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by The City of Calgary

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## **Cooking For the Family**

by Morgan Reynaud, Prairie Winds 4-H Club Reporter



We recently had an online cooking session with one of our project leaders, where we made two fun and flavourful dishes: unfried ice cream and sheet pan fajitas. These recipes were easy, delicious, and perfect for cooks of all levels. It was a great chance for our members to try something new while also making a full meal for their families.

The session was open to our juniors as well, with adult supervision and support to make sure everyone stayed safe and had fun. Both recipes were beginner-friendly, didn't require special tools, and could be easily customized with different ingredients to suit personal tastes. Whether it's for a casual family dinner or a weekend treat, this combo has something to offer everyone.





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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Hidden Valley! I just want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of the amazing community we've built together. The May Community Garage Sale was such a success—not just for the fantastic treasures that were found, but for the incredible turnout and the spirit of connection that filled our streets. And let's not forget the FUNDrive! It was truly heartwarming to see the generosity of our neighbours in action. The amount of donations we received blew us away. Thank you to every single person who contributed—you made a difference.

Looking ahead, I'm thrilled to invite you to our Annual General Meeting on June 21. It's a great opportunity to hear what's happening in Hidden Valley, share your thoughts, and get involved in shaping our future. Even more exciting, we'll be rolling into our Neighbour Day celebrations right after the meeting—what better way to connect and celebrate our amazing community?

As your Community Association President, I couldn't be prouder. Every event, every volunteer, every new membership—it all adds up to something truly special. Your support helps us continue to grow, to host events, to improve amenities, and to make Hidden Valley an even better place to live, raise a family, and build lasting connections. Let's keep the momentum going. Let's keep showing up, pitching in, and lifting each other up. Because, when we come together, we create something truly powerful: a community we're proud to call home.

Robyn M.

President, HVCA



Before Shrek had his iconic Scottish accent, Mike Myers originally voiced the ogre with a thick Canadian accent! After recording all his lines, Myers changed his mind and re-recorded everything in a Scottish accent which he felt better countered Lord Farquaad's English accent. Talk about an ogre-achiever!

## **Events Update**

Spring brought sunshine, laughter, and a whole lot of fun to our community with the recent HVCA Spring Egg Hunt!

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout - families and children filled the park with smiles, excitement, and spring spirit. The event was a tremendous success, thanks in large part to our incredible volunteers and generous sponsors:

- Hidden Valley Lawncare for the generous donations of candy and treats.
- •TF Makeup Artistry for the complimentary face painting.
- Honourable MLA Muhammed Yaseen and staff for gift cards.
- Councillor Jasmine Mian and staff for candy and treats.
- Robyn Moser & Associates for the generous addition of the photo booth.
- Harvest Hills Tim Hortons for the discount they provided for coffee and hot chocolate.

Your time, thoughtfulness, and support made the day more special for everyone who attended, sincere gratitude for your kindness.

A highlight of the day was the 200 goody bags we prepared for the children—every single one was happily claimed. Butterfield Acres added special charm to the event by bringing their adorable furry friends for the children to meet and pet. Their presence truly brought joy to our event, and we are so grateful for their participation.

Another big hit was our talented face painter Tracy from TF Makeup Artistry, who transformed eager little faces into butterflies, superheroes, and everything in between. The line never seemed to end, a testament to both her incredible talent and the excitement she brought to the day. Good news, Tracy will be attending our next event and will be bringing another talented artist with her to ensure nobody misses out. Tracy is a cherished member of our community, and we are most fortunate and thankful for the smiles she brought to the children.

Overall, it was a wonderful celebration of spring and community. We shared countless smiles, and it was heartwarming to see families come together to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors.

Mark your calendars - more fun is on the way!

June 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, HVCA is excited to host our first annual Neighbour Day Celebration.

This family-friendly event promises even more smiles and memory making moments.

