

Northern Edge News



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Northern Hills Youth Got Talent!

The 1st annual Youth Got Talent show, held on May 12th was amazing! This event was the 2nd event organized and run by the Northern Hills Youth Council, and they could not have done a better job!

The first performers were a band called "The Odd Ones Out" who rocked the house by playing two songs, one a cover, and one their own original song. They were amazing, especially since (according to them) it was their first performance as a whole band! WOW!

The next performer was a beautiful singer named Marisa Alain, who was brave enough to be the first solo singer, and she was incredible. Marisa was followed by the talented dance group called "Dangerous" from Urban Dance Projects. Their costumes were really cool, and they danced with chairs!! Aika Kwong was our next performer who did a beautiful ballet piece, she was beautifully dressed in blue, and did a fabulous job!

Next up was a very talented singer, Vanessa Kliafe, who sang "Unbreak My Heart". She was also beautifully dressed, and sang with astounding passion. The next performer was a grade 8 student named Annie Pattison. She sang and played her guitar in a performance that captivated the audience, and brought one of the audience members to tears with her beautiful voice. Kate Nuique was right after Annie, and she played the keyboard and sang at the same time. Kate also brought a huge round of applause at the end of her song. The last performance was a dance quartet called "Blackbird" dressed in beautiful grey costumes that complimented their dance perfectly!

VoxBox, a youth DJ school, showed off their talent by playing some awesome tunes before the show kicked off and during breaks in the performances, particularly while the 3 youth council judges decided who would take the 1st and 2nd place prizes. It seemed to be a very hard decision for the judges, as they deliberated for quite a few minutes! In the end "Blackbird" took the 1st place prize in the dance category and Aika Kwong came 2nd. In the singing category, Kate Nuique won



1st place, and Annie Pattison came 2nd. "The Odd Ones Out" came in 1st in the category of "other". Each participant received a ribbon and everyone who didn't win a prize took home a youth drop in pass to Cardel Place, courtesy of the staff at Cardel Place!

There were quite a few people involved to make this event happen. A big thanks goes out to Robert Merriam who kindly volunteered his time and equipment to make this show go as smoothly as possible. The City of Calgary, the NHCA, and Cardel Place also helped make this event successful by their continuous support of the NHCA Youth Council.

Thanks also go out to the youth DJ's at VoxBox, who continuously entertained the audience and gave the event a rock concert feel between performances! We can't wait to see the talent that comes out to perform next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS 2012

June 9th
Community Clean-up/WINS Drive

June 15th
Front Yard Garden Contest Begins

June 23rd
Adult Slo-Pitch Ends (C'est Damage)

July 1st to 30th
Skate Park Cardel Place East Lot

July 3rd to 6th
Park N Play and Stay N Play in Coventry Hills

July 23rd to 27th
Park N Play and Stay N Play in Panorama Hills

July 7th to 14th
Stampede Breakfasts – Various Locales

July 26th
Lawn Chair Theatre – Harvest Hills

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Park N Play and Stay N Play in Country Hills

August 31st
Front Yard Garden Contest Ends

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Community Garden Director - This is a wonderful opportunity to combine your green thumbs with your organizational skills! Working with the existing garden coordinators, you will act as a liaison with the board, City, the Garden Resources Network and the Calgary Interfaith Foodbank. Come, grow with us! The previous director has provided great documentation and will remain as an active volunteer.

Administration Director - We have a talented team working in the office and our Administrative consultant provides leadership on a daily basis. This board position involves support and oversight to our staff by maintaining the communication with the board and coordinating work volumes with admin support.

Contact 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 if graffiti gets under your skin!

