed it.”

Cows were not the only livestock in Brentwood. Maureen used to ride her bike down Northmount almost to Northland to visit the horses which grazed there (where the bank and shops are today), while Susanne remembers buying eggs from a farm where the tennis courts, mural, and Captain John Palliser School now sit. Maureen also recalls the day that “the old white farmhouse (where Susanne bought the eggs) caught fire and caused a huge commotion in the neighbourhood as firetrucks roared by to put it out.” The mural, which is now on the tennis courts, pays tribute to that farm couple and their dog. (As an aside, does anyone recall that couple’s name? If so, please contact Linda at the BCA at 404-284-3477. Thanks.)

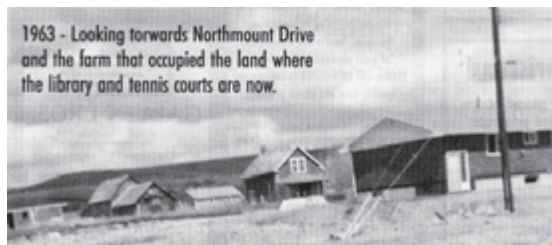
Joyce told me of the City planting two saplings on each property (though she was not impressed that her father refused those saplings!), while both Walt and Susanne commented on the splendor of the large trees which those small saplings have become.

As it was primarily young families who moved into the “still being built” and “reasonably priced” Brentwood, there were “scads of kids”. Claire and Ernie estimate at least 20 little ones on their block, while Margaret and Bruce recall 30 on theirs. At Halloween, residents prepared for 200 to 300 costumed revellers!

As the community grew, so did the amenities. My “experts” recall the arrival of grocery stores, including one on the site of the former Acadia Motel and Trailer Park. Kresge’s had a Brentwood store, while Joyce and Alice recall the Brentwood movie theatre. There were also at least three service stations right in the community. Maureen remembers working for veterinarian Dr. John Quine whose clinic was in Brentwood, about where the four high rise condo towers are now. There was a car wash in that area as well.

The former Turtle Park, so called because there was a stone turtle for the children to play on, has become Blakiston Park with separate playgrounds for younger children and for older ones.

As you can tell, the long-time residents I interviewed had lots of memories to share. We are hoping to include another article of this kind in next month’s Bugle as we continue to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Brentwood Community Association. Make certain that you and your family attend some of the celebratory events such as the free Saturday, June 17 Neighbour Day outside the Sportsplex, the Banquet and Dance on Saturday, July 29 at the Sportsplex (purchase tickets at office@brentwoodcommunity.com), or the free September celebration in Blakiston Park (date to be announced).



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Brentwood Development and Transportation Committee

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

Who Was Jane Jacobs? What Are “Jane’s Walks”?

In 1961, Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) published her book *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. That’s about the same time that the community of Brentwood was just being planned, and two years before the Brentwood Community Association was established. Yet even now, 62 years later, that book is still relevant. The New York Times has written that this book is “Perhaps the most influential single work in the history of town planning.”

So, Who Was Jane Jacobs?

Jane was an urban activist and writer who revolutionized the urban planning profession through her observations and writings about how cities function. She spent a lot of her time observing people, interactions, and neighbourhoods, and coined the phrases “eyes on the street” and the “ballet of the sidewalk.”

“Eyes on the street” meant that everyone felt safe because the presence of a crowd protected everyone. The intricate “ballet” meant that many people interact in many different ways, but somehow come together in an orderly whole. Jane had the ability to see a neighbourhood in a practical and different way from what was common at the time.

The amazing aspect of Jane’s influence was that she initially did not have any formal training in planning and yet became an effective, well-known spokesperson for communities. In New York, Jacobs organized successful community battles against powerful opposition and in Toronto she helped prevent the construction of an expressway that would have divided several neighbourhoods in Toronto.

What are Jane’s Walks and Why are They Held?

Jane’s Walks are free neighbourhood walking tours led by volunteers who are passionate about their communities. The Walks take place in May, in Calgary and around the world, as a means of remembering Jane Jacobs and her legacy by connecting to our own neighbourhood and seeing things in a new or different light.

When/What/Where?

In 2023, the Walks will be held from Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7, at varying times on each of the three days. Check <https://janeswalk.calgarycommunities.com/join-a-walk/> for details.

Under the “Join a Walk” heading, you can search for walks by location, date, time of day, theme, accessibility, and quadrant of the City. You don’t have to sign up; just show up at the start location and time.

