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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Glenbrook!

As winter comes to an end, we are all looking forward to spring and enjoying our community's outdoor spaces more. April is always the start of street cleaning in Calgary, so watch for the signs in Glenbrook or call 311 for more information.

Glenbrook's annual Community Cleanup for 2023 is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. More details can be found on the ad in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

We have a newly formed social committee hard at work on developing new events and programs for Glenbrook. We will need volunteers to help out with these events, so if you are interested, you can email us at glenbrook.community@shaw.ca.

We continue to accept nominations for our two community awards. The first is the Glenbrook Lifetime Member Award, given to a Glenbrook resident with 15 or more years of dedicated volunteer service to our community. The second is the Glenbrook Community Partnership Award, given to a local business or organization with 10 or more years of work contributing to life in Glenbrook. Nomination forms are available at the Glenbrook Hall or by request to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca.

As always, please remember that playground and school speed zones run until 9:00 pm each evening. With warmer weather on the way, residents will be out much later into the evenings. Drive safe and take care on our streets.

Take care,

Murray

GCA President

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Glenbrook Lifetime Member and Community Partnership Awards 2023

Awards season is back in Glenbrook! We will recognize exceptional individuals who have demonstrated significant and sustained service to Glenbrook, and outstanding contributions from local groups and businesses.

We will consider:

- General attitude and overall demeanor**
- Dedication to the objectives of the association**
- Commitment to good community stewardship**
- Valued leadership and good role modeling**

Nominations are now being accepted until May 23, 2023. Forms are available at the Glenbrook Hall, or by request to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca or by calling 403 249 6664.



GLENBROOK COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Hey Glenbrook! Each year, City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services and Community Strategies partner with community associations to help Calgarians get rid of unwanted household items and property waste.

This event saves residents a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in their waste carts – or for those who do not have cart service at their address – by providing multiple packer trucks and crews for waste. This service is free for all Calgarians.

Community volunteers will be on hand to assist with unloading items from vehicles. One vehicle load per household. No charitable exchanges.

The following items **MAY NOT** be brought to the cleanup site:

- Tires
- Household Chemicals
- Car Batteries
- Home Appliances
- Propane Tanks
- Glass
- Railroad Tires
- Paint
- Microwaves
- Liquids

Household items, clothing and bottles will be collected to support families with cerebral palsy.

For more information, and to check what will be accepted, please visit [Calgary.ca/cleanups](https://calgary.ca/cleanups).

Saturday, May 6
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
3524 45 St. S.W.



GLENBROOK COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Glenbrook Hall: 3524 – 45 Street SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3V2
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Your community association is a group of volunteers who work to make your community a great place to live for residents of all ages. You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

1. Become a member – when you purchase your annual Glenbrook membership, your dues are used to offer you and your neighbours many programs and activities.

2. Become a volunteer – Glenbrook Community Association relies on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways to volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time, you will make new friends and learn new skills.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off at the Glenbrook Hall mail slot, mailed through Canada Post to the Hall (address listed above), or purchased at community events. Debit and Credit payments are now accepted.

Membership fees: \$25 per family (includes any family member living at same address) or \$20 for Senior (65 years and older) or individual. Please make cheques payable to: Glenbrook Community Association

(September 1, 2022 to August 23, 2023)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cell:

Email:

Membership type: Family (\$25)

Senior 65+/Single (\$20)

Payment type: Cash Cheque

(payable to Glenbrook Community Association)

Volunteer – we are always looking for volunteers to help with various events within the community. Volunteer opportunities include the following - Skating events, skating rink maintenance, Family Fun days, Community cleanup day, sports events, Casinos, etc.

Contact for Volunteer canvas: Yes

No.....

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9 PM ROUTINE



- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light

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Glenbrook Community Association

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Hall Rentals

Please direct all questions to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca or call 403-249-6664.

Hall:

- Monday to Thursday, Daytime (cut off at 5:00 pm) - \$25/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours
- Monday to Thursday, Evening (5:00 PM to 10:00 pm) - \$30/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours
- Friday to Sunday, Day Rate - \$350/day
- Wedding Package, Friday evening to Sunday at 12:00 PM - \$700 (includes use of Boardroom and upstairs space)

Security Deposit:

- \$500/rental, returned 7 days past the event

Boardroom:

- Monday to Thursday - \$25/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours

Sport Shack:

- Sunday to Saturday (8:00 am to 10:00 pm) - \$25/Hour, Minimum 2 Hours
- Storage Lockers (rooms) - \$75 to \$95/month. For sport equipment storage by sport groups only. Payment required 6 months in advance.

Debit and credit payments are now accepted.

