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Parking: West of the Louise Riley Library, accessed via the library driveway. Hall/Gym is located NE of our parking lot, just across the soccer field.

Phone: 403-282-6634 Email: admin@hh-bh.ca

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For the latest news, programs and events, please visit our Official HH-BH Community Association website at **www.hh-bh.ca**.



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Have an idea for a great community program or event? Send your ideas to **events@hh-bh.ca**.

Safety Committee Update

At the beginning of June, I reached out to Constable Reinders, to pass on my regrets I wasn't able to attend the month of May's "Let's Talk" session due to work. I asked if there was anything from her presentation or other news that she'd like me to share at the board meeting and in the CA newsletter.

Here is a summary of our communications to share with board and the community.

- 1. Do not leave anything in your vehicle including sunglasses and garage door openers. It's still surprising how many people do.
- 2. Please check manually that you have locked your vehicle doors. The "beep-beep" of the remote lock can also be the "beep-beep" of the remote unlocking the car doors!
- 3. While working in your yard, please close and lock garage doors and the main doors to your house. Often, these doors are left unlocked for easy access, but we forget about them and walk away from the garage to the front yard and now thieves have easy access to tools, bikes, and camping gear for instance. Please lock every door, every time.
- 4. Be mindful of neighbours and when they are going on holidays. Look out for each other and notice when things "do not add up" such as doors or windows that are open especially overnight or ladders against the house etc. Knowing your neighbours is the best form of crime prevention out there. And it's free!

The Calgary Police Service is looking at a new team, the Community Engagement Response Team. This team will be focusing on crime in very specific high-call response areas, such as encampments near the river, North Hill Mall, and Brentwood Shopping Centre. This team is unfortunately only coming into effect at the end of the summer.

Until that time: if you see an encampment, you can report it on the 311 app, or at the District Three Office. Please use the following CPS email to report any encampments or houses that need the attention of CPS. The email is D3CRO@calgarypolice.ca. The CPS relies on accurate and descriptive information from those living in the community.

Suggestions include having a notepad on the kitchen counter or the dinner table. Write the following information down.

- Type, model, make of cars.
- Times of day the cars come and go.
- Frequency of the cars. Three times a week or always on Monday and Wednesdays between these specific times.
- The type of activity. Someone goes inside for five minutes and comes out with a bag.
- Don't need license plates but do need the times and especially the description of the individuals and/or the cars.

Most vulnerable people are dressed in dark colours or black, so if you give a description please focus on backpacks, hats, bikes, or bags that they are carrying. Also, their footwear. A thief may have a change of clothes or ditch a jacket, but they don't change their footwear. In addition, the direction they are traveling in and how, such as by foot or bike, this will allow the CPS to have an idea on where to start searching for these individuals first.

Hopefully by incorporating these simple but proven habits, the safety of our community overall will improve as well as continue to build the HH/BH Community Association partnerships with CPS and other resource agencies.





VISION AND MISSION



Vision

A peaceful, central, residential community with friendly neighbours connected through vibrant public space and activities.



Mission

Inspire and support residents to build our community together through volunteering, social and recreational activities, and partnerships.

Age-Friendly Calgary Essential numbers for seniors in Calgary

9-1-1 Emergency (24-Hour)	403-SENIORS (403-736-4677) The Way In			
For EMERGENCY medical, fire and police response. Call the non-emergency	Information, advice and help accessing programs and benefits for older adults.			
police line at 403-266-1234 to report an incident that is not an emergency.	403-266-HELP (403-266-4357) Distress Centre and SeniorConnect (24-Hour)			
8-1-1 Health Link (24-Hour)	Crisis support and urgent social work response			
Health advice (including dementia advice) from a registered nurse.	(including if you are concerned about a senior at risk in the community).			
3-1-1 City of Calgary (24-Hour)	403-943-1500 Access Mental Health			
City of Calgary (24-Hour) Information on all City of Calgary services.	Access Mental Health Non-urgent advice on navigating the addiction and			

Telephone language interpretation service available on all lines.

Bottle Depot Day

by Cheryl Dunkley

Off to the bottle depot, six bags in tow Loading up the car is finally done, Let's go! Parking is scarce, line up out the door. There's room on the sidewalk for barely one more.

Once inside, there's workers counting fast, They do this for hours, how long can they last? The noise, the clatter, everything is sticky. No one is smiling, the job is too icky.

The cash machine states the refund to obtain. Today the machine is broken, back to human help once again.

Don't go on Monday, after a big weekend of sports. Remember to tip the workers for all their sorts.

The thousands of recyclables in giant bags piled up to the sky

Where do they end up, one wonders how and why...



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Your annual membership is good through July 31, 2024 and entitles you and your family to participate in a variety of different community programs and activities. The cost is only \$20 annually per family/household or \$10 for seniors, including GST.

