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## Girls work together to bring Stockings to Calgary's Homeless

I would like to give a great big Thank You to the 17 girls in Sparks unit 284. Each of these girls worked extra hard to put together 79 socks for the Mustard Seed's 'Warm Feet for the Street' program. This fall the girls began working on their 'In My Community' keeper. As part of earning their keeper the girls decided to do a service project which would benefit people in their community. The 'Warm feet for the Street' program seemed like the perfect place to start.

We started by drawing pictures of things in our house that each girl felt she couldn't live without. I was a little surprised and impressed with the answers. Everything from family members, beds, and houses to balloons showed up in their pictures. The girls were then asked to imagine leaving behind everything that couldn't fit into a backpack. (Family members were exempted of course.) A representative from the Mustard Seed then spoke to the girls about how Calgary's homeless appreciate receiving the socks stuffed



full of personal hygiene items at Christmas. The girls were excited to help and talked of all the stuff they were going to put in the socks. We set a goal of 25 socks and began

collecting.

Their enthusiasm continued and over the next few weeks the girls and their parent's collected enough items to stuff 79 socks. Who would

have thought that stuffing socks could be fun, but the girl's excitement was contagious and there wasn't a dull moment. Each time a sock was added to the pile the

girls knew they were helping somebody in need and that is definitely something to be proud of. After they were all stuffed they were dropped off at the Mustard Seed in time for Christmas.

We want to give a special Thank You to all the parents who donated so much to this campaign, and who contacted a variety of businesses asking for donations of personal hygiene items. We would also like to thank the following businesses who donated items to our campaign:

Marks work Warehouse (75 wool socks!), Acclaim Hotel (240 hygiene items), Tim Hortons - 430 Country Hills Blvd (gift cards), Sandstone Dental Clinic (oral hygiene items), Northern Hills Dental (lip balms), CGI (25 pens and notepads), and Country Hills Shoppers Drug mart (gloves)

Thank you to the girls who diligently sorted and stuffed 79 socks!

To find out more about Girl Guides in the Northern Hills contact Leslie Jones at [LeslieJones@shaw.ca](mailto:LeslieJones@shaw.ca)

## Storm Water Ponds not for Recreation

By Paul Cavanagh

It has come to the attention of the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) that local residents are using the storm water ponds in our area as recreational skating facilities and/or toboggan run out areas during this winter's early cold spell. These activities are considered

to be dangerous, are prohibited under city bylaw, and not endorsed by the NHCA.

There are several storm water ponds located in the northern hills area: Harvest Hills, Coventry Hills, and Panorama Hills to name a few. These structures are planned and operated as engineered facilities designed to control and manage surface water runoff in our neighbourhoods. As such, their surface water levels fluctuate, rise and fall, depending on climate and precipitation such as summer storms or winter chinook winds. During the winter months the ice that has formed on the surface rises and falls (because it is floating on the water), which promotes uneven ice thickness formation and a high potential for cracking due to repeated fluctuation cycles. This repre-



sents a very dangerous and unpredictable situation on the ice surface for people, animals, and personal items.

The ponds in the summer months are no less dangerous and are potentially treacherous for boaters, swimmers and pets for the same reasons. The water levels in the ponds will rise and fall and unpredictable water currents

are created around inlet and outlet structures depending on the changing climate and precipitation events. Again, these types of activities are considered to be dangerous and prohibited in any of the storm water ponds in our area. Residents are also reminded that allowing their pets to walk on the ice or swim in the water is hazardous to the pets for

the same reasons. The NHCA supports this view from the city and strongly urges our residents to confine their recreational activities to the walking paths that surround these storm water management facilities.

However, the tendency for residents to try and use these facilities for these unsafe actions underscores a high need to develop appropriate facilities in the northern hills area for such recreational activities. The NHCA is working with the City of Calgary to identify suitable locations for the development of safe recreational skating (and other activities) in our neighbourhoods and communities. If you are interested in helping your community association advocate for and develop these facilities within our local neighbourhoods please e-mail [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca).

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2011

**Soccer Registration**  
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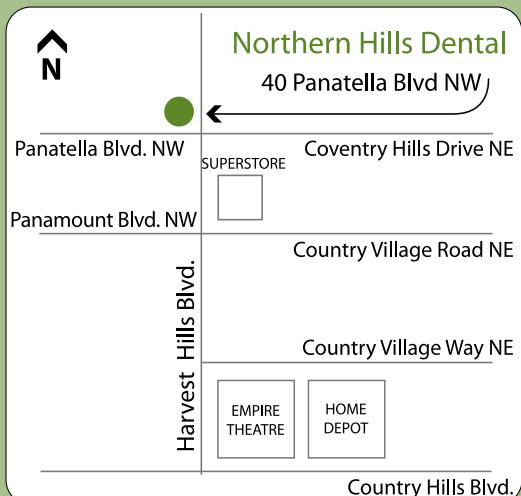
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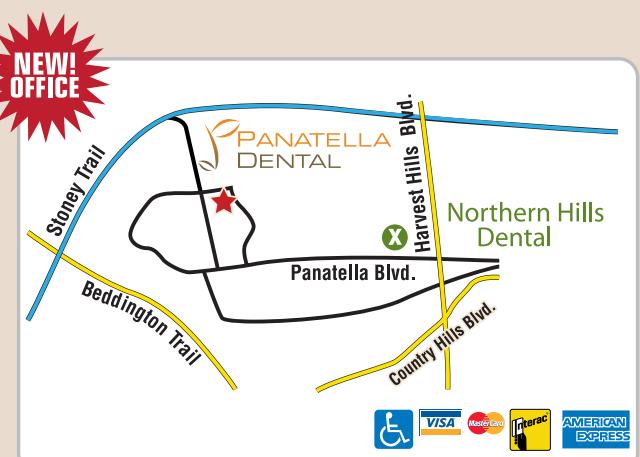
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Watch for the Upcoming Community Resource Fair, City Planning Open House and the NHCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April, 2011



In April the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) will present a Community Resource Fair and City of Calgary Planning Open House as the lead in to our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The resource fair will showcase agencies in Calgary that provide a wide range of services and support to all individuals and families. Agencies in attendance could include the Calgary Police Service and the Graffiti Unit, Cardel Place, Calgary Public Library, ASPEN Family and Community Network Society, City of Calgary Community and Neighborhood Services, Calgary Family Services – Older Adult Team, and the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary providing information for those who are new to the country and/or area. Representatives from the NHCA will also be available to residents who wish to voice concerns or provide ideas on how the NHCA can work to make your community a better place to live.

### CITY PLANNING OPEN HOUSE

A variety of City of Calgary Departments will be present to speak with residents of the Northern Hills. This is a great opportunity to find out what developments and projects are planned for our community and talk to your Alderman.

### NHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All active members of the Northern Hills Community Association, residents who wish to become members or renew their membership, and those residents who just want to find out what it's all about are encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to learn more about our association, our finances, our accomplishments, our vision, and our plans for the upcoming year.

