

# Northern Edge News



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## Beautifying Harvest Hills Gate

By MJ Arias

It seemed like the spring rains were never going to end this year and a crew of anxious volunteers waited for a break in the weather for spring planting. If you haven't already noticed, the gate at the Harvest Hills community entrance has had its third season of improvements. While other Northern Hills communities enjoy professional landscaping companies, Harvest Hills is one of a few Northern Hills communities that rely on the strength of volunteerism to make the pleasure of a welcoming garden a reality.

This process has had its ups and downs. We briefly enjoyed a promising business sponsorship that failed to continue in the manner we had hoped for, and another local business is still not living up to their responsibility to care for the opposing side of the gate entrance to the community but...

The commitment of your neighbours to making our community a better place to live is amazing. Last year our volunteer watering crew had the pleasure of meeting Ken. He lives a few doors down from the gates



and assisted us the entire growing season by caring for our hoses and gear. Often, after a hurried watering before heading out to work, Ken would usher me away and roll up the hoses for storage. He is a real caretaker of the block in many ways. You may see him out there mowing lawns well down the block because he cares enough to help make his neighbourhood a better place to live.

The neighbour on the corner of the gate has allowed us to use her water supply to keep our plants looking healthy for the past two years.

When the gate was victimized by a hit and run driver, Dale and Doran answered the call to pull out the crumpled gate and posts and haul them away to the dump.

A cast of dedicated gardeners have shopped for, trans-



ported, planted, weeded and watered those tender annuals and perennials. This dedication is now in its third season. To name only a few, Marg, Maureen, Wendy, Deanna, Joanne, Emily and so many others have shown real "dig in there" attitudes!

So if making your community a more beautiful place to live, and meeting your awesome neighbours, and making a contribution to improving property values appeals to you, contact the community office to offer

your time. There are similar efforts in Coventry and Country Hills available, in addition to what is going on in Harvest Hills and plans to expand our efforts if more willing hands could be found. Come make a difference that can be seen and enjoyed by all our residents. And if you notice a car slowing down in the turning lane to the gates, have a little patience, as I am probably proudly observing the progress of our latest project! It is a most rewarding endeavour!

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2011

#### July 1 to 30

City of Calgary Skate Park  
Cardel Place East Parking Lot  
July Stampede Breakfasts  
July 9 Cardel/MLA Woo-Paw  
July 10 Harvest Hills Alliance Church  
July 16 Royop/Superstore Lot

#### July 14

Lawn chair Theatre  
6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Harvest Lake Drive NE (south end of lake)

#### July 18 to 22

Park 'N Play; Stay 'N Play in Coventry  
12455 Coventry Hills Way NE  
City of Calgary

#### July 25 to 29

Park 'N Play; Stay 'N Play in Panorama  
Panamount Sq/ Panamount Blvd NW  
City of Calgary

#### August 15 to 19

Park 'N Play; Stay 'N Play in Country Hills  
Country Hills Cres/ Country Hills Dr. NW  
City of Calgary

#### August 15

Front Yard Garden Contest End

## Second Annual Harvest Moon Dance

Calling All Killer Dillers, Cake Walkers, and Lindy Hoppers! The Second Annual Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) Harvest Moon Dance and Fundraiser is coming your way and we are looking for all you hep cats and jazz daddies to step out for an evening of jiving good fun. Last year was such a rousing success that we decided to have it again... with a few small changes to make it more fun. Now, if you aren't familiar with our theme, the Harvest Moon Dance, let me provide a quick history lesson\*:

*The Harvest Moon Dance theme is based on the Harvest Moon Ball, which was an annual amateur dance contest sponsored by the New York Daily News and held each August or September in New York City from 1927 to 1989. Preliminary competitions and contests were held in various venues and ballrooms around the city culminating in the finals at Madison Square Gardens (from 1935 to 1974).*

*The contest was mainly*



*known for the Lindy Hop division but also included other dances such as the Rumba, Foxtrot, Polka, Tango, Collegiate Shag, Viennese Waltz, a Serviceman's Division, and later even the Hustle. There was an "All Round Champions" prize awarded but the Lindy Hop division (later called the Jitterbug Jive division, and then the Rock 'n Roll division) was generally the most spectacular and particularly popular with audiences and press.*

*Preliminary rounds began in August and led up to the finals in Madison Square Gardens where the 20,000 seats would typically sell out*

*within days of going on sale. Big name celebrities and famous Hollywood actors often attended and Ed Sullivan was the emcee in the early days.*

Now, the NHCA liked the theme but once again there won't be a dance contest (at least not this year). We wanted to focus on having fun and maybe raising some money for our much needed programs, activities, and initiatives. But that doesn't mean there won't be dancing and frolicking and all of that good stuff. There will be contemporary music and live and silent auctions to get the event out of the gate properly. There will be food and jumping and jiving and flinging and singing and... well you get the picture.

So, mark October 14 on your calendar as the date where you take your best girl (or guy) to the Second Annual NHCA Harvest Moon Dance and Fundraiser for a swinging good time!

\*Historical information obtained from [www.sharondavis.com.au](http://www.sharondavis.com.au).

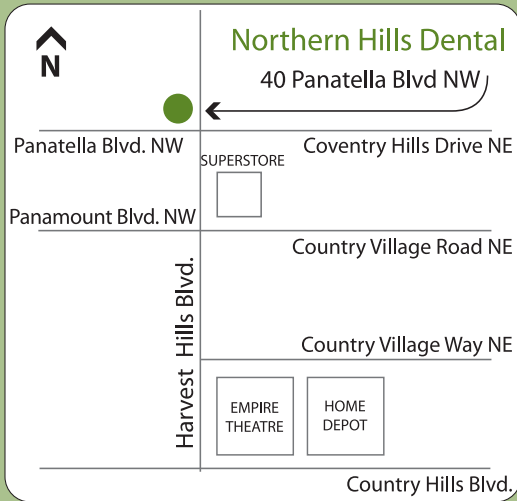


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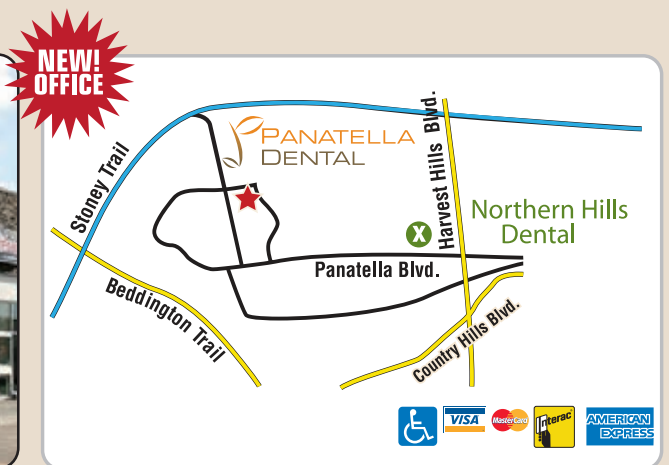
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NHCA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

by Wendy Cavanagh, President

### VACANCIES ON THE BOARD:

Contact [president@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:president@northernhills.ab.ca)

There are many committees that could always use the help:

**Graffiti Abatement** - We have a new chair for this committee and are hoping he will be joined by individuals eager to learn how to clean it up and prevent future outbreaks! If you are someone who likes to take action and see results, this could be the opportunity for you. Please contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca) if graffiti gets under your skin!

