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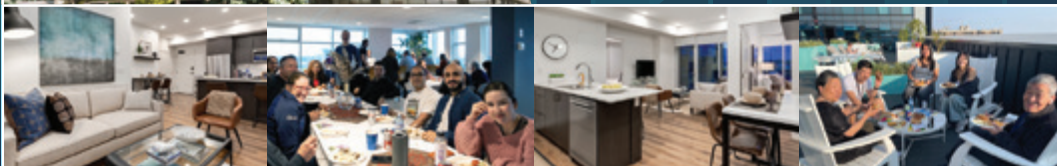
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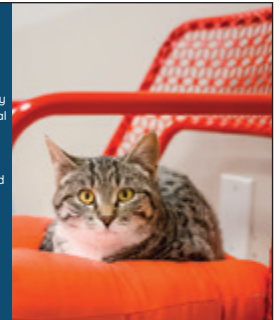
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Dear Brentwoodians,

Land-Based Learning

Last week, as part of a conference of architecture, landscape architecture, and city planning academics, I was fortunate enough to take part in a “Land-based Learning” workshop at the Makate Waagamichiwanang Gakinaa’amaatiwin Youth and Family Wellness Camp, operated by the Kenora Chiefs Advisory in northern Ontario. We observed a teaching and singing session with very enthusiastic Indigenous and non-Indigenous children from a local elementary school; learned about Anishinaabe-Ojibwe traditions and ways of knowing; and even performed some beadwork of highly variable quality.

The point of the excursion was for people who will guide and shape the future development of our urban and rural spaces to gain a grounding in the land where we work. Too often development occurs antagonistically towards the environment on which it happens, couched in terms like “taming nature.” This history of constructing our society apart from or in opposition to the natural context has left our cities, towns, and countryside vulnerable to fires, flooding, drought, and other environmental threats – because despite the bold rhetoric of builders past and present, nature will always win in the long run. It has also left people struggling with physical and mental health issues created by the materials and practices that are used.

Another important lesson I took away from this brief but meaningful encounter was the familiarity of so many of the traditional practices and knowledge that was shared by the camp educators. I think that European descendants such as myself, and other settlers, sometimes approach the idea of “Indigenous Ways of Knowing” as something unknown and alien that we have to try and comprehend – but in the practice of giving thanks to spirits of the food we ate, and the trees that were carefully harvested for building and crafting, and to the water that we drank and cooled off in on that hot day, I recognised beliefs that are reflected in many religious and cultural traditions around the world. In the teachings about the importance of place and belonging, I recognised a need that many feel regardless of their background or heritage.

I will try to be more mindful of my own Western cultural traditions – not being wasteful and using resources wisely; treating others as they want to be treated; and being thankful for the place where I live, the food that I eat, and

the great people in my life. These values have never gone away, but sometimes they can be forgotten or superseded by other motivations: it is good to be reminded of them.

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), 2,400 x 1,600 pixels minimum size, and portrait orientation. If submitting pictures of minors, please make sure that you have direct, express permission to submit the picture from a parent or guardian. Send your photos, or any questions, to bcabugle@telus.net.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Jucker

Editor, *Brentwood Bugle*





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Got Junk?! 2026 Triwood-Brentwood Community Cleanup

Sunday, August 9, at Triwood Community Centre, 2244 Chicoutimi Dr NW, lower parking lot.

Brentwood is co-hosting again this year with Triwood Community Association.

Not sure what items are accepted or not? Check out <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/community-cleanups.html>.

Volunteers needed! Sign up at <https://www.triwoodcommunity.com/volunteer>.

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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.

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Check out <https://ca.nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ab/calgary/calgary-police-service/>.

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CPS Community Safety Guide

<https://brentwoodcommunity.com/2024/11/21/cps-community-safety-guide/>.

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by Anne Burke



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Jon Cornish – From Football to Philanthropy

by Lee Hunt



Some people get their first career and stay with it for life. Others take that first job as a springboard into other endeavours. Brentwood resident, Jon Cornish, is definitely in the latter category.