The Walks tend to be small groups, so there is a chance for conversations and questions. Jane’s Walks are a great chance to tour a new neighbourhood or area that you’re not familiar with, or to gain a new perspective on your own area. Past Walks have featured walks on Nose Hill, a downtown public art walk, a tour of Chinatown, historical tours, and so on. The volunteer tour leaders have a wide range of interests and backgrounds, but all are passionate about the tours that they lead!

In Brentwood, there will be a tour starting from the Brentwood Community Association building, stopping at Nose Hill Library, taking a look at the changes happening at Northland Mall, and then returning to the Northland Plaza (near the bank), where the original proposal was far different from what is there today. Interested? Check out the website above and also the BCA website at www.brentwoodcommunity.com for more details.

If you’d like to learn more, check out some books about Jane Jacobs from the Calgary Public Library. There is even a version for kids: *Walking in the City With Jane: A Story of Jane Jacobs* by Susan Hughes (2018). Or if you prefer a DVD, check out *Citizen Jane: Battle for the City* (2017).

Jane’s Walks are an interesting way to learn more about your city, so join in on a walk ... or two ... or three!

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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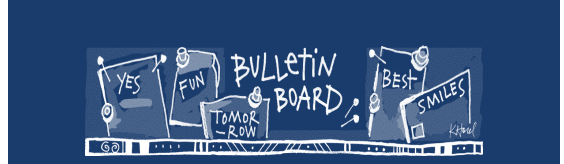
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But most of all, congratulations to the players for their commitment and hard work in developing their skills!



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.

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

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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Off the Bookshelf

by Rosemary Brown

Clayton Thomas Muller is an Indigenous environmental and economic justice advocate and activist. His memoir, *Life in the City of Dirty Water*, offers a winding journey, one that sometimes backtracks, through his early childhood, teen years, and life as an activist and father—and his reconnection to culture and tradition in order to heal.

His stories are vivid sketches of his life from his early summers spent on the trapline with his great grandparents and cousins to life in Brandon with a mother who, before she turned her life around was abused, and abusive, with excessive partying and drinking. He also recounts the happier times after his mother reached out for help, trained as a psychiatric nurse, and married Harry Muller who adopted Clayton.

He chronicles the racism he experienced in Brandon and later in BC, his years committing petty crimes, his involvement with gangs and drugs, the time he spent in prison, and afterwards in his late teens how he became politicized and began life as an activist.

The latter part of this journey began when, at his mother's urging, he began participation in a variety of programs at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre in Winnipeg. I found this part of the memoir fascinating, as the Centre brought in Indigenous speakers who addressed a range of topics related to colonization, Indigenous rights, and the impact of resource extraction industries upon Indigenous communities. There were ongoing passionate discussions with other participants about the issues raised and from these emerged an Indigenous youth movement that Clayton played a key role in building. He relates his experiences meeting Indigenous leaders and non-Indigenous politicians from all levels of government across the country. He describes how he was mentored, and details a significant trip made with one of these mentors to Chiapas, Mexico.

As a youth organizer he began speaking out publicly about environmental racism and the need to organize against the suppression of Indigenous rights by those seeking to profit from the exploitation of Indigenous lands and resources. Doing so brought him to the attention of environmental organizations and offers of work.

What follows is an interesting account of his 12 years with the Indigenous Environmental Network, travelling across the United States to assist Indigenous communities defending their lands and resources. During the last six

years, his major focus has been the tar sands in northern Alberta. He describes his work with organizing, litigation, media campaigns, and lobbying, as well as the successes and failures of these struggles. He is frank about the stresses and strains of the work, the divisions that exist among environmental activists, and the lateral violence experienced among Indigenous activists.

Interspersed throughout the stories of these years are anecdotes about his ongoing efforts to reconnect to his Cree culture. Although he is a member of the Mathias Columb First Nation in northern Manitoba, he had been cut off from the land and his culture upon the death of his great grandparents and the cessation of visits to the trapline. He shares his experiences with Elders, sweat lodges, ceremony, and the Sun Dance, and his struggle to overcome the anger that was always with him, and to find healing. Writing this book and sharing his stories has been part of that healing process.

Also revealing and tender are his reflections on fatherhood and what it is like to raise two young boys with his wife. For them and for all of us, Clayton ends the book with his vision of what could be if we resist the "Witigo, or spirit of nihilism", to resist selfishness and to take care of each other, including the natural world around us.



