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# Butter Keep A secreti

Have you heard the rumor about butter? Never mind, I shouldn't be spreading it.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

March was a fantastic month for community engagement! Our door-to-door membership drive was a huge success. It was wonderful to connect with so many residents on both sides of Beddington Trail—your warm and positive responses made the experience truly rewarding. Thank you to everyone who took the time to chat with us and support our community!

We also launched our first board update videos to help keep you informed about what's happening at the board level. We hope this new initiative helps bring more transparency and connection with the community.

Our Spring Egg Hunt was a huge hit! The turnout was incredible, and it was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces. We love hosting events like this to foster community spirit, and we appreciate everyone who joined us.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who participated in our community cleanup! The neighbourhood is looking fantastic thanks to your efforts.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events coming up:

- Community Garage Sale and FUNDrive Happening at the end of this month! Bring your gently used, clean goods to the Hidden Hut to help raise funds for the community.
- Sound and Spirits Event Stay tuned for details about this exciting summer gathering!

We are so grateful to be part of such a welcoming and engaged community. Your support and participation make Hidden Valley a wonderful place to live. Stay connected, get involved, and let's keep building a strong community together!

Robyn M.

President, HVCA



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### GAMES & PUZZLES Guess the Video Game!

- 1. This video game was developed and published by Atari in 1972, making it one of the earliest and most well-known video games.
- 2. With over 300 million copies sold, this is the best-selling video game of all time.
- 3. Physicist William Higinbotham created the very first game called \_\_\_\_\_; and no, it's not what you think!
- 4. A video game classic, the character of Mario was originally called \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Beginning as a joke, this 1999 Nintendo 64 game included an unlikely rap about its main characters.
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# What's Happening This Spring 2025

## HVCA Community Trash Cleanup - May 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

With the snow melting away, the community is coming into spring. Our pathways and parks are changing from winter activities to summer, but the enjoyment of the space is being disrupted by the lingerings of the winter use. Litter. Litter and animal faeces is a constant nuisance along the sidewalks, pathways, and park spaces throughout Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch. There appears to be an increase of garbage since last fall. The Hidden Valley Community Association is hosting a Community Trash Cleanup. We are looking for you, your family, and neighbours to participate in this activity on May 10 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Meet us at two different locations. The Hidden Hut and The Hanson Ranch Horse Park. We have gloves and garbage bags for everyone participating. Refreshments and food will follow the cleanup at 12:00 pm at both locations. Let's take care of our community together and keep this neighbourhood a place we can all be proud to call home!



#### HVCA Parade of Garage Sales - May 24 and 25

Looking to declutter your home? The community garage sale is back! Please host your garage sale on May 24 and 25 as the community will be out and about looking for unique finds. Get more visibility by registering for a small fee, discount for HVCA members, to have your house put on our Parade Map which will be provided on our website, hiddenhut.org, for easy printing access.



# HVCA, Along with Value Village, FUNDrive - May 25 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Spring cleaning is sometimes more than just selling knick-knacks and decluttering closets—it's an opportunity to give back! As the Parade of Garage Sales comes to a close, why not bring your gently used items to The Hut? Your HVCA has partnered with Sage Hill Value Village to host a Community FUNDrive! Donate your gently used clothing and household items to our FUNDrive fundraiser and help support Hidden Valley while clearing out your space. Items will be delivered to Value Village, and a portion of the proceeds will go to your HVCA. Donated items must be in excellent used condition, please check out the Value Village website https://www.valuevillage.ca/donate#acceptable for a full list of acceptable donations. Please note, HVCA reserves the right to turn an item away.



## HVCA, Along with The City Of Calgary, Community Cleanup Truck Bins - June 22 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

In partnership with The City, your HVCA is hosting the most anticipated and popular event of the year! If you have items around your house that need disposing and would regularly go in the black bin but are too large, stop by The Hidden Hut on Sunday, June 22, to get these items out of your way. Please look on the city website, https://www.calgary.ca/communities/communitycleanup-items.html, for a detailed list of acceptable items for the community cleanup. Memberships may be purchased at this event, too.