You might have immediately recognized Jon's name as that

of an accomplished running back with the Calgary Stampeders. Jon, who has his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Kansas, was drafted by the Stamps in 2006 and played with them from 2007 to 2015. Jon's accomplishments in football at the University of Kansas plus in Calgary led Football Canada to award annually the Jon Cornish Award for Best Canadian Football Player in the U.S. National Collegiate Athletic Association.

During Jon's career with the Stampeders, he was named Top Canadian three times and in 2013 was named Most Outstanding Player. That same year he was Canada's Top Athlete. Add to those personal awards two Grey Cup wins in 2008 and 2014.

Jon retired from football in 2015 after receiving a job offer from TD Bank. In 2019, he switched to RBC Dominion Securities as a Portfolio Manager and is now an Investment Advisor with Seetal and Cornish Management.

Since 2015, Jon and his wife Kiran (whom he met on his very first day working for TD) are both very active with The Calgary Foundation. There, both serve on the Doc Seaman Hockey Fund and on the Community Grants Fund.

As Jon and Kiran realized that Black and Indigenous youth in Calgary often did not finish high school or go on to post-secondary, they founded The Black Chambers. Jon was its first President and told me that it has now provided over \$150,000 in bursaries and scholarships for BIPOC youth (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour). To

receive funding, a young person must first apply through The Calgary Foundation. Once accepted to the program, the youth attend special classes once a week to focus on goal setting and networking. So far, 600 students have taken part. Merit Awards are granted on the basis of marks and community service, while bursaries are given on the basis of financial need. Members of The Black Chamber were especially thrilled when one of their students was awarded the U of C President's Medal.

When I asked Jon about funding sources for The Black Chambers, he told me that much of it "comes from corporate donations and solicited donations." There is no government money involved.

In 2022, Jon became Chancellor at the U of C. In this capacity, Jon chaired the University Senate and hosted the annual Convocations. Reflecting on his four-year term as Chancellor, which has just wrapped up, Jon said that he greatly enjoyed his four years as U of C "cheerleader and ambassador."

Jon is obviously not a person to sit idle. He serves as a courtesy car driver for The Calgary Stampede and has received a Friends of Education Award from the Alberta School Boards Association for his work mentoring students. He and Kiran enjoy visiting with many good friends plus frequently go for long walks in our community.

Sadly, on one such walk, a nasty thing happened to them. A woman followed them in her car, then rolled down her window, and began shouting at Jon and Kiran such malicious orders as, "Get out of Brentwood" and "We don't want your type in Brentwood." Naturally, Kiran and Jon were concerned for their safety. Fortunately, a friend lived on that block, so Jon and Kiran went to his house and the woman drove away. I am appalled and embarrassed that any Brentwood resident would be as threatening and rude as the woman in that car. Jon is obviously more gracious than I am. He does not dwell on such negatives, choosing instead to tell me that, "Life is about embracing the positive."

Kudos to Jon Cornish for his stellar football career, community service, academic role, and dedicated philanthropy. We in Calgary – and especially in Brentwood – are fortunate to have such a humble, dedicated man living in our midst. All the best Kiran and Jon with your ongoing philanthropy endeavours.



4-H INTRO CLUB

From Hesitant to Confident: A Growing Year for 4-H Intro Clubs



What happens when you give kids a welcoming place to try new things, make friends, and build confidence all in just six weeks?

This year, 4-H Alberta's Intro Clubs continued to grow across urban communities, with nine clubs hosted in Calgary and two in Edmonton. Two additional summer clubs, one in north Calgary and one in south Calgary, will wrap up the season at the end of July.



Although many people still associate 4-H with rural communities and livestock projects, today's 4H programs offer a wide variety of opportunities for urban youth as well. From baking and science to leadership, communication, community service, and creative projects, 4-H helps young people build life skills through hands-on learning experiences.

