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The 2015 AGM: Community Heroes and Squeaky Wheels

As regular readers will know, the NHCA held its 2015 Annual General Meeting on April 14th at Harvest Hills Alliance Church. We were really pleased to see so many new faces and old friends, but had hoped to see many more.

Thank you to those who did participate. We know that bylaws changes are boring, a necessary evil if you will, but we hope that we made up for it with our Community Q&A, the celebration of the 2015 Community Heroes of the Northern Hills, and some awesome door prizes! Thanks to Applebee's Northpointe, Good Earth Coventry Hills, Save On Foods Panorama, Starbucks Coventry Hills, and Vivo for these prizes, and to our sponsors, Starbucks Coventry Hills and Save On Foods.

Community Heroes

Each year, community volunteers are nominated for their outstanding service to the Northern Hills, and are awarded the Toole Peet Community Hero Award by the Federation of Calgary Communities. This year's recipients were:

- Jeffrey Clark Lechelt, posthumously by his wife, a volunteer soccer coach who coached through three years of cancer treatments and surgeries, but who never said a thing, all for the love of the game and the kids.



- Brice Bouwa, our Community Enhancement Director, who single-handedly flooded and maintained our outdoor rinks for two years running, and planted some of our community gates all by himself. Brice loves our community and is always willing to lend a helping hand, quietly working in the

We cannot thank these exceptional volunteers enough.

Squeaky Wheels

We had hoped this year's Community Q&A was the ideal opportunity for the many, many residents who are asking for a public high school on social media to have voiced their request directly to the CBE or our MLA's office, as they were both represented at our AGM.

At the end of March we asked the question on Facebook, "What would you say are the greatest needs in the community?". To date it has reached 1,941



people and there have been all kinds of answers, ranging from a public high school (currently top of the list), a health centre and a community centre (tied at second place), pedestrian crossing lights, LRT, off leash dog parks, leisure spaces (such as an outdoor rink with boards, more indoor ice, an indoor roller rink and indoor soccer pitches), to more neighbourly activities, protected park space, paved pathways, and much, much more.

We are really encouraged to see the recent engagement of our

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background, never complaining and shy to accept praise.

- Maria Luz Bolo, who puts in countless hours each month as a volunteer to make sure our articles are written on time and that our newsletter remains relevant and interesting for the readership. Luz is the epitome of dedication and passion.
- David Hartwick, our longest-serving Director and volunteer, who has been giving up most of his spare time to making the Northern Hills a better place to live, work and play for well over a decade, selflessly advocating to make our community the best it can be.

May 2nd-5th : NHCA Kids' Outdoor Soccer starts

May 14th : Vivo/NHCA Indoor Community Garage Sale

May | Thursdays : Northern Hills Parentlink drop-in at Vivo (see ad inside)

June 11th : NHCA & Panorama E-Centre Annual Community Clean Up

June 18th : All Sport One Day at Vivo (a.m.)

June 18th : Neighbour Day NHCA & Vivo Walk/Bike/Drive-In Movie (p.m.)

For up to date community news and events, visit www.northernhills.ab.ca or follow us on Twitter @northernhills / like us on Facebook: northernhillscalgary

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From the President

Thank you to all the members and guests who attended the AGM. We had some bylaws that we needed approved from the membership, as some of our bylaws were very old and out of date and we have been meaning to clean these up for a couple of years now.

We also gave away some community hero awards that evening (see this month's "The 2015 AGM: Com-

munity Heroes and Squeaky Wheels" article for details). We would like to thank these individuals, who are part of the reason that the Northern Hills is such a dynamic and amazing community!

The closure of the Harvest Hills Golf Course is ongoing. We have been meeting with all City Councilors and ensuring that they are fully aware of the impact the closure of the golf

course and redevelopment will have on our communities. We also met with the Mayor and updated him on the issues surrounding this proposed development.

Look out for notices in the community for the upcoming final open house, and sign up to receive updates from the City at: www.calgary.ca/PDA/pd/Pages/Current-studies-and-ongoing-activities/Harvest-Hills-Golf



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NHCA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following programs and services need your help!

Please contact us if you are interested in:

- UPCOMING EVENTS – The NHCA needs volunteers to help us at these upcoming events:
 - Community Indoor Garage Sale (May 14th) – we could use a few people to help set up tables the day before, help at the NHCA tent during the event, and help with take down afterwards.
 - Community Clean Up (June 11th) – we need help with setting up, handing out clean-up kits to resident volunteers, help with directing cars on the day, and take-down.
 - Neighbour Day Walk/Bike/Drive-in Movie (June 18th) – we will need help with set up and take down, plus some stewards during the evening.

If you can help with any of these, please contact: moraig.mccabe@northernhills.ab.ca

- BOARD MEMBERS – The NHCA is always on the lookout for residents with a passion for community. Could you help guide the strategic goals of the NHCA? Contact either president@northernhills.ab.ca or 1vp@northernhills.ab.ca to find out more.
- AT HOME IN THE HILLS – This group is an initiative to assist new residents to the Northern Hills, whether they be from another community in Calgary, another City or Province or a different country entirely! 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/or perhaps speak another language, this could be a wonderful opportunity to help out new neighbours! Contact Allan at: ahih@northernhills.ab.ca



"Did You Know In the Hills?" Contest!

This month's trivia question is:

What is the name of Shauna's new kitty?

Please send your answer, the article title and page number, along with your name, contact information and NHCA membership number to: editor@northernhills.ab.ca.



Each of our winners win two Landmark Cinemas passes and a \$50 gift card to Applebee's restaurant!