**Garbage Collection** - Have some ideas on how to clean up and prevent littering in our neighborhoods? We are seeking individuals who are as annoyed as we are about the amount of loose litter lingering in our alleys, on our boulevards and in our greenspaces. Please contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca) if you've had enough!

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

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

**At Home In The Hills** - A new initiative to assist new Canadians, Calgaryans and/or residents to the Northern Hills. We are working on providing activities and information to assist with the transition into our area. We have begun with a webpage with agency and city information and a plan for a group of volunteers who will become 'Big Neighbors' to those new to the 'Hills'. If you are a resident of the Northern Hills Communities, familiar with the area and perhaps speak another language, this could be a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet! Contact [1vp@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:1vp@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Beautification** - We are expanding our efforts to beautify neglected areas in our communities and are looking for committee members. Love gardening and have a desire to see improvements in our community aesthetics? Contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Blockwatch** - Want to help build a safe and caring community? Become a Community Representative. Provide a direct link between Calgary Community Block Watch and residents and community groups. The Community Representative, with the support of Block Watch staff, identifies and initiates programs and projects aimed at creating safer communities. Time commitment 6 - 8 hours per month. Make a difference! If you would like to become involved, contact Blockwatch at (403) 509-2565 or visit [www.calgaryblockwatch.com](http://www.calgaryblockwatch.com).

**Events** - Our association hosts many events, large and small, through-

out 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](mailto:events@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Sponsorship** - Have an interest in marketing and a no fear attitude when communicating with businesses in the area? Our association would appreciate your help in contacting local business owners to discuss advertising opportunities and their community support. Interested? Contact [marketing@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:marketing@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](mailto:president@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Community Garden** - Our first garden in Harvest Hills has been a great success and we have recently added a second in Coventry Hills in 2011. If you love to garden, this could be the committee for you. Contact [garden@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:garden@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Capital Projects** - Residents in our communities have requested outdoor ice rinks. The City has lent a hand with connecting the winter water at the Coventry location and the rink will be ready this winter. All that's left to do is flood and clear! The installation of winter water and an earth berm for the rink in Harvest Hills was recently approved by the board and plans are moving forward for the work to be done this summer and fall. If construction goes ahead as scheduled we will be seeking volunteers to flood and clear this rink too. 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 [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Farmers' Market** - A committee is 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 [farmersmarket@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:farmersmarket@northernhills.ab.ca)

**Senior's Group** - A group of older adults who get together on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 pm are looking for you and your ideas. Contact [seniors@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:seniors@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](mailto:planning@northernhills.ab.ca)

For more information please contact the NHCA office at 403-226-6462 or [info@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:info@northernhills.ab.ca)

## From the President

by Wendy Cavanagh,  
President NHCA



June 18th was another example of the role that our Association plays in helping improve our neighborhoods and how partnering with the City to do good can make you feel good! Over a hundred residents picked up their trees, ordered through the City's NeighborWoods Program and were aided by City employees and NHCA volunteers in their efforts to transport them home. The City also provided instructions on how to plant and care for the newly adopted specimens. Thanks to the City of Calgary for giving us the opportunity to improve our urban forest, to those residents who adopted trees and to the NHCA staff and volunteers who helped with the process!

Another successful season of youth soccer in the Hills wrapped up in June. Our young soccer players enjoyed a fun day of end of season celebrations where volunteers provided games, activities and treats for the energetic group. Adult Slo Pitch players also enjoyed a wind up tournament to cap off their second season. Our Outdoor Soccer Ladies will still be on the fields until the fall when they will continue with an indoor program at that time. Feedback on these programs has been positive and we thank Susan Burke, Peggy Morrison, Janice Henderson and their merry band of volunteers for making outdoor recreation a reality in the Hills.

The NHCA Board fulfilled its commitment to MLA Teresa Woo-Paw by serving up a gourmet meal at her home on June the 13th. The meal was an auction item that Teresa bid on at our 2010 Harvest Moon Dance event. The dinner for eight was prepared and served by members of the board and the evening ended with an opportunity to chat with guests over dessert and coffee. We thank MLA Woo-Paw for supporting our fundraising efforts and allowing us to invade her home!

July is full of opportunities for families to have some fun close to home. There are several Stampede Breakfasts taking place in our communities. Make sure you get into the Stampede spirit by sharing breakfast and enjoying the entertainment provided by the sponsors. The NHCA also partners with the City to provide activities for kids during the summer months. The Stay N Play and Park N Play programs will be running again in July and August and the Skate Park returns for the full month of July. Visit the NHCA tent at all of these events and take the opportunity to win great prizes. Please see the information on these events and programs in this newsletter as well as on our website.

Mark your calendars for July 14th. Bring the family and your lawn chairs to the Outdoor Lawn chair Theatre taking place in Harvest Hills. The live theatre action begins at 6:30. Refreshments are

provided. Our volunteers will be at the NHCA tent to discuss the Community Garden at this site and there will be another prize draw!

By now, residents adjacent to the proposed recreational outdoor ice rinks will have been contacted to provide their feedback as preparations for the Coventry and Harvest Hills rink will be well underway. We are excited to be able to move ahead with this action plan and look forward to seeing families enjoying this traditional outdoor activity this upcoming winter. If you would like to help us make it happen please contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca)

We are happy to welcome volunteer Chris Dail. Our new committee chair will lead us in our efforts to abate graffiti in our area. We have already had a first meeting with the Calgary Police Graffiti Unit and Evan Spencer from the Harvest Hills Alliance Church. If you wish to help out with this initiative please contact [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca)

Our Older Adult Program has had a successful beginning. Thanks to the efforts of Committee Chair, Dell Sudnik, since March 2011 residents who are 'SPRY IN THE HILLS' have been getting together to chat, play cards and games, attend information sessions and have some fun. Their regular Tuesday meetings at the Panorama E-Centre will pick up again in September. In the meantime, there is a walking club on Thursdays and once a month meetings at an alternate location. To learn more about this active group contact [seniors@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:seniors@northernhills.ab.ca) or the NHCA website.

