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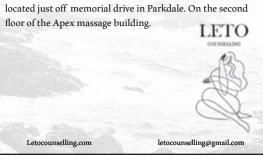
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Neighbour Night Sip 'n' Chat

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**Queen Elizabeth High School** Reunion

Oueen Flizabeth Hiah School's graduating class of 1975 is hosting a 50th reunion in June 2025. The Reunion Committee Members are still looking to connect with classmates. Please contact QE75grad@ gmail.com.







#### **ONGOING PROGRAMMING AT HSCA**

For the most-up-to-date information, visit our program and recreation calendar for more information at www.hsca.ca/programsrecreationcalendar.

#### **Mondays (Except Stat Holidays)**

#### Sustainable Food Programming, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Fresh Routes affordable mobile grocery store is onsite every Monday (Except stat holidays). Everyone is welcome to shop at Fresh Routes.

#### **Tuesdays**

#### Chair Yoga Will Return to HSCA in February 2025

Please reach out to Debbie for more information.

#### Sip 'n' Chat, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Drop by anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We welcome all community members to enjoy a coffee or snack together. Everyone is welcome. Stop by the Hearth Room at HSCA.

#### Wednesdays

#### Cribbage, 12:30 to 3:00 pm

Join a lively game of cribbage with community members and area seniors in the North Social Hall.

#### HSCA's Farmers' Market (Indoors)

The HSFM runs every Wednesday from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, vear-round.

Please note, the Farmers' Market will be taking a short holiday break and will return on January 15, 2025.

#### **Thursdays**

#### Chair Yoga Will Return to HSCA in February 2025 Please reach out to Debbie for more information.

#### Neighbour Night - First and Third Thursday of the Month, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Note: This month, Neighbour Night will take place on January 16 and 30.

Join us January 16 to learn how to create a Non-Toxic Household with eco-friendly ingredients. This workshop will focus on how to create an affordable and ecofriendly Dishwashing Powder using simple ingredients like baking soda, citric acid, and essential oils. It's a budget-friendly way to make a non-toxic, effective cleaning product that is both efficient and safe for the environment. This DIY solution is perfect for those looking to reduce the chemicals in their home while still achieving a sparkling clean.

Please check our program and recreation calendar for updates and information on Neighbour Night at www. hsca.ca/programsrecreationcalendar.

#### **Fridays**

#### Vinyasa Flow Yoga

Beginning January 10, HSCA will be offering Vinyasa Flow Yoga in the North Social Hall from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. \$20 per class. Visit hsca.ca/yoga.

#### **Saturdays**

#### **HSCA Youth Badminton Lessons with Grace Yuen!**

Get ready for an exciting badminton lesson designed just for youth ages 10 to 15! Whether you're picking up a racquet for the first time or looking to improve your skills, this session promises fun, teamwork, and skill-building. Classes run Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm from January 11 to March 29. Cost is \$240 for the duration. Visit hsca.ca/badminton.

#### Meditation and Journalling Workshop at HSCA

Beginning Saturday, February 15, 11:30 am to 12:45 pm. Cost is \$25 per workshop. Visit hsca.ca/yoga. This 75-minute workshop, led by Richelle Peace, focuses on balancing the body's energy centres (chakras) through meditation, breathwork, and journaling. You'll leave feeling relaxed, rejuvenated, and full of clarity.

#### Sundays

#### The Sunday Flea Market runs 7:00 am to 3:00 pm -**Concession On-site!**

Check out the crafts, furniture, vinyl records, antiques, books, treasures, and community building every Sunday at HSCA.

#### Flea Market Partnership with Cerebral Palsy **Alberta- Donation Drop Off**

Shop and donate! The HSCA Flea Market has partnered with Cerebral Palsy Alberta and is now a charitable drop off location. Important: Drop off donations can only be made Sunday during the Flea Market hours. Donations cannot be left outside the building. HSCA will not be accepting donations any other time during the week. Donation items Cerebral Palsy Alberta is accepting include quality used clothing, accessories, and small household items.



# New Year, New Vibes: 2025 at HSCA is About to Be (Even More) Amazing!

Hey Hillhurst Sunnyside fam! Are you ready to crush 2025? Because we sure are. The Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (HSCA) is kicking things off big this year with a lineup of exciting programs—and trust us, you won't want to miss out.

We've got something for everyone, and here's a sneak peek at what's coming your way:

#### Youth Badminton Lessons with Grace Yuen

Looking for a fun way to spend your Saturday afternoon? How about learning to crush it on the badminton court? Whether you're a newbie or already smashing birdies like a pro, these lessons are for you.