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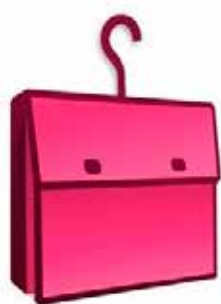
purchase membership online at <https://www.compusim.com/nhca/membership/> and existing members whose membership has expired will also be able to renew their membership at the above web address.

*Note that only current members of the NHCA will be entered in the draw.

The winners of the "Did You Know in the Hills?" trivia question sponsored by Applebee's and Empire Theatres for the month of April is: Tony Bews, Congratulations!

The answer was "On April 14 at 7:00 PM" and can be found on page 5 of the April 2016 Northern Edge News in the article "2015 Annual General Meeting." Thank you to all of you who submitted your answers, and we look forward to your continued participation.

Thank you to the lovely people at Applebee's and Landmark Cinemas for sponsoring our contest for another year!



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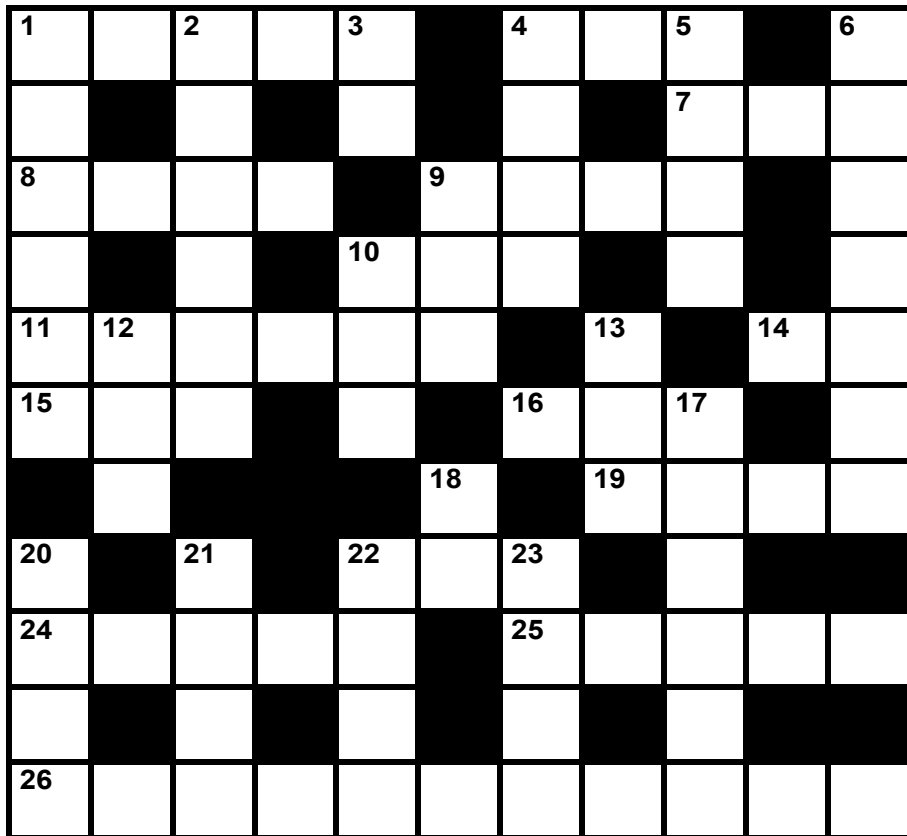
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Lovely flowers for Mothers' Day
 - 4 Mothers name in the family
 - 7 Some time earlier
 - 8 Make a meal
 - 9 Nice color for Mothers Day cards
 - 10 Buddy
 - 11 Cute
 - 14 Go ___ the park
 - 15 Mom could put a ring in it
 - 16 Tree that is always green
 - 19 Sound from your pet dog
 - 22 Where mom likes to go to chill out
 - 24 It means love on a card
 - 25 Sweet stuff
 - 26 Girl who supports the football team
- DOWN**
- 1 List of things you need to make a meal
 - 2 Baby ___; it's a little party for a baby coming soon
 - 3 Mom is ___ cool!
 - 4 What the postman brings
 - 5 Create
 - 6 Message to mom maybe (2 words)
 - 9 Give money for something
 - 10 Group helping out the school
 - 12 Piece of sun
 - 13 BBQ food
 - 17 Dropped water from the sky
 - 18 ___ load
 - 20 Like clothes everyone likes
 - 21 What you put flowers in
 - 22 Idol favorite
 - 23 Heart ___ (love problem)

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For more information on how to get involved please contact:

Harvest Hills Community Garden
harvestgarden@northernhills.ab.ca

Coventry Hills Community Garden
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Visit the NHCA website at
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call the NHCA office at 403 226 6422.

Your Area has a Garden Group

by Yvonne Steenveld and MJ Arias

Did you know that there is an active garden group in your community? If your May long weekend means starting gardening, or if going to the garden centre is the highlight of your day, still yet if spending time working in your gardening is enjoyable and an absolute pleasure then you are totally not the only one!

Harvest Hills, Country Hills, and Coventry Hills have a group whose members surely love to garden, just like you! We meet once a month from May to October to share tips and resources

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about gardening, such as:

- Plant and seed exchange events twice a season
- Landscaping ideas
- Gardening Centre field trips/

garden tours

- Presentations on seasonal gardening ideas
- Gardening ideas and tips
- Problem solving around pest and disease control and problems

Whether you are new to gardening or you were born in the cabbage patch, we would gladly welcome you. To join the group, please email harvestgarden@northernhills.ab.ca and coventrygarden@northernhills.ab.ca so we can add you to our next scheduled event!

