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Harvest Hills Golf Course Sale Causes a Stir And Raises Questions



Harvest Hills Golf Course / November 16, 2014

By Ivon Mbuyamba

On October 30th, Harvest Grove Greens Villas residents were rattled by a letter left on their front doors informing them of the sale of the Harvest Hills golf course to a private home builder, Cedarglen Homes, for redevelopment for residential use. It didn't take long for the news of the sale to spread to the rest of the community, which, like the Harvest Grove Greens Villas residents, expressed its discontent with the sale of the golf course. In addition to the shock of the news of the sale, the fragmented way in which the news was disseminated was another subject of contention. Many residents were at odds with the incremental way in which the news came out. However, from Cedarglen Homes' point of view, only those directly affected were obligated to be informed first.

Although sentiments of frustration were clearly visible among community residents in the first days that the news of the sale broke out, it is accurate to say that since then cooler heads have prevailed. From the Northern Hills community residents' perspective, the sale of the Harvest Hills golf course is sensitive for a number of reasons. For those residents whose houses back directly onto the golf course, there is the concern that the disappearance of the golf course will result in the depreciation of their homes' value.

Furthermore, some argue that a rezoning of that segment of the neighborhood will inevitably lead to traffic congestion, and that an influx of new residents will exacerbate the problem of lack of public infrastructure such as schools, recreation centres, community centres and health centres. Lastly, some voices have maintained that incity densification necessarily results in the loss of green space in an environment where there is already a scarcity of such spaces. As a result, an ad-hoc committee was organized by residents to speak to the above issues with the ultimate goal of stopping the planned rezoning.

Without delegitimizing the above concerns, when however put against the background of the unpredictability of the housing market, the concern about property values cannot be fully assessed until the rezoning of the golf course is complete in order to make an empirical judgement. There is no saying which way prices will go, an outcome predicated on what the projected development will look like.

In so far as the fear of traffic increase is concerned, there is currently a lack of quantifiable information – will the number of people going into those homes be enough to have a significant impact on traffic – capable of leading to an informed conclusion. Such insights will become available when the development permit

is issued and a Transportation Impact Assessment analysis is conducted to gauge the feasibility of the project. In city densification is being promoted by the City of Calgary because of the scarcity of land supply on the outskirts of the city and the unsustainability of continuous growing out. Moreover, building within the city has the added advantage of leveraging current infrastructure.

To balance the densification in the city and the availability of green space, the Municipal Government Act requires that up to 10 percent of any land area under redevelopment be designated as City park space thereby guaranteeing the preservation of green space within the city. In the case of the Harvest Hills Golf Course, a land area of approximately 65 acres, in addition to the Municipal Government Act requirement, there is a Deferred Reserve Caveat registered on the land that allocates roughly 5 acres of land to green space; and because the City will require the provision for both requirements, there is a reasonable expectation that at least 10 acres of the Harvest Hills Golf Course will be reserved for green space.

Nonetheless, the undeniable fact about the Northern Hills, which cannot be circumvented, is the lack of accessible health services, community centres and community services relative to the number of people living in the area. Notwithstanding the view that current infrastruc-

ture cannot accommodate the inflow of new residents, addressing the public infrastructure problem in the communities of the Northern Hills is of paramount importance. Existing public spaces are not able to meet present residents' needs, and the reality worsens when you factor in the new residential development down the pipe. Therefore, the silver lining in the sale of the Harvest Hills Golf Course is in the leverage it gives the Northern Hills residents to make an effective and relevant case for the development of additional public spaces.

In addition to the new found bargaining edge, community residents are also welcomed by Cedarglen to provide input and feedback on the projected redevelopment of the Golf Course given that the latter is motivated to come up with something that will be palatable to the neighborhood residents. The rezoning project is still in its initial phase without any concrete plans. Cedarglen Homes is committed to achieve through its Development Manager QuantumPlace Developments Ltd. a rezoning reflective of the overall image of the existing neighborhood. Hence, Cedarglen's desire to engage and solicit the community's input is an opportunity for residents to demonstrate creativity and influence the redevelopment of the Golf Course into something that reflects the community character and to limit any chances of surprises.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

December

- ◆ Harvest Hill Alliance Craft Fair
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- ◆ Northern Lights Contest Ends
December 31st
- ◆ Mayor's Christmas Food Bank Drive Ends
December 31st



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by Sunny Shuang, President

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NHCA Board has a few board members retire after completing their two year terms, a couple of mid-term resignations for a variety of reasons. We welcomed four new board members joining at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the current time, there are still several board positions open and available for new members. The following strategic board positions have yet to be assigned:

- **Communications**
- **Business Development**

If you are interested in any Board Position, please contact: president@northernhills.ab.ca.