Please note - we need volunteers to make this each event successful, please watch for the sign-up links on our website (hiddenhut.org) and on our socials (Facebook, Instagram, and X) as well as, more information regarding these events.

Amy M.

Communications Director, HVCA

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### GROUND CONTROL TO MAJOR TOM

On May 12, 2013, an unlikely beautiful voice in space emerged. Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, aboard the International Space Station, fittingly recorded a cover of David Bowie's "Space Oddity". His video, featuring him floating in zero gravity while singing, quickly went viral.

## **Spring Egg Hunt**

The Hidden Valley Community Association hosted a fun-filled afternoon for families and neighbours at our annual Spring Egg Hunt. This beloved event took place on Sunday, April 20, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Hidden Valley Hut.

It was the perfect opportunity to celebrate spring, enjoy festive fun, and create lasting memories with the community. As participants hunted for eggs, they kept an eye out for special prizes! A variety of exciting giveaways and prizes added an extra special touch to the celebration.

This year, we were thrilled to welcome the Butterfield Acres Mini Farm to the event. The farm brought along adorable animals for everyone to meet and enjoy, making the experience even more magical for kids and adults alike. From fluffy bunnies to playful lambs, it was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about and interact with animals in a safe, friendly environment. Hand washing facilities were available to ensure a clean and enjoyable experience.

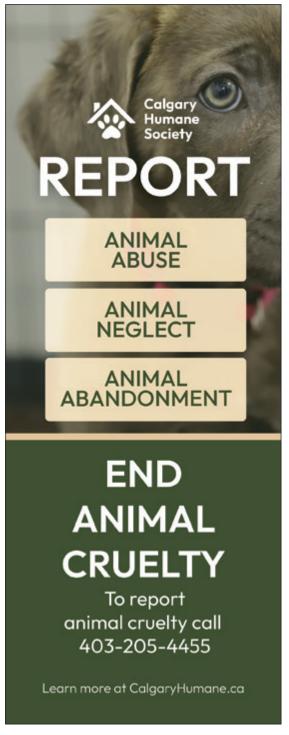
The Spring Egg Hunt wasn't just about searching for eggs—it was about bringing the community together to celebrate the joys of spring. The event offered a chance for neighbours to connect, meet new friends, and strengthen the sense of community that makes Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch such a special place to live. Whether attendees had lived in the area for years or were new to the neighbourhood, there was plenty of room for new connections and shared smiles.

We were delighted to see so many members of the community come together to welcome spring with open arms and a strong sense of community spirit. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this celebration one to remember!

Anita K.

Events Director, HVCA





### **Hanson Ranch Updates**

#### by Sonia Quon and Sandy Robertson-Buffett

At long last, spring is here and with the change of season things will soon be happening within Hanson Ranch in Hidden Valley!

The entire community of Hanson Ranch and Hidden Valley will be participating in a community trash cleanup on Saturday, May 10. Soon our streets, parks, and green spaces will be free of garbage and the general debris that winter seems to bring to our neighbourhoods. We would love to see many of you, our neighbours, join us in this great initiative. It's a wonderful way to connect with neighbours, make new friends and help make our community litter-free and summer-ready!

What speaks to spring and summer more than sprucing up our front entry? The front entry garden at Beddington Trail was rejuvenated last summer and we need your help to maintain all that hard work and its new look. Keep an eye on social media posts and sign up to volunteer to assist in weeding, pruning, and general maintenance of our front entry. It takes a village to keep both the garden and adjacent green space looking welcoming for visitors and potential home buyers.

Your Hanson Ranch directors continue to have ongoing conversations with the city's Mobility department regarding traffic safety within our neighbourhoods. We are committed to providing Hanson Ranch residents with any updates with respect to traffic safety measures and/or assessments of those measures already in place, so stay tuned!

The HVCA's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Hidden Hut. Please plan to attend. Your input and participation are essential as we strive towards not only maintaining but growing an even more vibrant and involved community.