Don't forget to give your neighbors a pat on the back for their gardening efforts by entering them into the Northern Hills Front Yard Garden Contest. Now until August 15<sup>th</sup> you can take a picture of a beautiful yard here in the Hills and send it along with the address to [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca). Your neighbor will be entered into the contest and your name will be entered into a draw for some wonderful prizes! Take a few minutes to acknowledge the efforts of our community gardeners.

The NHCA office hours will be reduced over the summer. If you are planning to visit us or are returning sports equipment, please check the website for up to date information.

The NHCA board will not have formal meetings during July and August, however, you will find us out in the community, hosting the NHCA tent, working in the Community Gardens, plotting ice rink locations, meeting with committees and continuing our efforts to help make our Northern Hills Community the best that it can be!

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)



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Shabby Neighborhood

Dear NHCA,

As I drive into our beloved community of Harvest Hills from Country Hills Boulevard, all I see is long grass and dandelions that have gone to seed. Our beautiful neighbourhood is beginning to look as shabby and uncared for as some, dare I say without specifying, certain southern communities in the city. Can you tell me who is responsible for the mowing and clean-up of the boulevards and grassy areas? The efforts of the people who plant the flowers and do the weed-

ing on the corners, etc., is very much appreciated.

Our son recently moved into Kinora. Their neighbourhood, albeit newer, looks beautiful. Now the important part... he and his neighbours pay \$200.00 per year (a mere \$17.00 approximately per month) to have the boulevards, etc., taken care of. People are always out cutting, weeding and watering and it looks just great.

I know I would certainly be willing to pay this small amount per year to have Harvest Hills

taken care of like this. We are retired and are limited in income, but it would enhance the value of our homes and indicate that we all value our properties and the neighbourhood.

Have you checked out that disgusting corner lot on the corner of the Drive and Gate. What a joke, and what a welcome to Harvest Hills! Unbelievable.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

*Anonymous*

The Community Association and I share your concerns. For the last couple of years the Association has designated some of the budget to cleaning up and planting flowers on a few of the corners in our neighbourhoods. We have a small group of volunteers dedicated to the task. The upkeep of the boulevards and green spaces in our area is the responsibility of the city. I am not sure what has happened in the last few years but it would appear that the city cannot keep up with the amount of work that needs to be done.

Some new communities and certain areas of older communities have a Homeowners Association, such as the one you are referring to in Kinora, where a private contractor is hired to maintain the green spaces and annual fees are

collected from the residents. We (the NHCA) have spoken to our Alderman many times regarding the crumbling gate areas and weedy green spaces. We may have to attempt to put this type of structure in place, although it may be difficult to get the support from the residents.

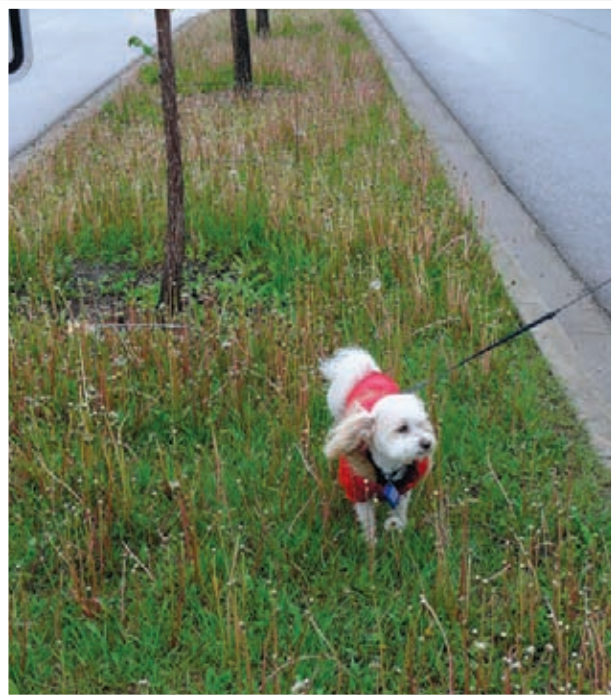
For now, please call 311 and complain. You can also call 311 and complain about specific homeowners who do not keep up the maintenance and bylaws will enforce. We have contacted Alderman Stevenson's office on your behalf. Perhaps they have some ideas for us.

Thanks for your concern and I am just as frustrated as you are, which is one of the reasons I joined the board of the NHCA

*Wendy Cavanagh,  
President (NHCA)*

## EDITORIAL

### Dandelion Whine...



This is just something that I have to get off my chest. A few years back the City of Calgary decided that dandelions were not invasive weeds and therefore they would not be applying any form of control – not poison, not picking, not digging, not burning, not anything. Won't touch them... it's up to communities and property owners to deal with them as they may.

Are you kidding me?!

I can deal with the ones on my property...

but to ask the community association to deal with the rest of them, when the city-owned boulevards and school yards are crawling with the little suckers? That is the stupidest idea anyone ever had. Have you seen what is out there? Just check the photo I took of a boulevard in Harvest Hills... yikes, they are bigger than my dog! Granted he is not that large but you get the point. They are a foot tall!

In this particular location the grass is completely dead. The

green foliage is all weeds and the entire boulevard is full of chamomile, dandelions, canola, and other weeds where the grass used to grow. But this is nothing compared to the number of dandelions in the parks, green spaces, and school yards around the area.

I work in the south east part of Calgary in Quarry Park where last week I watched a crew of sod layers remove all of the dead grass on the boulevards and lawns and replace it with new green lush sod. The difference? Quarry Park is still under development and will have green grass supplied by the developers until it is turned over to the City for care and maintenance (give me a break!). They have to keep it ship-shape or the city will be all over them to fix it. Talk about your double standards!

It really shouldn't be that big of a deal for the City to apply a little care and maintenance but apparently it is. Anyway, here is what you can do. Phone 311 and report to the City the locations (boulevards, parks green space, etc) where all the grass is dead and the weeds and dandelions have taken over. Flood them with complaints... and call your alderman too. This policy needs to be changed and we need to get some resources on this issue before there is no grass left at all. Yikes....!!

## Community, Development, Recreation... Oh My!

*by Paul Cavanagh*

Recently Cardel Place asked the NHCA to help them lobby City Hall for funding of their proposed expansion plans. And this set us all to thinking... and debating... and more thinking and debating... etc. In the end we did provide a letter of our support with some stipulations to encourage positive dialogue and broader community development. We thought it appropriate to try and explain why what some might think would be a "no brainer" endorsement could be viewed by some people as cautious support.