Volunteer with the committees:

Events – Our association hosts many events, large and small, throughout the year and we are looking for individuals to join this committee to help organize and carry out the tasks necessary for success. Love to socialize and enjoy the feeling of a job well done? Contact events@northernhills.ab.ca

Rinks – Our rink in Harvest Hills provided many hours of skating pleasure for residents this year and could use the help with clearing and flooding in winter as well as mowing the site during the summer months. We will be working with the City to have a similar rink up and running in Panorama for next winter and our rinks committee is seeking eager individuals to help with the planning and execution of an additional outdoor rink in Coventry Hills, this would be a dynamic committee to be a part of. Contact rinks@northernhills.ab.ca

Community Beautification – We are expanding our efforts to beautify neglected areas in our communities and are looking for committee members. Activities of the group may include organizing fence painting, gardening, community clean ups, looking for solutions to repair/remove damaged entry features etc. Have a desire to see improvements in our community aesthetics? Contact community@northernhills.ab.ca

Graffiti Abatement - Individuals eager to learn how to clean it up and prevent future outbreaks! If you are someone who likes to take action and see results, this could be the opportunity for you. Please contact community@northernhills.ab.ca if graffiti gets under your skin!

Litter Clean Up - Have some ideas on how to clean up and prevent littering in our neighbourhoods? We are seeking individuals who are as annoyed as we are about the amount of loose litter lingering in our alleys, on our boulevards and in our green spaces. Please contact community@northernhills.ab.ca if you've had enough!

Community Garden – Our existing gardens in Harvest Hills and Coventry Hills have been a great success. If you would like to help out at these gardens by doing a little carpentry work, mowing, weeding, watering or planting flowers etc. this would be a great way to get out and enjoy the sunshine! Are you a

resident of Panorama or Country Hills and would like to have a garden in your neighborhood? This could be the committee for you. Contact garden@northernhills.ab.ca

Membership Services - Opportunities to meet your neighbours when helping out at events around the community. The NHCA hosts a table at a variety of events including the Community Garage Sale, Business Fair, E-Cycle and Community Clean Up, Stampede breakfasts etc. If you are interested in helping out contact membership@northernhills.ab.ca

Policy – If you have experience or are interested in writing and editing policies and procedures, the team would like to get your input and support. Contact: President@northernhills.ab.ca

At Home In The Hills - An initiative to assist new Canadians, Calgarians and/or residents to the Northern Hills. We are working on providing activities and information to assist with the transition into our area. If you are a resident of the Northern Hills Communities, familiar with the area and perhaps speak another language, this could be a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet! Contact ahih@northernhills.ab.ca

Communications/Social Media - If you are interested in the newsletter, tweeting, posting or blogging about all the latest goings on in the Northern Hills community, then the NHCA Communications team would love to hear from you! Contact president@northernhills.ab.ca or editor@northernhills.ab.ca

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Grants – We are a non-profit organization and funding is an important component of our business plan. There are funds available; we just need committee members who enjoy filling out the forms! Previous experience with grant applications would be an asset. If securing available funds is your specialty then we need you! Contact grants@northernhills.ab.ca

Senior's Group – SPRY in the Hills, a group of older adults who host regular get together on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 pm, Fridays from 1 – 2pm, occasional lunches, workshops and field trips are looking for you and your ideas. Contact seniors@northernhills.ab.ca

Youth - Calling on future community leaders to get together and bring their ideas on how to engage their peers in community building activities. A great way to meet youth with common interests and fulfill those volunteer hour requirements! Please contact youth@northernhills.ab.ca

Traffic – If you and your neighbors have traffic related issues; parking, speeding, upgrading controls at intersections and you're willing to work together to find solutions, contact traffic@northernhills.ab.ca

For more information please contact the NHCA office at 403-226-6422 or info@northernhills.ab.ca

From the President

by Sunny Shuang
President NHCA



Season's Greetings!

The Northern Hills Community Association went through a hectic month of November. The residents at the Harvest Hills, especially those with houses backing on the Harvest Hills Golf Course, received a letter from the QuantumPlace Development Ltd, a planning company hired by the Cederglen Homes. The letter informed the home owners that the Harvest Hills Golf Course has been sold to the home builder, and is slated for redevelopment.

The news was not welcomed by the residents. During the first 3 of the public information sessions held by the QuantumPlace Development Ltd., the residents expressed their discontentments with the home builder and the planner. The NHCA was contacted by the QuantumPlace Development Ltd., met with Councillor Jim Stevenson and talked with the residents from Harvest Hills. The NHCA has been encouraging the residents to go through proper channels for more effective communication to the Councillor's office and the planners. At the same time, the NHCA is endeavouring to provide guidance for the residents.

