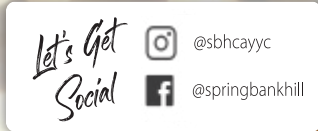


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Greetings,

As we approach year-end, our board members and volunteers are preparing for the Christmas season and planning to wind down our work and enjoy time with family and friends. We do hope that this time of the year is enjoyable for you as well. If the weather cooperates, we would love to open our two seasonal ice rinks before Christmas so that families can enjoy those facilities while children are home from school during the holiday period. Stay tuned for announcements as we know more about the rink plans. We are also looking for volunteers to help hold a skating event in early 2025; more information on this can be found in this newsletter.

Following our successful AGM in late October we did recruit several new board members and volunteers, and we've been busy getting these new members up to speed. This will allow us to ramp up our plans for 2025 with new ideas and fresh perspectives on opportunities we can pursue. But there is room for more volunteers, and we welcome any enquires about our openings. Simply email us at [info@springbankhill.org](mailto:info@springbankhill.org) for more information.

All the best for the holiday season. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy all the benefits of our wonderful community.

*Elio Cozzi*

President, Springbank Hill Community Association



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## Share Your Photos!

We are always looking for great community photos to post on our website, in our social media, and in our newsletter. If you have some great shots that you would like to share, please email them to [info@springbankhill.org](mailto:info@springbankhill.org) along with your name, and you just might see your talent featured in our next issue.

## Check out SBHCA's Partner & Sponsorship Program!



SBHCA partners and sponsors are essential to helping us raise funds for events (e.g., our annual Pumpkin Festival, Movies in the Park) and properties (e.g., Springbank Hill and Montreux Outdoor Rinks, the Community Garden). It is also a great way for organizations to connect with our residents at a grassroots level.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an opportunity further, please contact us at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org) or further details can be found at [www.springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/](http://www.springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/).

# SBHCA Business Member Discounts

by Shelly Smith

Check out our SBHCA business members below. We thank them for their participation in our community association!

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We are pleased to announce that businesses within the Springbank Hill community area, and within Calgary, can purchase a business membership. Whether you are a home-based business, an entrepreneur, a small business, a large company, or a not-for-profit, we would love to have you join!

It would be great, although not necessary, for your organization to offer our residential members discounts on your merchandise and/or services. We will promote your discounts to our members.

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# Shovelling in a Winter Wonderland

by Michelle Varem

It's that time of year again – when the snow starts falling and doesn't stop until spring (and even then...). Heavy snowfall has been predicted this winter and we'll all be out with our shovels working hard, if we aren't already. In a large community like ours with mixed use pathway systems and sidewalks, every winter the question comes up – who is responsible for what?

Some easy ones to start – Canada Post is responsible for clearing around community mailboxes, the City of Calgary is responsible for bus stop pads. Business owners and commercial areas are responsible for their own snow clearing. Homeowners are generally responsible for the sidewalk in front of their homes. They can shovel their own or contract out to a private company or an enterprising student down the street. There is the odd time where another agency is responsible for sidewalks – for example in some town home communities the condo board contracts out snow removal. Where it starts to get complicated is when homes border public pathways. Who is responsible for these pathways? The City? The Homeowners Association? A private business?

The City has a tool where you can find out a bit information on this. At [www.maps.calgary.ca/PathwaysandBikeways](http://www.maps.calgary.ca/PathwaysandBikeways) homeowners can see which parts of the public pathway system are cleared by the City and which are cleared by other agencies such as school boards or universities, private establishments, or residential owners. If your home borders a public pathway and you aren't sure if it falls under your responsibility or not, you can do an address look up using the search tool and click on the highlighted pathway next to your property to learn more.

For residents who are a part of the Springbank Hill HOA, homeowners are responsible for public pathways bordering their property, although the HOA does clear a few of the pathways through parks and sidewalks with no adjacent housing. For residents in the Springborough HOA – in the past the Homeowners Association has provided snow clearing on some pathways, however that is no longer the case as of 2022, and it is now up to homeowners. This was discussed at that year's AGM and reflected in a fee decrease.

Overall – homeowners should be aware of what parts of the sidewalk or pathway bordering their property they are responsible for, hopefully the information found here can help with that and with keeping our neighbours a little bit safer from a bad slip or fall. City bylaws state that snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours of a snowfall ending. One last thing to remember this winter is to check in with your neighbours and see if they ever need help with their shovelling. Being a snow angel and taking a few extra minutes to zip up the sidewalk for a neighbour who is injured or on vacation is an easy thing for most of us to do and that kindness goes a long way.

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## Skating in Springbank Hill

Winter is upon us and skating season is back! One of the perks of living in a winter city is having the perfect weather for a skate or a fun hockey game with friends and family at the nearest outdoor rink. Here in Springbank Hill we have two skating rinks operated by the SBHCA. One is in Montreux just off the south part of St. Moritz Drive, the other is up in the park off the eastern side of the traffic circle on Springbank Blvd. The Springbank Hill rink has one rink surface, while the Montreux site has two hockey rinks and one site for pleasure skating.

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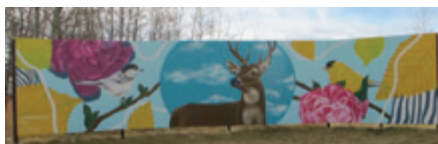
The SBHCA has been working on a plan to upgrade the Montreux rink site into a community hub. This will facilitate other recreational and community activities throughout the year, not just in the winter. Two successful community engagement sessions were held in November, and more information will be coming in the new year as to the feedback from sessions and plans going forward. This is an exciting project for our neighbourhood, and we are looking forward to sharing more in the new year.