Community – it can be as evident and widespread as the internet or as modest and intimate as holding hands but in all cases is really about developing a sense of responsibility for the area in which we live. And, if you ask 100 different people what community means to them they will provide 100 different responses, particularly in a community with the size and complexity of issues as the Northern Hills. Just trying to consider all of the benefits and impacts, let alone how a development of this magnitude would stack up against the other important issues in our communities, becomes a monumental task for anyone to undertake.

Cardel Place is a first-class and successful recreation facility and a valuable asset for our community. Yet, in trying to provide a response to this request we needed to consider some key aspects of the proposed development, which is understood to be still in the concept development stage: how does the expansion fit with the community vision; what are the specific benefits and impacts of this proposal; and what is its relative importance when compared to other issues facing our neighbourhoods. That is – Does it fit? Is it good for us? Does it address a priority issue?

For example, during the initial planning of our neighbourhoods, the

land immediately east of Cardel Place (currently vacant) was set aside for a public school. Some of us thought it would be a perfect location for a high school until recently the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) decided that a high school won't be built in the Northern Hills anytime soon, if ever. It seemed to us that a high school at that location would have resulted in all kinds of synergies between the two facilities and would have shown real knock-on benefits to the community. So, now as we bus kids out of our neighbourhoods to attend school, Cardel Place would like to expand and attract users back into our communities all the while increasing the time people spend in vehicles and the traffic loads on our streets.

Don't get us wrong. We support Cardel's funding lobby and a proposed expansion on the understanding that it makes sense and will provide strategic opportunities to build our community. Yet, in the broader context of community we see the NHCA as being uniquely positioned to help sort out how such proposals can find that broader strategic benefit for community development within the Northern Hills.

Our communities have many needs and expanding our recreation capacity is likely one of them. However, we are also in dire need of a public high school, effective community advocacy, community gardens, outdoor skating areas, acute and extended care facilities, well-maintained parks, relief from choking traffic, new noise walls, baseball diamonds and soccer fields, and so on and so on and so on. We wish to pursue opportunities that make sense and add real benefits for our community – Does it fit? Are there benefits? Is it one of our priorities? Cardel Place and the NHCA would like to know your thoughts...

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# City Committed to Catching up on Parks Maintenance Delays

## BACKGROUND

The City of Calgary works to ensure proper maintenance of City parks and other open spaces. When weather conditions create wet grass, City crews are unable to mow. A late spring combined with wet weather conditions have caused a delay in mowing of playfields and parks this year. City crews are working additional shifts as weather allows to catch up on these delays.

## KEY MESSAGES

As of today, Parks crews are almost four weeks behind in mowing schedules due to weather.

- To make up for this lost time, additional shifts and scheduling have been activated to ensure parks, playfields and open spaces are mowed as soon as possible. Additionally, contracted crews are being called in where available.

- If weather improves and drier conditions prevail, we anticipate crews to be caught up on mowing activities in approximately

two weeks time.

- The City of Calgary is committed to maintaining public spaces and creating a safe environment for Calgarians.

- We know that parks and playfield conditions have not been in optimal condition this spring as a result of the wet and rainy season. We thank the public for their understanding as we work hard to overcome the weather challenges we've experienced as quickly and as best we can.

## NEXT STEPS

What is The City doing to catch up on maintenance activities that have been delayed by weather?

Additional shifts and scheduling have been activated and contractors are being brought in where available to ensure mowing occurs as soon as possible. As well, Parks crews are shifting equipment between districts wherever possible in order to help build capacity and get the parks and open spaces looking beautiful for Calgarians once again.

## How far behind are we?

Mowing schedules are almost four weeks behind due to weather delays. If weather improves and drier conditions prevail, crews should be caught up on mowing activities in about two weeks. This work has already begun, and will continue as weather allows.

## How does this affect dandelions?

Weather conditions have also caused a delay in the application of herbicides to control dandelions and other weeds. Dandelions are expected to be past the flowering period by the end of June. Accordingly, while there may be some areas in the city where dandelions will still flower, the majority will be dormant in coming weeks.

## CONTACT

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# Northern Hills Crime Statistics – June 2011

As a new feature in our newsletter we are going to publish monthly crime statistics from the Calgary Police Service (CPS) for our communities. The information in the attached table is for the month of June in the Northern Hills area.

place to live and work and raise a family. And the NHCA wants to keep it that way by working closely with our community police representatives. The purpose of providing monthly reports on crime statistics and information is to increase awareness and hopefully help the CSP make our neighborhoods safer. We meet regularly with Community Liaison Officers (CLO's) for our area to review these statistics, to discuss issues and trends regarding crime in our communities and to identify ways that the NHCA can help the CPS in their work.

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

Community	Break and Enter	Car Prowling	Vandalism	Other
Harvest Hills	1	1	4	0
Country Hills	0	2	0	0
Coventry Hills	0	3	1	0
Panorama Hills	7 (see note)	7	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

Note – 4 of the 7 break and enter crimes in Panorama Hills were into some parking garage storage lockers at a single condominium development. Generally speaking, the Northern Hills is a great

## Where's Ozzie Winners!

The NHCA is pleased to announce the winners of the "Where's Ozzie?" contest for the months of April and May. The winners, Brad Chadwick (April – Empire Theatre Movie Passes) and Sarah and Hayley Edwards (May – Calgary Zoo passes), were drawn from all of the correct entries submitted. Thanks to all of the people who sent in entries and spotted Ozzie! Remember, keep your eyes peeled in each edition of the Northern Edge News for the dog about town who gets photographed as he goes where the action is... in the northern hills!



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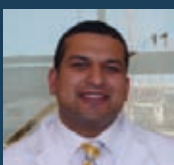
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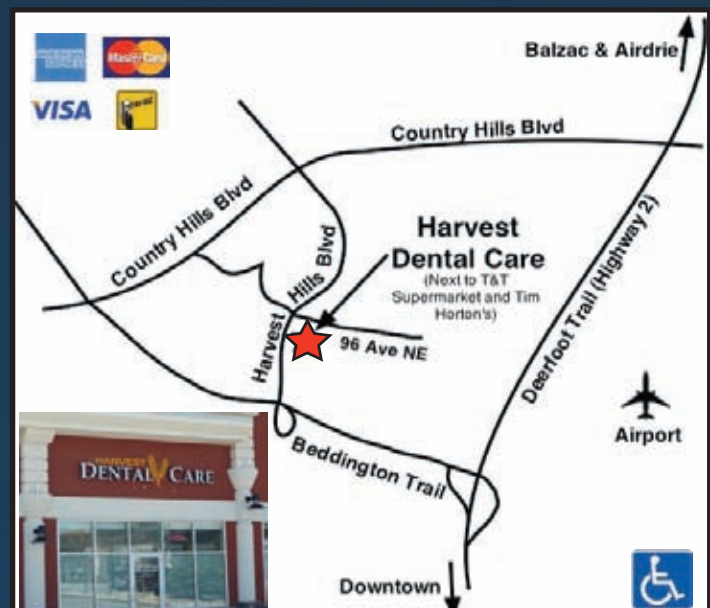
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As you are walking or driving around your neighbourhood, are your eyes drawn to yards with beautiful flowers and luscious foliage? Do you find yourself looking at other peoples' front yards for ideas to implement in your own? If you can answer yes to either question, then you most likely appreciate the effort that numerous owners have put forth to create an attractive yard. While it is true that not everyone is born with a green thumb, it is easy to spot residents that have one.