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Family Name(s):						
First Name - Adults: 1. First Name - Children:						
Address:	Postal Code:					
Home Phone: Email:						
Would you like to receive the newsletter and other announcements by email? yes □ no □						
I would be interested in volunteering for:		Membership #				
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☐ Green Space/Reforestation	☐ Children's Programs	Annual membership (including GST) is :				
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☐ Facilities/Ice Rink	☐ Sports Programs	☐ \$10 for seniors				
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Send cheques payable to Hounsfield Heights-Briar Hill Community Association Box 65086 RPO North Hill, Calgary AB T2N 4T6 Privacy Consent: By providing the personal information on this form you are consenting to HH-BH Community.						

association. This information will be stored in a database of community members for the sole use of the Association. The Association will not sell, barter or lease membership lists or information. We may retain this information until nine months after expiry date of the membership.

Association's collection and use of that information for the purposes of providing you a membership in the community

Recap of Ward 7 Council of **Communities Gathering on** Seniors

In June, Ward 7 Councillor Terry Wong hosted a Council of Communities Gathering focusing on seniors, bringing together representatives from local agencies and the City of Calgary to discuss resources and support available to seniors in our community.

The gathering commenced with a presentation from the Seniors Age-Friendly initiative, highlighting their collaborative efforts with various agencies to enhance winter safety for seniors and support those transitioning through changes in transportation, such as the loss of a driver's license.

Stephanie Wong from the City of Calgary's Recreation Program Active Aging shared valuable insights into programs designed to promote active lifestyles among seniors:

- 1. Prescription Program: Seniors can obtain a "prescription" from their physician, allowing them either ten free entries into city-run facilities or a 25% discount on gym memberships and other fitness activities.
- 2. "Fair Play" Subsidies: These subsidies cover essential services such as grass mowing, pet neutering, and feeding assistance ensuring seniors can maintain their quality of life.

Additionally, Unison at Kerby Centre, a prominent not-for-profit organization, was highlighted for its comprehensive services tailored to individuals aged 50 and above. Their offerings span from housing solutions to recreational activities and much more. For more information on their services, visit unisonalberta.com.

The gathering underscored the importance of community collaboration and support in ensuring our seniors lead fulfilling lives. It provided valuable insights into available resources, fostering a stronger, more connected community for all ages.



international Left-Handers Day

August 13 is a special day for those who have the unique distinction of being left-handed. Approximately 10% of the global population are left-handed. But don't fret, left-handers! Some influential people who share your uniqueness include Prince William, Barack Obama, Justin Bieber, Oprah Winfrey, and Jennifer Lawrence, iust to name a few.

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by Anne Burke

Urban green spaces enhance our lives in cities. Parks serve as spaces for physical activity, mental health, social contact, and connection with nature across Canada. As sanctuaries, they strengthen our bonds with nature and promote biodiversity. According to the 2023 Canadian City Parks Report, parks had high use and reflected great value during the period studied. Indeed, 94% of cities reported increased use of parks in the last year. Parks were also used more in the winter for 50% of Canadians and 73% expected this use to continue. Of all park types, Canadians say they preferred to visit local neighbourhood parks (71%), natural areas (61%), and trails (60%) for nearby green spaces. Community Park groups continued to use their local parks across the country.

There were interviews with 44 senior parks staff from 30 municipalities, who shared challenges they are facing, the projects and people that inspire them, and the vision for the future of city parks. About 64% of city residents said they visit parks two to three times per week or more, including 29% who visit every day or almost every day; while 51% of city residents said they'd like to spend more time in parks than they currently do. Addressing impacts from climate change/extreme weather is one of the challenges for 94% of cities; 60% said they feel equipped with the knowledge and tools to address climate change through their work in parks. Only 57% of cities agreed that most parks are well-designed and planned to withstand the impacts of climate change, but 3% strongly agreed. When many informal parallel bike trails lead to the same place, "during certain periods of the year, maybe we close the park and allow wildlife to migrate through it." See: ccpr.parkpeople.ca/2023/ for more on this report.



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Accidental Poisoning

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of precautions to prevent accidental childhood poisonings around the home. Ingesting prescription or over the counter (OTC) medications is a significant cause of accidental childhood poisonings. Other causes of poisoning include ingesting or coming into contact with household items such as dishwasher tablets, mouthwash, or chemicals such as paints, solvents and cleaning products.

Medication Storage

- Place all medications in locked containers and store in an area inaccessible to children.
- For easy identification, store all medications in their original packaging; do not mix multiple medications in a single bottle.
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications are stored.

Safety Tips

- Child-resistant medication bottles are not child proof. They can still be opened by a child.
- Take extra precaution with medicines designed to appeal to children such as chewable vitamins or flavored cough and cold syrups.
- Promptly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use.

Prevention

- Store household products, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics in locked cabinets or drawers.
- Install child latches on cabinets children might also access by climbing on counters or chairs.
- Label all plants in and around your home and garden.
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness if ingested.

Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.

In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1. Provide the name of the product ingested and, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.





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