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THIS SUMMER, LOOK OUT FOR...

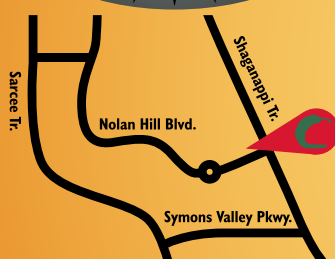
The NHCA will be hosting a series of pop-up BBQs in our communities throughout the summer. Join us, and your neighbours, for some fun, food, or just a friendly chat!

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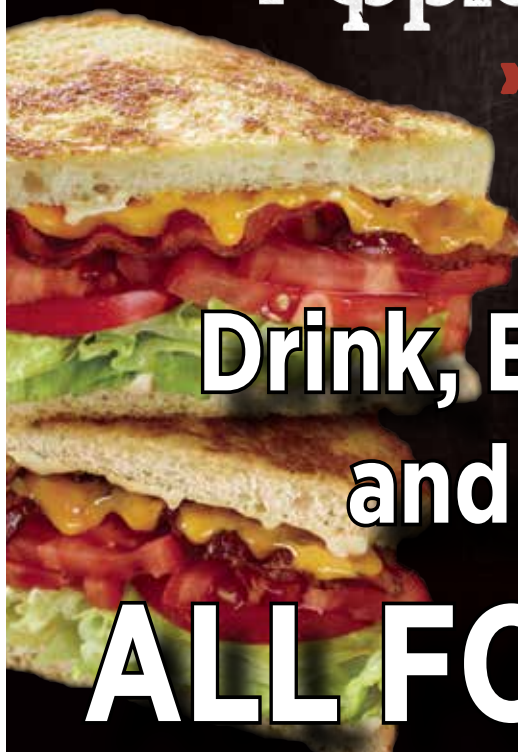
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community residents on various Facebook groups, to see neighbours helping neighbours, to see residents organising their own clean up, and we were happy to hear at our AGM from the community members in Coventry who have stepped up to create safer neighbourhoods, with CPS (see the Blockwatch article below). This really is awesome. However, we are still going to ask you for more.

We know we have asked this many times over the years, but with all the things our community still wants and needs, and at a time when a major residential development is being considered on the Harvest Hills golf course that could add thousands more people to the community, with tens of

thousands more due to move into the new, residential developments north of Stoney Trail, we want you to STEP UP, SPEAK UP, and SIGN UP (as an NHCA member). Please contact your Councillor, your MLA and your MP and let them know that the residents of North Central Calgary are important, too. Let them know why you need the health centre, the high school, the LRT, and the VIVO expansion; or why you don't want dense, residential development on the Harvest Hills golf course. Don't know where to send a letter? No problem! Their contact details are in this newsletter. For traffic and bylaw issues you can even let them know through the City of Calgary 311 app...

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Blockwatch

by Coventry Blockwatch Leaders, CPS & NHCA

Crime is something we are all becoming more aware of in Northern Hills. It may appear like crime is increasing, but as crime is reported in more digital and social media, we are becoming more aware. Crime for the first two months of 2016 in the Northern Hills is actually down compared to the first two months of 2015.

Primarily, the thefts that are occurring are due to unlocked vehicles, unlocked house doors, open windows and unlocked fence gates. The majority of crimes that occur in our community are preventable.

What can you do to protect your family and yourself? As a community, we are safer if we are watching out for each other. Get to know your neighbours. Get their telephone numbers and give yours out so they can alert you to criminal activity. You can download this useful neighbour card to keep the information readily available: <https://calgarycommunities.com/content/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/My-Neighbour-Card.pdf> or pick up a printed card from outside the Northern Hills Community Association office at VIVO.

You can also start a Blockwatch community by creating a text chat with everyone's cell phone numbers so you can all communicate if there is suspicious criminal activity in your community. Whats App™ is a good text chat application that can be used on multiple mobile platforms, and there are multiple Coventry Hills Blockwatch groups successfully using this app. You can also create a Facebook group site so all the neighbours in your area can keep aware of what is occurring.

In Coville, a neighbourhood within Coventry Hills, where a block watch has been running for 6 months, they have seen crime go down from 14 criminal events (car prowling, car theft, residential B&E) in a month to 1 criminal event per month or in some months no event. This has been achieved by all the citizens in the neighbourhood getting to know the neighbours around them, and watching out for each other. They have also become aware of existing criminal activity through the Coville Facebook Block Watch site and they have been securing their valuables (car doors, house doors, fence gates). There are video camera systems that immediately inform citizens of criminal activity via motion detection, and alerts are sent to cell phones so CPS can be immediately informed. Watch members are actively patrolling the area at all times of the day and night to inform CPS of criminal activity. These groups are sending all video, photos of

footprints and any criminal evidence to Steve Kelly #3216, our local CPS Community Resource Officer.

For Coventry Hills residents, there is a useful crime awareness Facebook site that has been created to keep everyone informed: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHWatchdogs/>. We suggest all community members in Coventry Hills join this site to become aware of criminal activity. We also recommend to other neighbourhoods within Northern Hills to create something similar and share what you are seeing. If you go into the Files section on the Watchdog site, you will find Facebook Block Watch pages created for every area of Coventry Hills.