GCA Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

- May 4
- June 1

Did you know that anyone can attend meetings of the Glenbrook Community Association? They aren't only for board members. Everyone in our community has a voice and we would love to hear them.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, from September to June, at 7:00 pm in the Glenbrook Hall (3524 45 St SW)

National Pet Day



April 11 is National Pet Day! On this day, we show our love and appreciation to our furry, feathery, or scaly friends, even those still in need of a home. Pet Day is also used to advocate against animal violence and cruelty. This April 11, be sure to shower your pet friends with care and love, whether it means your own pet, someone else's, or a shelter animal in need.



Gardening

The sun is getting stronger, and the snow is disappearing, which means it is time to start thinking about this year's garden. We have two upcoming events to put on your radar:

1. A hands-on workshop on container gardening led by Janet Melrose. Watch for more information to come on the bold signs near the community hall.
2. Our annual plant exchange will take place on Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Glenbrook Greenthumbs Garden (corner of 30 Ave and 51 St). We will swap annuals, perennials, bedding plants, seeds, house plants, and more. Please pot and label your items to be swapped.

Contact Riki at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Tai Chi

You will feel so invigorated and ready to face the day after a session of gentle exercise on Tuesday mornings.

Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes and dry-non-slip shoes, and come join us at 10:00 am at the community hall.

Upcoming Dates: April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9

Contact Gary at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Book Club

Our book for April is *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill, a story of refugees that reminds us to "consider the plight of the unseen and forgotten among us."

For May, we will read *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley.

Upcoming Date: Wednesday, April 19 at 1:30 pm

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca. Meet at the community hall.

Knitting and Crafts

Spring is in the air. Have you been digging in the dirt? I am looking forward to spending a lot of time in my

garden. But that doesn't mean I put my knitting needles and crochet hooks away for the summer. I usually have a pair of socks on my needles. My least favourite thing about knitting socks is closing the toe with the Kitchener Stitch – until I found a tutorial for an easier way!

Upcoming Dates: Thursday, April 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the community hall.

Contact Ruth at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Fun and Games

Meet new neighbours, laugh with games and friends, exercise your mind, and enjoy a potluck snack bar. Join us on Friday afternoon, bring dry shoes, a mug for tea, and a favourite game if you wish.

Upcoming Date: Friday, April 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the community hall.

Contact Pat or Gordon at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Coffee Social

Join us on the fourth Friday of every month for fun, fellowship, and food. In the past couple of months, we have celebrated International Women's Day and St. Patrick's Day, and we're excited by what we have planned for April. Bring dry footwear and a mug for tea.

Upcoming Date: Friday, April 28 from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the community hall.

Contact Audrey at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Pickleball

You know spring is here when pickleball moves outside. The courts will be set up at the beginning of May, weather permitting, at the Glenbrook rink. Games will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. New players are welcome on Friday mornings for free, with friendly instruction and equipment provided.

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

A Few Words on Birds: Aren't We Glad to See You!

by Cathy Warwick

The sound of a Robin singing fills a Canadian heart with gladness. Its song is a beautiful up and down warbling and it also means spring has arrived! Every time I hear them, I feel like they are doing a solo and have the stage, everyone is listening. Perhaps they are louder than other birds? In the spring they sing to claim their territory and attract a mate. A bird that can sing that loudly is obviously in good health and thus a good nest builder and provider.

In our house, whoever sees the first Robin of spring gets to choose what we have for dinner. I am the undefeated champion since I made up this competition 10 years ago. This says more about our varied levels of caring about birds than my eagle eyes. Sometimes my kids will notice one by about June, and I'll let them have it.

This year, birders in the south of California are in a tizzy because they have had flocks of Robins for the first time in 30 years! Usually, they are rare in that area and this year, for mysterious reasons, there are thousands of them in huge flocks. The rain could have pushed them south, or perhaps habitat loss from the fires, or maybe they've finally clued in that the weather is warmer down south.

Diane tells me that a birding trip leader down in San Diego counted 2,000 in one day! Like a good birder, they entered it into eBird (Cornell's bird logging app) and then someone from eBird reached out to tell them it wasn't possible. The eBird person went to see for themselves and counted 2,000+! Counting that large a flock is tricky. These Robins were taking off in flight, so they may have used the "birds passing per interval method." It's amazing they came up with similar numbers.

Apparently, in the Northern states, they still have strong Robin populations, so it seems that there are just more Robins in general. Perhaps this spring we should prepare for Robin Armageddon as they come north, maybe we will see hundreds of thousands of Robins here in Calgary! Large flocks of them will blacken the sky and the sound of them singing will be deafening! Worm populations are trembling in their casings. Birds will become the number one topic of conversation, I can't wait.