This redevelopment issue has evidently become one of the top priorities of the NHCA, along with the creating spaces for strength project, which is to lobby for a multi-purpose centre anchored with a health care centre or primary care network. The lack of infrastructure and much-needed resources in the Northern Hills area has been an issue for a long time. Under the leadership of MLA Hon. Teresa Woo-Paw, the NHCA is working alongside with the representative from the Alberta Health Services, social services, such as Aspen Family, and cultural groups, including Calgary Chinese Community Services Association, Korean Community Association and Vietnamese Community Association, and the committee met with the Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Manmeet S. Bhullar to present our needs for such a building. At the end of the meeting, Mr. Bhullar shared our concern, and will provide support to continue the dialogue and put in effort to ensure other Ministers can assist the project.

The NHCA was invited to attend the Throne Speech on Nov. 17th, 2014 in Edmonton. I was honored to attend and represent the community association at the ceremony. It was also a great opportunity for the NHCA to present our needs up close and personal to cabinet members.

On Nov. 22nd, the NHCA held the 8th annual business and services fair at the Cardel Place. The feedback from the vendors and patrons were positive. Thank you to the Marketing and Events Team to make the event so successful, especially to the Marketing Administrator, Heather Hubert, who has been the event lead for getting the events to run like a well-oiled wheel. Thank you, Heather, for your tireless work.

The NHCA has also started the budget plan for 2015. At the same time, the the board members will be working on the strategic planning for the next three years. Unfortunately, the board is bidding the farewell to Shawn Prodggers, one of our exceptional board members who also served on the executive. Due to a career change, Shawn is no longer able to provide his leadership to our board. I am extending all the sincerest of gratitude to Shawn as he has proven himself to be an invaluable member to the team. We will miss his talent and passion that was demonstrated throughout the course of his contribution with the NHCA. At the same time, the board welcomed Ivon Mbuyamba to take on the role of secretary, in addition to his current role of newsletter editor. We are looking forward to working with Ivon in the coming years.

The NHCA office also welcomed Marina Barrett who will be the office administrator. She has been with the team for less than two weeks, and has shown eagerness to assist the NHCA members and residents of our community!

We are happy to announce that after consulting with Cardel Place about our need and desire to be more visible and strengthen our identity in the community, the NHCA now has a bigger and more visible signage. This will address the problem that residents encountered when looking for the NHCA office. We are especially delighted that this occurred before the end of the year. We hope the bigger and more visible signage will entice you to visit our office for all your community needs.

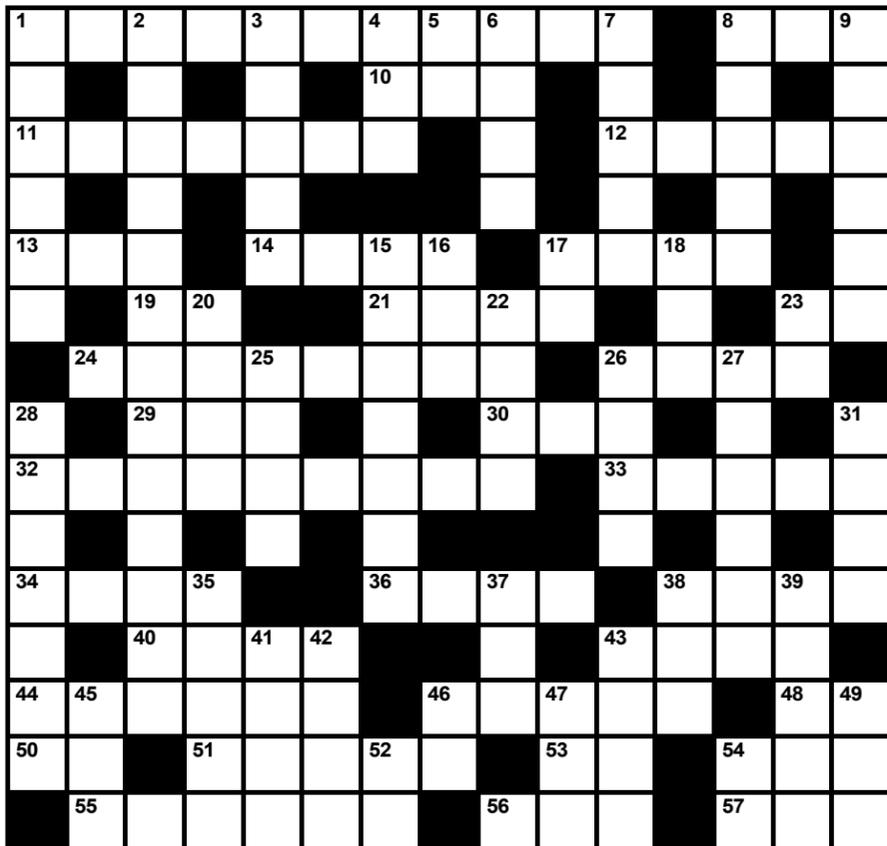
The NHCA will also join the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank. There will be two boxes located in the office to collect donations from residents and members. Please bring some nonperishable items for donation to the Food Bank.