When: Saturdays, starting January 11, 2025

Time: 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Where: HSCA

Who: Youth ages 10 to 15

Whether you're new to the sport or wanting to develop your skill, coach Grace Yuen will help you learn all the tips and tricks to level up your game while making friends, building teamwork, and (most importantly) having an absolute blast.

#### Parents and Tots: Stay n' Play

Parents, we see you. You deserve a fun, relaxed morning where you can let your little one(s) play while connecting with other caregivers.

When: Wednesdays, starting January 8, 2025

Time: 9:30 to 11:00 am

Where: HSCA's North Social Hall

Who: Ages 0 to 5 (with parental supervision)

Cost: \$2 Drop-in and free for HSCA Membership holders

This drop-in program is your go-to for midweek playdates, complete with toys, space to roam, and plenty of opportunities to make new friends (for both kids and parents or caregivers).

#### Vinyasa Flow Yoga with Richelle

Ready to flow into 2025 with balance and calm? Join community member and instructor Richelle for a welcoming and rejuvenating yoga experience.

When: Fridays, starting January 10, 2025

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Where: HSCA's North Social Hall

Cost: \$20 per class

This 60-minute Vinyasa Flow class is designed for all experience levels, blending breathwork, meditation, and flowing poses to help you unwind and recharge.

#### **Meditation and Journaling Workshop**

Need a little me time in 2025? This monthly workshop is the perfect blend of mindfulness and reflection.

When: Saturdays, 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

Dates: February 15, March 15, April 5, May 10

Where: HSCA's North Social Hall

Cost: \$25 per workshop (HSCA Members get 10% off!)

Who: Ages 14+ (All skill levels welcome)

This 75-minute workshop, led by Richelle Peace, focuses on balancing the body's energy centres (chakras) through meditation, breathwork, and journaling. You'll leave feeling relaxed, rejuvenated, and full of clarity.

#### What to Bring:

- A yoga mat (optional).
- A journal and pen (or use what we provide).
- Comfortable athletic wear.
- · Water bottle to stay hydrated.

Spots are limited to 20 participants, so grab your spot before it fills up!

#### Why Join These Programs?

Let's make 2025 about self-care, connection, and community. Whether you're smashing birdies, chasing toddlers, flowing through poses, or diving deep into mindfulness, there's something here for you.

**Youth Badminton Lessons** - Registration is open—secure your spot today!

**Yoga** - Sign up now to flow into your best self.

**Parents and Tots: Stay n' Play** - Drop in with the little ones to connect.

**Meditation and Journaling** - Reserve your space before it fills up!

HSCA is ready to make 2025 unforgettable. Let's build connection, health, and happiness—together.

#### **COMMUNITY PHOTO CORNER**



Warmer Nights

Yes, Januarys can be long and cold, but winters have their charm too! Here's a little reminder of a warmer summer evening in Kensington, shared by community member Kyla B. Thank you for sharing!

A big thanks to our community members for submitting and sharing your photos!

Do you want your photos to be featured in our Voice, e-newsletter, or social media channels? Email your photos to Stephanie.c@hsca.ca.









# Nat Geo's **Grand Debut!**



January 13, 1888, was a landmark day for explorers! On this day, the National Geographic Society was founded in Washington, D.C., setting the stage for countless discoveries. Just months later, in October 1888, the very first issue of the iconic National Geographic Magazine hit the shelves, sparking a love for exploration and knowledge!

#### **SENIOR CONNECTIONS**

For seniors related support, information, or volunteering, contact Debbie at 403-283-0554 ext. 224 (and leave a message) or by emailing debbie.o@hsca. ca. We appreciate any opportunity to connect with you! Visit HSCA's Seniors page for more information and for program Zoom links at www.hsca.ca/seniors.

#### **Snow Removal**

If you are clearing your own sidewalks or helping a neighbour in the community, please remember to take care and keep the following in mind:

The heavy snow can be difficult to lift and move; the colder weather means our blood vessels constrict, making the blood flow more restricted, which can drive up our blood pressure and lead to a heart attack. The heart attack does not always happen while removing the snow. It can come later in the day. Even the most active and healthy individual can be at risk.

Instead of "lifting" the snow shovel, try to push the snow out of the way, or put less snow on the shovel if you must lift it. This will take longer, but it is a safer way of clearing the snow. Take a break, especially if you are finding yourself getting out of breath. Doesn't hurt to take a break.

Dress appropriately for the weather. Use layers, mittens (better than gloves or wear gloves under your mittens) to keep your hands warm. Take a break to warm up if needed.

