



President's Message

Welcome to our 2016 Annual Community Newsletter. This edition is filled with exciting information about new schools, recreation areas, events, land developments (including ring road) and traffic – all the information you need to be aware of from living inside our community. Information is available on our web site but if you become a member (it's only \$25 a year) and subscribe to our email list you will be sent updates as soon as they happen – keeping informed means you do not miss out on anything in your community! Please sign up today it is so easy.

This year is going to be amazing. Our community land development project is underway, we have lots of new events plus we continue our successful Soccer/T-ball program and community clean up and garage sale events. We also have our casino April 22/23rd which generates revenue for us – proceeds which we use to add value to our community.

As a community we have our challenges as geographically we are spread out from Highway 8 to 17th Avenue and to 101 Street. Each of our neighborhoods within our community have developed independently – some are complete, yet others are still developing and will continue to develop and bring new families and businesses in for the next 10 years. We understand as an association our challenge is community connectivity and engagement- as each of our neighborhoods has operated in the past as segments within a greater whole. We continue to look for ways to bridge the segments and bring our community together as a complete unit. This is the focus for our current Board of Directors – bringing Springbank Hill together.

We encourage you to come to us with your ideas for Springbank Hill. Remember your board is made up of volunteer neighbors who want to make a difference for the community and we cannot do this without your support. A big thank you to our passionate and loyal board members, and a big welcome to those who want to join us! Volunteering and bringing your community together as a whole is very rewarding. Call me anytime to discuss. Thanks Fiona Christiaansen

Questions/Comments?
Please email any questions or comments to info@springbankhill.org.

Mark your calendars	
May 14	Community Clean up and Neighbourhood Garage Sale
April 22/23	Community Volunteering at Elbow River Casino
June 18	Calgary Neighbour Day
Sep 30-Oct 2	Alberta Cultural Days

2015-16 Board of Directors

- Fiona Christiaansen, President
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- Paula Maguire, Scouts Troop #137

Annual Community Clean Up and Garage Sale

Sat May 14th
at Ambrose College
9am-2pm



Mark your calendars for this year's Spring Community Cleanup and Garage Sale being held on Saturday May 14. Expect garbage, yard waste, metal, electronics, and car seat recycling among some of the vendor offerings. Visit our website for more information and/or to volunteer - www.springbankhill.org

Where's the Garage Sale? Your Home!

Register your home with Fiona Christiaansen before May 1st and we will drop off your 'Garage Sale Kit' with signs, balloons, vouchers etc. and in exchange we will pick up your non-perishable food donation to the Calgary Food Bank. We advertise in the Herald, Kijiji etc. and put you on the MAP! Next...hold the Garage Sale at your home, make money and keep it!



Springbank Hill Events

Thank you for joining us this year for the 10th annual SBHCA Winterfest. With ideal winter conditions the event saw more than 100 residents participate in traditional winter activities including rides on a horse drawn sleigh. Those in attendance also enjoyed hot chocolate and roasting s'mores while socializing with neighbours. For the remainder of the 2015-2016 year, the SBHCA is looking forward to celebrating the City of Calgary Neighbour Day, Lawn Chair Theatre, and partnering with Valleyview Church for a community Fall Fair. Tell your neighbours, bring your family, and join us for fun filled no cost events.



Springbank Hill "This is my neighbourhood" Improvement Projects to be Announced this Spring

The City of Calgary understands that Calgarians know their neighbourhoods best. Over the past year, The City has hosted a variety of in-person and online engagement opportunities in Springbank Hill as part of the "This is my neighbourhood" program. These engagement sessions provided residents with the opportunity to provide direct feedback on how to make Springbank Hill an even better place to live.

As a part of these collaborative sessions, Springbank Hill residents were first asked to come up with a "Neighbourhood Vision" statement that would help guide the future development of the neighbourhood. After much discussion, the following statement was created: "Springbank Hill: An active, safe and desirable community connecting residents and stakeholders to enhance our quality of life." Following the creation of the vision statement, residents were asked to help identify City programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements that could bring this vision to life.

The final list of projects will be announced this spring. Visit Calgary.ca/TIMN to view the list of complete programs, services and small-scale infrastructure improvements coming to Springbank Hill. Thank you to all residents who participated in the "This is my neighbourhood" program!

Get your SBHCA membership today!

It only takes 5 minutes online and \$25 annually to become a SBHCA member and start receiving these great perks:

- Access to exclusive information and news about our community (land development, projects, traffic, events);
- Access to our community soccer and T-ball program for 4-6 year olds;
- Special discounts at various businesses in Springbank Hill (coming soon!);
- Knowledge that you're supporting all of the valuable things your CA does, including: FREE events like Neighbour Day and the Community Cleanup; land planning and development; government liaising on your behalf; neighbourhood rinks; community playgrounds; community gardens; and so much more!

