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Annual General Meeting

Saturday June 17, 2023 at 10:00 am

Hidden Hut 10504 Hidden Valley Drive NW

Please Note: The Annual General Meeting is open to residents of Hidden Valley/Hanson Ranch, although only those with active memberships as of noon MDT on Friday, June 16, 2023* may vote.

*The deadline date and time for active and good standing membership is to facilitate creating and validating a voting list in time for the AGM: it is subject to review and clarification by the Board.

Agenda

- 1. Meeting registration at 9:45 am (the time for HVCA members to register and get voting card)
- 2. Call to order at 10:00 am
- 3. Introduction of quests, board of directors, membership
- 4. Review and approve minutes of June 2022 Annual **General Meeting**
- 5. President's report of the year's activities Vincent Lemire
- 6. Treasurer's report (including a review of the significant initiatives pursued by the Board and performance relative to the budget for the preceding Fiscal Year) and the Audited Financial Statements - Heather McGeachy/ Vincent Lemire
- Motion to accept Audited Financial Statements
- Motion for the Board to be given the authority to appoint an Auditor prior to the next AGM
- 7. Board of directors' reports
- 8. Election of the directors

Executive

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer (n/a. Going into second year of two-year term)

Standing Committees

- Communications
- Facilities
- IT
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Park Spaces
- Programs and Events
- Schools Liaison
- Sports
- 9. Adjournment

Meet Your Board Members

We wanted to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you over the coming months as we're publishing some profiles of our board members.

Please meet Elizabeth W., your Programs and Events Director! She's a systems analyst who has lived in Hidden Valley since 2012. She moved here to find a neighbourhood with good schools and a larger home for her growing family. She loves the convenient location with access to so many major roads allowing her to get around Calgary easily. When she's not volunteering for the HVCA, you can find her painting Warhammer models, playing video games, doing fun activities with her family, and throwing great parties.

Her favourite Hidden Valley memory in her own words: "During the height of the pandemic, a large snowfall took place. We all shoveled snow into the street kind of intentionally to get people stuck, then we sat outside with our snow gear on waiting to push people out. It was a hilarious interaction with our neighbours, and we needed social interaction!"



We're Hiring!

Do Excel spreadsheets make you all warm and fuzzy? Are you looking to give back to your community? If so, this is the place for you!

The HVCA is looking for a new bookkeeper.

Requirements are light and the role would be a time commitment of approximately two hours per month.

Duties Would Include:

Monthly bank reconciliations, transaction reconciliation and reports (trial balance, income statement, balance sheet, and GL report), and yearly audit (April YE) requirements.

Previous community association bookkeeping would be an asset but is not necessary.

Please respond to treasurer@hiddenhut.org with your hourly rate, or even better if you are willing to volunteer your time.

We look forward to working with you!



4-H Members Explore Possible Career Options

by Emmett Donner, Prairie Winds 4-H Club Reporter

One of the largest benefits of 4-H is that it gives youth many opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have. These benefits range from public speaking to record keeping, but recently, members of the Prairie Winds 4-H Club have been attending workshops where they are learning about possible careers.



Members attended an interactive samosa making workshop. This experience demonstrated some of the tasks that one may need to do while working for the food industry. Members started by making the filling, putting the filling

in the samosa shells, and then folding the samosa shells. While there were some challenges doing this, by the end, everyone was able to successfully fold at least one samosa. Then the samosas were fried to make them deliciously crispy, before taking them home.



Another possible field that is of interest to some is caring for animals. The club experienced a bit of this through an informative rabbit raising workshop. This event started with an in-depth presentation on caring for rabbits. Shortly after,

participants got to play with, feed, pet, and pick up the four rabbits that the presenter brought. The whole club seemed to have fun, while learning some important information.

An opportunity for high school students of the club was a scholarship workshop. A post-secondary education can lead to a career after getting some type of designation. This informational event discussed 4-H scholarships available to members. Those in attendance learned step-by-step how to apply, and what to do to increase the likelihood of getting a scholarship.

Overall, this last month has been very beneficial to our members, and we continue to live out the 4-H model of "learn to do by doing."

Thinking About Helping Us Out?

by Karla W

We are looking for people to fill the Fundraising Director, as well as the Secretary position.

Our community association is looking for someone to fill our vacant Fundraising Director position. We are very much in need of finding someone who can help coordinate our grant applications, as well as starting a rink board advertising program. Grants fund many of our events and projects.

Currently, our main ways of funding our initiatives are membership fees, casino funding, and grants. We now have another possibility for fundraising - our rink boards are going to be replaced this spring, and what a great way to advertise our local businesses! The outdoor rink is highly utilized in both winter and summer, and we haven't had rink board advertising in many years.

So, if you are interested, please email secretary@ hiddenhut.org or vp@hiddenhut.org before the AGM on June 17 (10:00 am at the Hidden Hut!) so we can fill you in on the role.

