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- Provide input online at [calgary.ca/Shaganappi](https://calgary.ca/Shaganappi)
- Check your mailbox for an engagement booklet. Each engagement booklet includes a feedback form that can be mailed in with prepaid postage included.
- Attend an in-person or virtual engagement session – check out the schedule online at [calgary.ca/Shaganappi](https://calgary.ca/Shaganappi) and register for a session.
- Apply to join the South Shaganappi Communities Working Group if you're interested in getting involved at a deeper level through this multi-year project. Details online at [calgary.ca/Shaganappi](https://calgary.ca/Shaganappi)

We want to hear from you about the past, present, and future of your community and the surrounding **South Shaganappi Communities: Banff Trail, McKay Point, Montgomery, Parkdale, Saint Andrews Heights, University Heights, University District, Varsity, and The University of Calgary.**

Your input will help shape a plan for your local area (a local area plan) to guide the evolution of these communities over the next 30 years. The local area plan will provide guidance and direction when ideas for new development, investment, and community improvements are proposed or considered within this area in the future.

Through the first phase of engagement, ENVISION, we're discussing:

- 1. PAST:** What is important for people to know about the area's history.
- 2. PRESENT:** Opportunities and challenges that exist within the area today.
- 3. FUTURE:** What's important to you and for future generations when thinking about how the area could evolve.



# The Banff Trail Conversation Club

Let's talk! Meet new people. Hang out in a social setting. Exchange ideas, thoughts, and opinions. Join us in community discussion and so much more!

**Come talk with us!  
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Uh oh! Did your membership expire? Please note that a BTCA membership expires in March. These memberships do not automatically renew. Don't forget to renew your 2023-2024 membership. Your Banff Trail Membership is absolutely free! Six years ago, the Banff Trail Community Association voted to set memberships to zero dollars in order to include everyone. For new memberships, please provide your name, contact information, and let us know if you live within the Banff Trail neighbourhood boundaries to [membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca](mailto:membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca). Or, just let us know if you wish to renew as a member for an additional year. Thank you so much for your support! Welcome to all new members! Welcome back, those who are returning for an additional year.



## Need Affordable Food?



The Good Food Box makes top-quality, fresh food available in a way that does not stigmatize people, fosters community development, and promotes healthy eating.

### What Is It?

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby they purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost from growers and distributors in Calgary. The Good Food Box is a hand-up program as opposed to hand-out. They offer all Calgarians and surrounding areas sustainable access to nutritious food to ensure that everyone can afford fresh produce, so no one has to go hungry. The boxes are put together by dedicated volunteers who, along with The Community Kitchen Program and the BTCA, desire to see individuals and families accessing affordable nutritious food.



## Palimpsest Project

Current mural by Wanderwell Collective, made up of Lexi Hilderman and Michelena Bamford.

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# BTCA Memberships

There is no charge for membership for the year. Memberships run from March to February. Registrations still required. If you would like to become a member and find out about upcoming events and ongoing activities, please send an email to [membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca](mailto:membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca)

Please include your name, address, phone number, partner's name, and how many children you have under the age of 18.

## Banff Trail Community Association

### BOARD MEETING

Second Wednesday of every month

From 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Google Meet video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/gsd-cyzo-fhx>.

### Have questions about Hall rentals or availability?

Contact our Facility Manager at 403-282-2234  
or [hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca](mailto:hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca)

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

## HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting story you think should be in The Howler? Know of someone living in Banff Trail how deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do please contact [howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca](mailto:howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca).



Remember, [www.BanffTrailCommunity](http://www.BanffTrailCommunity) is the place to look for short-notice events, and more community info. Check out Banff Trail Community through social media through the following:

**Facebook:** @Banff TrailCommunity.ca

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# Banff Trail Community Association

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## Artists of Banff Trail

If you are an artist in Banff Trail and would like to exhibit your work in the Banff Trail Artist Exhibit, please email your submission to Terese Mullin at [Tereseamullin@gmail.com](mailto:Tereseamullin@gmail.com). Use the subject line "Banff Trail Howler Exhibit." Please include up to five images, your artist statement, and brief biography if applicable.





BANFF TRAIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# Ladies Poker Social

BTCA  
Banff Trail Community Association

JOIN THE LADIES FOR AN ENTERTAINING EVENING FILLED WITH CONVERSATION, LAUGHTER, AND A BIT OF CARD PLAYING.