### PRIZE DRAW

Upon arrival, you will be provided a "passport" that requires a stamp from each agency's station. Completed passports will then be entered in a draw to win a prize. The prize will be drawn following the AGM. Membership is encouraged, but not required. One passport per residence. Winners must be present.

## From the President

### REPORT FROM THE NHCA BOARD

By Wendy Cavanagh,  
President NHCA



**H**appy New Year from the Board and staff of the Northern Hills Community Association! We wrapped up 2010 with a pot luck get together in December where you couldn't help but feel the energy generated by the discussions regarding all the opportunities for our communities in 2011. Thanks to Cardel Place for providing gifts of one day Cardel passes to board members and staff.

Our Action Plans are complete and we are now working on the budget. Here's where the residents in the Northern Hills can help. Purchase new or renew your NHCA memberships and help fund the ongoing and new projects and programs that we will be attempting to implement this year.

The membership categories and fees for the Northern Hills Community Association have been updated. We are hoping the changes will help us meet the needs of our diverse communities. Seniors and Singles will benefit from a lower fee, while we attempt to address some of the requests from local business with listings and links on our website. These updates are for the 2011 membership year and took effect as of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Take a moment to check out our new website [www.northernhills.ab.ca](http://www.northernhills.ab.ca). Thanks to our board member, Ty Hooge, for setting up the site. The plan is to provide more up to date information with board members providing hands on updates to their areas of responsibility. It is a work in progress and should only get better with time!

Our new Farmers Market committee will be meeting this month to begin planning the what, where and who the vendors will be for our community market. Several eager people have stepped forward already and we could always use more help with getting this wonderful addition to our area off the ground. If you wish to be part of this exciting project contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca) to attend the first meeting.

The second Community Garden for the Northern Hills Communities is in the plans for Coventry this Spring. If you wish to rent a plot or help with the build please contact [gar-den@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:gar-den@northernhills.ab.ca).

Our Projects committee has been working with the City Parks dept. to get our first recreational outdoor rink in Coventry up and running this winter. Members and residents who wish to be involved please contact [projects@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:projects@northernhills.ab.ca).

[ab.ca](http://ab.ca) for more details. We are also looking for residents who wish to help with rinks in Harvest, Panorama and Country Hills. These initial rinks will have berms provided by the city's Adopt A Rink program.

The NHCA held prize draws at our NHCA Community Business Fair Nov. 20th, the Craft Fair hosted by the Harvest Hills Alliance Church on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and two additional draws for residents who purchased or renewed their memberships for 2011 to date. Look for the winners and prize sponsors in the Membership article in this newsletter.

The deadline for ordering your trees from the Neighbourwoods Program, intended to replenish and enhance

the urban forest in our community through a volunteer tree planting program, is Feb. 28th. The city will provide new trees, including trees to replace unhealthy ones, on boulevards and the city owned space between the sidewalk and your property line. This is a one time opportunity to be involved in the growth and preservation of Calgary's urban forest. If you would like to adopt a tree call 3-1-1 and if you would like to help get the word out by distributing some pamphlets to your neighbors contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca).

If you are an older adult in our community looking for some interesting programs and/or social events please contact [events@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:events@northernhills.ab.ca) to find out what the committee is working on.

Volunteer Opportunities include help on the many committees we have up and running. Welcome to Jenny, Ryan and Martin who have recently stepped up. Jenny De Guia, our new Newsletter Editor, Ryan Scott will be taking over the reins of Planning and Development and Martin Lister has joined the Membership/Marketing group. Thanks to David Yee, who will be stepping down from the board but remains as a volunteer to lead our efforts in conducting a feasibility study and pursue his interest in the Community Garden.

Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers, staff, board members and members of the Northern Hills Community Association who continue to make this the best community in which to live and play. If you are interested in upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, please check out our website at [www.northernhills.ab.ca](http://www.northernhills.ab.ca)

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# NHCA MEMBERSHIP IS A WINNER!

by Wendy Cavanagh

November and December proved to be winning months for those NHCA members who purchased new or renewed their memberships for 2011. Prize draws were held during our Business Fair on November 20th, and at our NHCA table at the Harvest Hills Alliance Church Craft Fair in early December. A Thank you draw was also made from all the new and early renewed memberships to date. Thanks to all those who support the Association through purchasing memberships and to our sponsors for these draws – Stonehill Restaurant and Tavern, Wayne Brown – of CIR Realty, Jason de Weerd – of RBC Wealth Management and Cardel Place. A big thanks to Harvest Hills Alliance Church for allowing us to host a table at their annual Craft Fair.

## 2010 Business Fair Draw Winners

Cardel Place– Family Day Passes  
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Christine Wiley



### Stonehill Restaurant and Tavern - \$50 Gift Cards

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Muhammad Akhtar  
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### 2010 Harvest Hills Alliance Church Craft Fair Draw Winners

#### Stonehill Restaurant and Tavern - \$50 Gift Cards

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### 2011 New and Early Renewal Membership Draw

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## Northern Hills Community Association

### New Website!

Welcome to the updated version of the NHCA website! Over the coming months, new functionality and design upgrades will make northernhills.ab.ca an informative and up-to-date resource for everything about the Northern Hills Community Association.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<< December 2010 >>						
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## OFF LEASH DOG PARK INPUT

The City of Calgary is reviewing its policies regarding off-leash dog parks through The City of Calgary Off-Leash Area Management Plan. From November 17th to December 8th, 2010, interested persons may access an opportunity to provide input through [www.calgary.ca/offleash](http://www.calgary.ca/offleash). At this website, you can also access the Notice of Motion as put forth by Alderman Hawkesworth.

# Northernhills.ab.ca Gets an Update!

If you're a regular visitor of our website, you may have noticed that it recently underwent a complete redesign. We felt it was time to update the site with a Content Management System which would result in a better experience for everyone: it's now easier for us to keep the site up-to-date and it's easier for you to find information and learn more about the NHCA.

The site still retains much of the core content from the old site, but you'll notice that there are a few larger changes, such as the addition of an events calendar, and the change in the format of the Business Directory. The Business Directory should be fully functional by the time you read this, so we encourage you to go check it out!

Going forward, we will be adding more new features and functionality that will make northernhills.ab.ca a great place to learn everything about our communities. Our goal for northernhills.ab.ca is to make a one-stop-shop for everything NHCA. Want to know what events are happening in your community? Wondering where that new school is going to be located? The website contains the answers to these questions and many more!

We will be sure to keep you informed with anything new we put online, so stay tuned in the coming months as we add more sections and articles!

As with any implementation of new software and services, there can be bugs. If you should happen to come across anything on the site that doesn't seem to function correctly, or if information is missing or incorrect, please let us know! You can forward all comments, bug reports, and concerns about the webpage to [web@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:web@northernhills.ab.ca). Please note that this email is strictly for issues regarding northernhills.ab.ca. If you have an inquiry about advertising, joining the NHCA, or any other administrative requests, please forward them to the appropriate channels as described on our Contact page.