With the holiday season just around the corner, the office will be closed from December 19th to Jan 4th, 2015 and will reopen on January 5th, 2015. The board, staff and volunteers of the NHCA would like to wish everyone a safe and warm holiday season.

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Last year, 15 communities participated in the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive donating 2,195 pounds of food and \$491 in cash for a grand total of over \$4,881 in food and funds for the Calgary Food Bank! We encourage you to take part in this wonderful event and help us raise even more this year by donating at your local community association!

Items on this year's "Holiday Wish List" are soup, rice, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, fruit juice, and baby formula. Other items currently in high demand are canned fruit, vegetables, fish, tomatoes, and meat. The Calgary Food Bank also now accepts perishable food items to add to each food hamper, such as fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat products.

Donations can also be made at any of the Calgary Food Bank partners including Safeway, Co-op, Superstore, Sobeys, Costco, and many more. Visit www.calgaryfoodbank.com for more information on items to donate and drop-off locations.

Newsletter

"Did you Know In the Hills?" Contest!

It is time again to pose a question to our readers relating to the northern hills communities, the Northern Edge News, the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA), or other information contained in an article in this month's newsletter. When you find the answer to the question below send us an e-mail at editor@northernhills.ab.ca and include your name, contact information, NHCA membership number, and the edition (month), article and page number where you found the answer. There will be a prize draw from each month's entries for dinner and a movie. The fine print says there can only be one entry per month per membership and you must have a current NHCA membership to be eligible. So find the answer and WIN!!

The question for this month is:



How many new schools has the Premier Jim Prentice announced for Alberta, and when is the Elementary

School in Panorama Hills construction slated to begin, when will the school open and how many students will it accommodate?

Please send your answer along with your name, contact information, NHCA membership number, the article title and page number to editor@northernhills.ab.ca. There is a dinner and a movie for two prize to be won. Non-members of the Northern Hills Community Association can purchase membership online at <https://www.compusim.com/nhca/membership/>; and existing members whose membership has expired will also be able to renew their membership at the above web address.

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NHCA 8th Annual Business And Service Fair

The 8th annual Business and Services Fair organized by the Northern Hills Community Association took place on November 22nd, 2014 at the Plaza level of Cardel Place. The annual event, at which there were 25 businesses, is organized to familiarize local businesses and residents while giving an advertising venue for business owners.

Moreover, the Northern Hills Community Association is a firm supporter of local businesses and entrepreneurs who are, in the NHCA opinion, the life blood of an effervescent local economy. We believe that a diversity of businesses and services along with the creativity they bring, positively benefit and cater to the needs of the Northern Hills residents. It is against the reality of this background that the business and services fair is organized.

There is still however a lot to be done to create a more active awareness of the larger business community and one way to do this is to use a venue large enough to accommodate, such as in a business and services fair setting, the 200 and more businesses of the Northern Hills. Because, despite the success of this year's business and service fair, a larger representation of local businesses in future events will be a sought after initiative.

Nevertheless, for this year's participants the experience was a positive one and almost all of them have expressed an interest in participating in next year's fair. They liked the level of traffic,

which they thought was great along with food and beverage provided.

Vendors and participants also won a number of prizes donated by Strive Physiotherapy, Coventry Hills Barber and the Canadian Brewhouse which included massage certificates, hair cuts, hot shaves and free pizzas!

The NHCA would like to thank the following businesses for donating and sponsoring the event: Panago, UPS Store 264, Cobs, Starbucks Coventry Hills, Strive Physiotherapy, Coventry Hills Barber, Canadian Brewhouse, and Cardel Place.

These were the vendors that participated in this year's Business and Services Fair:

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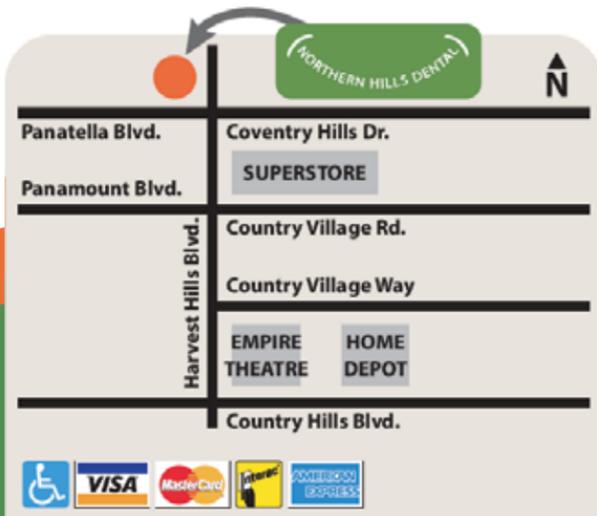
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2. In-person registration at the office
3. Mailing your membership form below to the office