The Northern Hills Community Association is pleased to bring back the annual "Front Yard Garden Contest" in recognition of people who contribute to making our neighborhoods look inviting. The contest runs from **June 15 2011 to August 15, 2011** is open to any resident living in one of the following four communities: Country Hills, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills. You can nominate or be nominated if you reside in Country Hills, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills and Panorama Hills.

### CONTEST GOALS

To raise awareness of front yards and how they contribute to the beauty and image of our neighborhoods.

To recognize people for their beautiful front yards.

### NOMINATIONS

To enter your neighbours' yard or any yard in the above mentioned communities, please e-mail [community@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northernhills.ab.ca) or drop off your nomination to the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) Office in the Community Wing of Cardel Place at 11950 Country Village Link. Be sure to include **ALL** of the following:

A color photo of the nominee's front yard (digital picture, scanned picture, photograph), ensure there is nobody on the property.

The address of the nominee's property

Your address and contact information

There are no limitations to the amount of nominations submitted by your household. Each nomination must be for different addresses. Nominations must be received by **August 15<sup>th</sup> 2011** in order to be considered. All nominated addresses will be published in the Northern Edge Newsletter and will also appear on the [www.northernhills.ab.ca](http://www.northernhills.ab.ca) website after the contest.

### WINNERS

One winning yard in each of the four communities will receive a great prize sponsored by Harvest Dental Care. One additional winner will be drawn from all those who took the time to nominate their neighbor. Photos of the winning yards will be published in the Northern Edge Newsletter, posted on [www.northernhills.ab.ca](http://www.northernhills.ab.ca) website and will also appear on the website of our prize sponsors.

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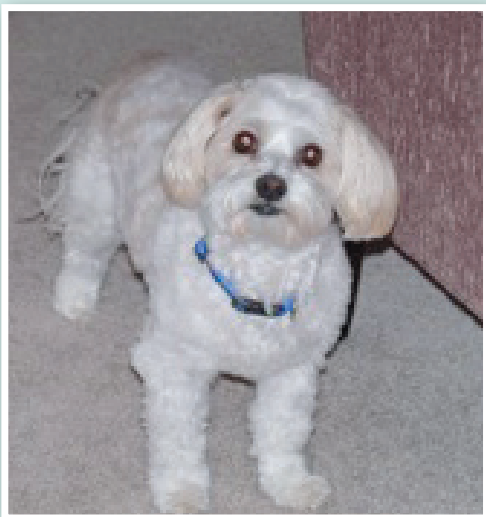
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## WHERE'S OZZIE



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 2011 Northern Edge News Issues. When you spot him, send an e-mail to [communication@northernhills.ab.ca](mailto: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!!



# COMMUNITY

## Raise a Glass to Toast the Northern Hills Wine Group

By Allison Denby

Over the past months, members of the Northern Hills Community have worked to create a fun, casual and educational wine and cheese group. In the April newsletter, there was a small advertisement for the group. The second I saw the ad, I needed no more information other than time, place and my contribution. I quickly committed my husband and me to the group without any further information. With the quick commitment also came the hesitation of the unknown. As time came close to our first meeting, we became rather anxious to see what the group/evening would bring. I can't state enough how delighted we were at the end of the evening. Not only was the company and conversations fantastic, but were enjoyed along with wonderful

cheeses and even better wines. The group is a wonderful mix of people with a large variance of wine knowledge with ours being on the beginner side. Our wine knowledge has typically been based around "how good does it taste going down?" So to our dismay as we arrived for the evening and were asked "Do you want the wine decanted?" Uh-Oh, we have no idea, so as I remember we looked at each other blankly and made up an answer. These are the things we look forward to learning from the group's expertise as well as the sommelier that has joined. It's wonderful to be a part of this group that is right here in our own community. If you are interested in the Northern Hills Wine Group, please contact [community@northern-hills.ab.ca](mailto:community@northern-hills.ab.ca)



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# Staying safe at home Vacation-proof your home

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**Make your home look lived in:** Put lights, radios and TVs on variable timers. Have someone stay inside your home for a while each day if possible. If you're leaving a vehicle outside your house, have someone move its position periodically, to make it appear as if it is being used. Also arrange for lawn and garden upkeep.

**Cancel deliveries:** Either cancel newspapers, mail and other delivery items or have a trusted neighbour collect them for you while you are away.

**Look at your home through a burglar's eyes:** Ensure the exterior of your home is well-lit and that burglars don't have an opportunity to work unseen in hidden areas, such as behind

fences or bushes.

**Check the fine print:** Read your home insurance policy to find out how often your home needs to be checked in order to maintain your coverage, especially during the winter heating season. In some cases, the requirement may be for daily checks.

**Trust carefully:** Tell only people you trust that you will be away and how long you will be gone for. Leave an itinerary with them so that they can reach you in case of an emergency. Ask trusted neighbours to collect junk mail and look out for your place; if there's no one nearby, hire a reliable house-sitting service.

**Go off site:** Store important or irreplaceable documents and items away from your home, such as in a safety deposit box.

**Secure your garage:** Disconnect the garage door opener by switching on its "lock" setting or switching off the circuit breaker that allows the automatic door to

open. Place a padlock in the door track to block the roller. Lock all person-doors, including the one between an attached garage and the house.

**Before you go:** Lock up tools, BBQs and ladders and make sure they are out of sight; set and test your timers; lock and check doors and windows; and leave shades and blinds in normal positions. Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is empty (and don't leave outgoing phone or email messages saying you are away).

If you return to find that your home has been broken into, don't enter it and don't touch anything. Call police at 403-266-1234 from a neighbour's home or cell phone, and wait for help to arrive.

For more crime prevention tips, visit the Calgary Police website at [www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca).

# Ladies Drop-In Soccer

Are you sitting around on a Tuesday night and wanting to get out and meet your neighbors?

**Here's your chance:**

Ladies over the age of 30, can join us for drop-in soccer. It does not matter your ability, as it is a recreational game of soccer, where the women in this community can get together once a week, exercise, get outside, socialize and meet your fellow neighbors.