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# EDITORIAL

## Beyond the Four Walls

By: Paul Cavanagh

For those of you who are aware of the "Beyond the Four Walls" concept currently making the rounds in Calgary you will recognize that the title of this article is clearly borrowed (i.e. - ripped off) from that proposition. Members of the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) board attended a recent workshop sponsored by the Federation of Calgary Communities advocating the "Beyond the Four Walls" idea and came away convinced that its design and all it entails is perfectly aligned with the strategic intent of our association. Here is why we believe this to be true.

We like to think of ourselves as a virtual organization that moves and grows with what the residents in our community want and need. That means we can't be root-bound or too confined in any one location, idea, or definition of community. To us, and simply put, community is whenever two or more residents get together to bring benefit to our neighbourhoods. It is that simple. Whether we are developing recreational skating rinks, outdoor sports, farmers markets, community gardens, advocating for better

representation from our leaders, providing input into planning and development and traffic issues, or just getting together with our neighbours at a block party, it all fits into the definition of community and can only be successfully implemented within the broader community area rather than from a centralized location or approach.

We already have some wonderful neighbourhoods and top-notch facilities in our area: parks, schools, shopping, churches, recreation, service and support groups, and entertainment. These existing amenities are great but our communities still have needs that are not being fully met. This is where the NHCA believes that the "Beyond the Four Walls" concept can be fully implemented for broad-based and optimized value across our communities. It is the view and intent of the NHCA to take this concept out into the existing neighbourhoods and actively promote development and implementation of community (facilities, activities and services) across our entire area so the benefits for all community members are maximized.

Some examples of this already underway are the NHCA community garden initiatives in Harvest Hills

and Coventry Hills, a proposed new recreational skating area within the Coventry Hills neighbourhood and our partnering with the City of Calgary to promote urban forest renewal through NeighbourWoods. These initiatives are designed to allow for more fulfilling engagement and community development right in the areas where people live and play. Future strategies and initiatives should also include optimization and better utilization of the existing land, facilities and energies in our local neighbourhoods before any new capacity is added to existing facilities. This approach is consistent with the spirit of Plan-It Calgary and transfers the expansion, growth and ownership of community from a few centralized areas that may be currently at their limit to areas that are currently under-utilized, undeveloped or underdeveloped and has the added benefit of promoting grass-roots community development in local neighbourhoods based on broader community concepts such as a sense ownership, neighbourliness, pride, volunteerism, diversity, and so on.

As always, please send your thoughts and letters to editor@northernhills.ab.ca.

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# COMMUNITY

## WINE AND CHEESE PLEASE!

by Wendy Cavanagh

**W**ine connoisseurs and connoisseur want-to-bes unite! The Community Association is seeking individuals interested in occasional get togethers to talk about, taste and mingle over some good wine and cheese. This program would also require a volunteer sommelier. If you wish to socialize while tantalizing your taste buds and or share some of your wine and cheesy knowledge, please contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca).



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## New NHCA Membership Structure and Rates for 2011 NHCA Board

The Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) has completed a review of membership rates for 2011. The review included looking at comparable rates being charged in other community associations and considered our expanded programs and services planned in 2011. We tried to keep our rates as low as possible while maintaining a balanced budget and considering the wide variety of needs and expectations of the people and businesses in our communities. Some of the great activities and benefits of supporting the NHCA through memberships are:

- The Northern Edge News Community Newsletter - Monthly
- Association and Public Meetings
- Sports programs
- Insurance coverage for affiliated sports associations e.g. soccer
- Volunteer appreciation
- Landscape/Christmas Light Awards
- Community Festivals/Breakfasts
- Community Clean Up – E-cycle

- Community Garage Sales
- Community Gardens and Beautification
- Representation for planning and development issues
- Value-added program
- Membership fees for 2011 (January 1 to December 31) are as follows:

- Single: \$20
- Senior (age 60 and older): \$20
- Family: \$30
- Associate (Out of Area): \$30
- Business: \$50 (includes website directory listing)
- Business: \$120 (includes website directory listing and link to business website)

For your convenience memberships can now be purchased as follows: in person in our office in Cardel Place; online through our website; or by mailing the form found in this newsletter.

NHCA Board of Directors

## TO MARKET, TO MARKET

by Wendy Cavanagh

How far do you travel to seek out those fresh veggies, meat and/or organic goods? Do you think it would be great if we had a Farmers Market in our area? Many Calgary communities enjoy the bounty provided by local growers from June until September..why not us? If you are an enthusiastic market attendee or someone who might enjoy the benefits of shopping for fresh food close to home, you will be happy to hear the Northern Hills Community Association is exploring options for a Farmers Market in our community. We are seeking individuals who might be willing to help us with the task. If you are interested in being on the committee and/or have information on your favourite local vendors, please e-mail [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca). Let's make it happen!

# NHCA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

by Wendy Cavanagh  
President

## Vacancies on the Board:

Contact president@northernhills.ab.ca

There are many committees that could always use the help:

**Beautification** – We are expanding our efforts to beautify neglected areas in our communities and are looking for a committee chair to coordinate our volunteers and sponsors. Love gardening and have a desire to see improvements in our community aesthetics? Contact community@northernhills.ab.ca

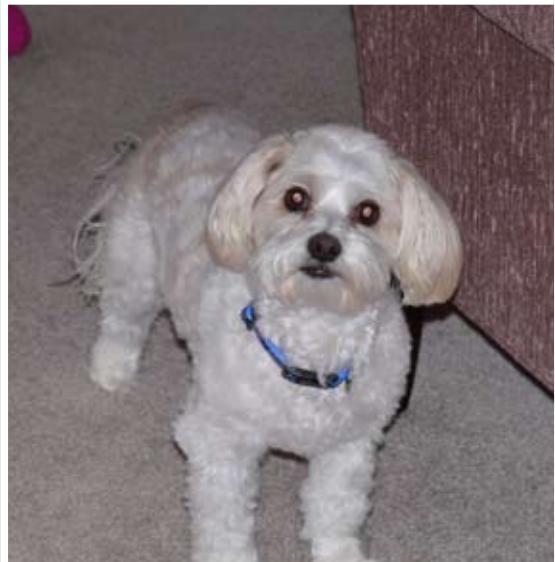
**Neighbourwoods Program** – Let's get the word out! Our community association is partnering with the City of Calgary to replenish and enhance the urban forest in our communities through this volunteer tree planting program. There are over 100 trees being offered to each of our five communities. The program operates through face to face communication between residents in the identified communities and volunteers. Cost to residents is \$30.00. Deadline for application is the end of February 2011 for a June 2011 planting. Trees are also planted in September. If you'd like to help get the word out contact community@northernhills.ab.ca

**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

**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 president@northernhills.ab.ca

**Community Garden** – Our first garden in Harvest Hills has been a great success and we are planning to build a second in Coventry Hills in 2011. If you are a resident of Coventry and love

