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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 & Sponsorsh



### **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/.



#### <mark>/ICE-PRESIDENT'S</mark> MESSAGE

#### Greetings,

Welcome to February! We are in the midst of winter and looking for opportunities to embrace the outdoors. We are fortunate to live in a community with natural beauty to enjoy during a walk with our two and four legged friends, along with two community outdoor rinks (Montreux and Springbank). If you haven't had a chance to visit either of the outdoor rinks, I encourage you to stop by – even if you don't skate it is wonderful to see kids of all ages on the ice.

Michelle Varem, our newsletter editor, has included some very timely articles in this month's newsletter, including:

- A PSA: Protect your home from frozen pipes this winter; and
- Shovelling in a Winter Wonderland.

These are very worthwhile reads. Thank you, Michelle, for all the work you put into creating this content and managing the SBHCA member only digital newsletter!

Volunteerism is a cornerstone of making any community vibrant. Thank you to the SBHCA board members and all the volunteers who give their time to better our community. You have busy lives and still find a way to carve out time to benefit the community in which you live. A shout out to Dan Hnatyshyn (Montreux) and Andrew Unruh (Springbank Hill), along with all of the volunteers who put up the rink boards, flood the ice, and so much more every year!

There are many ways you can volunteer your time with SBHCA - if you have a few hours to give, or maybe more. One example is grant writing – see the article in this newsletter. Grants are an important funding source to do so many things for residents of Springbank Hill. If you are interested in helping us with grant writing, or other volunteer opportunities, please contact us at president@springbankhill.org.

Shelly Smith

Vice-President, Springbank Hill Community Association



### 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.	
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### 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.springbankhill.org/business-members/.



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	Prop	erties	Median Price	
	Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
December 2	4 12	6	\$573,500	\$584,000
November 2	4 11	14	\$973,850	\$984,000
October 2	4 22	17	\$935,000	\$940,000
September 2	20	11	\$1,099,000	\$1,070,000
August 2	19	15	\$768,000	\$771,750
July 24	4 16	15	\$729,900	\$730,000
June 24	23	19	\$899,900	\$928,000
May 2	4 30	33	\$895,000	\$888,000
April 2	4 23	23	\$819,000	\$861,250
March 2	4 36	28	\$899,450	\$938,500
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### THANK YOU

We want to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped out during our casino fundraiser at the end of November. Final totals for fundraising will be shared soon, the funds will be used for neighbourhood projects and programs. We couldn't have done it without you!

- SBHCA Board







### 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/.

### Shovelling in a Winter Wonderland

by Michelle Varem

We had a lovely reprieve from shovelling in December, but heavy snowfall is still predicted this winter and we'll all be out with our shovels again, 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 homeowner's 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 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 homeowner's 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.

#### Did You Know?

The City of Calgary provides a limited free supply of "pickle" – a mixture of sand and salt to Calgarians every winter? If you'd like to grab some for use on your sidewalks, the closest pick-up area is Elkton Drive just off of 69 Street (dead end). Bring your own container and shovel and please limit yourself to one container per visit.







#### HELP PREVENT WARM-UP THEFTS

- Use a remote starter or stay with your vehicle as it warms up
- Never leave your keys inside your vehicle
- Don't leave a running vehicle unattended
- Never leave children or pets inside a vehicle
- Use a steering wheel lock
- Keep your vehicle locked at all times
- Remove garage door openers from your vehicle

Alberta Association of Chief of Police

**#OPERATIONCOLDSTART** 

### **Looking for Grant Writers!**

Hello Springbank Hill Neighbours!

We are looking for individuals who can help us with grant writing in 2025. There are many beneficial grants throughout the year that we can apply for and have applied for in the past in order to help fund neighbourhood projects, beautification and programming, but we need your help!

We are looking for one or more volunteers with a little bit of extra time and computer access. Grant writing is a fairly simple process depending on the application. All that is required is someone who can write clearly and directly, can do some basic research and information retrieval, and has a good eye for detail.

Does this sound like you? If so, please email us at info@springbankhill.org to reach out and we can assist with getting any volunteers who are new to grant writing set up with all the information you may need.

There is also still a vacancy on the board of directors for grant funding as well if anyone who is interested in this area would be interested in a larger role. Again, please reach out – we are always looking for engaged community members who want to make a difference in Springbank Hill.





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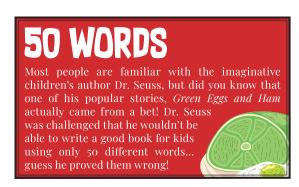
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Recently we have noticed an increase in frozen pipes in homes that are typically at a lower risk, where taking some of the steps below could have prevented household pipes from freezing. Ways to avoid freezing include:

- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
- Eliminate any cold drafts in unheated areas where water supply lines are located. This can include basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages, and under bathroom and kitchen cabinets.

- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.





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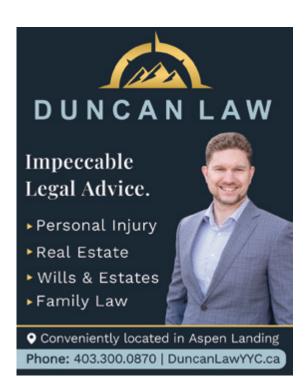
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- 2. These semi-aquatic rodents mate for life and form strong bonds with their partners.
- 3. These two Disney pups celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.
- 4. This British celebrity supercouple are fondly known as Posh and Becks.
- 5. This fictional couple's sweet love story started in an office of all places!
- 6. This prehistoric couple lived amongst dinosaurs with their daughter, Pebbles.





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