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

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

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

At Home In The Hills - A new initiative to assist new Canadians, Calgarians and/or residents to the Northern Hills. We are working on providing activities and information to assist with the transition into our area. We have begun with a webpage with agency and city information and a plan for a group of volunteers who will become 'Big Neighbours' 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 events@northernhills.ab.ca

Beautification - We are expanding our efforts to beautify neglected areas in our communities and are looking for committee members. Activities of the group may include

organizing fence painting, gardening, community clean ups, looking for solutions to repair/remove damaged entry features etc. Have a desire to see improvements in our community aesthetics? Contact community@northernhills.ab.ca

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

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

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

Community Garden - Our first garden in Harvest Hills has been a great success. We are currently looking for a coordinator for this existing committee. We added a second garden in Coventry Hills in 2011. Would you like to see a garden in Country Hills or Panorama? If you love to garden, this could be the committee for you. Contact garden@northernhills.ab.ca

Capital Projects - Our pleasure rinks in Harvest Hills and Coventry were ready to go and awaiting a cold, snowy winter. Mother nature did not deliver but we did manage a couple of weeks of skate time and flooding and clearing practice. Our rinks committee is seeking eager individuals to help with the planning and execution of this initiative in 2012/13. If you are interested in this program and/or an additional outdoor rink in Panorama Hills, this would be a dynamic committee to be a part of. Contact 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

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

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

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

From the President

by Wendy Cavanagh,
President NHCA



our Northern Hills Communities."

Spring has sprung and the receding snow has left behind a trail of garbage and dog feces in our neighborhood parks, boulevards and alleys. We wish we could blame it on the snow, but unfortunately it's our own residents who have made the mess! Join us in the annual **Community Clean Up on Saturday, June 9th**. In addition to helping clean up the area, you are encouraged to clean out your basement and garage by bringing your unwanted tech equipment and/or household items to the parking lot of the Panorama e-community centre for recycling and WINS collection. Every little bit helps to keep recyclable items out of the landfill and provide much needed reusable items to our City's families in need.

Getting back to dog feces. Our NHCA office and the City's 311 lines have been inundated with calls complaining about dog feces on our soccer fields. Please consider that the dog doo exists in these park areas because people do not pick up after their dogs. We are asking the City to increase the presence of bylaw enforcement in our area. Volunteers may pick up garbage and dog feces from these areas at any time of the year. If you would like to help with regular clean ups, please contact community@northernhills.ab.ca. We would also welcome reasonable suggestions regarding how to deter these irresponsible pet owners from ruining the community for the rest of us!

The sun was out in full force and so were the shoppers on **Garage Sale Day May 12th!** Once again the NHCA partnered with Cardel Place to provide residents with the opportunity to sell their gently used items. This year, we moved the location to the north end of the east parking lot at Cardel which allowed for greater exposure from the street and access to Cardel's tables in the arena. Thanks to Sunny, our Events coordinator, the NHCA staff, all the volunteers and to Cardel Place for making this event another huge success. Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!

We hope you made your way into Cardel Place immediately following the Garage Sale, where the energetic **NHCA Youth Council** provided us with some lively entertainment. The concourse level of Cardel Place set the stage for youth in the community to show us their talent. "The diverse group of dancers, musicians and singers performed for over an hour and later on participated in the Stampede 4 Corners Centennial Celebration held at Cardel Place on May 26, 2012. Our sincere congratulations goes out to the energetic NHCA Youth committee who organized and successfully executed this fabulous event showcasing the remarkable young talent resident in

The NHCA board met twice during the month of May. Early on to organize the board by confirming portfolio responsibilities and electing the Executive for 2012. We welcome

Corina Smith as Secretary and Navjot Virk as our new Membership Director. Thanks for stepping up as we move forward with our plans to make this the best Community ever!

Later in May we held our regular board meeting where some of the discussion included the possibility of an off leash park for our area and plans for the many community events coming up in June and July. Look for the NHCA membership table and the opportunity to win prizes at the June 2nd Public Library Block Party, the June 9th Community Clean Up, and the ScotiaBank Grand Opening in Panorama Hills June 16th just to name a few.

Although Summer is just around the corner, we are already busy planning for our Fall Fundraiser. We've set the date and booked the band for next year's **Harvest Moon Dance and Fundraiser!** Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 19th 2012**. The NHCA hopes this event will only get bigger and better every year and if you are a business/resident who would like to participate by donating an auction item or help promote and sell tickets we'd be happy to hear from you. Contact events@northernhills.ab.ca

A reminder that your NHCA memberships expired on December 31st, 2011 and that memberships help fund the many benefits that the Association endeavors to provide the residents of the Northern Hills. Please refer to the list, found in this newsletter and on our website, of activities, programs, events and projects we provide and/or support. By purchasing or renewing your membership today you are helping to build a strong, engaged community.

