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## **NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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Monthly board meetings are held every second Thursday at 7:00 pm.

NHCA board meetings are open to the public.



#### **MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

NorthHavenYYC.ca/membership/



		Date
Last Name	First Name(s)	
Address		Postal Code
Email Address (Please print clearly)		Phone Number
I consent to receive emails from the NHCA	regarding membership renew	al and community events.
Please select a membership type:		Select payment type:
\$ 15.00 North Haven Resident Household - 1 Year		Cash
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Please mail or drop off the completed form an	id payment at:	
North Haven Community Hall - 5003 North I	Haven Dr. NW. Calgary AB.	T2K 2K3

#### Go to northhavenyyc.ca/membership to fill out a form online!

#### Purchasing a membership supports local initiatives such as:

- Ongoing growth of community events
- Neighbourhood improvement initiatives such as spring clean-up, playground and pathway upgrading and traffic safety
- Maintaining the Ice rink and community facilities
- The community website online communication and monthly newsletter

#### Benefits of your North Haven Community membership include:

- Discounted fees for community programs and events
- Discounted community hall rental fees (North Haven residents only)
- The option to be included in the North Haven Business Directory
- The ability to register for local groups such as McKnight Soccer
- Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting (North Haven residents only)
- Giving input on community planning and development processes

Do you run a business and live in North Haven? Join our Business Directory at northhavenyyc.ca/businessdirectory

#### NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL!



#### Notes:

- All rentals require a \$300 damage deposit
- Rental hours must include set-up and take-down time
- Discount available for North Haven resident members

Email rentals@northhavenyyc.ca to view or book!

#### **MAIN HALL**

100-person capacity, for receptions, parties, conferences, includes kitchen

Friday to Sunday and Holidays	\$600 per day + GST			
Full Day: 9:00 am to 1:00 am				
Friday to Sunday and Holidays	\$55 per hour + GST			
Hourly Rate: 9:00 am to 1:00 am	(minimum 3 hours)			
Monday to Thursday	\$45 per hour + GST			
Hourly Rate: 9:00 am to 11:00 pm	(minimum 2 hours)			

#### **MEETING ROOM (LOUNGE)**

30-person capacity, for meetings and small trainings

Monday to Thursday	\$35 per hour + GST		
Hourly Rate: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm	(minimum 2 hours)		
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays	\$55 per hour + GST		
Hourly Rate: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm	(minimum 2 hours)		



# So Are the Days of Our Lives

Days of Our Lives first aired on November 8, 1965, making it one of the longest-running soap operas! The original title sequence, voiced by actor MacDonald Carey, who played Dr. Tom Horton for nearly 30 years, is still used today!



#### **GAMES & PUZZLES**

#### **Guess the Landmark!**

- 1. This gorgeous UNESCO World Heritage Site in India was built to be a mausoleum.
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was made across many dynasties and states, taking over 2,500 years to construct.
- 3. This stunning Italian landmark is also called the Bell Tower and is over 180 feet tall.
- 4. This iconic structure was built for the 1889 World Fair; it celebrated the  $100^{\rm th}$  anniversary of the French Revolution.
- 5. This famous ancient city was frozen in time due to almost the exact opposite circumstance.
- 6. There are no straight lines in this ancient temple structure, located on the Athenian Acropolis.





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#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Our Makers Market is back and will be held inside the hall on November 23 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come for the selection of local handmade goods, grab a hot chocolate or coffee, and mingle with neighbours this holiday season! Santa may even make an appearance.

Yoga class will continue to take place each Wednesday at the hall from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Drop-in style. Payments are accepted at the door.

Parents and Tots Playgroup take place on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the hall.

Details on all these events can be found on our website, www.northhavenyyc.ca.



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# North Haven Snow Shovelling Program

The North Haven Community Association is once again organizing five months of snow shovelling from November 1 to March 31, with a potential option to extend coverage through the month of April. The program matches local kids with North Haven customers who would like to have a snow shovelling service at a reasonable rate. This program provides many kids with their first employment opportunity. Fees for areas to be shovelled are assessed on an individual basis. and all fees collected (except GST) go directly to the shoveller. Customers can sign up for the full five months, or for as little as a weekend. Email snow@northhavenyyc.ca if you are interested in participating as a customer or shoveller - new participants are always welcome. Customers and shovellers must be residents of North Haven and have a valid community membership.