## WHERE'S OZZIE



by Wendy Cavanagh

The Northern Hills Community Association would like to introduce a new monthly contest. Here is a photo of Ozzie. Look for him in photos in upcoming 2011 Northern Edge News Issues. When you spot him, send an e-mail to communication@northernhills.ab.ca. Include your name, contact information, NHCA membership number along with the month of edition and page number where you found him. There will be a prize draw from each month's entries. One entry per month per membership and you must have a current NHCA membership to be eligible. Spot Ozzie, be a member and WIN!!

to garden, this could be the committee for you. Contact garden@northernhills.ab.ca

**Capital Projects** – Residents in our communities have requested outdoor ice rinks. The Adopt-A-Rink program with the city would be a great way to make this happen in the very near future. Our Ice Rinks committee is seeking eager individuals to help with the planning and execution of this initiative. If you are interested in this program and/or the building of a more permanent outdoor rink in the Hills, this would be a dynamic committee to be a part of. Contact projects@northernhills.ab.ca

**Farmers Market** – A new committee to begin researching and planning for a Farmers Market in our area. The focus will be on healthy, fresh food. If you are an avid market shopper and/or have knowledge of vendors in the Calgary area your input would be appreciated. Contact community@northernhills.ab.ca

**Senior's Committee** – A group of older adults

who would like to get together and have some fun are looking for you and your ideas. Contact events@northernhills.ab.ca

**Traffic** – This committee would respond to traffic related issues; parking, speeding, upgrading controls at intersections or communicating with the city planning department regarding road improvements for our area. If you have a passion for solving problems this could be your opportunity to make a difference. Contact planning@northernhills.ab.ca

**Wine and Cheese Club** – An opportunity to learn about some fine wine and cheese while meeting your neighbours. If you wish to help this club get together and are a sommelier or know someone who is, please contact community@northernhills.ab.ca and we'll have this club tasting in no time.

For more information please contact the NHCA office at 403-226-6462 or info@northernhills.ab.ca

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# North Calgary Cultural Association is Founded

November 21, 2010.

The North Calgary Cultural Association was registered one year ago with the vision of helping immigrants from India who come to Calgary to assimilate into the Canadian main stream. It was also envisaged by the association that they would undertake projects for the betterment of the community in general and would work with other like-minded associations to approach the Alberta Government for grants and financial assistance to pursue building a permanent meeting house for all the Associations in North West, because at present no such facility exists. In this regard this Association is proactive and has taken up the matter with Ms. Mary Ann Jablonski, Minister for seniors, Government of Alberta, Honorable Ms. Teresa Woo Paw, MLA of McKay area, and Alderman Jim Stevenson from Ward 3 to discuss and consider the urgency of this need. We are quite hopeful something will be done in this urgent requirement of our community.

Our members are mostly residents of Panorama Hills, Coventry Hills, Kinkora, the



Hamptons and surrounding communities. The North Calgary Cultural Association currently has 63 members who have been working hard to support Star Ambulance, the Food Bank, and the Mustard Seed. On October 2, 2010, in our annual dinner event held at Alliance Church, Harvest Hills Boulevard we collected more than \$1000.00 for Star Ambulance. Earlier

in the month of September, we raised about \$400.00 on behalf of a variety of charities. Very recently we contributed non perishable food to the Food Bank and the Mustard Seed organizations.

In addition, our Association has invited experts from various walks of life to our weekly meetings to discuss and impart their expertise on a variety of issues. It has

immensely benefited our members and their families. During this mayoral election season we invited most of the candidates to visit us and provide their views on the state of affairs of our adopted City, Calgary.

Presently we meet every Friday in the board room of the Cardel Place Library from 1400 hours to 1700 hours. The library management is

very courteous to the Association to provide us a good place to conduct our regular meetings. Recently, our association held annual general election and elected the board of directors for the next year. The following are the Executives of our Association:

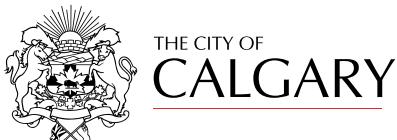
Mr. Surinder Jit Singh Plaha (Stan), President, Mr. Parminder Singh Gill, General Secretary, Mr. Dilawar Singh Samra, Vice President, Mr. Parshotam Dass Bhardwaj, Treasurer.

The executive directors are supported by five additional directors who help us in executing our projects.

Through your newsletter we invite everyone to join our association and work with us for the benefit of our community. In addition to attending one of our regular meetings we can be contacted at: Phone: 403-617-3599 or 403-226-3496; or via email at: stan.plaha@gmail.com.

*The North Calgary Cultural Association*

## Prohibited activities on City of Calgary storm ponds



Recently citizens have been observed using the nearby storm pond for recreational purposes including skating, hockey and sledding. Due to a constant flow of water, the ice on storm ponds can be very unstable and recreational activities are not permitted on the ponds. The restricted use of these ponds is clearly indicated on signage around the ponds.

Calgary's storm ponds are designed to manage and store storm

water from rainfalls and snow melts. During high rain or snowfall events, the wet ponds store the storm water and then slowly disperse it back into our river system to mitigate potential flooding issues in the community. The conditions of storm ponds can change dramatically and quickly should there be a significant amount of water coming through the storm system.

Please discuss the dangers of going on these ice surfaces and general ice safety with your children. The Calgary Fire Department would like to remind

Calgarians of the following ice safety messages:

- Never play on the ice that forms on waterways in and around The City of Calgary.
- Only skate or play on ice surfaces that have been made for recreational use.
- People living in lake communities should contact their community association to determine if ice has been tested for safety before using it for recreation purposes.
- If you see an animal on the ice,

that doesn't mean the ice is safe for you to walk on. Cats and dogs are much lighter than people.

- Reach, throw, but don't go—there is no use becoming another victim. Call 9-1-1 and let the professionals deal with the situation as they are equipped and trained to do so.

For more information on ice safety please visit The Calgary Fire Department's website [www.calgaryfire.ca](http://www.calgaryfire.ca).