We've got a fantastic lineup of entertainment planned, starting with the amazing Tomlin Trick Dogs, who will wow the crowd with their high-energy performance.

Please note that while we welcome family pets, they will not be permitted inside the rink during the dog show.

Following the tricks and tail-wagging fun, prepare to be amazed by the magic of Russell Malcolm, a talented magician whose show will delight both kids and adults alike.

Our face painter Tracy will be busy transforming little faces into works of art throughout the event.

Looking ahead, we're also busy planning our second annual Sounds and Spirits event, happening on Saturday, August 30. We asked for feedback last year and will be adding additional entertainment, more food trucks and plenty of "spirit" options.

This is an adult-only event, members are free to attend, non-members pay \$30 at the door, a fantastic reason to buy your annual community membership early, so that you can join us for a wonderful evening.

Visit hiddenhut.org and get your membership today!

If you enjoyed last year's gathering or missed out, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for event updates, sneak peeks, and details as they're announced.

We're so proud to be part of such a vibrant and engaged community.

Thank you for joining us and supporting these events, it's your participation that brings them to life.

See you soon.

Anita K.

Events Director, HVCA







Our community association is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

## Come to our AGM on June 21 at 10am

or contact us today to learn more about these exciting volunteer opportunities! Info@hiddenhut.org

#### **Available positions:**

- Treasurer
- Hanson Ranch Directors (2)
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## **Hanson Ranch Update**

by Sonia Q. and Sandy R-B., Hanson Ranch Directors, HVCA

#### **Spring Safety Reminder for Hanson Ranch**

Spring has arrived, and as everyone eagerly gets out to enjoy the warmer weather, we'd like to take a moment to remind our community about traffic safety in Hanson Ranch. With more children and adults out walking, cycling, and visiting our playgrounds and pathways, it's important for all of us to stay alert and mindful of one another.

To help promote safer driving, we've requested SLOWS (Speed Limit Observation and Warning System) trailers at four key locations in Hanson Ranch on Hidden Creek Drive, Hidden Creek Way, and both north and south of the traffic circle on Hidden Creek Blvd. These temporary radar-equipped trailers display the speed of oncoming vehicles, reminding motorists that the speed limit throughout Hanson Ranch is 40 km/h. While we're still waiting for confirmation on these requests, we want to encourage everyone to slow down, obey the speed limit, and set a good example by acting as a "pace car" when driving through our neighbourhood.

#### A Quick Reminder About Traffic Circle Etiquette

Since the installation of the now-permanent traffic circle at Hidden Creek Way, Hidden Creek Blvd, and Hidden Creek Heights, there's been some ongoing confusion about right-of-way rules. When it was first installed, signs instructed drivers to "yield to the vehicle on the left," which led many to believe that when two vehicles approach the circle at the same time, the vehicle on the left has the right-of-way. However, that's not quite accurate.

#### Here's how it works:

- Yield to vehicles already in the traffic circle they're approaching from the left as they circulate. Thus, you are yielding to the vehicle on the left.
- Slow down when approaching the circle and yield to both pedestrians and other vehicles as needed.
- First come, first served if it's safe to enter and no one is in the circle, the first vehicle to arrive goes first.
- If two vehicles arrive at the same time, the driver on the left must yield to the driver on the right.

For a full refresher on intersections, traffic circles, and roundabouts, check out pages 59 to 63 of the Alberta Driver's Guide: https://open.alberta.ca/publications/drivers-guide.

#### Save the Dates!

A friendly reminder that the HVCA Annual General Meeting is coming up on June 21, followed by our Neighbour Day festivities. Stay tuned for updates on Facebook and signage throughout the community. We'd love to see you there to celebrate what's ahead and learn about all the great things happening in Hidden Valley!

On June 22, the HVCA will be hosting a City of Calgary Community Cleanup event where residents can dispose of items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts. Check for updates and information on Facebook and the HVCA newsletter!