Valuable Information can be found on the Northern Hills Community Association website <http://www.northernhills.ab.ca/blockwatch/> which we will try to keep up to date. Report all suspicious activities. If a vehicle or person appears out of place, please go with your instincts and call the police. Non-Emergency (403)266-1234. Emergency 911. It is very important to contact CPS before posting or texting with other community members on suspicious criminal activity. You may think that the footprints and video you have shared with your community Facebook group is not important, but this can mean catching a criminal. Please send your crime info to Steve Kelly #3216 at the Coventry Hills Calgary Police Detachment. SKelly@calgarypolice.ca. 403-567-6743

Crime prevention tips from CPS:

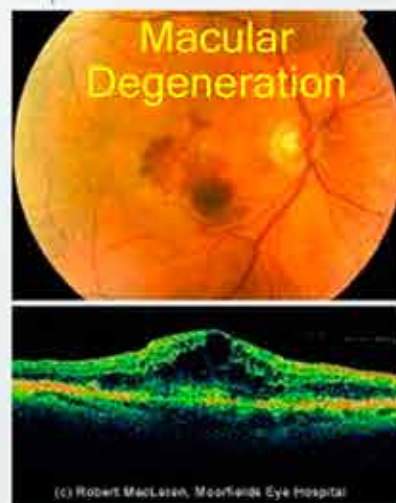
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by Federation of Calgary
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2. Be aware of your surroundings.
3. Listen to your instincts. Something that doesn't look or seem right probably isn't.
4. Walk facing the traffic.
5. Stay away from shrubbery, darkened doorways, and alleys.
6. Avoid using headphones so you are aware of the sounds around you.
7. Wear colors that are bright and reflect light.
8. Walk in well-lit areas.
9. Bring a friend or your dog with you for company.
10. Have fun!

For more information on walking alone or starting a community walking group, please check out our walking guide resource called Around The Block: Let's Walk! You can find the walking guide on the Federation of Calgary Communities website www.calgarycommunities.com



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Saturday: 8:00 am - Men's Bible Study

This Summer:

July 3 - One Service Sundays begin at 10:00 am.

July 10 - Free Stampede Breakfast from 9 am - 11 am.



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Update from CFRD

by Ray Crockett, *Calgarians for Responsible Development*

As I write this article we have a letter writing campaign underway that has gone well, with the City of Calgary again getting the message that the residents of Northern Hills and the Golf community city-wide do not support this proposed development. A huge thank you to everyone who wrote letters in opposition to this ill-conceived development.

As it sits today, the City has done another Detailed Team Review (DTR) which again asks QuantumPlace Development Inc. (QPD) to make some significant changes to the plan to reduce density. The City and Municipal Development Plan (MDP) recommend:

- 8 units per acre. QPD has 10.7 units per acre in their second amended plan.

- the removal of the cul-de-sacs on holes 3 & 4 of the course
- increase rail safety measures
- provide more green space with amenities
- resolve property boundary issues
- resolution of conservation issues such as storm water management and tree retention.

QPD has not dealt with these issues to the satisfaction of the City of Calgary Planning department and residents of Harvest hills in their first two submissions. Perhaps we will see a significant change in their third submission. QPD is hoping to present to the Calgary Planning Commission in May and then to City Council for final approval in July. This is exceedingly optimistic so we can only speculate as to why Cedarglen Homes has decided to not open Harvest Hills Golf Course

this season.

From the perspective of the Calgarians for Responsible Development (CFRD) we are focusing on stopping this development. But we want to make sure that the proposal adheres to the spirit of the MDP. This plan defines City Council's vision for the future of Calgary. In order for the City to achieve the vision, they need to make sure that all developments contribute positively to the MDP. We do not believe this proposed development is of any benefit to our community and we do not believe that it meets the core goals of the city's Municipal Development Plan nor the Calgary Transportation Plan. The proposed development would need to:

- Contribute to the local economy,
- Add density as prescribed by the city 8 units per acre and not 10.7 units per acre as submitted by QPD. High density is also to be provided within a 10 minute walk of a major transit corridor such as the Green Line, which, realistically, is several years away.

- Create great communities where the new development is to create a better more complete community for existing and future residents.
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We believe it will not make Calgary a livable, attractive, memorable and functional city; in fact it will detract from the City of Calgary as a whole.

CFRD has done a detailed analysis of the proposed development vs. The MDP (the full report is available on our website, <http://www.calgarians4rd.com/>). The second submission rates, at best (and this is generous), a "D" grade because the outline plan focuses on increasing density without providing other amenities, has significant safety risks due to its proximity to the railway and is not supported by a major transit corridor. If City Council is serious about achieving the vision in the MDP, our goal is that they recommend against approval of this proposed land use designation.

