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Happy Birthday, Jim!

On January 17, 1962, a comedic legend was born in Newmarket, Ontario. The star of hit movies like Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, The Mask, and Dumb and Dumber, Jim Carrey will turn 62 years old this year. Can you believe he has been gracing our screens since 1981 when he played Tony Caroni in Janet?



# SPRINGBANK HILL WINTER ACTIVITIES

WINTER 2023-2024



## Outdoor Skating Rinks

Here in Calgary we are lucky to be able to skate for a good portion of the year. Heading to the outdoor rink for a skate or a game of hockey is a great way to spend time with friends and family throughout the winter. It brings people together. There's nothing like a casual game of shinny on a cold day.

In Springbank Hill, we are lucky to have two outdoor skating rinks. The Montreux rink sporting a skating surface and two hockey surfaces. The Springbank Hill rink holds one surface shared between skating and hockey. For more information visit : <https://springbankhill.org/programs/springbank-hill-and-montreux-skating-rinks>

## Tobogganing

Tobogganing mixes high-speed sledding with loads of exercise making it perfect for kids on a winter weekend. There are many hills throughout Calgary which you can find on the City of Calgary website. If you and your family are looking to go tobogganing this winter, please check out the following safety guidelines:

<https://www.calgary.ca/parks/activities/tobogganing.html>



## Winter Neighbourhood nature challenge

We can all feel down during winter. Whether it's the constant cold or the short days, it can take its toll on our mental health. The City of Calgary has a Winter Neighbourhood Nature Challenge to get you and your family outdoors and back into nature during the colder months. Challenge yourself and those around you this winter.

**Calgary** **Winter Neighbourhood Nature Challenge**

**ARE YOU READY?** Explore nature in Calgary this winter. Complete these activities in your neighbourhood park. Please be mindful of the current state of snowing requirements. Try to finish all the challenges by the end of March.

Find some animal tracks in the snow.	Write a nature story and draw a picture of an animal you saw or imagine.	Build a snowman and give it a name.	Learn how things stay put in winter and draw what you imagined with a leaf or twigs.	Create something new from something old.
Look closely at a snowflake and describe what you see.	Look for evidence of animal activity in the snow and mark what you see.	Discovering kind for your neighbour.	Go on a nature walk in the snow.	Find the name of a tree growing in a sheltered place with snow on the ground.
Learn all about a nature song about winter.	Find a spot to drink and listen. Can you hear any birds or other nature sounds when you listen?	Small but different trees or shrubs survive winter. Do they need help?	Create a colorful sculpture outside using snow.	Observe the weather and draw a picture of what you see today. Do the clouds change?
Find a nature-themed book and read it.	Create a map of your backyard to track greenhouses.	Observe snow and describe how the melting can be used to make something new.	Observe the weather and draw a picture of what you see today. Do the clouds change?	Hug a tree. How does it make you feel?



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all our Springbank Hill community residents! We hope that you have been able to enjoy a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season with your friends and family and that you are now ready to embrace the new year.

The winter season is here, and our volunteers are busy preparing and operating our two seasonal ice rinks. If you haven't had the opportunity yet we encourage you to visit one of these rinks with your children and enjoy a family skating session. And we welcome your feedback about these facilities, what you like, and what ideas you may have for us to consider as part of our efforts to continually improve our facilities and services.

We do have some good news to report. We recently signed a Temporary Use Agreement with the city to give us more control over our rink facility in Montreux. As a result, we will be proceeding with the preparation of initial design concepts for a potential future expansion and redevelopment of this facility. So, stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Another reminder that we continue to look for volunteers to join our community association in various committee opportunities. We also have openings on our board of directors, and in particular we have an opening for a newsletter editor. Simply reach out to us to discuss further.

Warm Regards,

*Elio Cozzi*

President, Springbank Hill Community Association



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# Community Safety – Creating a Home Escape Plan

by Shelly Smith

According to the City of Calgary emergency preparedness web page, "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use those minutes can make a lifesaving difference.

A home escape plan contains the layout of your home, the escape routes that should be used, and where to meet once you are outside. It is important to create and practice an escape plan with everyone who lives in your home so that they know what to do if there is a fire."

On your browser just search City of Calgary home escape plan. They have excellent templates for creating a home escape plan and how to practise a home escape plan. You can even include your children in the planning process.

Hopefully we will never need to use these exit plans, but it is worth checking out.

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## SBHCA Contest – Win One of Two \$100 Esso Gift Cards!



We are excited to announce a contest for SBHCA (Springbank Hill Community Association) members. You are eligible to win one of two \$100 Esso gift cards. Contest details are provided below.

### Prize 1: Existing Members

If you have a valid SBHCA membership (current paid member) as of March 30, 2024, your name will be entered into a draw for a \$100 gift card. A draw will be made from all valid current members on March 31, 2024. The winner will be notified by the end of the day March 31.

