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Third Wednesday of every month, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Haysboro Community Hall.

All residents welcome to attend.

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HCA, as a volunteer run organization, thoughtfully and constructively shapes our neighbourhood. We are innovative. We provide social and recreational programming; encourage and develop unique projects; and foster open dialogue with residents and stakeholders.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A friendly, safe, and vibrant community of active and engaged residents.









HAYSBORO HALL HAPPENINGS

Hello April! Bring on the sunshine and warm weather! The snow is melting, and I hope everyone is enjoying more time outdoors. Thank you to all our rink volunteers and snow shovellers for your hard work this winter! It is greatly appreciated.

We held a mitten knitting class at the beginning of March with our very own neighbourhood knitting guru, Carolyn Joels. If you are interested in beginner/intermediate or drop-in knitting classes, please email info@haysboro.org.

Dust off those racquets! Our tennis and pickleball courts will be opening on May 1, 2025. As an HCA member, you have to purchase an HCA Racquetball Club Membership Add-On to book and play on the courts. Bookings can be made in person and online for 30 minutes to a maximum of one-and-a-half-hour durations.

The HCA is starting up a gardening sub-committee with discussions to develop a community garden. For more information or to join the team, please email garden@haysboro.org.

Programs and Events

Registration is open on our website for the community Easter Egg Hunt event on April 19 taking place in the natural playground.

Summer program registrations are also starting to open at the hall. Currently, we have Adventures Child Care, Broadway Beats, a Sewing Camp, and Engineering for Kids. We are currently looking to build up our summer camp offerings. If you have any ideas for summer or PD Day camps, please email info@haysboro.org.

The Casino Night dates for this year have been confirmed for August 21 and 22, 2025 at the Elbow River Casino. This is our biggest fundraiser for the HCA, so please consider volunteering. If you would like more information or want to fill a spot, please reach out to casino@haysboro.org.

HCA Drop-in Sessions (All Welcome and Free Coffee):

• Free Tot Time - Every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the HCA Main Hall until the end of May, then resumes in September. Come visit with other parents and caregivers while the kids play with the room of toys! • Community Social Afternoons - Every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the HCA Social Lounge. Currently the group is learning to play Mahjong. If there is interest in other games or activities, please email the office. We are always looking to expand this group!

As always, we are available for any questions at the hall on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For faster responses, email info@haysboro.org or rentals@haysboro.org.











PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Haysboro Residents and Association Members,

Spring is here, and Calgary is starting to warm up! While March was warm and challenged our rink crews, I'm looking forward to a good gardening season with the right balance of rain and warmth. 2024 was a tough year, but brighter days are ahead.

Here are a Few Updates

Community Business Plan: We've had several meetings to update the Haysboro Community Association Business Plan, and we're in good shape to complete it for the AGM in June.

Preschool Registration: Kicked off in March, and we're set for another great year for our little ones. We've also increased daily run times to better serve the needs of our parents.

Upcoming Events

Annual Easter Egg Hunt: Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our board members and volunteers are working hard to make this a special event.

Energy Efficiency Workshop: Celebrate Earth day on Tuesday, April 22 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm by joining Judi Vandenbrink from Green Calgary to help you understand your home energy use and how to take steps towards making your home more energy efficient.

Planning and Development

Heritage Transit Station Public Space Plan: Our tireless committee is advocating for this plan to set us up for positive development. There are five big projects underway in and around the station!

As always, all are welcome to attend our board meetings on the third Wednesday of every month in the Social Lounge at the hall. The next board meeting will be April 16.

That's all for now. Happy spring!

Andrew Forsyth

HCA President











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Thank You Little Free Food Pantry

In 2020 during the early stages of the pandemic, Megan Engblom had a wonderful idea to create a Little Free Food Pantry for our community. The Quinn/Engblom family constructed and installed the food pantry, which has been active in front of the natural playground by the Haysboro Community Association Hall.

"I saw a post about food pantries helping to strengthen communities by allowing people to share and access food as they needed. No questions asked, no information needed, just neighbours supporting neighbours. We loved this idea and set to work converting an old lkea cabinet into this little free pantry."

The Little Free Food Pantry was a successful initiative during the pandemic. Community members dropped off non-perishable food items and helped to keep the pantry full for immediate and local needs. The focus has now shifted to supporting local organized food pantries in the community as needs have changed.

Acadia Food Pantry

The Acadia Food Pantry provides free emergency food for residents of many South neighbourhoods, including Haysboro. Established in April 2019, the pantry has provided free food on a monthly basis to anyone in the communities experiencing food insecurity. Food is distributed on the third Tuesday of the month, from noon to 12:45 pm at McDougall United Church (8516 Athabasca St. SE). If you would like to donate, 100% of every donation is used to buy food and supplies. If you require their services or for more information, please go to https://www.mcdunited.com/acadia-pantry or email acadiapantry@gmail.com.