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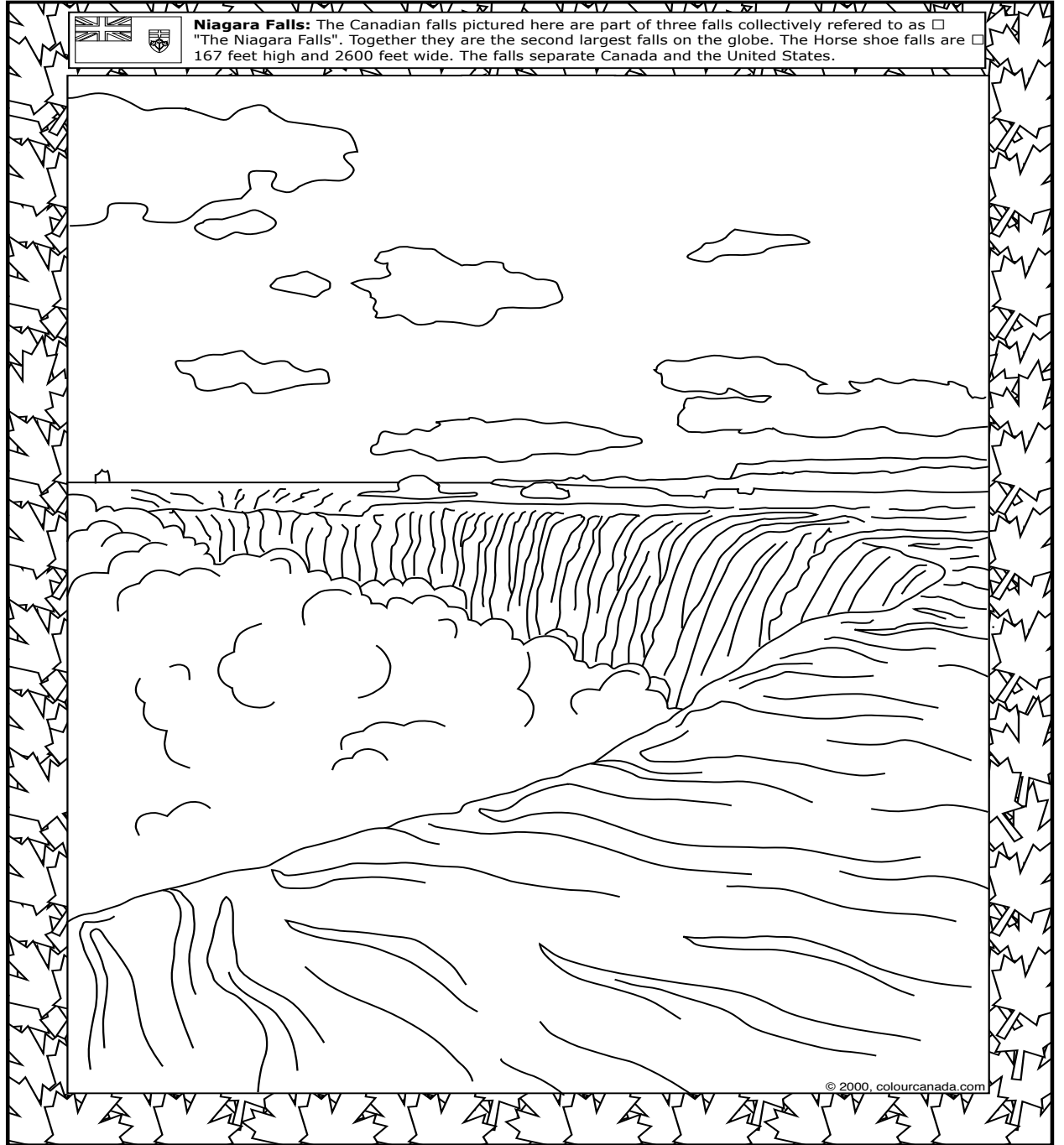


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Library News

A Few of the May Programs at the Country Hills Library

* **CAREER COACHING** Drop in for one-on-one help with job search skills, take part in practice interviews, revamp your résumé or craft that all important cover letter. Sign up on the day on a first-come, first-served basis. May 7, 1:30 PM, No registration required. 120 min

* **MINERAL MANIA** Have fun looking at all sorts of rocks and minerals, learn how they are formed, do a streak test, make a volcano, pan for gems, and take home your treasure. Presented by Mad Science. May 19, 4:30 PM, 60 min, ages 5 – 12

* **SCHOOL'S OUT ALL DAY** Drop in to the Library anytime on your PD Day for games, crafts, and other fun activities. May 20, 10:00 AM, No registration required. 6 hours, ages 6 – 12

ART AT THE LIBRARY

Calgary Public Library provides free space for art exhibits at six locations, including Country Hills Library. Artists are invited to submit their work for exhibition.

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<https://calgarylibrary.ca/art-in-the-library-online-form/>

For more information, you may contact the Customer Service Manager of Country Hills Library at 11950 Country Village Link NE Calgary, AB T3K 6E5. Phone: 403.221.2040.

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Messages From Your Elected Representatives



Ward 3
Councillor Jim
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What is a Community Association?

A community association is a volunteer group made up of your neighbours that are dedicated to making the community a great place to live. They organize events such as BBQ's that bring together residents and help to create a sense of community. The community association also plays an important role as the voice of the community when communicating with The City on many things such as planning issues, transportation concerns, parks and green spaces.

Purchasing a membership is a great way to show your support for the work that the commu-

nity association does for the residents. The money that the community association brings in supports events and projects such as:

- Adding or enhancing a playground;
- Putting in a park bench;
- Enhancing community recreation options with tennis courts and skating rinks;
- Creating a community garden ... and more!

If you are interested in purchasing a membership or volunteering, contact your community association and find out how to get involved!

Important Information for Calgary Homeowners

Are you a new homeowner? When your home is built, City of Calgary inspectors ensure it is safe and meets Alberta's safety codes but a technically-sound building depends on many factors beyond following building regulations.

As a homeowner, you should ask many ques-

tions about the quality, safety and bylaw rules about your home before you move in.

The City's new web guide for Calgarians offers tips and important information about home maintenance, renovations, inspections, development rules and more. Visit calgary.ca/myhome.

As always, I welcome your calls and emails so if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office for assistance. Also, please visit my website for updated information on the various issues that affect residents of Ward 3: calgary.ca/ward3.

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Ward 4 Councillor
Sean Chu
Greetings Ward

How safe is your backyard fire pit?