If you are planning to visit the NHCA office to purchase a membership, register for the Community Clean Up or inquire about our many programs, events and services please check our new website for up to date hours and information.

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, work and play. If you are interested in upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, please check out our website at www.northernhills.ab.ca

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EDITORIAL

More on Schools (and taxes)

By David Hartwick

You may have heard that the Calgary Board of Education recently released a new fee schedule based on consulting with the community. I participated in a survey and found the questions were asked in a way that didn't seem to consider communities without schools and did not require transportation. For example, the second question of the survey asks if children attend their designated community school? Since many communities in Calgary do not have designated schools, including the Northern Hills, I would like to believe the intent of the question may have been enquiring about the school designated for a particular community. Many of our residents choose alternative programming for schools for a variety of reasons. For me personally, I would not have considered an alternative program if schools had been available in my community. When I realized my children were going to bus to Renfrew for middle school, I started looking at my options and chose a different program only a few blocks further. Regardless of what school you choose for grades 5-9, our kids must bus, and must have lunchtime supervision, and must have lunchtime activities. We as parents, and as a community, have not created this situation. It is entirely the responsibility of a lack of schools. But the lack of schools, has burdened us with these fees.

The next question that stood out to me asked if a parent should pay additional fees, if there are any, for a child to attend a program of personal choice. However, the survey does not address the reasons a person might make these personal choices such as perceived better education in the Science Program or Traditional Learning Centre, or special needs such as the Sports program for a training athlete. It also does not consider that some of these alternative programs may actually be a shorter or equal travel distance than the designated school. About 4 questions later,



the question specifically states that there is increased transportation costs associated with alternative programs. I find this very misleading since both Coventry Hills and Panorama Hills each fill a bus that goes to the Science School and Alice Jamieson Girls Academy. I believe the Traditional Learning Centre also fills a bus. Since there is no middle school, these kids would have to bus to a school either way.

The survey next asks a variety of questions regarding fees and who should pay for them. For example: "The provincial government's funding formula does not provide for additional funding for the increased transportation cost associated with alternative programs. Should the transportation fees for students who attend alternative schools be?" However, the answer choices do not consider that many of us bus our children due to the lack of schools. I do not understand why a Grade 6 student and Grade 9 student riding the SAME bus, pay different fees.

Currently, transportation fees likely impact our community the most. This year it would cost \$625 in bus fees to send a Grade 6 and Grade 9 student to school that communities with schools didn't have to pay. Last year it was only \$400 and the year before that, it was \$330. I chose Grades 6 and 9 as they are both middle school grades that attend to the same school and ride the same bus from Coventry Hills,

and yet the transportation fee was different for each grade. How much sense does that make?

The Provincial Government has promoted reducing the mill rate on education taxes for 18 consecutive years, but transportation fees have increased over 100% in 2 years, impacting our community more than many others. Property taxes can be a complex issue as our values have fluctuated so much the past 5 years. However, a look at a Coventry Hills tax bill for 2010 showed Provincial Property tax for education at \$961.50 for a home assessed at \$351,500, but that home would have also paid \$400 in transportation fees for 2 kids, total \$1361.50. Simple math means that this homeowner essentially paid an additional 42% in education taxes if they had 2 kids busing to school. That is some user fee at a time education taxes were reduced.

In 2011, when the Alberta Government promoted an 8% reduction in taxes, that same property, with an assessment of \$380,500, saw Provincial Property Tax reduced to \$937.36, a reality of only 2.5%. You might recall, this was due to the City of Calgary electing to keep the difference. However, transportation fees increased to \$630 for those same 2 kids for a total of \$1567.36. The reality is that for this Coventry homeowner, education costs (taxes) increased by 15% over the previous year, or 67% higher than a community that has schools and doesn't need to bus! In fairness, once the middle schools open in Coventry and Panorama next year, this will fortunately change. At the very least, shouldn't bus fees and school fees be tax deductible?

