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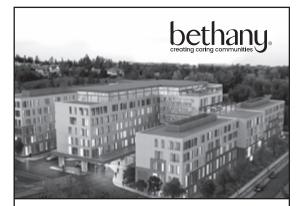
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WH Green Community	westhillhurstgreencommittee@gmail.com

#### **WHCA Facility Rentals**

We have our WHCA arena, gymnasium, and studio spaces available for rent! Please check our online calendar for available times at www.westhillhurst.com/facility-rentals. Questions? Email rentals@westhillhurst.com.



#### **WHCA Member Card Discounts**

Members of the West Hillhurst Community Association have access to a variety of activities, sports, events, seminars, and more. A WHCA membership also comes with some exclusive benefits and discounts at local businesses. We are always adding new partners to our benefits program, so keep an eye out each month for new sponsors.

**Exclusive Member Card Discounts:** Our members receive promotional discounts with local businesses when presenting a WHCA Membership Card.

- · Amato Gelato: 10% off
- Calgary Health Collective: 10 to 20% discounts
- Canary Goods: 10% off
- Dignity Memorial: 10% savings
- Eco Equitable: Use promo code 'WHCA' for a 15% discount
- Framed on Fifth: 10% off picture framing services
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites University Calgary: 10% discount on room bookings
- Kensington Wine Market: 10% off wine, 5% off beer and spirits
- Little Rock Painting: 20% discount, use promo code WHCA20
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- Showhome Furniture: 20% off regular priced items, 10% off custom furniture
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- Trinity Wellness Centre: 15% off your initial acupuncture assessment and treatment
- Villages Calgary: 10% off purchases excluding rugs, food, and sale items
- Vine Styles: 10% discount, excluding already discounted products

Contact generalmanager@westhillhurst.com or call 403-283-0464 for sponsorship and advertising opportunities including spaces in the arena, gymnasium, squash courts, and more.

No membership card? No problem! Come see us at the administration office to get yours. To register for WHCA free member programs visit westhillhurst. com. Membership cards must be shown. Online administration fees go back to WHCA.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE**

Dear West Hillhurst Community,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the remarkable sense of community that defines West Hillhurst. Whether you have been a long-time resident or have recently joined our neighbourhood, your involvement and commitment have helped our community thrive and remain a vibrant place to live and connect.

This holiday season, we extend our warmest wishes for peace, joy, and meaningful moments shared with family, friends, and loved ones. May this season bring moments of reflection, renewal, and joy as we look forward to the year ahead.

Thank you for being an integral part of what makes the West Hillhurst Community Association such a special place. As we enter 2025, we look forward to the opportunities to continue fostering a welcoming, supportive, and connected community for all.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Want to stay up to date on everything happening at the West Hillhurst Community Association? There are lots of ways to keep connected:

- Sign up for our e-newsletter to receive updates on programs, events, and community news straight to your inbox. www.westhillhurst.com/newsletter
- Visit our website for the latest information, registration details, and resources. www.westhillhurst.com
- Follow us on social media to see event highlights, reminders, and behind-the-scenes updates.
   Instagram: thenestwhca and westhillhurstca
   Facebook: WHC Aab

Stay connected, get involved, and be the first to know what's happening in our community!

Cheers,

Susan Lenio

General Manager, West Hillhurst Community Association generalmanager@westhillhurst.com

















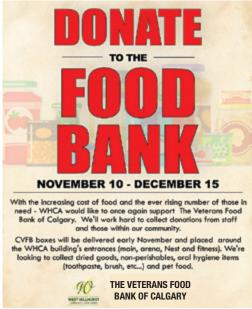
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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Girls Hockey Day - Second Event

Registration is open for the Girls Hockey Day on January 25, 2026.

Stay tuned for the time or just register for the day.







#### **WHCA Gardens**

Dear West Hillhurst Community and Community Gardeners.

Our community garden is in need of volunteers to help with regular maintenance. We love seeing everyone enjoy growing plants, fruits, and vegetables, but the rest of the garden also needs ongoing care — and we can't do it without your support.

At the moment, we have one very dedicated volunteer keeping things going, but that's simply not enough to maintain the entire garden space. Our Garden Coordinator, Carla, is looking for volunteers to assist with weekly weeding and seasonal cleanups at the beginning and end of each season.