## **Facilities Update**

After a very successful winter on our outdoor rinks, where we managed to keep the gates open for almost two straight months, the ice is now since melted, and we've moved on to our spring and summer season. Some wondered why we kept the rink under lock and chain for so long, but it took almost six weeks for our ice to melt, and for the pipes to thaw out enough to drain the lake of excess water.

We've replaced the nets on all four backboards, so feel free to take advantage of the hoops in the rink. We've also left the hockey nets inside the rink, so the kids can fit in some street hockey over the summer months. All we ask is that everyone respect the equipment and leave it in the best shape you can for the next person that wants to use it.

Although we have pickup services contracted out for the three garbage bins that surround the rink, at times they can fill up quicker than expected. If you spot a full bin, feel free to contact me at facilitiesdirector@hiddenhut.org and I'll arrange for an extra pickup. With that in mind, we ask that you don't put garbage from home into the community bins, especially cardboard boxes. As you can imagine, they tend to fill up the bins in a hurry. Thanks in advance!

It seems a little strange to talk about winter, when summer has yet to arrive, but it's never too early to start recruiting volunteers for ice maintenance next fall and winter. Give it some thought, and we'll remind you in the coming months. If we could put together a crew of about ten or twelve rink rats, committed to about an hour or two per week, it would make much lighter work for all involved. And, for parents of young kids, it's a couple hours of peace and quiet out flooding the rink! I'm happy to take your information anytime at facilitiesdirector@hiddenhut.org.

Have a great summer and enjoy all the great things about living in Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch!

Bruce R.

Facilities Director, HVCA



## **Sports Update**

#### Youth Sports Are Thriving in Hidden Valley!

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates about the incredible youth programming happening right here in our community:

#### SoccerTech Soccer is Up and Running!

The fields are alive with energy as our SoccerTech Soccer program kicks off the season! It's fantastic to see young athletes out there building skills, teamwork, and confidence.

#### In-House Softball League Returned This May!

We're proud to announce the return of our beloved in-house Youth Softball League this May! A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers—this program wouldn't be possible without you. As one of the last remaining youth softball leagues in Calgary, we're honoured to keep this tradition going for our players and families. Interested in helping out? We're always looking for more volunteers!

#### Youth Introduction to Golf Day - Coming Soon!

HVCA will soon host a Youth Intro to Golf Day, offering young community members a fun and accessible way to learn the game! Led by our very own local golf professionals, the day will include a pop-up driving range, a mini putt course, and more. Stay tuned to our social media and newsletter for date and registration info!

## Thank You for Supporting Youth Recreation in Our Community!

We're so proud of the vibrant youth sports culture in Hidden Valley—and it's all thanks to the amazing families and volunteers who make it happen.

Mitch G.

Sports Director, HVCA



## **Volunteer Update**

#### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

As we wrap up another incredible year—from June 2024 to June 2025—we want to extend our deepest thanks to every single volunteer who has stepped up to support the Hidden Valley Community Association. From community cleanups to fun-filled events to the behind-the-scenes work of the board, none of it would be possible without the helping hands of our dedicated residents.

Our board is made up entirely of volunteers, and we're so grateful for the time, energy, and passion you bring. A special thank you to Symon's Valley Scouts for your ongoing support across multiple events—you've made a big difference!

To the many residents of Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch who have contributed in so many ways, a big thank you! Your involvement continues to build the strong, welcoming community we all value.

A very special thank you to our board coordinators—without your leadership and commitment, we simply couldn't get everything done.

Looking ahead, various positions will open at our next AGM. No experience is needed—just a desire to get involved and make a difference. Please message president@hiddenhut.org. If you're not ready for a board role but want to help in smaller ways, we'd love to hear from you too. Please reach out to volunteers@hiddenhut.org.

Let's keep building a better community, together.