Designed as a short-term introduction to 4-H, the Intro Clubs give youth the opportunity to experience friendship, leadership, responsibility, and community involvement in a welcoming environment for busy families.

For many participants, the experience became much more than just an after-school activity.

One parent shared that their son arrived nervous and unsure on the first day, but by the end of the program he was excited, enthusiastic, and sad to see it end. Another family described the program as "extraordinary" and praised both the hands-on learning and the welcoming atmosphere created by the leadership team.

A special part of this year's success was the involvement of 4-H Ambassador and member, Devyn, who worked



alongside club leaders to mentor younger members and help create a positive and encouraging environment.

Whether youth were presenting speeches, participating in community service, trying new activities, or simply making new friends, Intro Clubs helped families discover what 4-H is truly about: belonging, confidence, leadership, and learning by doing. Contact introclubs@4hab.com to find out more!

Brentwood Development and Transportation Committee

by Melanie Swailes on behalf of the Development and Transportation Committee

Why You Should Care About the Calgary Plan

The Calgary Plan draft document is 96 pages long. You may find it tedious, technical, mundane, or even flat-out boring—but here's why you need to read it anyway.

Better yet, don't just read it once and forget about it, but get involved: attend an information session, ask questions, and provide your feedback. Why? Every aspect of your daily life relates to the Calgary Plan in some way: housing supply and affordability, roads and mobility, green spaces, and community evolution and change. "The Calgary Plan is the municipal development plan that guides growth and city building. It is a high-level, long-term, statutory policy document that [...] sets policies for land use, development, transportation, and the provision of municipal services and facilities."

Think of the Calgary Plan as the high-level document which dictates how the city will change over the next 30 years. It can be difficult to relate to aspirational statements such as "The Calgary Plan enhances the connections that make this city great, ensuring that Calgary continues to grow responsibly as a beacon of innovation, diversity, and prosperity." What does this even mean?

The problem is that most of us think locally: we're not as concerned about city evolution as we are about the new redevelopment application on our own street. We're not as worried about transportation networks in the city as we are about a problem intersection that we use daily. We care more about trees being cut down on our block than we do about the City's overall urban forest strategic plan.

Many of us are willing to get involved at a local level if we think we might have some influence, but many of the "bigger picture" items have already been decided. As an example, some of the Development Permits (DPs) that the Brentwood Community Association has received for R-CG developments (four-plexes plus four suites), showed buildings with a maximum height of 11 meters (36 ft). Many residents provided comments on these DPs, indicating that this height was out of context

with the predominant bungalow house forms on their street – but the City previously had determined that developers had the right to build to that height. Because of city-wide citizen feedback and opposition, in June, a proposed Council Motion suggests reducing this height to 10 meters. (In Edmonton, their Council just reduced the maximum height to 9.5 meters.) The point is that all decisions have to be made and approved by someone (usually Council), based on input or recommendations from Administration, City Planners, developers, and hopefully also Community Associations and citizens who submit their feedback.

Currently, the Calgary Plan is well underway, including a new Zoning Bylaw. Now is the best time for citizens to comment on and influence aspects of their City, such as building heights, the number of buildings on a lot (the density per hectare), parks and public spaces, as well as other key features that determine community character and liveability. Sometimes the connection between the higher goals and the impact on our local surroundings is unclear. For example, can land use policies help improve social connections, perhaps by allowing for increased retail or commercial buildings within an area? Should we require more amenity spaces for secondary suites? Does Calgary need more roads or more bike lanes? More trees on boulevards or wider sidewalks? This is the stage and the time to get involved. Be part of the process; don't just let it happen around you.

You don't need to be an expert in Planning; you just need to have an interest in your community and your city. Think about how you live, work and play. Then, open the Calgary Plan document and look for the aspects that are most important to you. On page 28, for example, is written "Public spaces and publicly accessible privately owned spaces should incorporate natural features, trees, and pervious surfaces," while "Urban Forest policies" are elaborated on page 41. Make sure to read the Policy Language on page 5, where the very important difference between "must," "should," and "may" are explained. A "should" statement is not as definitive as a "must" policy and is less likely to be applied or enforced.

