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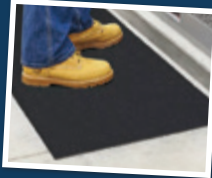
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1941 Ford Special Deluxe

Article and photo by Fred Nelson

A couple of blocks down from the Glenbrook Community Hall resides this rare Street Rod designed and built by Hans, a local contractor.

While a '40 Ford is common, production of the 1941s stopped abruptly when interrupted by WWII. It would fill this whole newsletter to describe all the modifications, so we'll just say it has a 428 Super Cobra Jet engine that really sizzles. You need sunglasses to look at all that chrome. The photo was taken at the World of Wheels car show.

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GCA Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

March 7, April 4

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).

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The Glenbrook Community Association is pleased to offer a number of free daytime clubs and groups throughout the week, as well as special one-off events and opportunities. If you are interested in trying out one or more of these, please email glenbrookevents@shaw.ca to let us know which one(s) you are looking to join. If you would like to come to any on a regular basis, a Glenbrook community membership is requested, but not mandatory.

Tai Chi

Stability, balance, and flexibility are very important as you age. This program can help you improve these factors and decrease health risks. Join your neighbours for gentle exercise and breathing. Bring dry shoes and a name tag.

Upcoming Dates: February 6, 13, 20, 27 (all Tuesdays) at 10:00 am.

Contact Gary at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Knitting and Crafts

Break up the isolation of winter by joining us for knitting and crafts in the afternoon or evening at the hall. Instruction and assistance provided.

Upcoming Dates: Thursday, February 8 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm; Thursday, March 14 at 1:00 pm.

Contact Ruth at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Fun and Games



We have been playing mostly card games these days (but not poker yet). Join us for cards, games, knitting, chatting, snacks, and a break from your routine at the hall.

Any experience level welcome.

Upcoming Dates: Thursday, February 8; Thursday, March 14 (both from 1:00 to 3:00 pm).

Contact Pat at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Book Club



Our book for February is *The Girl from Guernica* by Karen Robards. For March, we will be reading *Patterson House* by Jane Cawthorne, set in Toronto during the early 20th century. These books are available through the library.

Upcoming Date: Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the community hall.

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Coffee Social



Seek solace from the cold weather with warm coffee and fellowship with your Glenbrook friends and neighbours at the hall.

Upcoming Date: Friday, February 23 from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Contact Audrey at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Crokinole



Do you remember this game? Use your finger and a checker to shoot an opponent's checker off the board. Look up the rules or reach out to me if you might be interested in getting together with

a few others at a convenient time and place to play. It is very sociable and lots of fun!

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Mahjong



This is a popular, rummy-type tile game. Margaret has been teaching and hosting weekly mahjong games for the past year. She is ready to start another group for those who are interested in learning with other beginners, or you can join an existing group.

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Evening Shift (7:00pm to 3:15am)
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If interested, please call/text Murray at 403-616-4644
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Parent & Tot Drop in Program
2024

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Don't Get Stung by the Bee!

The shortest month of the year is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. February is like that mischievous word that trips up even the most seasoned spellers! It's the spelling bee's sneaky little riddle, playing hide-and-seek with that elusive "r" and making a twisty-turny challenge out of a seemingly simple month!



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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, 2023 to August 31, 2024)

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Address:

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(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.....

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again Glenbrook,

February has arrived and we are looking forward to a number of special dates in the months ahead. 2024 is a leap year, so we all get an extra day this month to enjoy everything Glenbrook has to offer. Of course, Valentine's Day is on Wednesday the 14th and the Family Day holiday is on Monday the 19th this year. Our Events Committee has been setting up a few Ice Skating Afternoons this winter for residents to enjoy the outdoor skating rinks, as well as free popcorn and hot chocolate. The next one of these will be on Sunday, February 25 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and the Sport Shack will be open for people to warm up or use the inside space to lace up their skates.

Speaking of the outdoor rinks, 2024 has been a challenging year to get the ice surfaces ready for skating, due to the weather conditions. Brad has been working hard to get this done quickly despite the temperatures. Thanks Brad, your efforts are noticed.