This is a topic that could continue for pages. It is my hope that you have been provided with enough information to STEP UP, SPEAK UP, and SIGN UP. Join the NHCA, and contact MLA Woo-Paw and CBE Trustee Lynn Ferguson to ask for more schools and provide feedback on the new fee structure.

WHERE'S OZZIE?



"Where's Ozzie?" is a monthly contest of the Northern Hills Community Association. Here is a photo of Ozzie. Look for him in photos in this and upcoming issues of the Northern Edge News. When you spot him, send an e-mail to communication@northern-hills.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 for dinner and a movie 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!!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello,

I am a resident of the Northern Hills and I like to run and walk daily around Coventry Hills. Anyhow, it's very disgusting to see how much dog poop is left on the sidewalk itself and what's worse is along the pathways by the various green spaces. Something really needs to be done. There should be large fines and signs posted stating you will be fined. It's absolutely disgusting that people can

afford a dog and dog food and cannot afford to purchase dog poop bags for a few cents.

Thanks,
Concerned Resident

Dear Concerned Resident:

We couldn't agree more! The NEN has run several articles supporting your views on this subject!

Editor - NEN

SENIOR'S CORNER

SPRY in the Hills

Contact seniors@northernhills.ab.ca

We are grateful to Northstar Residents Association for providing space for our weekly gatherings at the Panorama Hills e-Community Centre, 88 Panamont Hill N.W. This has given us an opportunity to get out, meet others our age, and get to know one another a little better. We have formed some friendships, some car pools; learned to play a few new games and now know a few tricks, thanks to Tracy from Fit2Age, to keep us limber!

After the Tuesday Fit2Age exercise program the games

tables feature different games – all easy to learn. The bursts of laughter from that end of the room confirm a good time is had by all. Most days there is a cribbage game going on at one table, but this seems like a more serious group – we see smiles, but no roaring laughter!

Tea, coffee and goodies are always on - thanks to the many people who porter the coffee box and the various members who pitch in to help get this chore done. Thanks are extended to the members who 'sign up' to pro-

vide the goodies for our Tuesday get togethers. Everyone should come to our meetings, even if just to sample some of the exotic treats!

We will be suspending our weekly meetings at the Panorama Hills e-Community Centre for June, July and August, but look forward to resuming in September. We are planning on meeting for lunch once per month during the summer months just to stay in touch. Older residents in NHCA are invited to join us.

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Garage Sale and Flea Market

The weather couldn't have been better... with the sunny skies and 20 C degree temperatures for the annual NHCA annual garage sale and flea market. There was no adverse weather in sight to chill or dampen the spirits of the vendors or the shoppers as the trading and haggling was kept upbeat and brisk. The weather, along with the positive attitudes of participants, vendors and organizers alike contributed to the absolute success of the event on Saturday May 12, 2012, held once again this year in the east parking lot of Cardel Place.

Some 35 hardy vendors sold goods and wares of all sorts of shapes, sizes, and uses in the crisp spring weather of the east parking lot at Cardel Place while simultaneously, inside Cardel, our partner organization had once again this year set aside the east hockey rink area, minus the ice of course, for more tables of clothes, toys, books, and other goods aimed at families with young toddlers and children.

This unique format made for a complimentary environment that accommodated the needs and wants of all, and provided a variety of goods and wares that left nobody wanting. There was something for everybody... with all sorts of purchasing choices for shoppers and consumers catering to all family members needs. The sale was a one-of-kind experience for anyone who patiently managed the traffic and crowds to attend the event.

In the end, the affair could not have occurred without a small army of volunteers, whose efforts are truly appreciated. We owe thanks to our sponsors, Harvest Hills Golf Course (Golf Passes), Expedia Cruiseships and Scotiabank Panorama (coffee and doughnuts).



Community Clean Up!

Saturday, June 9th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

It's that time of year again. Time to clean up and clear out all that 'stuff' we don't know what to do with. Mark your schedules for the Northern Hills Community Association – Panorama E-Community Centre Clean Up! We are looking for more than just your garbage – see below for details.