Backyard fire pits are great places to gather and share good times in Calgary's summer months, but these great times can quickly become tragic if you aren't safe.

The City of Calgary has bylaw standards to help minimize some of the dangers of your backyard fire pit, or outdoor fireplace, wood burning oven or chimneys. The Calgary Fire Department also has a number of tips to help prevent anyone from getting hurt.

Safety tips and bylaw regulations

- Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-resistant container.
- Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck.
- Fire pits must be at least two metres away



from your property line, house, garage, or fence.

- Fire pits must not be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.
- Always have a way to put out the fire close to your fire pit. Easy options are your watering hose or a bucket of water.
- All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; under 1 metre high and wide. This helps ensure the fire's embers, sparks or smoke do not harm anyone or cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

- All fires in your fire pit must be continually supervised.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., unless prohibited in a fire ban.
- Do not burn:
 - Painted, treated or lumber containing glue or resin
 - Wet, or green/fresh cut wood
 - Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
 - Garbage
 - Rubber
 - Plastic
 - Furniture

Always check www.calgary.ca/firebans to ensure no fire bans are in effect, which may caution against or forbid using fire pits. Remember, you can be fined from \$500 to \$5,000 for not following Calgary's fire pit bylaws (5M2004) or the instructions of fire bans. Learn more about Calgary fire pit safety and Bylaws by visiting calgary.ca and searching the term 'fire pits'.

Best regards,
Councillor Sean Chu
Communications & Community Liaison Ward 4
ward04@calgary.ca



Calgary-Northern Hills
MLA
Jamie Kleinsteuber

Greetings, residents of Calgary-Northern Hills,

On May 8th, I would like to give a shout out to all mothers to recognize their unwavering commitment to their family and community, and their unconditional love. Happy Mother's Day!

Maiden Speech

In the second week of the current session of the Legislative Assembly, I delivered my maiden speech about the transportation, health, and education needs of Calgary-Northern Hills. The constituency is playing catch-up after two decades of rapid growth, and shortfalls in capital investment. As MLA, I promise to work with our community

members and organizations to advocate for more schools, a much-needed community health centre, and the construction of the LRT Green Line.

If you would like to see the full 15-minute speech, please visit me on Facebook at Calgary-Northern Hills MLA or Twitter @jamieKmla.

Community Initiatives Program and Community Facility Enhancement Program

Across Alberta, non-profit organizations have received matching grants through the Community Initiatives Program (CIP) and the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP). These grants help community-based non-profits deliver important programs, and provide access to community facilities. I am pleased to announce three grants have been awarded in our constituency. The Nose Creek Sports and Recreation Association received a CIP grant to support program development. They also received a CFEP grant to assist with facility renovations. As well, Panorama Hills School received a CIP grant to support the school's technology upgrades.

I would like to congratulate both recipients for their successful applications, and their hard work raising matching funds. Please do not hesitate to contact me or stop by the office, if you would like more information about community grants.

2016 Stampede Breakfast

We are happy to announce that we are partnering with local volunteers, and our friends at Vivo, to host the annual Northern Hills Stampede Breakfast on Saturday July 9th from 8:30 to 10:30am. Please stop by for a pancake feast, Bouncy Castle, line dancing, and draw prizes. Once again, this event will be held at the Vivo East parking lot. Y'all welcome to join us in your best western tack. To volunteer and/or sponsor this event, please contact Nicole Dawe at (403) 567-4473 or ndawe@vivo.ca.

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Cat Tail has Happy Ending...

by Shauna Careddu

Our story started off on a sad note: it was Valentine's Day when our family had to say goodbye to our kitty companion of 12 years, as he had reached the advanced stage of kidney disease. The staff at our local Harvest Hills vet clinic were compassionate, kind and supportive through our cat's illness and eventual passing. In the following days and weeks, the house felt empty and sad. Was it too soon to bring another furry companion into our lives? Tears still flowed easily, but we decided to explore the possibility.

Initially our family visited cats at some of the local shelters. Through the process, we learned about various animal rescue

foundations in Calgary, but our journey led us off the beaten track to a shelter in Crossfield, just a short drive north of Calgary. Tails to Tell currently has over 80 cats available for adoption, and we were encouraged to spend time with the cats to ensure that a good, mutual match was made. We were looking for a "kid friendly" kitty who wouldn't mind being loved and hugged (maybe a little too much), so this worked well. Many friendly cats greeted us at the door but there were also a number of timid, shy cats, some still learning to trust. Each cat has a unique story and personality, for example, Oreo with his funny black beard who is finally letting the shelter volunteers pet him after 3

years, and pretty Teri who runs up to greet visitors, hoping for a nice, warm lap to settle in. There are kittens, as well as cats who have been at the shelter since it opened its doors in 2010, patiently waiting for their forever families. Tails to Tell is entirely volunteer run. Edna, the shelter owner, knows each cat by name, and can describe every feline personality in the place!

If you are considering adopting a cat, we are fortunate to have a number of local shelters such as Tails to Tell, Meow Foundation, Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society, and the Calgary Humane Society.

Our story ends on a happy note, as we recently brought home our new



kitty, Sparkles. She has quickly become a beloved member of our family. Sure we learned the hard way not to leave popcorn and margarine unattended, but hey – no one is purrfect! (Predictable, I know, but I had to throw that in somewhere!)



