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Our annual children's soccer program registration will be opening soon, please see the article in this newsletter for more information. Many thanks to our lead volunteer Laura for organizing this successful program for another vear!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Rhonda Smith who has served as our vice president and recently stepped down. We acknowledge her contributions and leadership as a member of our board of directors over the last several years and wish her well in her future endeavours! Please see the article in this newsletter for a more detailed recognition of Rhonda's volunteer efforts.

And on the topic of volunteering, we continue to seek new additions to our volunteer team, and we also have a few openings on our board of directors. Please reach out to us at info@springbankhill.org to enquire about these opportunities and we will be pleased to discuss further with you. With your help we can achieve even greater success in serving our community.

Sincerely,

Elio Cozzi

President, Springbank Hill Community Association

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If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an opportunity further, please contact us at membership@springbankhill.org or further details can be found at https://springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/.

2024 SBHCA Kids' Soccer and T-Ball Registration is Opening Soon!

by Laura Butynets

Hello Springbank Hill families! As the SBHCA Soccer and T-Ball Program Coordinator, I am excited to let you know that registration will be opening on February 1, 2024.

For eager parents wanting to register their children for soccer, the season will run for eight weeks, from April through June. Sign up will begin online at springbankhill.org in February. Please note that you will need a current SBHCA residential membership to sign up your children for soccer.

I encourage parents to sign up for volunteer duties when you are registering your child for the program online (you will see a section for volunteer opportunities). One of the primary roles we will be looking to fill is coach. Lesson plans will be included for each practice and the goal is to have two coaches per team so there is less pressure to be at every practice.

Additionally, we are looking for a volunteer to help organize and coach T-Ball this spring in order to offer T-Ball as part of our programming. If you are interested in this position or another role, please reach out to me by emailing recreation@springbankhill.org. Without volunteers, this program cannot be a reality, so please sign up.

I look forward to seeing you and your children out on the field this year!

<u>Superhero of time</u>

We all know Leap Day occurs on February 29 every four years. But did you know without leap day swooping in every four years, our calendar would be like that friend who's always fashionably late—except 24 days late every century! We'd be celebrating Christmas in



January and New Year's in February. Thank goodness for leap day, the superhero of timekeeping, saving us from the chaos of a wonky calendar!

SBHCA Contest – Win One of Two \$100 Esso Gift Cards!



We are excited to announce a contest for SBHCA (Springbank Hill Community Association) members. You are eligible to win one of two \$100 Esso gift cards. Contest details are provided below.

Prize 1: Existing Members

If you have a valid SBHCA membership (current paid member) as of March 30, 2024, your name will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card. A draw will be made from all valid current members on March 31, 2024. The winner will be notified by the end of the day March 31.

Prize 2: Referrals

If you are an existing SBHCA member, with a valid membership, you can refer community members who are not yet SBHCA members. Here are the steps:

- Simply share the web page springbankhill.org/ belong with neighbours and friends who live on Springbank Hill and encourage them to register as a new member. (Note: The new member must successfully register, including the payment of the membership fee, by Noon on March 30, 2024.)
- Once you have shared this information with them send us an email at membership@springbankhill. org with the subject title: SBHCA member referral. In the body of the email please share the following information about the person you are referring: first. last name and address.

Upon the successful registration of the community member, you are referring to, and the receipt of your email (correctly identifying the name and address of the new member), your name will be entered to win the second \$100 gift card. The winner will be notified by the end of the day March 31.

We look forward to your participation in this contest! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at membership@springbankhill.org.

Are you the Next SBHCA Newsletter Editor?

by Shelly Smith

We are looking for a community member to volunteer their time and talent to become the editor of our monthly print copy of the SBHCA newsletter and our digital version of the newsletter for residential members of the SBHCA. Are you that person?

For the print copy of the newsletter, we work with a wonderful group of people at GNM (Great News Media). We submit articles, public service announcements to GNM, who then incorporate our content in the newsletter that you receive in your mailbox every month.

The digital copy of the newsletter is also very easy to do. Time commitment for both newsletters is a few hours per month, depending on how many articles, etc., you would like to submit.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the editor of this newsletter. It is time to pass the torch on to another community member. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact me at membership@springbankhill.org.

You will be trained in the process and will always have support in the background. Looking forward to hearing from you!







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.





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- · 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/.

Celebrating Rhonda Smith as a SBHCA Volunteer

by Shelly Smith

Rhonda Smith has served on the Springbank Hill Community Association (SBHCA) board since January 2020. She recently



stepped down from her role as Vice President to pursue other commitments and open a spot for new community members to join our Board of Directors. Board members would like to take this opportunity to thank Rhonda for everything she has done for the board and, most importantly, the Springbank Hill community.

Rhonda is passionate about her community and put her career skills to work by volunteering. She is the Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of Trace Associates Inc., a midsized environmental consulting and engineering advisory firm here in Calgary. Rhonda first joined the SBHCA board as Secretary. In late 2019, she connected with our SBHCA president, who was looking for a board secretary and Rhonda's skills (organizational and communications) were a perfect fit for this position. She not only took on the role of secretary but also managed our community newsletter and website. Rhonda later passed those responsibilities to a new board member and moved to the SBHCA Vice President role.