If you are a senior and cannot clear your sidewalk, or if you know a senior who needs some help with this, please connect with Debbie.

If you would like to help a senior in the community remove their snow this winter, please connect with Debbie. This will help improve the safety of all community residents during the winter snowfalls.

#### 2025 Casino: Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26

HSCA is scheduled for our next casino. If you would like more information or to volunteer and you have not received an email from me, please connect with Debbie to learn more about shifts, times, and positions. The casino will be in the same location as 2023, ACE Casino Airport.

This is a very important fundraiser for the centre so if you can help, please connect with Debbie. We are exploring possibilities for transportation so if you would like to help but cannot get to the casino, let me know.

#### **Caregiver Connections**

There are currently no scheduled sessions but please connect with Debbie at any time. Connecting with someone outside of family and friends can help when we are feeling overwhelmed or just need someone to talk to. If you are a caregiver or want to explore ways to support someone you know someone who is caregiving for a family member, please connect with Debbie directly to talk or learn more about available resources and support in our city.

#### Chair Yoga - Online and In-person

Will Return in February 2025

A gentle exercise class led by an experienced instructor, Sharon! Anyone is welcome.

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Contact Debbie for the private Zoom link. The room opens at 9:30 am for chatting before the class.

This program will break in January and return in February to the end of July. A new link to the program will be available in the middle of January 2025.

### Cribbage Group, Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00 pm in the North Social Hall

Join this established and well-organized group in their new location at HSCA! They play four games, break for coffee, tea, and snacks, and then play until 3:00 pm. There is a \$1 admission fee to cover coffee supplies and a sign-up sheet for snacks.

Each game is \$.25, which goes to the winner, then the winners move to the next table and there is an extra \$.10 for a skunk. Anyone who wishes to play is welcome.

#### **Other Updates**

Website updates on www.hsca.ca/seniors page will continue in the months ahead. Please connect with Debbie directly for information about supports and programs.

If there is something you would like to see added to the website related to Seniors, Caregivers and/ or Volunteering or Volunteers, please connect with Debbie.





# YOUTH LESSONS



Join us for a fun-filled lesson where you can make new friends. enhance your skills, and enjoy the thrilling sport of badminton!

#### Who

Ages 10 - 15 years old All skill levels welcome

#### When

Saturday | 2:30pm-3:30pm

#### Where

**HSCA Gymnasium** 

#### Cost

\$240.00/session | 12 weeks Jan 11th - March 29th, 2025 10% discount for all HSCA Members

#### **Registration Deadline**

January 4th, 2025

Your Instructor: GRACE YUEN

- Certified and Experienced Badminton Alberta Coach 15 years
- Former Physical Education Teacher in Hong Kong
- Former Mount Royal University Badminton & Tennis coach
- Provincial Badminton Gold Medalist of Alberta 55+ Games, 2024.





Contact: gymyuen@gmail.com

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#### **HSCA Soccer**

HSCA is continuing their partnership with SoccerTech to deliver a community soccer program for the 2025 season.

Registration Opens February 2025!

Program Dates, Times, and Pricing: Coming soon!

An HSCA Family Membership is a required for registration. Please purchase your membership at hsca. ca/membership.

Contact our Activities Coordinator, Hannah Garcia, for any questions about soccer at HSCA: hannah.g@hsca.ca or 403-283-0554 ext. 250.

If you require financial assistance, please visit Jumpstart or KidSport.

Please visit https://soccertech.ca/ for more information.









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### Polar Bears' Secret Colour



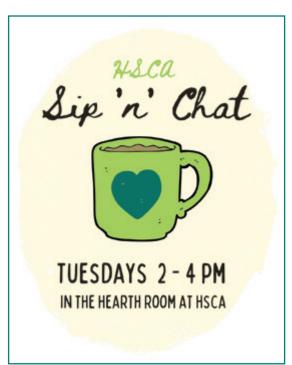
Here's a cool (and surprising) fact: polar bears actually have black skin! And get this - their fur isn't white, it's transparent! The black skin helps them soak up precious heat, while their transparent fur reflects light, making it look white and blending them perfectly into the snowy Arctic.

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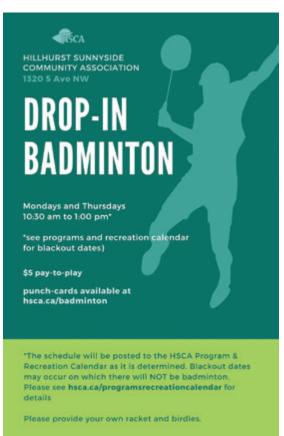
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