Secretary

Vacancy after six years of service!

I'm moving on! Our Secretary role is going to be vacant as of our AGM on June 17. As per our bylaws, the maximum term for an executive position is six years (three terms at two years each). So, we are in great need of finding a new Secretary. Some of the responsibilities include keeping accurate minutes, filing documents with Corporate Registries, organizing the AGM each year, and generally keeping accurate paperwork.

If you are interested, please email secretary@hiddenhut. org or vp@hiddenhut.org before our AGM on June 17 for more information.

Directors and Executive Roles

Most of our positions will be up for reelection at the AGM meeting on June 17. If you'd like to know more about the roles and if they could be a good fit for you, please contact us at info@hiddenhut.org. It's a fantastic way to feel more connected by meeting some fun and passionate members of your community! We're looking forward to meeting with you.

Again, if you are interested, please email secretary@ hiddenhut.org or vp@hiddenhut.org before our AGM on June 17 for more information.



GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Movie!

- 1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
- 2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
- 3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.
- 4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
- 5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Mother's Day Trivia

by Shelly Smith

In honour of Mother's Day, I thought it might be fun to share this short and informative quiz with you. Have fun with it!

- 1. What date in May does Mother's Day fall on?
 - a. The first Sunday of May
 - b. The second Sunday of May
 - c. The last Sunday of May
- 2. In 1908, which country was the first to celebrate Mother's Day as an official day of celebrating mothers?
 - a. United States
 - b. Canada
 - c. India
- 3. Which scientist won two Noble Prize awards and was the mother of a Nobel Prize winner?
 - a. Emily Green Balch
 - b. Gerty Theresa Cori
 - c. Marie Currie
- 4. Which pop music group is known for a hit song named Mamma Mia?
 - a. Abba
 - b. Blondie
 - c. Fleetwood Mac
- 5. How much do Canadians spend on average for a Mother's Day gift according to Finder.com?
 - a. \$52
 - b. \$111
 - c. \$132
- 6. How much does phone (landline and cellular) traffic increase on Mother's Day?
 - a. 23%
 - b. 37%
 - c. 45%



- 7. Why is it that words for "Mom" start with a "ma" sound in a lot of languages? (For example, "Mom" is "MaMa" in Ukrainian and "Mor" in Danish)
 - a. Coincidence
 - b. Repetition
 - c. It is one of the first sounds a baby makes
- 8. In 2011, how many mothers were there in Canada (including biological, adoptive, and stepmothers) according to Stats Canada?
 - a. Almost 10 million
 - b. 12 million
 - c. Almost 13 million

Courtesy of Springbank Hill Community Association

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HVCA – A Few Facts: Who We Are, What We Do

We have been asked by some residents to describe what the Community Association does.

The HVCA includes both Hanson Ranch and Hidden Valley. Our Board of Directors are volunteers who care about our neighbourhood and work hard to foster a sense of community through our events, projects, facilities (rink, Hut), beautification, and communications. Your membership fees help us do all of this!

To supplement the memberships, we run a casino once every two years (fund usage abides by AGLC rules) and apply for grants which also allow us to run events, maintain the rink, run our sports programs, and much more. As grants are not always easy to get, our funding is auite limited.

The Board meets publicly once a month, on the third Thursday of each month. We host external guest speakers that usually includes a representative from the Calgary Police Service, a City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, and various political representatives – Ward 3, MLAs, and even our MP.

We can advocate with these representatives on a variety of issues, and they usually have a monthly report of activities in their ridings. If you would like to join one of our meetings or find out more about our activities, check out our calendar on www.hiddenhut.org, our Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/hiddenvalleyhansonranch), or email info@hiddenhut.org.

We run events to bring people together. This year, we are running a monthly board game bash, a community cleanup, a bike festival (Festivélo), The Dog days of Summer (Pet owners will love this one!), Sounds and Spirits (Music and local brewery, what a match!), and possibly more if we can.

We try to convey information about City projects that are occurring in our area. Things like the Deerfoot Trail improvements and the Hanson Ranch wetland redesign, along with other projects in our area are on our HVCA Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ hiddenvalleyhansonranch or our Instagram at www. instagram.com/hvcahiddenhut. Please note that our Facebook page is different than other Facebook group

pages, like the HV/HR community group or the Block Watch page for example. The HVCA Facebook group is strictly for community information. If you would like to submit resident community concerns such as traffic, wetlands, parks, etc., please email info@hiddenhut.org.

We work with the City to bring in City programming to our community such as Skate Park, Community Cleanup, Park n Play, etc.

HVCA owns and maintains amenities such as the outdoor rink at the Hidden Hut, and the Hanson Ranch entrance. We also have leases of property at the Hidden Hut, and 14 St entrance to name a few. We have a beautification committee who works on projects like planter pots and festive lights at our entrances, and the Little Free Library at the Hidden Hut.