Robins are prolific nest builders and can have three broods a season. In the city they might choose your drainpipe as a good location, as they have done at our house for the past three years. They build a quintessential nest with a cup center. One year the sparrows took it over and made a mess of it by mixing garbage into it, they even used dental floss which was trailing down our house. It is a good spot because the roof is close overhead, and I don't think a Magpie or Crow can get at it. Unfortunately, the Corvids wait it out in the trees and often visit to check things out, which brings us to the fact that only 40% of Robin nests produce young birds. Instead of considering this sad information, let us ponder the beautiful colour of their eggs. Robin's egg blue is the colour of the sky on a bright spring day and is a marvel of nature.

The Robin is the largest of the Thrush family. This bird family is composed of plump, soft feathered songbirds. If you are lucky, you may have seen the Robin's shy cousin, the Varied Thrush in the woods, they look like a Robin with cooler markings and a mask.

The Robins in the U.K. and Europe are not part of the Thrush family. They aren't related to the North American Robin at all. These Robins are super cute and look like a little reddish puff ball on long legs. Don't look them up, they make our Robins look like little trolls in comparison. The U.K. Robin is on my bird bucket list, and I'll hunt one down the next time I'm over there!

So, batten down the hatches and prepare for the Robin population explosion! Or nothing unusual might happen. I predict either of those two scenarios.



Adult American Robin in North Glenmore Park by Diane Stinson.



Baby Robins in the nest by Diane Stinson. This nest is under a roof which will hopefully protect them from Corvids.

2022 Glenbrook Hall Solar Production



The Glenbrook Hall solar project was installed at a cost of \$35,000, given to Glenbrook through the Enmax Community Solar Fund. It was commissioned and went into production in late April 2022. Between April and December 2022, the system had an electrical production of 10,430 kWh, for a value of \$1,480 towards our electric bill. We look forward to seeing this continue into 2023.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Trivia: Calgary Edition

1. What year did the Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup?
2. What was Calgary's original name?
3. What iconic indie pop duo hails from Calgary?
4. In 1969, what cocktail did Walter Chell invent in Calgary?
5. Who was Canada's flag bearer at Calgary's 1988 Winter Olympics?



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Pets of Glenbrook



Meet Penny! She is a busy two-year-old Australian labradoodle. If Penny could talk, she would tell you that "ball is life" and that her favourite place to visit is the Glenbrook off-leash dog park. At home, she loves keeping tabs on the fluffy cat next door and the delivery drivers. Penny has a sweet temperament, easy-going attitude, and a gorgeous smile with her sophisticated white mustache. She is a happy-go-lucky girl and isn't afraid to lean in to get some love and attention whenever she feels like it!

To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Globe, please send a photo and short write up to glenbrookglobepets@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday, Charlotte Brontë!



You've likely heard of at least one of the three Brontë sisters, all famous for their canonized novels. Born on April 21, 1816, Charlotte was the eldest and is best known for writing *Jane Eyre*. She was once urged by poet Robert Southey to abandon her writing because she was a woman. How fortunate that Charlotte didn't listen!

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Dear Neighbours,

Alberta's government presented Budget 2023: Securing Alberta's Future.

With a forecast surplus of \$2.4 billion, and an economy poised to lead the country in economic growth, Budget 2023 is an opportunity for the government to invest in Alberta's future. Alberta's responsible fiscal management over the last three years made this possible – growing the economy, creating good paying jobs, strengthening health care and education, and keeping communities safe.

Alberta's government is setting new records for spending in health care. Our province has the best front-line health-care workers in the world and Budget 2023 provides the right supports to ensure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it. An additional \$965 million in operating expense this year will help build a stronger healthcare system and ensure that government can do what's needed to improve wait times for ambulance services, emergency rooms, and surgeries. The budget also includes \$158 million this year to attract, recruit, and train more doctors and nurses, with a focus on family physicians for rural areas.

Your government is growing and diversifying Alberta's economy. According to a recent report from the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, Alberta smashed its venture capital investment record for the fourth year in a row, attracting \$729 million in investment in 2022 – a 30% increase over 2021. The increase in year-over-year values stands in stark contrast to Canada as a whole, which saw a near 30% decline in venture capital dollars invested in 2022.

Alberta is attracting big names in the technology world and undoubtedly, 2023 will be another big year for our technology and innovation sector. That means more high-paying jobs for Albertans. Calgary Herald business writer Chris Varcoe recently wrote that "despite a global slowdown and layoffs in the [technology] sector, Alberta technology companies continue to attract the interest of investors." And Alberta Enterprise Corporation President and CEO Kristina Williams said, "Alberta's tech sector has become a force to reckon with in Canada and beyond."

Government is also setting up Indigenous communities for success. Fourteen Indigenous community-owned businesses are receiving an economic boost through the Aboriginal Business Investment Fund. Five million dollars in grants will be distributed through the fund, supporting the growth of Indigenous communities, community-led job creation, and economic development. Grants will go toward capital costs like equipment purchases and infrastructure builds.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring as well as a happy Easter.

Regards,

Nicholas Milliken

MLA for Calgary – Currie