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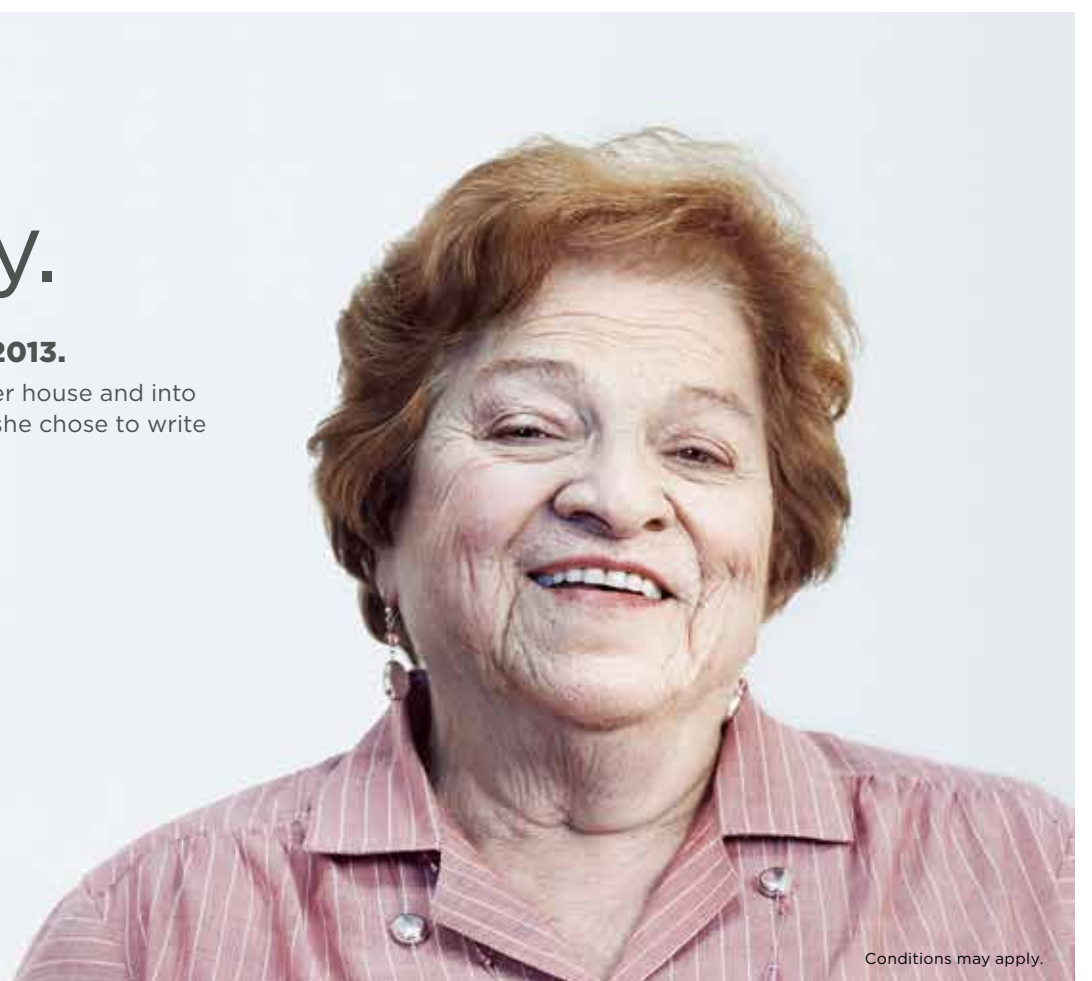
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A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

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- Front yard BBQ
- Block party
- Community potluck/

- picnic
- Movie in the park
- Community clean-up
- Neighbourhood walking tour
- Paint the pavement event
- Community garden party
- And so much more!

The idea is to meet one another, make new friends, have fun, and maybe work together on a project that benefits the entire community. So make Saturday, June 18, 2016 the day you get to

know your neighbours! And don't forget to share your experiences on social media using the hashtag #yycNeighbourDay.

Visit calgary.ca/NeighbourDay for more information, ideas, and resources to help you with your Neighbour Day activities!



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A May Safety Tip from your Calgary Fire Department

Today's potting soils contain large volumes of peat moss. When peat moss gets too dry, it becomes highly flammable. On top of that, you'll often find shredded wood, bark, Styrofoam, vermiculite, and fertilizer in potting mix. Like peat moss, all of these ingredients ignite easily under dry conditions.

Over the past number of years we have received numerous 911 calls from citizens who have witnessed potting soil fires on the exterior of homes. These fires are typically attributed to the careless disposal of smoking materials. If any of your friends or family smoke, ensure that you have an appropriate, non-combustible

container to place the cigarette butt in. Cigarette butts that have been disposed of in a planter can smoulder for hours and may cause a fire when you least expect it...possibly when you're asleep!

A few simple precautions will help to keep your home safe:


- Do not butt out cigarettes in any potted planters
- Make sure smokers have a safe place to dispose of their butts, indoors and outdoors, so they aren't tempted to use your pot of geraniums instead.
- Keep potting soil and pot-

ted plants away from other combustible materials such as firewood, stacks of old newspapers, aerosols, paint solvents, gasoline and cleaning products.

- Make sure the soil around your potted plants stays moist. Keep in mind that the soil in pots dries out more quickly than soil in garden beds, so plan on more frequent watering.

