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New – SBHCA Residential Membership Changes!

We are pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2022, our residential membership will be a 12-month rolling membership. What this means is that your membership will expire 12 months after you sign up, as opposed to expiring at the end of August every year.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all residents of Springbank Hill!

We are now moving into the tail end of the winter season, and I hope you have been able to enjoy some winter activities with your family. The Calgary area offers diverse options for winter outdoor activities, and our community offers a large network of walking paths and ravines as well as several ice rinks. Looking forward to the spring season, our children's soccer and t-ball program will commence in April, and registration did open in February. You can find more information about this program on our website at www.springbankhill.org.

We are currently planning two other events for the spring/summer season. The first is the Annual Community Cleanup event. This is a popular annual event that we now hold in collaboration with the City of Calgary and two adjacent community associations. It offers our residents a great way to dispose of items from their homes and garages at no cost and without the need to go the landfill site. Stay tuned for dates and other details. The second event will be the weekly mobile farm stand featuring a local vendor. We are sorting out dates, location, and vendor selection. Stay tuned for more information when it becomes available.

As always, we again remind everyone that as a volunteer organization, we depend on our community volunteers to plan, organize, and run all our events and activities. We are thankful for our existing group of volunteers who generously support our work, and we welcome any enquiries from new potential volunteers. Just reach out to us at info@springbankhill.org and we will be happy to discuss opportunities with you.

Stay safe and enjoy the remainder of our winter season!

Warm Regards,

Elio Cozzi, President – Springbank Hill Community Association



Become a SBHCA Business Member

Springbank Hill is a vibrant and growing community. The rolling hills, trees, open spaces, and pathways are something that makes our community attractive to so many families and individuals. Through our ongoing communications with members, our events, and community properties (e.g. The Springbank Hill Community Park and Garden), we strive to create a vibrant and supportive neighbourhood. Having Calgary businesses become SBHCA members by supporting our programs and providing a sense of belonging for our residents is an important next step.

We are pleased to announce that businesses within the Springbank Hill community area, and within Calgary, can purchase a business membership. Whether you are a home-based business, an entrepreneur, a small business, a large company, or a not-for-profit, we would love to have you join!

It would be great, although not necessary, for your organization to offer our residential members discounts on your merchandise and/or services. We will promote your discounts to our members.

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The Boiling Lake



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Become a Springbank Hill Volunteer!

With our continued commitment to making Springbank Hill an active, safe, and desirable community, we are looking for residents, like you, to join our association board or become a volunteer.

If you are passionate about Springbank Hill and want to help, the following positions may be a great fit for you:

1. Community Gardens Operations and Maintenance Team – Volunteer or Board Member
2. Events Committee – Volunteer or Board Member
3. Membership Committee – Volunteer
4. Board Member at Large – Director position on the Board

Contact us at info@springbankhill.org to learn more!



Check out SBHCA's Partner & Sponsorship Program!



SBHCA partners and sponsors are essential to helping us raise funds for events (e.g., our annual Pumpkin Festival, Movies in the Park) and properties (e.g., Springbank Hill and Montreux Outdoor Rinks, the Community Garden). It is also a great way for organizations to connect with our residents at a grassroots level.

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Happy St Patrick's Day!



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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Learning More About SBHCA (Springbank Hill Community Association)

by Shelly Smith

What area does SBHCA cover?

SBHCA covers a larger area with over 4,000 households and growing. Check out the map included in this article. The boundaries of Springbank Hill area as follows:

- North: 17 Avenue SW
- South: Glenmore Trail
- East: 69 Street SW
- West: 101 Street

We serve the following subdivisions, with more being created as the community grows:

Antapi	Elmont
Highlands	Montreux Estates
Post Hill	Spring Haven
Spring Willow	Springbank Hill
Summit of Montreux	The Slopes
Highgate	Mystic Ridge
Spring Valley Estates	Springbourough
Timberline Estates	

What is the difference between a community association and a homeowners’ association?

We have been asked many times what the difference is between a community association and a homeowners’ association, which are distinct from each other. To learn more about the differences, please visit <https://springbankhill.org/our-community/homeowners-association/>.

If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer don’t hesitate to contact us at membership@springbankhill.org.



Photo Courtesy of Shelly S.

Share Your Photos!

We are always looking for great community photos to post on our website, in our social media, and in our Newsletter. If you have some great shots that you would like to share, please email them to info@springbankhill.org along with your name, and you just might see your talent featured in our next issue.

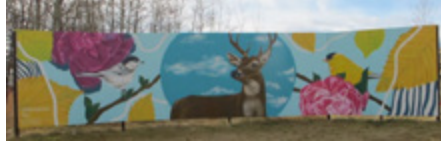
Pig Beach

Major Cay, an island in the Bahamas, has been home to a colony of feral, swimming pigs for decades. No one knows for sure how they got there. Some suspect that the pigs were survivors of a shipwreck and swam ashore, while others believe they were put there by inhabitants of a neighbouring island who didn't want them living on their island.



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- The ability to rent one of our community garden boxes
- Advocacy on community concerns relating to safety, development, and the natural environment
- Opportunities to provide input on community capital projects
- A voice in our community

Only registered members receive regular community emails and digital newsletters to inform them of events, programs, news, and matters in our community. The membership fee also helps us fund all the different initiatives that make our Springbank Hill community a safe, fun, and friendly place to live. To join as a member, please visit our website at <https://springbankhill.org/membership/>.

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The Children of Weather

by Ananya Mirok, Grade 5



Icicles are like shards of glass growing on the windowpane
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Trees put on its coat of snow
The pine dances in the air
Doing the waltz with the snow
The frost lands lightly on the hill
Chilly wind sways the trees and bends the leaves
Sparks of snow, fall so bright
Glittering even in the night
The only colour is grey and white
Throughout the day and in the night

The snow is now melting
Frost is all gone
Ice is slipping off the bark
And now it's dawn
Sprouts and beans are growing now
The butterflies are flying around
Petals are growing but not here yet
People are planting, knees on the ground
Seedlings are hatching, growing right now
Caterpillars are crawling around
Eating every leave in sight
With the butterflies in the sky
They wish they could take to flight

Petals in the sky
Blossoms in my eye
Day as bright as light
As well as in the night
Sky as blue as the sea
But is lighter than thee
Birds are coming back
And that is a fact
In the warmth and light
The sun comes very bright
At the beach we play
In the hotness of the day
Greenest grass in all the land
Same with the trees and leaves
Summer is coming to an end
That means school will start again

The smell of apple pie walks through the air
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August	22	15	11	\$845,000	\$820,000
July	22	12	15	\$750,000	\$745,000
June	22	29	14	\$1,149,450	\$1,127,500
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