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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/.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings residents,

We received the sad news in late November 2024 that Ward 6 Councillor Richard Pootmans resigned his position due to personal and family reasons. I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge Richard's unwavering support, dedication, and advocacy for our community over the three terms that he served us as our councillor. I was able to work with Richard in my role with the community association and get to know him over a large portion of his twelve years on council. He always found time to meet with me and discuss our many requests for his help with community association challenges, and we appreciated his attendance at our board meetings as well. We will miss Richard, and we do wish him all the best.

Our board is resuming our regular monthly board meeting schedule in January following the Christmas holiday period. We are pleased to report that we have added three new board members as well as one new volunteer for our planning committee. These additions will allow us to accelerate our work on our various strategic initiatives in the new year. Stay tuned for announcements as we plan some new and exciting events in particular and consider visiting one of our two ice skating rinks this month. Feel free to provide us feedback on our events, programs, and facilities. We are continuing our search for additional volunteers and would be pleased to meet with anyone interested in learning more about our current openings. And we do appreciate any feedback you may have for us concerning our facilities, events, and programs.

Stay warm and safe and enjoy the winter season here in Springbank Hill.

Elio Cozzi

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	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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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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Calgary Eco Centres

by Michelle Varem

Now that the holiday season is over and the new year has arrived, many of us are probably looking to do some cleaning up and organizing. Conveniently, in 2024 the City of Calgary expanded their landfill collection and sorting to help citizens to cut down on their garbage.

Calgary Eco Centres are specialized sorting facilities at the landfill sites in Calgary where Calgarians can drop off pre-sorted materials, often for free, to be recycled properly instead of being wasted in a landfill. This is similar to how items were collected at our tri-community cleanup last spring, except Eco Centres are open for collection year-round. It is a very simple process - users drive up to the scale house at the landfill entrance and weigh their vehicle, then they'll be directed to the proper sorting and drop off bins. When they're finished, they weigh out and pay any applicable fees on the way out. If only free materials are being dropped off there is no fee.

Materials Accepted for Free

- Automotive tires
- Household Hazardous Waste (e.g. paint, lightbulbs, etc.)
- Electronics
- Blue Cart recycables
- Packaging foam
- Clothing and textiles
- · Automotive (e.g. car batteries, motor oil)

Materials Accepted for a Fee

- Yard waste (free during certain times)
- Furniture
- Small engines (e.g. lawnmowers, snow blowers)
- Scrap metal items
- Appliances
- Bikes
- Drywall
- Clean wooden pallets
- Full list can be found online

Any free items that are brought in will not be charged for, regardless of weight. They do however need to be sorted, and some items have preparation requirements. Household hazardous waste, for example, needs to be packaged and labelled for the safety of those handling those items.

For items that are accepted with a fee, there is a flat rate of \$25 for a load that weighs up to 250 kg (550 lbs). For loads over 250 kg the fee is applied toward the total weight and is similar to normal waste disposal fees. There is also an extra \$17 charge for any items that contain or formerly contained freon, such as refrigerators.

What do the employees at the Eco Centres do with your items? Because they are properly sorted, they are able to be reused or recycled into new materials. Bikes are fixed and repurposed by non-profit groups, clean foam packaging is reprocessed and made into new plastic products. Scrap metal and large appliances can be recycled into new metal products, paint can be sorted, re-filtered and reused as new paint. Yard waste is turned into compost, some of which can be accessed by Calgarians to add to their gardens during the growing season. These are only some examples of what is done with the materials that are dropped off.

Overall, the Eco Centres are a great way to divert unnecessary waste from the landfill and instead create new or new-to-you products for others to benefit from. For more information on Calgary Eco Centres check out their website which includes a full list of materials that can be dropped off, location information, frequently asked questions and more: https://www.calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/eco-centres.html.





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.

Did You Know?

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 this past November, and more information will be coming this 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 soon - keep your eyes peeled!

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 this year at the Montreux rink. For this event to take place we will need volunteers to help run the event and coordinate. If any of these volunteer opportunities are of interest, please email info@springbankhill.org.







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/.

Community Association	Homeowner's Association	
S-B-H-C-A https://springbankhill.org/	Springbank Hill Homeowners Association, www.sbhha.com The Slopes Community Association, www.theslopes.ca Springborough Homeowners Association, www.springborough.ca	
INCORPORA	ATED UNDER	
Societies Act Not-for-Profit Organization (Can also have charity status)	Companies Act, Section 9 Not-for-Profit Organization or Societies Act Not for Profit Organization (Cannot have charity status	
PUR	POSE	
Manage/direct social and recreational activities for the community Act as a voice for the community in civic matters such as planning and development Plan, develop and maintain community facilities and amenities for resident enjoyment	Manage and maintain the "marketing" amenities (entrance signage, ornamental parks and ponds, boulevard landscaping and buildings) of a development that the city will not accept responsibility to maintain	
FORM	NED BY	
Volunteer residents of a community	The land developer (when establishing the community	
MEMB	ERSHIP	
Membership is voluntary \$25/Household/Year	Mandated for property owners through an encumbrance secured on the Certificate of Title Various rates for each HOA Fees due annually	
MEE	TING	
Meetings occur throughout the year on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm (no meeting July/August) Open to the public Meetings are often attended by the Ward Councilor, MLA, Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator and Police Community Liaison	Meetings with an elected Board of Directors, typically closed to the public Annual General Meeting held each year are open to all "Members in Good Standing"	
DEVELOPMENT	& OPERATIONS	
Established with support by the City Residents campaign for volunteer assistance Operations is dependent on voluntary membership, fundraising, casino funding & sponsorship Managed by community volunteers	Financially supported through the encumbrances on Land Titles; Annual fees sustain assets (entrance signage, ornamental parks, etc.) Professionally managed with paid employees/contractors.	