DO YOU HAVE A PARK OR AN ALLEY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT IS FULL OF GARBAGE AND/OR DOG FECES?

We are organizing volunteers to help pick it up as part of this Community Clean Up event. Get together with your family or friends and we will provide garbage bags, gloves etc. to assist with the clean up. Supplies can be picked up at the NHCA office prior to the event or at the Panorama E-Community Centre (88 Panamont Hill NW) at 9:00 am on June 9th. Contact volunteer@northernhills.ab.ca and let us know what area of the community you will be cleaning up, bring back the garbage by 2:00 pm and we will dispose of it for you. Refreshments will be served.

WOMEN IN NEED SOCIETY

CLOTHING & TOY DRIVE. On the same day, the Women in Needs Society (WINS) will host A **Clothing & Toys Drive** in our community. There will be volunteers from the WINS and the Northern Hills Community Association (NHCA) to receive any gently used or unused items. **Items that can be donated include:** clothing for men and women, items for children, household items, misc. and seasonal items. Please refer to the detailed list. You can drop them off at the Panorama E-Community Centre Parking Lot by 2:00 pm. All donations will be used to build programs for women who are in low-income situations.

MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE E-CYCLE DEPOT IN OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IF NOT, A SPECIAL E-CYCLE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THIS EVENT WHERE YOU CAN DROP OFF ELECTRONIC ITEMS SUCH AS:

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 - (Mice, keyboards, cables, speakers)
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- Tires
- Household chemicals
- Paint
- Car batteries
- Liquids
- Microwaves
- Home appliances

Used prescription or non prescription glasses or sunglasses that might be buried in your drawers, desks or closets, can also be donated for charity. Children's glasses are especially needed. Both plastic and metal frames are accepted.

E-mail community@northernhills.ab.ca or call the NHCA office at 403-226-6422 for more information

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NHCA 2012 Resource Fair and City Open House

The NHCA held its 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM), Community Resource Fair and City Planning Open House on April 14 2012 at the Harvest Hills Alliance Church. This year the event attracted 28 service groups, City Departments, and elected representatives. The event followed a model started in 2010 that has grown to attract more presenters and participants alike.

- Agencies and Groups in attendance:
- Alberta Human Services / Alberta Works
- Alzheimer Society
- Calgary Airport Authority
- Calgary Chinese Community Service Association
- Calgary Counseling Centre
- Calgary Family Services
- Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
- Calgary Police Services
- Calgary Seniors' Resource Society
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 - 96 Ave NE Extension project
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- Women In Need Society

We thank all who participated in this year's affair and specifically the Harvest Hills Alliance Church for providing the event location and the following sponsors who provided gifts and sponsorship for this event and other programs and events in conjunction

with the NHCA:

- Stonehill Restaurant and Sobey's – Refreshments
- Empire Theatres – Movie Passes
- Northern Hills Dental – Soccer Sponsorship
- Country Hills Plates Registry – Starbucks Gift Cards
- Gillette Dry Cleaning – Dry Cleaning Packages
- Scotia Bank – Goodie Basket
- Expedia Cruiseship Centre – Coffee
- Harvest Hills Golf Course – Golf Lessons
- Janet Horbacio Photography – Portrait Voucher
- Nha Trang Vietnamese Restaurant – Meal Voucher
- Cardel Place – Passes

Passport Winners drawn from the attendees at the AGM were:

- Mahavir Bhatt – Gillette Dry Cleaning Package
- David Hartwick – Photography Portrait Voucher
- Charline Belliveau – Nha Trang Restaurant Meal Voucher
- Linda-Lou Oelke – Golf Lessons
- Allan Pole – Scotiabank Goodie Basket

The NHCA is a volunteer organization designed to provide opportunities for a healthy and vibrant community in the northern hills areas while at the same

time maintaining a safe and sustainable environment for our residents. The summary discussions at the AGM outlined an association that has positive finances and is poised for growth through a broad slate of ambitious and robust strategic plans, events, programs, and activities.



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Earth Day Celebration in Coventry!