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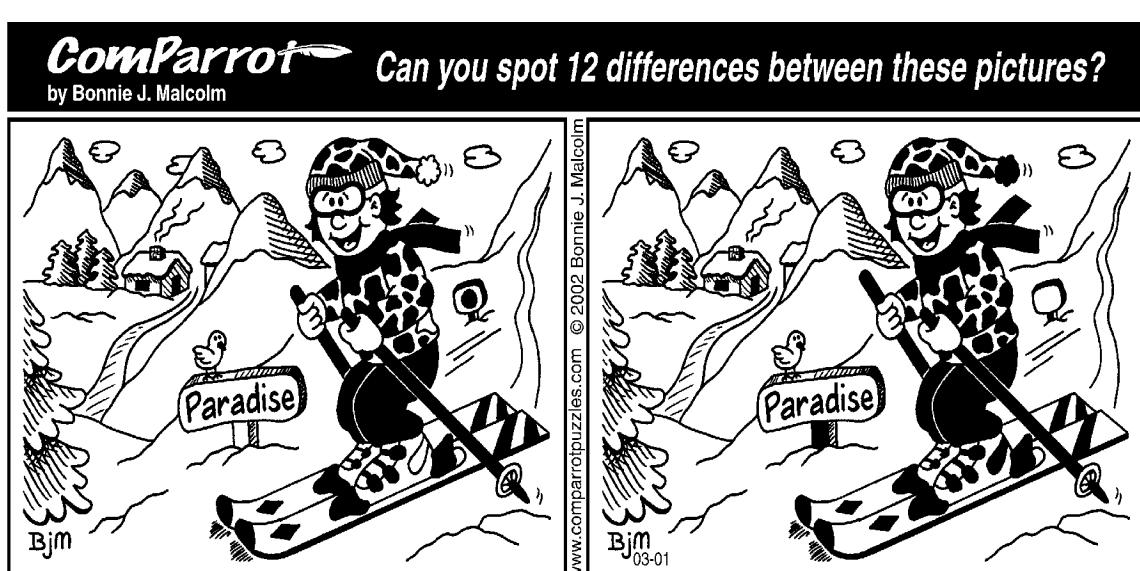
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Solution: 1. Stripe on back of ski is missing. 2. Circle on small sign is missing. 3. Cloud by mountain is missing. 4. Pompon on hat is colored in. 5. Stripe on boot is colored in. 6. Spot pattern under arm is colored in. 7. Post on large sign is colored in. 8. Scarf is longer. 9. Skis moved. 10. Cloud by pompon has moved. 11. Chimney smoke has moved. 12. End of ski pole is longer. 13. Drama on hat has moved. 14. Small sign is missing. 15. Stripe on boot is colored in. 16. Spot pattern under arm is colored in. 17. Post on large sign is longer. 18. Drama on hat is longer.

Now is the time to get involved.

Call for MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Northern Hills Community Association

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Second Phase of High Performance Modular Classrooms for Coventry Hills Middle School

**B**2L Partnership (B2L stands for Build to Learn) is the industry consortium chosen by the Government of Alberta to build 10 new schools in the province. Construction on the Coventry Hills Middle School has been in high gear since August 2010. Eight of twelve high performance modular classrooms are now on site and the steel structure of the school is currently being erected.

The second phase of high performance modular classrooms will be delivered to the site in mid-January 2011. Similar to the delivery of the first phase, residents may experience some minor traffic delays as large equipment and slow moving vehicles with wide loads pass through the neighborhood to the school site. B2L Partnership will ensure that there is as little disruption to the community as possible during this construction phase.



When the erection of structural steel and the installation of the high performance modular classrooms are completed, community residents will have an excellent perspective on the footprint and size of the Coventry Hills Middle School.

The Coventry Hills Middle School, located at 12056 Coventry Hills Way, will be open for students by September 2012.

To obtain registration information for the Coventry Hills

Middle School, background information on B2L Partnership, or more information about the 10 new schools being built in Alberta, visit [www.B2LPartnership.ca](http://www.B2LPartnership.ca). This website is updated regularly with progress reports and photographs.

Questions or concerns can be addressed through a contact form on the website or the B2L Partnership toll free number 1-877-726-3284.

## Panorama Hills School Kindergarten Information Session

The Panorama Hills School and the Calgary Board of Education will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Session\* for Parents at Panorama Hills School on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm. If you have a child who turns four years old on or before March 1st 2011 they would be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall 2011 school term starting in September 2011. The open house is designed to be informative and we will provide information about the Panorama Hills School and the half-day Kindergarten program. Please join us at the open house or contact us through one of the other following methods or locations:

\*Registration for Kindergarten starts January 10th, 2011 and continues until September 2011.

- call or visit our school or go online for more details
- school telephone: (403) 777-6061 school website: [HYPERLINK "http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b397/"](http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b397/) <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b397/>
- CBE Kindergarten home page: [HYPERLINK "http://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/prog-kinder.asp"](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/prog-kinder.asp) <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/prog-kinder.asp>
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## Happy New Year from St. Clare School

We hope everyone had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas season. We wish you all the best in the coming year of 2011. The St. Clare community has gotten off to a great start. We re-opened on January 6th and are looking forward to our special family mass that will be held on January 12th at 6:30pm at Ascension Parish. The theme for this mass will be "family", as The Holy Family is our model that we celebrate.

This month we will have a very special item, the "space port" brought to our school to enhance the sky science unit in grade six. We are very excited about this coming to St. Clare. The grade four students will have a special presentation on Waste in our World towards the end of the month. Finally we will have a special presentation by Decidedly Jazz on January 28th that the students are looking forward to. We will finish the month with a Professional day for teachers on Jan 31st as they continue to work on their Smart Board literacy.

We continue to take registration for kindergarten throughout the coming months. If you have a child that will turn 5 years of age, before March 1st 2012 you may register your child for kindergarten at St. Clare. Please bring proof of residency in Coventry Hills along with the birth certificate of the child and a Catholic baptismal certificate of either parent or child.

Have a great January!

Giselle LeClair  
Principal  
St. Clare

Joint Use Coordinating Committee and endorsed by City Council. Various planning documents are developed to guide growth for new developing communities and Calgary Board of Education planning personnel provides information to the Team on school sites including the minimum site frontages to allow for parent and bus-ses pick-up and drop-off. In the past, whether a lay-by is constructed and whose responsibility for its cost has been a point of some debate between the City of Calgary and Calgary Board of Education.

In the spring of 2009, the Calgary Board of Education in conjunction with bus carriers and Calgary Police Services developed a toolkit of "Traffic Strategies for Principals". I am attaching a copy of that document. As noted in the attach-

ment, Vern Scholz is the City's traffic engineer and can be contacted to discuss traffic flow in communities. Parents and community members should be encouraged through their School Councils to discuss traffic concerns with the school principal.

Yours sincerely,  
Lynn Ferguson  
Trustee  
Wards 3 & 4  
Calgary Board of Education  
Ph.: (403) 294-8263  
E-mail: [lcferguson@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:lcferguson@cbe.ab.ca).

**Editors Note:** The NHCA will forward this information to any concerned parents who would like to discuss traffic issues with their principals or schools council. The information may also be obtained directly from Lynn Ferguson's office at the CBE, as indicated in her letter.



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# CITY

## A message from Ward 3 Alderman

### NEW YEAR:

I hope everyone was able to have some time off and relax or celebrate over the holiday season. I am looking forward to working with you and your community association in the New Year and will continue to keep you informed of the important issues.

#### 96<sup>th</sup> AVE/AIRPORT UNDERPASS UPDATE:

Work is proceeding on the extension of 96<sup>th</sup> Ave (Airport Trail) West from Deerfoot Trail. It is planned to open late in 2011. Mayor Nenshi and I are working with city administration to move forward on the airport tunnel/underpass. A detailed report on costs timelines and implications is to come to council in late January.