Sign up for updates on the home page. Keep checking the City Engage page for feedback opportunities: <https://engage.calgary.ca/>. "Pending direction from

Council on June 16, 2026, the City expects to begin Phase 6 engagement on the City Building Program in the fall of 2026, to share and validate the final proposed direction of the Calgary Plan, Zoning Bylaw and Street Manual [...] ahead of anticipated Public Hearing of Committee and Council in the early 2027." Sign up for Ward 4 Councillor Kelly's updates.

Finally, support your Community Association. By taking out a membership, we can contact you for engagement or participation events. Equally important, your membership shows that you support our efforts on your behalf. Check out the Brentwood CA website at <https://brentwoodcommunity.com/> and check out the Development and Transportation Committee website at <https://brentwoodcommunity.com/developments/>.



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In the early evening of February 8, 2026, the Fortuna family's life was forever altered by a devastating and senseless accident.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The 1992 Master Plan Review recommended a Natural Area Management Plan for Nose Hill after a land use study. The job was to document compatible recreational opportunities because of native grasslands with some deciduous shrubs and trees. The Nose Hill Park Trail and Pathway Improvement Plan relied on the earlier research and did further consultation, before concluding that activities in the multi-use zone (top of the Hill) should be separated from all Park native vegetation. Over 86% was Western wheatgrass, Rough fescue - Parry oatgrass, Smooth brome, and Rough fescue-Golden bean. There was strong support to extend the multi-use zone towards the Edgemont entrance but increase habitat protection along the south side of Porcupine Valley. The earlier study assessed the sensitivity of vegetation from recreational trampling (foot traffic). Rough fescue-Golden bean has the greatest distribution in the Park and contributes almost 75% of the moderate to high at-risk areas. Most of the grassland is along the sloped areas of the Park's escarpment. Rough fescue grasslands are significant since they are in great abundance on Nose Hill (up to 35%) but have been lost in much of western Canada. Native Rough fescue grassland along the escarpment is prone to erosion due to more trails and off-trail uses, so having rules will help minimize impact and disturbance to reduce the invasion of non-native species (weeds). Due to its rarity, Nose Hill Park's Rough fescue is a nationally significant ecosite and preservation of the grassland is a great management concern. It is also important to consider that while the native grasslands have higher sensitivity to trampling, heavy recreational use and other disturbances also support the invasion of non-native species (weeds), for which natural recovery times could take several decades.

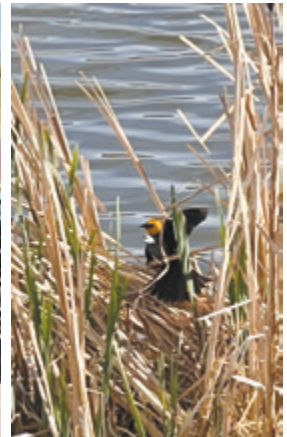
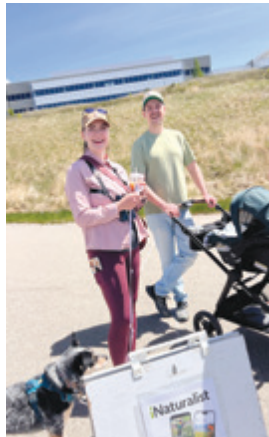


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Everyone—including our wonderful exhibitors, local government reps, and two very young kids enjoying a planned playdate—enjoyed what turned into a beautiful day. Our soundtrack was the birdsong playing on repeat, no speaker required.

Thank you to everyone who attended. For those who couldn't make it, sign up online at savenosecreek.com for our newsletter to learn more about the Nose Creek Valley and details for the second annual Discovery Day sometime in May 2027!





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