The folks on Coventry Hills Drive planned a Park and Community Clean up for the afternoon of April 22. The plan was to invite out community members to meet in the park at 2:30pm and clean; then play and enjoy cookies, juice and popsicles. This was advertised through posters hung around the community and the turnout was amazing!!



With the weather being so warm and sunny; and over 30 locals showing up – the neighborhood buzz was humming!! We got to clean our park and area while meeting new neighbors. The children and youth got to partake in a lot of play time biking, soccer, basketball, playground, and good old tag! Two local entrepreneur girls set up a lemonade/ice tea stand. They were very pleased with their earnings!! Thank you to the following mothers on our block who supplied snacks, pooper scoopers, shovels, brooms, rakes, garbage bags, gloves and snack table: Paula, Kelsey, Sharon and Jeremy, Tanya, Julie and Rose. Thank you to all the families that came out and participated!! It was a great afternoon and we all feel like we live in an amazing community. Let's keep up the good work to keep our community looking great!

Rosalind Carson, Parent

A MESSAGE FROM WARD 3 ALDERMAN

On April 19, 2012 the Northern Hills Community Association held an Open House and Wellness Fair at the Harvest Hills Church. I was extremely impressed with the number of booths, and the variety of information. There was something for all ages, and information on many issues and interests.



Jim Stevens,
Ward 3 Alderman

With the sheer number of booths and attendees, I know I am not the only one who would like to congratulate the Community Association and organizers who did such an exceptional job in putting it all together. I would advise everyone in the community to attend next year to support your Community Association and learn what is available in your area. I am sure that you will be pleasantly surprised.

On May 4th I was in the Northern Hills area and met with staff from the Parks Department to discuss locations that could be established as an off leash area. A number of locations were viewed and these will be looked into regarding ownership, possibility of fencing, environmental concerns, etc. As you know it is sometimes difficult in balancing the needs of the growing number of sport user groups in the communities with those wanting off leash areas. The Parks department and I will work towards finding suitable compromises and will keep you informed.

STREET CLEANING AND PAVING SCHEDULE

The City of Calgary's Street cleaning program will begin April 15 and run until June 29. Please check the City of Calgary's website at calgary.ca/ sweep or call 3-1-1 for dates in your

community.

The paving schedule that is planned for:

- Harvest Hills Blvd. From - Beddington Tr. to 96th Ave is, milling and paving, July - Sept.
- Country Hills Blvd. From - Coventry Blvd. N.E. and East of Coventry is, milling & paving - Sept
- Note that schedules can change at any time due to the rate of progress, inclement weather and other factors and to check on the dates please check the City of Calgary website [calgary.ca/ward 3 paving](http://calgary.ca/ward3paving) schedule.
- Pothole repair please call 3-1-1 or report it by using the online service request at calgary.ca search Service Request Potholes.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND PATHWAYS

With the warm weather the use of the parks and pathways will increase and it is nice to be able to find a park or pathway that will fit your needs or wishes.

There are 13 park locations in Coventry Hills, 9 in Harvest Hills and 15 in Panorama Hills that are listed on the web site at [calgary.ca/ parks](http://calgary.ca/parks), if there is a playground it is indicated by a *.

The 700 kilometres of pathway is being used by a diverse group and they are for everyone to enjoy. There is a map available on the city web page at [calgary.ca pathway/maps](http://calgary.ca/pathway/maps) or paper copies at Aquatic and Fitness and Leisure Centres. It is also wise to keep up to date on current bike path closures.

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

Jim Stevenson, Alderman, Ward 3
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Keep Marijuana Grow Ops Out of Your Neighbourhood

Getting to know your neighbours could help decrease crime in your community. Marijuana growing operations (MGOs) depend on anonymity. They move into communities quickly and quietly, hoping to go unnoticed. They are not interested in waving across the fence or borrowing a cup of sugar.



Gael MacLeod,
Ward 4 Alderman

Ward 4 residents have raised concerns about the number of MGOs in their communities. MGOs are a serious safety hazard that put people and neighbourhoods across the city at risk. I recently met with residents of Edgemont to discuss strategies for eradicating MGOs and preventing them from taking root in our communities.