We work with the City on replacing old playgrounds in our community, as well as making our Hidden Hut more of a community Hub.

We hope this helps bring some awareness of what the Hidden Valley Community Association does for you, the residents of Hanson Ranch and Hidden Valley!







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November 22	6	13	\$524,900	\$540,000
October 22	10	11	\$529,500	\$518,500
September 22	12	22	\$499,450	\$495,000
August 22	26	12	\$433,950	\$423,277
July 22	13	20	\$487,450	\$497,500
June 22	18	26	\$528,950	\$523,000
May 22	28	22	\$462,494	\$458,600
April 22	28	20	\$509,400	\$535,450

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AURORA SKY DISTRICT

Edgemont, Evanston, Hamptons, Hidden Valley, Hanson Ranch, Kincora, Nolan Hill, Sherwood, and Sage Hill

It is sometimes hard to write an article six weeks in advance of the article being published but here goes.

In late April, our entire district will be attending a District Camp Skills Day at Charles Butler Memorial Park just north of the city. The older girls (Pathfinders, Rangers, third year Guides) will be running the stations, and the younger girls (Sparks, Embers, younger Guides) will be participating. We will have stations like First Aid, Fire Safety, Outdoor Cooking, and Campsite Safety and Preparation. We will end the day with a campfire and singalong.

Our units have also been very busy selling our Girl Guide cookies – the classic ones with a row of chocolate and a row of vanilla. The price of a box of cookies is now \$6 this year – the first price raise in 10 years. We really do appreciate every single box of cookies that you buy. Selling Girl Guide cookies is our main fundraiser every year.

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by Anne Burke

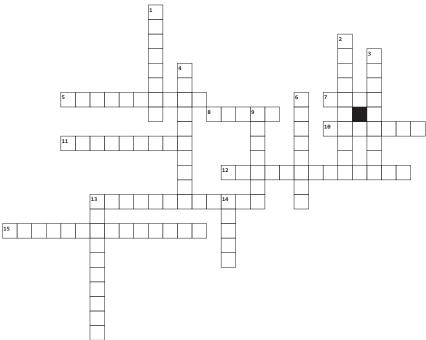
The annual May Plant Count is an event where volunteers survey their favourite natural areas to collect data on the distribution and blooming of flowering plants in Alberta. Collection of plant specimens is not allowed in any protected or restricted areas, such as Nose Hill Park. The survey, which takes place between May 25 and 31, encourages stewardship and is based on appreciation of nature.

Expertise in identification is valuable, but not mandatory. It is open to anyone with an interest in plants and flowering. As a citizen scientist, your photos submitted during the count period will contribute to the databases. To join the project, go to https://inaturalist.ca/projects/alberta-may-plant-count. In order to submit observations, you will need to log in and create an account (which is free).

The May Plant Count is part of the May Species Count. It began in 1976 to track bird species across Alberta and, in 2011, over 300,000 birds were counted. In 2022, over 400 people participated in the bird count. To learn more about how to download your results onto the eBird app and to contact your local organizer, go to https://naturealberta.ca/may-species-count/.



May Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 5. Originally from Nunavut, this artist has won both a Polaris Music Prize and a JUNO for her unique blend of throat singing with Western music genres.
- 7. In May of 1918, some women were given the ability to do this.
- Day celebrates and raises awareness for this endangered water dwelling mammal.
- 10. On May 15, this band, hailing from Hamilton, Ontario won Group of the Year at the 2022 JUNO awards.
- 11. A Star Wars pun becomes very popular on this day.
- 12. This actor and ex-wrestler has both their American. and Canadian citizenship, only getting the latter at the age of 37.
- 13. This classic children's toy was introduced on May 1, 1952, and was the first toy ever advertised on television.
- 15. On May 11, 2019, this novel by Eden Robinson won the Fthel Wilson Fiction Prize.

Down

- 1. On May 17, 1642, this Canadian city was founded by Paul de Chomedey, Sieur de Maisonneuve.
- 2. At San Francisco's Grand Opera House, this was played for the first time on May 4, 1878.
- 3. This clothing item was patented 150 years ago.
- 4. Released 28 years ago, this film increased tourism in Scotland.
- 6. A solar eclipse on May 29, 1919, proved ______'s theory of general relativity.
- 9. Canada's first _____ was found in 1998 in Yukon Territory.
- 13. In the United States, the most phone calls are made on this holiday.
- 14. On May 30, 1966, the first full-disk image of was taken.





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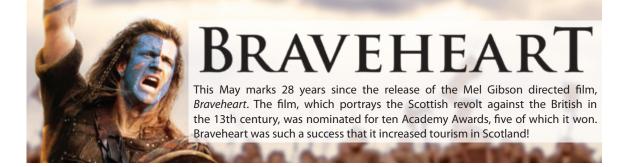
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