We have started looking for volunteers to work at our upcoming casino, which will be held from May 10 to 11. We are lucky enough to host this year's casino on a Friday and Saturday, giving more people the availability to help out. We are drawn for a casino spot about once every 18 months, and this is the community association's largest fundraising effort that helps to keep everything running at the community hall and facilities. If you would like to volunteer, or know of anyone who might be interested, please reach out to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca to help fill the numerous spots needed.

All the best,

Murray

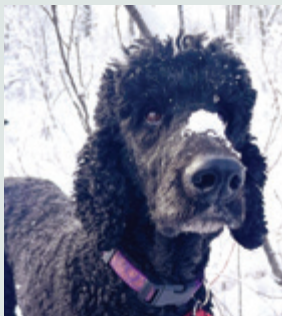
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Pets of Glenbrook



Introducing Rizzo, a six-year-old standard poodle. She comes from a long line of show dogs, but her calling was to be a house wolf. You can find her going for walks through the neighbourhood or at

the Glenbrook off-leash park. Her most favourite thing in the world is chasing a ball, followed by going for walks with her grandma and grandpa, hiking in the mountains, eating treats, and jumping up on her many aunties and uncles.

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Medieval Tinder

Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. Did you know that in the Middle Ages, love was a fashion statement? Back then, singles played a name-tag game, pinning their Valentine's name on their sleeves for a week! Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve - literally!



Our Winter Bird - The Pine Grosbeak

by Catherine Warwick



A Pine Grosbeak. Photo by Diane Stinson

Have you ever seen a Northern Cardinal in real life? These birds are beautiful and striking, and most of all, an intense red. If you haven't seen them in person, I know you have seen them on Christmas cards and other winter-based accessories.

Surrounded by snow and red berries probably. Those of us who live in western Canada are tired of seeing them on our cards and mugs, and since they refuse to migrate out west, I say we get a new bird to be emblematic of winter. I propose the Pine Grosbeak.

The Pine Grosbeak is a large (robin-sized) pinkish-red bird that flocks around berry laden trees whilst looking festive. Although it is only the male Pine Grosbeak that have the red hue, the females tend to be a mustard yellow and are still very striking. *All About Birds* describes them as "a large and plump, heavy-chested finch with a round head", sounds like they just need a Ho! Ho! Ho! and their big bellies will shake like a bowl full of jelly.

I have been seeing them often on my street this winter, eating fruit from the trees. They travel in a small flock, and are identified by their colour, their heavy finch beaks, and their white wing bars. As the Audubon website says, they are "absurdly tame" so you can go stand under the tree and watch them. They dwarf the regular house finch and can probably bully them off bird

feeders. I have never seen them on my feeder, probably because they are so big that they would trigger the squirrel cage around it.

They are often seen in Weaselhead, just past the big bridge, where people put seeds. One year, a long time ago now, I saw some there that were a very rich brick red. Interestingly, their size and colour vary across the continent. The males in California tend to be more orange for example. The Pine Grosbeak in British Columbia tends to be smaller. If they want a shot at supplanting the Cardinal, they better start emphasizing the red.

Like most finches, they have a pleasant song, warbly and melodic. I can't say I have heard them sing in person. Perhaps this is because they sing during breeding season and by then they have vacated the city. According to the Government of Canada this bird is an 'irruptive' species whose populations are poorly understood. That means they move to southern locales when the food in the North is scarce. It is very special that they can overwinter in our city, and I love seeing them here.

The Pine Grosbeak has a reputation for being slow-moving. In Newfoundland they have the nickname 'mopes' because of their mopey, sluggish movements. This means they make great photo subjects, which fits right in with my idea of overtaking the Cardinal in winter and Christmas memorabilia.



Leapers and Leaplings Special Day

Four million leap day babies? Did you know the odds of being born on February 29 is one in 1,461! Leap day babies are better-known as 'leapers' or 'leaplings'. Hats off to these time-defying, once-in-a-blue-moon birthday legends!



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