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MORE INFO TO COME!




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THE BANFF TRAIL EVENTS COMMITTEE IS
SEEKING MORE PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED
HAVE IDEAS FOR EVENTS?
WANT TO HELP HOST AN EVENT IN THE
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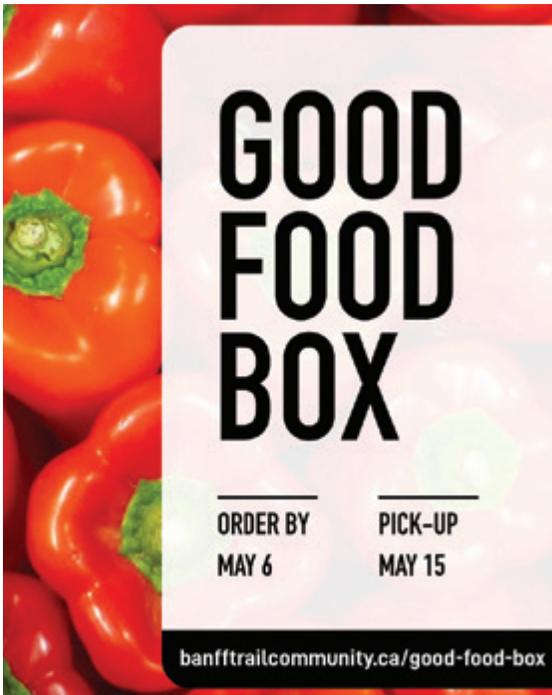



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HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting story you think should be in *The Howler*? Know of someone living in Banff Trail who deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do, please contact communications@banfftrailcommunity.ca.



Remember, www.BanffTrailCommunity.ca 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: @BanffTrailCommunity.ca

Instagram: @banfftrailyyc

X (Twitter): @BanffTrailYYC



BANFF TRAIL BESTIES



Do you have a furry, fuzzy, feathered or even a scaly best friend? We want to feature the pets of Banff Trail!

Send us a picture of your bestie hanging out in Banff Trail and we will feature them in our monthly newsletters.

Be sure to tell us their name and a little about them!

Follow and tag us @banfftrailyyc

Banff Trail Community Association

Community Clean Up



With Triwood Community Association

MORE INFO TO COME!

June 2, 2024

Meet some Banff Trail Besties!



Princess Leia



Moo

BTCA Memberships

Memberships for residents of Banff Trail are free for the year! Memberships run from March to February. Registration is still required. Persons that live outside the boundaries of Banff Trail that wish to purchase a membership will be charged \$10 per person.

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



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

A breeding bird monitoring survey in Nose Hill Park recorded a total of 70 species. Of 44 species tested, 22 were nesting and 22 were only visitors. Another 26 were random observations (not part of the survey). Birds flying over and not using the habitat were excluded from analysis. To assess how populations have changed over time, when a previous study was compared, a few species occurred in one year but not in both. However, the overall decline was in nesting grassland birds. The recent test recorded all birds observed during the breeding season (early June to early July) for ten minutes between sunrise and 10:00 am. A total of 23 circular plots surveyed on eight occasions were recorded with GPS technology and mapped. The habitats described and photographed were mostly tall or low shrub and woodland. The result was the disappearance of four (and decline of three) nesting grassland bird species. Here are some of the causes: human disturbance, loss of native grassland by non-native plants, lack of grazing, climate change, bird species outside Calgary, and off-leash dogs on the escarpment (slopes), especially during the breeding season. For effective conservation and management strategies, City Parks must continue to monitor breeding birds. World Migratory Bird Day was created in 1993 and celebrates a migratory bird's spectacular migration; it is dedicated to raising awareness about the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitat. Aligning with the cyclic nature of bird migration in different hemispheres, it is officially celebrated on the second Saturday of May in Canada and the U.S, so on Saturday, 11 May in 2024. The official theme will focus on the topic of insects and their importance for migratory birds. For more information and resources, visit www.birdday.ca.



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BOARD MEETING

First 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?

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Office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

How to Create Personal Happiness

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

Creating personal happiness is a multifaceted journey that varies for each individual. The following are some tips to guide you to a more fulfilling and content life:

1. Self-Awareness – Understand yourself. What are your values, strengths, weaknesses, and what already makes you feel happy. Think about how you show up in the world. Read a book or listen to a podcast on emotional intelligence.