We hope our community will come together to keep this wonderful space thriving. With a few more helping hands, we can ensure our gardens continue to grow beautifully for everyone to enjoy.

Please contact Carla at admin@westhillhurst.com or 403-283-0464, ext. 6.

## West Hillhurst Transportation and Mobility Committee

The WHCA transportation and mobility committee works with the planning committee to advocate for vehicle, pedestrian, cycling, and transit safety and access in our neighbourhood.

#### Our goals:

- 1. To work with the City of Calgary on transportation plans and issues related to our community.
- 2. To work with community members by letting them know how they can resolve transportation issues.
- 3. To advocate for infrastructure spending in our community.



## **Planning Committee**

by Karen Dahl

The West Hillhurst Planning Committee (WHPC) is a small but dedicated group of volunteers that meets on the third Monday of every month to review development applications received from the city. Should the meeting fall on a holiday, it will be held on Tuesday night.

All residents and guests are welcome to attend!

For more information, please access the following resources:

- WHPC upcoming meetings, past meeting minutes, and the WHPC Terms of Reference are posted on www.westhillhurst.com/planning.
- Go to developmentmap.calgary.ca to find details and timelines on specific development projects.
- Email the WHPC directly at whcaplanningcommittee@gmail.com.



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#### **WHCA EVENTS**



Stay tuned for more details on our website and follow us on our social media.

#### We Need You! We Are Better Together!

We are looking for people interested in helping with West Hillhurst Community Association events. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping, please contact info@westhillhurst.com.





#### WHCA EXTERNAL/INTERNAL PROGRAMS

The West Hillhurst Community Association and its external renters offer a wide variety of programming with activities for all ages, schedules, and fitness levels. Please contact the organizer/organization directly for information.

### **Youth Programming**

www.westhillhurst.com/youth-programs

#### Internal Programs

WHCA Preschool 2025-2026

Spots still available. www.westhillhurstpreschool.com

#### **Kids Holiday Card Workshop**

December 6 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am



#### January 2026 - Kids Art Drawing Series

Four weeks. Registration open

#### **External Programs**

WOW Occupational Therapy for Kids with ADHD

wowot.ca

#### Jugando: Spanish Centre for Kids!

www.jugando.ca

#### Sportball

www.sportball.ca/calgary

#### **Triple Meg Soccer**

www.triplemeg.com

#### Calgary Roller Derby Jr.

www.calgaryrollerderby.com. juniors@calgaryrollerderby.com

#### Karate Jkaiwayama

www.jkaiwayama.ca

#### **Summit Kids Before/After School Care**

Monday to Friday. www.summitkids.ca

## Adult Sports and Fitness Programming

www.westhillhurst.com/adult-programs

#### **Free WHCA Membership Programs**

#### Tai Chi

Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 am

#### Member Skate

Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

#### **Sticks N Pucks**

Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm

#### **Boogie Nights**

Dance fitness class. melissa.fellows@outlook.com

#### NCHL (Adult Non-Contact Hockey League)

Monday to Sunday. www.nchl.com

#### Jazzercise with Kathy Taylor

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Mondays and Wednesdays. 6:00 to 7:00 pm. jazzstrathcona@gmail.com

#### Yogamaya

Yin, gentle, and flow yoga classes. www.yogamaya.ca

#### **Lisa Scott Bootcamp**

Indoor and outdoor boot camp. scottlj@telus.net

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#### **Calgary Sport and Social Club**

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#### **Calgary Roller Derby**

Adult roller derby, www.calgaryrollerderby.com/juniors and calgaryjuniorrollerderby@gmail.com

#### **Chinook City Roller Derby**

Adult roller derby, michael.p.willie@gmail.com

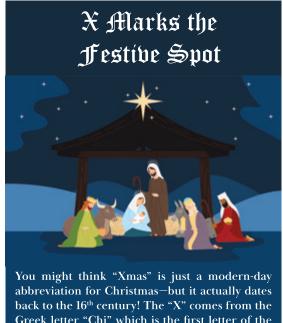
#### Fit for Dance: Dance Fitness Class

fitforchangeyyc@gmail.com

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Greek letter "Chi" which is the first letter of the word "Christos" meaning "Christ".