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- Single \$20
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Support your community association today. Memberships can be purchased on-line, in person at the NHCA office or by mail. www.northernhills.ab.ca

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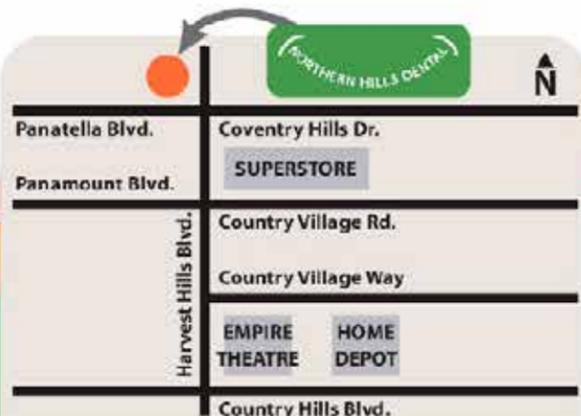
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Update On Recent Official Development - Teresa Woo-Paw

As I write this in early November, I am pleased to inform my fellow community members about some exciting news announced this autumn, and about some items we will discuss in Alberta's Legislature this autumn and winter.



Teresa Woo-Paw, MLA Calgary Northern Hills

Congrats to Cardel Place, Country Hills Library, Bethany Harvest Hills, NHCA.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Cardel Place and the Country Hills Library for being the heart of our community for 10 years, to Bethany Harvest Hills for caring for our elders for 15 years, and to the Northern Hills Community Association for keeping our community strong for 20 years. I look forward to continued work with all the hardworking volunteers and staff that make and keep our community vibrant.



Creating Space stakeholders meeting with the Infrastructure Minister The Honourable Manmeet S. Bhullar

Celebrating North Calgary Volunteers

Over 200 volunteers (and growing) make our work possible in Calgary-Northern Hills and Alberta. In October, Premier Prentice attended our volunteer celebration to help me thank those hard-working contributors.

Gas Tax Fun launches in Alberta

The Governments of Canada and Alberta have signed the federal/provincial administrative agreement to launch the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) in Alberta. The GTF provides federal funding to municipalities for local infrastructure projects and is scheduled to run for 10 years. This year Alberta will receive \$208 million to help meet local priorities, and almost \$1.1 billion over the first five years of the program.

Creating Space

We've had positive meetings between the government and Northern Hills stakeholders to convey the needs of the community. We continue to emphasize the need for community-based, accessible health and community services in north Calgary, and Calgary-Northern Hills in particular, where community centers, health services, and community services are in high demand. I will continue to work with Calgary-Northern Hills communities to strengthen our community social health infrastructure.

Schools

Premier Jim Prentice announced 55 new schools and 20 modernizations for Alberta in October. Construction on a new CBE Elementary School in Panorama Hills (Grades K-4) for 600 students is scheduled to begin in

January 2015, to open in September 2016. Existing North Calgary schools also benefit from two new schools in Evanston to be complete for September 2016: a new CBE school for 600 students in Grades K-4, and a new CSSD school in Evanston for 900 students in Grades K-9. This autumn also saw the opening of an addition to the CSSD's Notre Dame High School (Grades 10-12), for a total of 2,038 students.

Please stay in touch

I'm always interested in how we can do better as a community and as a province, and in recognizing our strengths. Please help me keep informed about the things that happen in our community by contacting me at the information below.

Hon. Teresa Woo-Paw, MLA
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"Did You Know In the Hills?" Contest!

This month's winners of the "Did You Know in the Hills?" trivia question sponsored by Applebee's and Empire Theatres are **Charmaine Toms**. The answer can be found on page 1 of the newsletter in the article "Another Great Stampede in The Northern Hills."

Charmaine Toms wins two Landmark Cinemas passes and a \$50 gift card to Applebee's restaurant. Thank you to all of you who submitted your answers and we look forward to your continued participation.

Look in this edition of the NEN for this month's trivia question of the "Did You Know in the Hills?" contest and WIN!

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Answers on page 15

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North Haven School News

It is hard to believe we are already into December! The spirit of generosity is alive and well in our school. Two amazing initiatives came to a close in October. Students collected over 150 coats for Calgary's needy, and our e-waste campaign provided safe disposal for hundreds of electronic devices.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of North Haven School. We used theatre to celebrate this milestone. In October, the grade 5/6 team began working with Trickster Theatre artists and the "Kids Go Global" program. Teachers of all grades introduced students to the United Nations Convention Rights of the Child. Students used the Rights of a Child as a vehicle to brainstorm ideas on what this means to them personally and as a class. On October 20 teachers, students and many volunteers helped transform our gym and school into a giant theatre. Five Trickster artists worked with all students to develop ideas using physical vocabulary, props and dialogue. The artists, stu-

dents, volunteers and staff worked tirelessly all week, culminating in two packed house performances!