2. Positive Mindset – Cultivate a positive outlook on life. Focus on gratitude, optimism, and self-compassion. Smile more and give compliments. It's okay to acknowledge unhappy times and feelings, accept them and then move on.

3. Healthy Relationships – Seek to surround yourself with supportive, positive people who uplift you, encourage your growth, and contribute to your happiness. Become friends with yourself. Go out to dinner or a movie alone.

4. Work-Life Balance – Create healthy boundaries around working hours and away from work disconnection. Prioritize activities that bring you joy and fulfilment outside of your work and work responsibilities. Create weekly structure and habits.

5. Self-Care – Take care of your physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Focus on exercise, nutrition, sleep, and stress management. Slow down and breathe. Journal your thoughts and feelings. Spend less time on socials and your phone.

6. Set Goals – Establish realistic and meaningful goals. Ensure these align with your personal values, character, and aspirations. Remember to celebrate your progress and milestones along the way. Avoid comparing yourself to others. What you see outwardly may not be as it seems. Plan something new, like a trip, to look forward to.

7. Be Mindful and Present – Practice mindfulness to stay in the moment. Appreciate the small things happening daily. Declutter your space. A disorganized, cluttered space creates anxiety and can be distracting.

8. Contribute – Find a purpose. Seek the fulfilment of giving back to others. Volunteer, practice random acts of kindness, or support a cause you believe in. Having things to do keeps your mind engaged leaving less time for rumination.

9. Learn and Grow – Seek opportunities for personal and professional development. Learning new things and personal growth significantly contribute to happiness. Trying new things is also a great way to meet new people.

10. Acceptance – Embrace imperfections and accept yourself as you are, while also striving for growth and improvement. Accept the things you have the power to change and let go of the ones that are out of your control. It's okay to fail. Learn to let go and practice forgiveness. Forgiveness is for you, not the other. Holding onto resentments is like drinking poison and expecting the other to die.

Personal happiness is an ongoing journey. You don't have to do it all alone. Seek support from friends, family, coaches, mentors, or mental health professionals along the way.



BTCA YYC Clothing Swap

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MEMBERSHIP

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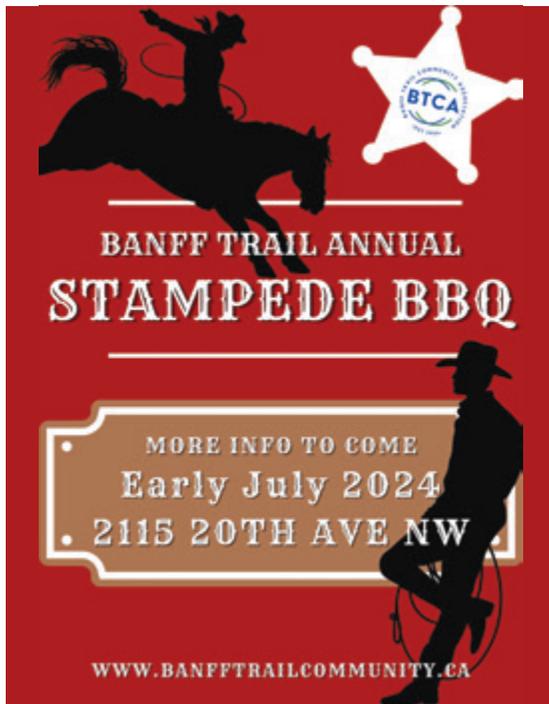
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EMAIL: MEMBERSHIP@BANFFTRAILCOMMUNITY.CA TO RENEW



A red poster for the Banff Trail Annual Stampede BBQ. It features a silhouette of a cowboy on a bucking horse on the left and a BTCA star logo on the right. The text is in white and gold. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a cowboy sitting on a horse.

BANFF TRAIL ANNUAL
STAMPEDE BBQ

MORE INFO TO COME
Early July 2024
2115 20TH AVE NW

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A poster for BTCA volunteers. The top half is blue with the text 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!' and a silhouette of three people. The middle section is white with the word 'VOLUNTEER' in large black letters, held by hands. The bottom right is green with a list of tasks.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

VOLUNTEER

**Interested in
joining us?**

Did you know the BTCA board and its sub committees are all run by volunteers? Volunteers are the lifeblood of our community. Thank you to all our past and present volunteers. If you are able to give the gift of time and volunteer please email membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Events
- Soccer
- Bike park set up/take down
- Rink maintenance
- Casinos
- Community clean up
- Handymen/handywomen
- Photography
- Stampede BBQ
- Garden

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