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You might think "Xmas" is just a modern-day abbreviation for Christmas—but it actually dates back to the 16th century! The "X" comes from the Greek letter "Chi" which is the first letter of the word "Christos" meaning "Christ".



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings!

I'd like to begin by extending a heartfelt thank you to Elio Cozzi, our departing SBHCA President, for his 12 years of dedicated service in this role and other positions on the board. Elio worked tirelessly on many important files, including planning and development, and is a wonderful example of someone who gives back to the community in which he lives.

We also have some changes at the board and committee level that I'm pleased to announce:

- Stephen Carter-Edwards Vice President and Planning
- Zara Amini Secretary
- Behrokh Azarian Director at Large
- Marshall Naruzny Director, Planning
- Steve Andersen Chair, Traffic Committee

Our SBHCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 29, 2025. Thank you to everyone who attended. In this newsletter, you'll find an excellent article by Michelle Varem summarizing the highlights from the AGM.

We're also looking to fill several volunteer roles in the new year:

- Director, Communications
- Director, Membership
- Director, Fundraising
- · Director, Programming
- IT Volunteer

If you're interested in learning more about any of these positions, please contact me at president@ springbankhill.org.

Lastly, but importantly, our two outdoor skating rinks will be up and running soon. Let's hope the weather cooperates this year for a great skating season! A big thank-you to Dan Hnatyshyn, Andrew Unruh, and the many volunteers who make our outdoor rinks a reality each year.

Wishing you and yours all the best for a joyful holiday season,

Shelly Smith

President, Springbank Hill Community Association







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 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 or further details can be found at 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!

Your SBHCA residential membership includes a SBHCA membership card for discounts with these businesses. To download your card, log into your account at www.registrationsystem.strategicconsultinggroup.ca/springbankhill/login. On the bottom right of the screen you will see a section called 'SBHCA Membership Card'—just select the download option to download your card.

Business Name	Type of Business	Member Discount	
All Things Cinnamon	Bakery	All new customers that are residents of Springbank Hill will receive 15% off their first order of Cinnamon Buns!	
Big Sky Ventures	Certified Master Electrician		
The Barbershop (Denim & Smith Aspen)	Hair Industry	15% off retail with any service. \$5 off any service on first visit.	
Scarlett Hair Extensions and Academy	Hair Extensions	25% off! Use promocode SPRINGBANKHILL at checkout	
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Mikey's House	General Store		
Illuminate Skin Therapies	Skin and Wellness		
Aspen Springs Pharmacy	Pharmacy		
Avenue Nail Lounge	Beauty and Skin		

JOIN US FOR A HOT CHOCOLATE ON DECEMBER 11TH, 2025



SBHCA will be hosting a hot chocolate stand, and selling memberships, at the Slokker Homes Santa Claus event.

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Location: Slokker Homes Discovery Centre (116 205

Spring Creek Commons)

See you there!!!







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
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- · 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/.

Springbank Hill Annual General Meeting 2025 Recap

by Michelle Varem

On October 29 the SBHCA held our Annual General Meeting to recap the past year. Several board members, volunteers, and community members were in attendance. Here is a quick summary of the meeting in case you missed it.

We had a great presentation regarding community safety by our Community Resource Officer David Prajoux. We are lucky to live in one of the safest communities in the city, but there are still concerns. Traffic is a huge issue in our neighbourhood, both on the ring road and on our streets. There have been some break-ins recently, and Officer Prajoux wanted to remind community members, especially as we approach holiday vacation season that if you will be away for a significant amount of time to make sure someone is checking on your property, especially for those houses backing onto green spaces. Finally, Officer Prajoux wanted community members to know that no call is too small. If you are concerned about something but are wary of wasting police time, please call anyways. Sometimes small police matters can connect to other bigger cases they are working on so even minor issues are worth reporting.

The board also shared a recap of 2024-2025 events and community work. The SBHCA held several events this past year including a Truth and Reconciliation event, a Chinese New Year celebration, and some recurring annual events including our mobile farm stand, community garden talk, and tri-community cleanup. The SBHCA also ran both community rinks and our popular community garden program throughout the winter and summer seasons. The business membership program has been undergoing some upgrading, and the planning and development committee has been busy advocating for the needs of Springbank Hill residents among the influx of new developments in our community. One large piece of political advocacy the board has made great strides in has been the noise concerns from the ring road, more updates on what the province and city will be doing to help reduce the noise will be coming in the new year.

There are some areas for improvement that the board is looking at, much of which came from the survey many of our neighbours filled out this summer. There is a

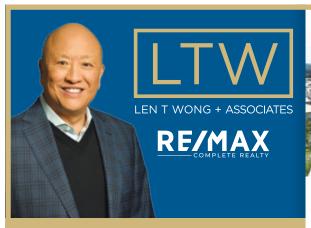
need for new children's programming, there were also asks for some different events and programs, as well as community features. This survey will help drive the board's priorities for the coming years—keep an eye out for more opportunities for community engagement in the future. However, to be able to provide new programs and events we have a need for more volunteers. If you are interested in sharing your time with the SBHCA and helping to build our community, please get in touch.