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#### WEST HILLHURST PRESCHOOL NEWS



#### What a Wonderful Time of Year!

by Lisa Kelly

It's hard to believe that November has already come to an end and December is here! We're all so excited for the joy and magic that the holiday season brings. Throughout this special month, we take time to talk about the many holidays people celebrate around the world. We share stories about families, friends, love, giving, and kindness. It's always so meaningful to learn about one another's traditions and to appreciate both our similarities and our differences.

We've also been spending lots of time enjoying the Secret Garden in winter. The children love playing in the snow with their friends — pretending to cook with natural materials to make "delicious soups" or building "warm fires" out of sticks. They've also been creating obstacle courses with anything they can find and challenging each other to move through them in fun and creative ways! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful outdoor space that we can explore and enjoy in every season.

Our Hip Hop lessons with Ms. Kim have been a huge hit! The children learned many new dance moves and had so much fun combining them into their own routines.

For more information or to register for one of our limited available spots, please visit our website: www.westhillhurstpreschool.com.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page — West Hillhurst Community Preschool — and follow us on Instagram to see all of the exciting and joyful activities happening in our classrooms and outdoor spaces!



## Fingerprints

Though identical twins have the same DNA, they experience development differently. One interesting part of this, is that due to environmental factors in the womb they will not have the same fingerprints!



## **West Hillhurst Skating Club**

West Hillhurst Skating Club (WHSC) is a not-for-profit Skate Canada sanctioned club that hosts skating programs in the northwest Calgary communities of West Hillhurst, Brentwood, and Mount Pleasant. Providing instruction to skaters aged three to adult, it is the mission of WHSC to provide programs that allow skaters to develop fundamental skating skills while supporting goal-achievement and creativity in a positive, safe, and fun skating environment. West Hillhurst Skating Club has proudly operated within the West Hillhurst Community Association for more than 35 years. As a pillar of the community, WHSC will continue to serve WHCA members and Calgarians for decades to come.

Over the past few years, WHSC has seen significant growth. In an effort to better serve members, the WHSC has moved to a new website and email address! To explore the programs they offer and register for summer skating, visit the new website. Winter 2025 programming is open now, get your spot while they still last!

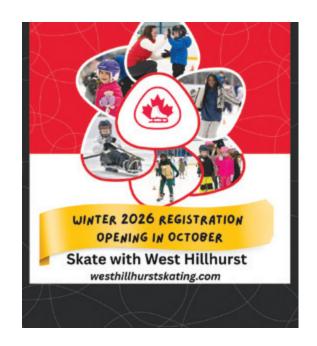
All inquiries can be sent to director@westhillhurstskating.com.

Jaclyn Holmes and Amy Cardinal

Co-Directors of Skating West Hillhurst Skating Club director@westhillhurstskating.com info@westhillhurstskating.com www.westhillhurstskating.com









## West Hillhurst Racquet Club



#### **New Private/Semi-Private Training**

Please reach out to trainers directly for pricing and scheduling.

lan Coburn: ian.t.coburn@gmail.com, 403-714-3578 www.westhillhurst.com/meet-the-instructors

#### **Squash Lessons**

Sasha Thomson: sasha@thomsonfamily.ca Ozzie Vallejos: ozzievallejos@aol.com

Membership information can be found at www.westhillhurst.com/membership-pricing. Questions? Contact whfitness@westhillhurst.com or 403-283-0464, ext. 1.





#### **Adult Pickleball**

Check out our WHCA website. New indoor fall gym schedules are posted. Please contact Carla at West Hillhurst, 403-283-0464, ext. 6 or email admin@ westhillhurst.com.

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#### **Green Committee**

## Wanted: Neighbours With Good Ideas (And Maybe a Shovel)

by David Bacque of the West Hillhurst Green Community Crew

Hello neighbours! As the last of the leaves (and let's be honest, probably that first surprise snowfall) coat our lawns, it's tempting to hang up the gardening gloves and just focus on who has the best chinook-watching window.

But while our gardens are winding down, the West Hillhurst Green Community group is still buzzing with plans for next spring, and we'd love your help. We're your local, volunteer-run crew passionate about making our community healthier and more connected.