MAY 26TH  
7-9PM  
BANFF TRAIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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## BTCA Learn to Skate Program



More than 20 people of all ages participated in the two classes run by Alien Inline. The beautiful weather, great rink conditions, excellent skating instruction, and yummy hot chocolate and marshmallows made for a couple of wonderful afternoons on the ice. The participant's feedback and abundance of smiles was amazing!



Thank you to the BTCA volunteers who came to help out, and to the Alien Inline trainers and organizers for making this program a huge success!

Special thanks to the City of Calgary Recreation and Parks Association for the Return to Play grant that allowed us to run this free program and to purchase hockey helmets of different sizes for community members to use while skating at the BTCA.

Keep an eye out for a BTCA Inline Learn to Skate program in the near future.

BTCA Program Director,

*Marlise Westeinde*



Community Board Game Night

May 12th from 7-10:00pm  
2115 20 AVE NW

Hosted in Banff Trail Community Centre. Bring your favourite game or play one of the 30+ games available





# Al-Salam Centre Open House Experience

On March 19, 2023, I had the pleasure of visiting Al-Salam Centre in Ranchlands for their open house event. This invitation was sent to communities in the hopes to build bridges between the Muslim community of Calgary and people from other walks of life. This was an opportunity to learn more about the Islamic faith and meet some neighbours.

Perfectly timed before Ramadan, Al-Salam Centre's Open House was very welcoming. I wish to thank you for the vast amounts of food and beverages that you had available. There were so many children! I was especially impressed by the two young boys who stood in front of an audience and spoke about why Islam and prayer are important to them. This was all done impromptu which was very impressive!

The Al-Salam Centre offered the Qur'an to anyone interested which was offered in many different languages. The henna station allowed young ladies and women to get beautiful designs done on their hands, and mine lasted for weeks after. Men were allowed to choose and try on a keffiyeh. Women were allowed to try on a hijab, and I chose a gorgeous grey-silver one which I needed help putting on. There were many different colours to choose from. Children enjoyed creating crafts and colouring but were more preoccupied with the myriad of children to play with.

I am very humbled and honoured by this invitation and I am so glad that I was able to attend. Many thanks to those from the Al-Salam Centre who were very kind, generous, and so very friendly. You were able to answer so many of my questions and I learned more than I could have expected. This was a delightful event for any age group. I got to meet the Imam, Ebrahim, who was very welcoming, had a wonderful sense of humour, and one could easily ascertain that he genuinely cares about people.

Last year, Banff Trail Community was saddened to learn about the passing of Nurul Khan (see February issue, 2022). Nurul was a very active community member as a former member of the board and founder of the Conversation Club at the Banff Trail Community Hall. He was respectfully very curious about my culture and spirituality, and I was very curious about his, so we were always asking questions and sharing.

Last year, I observed Ramadan in his honour. This year, I did the same.

It is my sincere hope that there will be more events such as these that provide educational opportunities as well as build bridges between our diverse people. Many thanks to the Ranchlands Community and the Al-Salam Centre for allowing opportunities for people to connect and respectfully learn from each other.

Eid Mubarak to you and your families,

*Ravenmoon Spicer*



# BTCA Playground Committee

Hi Banff Trail Community!

My name is Karen Montemurro, and I will be chairing the BTCA Playground Committee in 2023.

In 2022, we raised ~\$5,000 in funding, wrote over a dozen grant applications, engaged with four different vendors for design options, and established a relationship with the Parks Foundation Calgary.

This year, our goals are:

1. To raise at least \$5,000 more through fundraising
2. Receive funding from the BTCA
3. Approach local businesses for donations and support
4. Apply for additional grants and improve our success rate of being awarded grants through our relationship with the Parks Foundation
5. Complete a formal vendor selection process and finalize a playground design through the Parks Foundation

Our target construction date is the spring/summer of 2024.

Currently, we have five members on the committee and are looking for a few more dedicated volunteers to help with fundraising, grant writing, and playground design. We are going to be establishing monthly meetings on the second or third Mondays of each month at the BTCA hall. Our next meeting will be on May 15.

Please email me at [playground@banfftrailcommunity.ca](mailto:playground@banfftrailcommunity.ca) to get involved!




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PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

UPCOMING MEETINGS  
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Over the past four years, the UCP government has made progress on these issues:

- Making life more affordable for all Albertans.
- Continued economic growth and diversification, creating well-paying jobs.
- A public Health Care system that delivers services where and when people need them.
- Investing in our students so they can succeed and thrive.

To continue the work on these priorities, I am asking for your support to be your MLA and a member of a UCP government – a government that shares your values of fiscal responsibility and a diverse economy, knowing our success in these areas gives us the financial stability to invest in health care, education, and our most vulnerable.

*Authorized by the Official Agent for Jason Copping*

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