This residency kicks off a year-long look at global and community social justice issues. Students of all grade levels, lead by the grade 5/6's, will inquire, fundraise, work with Non-Governmental Organizations, and host classroom blogs to tell their stories of generosity, belonging, mastery and independence. Additionally, CBE specialists will help support this pilot project. Staff and students are excited about what we will learn. Thank you to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts for granting us the funding to experience this.

Thank you to all our community members and volunteers who help make our school a better place for everyone. It is truly appreciated. We could not have pulled off this amazing week without the countless hours put in by volunteers.

Ginger Youngberg
Assistant Principal



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Harvest Hills Alliance Church invites you to our
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4:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Services during the Christmas break:

No Services on Christmas Day

One service on: Sunday, December 28 @ 11 am
& Sunday, January 4 @ 11 am

There will be no Children's Programming these two Sundays.

From everyone at Harvest Hills Alliance Church, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Go to our website for more information on these and other events.

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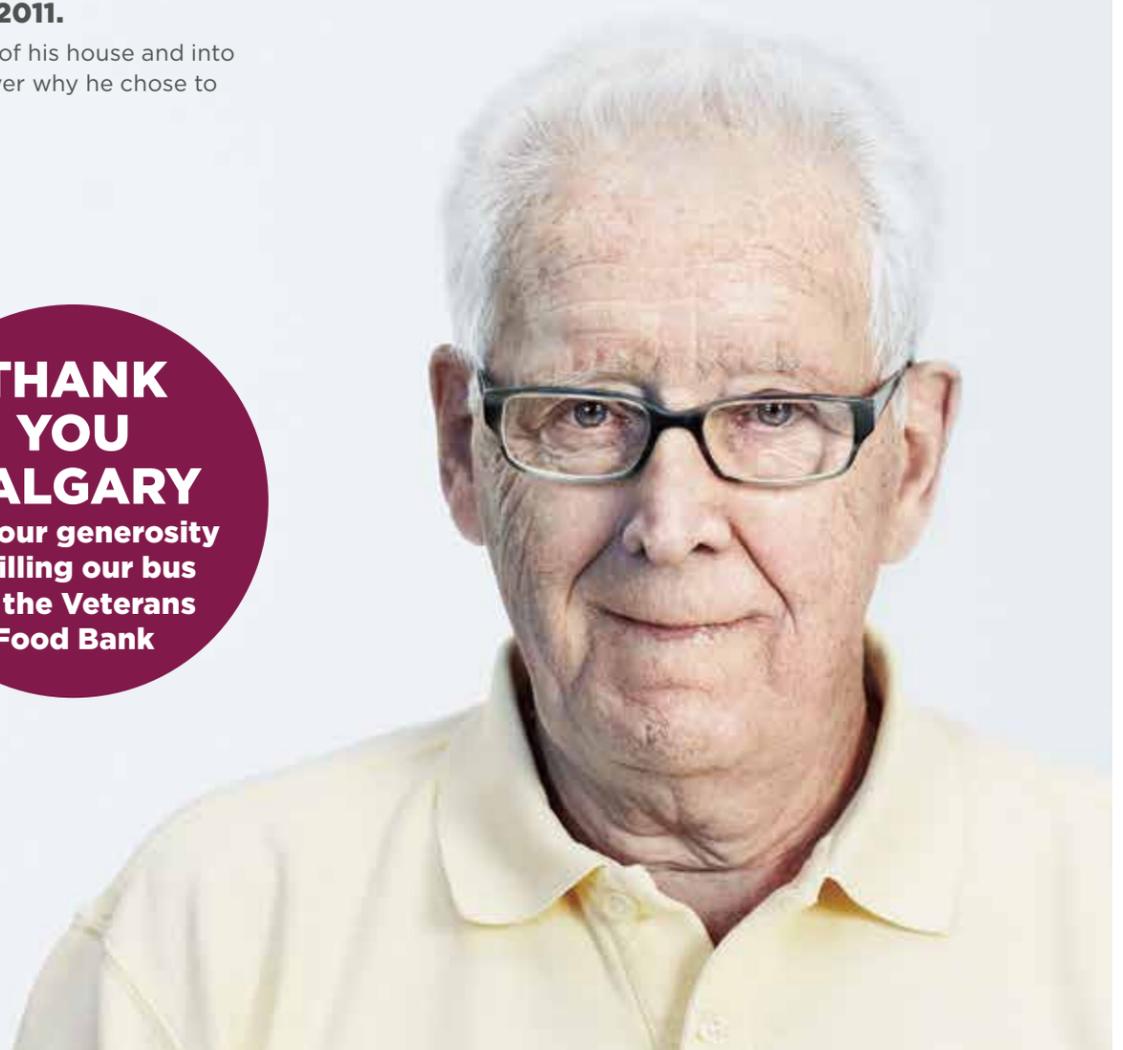
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NORTHERN LIGHTS CONTEST IS ON!