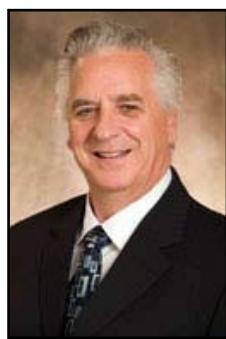
#### SCHOOLS ZONES:

We have had a large number of calls from concerned parents and teachers about the safety of students and adults who attend the schools in the community. Council adjusted the school zone hours to begin at 7:30 to 17:00 as of August 1, 2010 in an effort to slow traffic for the early opening of the schools. The 14 solar powered signs that alert motorists if they are driving faster than the posted speed limit are in demand but they can only be used in the warmer weather. Requests for police patrols is constant and they are doing their best to patrol the many school areas but cannot be at every school. This is why we are asking for your help to drive carefully and remind others that time is important but children are precious.

As always, I welcome your calls and emails so if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Jim Stevenson  
Alderman, Ward 3  
[www.ward3calgary.ca](http://www.ward3calgary.ca)

Velma Toporowski, Executive Assistant  
Lynne Banning, Community Assistant  
[eward3@calgary.ca](mailto:eward3@calgary.ca) – 403 268-4854  
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Jim Stevens,  
Ward 3 Alderman

## Cold Weather Reminders for Pet Owners

*Animal & Bylaw Services  
Partnering with Calgarians  
[www.calgary.ca/animalservices](http://www.calgary.ca/animalservices)*

Just because they have natural fur coats doesn't mean cats and dogs are immune to the hazards of winter weather. As Calgarians wrap up to keep warm, it is important that pet owners also think of their pets' safety during the winter months.

Leaving dogs and cats in vehicles is prohibited under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw (23M2006) if weather conditions jeopardize the animals' safety. A pet left in a vehicle during cold weather can suffer from frostbite, hypothermia or potentially freeze to death. Please leave your pet safely at home.

Your cat or dog's licence is his ticket home. During the winter months, it is even more important that your pet wear

his licence. If your pet were to become lost, a licence tag indicates to others that the pet is owned and not a stray. This increases the chance that he will be turned into Animal Services.

We strongly recommend that you always keep your cat inside, especially during the winter months. The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw states that cats must remain on their owners' property. By keeping your cat inside, you reduce the chance that he may wander off your property and suffer the adverse affects of winter.

If you lose your pet during the winter months, do not delay. Call 3-1-1 to see if Animal Services has picked up your pet. If not, file a lost pet report with Animal Services.

Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up

any spills from your vehicle and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

Wipe your dog's legs and stomach thoroughly when he comes in out of the cold. Dogs can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals if they lick their paws. Also, paw pads bleed when cut by snow or encrusted ice.

When you take your dog outside, stay out with your pet. If you're cold, it is probably too cold for the pet to stay out much longer as well.

For more information about winter safety, the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw or to report a bylaw infraction, please call 3-1-1 or visit [calgary.ca/animalservices](http://calgary.ca/animalservices).



## Shoveling for Safety

The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services would like to remind Calgarians that under the Street Bylaw (20M88) snow from private sidewalks cannot be shovelled on to the street. Snow must be piled on the homeowner's property. Piling snow from private property onto city streets creates numerous safety hazards. Children may see these snow piles as fun places to play, increasing the risk that they may slip and fall into traffic. Additionally, these snow piles can impede the flow of traffic, block the vision of drivers and hinder the collection of Blue Cart recycling bins and Black Cart garbage bins.

To access the Street Bylaw, report a bylaw infraction, or for more information about snow and ice removal, please call 3-1-1 or visit [calgary.ca/animalservices](http://calgary.ca/animalservices).



NHCA Communities: Country Hills, Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, Panorama Hills, Harvest Hills

## SLOPITCH REGISTRATION

February 1<sup>st</sup> Thru  
March 15th, 2011



Northern Hills Community Association is committed to providing a fun, non-competitive co-ed adult slopitch program.

Soccer Season Runs: May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

- Games will be played on Friday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- The season will run from April 22<sup>nd</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a maximum of 7 innings per game.
- The batting order will consist of 4 females and 6 males.
- Cost will be \$60 for NHCA members and \$90 for non-members.
- NHCA will provide diamonds, bases and 4 softballs per team.
- A trophy will be awarded at the end of the year with the winning team's name engraved.

Registration and Program Details can be found at

<http://www.northernhills.ab.ca/Sports>

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# Trees! Glorious Trees!



This year, the City will provide ten communities in Calgary with trees as partners in the NeighborWoods program of Urban Forest repair and replenishment. For 2011 the city has selected the Northern Hills communities to be a part of the program, which was developed to add more trees on residential streets, add aesthetic appeal, improve property values, and provide other benefits to neighbourhoods.

Under the program, residents may apply for trees to be planted on city property in front of, or adjacent to, their homes. This is a one-time offer.

from the city to help us repair and extend the urban forest in our communities and for individual residents to promote and participate in meaningful community-based environmental stewardship.

Residents simply call 3-1-1 to make arrangements with the city for a tree to be planted in front of their home. This is a volunteer based program and the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) will provide support to help advertise the program and get the initiative organized and underway. The rest is up to individual residents.

If you have the spirit to be a part of this unique opportunity and want to see expanded urban forest in our area please contact the NHCA through our office in Cardel Place or email us at [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca).

NHCA Board of Directors

## A Reminder To Scoop The Poop!!!

Ahhh...

winter is finally here with plenty of snow to cover over Fido's daily deposits on our pathways and streets. Not so fast pet owners! Just because it is winter and tomorrow's snowfall could eliminate the evidence... does not make it appropriate to leave the poop where it was placed by your dog.

Dog feces contain the same bacteria that is in human waste. People use toilets and have sewers and sewage treatment plants to protect the environment and drinking water. But when we don't pick up after our dogs we are depositing raw sewage on the fields where we play, the trails where we walk, and the streams where Fido often stops for a drink come springtime. Dog waste is NOT fertilizer.

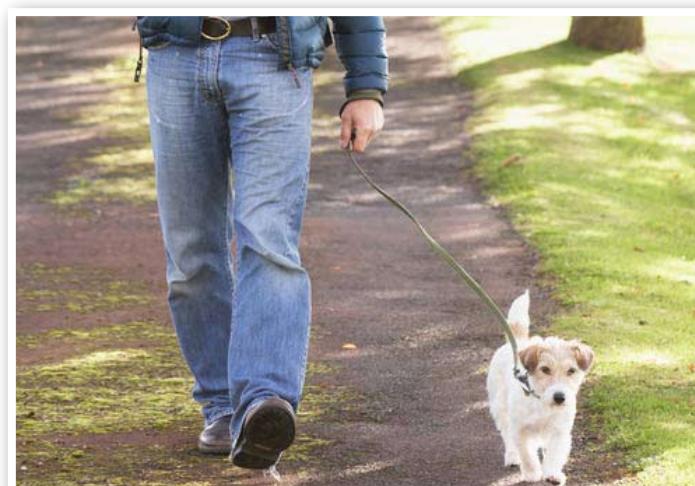
What is in Dog Waste?