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Dear residents of Ward 4,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good health. I want to highlight two important topics that may be of interest to you.

First, Seniors' Week is a special time in Alberta, taking place from June 5 to June 11. During this week, people show their gratitude and admiration for older adults for the various contributions they make to our communities. They volunteer, support charities, and assist family and friends.

This year's Seniors' Week celebrations are going to be even more exciting than ever before. There will be a variety of events designed to highlight the benefits and potential of aging. Individuals and organizations are working together to create fun and inclusive events throughout the week. Each day has a different sub-theme, such as "More of the things you love," "More movement," "More music," "More learning," "More fun with friends and family," and "More time to celebrate."

Everyone is encouraged to celebrate aging in their own way, even if they can't attend the official events. You can help raise awareness of the week by using the social media hashtags #seniorsweek and #agefriendlyyc. For more information about the activities happening during Seniors' Week, you can visit calgary.ca/seniorsweek.

Secondly, QR codes are now being added to land use and development signs across the city, making it easier to find information about new projects. Instead of searching online or taking note of contact details, simply scan the QR code using your smartphone's camera and be directed to the City of Calgary's development map (<https://dmap.calgary.ca/>). This map shows proposed commercial and residential properties, and their status - whether they are under review, approved, or already underway. By exploring the map, you can learn more about the changes happening in your community, from new businesses to recreation centres.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Best Regards,

Sean Chu

Strong Communities and Strong Businesses

Whether they are comprised of just one person or thousands, businesses provide our communities with employment opportunities and the critical goods and services that we use daily. Strong businesses help build strong communities.

Operating a business of any size can be a challenge, but the federal government has many options to help. These can include loans, capital investments, financing, grants, tax credits, wage subsidies, and trade assistance. You can find out more about all the programs at www.lenwebbermp.ca/support-for-businesses.

If you do not know where to start, you can use the Business Benefits Finder tool (www.lenwebbermp.ca/business-benefits-finder) to help guide you in the right direction. After answering a few multiple-choice questions, support options will be provided for your consideration.

We also know finding labour has been a challenge for all businesses, especially those in the hospitality and accommodation industries. The federal government can help both those offering employment and those seeking employment through the federal Job Bank at www.jobbank.gc.ca. This website has thousands of careers available across Canada and is a trusted resource for those seeking or offering employment opportunities. There are currently over 22,000 job postings in Alberta alone.

If running a business is proving more complex than you originally thought, there is help available. The federal government regularly publishes information to help small businesses operate more smoothly and to increase your business knowledge. You can get help with preparing a business loan proposal, advice on when to borrow money or not, how to hire employees, marketing, and more. All this is available through BDC at www.bdc.ca/en/articles-tools/employees.

Most often, the hardest part of running, or starting, a business is knowing where to find good help and advice. This information can make it a little easier for the businesses in our community.



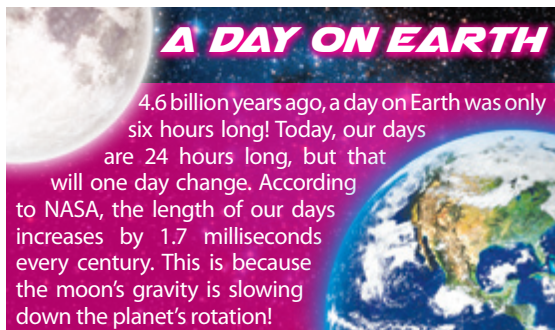
News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The annual May Plant Count is an event where volunteers survey their favourite natural areas to collect data on the distribution and blooming of flowering plants in Alberta. Collection of plant specimens is not allowed in any protected or restricted areas, such as Nose Hill Park. The survey, which takes place between May 25 and 31, encourages stewardship and is based on appreciation of nature.

Expertise in identification is valuable, but not mandatory. It is open to anyone with an interest in plants and flowering. As a citizen scientist, your photos submitted during the count period will contribute to the databases. To join the project, go to <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/alberta-may-plant-count>. In order to submit observations, you will need to log in and create an account (which is free).

The May Plant Count is part of the May Species Count. It began in 1976 to track bird species across Alberta and, in 2011, over 300,000 birds were counted. In 2022, over 400 people participated in the bird count. To learn more about how to download your results onto the eBird app and to contact your local organizer, go to <https://naturealberta.ca/may-species-count/>.



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