You don't need to be a master gardener or a zero-waste guru to make a difference. We're all just busy neighbours figuring this out together. You can help if:

- You have a spare hour (or two). We often need an extra set of hands for events, planting days, or community cleanups.
- You have a 'behind-the-scenes' skill. Maybe you're great at organizing, writing, or social media. We salute you.
- You just have a cool idea. Always wanted to start a neighbourhood seed swap or a pollinator project in a local park? Let's chat!

Our goal is simple: to keep making West Hillhurst a thriving, green, and wonderful place to live. If you've been thinking about getting involved, even in a small way, consider this your official, no-pressure invitation.

If you're interested in learning more or lending a hand, please reach out on our Facebook Page (West Hillhurst Green Community) and let's get together and make West Hillhurst an even better place to live.

Stay green.

# JOKE OF THE MONTH Why did the football coach go to the bank? To get his quarter back.



#### Join the Go-Getters!

We're a vibrant, welcoming group for adults 50+ who love to stay active, connect with others, and discover new experiences. The Go-Getters community offers a great mix of fitness classes, daily card games, bingo, and monthly special events.

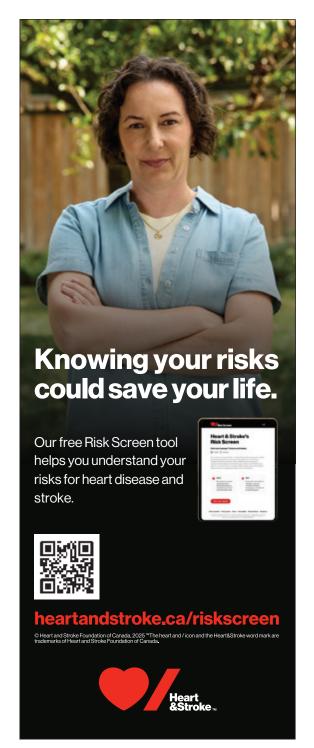
Annual memberships for 2025 are just \$35 and available now!

To join or learn more, call us at 403-283-3720 or email programs@telus.net.

If you are in the neighbourhood, feel free to drop by and visit us Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

The Go-Getters are located at 1940 6 Avenue NW. You will find us at the SW corner of the WHCA facility building.







by Anne Burke

Sites of prehistoric interest relate to the precontact history of Native use and settlement. These valuable archaeological resources represent 10,000+ years of occupation by Native inhabitants of the Calgary region. In all, 45 archaeological sites on Nose Hill have been recorded. Stone feature sites include cairns (a human-made pile of stones as a landmark, marker, or memorial), alignments (arrangements in a straight line or correct relative positions), and stone circles. Archaeological studies of Nose Hill began in the early 1970s. Students from the University of Calgary carried out surveys of the entire Calgary region; five prehistoric sites were recorded in what is now the park. These include three tipi ring sites, a lithic (stone) scatter, and a prehistoric campsite.

When the City planned a municipal park for Nose Hill, a Historical Resources Inventory was required in 1978 within the proposed boundaries. The results were a cairn, ten campsites (two with tipi rings), a glacial erratic, four isolated finds, a kill site, 18 lithic scatters, a rock mound site of overgrown gravel, and six tipi ring sites. The Alberta Government in Edmonton held microfiche copies of permit and research reports, in which existing resources were described. In 1982 and 1983, a spring survey of stone circles along the southern margin of the uplands of Nose Hill recorded 60 new rings. This was followed by a series of field trips in the summer and fall of 1993. Conditions were poor, with high grass. The focus was on undisturbed sites but limited to revisiting all the original sites. Aerial photo mosaics of Nose Hill were prepared. Overlays combining trails and archaeological resources were used to relocate sites in the field. Best estimates of site locations were recorded using a GPS receiver.





Living in a society, we all feel a bit insecure or anxious about fitting in sometimes. But did you know there is actually a phobia called Allodoxaphobia that is the fear of other people's opinions? It is an anxiety disorder that can cause people to avoid engaging in discussions or debates for fear of being judged or criticized. Be kind out there! We're all just trying our best.

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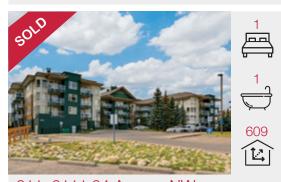
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