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#### **Development FAQs**

#### What Is the NHCA's Role in Reviewing and Commenting on Development Proposals?

The NHCA, through our Director of Civic Affairs (Paul Mackenzie) and a Development Review Committee (DRC), will advocate for concerns of neighbours, identify portions of proposals which we would like to see changed, and ensure we put these forward to the city. This has historically been the role of the DRC. We should consider our position to be planning for and supporting both current and future neighbours.

#### Where Can I Share My Views?

The City's DMAP system, https://developmentmap. calgary.ca, shows all development permits in process. Any member of the public may submit comments here, and they will go directly to the City.

#### Where Can I See What Has Been Requested by the Builder?

After the public commenting deadline passes, the DMAP, https://developmentmap.calgary.ca, should update to show if the builder has requested any 'relaxations' of the bylaw - developers can request any number of requirements to be 'relaxed' including max lot coverage, setbacks, tree and shrub requirements, etc. If no protests are made, these typically go through. This is an area where we can likely be successful.

#### **Can We Veto Development?**

Community associations do not have the ability to veto a development. If builders act within the current bylaws, outright opposing a development will be a losing battle. We should focus on working to improve applications to minimize friction with neighbours. The City of Calgary has been more responsive to feedback with suggestions around how new developments may fit better in the community.

#### What Is the Development Review Committee (DRC) and What Can It Do?

The Development Review Committee is a committee chaired by our Director of Civic Affairs and made up of local residents with knowledge of city bylaws and design. The committee is currently being rebuilt. The committee may request feedback and discuss proposals with neighbours near to development proposal sites and provide feedback to the City, and commentary based on industry, design, and bylaw knowledge.

This can help shape and improve applications, for example, by examining whether suites are a liveable size; if there is sufficient private space by access doors, that isn't just a door facing a neighbouring lot; trees or shrubs placement to create more privacy and noise barriers; enough egress surrounding the buildings, etc.

#### What About the Parking? And Garbage Bins?

We have heard that parking and garbage bin space are common concerns – we can advocate for thoughtful design of parking spaces, however currently the City requires 0.5 spots per unit, so we may not see much success on that front. Bin storage can be requested to be redesigned to minimize space impacts, and/or shared bins may be recommended by the NHCA on behalf of the neighbours.

#### Can We Just Put a Restrictive Covenant On the Whole Neighbourhood?

Restrictive Covenants have come up in discussions recently. Some communities had a restrictive covenant added to all property titles when the communities were built, purposely by the developers, to retain the neighbourhood in an as-is state. However, at this point in time (and to my understanding), these must be done in concert with other immediate neighbours and without 100% buy-in, it would be ineffective to what they propose, which would be to limit what could be built on a lot, in perpetuity. However, when imposed they are, as the name says, restrictive. Generally, changes can only be made with all related covenant holders being in agreement (although, depending on the situation, a court may, rarely, also overrule them). In future, however, a homeowner's needs may change; consider how it might impede a family from building a suite for elderly relatives or grown children. Or, how seniors' townhouses might otherwise be built so that elderly neighbours could remain in a community they love, but without a full-sized home to maintain. There is also a cost associated with this process which, depending on a homeowner's comfort with filing legal documents independently, may be prohibitive for some.







by Anne Burke

For two weeks in fall 2024 about 800 goats grazed a 58-hectare area of the Rubbing Stone Hill Natural Parkland Zone in Nose Hill Park. The number of goats has increased from past years because it allows the same amount to be done in half the time. Like elk and bison, the herd of livestock reduces overgrown vegetation, shrubs, and trees in grasslands. Parking was limited when the Nose Hill 64 Avenue NW parking lot partially closed to accommodate moving the goats in and out of the park. Program Ambassadors were on site at Nose Hill Rubbing Stone Hill north of the parking lot. As a precaution, parts of the park and pathways were temporarily fenced off to public access during this grazing period. Park users were asked to follow all posted signage and closures. They were not to approach the goats and were directed to avoid electric fences used to contain the animals. Cyclists should have slowed down near grazing areas. Visitor dogs had to be kept on leash for their safety because off-leash herding dogs were working in the park.

In 2016 City Council approved an amendment to the Parks and Pathways bylaw to permit targeted grazing and help recover rough fescue habitat. Depending on terrain, there have also been goats in Confluence Park, McHugh Bluff, and Ralph Klein Park, while sheep were used in an area of the Weaselhead. Goats are preferred for woody material and undergrowth, but sheep are considered better for pasture-like areas. Other methods of vegetation control combine mechanical (hand pulling) and chemical spraying. The use of grazing comes with value added for biodiversity which helps native seeds to germinate and grow. The City gains both citizen interest and engagement to promote public education.

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