Preventing MGOs from establishing themselves in your neighbourhood requires individual and community action. Houses with MGOs often appear uninhabited or have unusual visitor behaviour. Covered windows, signs of condensation, odours, and power surges could all be indicators of an MGO. Pay attention to your neighbourhood surroundings.

The best way to eradicate MGOs is to report

suspicious activities to the Calgary Police Services Drug Tip Line at 403-428-8100. They will investigate and take appropriate action.

And don't forget about the importance of getting to know your neighbours. You can start with a friendly "hello" over the fence. It's that easy to establish a relationship, contribute to crime prevention and build a community network. You may also make new friends.

If you have a Ward 4 concern, please contact my Community Assistant at 403-268-3727 or Ward04@calgary.ca. For Ward 4 news and events, visit my website www.gaelmacleod.ca or follow me on Twitter @yycGael.

Where's Ozzie Winners!

The NHCA is pleased to announce the winner of the "Where's Ozzie?" contest for the month of April, sponsored by **Applebee's** and **Empire Theatres**. Marla Gill-Gentile was drawn from all of the correct entries submitted for April. Marla wins two Empire Theatre passes and a \$50 gift card to Applebee's. 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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SCHOOL NEWS

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Happy summer to all from St. Clare Elementary School.

Well, it is hard to believe that June has arrived and we are quickly coming to the end of our school year for 2011-2012! It has been a very eventful year with many special events and great learning opportunities for everyone. To mention just a few of the special events, we had our Terry Fox Run in September where we raised \$1000.00 for cancer research, we had two food bank drives for the community both at Christmas and in June to support our local Food Bank and before we had our Christmas break we had our Advent liturgy. It was a beautiful celebration as we prepared for the coming of our Savior's birth. During the first few months of 2012 we



celebrated our Family mass at Ascension parish, had our Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast, our family dance and our silent auction. As well we had various fun lunches throughout the year. In March we had our Wellness Fair with over 30 presenters that taught everything from African Dance and

fire safety. Our classes have also participated in several special physical education activities such as tennis, swimming, in-line skating and curling. A great time was had by all! Our "Spring Fling" was presented on May 31. It was a great musical extravaganza with many talented students performed for us during this evening. We also had our grade three and grade 6 students write their achievement exams in May and June. We are certain that we have once again performed well on these exams as we have done in the past. The students and teachers work very hard to prepare for these exams. We will complete our year with a morning play day and a special free fun

lunch at 12:00 noon on June 26. The last day of classes for students is the morning of June 28th with dismissal at noon. Kindergarten registration – If your child will be five years of age before March 2nd 2013, they are eligible to attend St. Clare School. You need to bring the child's birth certificate, and proof that you live in the Coventry Hills area (i.e. a gas bill). We are open from 8:00am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday to accept registrations. We will reopen in August on August 20th for registration for September. Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer. See you in September, School start September 4, 2012.

Giselle LeClair, Principal

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Writing Program With Simon Rose A Success!

During the late winter and spring of 2012, kids ages 9 to 11 took part in two sessions of writing classes that the NHCA offered in conjunction with children's author Simon Rose. In these sessions children invented their very own imaginary country, complete with detailed maps, a system of government, descriptions of the inhabitants, highly imaginative flags, banners and coats of arms, their own currency and created amazing and unique mythological creatures. The classes were filled with bouts of laughter, silly giggles, and some very funny reactions when Simon showed them his charismatic vocal abilities when storytelling! The passion that Simon showed was



truly amazing, and it was evident in the classes how his passion inspired the kids to be creative and truly appreciate the art of writing. The NHCA is excited to have another writing session with Simon currently underway where the kids explore the exciting world

of Time Travel!

The Northern edge news is thrilled to publish a couple of excerpts of stories graciously provided by Pearl Luck and Qaim Khalfan as a result of these workshops. ENJOY!

Dust

By Pearl Luck

CHAPTER 1:

It was the year of 1971 and Andrew was in his dad's clock factory taking apart a super old cuckoo clock. At Andrew's father's clock factory you dismantle old clocks and use the parts to create new clocks. Andrew looked into the middle of the clock, he thought he saw something that was not part of a clock. He reached out his fingers and pulled out a little object that looked like a little bottle, inside which there was a whole bunch of dust. Andrew quickly stuck the object in his pocket and told his dad that he was going home.