Lastly, the SBHCA would like to give a huge thank you to Elio Cozzi, our outgoing board president. Elio has spent over a decade giving his time to our community and has carried us through a time of major growth and development. His hard work and dedication can be seen throughout our community, from the park and gardens on 26 Avenue that were built during his time on the board, to the advocacy he's provided to the city and province on matters that impact our residents such as new developments and the ring road. We know Elio will continue to support our community and we are so lucky to have had such a committed president who truly cares about this neighbourhood and the people in it. The new board was nominated at the end of the AGM, and we'd like to welcome incoming president Shelly Smith and vice-president Stephen Carter-Edwards, along with the rest of the board members who will be continuing their tenure, and returning past board member Marshall Naruzny joining the Planning and Development team. A list of current board members can be found in the front of this newsletter, if anyone is interested in joining the board there are some vacancies still in the areas of grant writing, communications, and fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who joined our AGM this year, the SBHCA looks forward to another year of working together and creating community.

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		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
October 2	25	30	17	\$1,149,900	\$1,085,000
September 2	25	45	20	\$789,500	\$775,000
August 2	25	28	10	\$764,350	\$759,750
July 2	25	19	20	\$874,950	\$841,850
June 2	25	29	16	\$964,950	\$978,750
May 2	25	29	22	\$978,000	\$979,500
April 2	25	22	15	\$839,900	\$823,500
March 2	25	22	15	\$925,000	\$936,000
February 2	25	18	12	\$634,900	\$641,250
January 2	25	13	10	\$509,700	\$504,971
December 2	24	7	6	\$573,500	\$584,000
November 2	24	8	14	\$973,850	\$984,000

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Springbank Hill Pumpkin Festival Was Enjoyed by All!

by Shelly Smith

SBHCA hosted our Springbank Hill Pumpkin Festival, in partnership with Fiona Christiaansen and Slokker Homes, on October 18 in Springbank Hill Community Park. The weather was perfect. There were over 100 children, dressed in some amazing costumes, with parents in tow! Children enjoyed face painting, a balloon artist, a free pumpkin to take home, along with Halloween candy and juice boxes.

A heartfelt thank you to Slokker Homes, Fiona Christiaansen Remax, and Ward 6 for funding this event. It would not have been possible without them. We will be announcing more upcoming events in the near future and are always in need of volunteers to help plan and assist on the event day. If you are interested in assisting in future events, please email us at membership@springbankhill.org.







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!

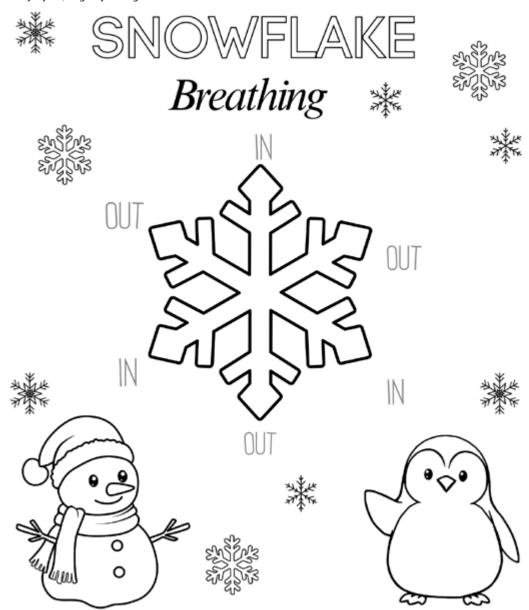
It would be great, although not necessary, for your organization to offer our residential members discounts on your merchandise and/or services. We will promote your discounts to our members.

The annual fee for a 12-month rolling membership is \$35. To join today please visit www.springbank hill.org/business-members/.





by Carley Hyder, Reg. Psychologist



Breathe in as you colour one snowflake arm, and breathe out as you colour the next snowflake arm. Nice and slow.

I AM CALM LIKE WINTER SNOW

Package Delivery Safety Tips

by Calgary Police Service

This article was originally printed in our December 2024 newsletter, after being reminded that it is porch pirate season from our community resource officer at this year's AGM, we wanted to share it again with friends and neighbours. As always, if you see anything suspicious, please report it to CPS.

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 that 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.





YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Warm Up to Winter in Calgary Parks

by The City of Calgary



Winter makes it possible to enjoy Calgary parks in a different way than during any other season. Many cold-weather park activities are also free with minimal equipment needed. Only in winter can you skate on outdoor rinks, marvel at beautifully lit ice trails, play Crokicurl, and ride an ice bike in our parks.

We have several established outdoor, natural ice-skating rinks, over 60 volunteer-run Adopt-a-Rinks, and indoor skating at 12 arenas with 19 rinks. Have you visited Prairie Winds Park in the winter before? Check out the outdoor rink, firepit, and decorative winter displays this winter.

Plan an afternoon at your local community park snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. For easier skiing, visit a park or golf course that has groomed cross-country trails.

Take a walk through a park on a sunny winter day. You are sure to see birds and other wildlife. You can also pre-book an outdoor firepit at a park and have a winter picnic with friends.

For more ideas about how to stay active during cooler temperatures at city parks, visit Calgary.ca/winteractivities.

Kick Off 2026 with Fireworks, Music, and Celebration!

by The City of Calgary

Calgarians are invited to ring in the New Year at the city's official New Year's Eve celebration, a night of free, family-friendly fun



at Eau Claire Plaza and Prince's Island Park. Starting at 8:00 pm on December 31, the evening will feature live entertainment, interactive activities, local food trucks, and an outdoor skating party.

As the clock strikes midnight, a dazzling fireworks show will launch from Prince's Island Park, perfectly timed to music on CJSW 90.9 FM. The display can be enjoyed from both celebration sites and watched from home via livestream at calgary.ca/NYE.

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