Anything concerning you? Any light bulb moments for Hanson Ranch that you would like to share? Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly HVCA board meetings held at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Hidden Hut. Your schedule just isn't conducive to attending in person? No problem – you can always reach out to either Sonia Quon (hansonranch1@hiddenhut.org) or Sandy Robertson-Buffett (hansonranch2@hiddenhut.org) and let us know what's on your mind!



#### by Anne Burke

We were contacted about restoration work at Nose Hill. Alberta Native Plant Rescue has some native grasses they've rescued from development sites around Calgary and can plant them out. Past stewardship projects were in Fish Creek Park and Cochrane area. Native species are popular but are at increasing risk from invasive species (weeds) and land development. This Volunteer Group gathers a variety of native grasses and rare plants, then safely relocates them. Some are rough fescue grass, the Prairie sage, blanket flower, blazing star, yarrow, and more. When the native grassland restoration project involves sharing seedlings with the public, participants should bring clean tools and be dressed appropriately.

This year's World Migratory Bird Day theme, Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-friendly Cities and Communities, highlights the urgent need for urban planning and protecting birds. It's time to rally our community and Calgary is certified as bird friendly. Saturday, May 10 marks peak spring migration in Canada. Every action counts to help save bird lives. https://www.birdday.ca/.

Nature Alberta is the coordinator of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) for Habitat Stewardship, enlisting community and government support. National partners include Birds Canada and Nature Canada. The program was initiated in the 1980s by BirdLife International. Nature Alberta is responsible for recruiting volunteer caretakers who collect bird data; they conduct at least one bird count per year (preferably during migration) and submit the results to eBird Canada. Some other duties are conducting site assessments, restoring habitat, raising awareness, and advocacy efforts. There are currently over 600 IBAs across Canada, including 48 in Alberta all viewable on a Google map. An online directory tracks locations, birds, habitats, threats, and conservation issues. You can access the database, interactive maps, desktop tools, and downloadable PDF maps at https://naturealberta. ca/habitat-stewardship/.



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Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms, grandmas, and caregivers! Your love, strength and wisdom deserve celebrating every day. Thank you for being the heart of our families and communities.

To address Calgary's rapid population growth and rising school enrolments, the government has approved 18 new school projects, adding 14,400 student spaces. Design funding has been allocated for 10 Calgary Board of Education schools, in Cornerstone, Sage Hill, Livingston, Nolan Hill, Aspen Woods, and Sherwood. The Calgary Catholic School Division will receive design funding for a new K-9 school.

Alberta's government is boosting financial support for caregivers who offer their homes for children and youth in care, aiming to enhance well-being, address cost-of-living challenges, and strengthen stability. Investments include accessible counselling for foster caregivers, the refer-a-foster-caregiver program to expand the licensed foster family network, and new supports to aid caregivers in providing stability and connection for young adults transitioning out of care.

\$85 million in grants has been invested to strengthen communities. This includes funding for Alberta's Crowdfunding platform, capital grants, and community grant programs. Of this, \$64 million is dedicated to programs like CFEP and CIP that boost economic growth, enhance gathering spaces, and encourage community connections.

The government is also investing \$800 million over eight years in a cancer innovation value partnership with Siemens Healthineers and the Alberta Cancer Foundation. This initiative aims to improve outcomes, reduce wait times, and enhance early detection by updating oncology equipment, leveraging artificial intelligence, creating two centres of excellence in cancer care, and establishing a research and innovation fund to attract global talent.



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#### **Community Cleanups**

Community Cleanup events are an opportunity for Calgarians to dispose of items that do not fit into their waste and recycling carts.

Spring Cleanups are ongoing until June 28/29.

Summer Cleanups run from July 5/6 to August 30/31.

All events take place on Saturdays or Sundays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Check out calgary.ca/communities for the full schedule and to find a cleanup near you.

#### **Neighbour Day Applications**

Neighbour Day is coming up on June 21! Created in 2013 after the flood, Neighbour Day is Calgary's celebration of community spirit.

Communities can host their own block party or be a part of a community-wide centralized event through a local organization. Applications are open now – check out calgary.ca/events for full details.

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