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Sudoku puzzle ANSWERS

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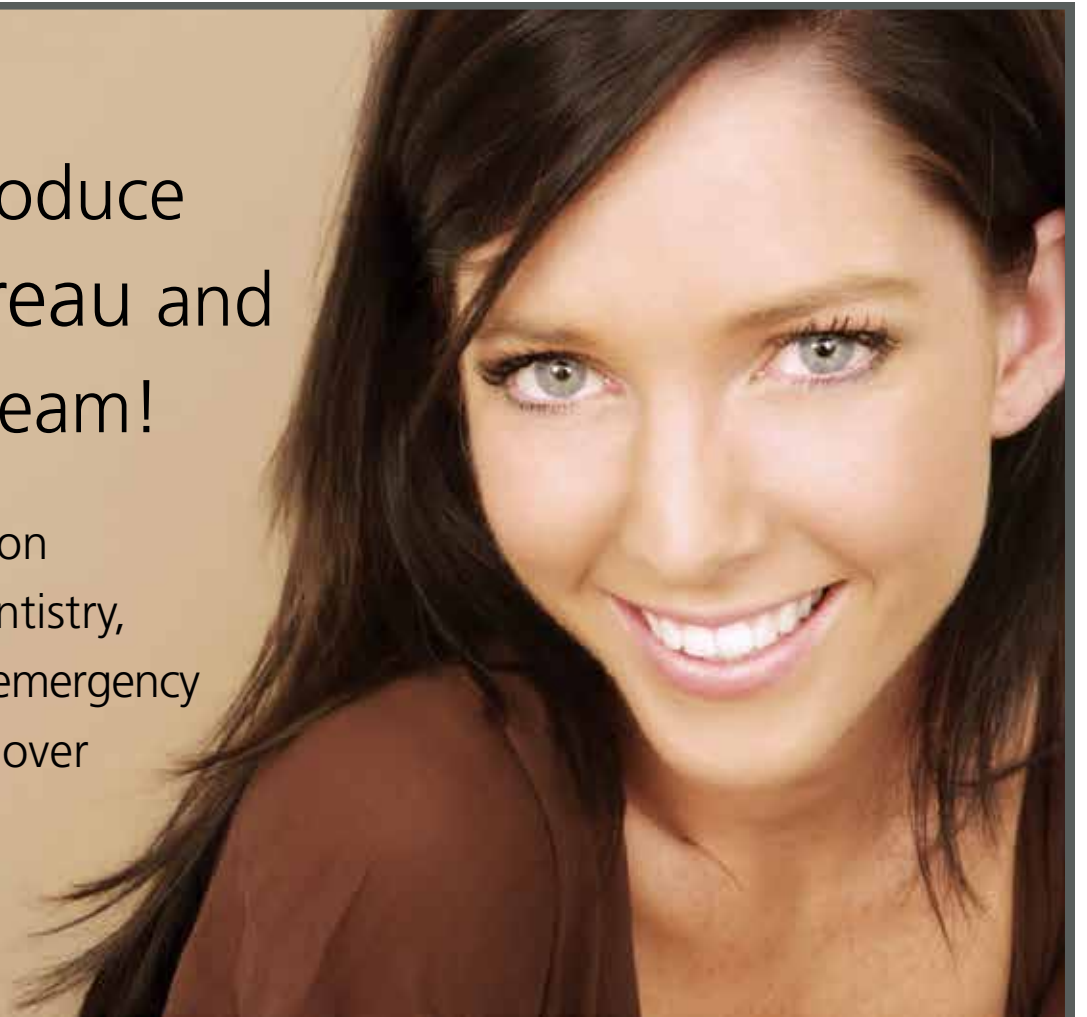
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Dr. Seto is happy to introduce Dr. Maria Chan-Goudreau and Dr. Tonny Tang to the team!

Dr. Chan-Goudreau's primary focus is on children and comprehensive family dentistry, while Dr. Tang focuses on cosmetic and emergency dentistry. Our new dentists both have over 10 years experience.



For your convenience we are now offering evening appointments and direct billing to insurance

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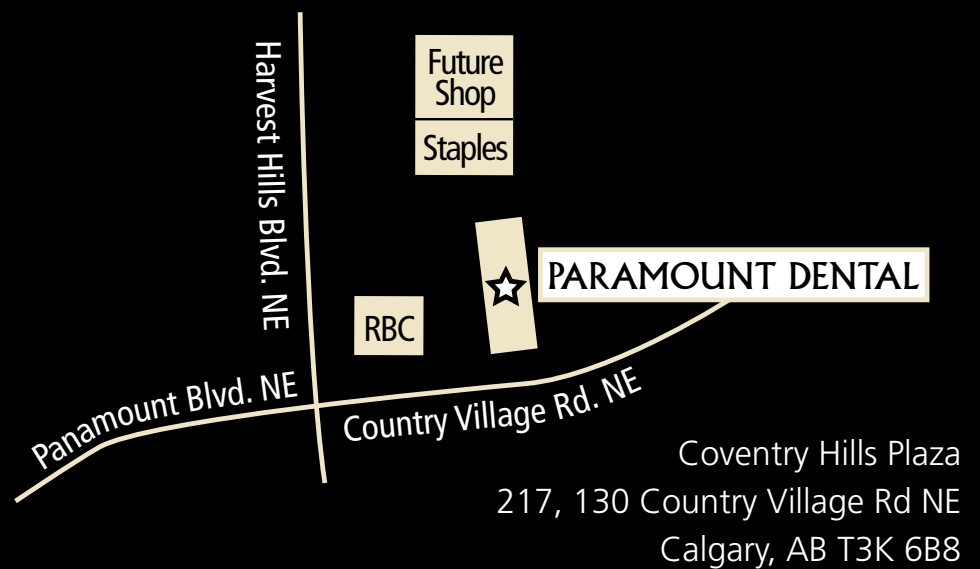
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