**When:** Every Tuesday evening (weather permitting) throughout July and August.

**Where:** Cardel Place – park in the back (arena) parking lot, you will see the soccer fields.

**Time:** 7:40 pm we will meet on the soccer fields behind Cardel Place to play drop-in soccer from 8:00 to 9:00pm.

**Cost:** \$2.00/person/game, for the cost of the licensed referee's.

If you have any questions, please email Janice at [janicelhenderson@shaw.ca](mailto:janicelhenderson@shaw.ca)



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# SENIOR'S CORNER



## Spry In The Hills

Hopefully you are all enjoying the summer, your gardens, and perhaps some out of town visitors. Here is an update of our activities for this month.

For anyone interested in an outing and a walk around the pond behind Sobeys, we are still meeting outside The Running Room at 11 a.m. every Thursday morning, weather permitting. After the walk, please join us at Timmie's for coffee and more conversation.

There are more extensive city walks in the planning stage as there has been quite an interest expressed. At the time of this writing, we have a river walk planned down in Inglewood. Hopefully we can finally get the weather to co-operate.

Please mark your calendars for our monthly gatherings at the Rexall Drug Store, 1110 Panatella Blvd. NW. The remaining dates are July 13 and August 17 from 2 – 5 pm for cards, games, and conversation. We hope you will join in these sessions so that we continue to maintain contact within the group.

We look forward to seeing our membership grow over the summer months. Watch next month's issue for our fall schedule. Hope to see you soon!

## Attention Northern Hills Seniors!

The youth of Harvest Hills are available to help the seniors of the Northern Hills Communities with projects around the home during the week of July 4th – 7th.

If you have something that you would like to get done but have been unable due to physical or financial limitations we would love to help out!

Groups of 3-4 teens with adults supervision will be mobilized during this week to serve our community and we would cherish the opportunity to bless you by partnering with you to tackle a project around the house. It could be anything from yard work to cleaning out your garage.

Please contact Evan Spencer if you could use the assistance this summer!  
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ABOVE: Seniors get the inside scoop at the Estate Planning Seminar



RIGHT: Dell Sudnik is surprised with a bouquet of flowers for her commitment to the Spry in the Hills program



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Dr. Ruhee Dhalla was born and raised in Calgary. She received her Doctor of Optometry degree with honors from the Illinois College of Optometry in May 2010.

After optometry school, she pursued a post-graduate clinical residency program in pediatric optometry at the University of Houston College of Optometry, where she specialized in working with children, special needs individuals and brain injury patients. Dr. Dhalla is excited to be returning home to Calgary to practice and hopes to offer the community comprehensive family eye care with a special emphasis on pediatrics.

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# Community Gardens Update

We've come a long way since our community garden idea started to take shape and form in February of last year to today when we can happily say that we now exist in two of our communities with 8 vegetable beds dedicated to the Food Bank, 3 dedicated to the community and 44 being rented by members of our community.

Here's a bit about what has been happening since we last chatted.

## COVENTRY HILLS

Our garden is well underway with excited and enthusiastic gardeners and volunteers. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers who came out on our construction weekend of May

14/15 to help us make our dream come alive. We would also like to extend our thanks to local suppliers who provided us with discounts and donations of materials.

We look forward to expanding our sense of community, helping those who need a hand up, growing some food and having a lot of fun along the way.

## HARVEST HILLS

We thought we'd be "safe" if we scheduled our kick off gardening day for the last weekend of May. Oh Mother Nature, what a sense of humour! Last year you throw snow at us, and we chugged on through; this year we got rain in biblical proportions.

I must say I was feeling a little down in the mouth having seen the lake that was created in Harvest Gardens the day before our scheduled spring planting and work sessions were scheduled. Good thing we have an amazing group of dedicated gardeners, otherwise I would have called it a couch day.

Instead I was able to meet some new people and learn a little bit more about veggies (like everyday when I go to the garden), and the best part of all I got to play in the mud. Sometimes it takes a little rain to bring you back to the good old days of jumping in puddles and making mud pies. It was a day that has energized me for the season. Looking forward to greening my thumb.

We look forward to seeing you at the garden!



Coventry Hills Garden



Harvest Hills Garden



## An adventure in composting...

by Chris Roy

On Sunday, June 12, the community gardeners of the Northern Hills were lucky to have an expert on composting come and share some valuable information with us. In essence lifting us out of the inactive compost club (basically we were piling up garden waste with nothing happening) and ushering us into the composting elite (or at least capable, in theory). Bert, with a varied resume of composting experience from a multitude of community gardens and other sources cannot be thanked enough. I have a feeling that if one was to map out all the composting done in Calgary he would have had a hand in most of it at some stage.

In all we spent an hour or so delving into the magic of bacteria and other critters recycling our organic wastes. It really is quite amazing what microorganisms can do. Here are some tidbits that I can remember (sorry I'm not one for taking notes):

- try and mix equal parts browns and greens by weight (browns are dried leaves, newspaper, paper egg cartons; greens are your grass and veggies)

- because greens are mostly water when you add them to compost the final mixture ends up

being 20 parts browns to 1 part greens once everything has dried and started to mix

- if your compost is starting to smell it is probably too wet and needs to be turned, also add some browns

- if nothing is happening and you are getting pest infestation (ants, wasps, mice) your pile is probably too dry; add water and turn

- if you have a large enough compost pile and it is working properly it will cook some bad things out of the soil (like seeds from weeds); but to be sure you can put your weeds and their seeds in a sealed black garbage bag out in direct sun for 3 days (driveway works well) this will definitely cook those nasty weed seeds

- if you don't get oxygen to the microorganisms that are doing all the work by turning your compost and not over watering the process turns anaerobic and starts producing greenhouse gas bi-products, much like a landfill (best to keep it aerobic and turn your compost when it needs it

- a working compost pile will create temperatures from 30-50 degrees Celsius (I'd recommend gloves)

And of course what would a day at the garden be without a lovely picture

(thanks Paul for being our photographer). Ohhhhhh... and also it rained just as we were finishing up so we didn't have a chance to implement any of our new tricks on our pile in waiting, however next weekend our compost pile will be propelled into action by all of us new compost apprentices.



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## A MESSAGE FROM WARD 3 ALDERMAN JIM STEVENSON

### Airport Tunnel:

On May 27, 2011 at 4:30 PM Alderman Stevenson made the announcement that the Airport Authority and the City of Calgary reached an agreement, and the Airport Tunnel is to be built. To see the announcement click on <http://vimeo.com/24339416>

Construction was to begin in mid June on Airport Trail, from Barlow Trail to 36thst N.E. and to open in 2014.