Visit springbankhill.org today to become a member.

Community Land



The City of Calgary has placed on reserve on a 6 acre parcel of land on 26th Avenue between 77 Street and 69 Street for the

SBHCA to develop and use to benefit the community. This is a significant project for the SBHCA and we are excited to work with the City and all of the community members to identify how to best develop this property for the benefit of all residences in Springbank Hill.

In the fall of 2015, the SBHCA worked closely with the City of Calgary to host two open houses to solicit your feedback on what is most important to you in a community. As part of the Open Houses, the SBHCA talked to many of you about the land project. In addition, the SBHCA also undertook an online survey to solicit your input.

In the coming months, there will be more opportunities to participate and engage with the SBHCA as we continue to identify the best options for this property. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact the SBHCA at info@springbankhill.org.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER? .

CAMP IMPEESA
HIGH ADVENTURE

CampImpeesa.ca

SBHCA Finances

The SBHCA generates revenue primarily 3 ways: volunteering at casinos, the sale of CA memberships and the profit from our soccer/T-ball program.

Membership sales and soccer profits cover the costs of operating our 2 outdoor rinks, fun free events and our organizational costs like insurance and audit fees.

In the past, our casino revenue was used to fund two exceptional community playgrounds. The SBHCA is now saving casino proceeds to put towards the development our community land.

By continuing to purchase a SBHCA \$25 membership, supporting our soccer program or volunteering for our April casino, you allow the CA to continue to bring infrastructure and events to the residents of Springbank Hill!!!

The current Treasurer will be 'retiring' at the end of August, if you are interested in taking on this Board position on please contact Michelle Waldorf at treasurer@springbankhill.org.

Springbank Hill Soccer and T-Ball Registration is now Open!

Registration for our outdoor 4-6 year old soccer/t-ball program is now open!

This fun-focused program is designed to foster skill development as well as to provide an exciting sport activity to children in our neighborhood and surrounding areas. We will have around 8-10 teams play each Saturday, starting at 10:00 am. The program will run from April 30 to June 25th, 2016. Each participant will receive a team photo, as well as an individual photo at the end of the season.

All children in this age group are welcome to apply.

For more information, go to our website www.springbankhill.org and click on "Community Programs".

Avoid late registration fees and sign up before April 1st, 2016.

See you on the field!



Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge Elementary/Middle School Update

This school is going to be built at the corner of 26 Ave and Springborough Blvd in the current green space. It is a K-9 school with capacity for up to 900 students. Late last year, the City awarded a building permit to the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) to begin the construction and the plans have gone to tender as of February 18th 2016. Site preparation should start in March this year and construction thereafter. The existing playground and baseball field will not be impacted by the school.

Your SBHCA has been working with the CBE and the City reviewing the design and discussing crosswalks, road use and safe options for traffic, pedestrians and future students. We will continue to be involved with the CBE as this project develops and give up to date information to members via our online newsletter. More information can be found on the CBE website at

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/Springbank-Discovery-Ridge-School.aspx>

Traffic Update

The SBHCA Traffic Committee has identified four priorities for 2016:

1. Work closely with the planning committee to provide input to the City of Calgary on the proposed Area Structure Plan for our community, to ensure that the future vision for overall development and recommendations for new roads and road improvements are in the best interest of our community. Also review each new proposed development and provide feedback to the developer and the City.
2. Work with adjacent community associations, the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta and provide our input and comments for the proposed South-West Ring Road project, with a specific focus on three items, a) the interchange design at 69th Street, b) noise attenuation on the North side of the ring road adjacent to our community, and c) the ring road capacity and number of lanes proposed.
3. Work directly with the city of Calgary to address the traffic calming requirements as identified in previous studies, with a specific focus on 26th Avenue and Springbank Blvd.
4. Address any other traffic safety issues as they arise.

137th SBHCA Scouts

Boys and girls, come join the adventure!

Register for the 2016-2017 Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.

Any questions, please contact us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/137Scouts/>

or by email springbankhill137scouts@gmail.com



Did you know that SBHCA volunteers create and maintain winter skating rinks on Springbank Blvd and Cortina Dr SW. Thank you for your time!!!

Helpful Hint

Remember to check the by-laws and permit requirements when extending driveways or constructing retaining walls.

Springbank Hill Community Garden

There are plots available for 2016 in the Springbank Hill Community Garden. The garden is located on the southwest corner of 17 Avenue and St. Moritz Dr. Plots are 12' x 4' raised beds. The plot fee is \$25. For more information, please email communitygrowers@springbankhill.org.

Keep up to date on what is going on in your community by:

- Visiting our website at www.springbankhill.org;
- Subscribing to our email list also at www.springbankhill.org; and
- Liking our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/springbankhill