### Some Common Diseases:

Roundworm, Giardia, Campylobacter, Leptospira, Tapeworm, Cryptosporidium, E. Coli, Fecal Coliforms

### Dog Waste is a Public Health Issue

Each of those listed above is a disease that humans can get! Adults may not roll in the fields, roll on the grass with our dogs, or touch the dog's toys and then our mouths because we understand how diseases are spread. Young children are not so



careful. If a child touches an object that has been in contact with dog feces and then touches their hand to their mouth, they could become infected with a disease.

Roundworm larva, if ingested by a human, can migrate throughout the body to organs such as the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart, or eyes. Roundworm larva can cause blindness.

#### Reasons to Scoop the Poop:

- To Protect local water quality
- To Protect our children from disease
- To Monitor your dog's health
- To Respect our community and the visitor experience
- It's the law in Calgary to pick up pet waste deposited in a public place

So, please, for the sake of your neighbourhoods, communities, and pets take the time to SCOOP THE POOP, especially in winter, because come next spring... yuccckkk!

## Older Adults We

## Want Your Feedback!



### A) Activities: Please check your top 3 activity choices:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Floor Curling             | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Tennis         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age Appropriate Exercises | <input type="checkbox"/> Qi-Gong              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laughter Yoga             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea & Conversations  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Running/Jogging Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga for Seniors          | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Club         |

### B) Workshops: Please check your top 3 workshop choices:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Astrology | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging     | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Health              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drumming  | <input type="checkbox"/> Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness  | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Trips                    |

### C) Classes: Please check your top 2 class choices:

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts (Knitting, scrapbooking, woodcarving, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Line/Ball Room Dancing                                    |

### D) Games: Please check your top 2 game choices:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scrabble        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mah-Jong   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trivial Pursuit | <input type="checkbox"/> Card Games |

### ❖ What is your age group?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-55 | <input type="checkbox"/> 61-65 | <input type="checkbox"/> 71-75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 81 + |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 56-60 | <input type="checkbox"/> 66-70 | <input type="checkbox"/> 76-80 |                               |

### ❖ Please rate your physical activity level.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Sedentary |
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### ❖ Will you be willing to pay a small fee to attend classes or workshops?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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### ❖ Would you be willing to assist with any of the above activities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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### ❖ If you have other ideas that are not on this list, please list them here:

Please leave your contact information, if you would like to be contacted for programs:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Harvest Hills Alliance Church

Your Community Church

### Two Service Sunday Worship at 9:15 & 11:00 am

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# Tidbits from the Federation of Calgary Communities ...

The following items which were obtained the Federation of Calgary Communities website might be relevant to residents of the Northern Hills.

## Management Review of Off-leash Dog Areas

The City of Calgary is reviewing its policies regarding off-leash dog parks through an Off-leash Area

Management Plan. If you have any questions, please call 311 or contact Natasha at engageinplanning@

calgarycommunities.com. If you decide to call 311, specifically mention the management review for offleash dog parks.

## Digital signs rules

As directed by Calgary Planning Commission in the spring, and after three consultations since August,

City staff are close to completing Land Use Bylaw rules for "digital" signs (present rules do not effectively

address these signs). This will affect third-party and regular commercial signs, also digital signs that might be put on community buildings, etc. We anticipate the proposal at CPC in December and Council tentatively February 7. A number of communities have expressed concerns about proliferation and location of digital signs. Some are also interested in employing them on their own buildings. This work is happening in advance of a more comprehensive review of sign policies generally, which is anticipated to next year. If you are interested in this or want more info please get in touch with NHCA or Federation of Calgary Communities.

## Updates to the Community Guide to the Planning Process

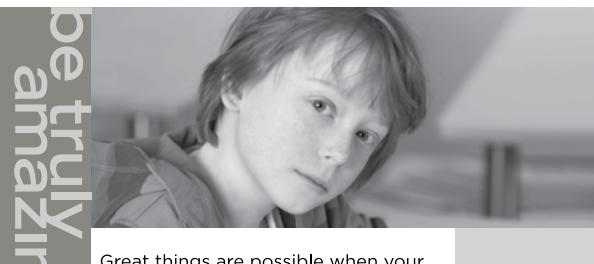
We have completed updates to this useful Guide. They are now posted on the website - linked from the

Planning page. You can print the changes and insert them into your binder, and copies will be available at the office and at PIP courses. If you come in the office, bring in your old binder so we can swap it with a new one. Some of the changes include a description of the new Municipal Development Plan ("Plan It"), and how it fits into planning decision-making on applications. We have also added some timely planning issues such as community gardens, special care facilities and good neighbour agreements, and surplus school sites.



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## Multi-residential changes to Council in New Year

Changes to multi-residential districts previously reported passed at CPC and will go to City Council

for a public hearing in January 10. Communities who were consulted and the Federation were generally supportive of the changes. For information, contact the Federation.

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# LIBRARY NEWS

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### FOR ADULTS ....

**Discover Your Style for Women**  
Learn the basic elements of style, and get tips about the best clothing options to wear for your body type. Presented by Image Consultant, Maria Doll on Tuesday, January 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Registration begins on December 20.

### CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AT YOUR LIBRARY - featuring Stan Climie and Laurie Radford.

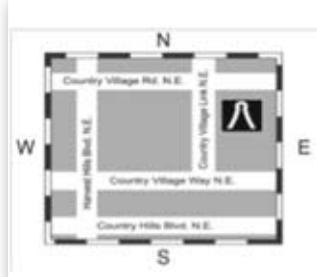
Enrich your listening experience by attending a live performance of contemporary concert music by Calgary composers. Presented by New Works Calgary ([www.newworkscalgary.ca](http://www.newworkscalgary.ca)) on Saturday January 22 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. No registration is required.

### FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES ...

**Design it Green!**  
Have fun engineering your own environmental inventions in this unique program combining science, art and environmental studies. Presented by the TELUS World of Science and generously sponsored by the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation. This program is for children ages 6 to 10 on Monday, January 24, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

### SNUGGLE UP AND READ ON FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Families that read together raise readers, and readers succeed. Join us on Thursday, January 27 from 2:15 – 2:45 p.m. for stories and rhymes in celebration of Family Literacy Day. This story time is for children ages 2 to 5 with a parent or caregiver.



**Happy New Year!!!** Have you made your resolutions yet? Maybe this is the year you would like to further your education or look into a new career. The Calgary Public Library has a great resource that can help steer you in the right direction.

**Career Cruising** is a database that features career assessment tools, occupational profiles and education and training information for Canada and the United States. Assistance with job search skills, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills and more is also available. Upcoming events and special features related to career exploration are displayed on this site as well.

Below are some of the options within the Career Cruising site:

- Take one of the three assessments which are: career matchmaker, skills and learning inventory.
- Search a particular career by name or subject and find information about the workplace, earnings, education or training, and more.
- Watch an interview with someone who works in that field.
- Learn about colleges and universities within Canada and the U.S. that interest you, learn about post secondary programs and apprenticeship training opportunities within Canada, and find financial aid and scholarships for post secondary.