#### **Thank You to Our Outgoing Board Members**

We want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated board members who will be leaving their positions. Your hard work, time, and passion have made a lasting impact on Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch.

To Adwoa, Sonia, Sandy, Felicia, Dugane, and Amy—thank you for your unwavering commitment and countless contributions. Your leadership has helped shape our community, and your presence on the board will be truly missed. Your shoes will be hard to fill!

Felicia M.

Volunteer Director, HVCA



by Anne Burke

We are celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the City Nature Challenge and of iNaturalist Canada. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Calgary City Nature Challenge was on April 25 to 28, 2025. So far, the previous year was most successful with 13,000+ observations. Other micro bioblitzes will happen all this summer. The iNaturalist platform is being used to help provide up to date records of the occurrence of the flora and fauna of Nose Hill with particular emphasis on the native vascular and nonvascular plants, fungi, birds, mammals, butterflies, moths, and bees.

Nature Calgary is a community that promotes the preservation of natural habitats, provides educational opportunities, and supports the collection of natural history observations. This year, the group is focusing their efforts on Nose Hill and Bowmont Park. We were contacted to encourage our members to take pictures of the Nose Hill biota (animal and plant life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period) and submit the photographs to https://inaturalist.ca/projects/nose-hill-park-bioinventory.

The goal is to publish an updated version of "The Green Book" in time for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to monitor the changes in eleven Calgary Natural Areas. Whenever you visit a park, you can upload your observations to eBird and there are links to all these Parks at https://inaturalist.ca/. The project is being spearheaded by Nature Calgary and the Native Plants Council of Alberta - Calgary Chapter. In 1980 "The Green Book" was called "Calgary's Natural Areas: A Popular Guide" as one of the City's most extensive repositories of biodiversity. The first of its kind when data collection began in 1975, it was cited during the planning and creation of several of our Natural Parks. Many contributions provided by citizen scientists will add to the accuracy of the new publication and are greatly appreciated.





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April	25	21	10	\$684,450	\$673,750	
March	25	14	15	\$579,999	\$568,750	
February	25	14	9	\$649,900	\$644,500	
January	25	6	2	\$552,000	\$548,500	
December	24	6	6	\$647,450	\$637,194	
November	24	5	10	\$614,950	\$601,250	
October	24	9	14	\$577,450	\$585,000	
September	24	11	7	\$629,000	\$613,000	
August	24	13	13	\$580,000	\$595,000	
July	24	14	9	\$600,000	\$627,000	
June	24	18	18	\$664,500	\$664,000	
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In partnership with the Alberta Sport Leadership Association, Alberta's government is launching a new Safe Sport Strategy to promote quality programming in safe sporting environments. With a \$3 million investment, the strategy aims to ensure Albertans can participate in sports safely and confidently. It includes an independent third-party complaint process to address maltreatment in sports and a confidential 24/7 reporting system set to launch by fall 2025. This strategy is a commitment to respect and dignity for every athlete.

Since 2020, 134 film and television productions have been supported by the Alberta Made Production Grant, generating over \$35 million in spend and more than 450 jobs. With more than sixty percent of all Alberta-made projects filmed or planning to film in small cities, towns, and rural locations across the province, we are boosting the economy in all corners of Alberta. Budget 2025 is investing \$8 million in the Alberta Media Fund to help support locally produced books, magazines, music, film, and television.

Alberta's government has announced the 2025/26 funding for the International Language Teacher Bursary, awarding \$42,000 to ten teachers for language and culture programs in Spain, France, Ecuador, Brazil, and Mexico. Recipients from various school boards, including Calgary Board of Education, Elk Island Public, Lethbridge School Division, Edmonton and Red Deer Public Schools, will each receive \$4,200. This bursary supports teachers in enhancing international language skills to benefit Alberta classrooms.

Warmest wishes for a happy and restful summer to all our students and staff. You've worked incredibly hard, and now it's time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the sunshine. Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. Have a fantastic summer break!



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