Volunteering in her SBHCA board capacity, Rhonda says she has welcomed being informed about what is happening in our community, along with meeting new like-minded people, and bringing great programs and events to our association members. As well, she has appreciated the diversity of ideas from our board and community members. She also feels that it is very important to inform our community members about activities and projects within our community.

Rhonda's contribution to the SBHCA board and our community has been significant, including:

 In partnership with the Signal Hill and Discovery Ridge community associations, leading the Annual Community Cleanup in April 2022 and 2023.

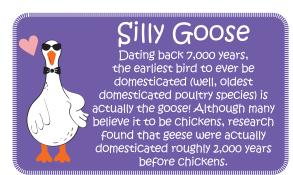
- Working with the City of Calgary to install three picnic tables at the Springbank Hill Community Park. They have just been installed near the beautiful mural along the pathway.
- Hosting and volunteering for the annual (October)
 SBHCA Pumpkin Hunt and the Montreux community
 Movie in the Park events.
- Establishing and chairing the quarterly SBHCA Officer leadership meetings and process.
- Implementing processes, tools, and templates relating to the SBHCA governance, including updating our Bylaws.
- Being our SBHCA newsletter editor for many years.

Volunteering is not new to Rhonda. She has been the Treasurer and Vice President for the Canadian Land Reclamation Association's Alberta Chapter, as well, has volunteered at her children's schools, the Mustard Seed, and The Children's Cottage, to name a few. She also volunteered as an environmental subject matter expert guest for a Grade 5 class sharing about wetland ecosystems.

When asked why she volunteers, Rhonda says "I want to give back and contribute in a meaningful way. I also want to be a role model for my children." Rhonda truly believes that you can make a difference by volunteering and enjoys seeing the results directly.

Rhonda would like to give a huge shout-out to everyone who volunteers for the SBHCA for everything they do – they are a fantastic group of people!

We will miss you, Rhonda! Thank you for your volunteerism and making our community a better place.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WINTER SKATING EVENT!

The SBHCA is looking to host a skating event at the Montreux Skating Rink in December 2023 or January 2024 but we need your help! In order to make this possible we are going to need a lead or a team of volunteers to help with the running and planning the event. If interested email info@springbankhill.org





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- Skate in your pajamas!
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- Santa for the kids!
- Hot chocolate and Christmas snacks!
- · Christmas lights + tree!
- Iconic Christmas music!

City of Calgary Residential Parking Changes

by Shelly Smith

New residential parking fees apply city-wide, but only to those areas that are identified as requiring a permit to park. On Springbank Hill there are a couple of areas where this will apply, primarily around the Ambrose University area. Visit https://maps.calgary.ca/CalgaryParking/ and zoom into the Springbank Hill (SBH) shaded area to see which areas are impacted.

Ward 6, Councillor Richard Pootman's office, has provided the following update on residential parking changes.

When Will Calgarians Start Paying for Residential Parking Permits?

- User fees for residential parking permits go into effect on Monday, December 4, 2023.
- Calgarians will be required to start paying the new user fees upon permit renewal or when a new permit is issued.
- Existing permits have been automatically extended until February 5, 2024. As a result, current permit holders will have a sixty-day window, starting from the day the fees become effective, to either renew their existing permits or apply for new ones.

When Will the New Rate for Market Permits Go into Effect?

- The new rates for the Market Permit and Low-Income Market Permit will go into effect for the January 2024 permit.
- Current Market Permit holders do not have to take action at this time. Their existing parking permit will automatically begin to renew at the Council-approved reduced rate for the January 2024 permit.
- Current Standard Residential Permit holders who will be eligible for a Market Permit upon their permit expiry in February 2024 will need to apply for a Market Permit in January 2024.

Can Calgarians Still Request Parking Restrictions on Their Street Be Modified?

• Yes, Calgarians can submit a request through 3-1-1 or fill out an online service request. A parking study will be conducted to assess the request.

If you have any questions, please contact the Ward 6 office at 403-268-1035 or via email at caward6@calgary.ca.



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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!

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The annual fee for a 12-month rolling membership is \$35. To join today please visit https://springbankhill.org/business-members/.







Benefits of volunteering in the community

The action of you volunteering greatly contributes to the overall wellbeing of The Springbank Hill community for many reasons such as the ability to host fun events, the smooth sailing of living in the community, and even the mental health benefits that volunteers gain. First of all, the presence of volunteers is at the core center of our community's ability to host events. This is because these events are non profit but still require a staff to run them, meaning we need volunteers in order to enhance the social aspect of our community and make fun events possible. To follow up, volunteers benefit the community by creating a more functional community that has resources offered to its members such as the seniors or children's program which is made possible through the help of volunteers. Finally, research shows that there are also benefits toward your own personal health. It is scientifically proven that volunteering reduces levels of stress and rates of depression, particularly amongst elders. Becoming a volunteer makes you feel good about yourself since you are spending your valuable time collectively with others in order to work toward a larger goal and an improved future for the whole community.

Current volunteers postions availble

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Springbank Hill seniors and children's programs

Event volunteers (Ex. Winter skating event at Montreux rink, movie in the park events)

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