To access Career Cruising you will need a valid library card and a computer with internet access. Just follow these steps to log-on:

### COUNTRY HILLS LIBRARY

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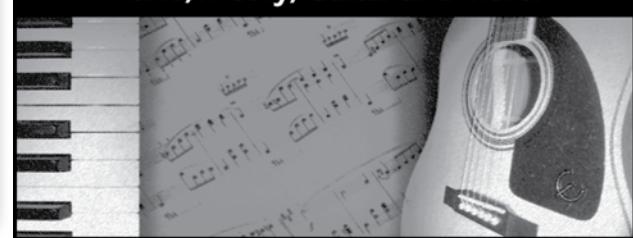


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1. Access our online membership registration at: [www.northernhills.ab.ca](http://www.northernhills.ab.ca) under the membership tab
2. In-person registration at the office
3. Mailing your membership form below to the office

### Membership Form

Mail to: NHCA, 11950 Country Village Link N.E. Cardel Place, Calgary AB T3K 6E3

**FEES:**  Family \$30     Single \$20     Senior (60+) \$20  
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- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Clean up          | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Slo-Pitch    | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business Fair         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fundraiser          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Soccer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Beautification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Soccer      | <input type="checkbox"/> AGM/Community Resource Fair |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti Abatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Development    |   |

#### Please indicate what activities you would like to see in your community:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adult Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Ice Rinks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Soccer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                |  |  |

Would you like us to contact you about volunteer opportunities in your community?  yes  no

- Visit our webpage at: [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com)
- Click on the "E-Library" tab.
- Under the "Subject Find" heading, Click on "Business, Directories, Investment & Careers".
- Choose "Career Cruising".
- When prompted, enter your library barcode number (from the back of your library card) and your pin (usually the last four digits of your phone number)

If you have any questions while accessing this resource call us during regular hours of operation at 403-260-2600.

**Country Hills Library will be closed New Years Day**

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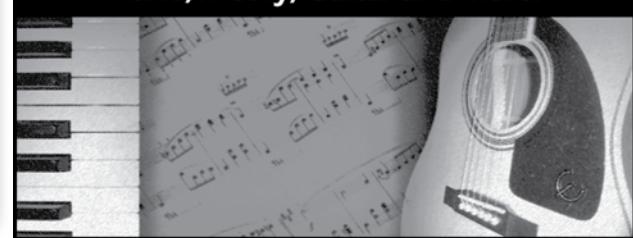


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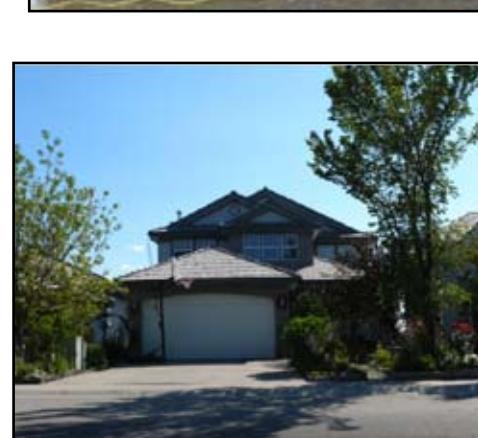
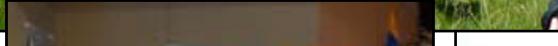
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# NHCA 2010 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

Well, it's another year gone and a New Year just begun! And, since 2010 was a very successful year at the NHCA it warrants a quick look back at what was undertaken and accomplished. The following is a brief listing of the more prominent events and activities undertaken by the NHCA in 2010. As we get ready for 2011, it is considered that many of these activities and events will be continued, upgraded or expanded along with some great new initiatives consistent with our mandate and growth plans. So here is a quick trip down memory lane as we look forward to an even better 2011 at the NHCA:

## Community Engagement

- E-Cycle (Partnership with Panorama E-Community – April)
- Nominate a Neighbour's Yard (August)
- Northern Lights Christmas Contest (December)
- Beautification of several community entrance features
- Expansion of the "Value-Added" Program with increased membership
- Community Garden implemented in Harvest Hills



## Newsletter and Website

- Updates and improvements to newsletter format
- New website with enhanced features

## Advocacy: City of Calgary and Elected Representatives Liaison

- Stay and Play
- Skate Park
- Police Liaison
- Graffiti Abatement
- Liaison with Alderman's, MLA and CBE Trustee Offices
- Public Library
- Public Service Announcements
- Cardel Place

## Sports

- Recreational Soccer League (about 1200 children – up from 980 children in 2009)
- Adult slopitch league initiated and off the ground

## Events

- Stampede breakfasts (NHCA participation in 3 breakfasts)
- Garage Sale (restructured and expanded to great success)
- First Annual Fundraiser and Dance (Country Hills Golf Club)
- All Candidates Forum (in conjunction with Harvest Hills Alliance Church and Civicamp)

## Planning and Development

- Airport Expansion EIA Noise Consultation Committee (ongoing)
- Development Permit and Land Use Applications Reviews
  - Aurora Business Park
  - Stoney Industrial Park
  - 96th Avenue Extension (due to complete in 2011)
- Resource Fair (with AGM in March 2010)

## Board Development and Strategic Planning

- 2010 operational business plans and budgets established in January/February 2010
- Updated and revised business plans and initiatives developed for 2011 (November 2010)

## Membership

- About 1500 memberships in 2010 (up from about 1000 in 2009)
- Developed committee concerned with interests of older adults

It is with great pride and pleasure that The NHCA board of Directors extends a great big Thank You to all of the people and businesses who donated their time, effort, and financial support to help progress and develop our vision for growth in our communities. If 2010 is any indication, 2011 is poised to be a another great year for ongoing and expanding initiatives and activities. We look forward to your continued support and wish you all a happy, safe and prosperous New Year!

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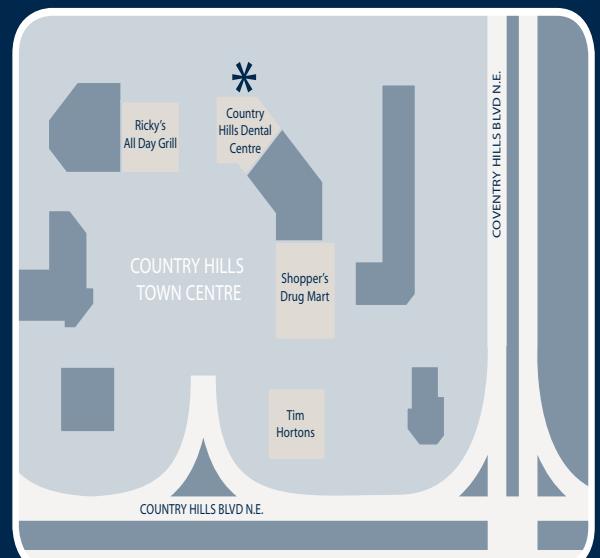
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