Calgary Food Bank

The Calgary Food Bank is available as another resource. You must call or book an appointment online to be eligible for a hamper. During your booking, you must be ready to answer some personal financial questions to qualify. Hampers are booked based on scheduled availability. Once confirmed, they can be picked up at the main Calgary Food Bank location, or from one of the satellite locations including St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church right here in Haysboro. For more information, visit https://www.calgaryfoodbank.com/.

Thank you so much to the Quinn/Engblom Family for putting this resource in our community for the past five years. The little Free Food Pantry will be converted into a children's puzzle library in the spring.





Preschool Update

Thank you to those of you who attended our open house at the beginning of March. It was wonderful meeting some of our neighbours and potential students. Registration is open for our 2025/2026 school year, so visit https://haysboro.org/preschool to reserve your spot.

In March, we have been learning about space through stories, crafts, activities, and open-ended play. Students have been having a lot of fun discovering stars, planets, the moon, and even aliens!

We also had our St. Patrick's Day Jellybean Dance on March 16. Thank you to all who attended. It was a fantastic time and the event was a huge success! All proceeds will go toward new items for the preschool classroom.

April will bring all things Easter and hopefully spring! We are running a bottle drop on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Haysboro Community Centre parking lot and we appreciate all your support!





Participate in the Haysboro Time Capsule Project 'Visions for 2050'

The Haysboro Time Capsule started in 2000 for a Millenium Project by three Haysboro residents that involved funding for signage, commemorative benches, and a time capsule.

Drawings, writings, and poems were provided by the Haysboro School students with a focus on what they thought 2025 would be like. The time capsule was buried at the Haysboro Community Association and now 25 years later, we will be opening it up at our September Haysboro Happenings community event. More details to come.

The committee has partnered with Haysboro Elementary School for submissions for the new time capsule. For any kids in Haysboro not attending Haysboro Elementary that would like to participate, please write a short description (maximum 300 words) about what you think the world will look like in 2050. Ideas could include but are not limited to the following:

- My hopes and dreams for the world in 2050
- What will travel in 2050 look like?
- What will Haysboro look like in 2050?

Submission Deadline

Please drop off items to the HCA mailbox in front of the hall or during office hours. Label it 'Time Capsule' with your name and age by June 1, 2025.









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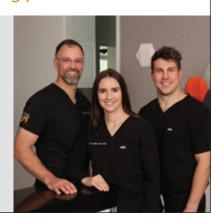
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How It Works

From April 25 to 28, residents will document wild plants and animals by taking photos or making audio recordings. Then upload them to iNaturalist.ca or download the iNaturalist app. From April 29 to May 4, upload all your observations to iNaturalist and help to identify posts made by others. On May 5, local, national, and global results are announced.

Why Participate?

There is nature all around us! Knowing what species are in our city and where they are helps us study and protect them, but the only way to do that is by all of us scientists, land managers, and the community - working together to find and document the nature in our area.

By participating in the City Nature Challenge, not only do you learn more about your local nature, but you can also make your city a better place - for you and other species!

Who Can Participate?

Anyone from the Calgary Metropolitan Region: Calgary, Airdrie, Chestermere, Okotoks, High River, Foothills County, and Rocky View County.

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- The number of observations made
- The number of species documented
- The number of people who participate

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- Observations: 13,451 (42nd out of 690 Cities Global/ third out of 40 Canadian Cities)
- Species: 788 (167th out of 690 Cities Global/ eighth out of 40 Canadian Cities)
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Check out citynatureyyc.ca for more information and stats!

Kids Up Front

Did you know, if you are a member of the Haysboro Community Association, you can request free tickets for your family (with children) to enriching experiences like art, culture, and sporting events through Kids Up Front?

Kids Up Front is an organization dedicated to ensuring all kids have access to fun, enriching experiences. The HCA is a partner agency; that means we help get free tickets and experiences into the hands of local families.

Requested tickets could include (but aren't limited to) Storybook Theatre, Theatre Calgary, Stampeders, Roughnecks, Hitmen, Wrangler, or Cavalry FC games. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to spend some quality time with your family taking in an experience you may not have had if you had to purchase it.

The HCA has already provided many Haysboro families with memorable experiences to date. Tickets are first come first served. Sign up for a Haysboro membership on our website! If you would like to join the HCA mailing list for Kids Up Front opportunities, please email info@haysboro.org.



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