### North Central LRT:

1200 Calgarians came out to the three open houses at the end of May, and as of June 7, 2011 the count for the online survey was 865 people who talked about the different opportunities available for the North Central LRT line. The online survey and the application form for people to sign up for the community committee that will provide input to the City NC LRT project team closed on June 8, 2011. For more information and updates you can go to: [http://www.calgarytransit.com/html/north\\_central\\_lrt.html](http://www.calgarytransit.com/html/north_central_lrt.html)

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The North Central LRT is not anticipated within the 20 year horizon. Knowing our ultimate plan will help guide interim decisions, including transit priority measures.

### Dandelions on City Properties:

The City has not generally applied pest management products for cosmetic or beautification purposes on municipally-owned land since 2008. In response to public concerns about pesticide use, The City only uses pesticides when pre-defined weed density thresholds are met and infestations threaten the long-term health of the

landscape. The weather is also a factor in weed control, with the amount of rain that fell in the spring it prevented the city from cutting the areas or spraying when it was the best time.

More information on pesticide and herbicide spraying in your community can be found at [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) (click on City Hall > Business Units > Parks)

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

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City of Calgary, with a mandate to build 1,000 attainable homes for middle-income individuals and families earning \$53,000 - \$80,000 per year. Currently, Attainable Homes has well-appointed apartment-style condos for sale in Calgary's northwest, and townhomes in Calgary's southeast, with more projects on the horizon. The attainable prices mean that families, couples or individuals with household income in this range could qualify for that mortgage amount. To further assist in qualifying for a mortgage, the organization even offers a down payment toward the purchase of their attainable homes. Visit [attainablehomescalgary.ca](http://attainablehomescalgary.ca) or call 265-9935 to learn more and to see the homes available for sale today.

My office is always available to work with you. Please contact my Community Assistant at 403-268-3727 or [alcaw4@calgary.ca](mailto:alcaw4@calgary.ca)



Harvest Hills Alliance Church  
One Service Sunday Worship  
at 10:00 am

## Kinnect Services

From July 3 - August 28  
Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

"Kinnect" = "kin" + "connection"  
(family, generations, brothers and sisters in Christ + affinity, togetherness, relationship)

Children's Programs during Summer Sundays: Nursery to age 3.

July at HHAC:

- July 3 - One service Sunday's begin
- July 4 - Summer Day Camps begin 9 am - Noon. Contact Joy@hhachurch.com.
- July 10 - Stampede Breakfast - no service.
- July 24 - Outdoor service at Refuge Ranch. Directions will be available on the website.

## FREE STAMPEDE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2010 9 - 11 AM.


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

10099 Harvest Hills Blvd. N.W. Phone: 403-226-0990  
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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Programs for July 2011

Register on-line at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com) or call 260-2620

### for Children and Teens

#### Super Summer Drop-In Family Story-time

Join us for a super-sized summer of story-time with 45 minutes of stories and songs. This program is generously sponsored by Cenovus Energy. For children ages 2 to 5 with a parent or caregiver. Wednesdays, July 6 to August 24, 1:15-3:00 p.m. No registration is required.



#### Manga Workshop for Teens

An introductory program on the fundamentals

of drawing manga. This program is offered for ages 13 to 17 on Saturday July 9, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Teens are invited to check out the Teenzone at <http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/teenzone/> to see what is happening this summer. Cool competitions are set up for even cooler prizes!

### for Adults..

This year the Adult Summer Reading Club offers our readers a chance to leave their very own reviews in the books they have read and a chance to win a variety of prizes all summer long. Come into the branch to see our themed displays that follow you on your sunny journeys



#### Expressing Yourself Creatively

Capture your life story by learning to express personal meaning through scrapbooking, drawing, crafting, storytelling, or writing. Presented by Kathryn Burwash, R. Psych. Ages 50 and up, Thursday July 14, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

#### Reading Tag

Join us for a group reading session of stories. Take a turn reading, or just come and listen. Come and go as you like. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program

is offered for those ages 8 and up. Monday, July 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. No registration is required.

### Geocaching at the Library!

Geocaching is a high-tech outdoor treasure hunting activity for all ages that combines a love of technology with nature and exploration. Using a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or other navigational techniques, players hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches". Once the cache is found, players sign the water proof log-book and see / take what others left behind and in turn leave something behind for the next geocacher. The next step is to share your experience with other treasure seekers. With over a million geocaches worldwide, there is definitely one to kindle the spirit of geocaching in every kind of adventurer.

Check out a GPS unit from the Calgary Public Library at any of the 17 branches. Included with the GPS units are instructions. Also please check out our Geocaching resources:



# SCHOOLS

## Transportation Fees Update

The Board of Trustees used a balanced approach when deciding on transportation fees for the coming school year. To close the \$8.8 million gap between the provincial transportation grant and the actual cost of getting students to and from school the Board decided to increase user fees as well as continuing to subsidize student transportation with funds that could be used for instructional purposes.



School Trustee  
Lynn Ferguson

### The 2011/2012 transportation fee schedule is as follows:

All fees are per month 2011/2012

Kindergarten	\$21.50
Elementary (Gr. 1-6)	
Charter	\$29.50
Junior High (Gr. 7-9)	\$33.50
Eligible Special Needs (Gr. 10-12)	\$29.50
Conditional Charter	\$33.50
Senior High School	\$39.25

The family maximum for transportation fees, which was \$40 per month for the current school year, was eliminated. Parents of eligible students experiencing financial difficulties and who meet provincial income guidelines may apply for a waiver of the transportation fee(s). This application is available at your child's school or on the CBE website at: [www.cbe.ab.ca/parents/forms.asp](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/parents/forms.asp)

Trustees recognize that fee increases can be difficult for families. However, our Mega End is that each student will complete high school with a foundation of learning to function effectively in life, work and continued learning. In order to realize our Ends (Mega End, Academic Success, Citizenship, Personal Development and Character) we need to ensure that as much money as possible is being used for instructional purposes.

The transportation of about 31,000 students throughout Calgary is extremely complex. The Board of Trustees continues to ask the provincial government for a new metro funding framework that would meet the needs of our students and reduce the financial burden on families.

If you have any comments or concerns, I would be happy to hear from you. Please contact me at [lcferguson@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:lcferguson@cbe.ab.ca) or give me a call at 403 294 8263.



**COUNTRY HILLS LIBRARY**  
11950 Country Village Link NE  
Hours:  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-May) Noon – 5 p.m.

So what are you waiting for... this summer get outdoors with Geocaching – it's fun for family, friends and all!

# How to Get a Membership

Annual Membership is from January 1st through to December 31st

You can purchase a membership three ways:

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  
 \*Associate \$30     Business \$50     \*\*Business Plus \$120

\*Family/Single/Senior outside of the Northern Hills Area    \*\*Additional Web Ad

Please enclose cheque payable to "Northern Hills Community Association"

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### Please indicate which programs you would like to learn more about:

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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:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <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



# Five good reasons to keep your property tidy

Having a tidy property increases personal and community pride. You, your family and your friends will feel comfortable and safe enjoying your yard and spending time outside.