By now, Christmas trees and lights decorate most of your homes and the fun and festivities of the holiday season can be felt all around you! The Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) would like to remind you of the "Northern Lights Contest". The contest encourages the beautification of our community by recognizing residents who promote the holiday spirit by lighting their houses; and it is open to residents living in Country Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Village, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills.



From November 1st to December 31st, participants and non-participants alike are welcomed and encouraged to submit pictures (photos) of the houses that they feel accurately capture the spirit of the season and contribute to the overall beautification of the community. Submit your nomination to community@northernhills.ab.ca, NHCA Facebook page, Instagram or at the NHCA office located in the

In order for your submission to be processed accurately, ensure that the following items are included with the submission:

- A color photo of the nominee's front yard**
- The address of the nominee's property**
- Your name and contact information**

All nominations must be received by December 31st to be considered. The Northern Hills Community Association beautification committee will chose the contest's winners. There will be a winning household from every community and winning homes will receive a \$100 Applebee's gift card. The residents who take the time to nominate houses other than their own, will be entered into a draw in which only a single winner will receive a \$100 Applebee's gift card.



For more information please contact the NHCA Office at 403-226-6422 or email community@northernhills.ab.ca.

A MESSAGE FROM WARD 3

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

With the holiday season approaching, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Ward 3 and I wish you all the best in 2015.



would like to participate, place your tree on the ground near your black cart by 7 a.m. on Friday, January 9. Leave the tree out and it will be picked up within three weeks.

The mulch from this program is made available to citizens for gardening and landscaping at the East

Calgary landfill while supplies last. For more information visit calgary.ca/waste.

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Calgary

The City of Calgary is hosting several family friendly New Year's events. For more information visit calgary.ca/nye.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Turn your real Christmas tree into useful mulch instead of garbage through the City of Calgary's annual Christmas Tree Recycling program. Crews will pick up real Christmas trees from homes that receive residential black cart collection. If you

Harvest Hills Golf Course

I would like to encourage you to continue to visit the Ward 3 website at calgary.ca/ward3 for the latest information on the changes at the golf course. If you still have questions after visiting the website please contact my office directly.

Jim Stevenson,
Councillor, Ward 3
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LIBRARY NEWS

Programs for December 2014

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Jingle Bell Babies Storytime

Celebrate the festive season with stories, songs and finger plays especially for babies. Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver Monday, Dec. 8 from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Registration begins Nov. 12

Holly Jolly Toddlers

Come celebrate the holiday season with stories, songs and more!
Ages 2 to 3 with a parent/caregiver Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m. Registration begins Nov. 12

Waiting for Santa Storytime

Join us as we get ready for Christmas with stories, rhymes and songs.
Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Registration begins Nov. 12

Computer Technology Coaching

Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Wednesdays, Sept. 3 to Dec. 17 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. No registration required

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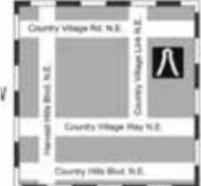


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Northern Hills Communities Crime Statistics

September & October 2014

The crime statistics for September & October 2014 in the Northern Hills area are in the attached tables. Additional information can be obtained from the Calgary Police Service (CPS) crime map at <http://crimemap.calgarypolice.ca/>.

The month of October experienced a noticeable increase in the number of overall crimes compared to September even if it remains within range of general crime numbers. About 80% of the crimes are classified as thefts, thefts from vehicle, vandalism, assaults and vehicle thefts.

The purpose of providing regular reports on crime statistics and information is to increase awareness and hopefully help the CPS make our neighborhoods safer. We meet regularly with Community Liaison Officers (CLO's) for our area to review statistics, to discuss issues and trends regarding crime in our communities, and to identify ways that the NHCA can help the CPS in their work. Residents can contact the CLO's for our area at the District 7 office if they have any questions or concerns.

In addition to reporting crimes

directly to the police, residents can also contact Crime Stoppers anonymously by telephone, web tip, or text message. If the information leads to an arrest, the caller may qualify for a reward. For further information about the Calgary Crime Stoppers readers may contact the vice-president of the Calgary Crime Stoppers Association at snagina@shaw.ca or 403-464-9442. Alternatively, you can check their website at www.ttttips.com.

Remember, if you are the victim of a crime or if you are a witness to a crime, no matter how big or small, please report it to the police service as soon as it is safe to do so. The more information that the police have to work with the more likely they will be able to solve the crime and apprehend the person or persons responsible.