### Prize 2: Referrals

If you are an existing SBHCA member, with a valid membership, you can refer community members who are not yet SBHCA members. Here are the steps:

1. Simply share the web page – [springbankhill.org/](http://springbankhill.org/) belong with neighbours and friends who live on Springbank Hill and encourage them to register as a new member. (Note: The new member must successfully register, including the payment of the membership fee, by Noon on March 30, 2024.)
2. Once you have shared this information with them send us an email at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org) with the subject title: SBHCA member referral. In the body of the email please share the following information about the person you are referring: first, last name and address.

Upon the successful registration of the community member, you are referring to, and the receipt of your email (correctly identifying the name and address of the new member), your name will be entered to win the second \$100 gift card. The winner will be notified by the end of the day March 31.

We look forward to your participation in this contest! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org).

## Are you the Next SBHCA Newsletter Editor?

by Shelly Smith

We are looking for a community member to volunteer their time and talent to become the editor of our monthly print copy of the SBHCA newsletter and our digital version of the newsletter for residential members of the SBHCA. Are you that person?

For the print copy of the newsletter, we work with a wonderful group of people at GNM (Great News Media). We submit articles, public service announcements to GNM, who then incorporate our content in the newsletter that you receive in your mailbox every month.

The digital copy of the newsletter is also very easy to do. Time commitment for both newsletters is a few hours per month, depending on how many articles, etc., you would like to submit.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the editor of this newsletter. It is time to pass the torch on to another community member. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact me at [membership@springbankhill.org](mailto:membership@springbankhill.org).

You will be trained in the process and will always have support in the background. Looking forward to hearing from you!



### International Day of Education

- January 24 is International Day of Education! The United Nations General Assembly solidified this annual observance to celebrate the role education plays in the development and peace within countries. Let's hear it for all our educators on this day, and every day!





Photo Courtesy of Simon B.

## 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.

# Belong

to your community



## Springbank Hill Community Association

*For only \$25 per year, your family can belong to the Springbank Hill Community Association and experience the many benefits of being a member.*

When you become a community member, your household receives the following:

- Access and discounts on various events in our community
- The ability to rent one of our community garden boxes
- Advocacy on community concerns relating to safety, development, and the natural environment
- Opportunities to provide input on community capital projects
- A voice in our community

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/>.



## Become a SBHCA Business Member

Springbank Hill is a vibrant and growing community. The rolling hills, trees, open spaces, and pathways are something that makes our community attractive to so many families and individuals. Through our ongoing communications with members, our events, and community properties (e.g. The Springbank Hill Community Park and Garden), we strive to create a vibrant and supportive neighbourhood. Having Calgary businesses become SBHCA members by supporting our programs and providing a sense of belonging for our residents is an important next step.

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.

The annual fee for a 12-month rolling membership is \$35. To join today please visit <https://springbankhill.org/business-members/>.



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## 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 <https://springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/>.

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# ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

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## **WINTER SKATING EVENT!**

The SBHCA is looking to host a skating event at the Montreux Skating Rink in December 2023 or January 2024 but we need your help! In order to make this possible we are going to need a lead or a team of volunteers to help with the running and planning the event. If interested email [info@springbankhill.org](mailto:info@springbankhill.org)



### ***POSSIBLE THEMES***

#### **DISCO!**

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#### **PYJAMAS!**

- Skate in your pajamas!
- Christmas snack and hot chocolate!

#### **CHRISTMAS!**

- Santa for the kids!
- Hot chocolate and Christmas snacks!
- Christmas lights + tree!
- Iconic Christmas music!



# VOLUNTEERING IS THE BEST WAY TO HELP OUT IN THE COMMUNITY!

Springbank Hill Community Association

## Benefits of volunteering in the community

The action of you volunteering greatly contributes to the overall wellbeing of The Springbank Hill community for many reasons such as the ability to host fun events, the smooth sailing of living in the community, and even the mental health benefits that volunteers gain. First of all, the presence of volunteers is at the core center of our community's ability to host events. This is because these events are non profit but still require a staff to run them, meaning we need volunteers in order to enhance the social aspect of our community and make fun events possible. To follow up, volunteers benefit the community by creating a more functional community that has resources offered to its members such as the seniors or children's program which is made possible through the help of volunteers. Finally, research shows that there are also benefits toward your own personal health. It is scientifically proven that volunteering reduces levels of stress and rates of depression, particularly amongst elders. Becoming a volunteer makes you feel good about yourself since you are spending your valuable time collectively with others in order to work toward a larger goal and an improved future for the whole community.

## Current volunteers postions available

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Springbank Hill seniors and children's programs

Event volunteers (Ex. Winter skating event at Montreux rink, movie in the park events)

For more information and to apply as a volunteer today, email [info@springbankhill.org](mailto:info@springbankhill.org)

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July 23	18	28	\$997,500	\$992,250
June 23	37	18	\$900,000	\$934,000
May 23	20	27	\$984,900	\$1,050,000
April 23	24	14	\$737,450	\$755,000
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