Tidy properties make cents and dollars.

Your tidy property may motivate your neighbours to keep their own property tidy resulting in a cleaner, nicer and safer neighbourhood with possible increased property values.

Tidy properties make business sense.

Consumers and visitors are attracted by beautiful, clean and safe properties and neighbourhoods.

By keeping your property tidy, you are breaking or even stopping the potential cycle of vandalism and violence in your neighbourhood. The Broken Window Theory states that maintaining urban environments in a well-ordered condition may prevent vandalism as well as an escalation into more serious crimes.

An untidy property often attracts insects, mice and/or coyotes. By keeping your property tidy, you are protecting yourself, your pets and your property from unwanted visitors and the negative impacts of their presence.

By keeping your property tidy, you are also protecting the environment.

**What does a tidy property look like?**

- ✓ Hedges, trees and shrubs are trimmed so they don't interfere with pedestrians and vehicles using the sidewalks and roads
- ✓ Grass and herbaceous plants are kept under 15 cm tall.
- ✓ Weeds are under control.
- ✓ Any material stored in the yard must not be visible from outside of the property.
- ✓ Only an appropriate amount of materials for the current building project is stacked in an orderly and safe manner.

- ✓ Animal feces are picked up.
- ✓ There are no unpleasant odours emanating from the property.
- ✓ There is no dust, smoke or materials escaping from the property.
- ✓ All buildings and structures are in good repair.

Thank you for making Calgary a safe, healthy and vibrant community for people and their pets.

## City of Calgary Pets: The Official Mobile App of The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services

Are you looking for your lost cat or dog? Are you interested in adopting an animal from the Animal Services Centre? Do you want easier access to information about the services provided by The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services? Well, there's an app for that!

City of Calgary Pets is the official mobile app for Animal & Bylaw Services. This free app is available for iPhone, BlackBerry and Android users. The app connects Calgarians to a real time view of the photos and descriptive information regarding the adoptable and impounded cats and dogs sheltered at the Animal Services Centre at 2201 Portland Street S.E. Knowing pets are safe and waiting at the Animal Services Centre to be reunited with their owners provides peace of mind for pet owners who have lost their cat or dog. Having information available at their fingertips is also important for Calgarians anxiously watching the status of cats or dogs and waiting for a specific pet to become available for adoption at the Animal Services Centre.

City of Calgary Pets provides pet owners on the go with essential, timely information, such as:

- ✓ when and how to license a pet
- ✓ steps to follow if a pet is lost
- ✓ complete listing of the 60 participating I Heart My Pet vendors who offer licensed pet owners discounts on merchandise and services
- ✓ contact numbers for Calgary's 24 Hour Emergency Vet Clinics
- ✓ how to report an aggressive animal incident

For information on how to download City of Calgary Pets, visit [calgary.ca/mobileapps](http://calgary.ca/mobileapps).



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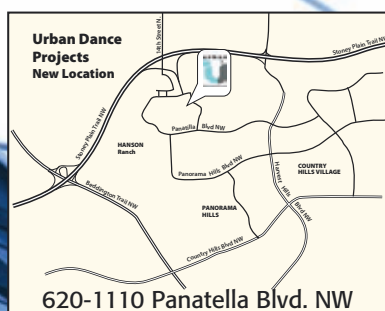
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## Greening your BBQ or Picnic

One of the best parts of summer is family cook-outs, picnics and BBQ's. Millions of people in North America participate and the numbers really add up when it comes to creating waste. Here are some easy steps that you can take to make your fun time healthier for you and the planet.

Choose recycled paper products if using disposables, and avoid plastic unless they are washable and reusable containers.

Use utensils from home if possible, otherwise, seek out bamboo, wood or biodegradable ones made from starch (available at most health food stores now).

Recycle everything you can, tin foil (food residue removed), plastic, paper, glass, beverage containers and so on.

Opt for cleaner burning propane vs. briquettes, which can contain coal dust and other binding agents. If using briquettes, choose the wooden ones made from invasive species or sustainably harvested forests.

Choose organic, hormone-free meat, cutting down on red meat whenever possible. Trim extra fat and choose leaner cuts of meat, cooking over high heat and flame can produce carcinogens from the charring of the fats.

Compost leftover food, excluding dairy and meat.

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**Cardel Place Skatepark 2011**  
(11950 Country Village Link N.E.)

This City of Calgary skatepark is only for skateboarding and in-line skating. There is no entry fee to skate at the park. Signed waivers are required for all participants prior to using the park and a helmet must be worn by all participants

July 1-30 Everyday 1pm—8pm (Open 1-4:30 July 1)  
The Source Run to the Millz Series Contest  
Thursday July 14, 5:30-7:30 pm  
The Source Mini Ramp Jam  
Friday July 22, 5:30-7:30

For more information call 3-1-1 or visit [calgaryskateparks.com](http://calgaryskateparks.com)


## PARK N PLAY 2011

**FREE Summer Drop-In Programming for kids!**  
**Stay n' Play: 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.**  
(3 - 5 years of age)  
NOTE: Adult/guardian must accompany children in the Stay n' Play program  
**Park n' Play: 10:00 - 3:30 p.m.**  
(6 - 12 years of age)

Join in the summer fun with games, crafts and other amazing activities led by City of Calgary staff.

**Coventry Hills**  
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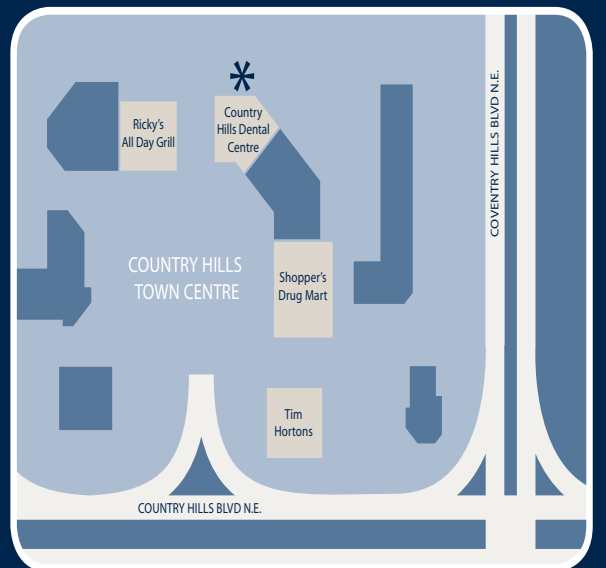
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