At the time when this report was compiled statistics for the month of November were not complete.



Crime Category	September 2014 Statistics by Community					Total
	Harvest Hills	Panorama Hills	Coventry Hills	Country Hills	Country Hills Village	
Theft	12	2	-	-	4	18
Vandalism	3	6	3	-	3	15
Vehicle Theft	-	1	4	4	1	10
Assault	2	5	2	1	1	11
Residential Break-in	1	-	2	1	-	4
Theft from vehicle	-	6	12	-	-	18
Total	18	20	23	6	9	76

Crime Category	October 2014 Statistics by Community					Total
	Harvest Hills	Panorama Hills	Coventry Hills	Country Hills	Country Hills Village	
Theft	13	4	3	2	1	23
Vandalism	6	2	1	2	1	12
Vehicle Theft	2	2	3	3	-	10
Assault	3	2	1	-	1	7
Residential Break-in	2	5	3	2	-	12
Theft from vehicle	3	8	8	2	2	23
Total	29	23	19	11	5	87

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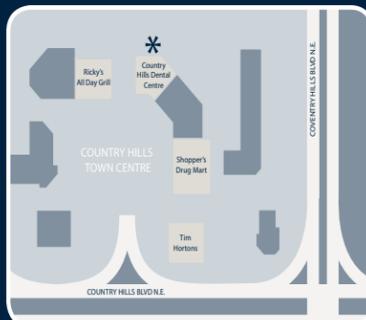
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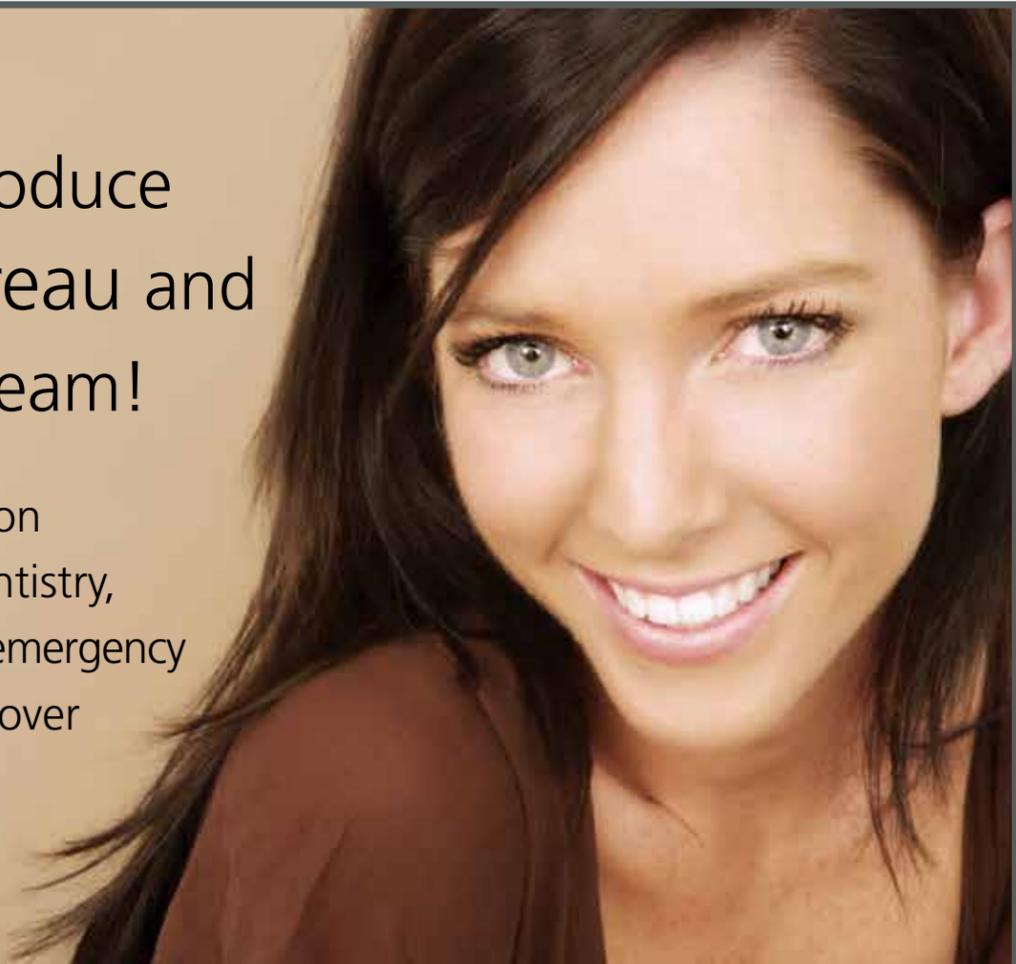
Sudoku puzzle ANSWERS

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