Home Safety – The 7 PM Routine

Have you started a 7 pm routine yet? The Calgary Police Service is continuing to encourage Calgarians to establish a 9 pm routine to help secure their property before heading to bed. Due to daylight savings and the sun going down earlier the city has been encouraging going through the routine at 7 pm instead or in addition, especially if everyone is home for the night at that time.

Most often crimes taking place in our neighbourhood are crimes of opportunity, where offenders will simply go down a street checking vehicles and houses for doors left open. By simply locking your doors you could avoid waking up to a home intruder or to missing property. Here is a simple checklist provided by CPS, adapt the routine to make sense for your home and habits. The basic recommendations are as follows:

- Remove valuables and garage door openers from vehicles.
- Ensure vehicles are locked, windows up, and if possible parked inside a garage.
- Close garage overhead doors and windows.
- Lock any person-doors in the garage, including those leading into a house.
- Check that all house doors front, back, side, and garage are locked.
- Ensure all windows are shut.
- Turn on an exterior light.

The majority of vehicle break-ins occur due to unlocked vehicles with valuables visible, and for those who leave garage door openers in their vehicles, anything in their garage is compromised as well. With very minimal effort we can all reduce the likelihood of break-ins in our community. Keep safe Springbank Hill!



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- 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
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- Remove garage door openers from your vehicle

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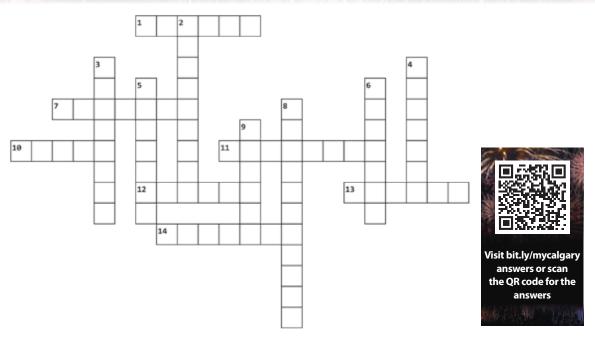
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January Crossword



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- 1. Ice-hockey player and co-founder of a popular restaurant franchise, Miles Gilbert "Tim" _____, was born on January 12, 1930, in Cochrane, Ontario.
- 7. World _____ Day on January 4 marks awareness of a form of communication for blind and visually impaired people.
- 10. On January 2, 2010, American singer-songwriter
 ______'s debut single, "TiK ToK," reached number
 one on the Billboard Hot 100.
- 11. This iconic Aretha became the first female artist to be inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on January 3, 1987.
- 12. This TV series first premiered on January 12, 1966, starring Adam West as the titular character and tells the story of a superhero who fights crime in Gotham City.
- 13. Legendary comedian, Jim _____, was born on January 17, 1962, in Newmarket, Ontario.
- 14. Disney's popular TV movie, *High School Musical*, premiered on January 20, 2006, starring Zac Efron, Ashley Tisdale, and Vanessa ______.

Down

- 2. Franklin D. _____ was sworn in for his fourth term as US President on January 20, 1945, becoming the only US President to do so.
- 3. Romance novel, *Call Me by Your Name*, by André Aciman, was published on January 23, 2007, and later became a film starring Timothée ______.
- 4. On January 7, 1610, Galileo Galilei discovered the first three moons of this planet the largest in our solar system.
- 5. British actress and singer, Cynthia Erivo, who plays _____ in *Wicked*, was born on January 8, 1987.
- 6. Steve _____ and Steve Jobs officially incorporated Apple Computer, Inc. on January 3, 1977, in California.
- 8. "Wedding March", composed by Felix _____, was first played at the wedding of Princess Victoria and Prince Frederick William of Prussia on January 25, 1858.
- 9. The first Winter Olympic Games officially opened on January 25, 1924, in Chamonix, ______.

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October	24	24	17	\$935,000	\$940,000
September	24	21	11	\$1,099,000	\$1,070,000
August	24	19	15	\$768,000	\$771,750
July	24	16	15	\$729,900	\$730,000
June	24	23	19	\$899,900	\$928,000
May	24	30	33	\$895,000	\$888,000
April	24	23	23	\$819,000	\$861,250
March	24	36	28	\$899,450	\$938,500
February	24	24	17	\$589,900	\$620,000
January	24	20	18	\$372,450	\$383,750
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