### Volunteers Needed!

The use of the rinks wouldn't be possible without our fantastic volunteers and our amazing rink coordinators, Dan Hnatyshyn (Montreux) and Andrew Unruh (Springbank Hill). We are always looking for volunteers to help with rink maintenance throughout the season, from the first flood until the weather gets warmer in the spring. The SBHCA is also looking to host a community skating event in the new year at the Montreux rink. We need a team of volunteers to help plan and run the event, likely in February, and a lead volunteer to coordinate. If any of these volunteer opportunities are of interest, please email [info@springbankhill.org](mailto:info@springbankhill.org) so that we can all enjoy a fun event with family and friends at the rink!



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Only registered members receive regular community emails and digital newsletters to inform them of events, programs, news, and matters in our community. The membership fee also helps us fund all the different initiatives that make our Springbank Hill community a safe, fun, and friendly place to live. To join as a member, please visit our website at <https://springbankhill.org/membership/>.



Community Association	Homeowner's Association
 <p><a href="https://springbankhill.org/">https://springbankhill.org/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Springbank Hill Homeowners Association, <a href="http://www.sbhha.com">www.sbhha.com</a></li> <li>• The Slopes Community Association, <a href="http://www.theslopes.ca">www.theslopes.ca</a></li> <li>• Springborough Homeowners Association, <a href="http://www.springborough.ca">www.springborough.ca</a></li> </ul>
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PURPOSE	
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FORMED BY	
<p>Volunteer residents of a community</p>	<p>The land developer (when establishing the community)</p>
MEMBERSHIP	
<p>Membership is voluntary \$25/Household/Year</p>	<p>Mandated for property owners through an encumbrance secured on the Certificate of Title Various rates for each HOA Fees due annually</p>
MEETING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings occur throughout the year on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm (no meeting July/ August)</li> <li>• Open to the public</li> <li>• Meetings are often attended by the Ward Councillor, MLA, Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator and Police Community Liaison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with an elected Board of Directors, typically closed to the public</li> <li>• Annual General Meeting held each year are open to all "Members in Good Standing"</li> </ul>
DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS	
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# Package Delivery Safety Tips

by Calgary Police Service

Every day, pesky patio pirates pinch packages from the porches of the public, procuring those hard-earned purchases for their own profit. Perhaps this has even happened to you or somebody you know.

In the days (and now years) of the pandemic, it has become common practice to have many everyday items shipped to our homes and left on the porch or front steps by delivery drivers. The Calgary Police Service regularly fields calls from citizens reporting thefts from porches, but police have limited success in rescuing packages destined for the wrong hands. The following are some simple tips to keep your presents and packages from being pilfered by porch pirates potentially poking out around the corner.

## 1. Schedule Your Delivery

Certain deliveries with Amazon Prime are eligible for "Amazon Delivery Day" and allows Prime members to choose up to two specific days each week for delivery. This is a good way to ensure that someone be home to receive the delivery rather than have the package left on the porch or step.

## 2. Pick Up Your Packages in Person

If you are using Canada Post, DHL, Federal Express, or UPS, there is the option to have them keep your packages at their warehouses, post offices or UPS stores where you can attend and pick up your packages at a time that suits you. Though this is not the most convenient option, it is the most secure.

## 3. Use an Amazon Locker

For Amazon Prime members, there is the option to have your package delivered to one of the amazon locker locations around the city. The option can be selected at checkout and a list of the nearby lockers is accessible when one chooses this option.

## 4. Network With Your Neighbours

Another great way to prevent the theft of packages is to work together as a community. Neighbours can agree to look out for strangers in the neighbourhood and keep an eye on deliveries at one another's homes. This can be taken one step further by having neighbours collect packages from one another's homes to keep them safe

until they can be picked up. Community social media accounts are a great way to stay informed and in contact with each other.

## 5. Install Security Cameras

The presence of security cameras is already a good deterrent when it comes to crime prevention. Cameras can also alert you of a delivery when a package is dropped off and, in the event, someone does swipe a package, the footage can help police identify the culprits involved.

## 6. Install a Smart Doorbell

If the idea of a complete security system or installing cameras on your home seems overwhelming or not necessary, a smart doorbell can be a simple solution to preventing thefts. Just like security cameras, the mere presence can be enough of a deterrent to keep packages safe but there is more to these great little devices. These cameras are motion-activated, can send an alert to your phone, and are equipped with two-way communication so you can talk to whoever is at the door. These are generally cost effective and do not require the user to sign up for a monitoring service.

From Pineridge to Pump Hill (or Springbank Hill in this case) Porch Pirates are out to pilfer your packages so follow these pointers to help keep your packages protected. If you ever see a pirate at work, please call your friendly neighbourhood police officers, at 9-1-1, to intervene and remember to always stay safe.



## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Holiday!

1. This holiday seems like it could be named after a sport, but it has nothing to do with one.
2. This incredibly bright festival celebrates good winning over evil and the arrival of a new season.
3. This holiday typically revolves around one shape.
4. Eggnog, trees, and bells are classic elements of this holiday.
5. Costumes are a huge part of the fun of this holiday.
6. This holiday happens on the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.



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