At his house Andrew ran upstairs and into his bedroom. He slammed the door behind him and sat on his bed. He pulled out the bottle and glared at it. "I wonder what this is" he said to himself. He put the device in the drawer of his desk and took a rest.

The following day was school, Andrew grabbed the bottle and stuck it in his school bag. He picked up the the bag and walked out he door. When Andrew arrived at school he carefully snuck the object in his desk so he could show his friends later. Throughout the day Andrew slouched his head on his hands and dreamt about all the possibilities the device could be. "Andrew!" Andrew suddenly shook his head and glared right at his teachers face. "Andrew, start concentrating on your work. We have a lot to do in social, you are in grade seven now and I was hoping you were mature enough not to get the whip! You have one more chance until a stinging pain on your wrist and humiliation. Do you understand me?" Andrew nodded his head really fast and stared at his classmates only to hear the sound of their chuckling. "What!" he beamed back, and there was dead silence. The teacher slowly wrote a letter on chalk board. The teacher turned around and picked up another piece of chalk and wrote two words. Ancient Rome. Andrew clasped his hands on the bottle "Ancient Rome?" he said out loud. Everything turned pitch black and Andrew was struck unconscious.

Andrew quickly woke up to the call of his name. Andrew, Andrew, Andrew, wake up!". He barely opened his eyes and saw a blurry image of a person's face peering at him from over his head. Andrew dusted the sand off his face. "Who are you? Where am I? How do you know my name?" "My name is Sapphire-a and before I tell you anything else let me help you up."

When Andrew got up on his feet he immediately stuck both of his hands in his pockets and pulled out the bottle. "There's no dust" he said. Sapphire-a looked at him and grinned "you are in ancient Rome and I am the dust, that's how I know your name." Andrew broke out laughing "Nice try but this joke just went down the drain." Sapphire-a stared at him. Andrew stopped and spun around. He saw high brick walls, people riding on horses, people dressed in armor and that's when it struck him, "You're right, I am in ancient Rome".

Editors note. I really hated to limit this wonderful story in the interest of space because there were several more chapters written by Pearl. Andrew ended up at the Coliseum fighting lions... what imagination and imagery... Thanks Pearl! Keep up the good work.

Revolutionary War Horror

By Qaim Khalfan

Yawn.... Ben opened his saliva-filled mouth and closed it again. "Great! Another boring day at school." he groaned miserably to himself as he rolled over in his sleep. Sunlight was streaming in him and his brother's bedroom, signaling the start of the day. As he lazily tried to get off his bed on his bunk, he fell to the ground and buried his head in a rug, trying to block the rest of the world out of his mind. Ben was a lazy kid who hated school and liked to play violent video games all day. While Ben lifted himself from the rug, he thought about his friends. "Maybe it won't be such a bad day after all." He climbed up the bunk bed to wake his brother, Max. Max was a blond-haired kid who was very adventurous and loved languages. The both groaned good morning and Ben trudged over to the closet. He pulled open the door and in a blink of an eye, water came pouring out! The noise of filling water brought Ben, who was astounded, to his senses. "WHAT THE HECK!!" he screamed and him and Max raced over to the door, but to their horror, it was locked. They screamed their heads off and called their mom, but no one came. They waded in the water to the wall and pounded on it, intending to break it, but it felt like steel. By now the water was up to their

chests. Despite all of the desperateness and the fact that they were going to die in their own bedroom, Max spotted an odd, blood red wine bottle with odd markings and some sort of country flag that was filled with water. They NEVER had any wine bottles in their room. He didn't remember it being there before the water started coming out of the closet and thinking the bottle was interesting, he pocketed it. It was only to this moment that he realized his fate as him and Ben were swallowed by the ocean of water, getting vaster every second.

"Nooo!" Ben screamed, if it was possible to do so underwater. He immersed himself in the water, now up to the roof and pushing the ceiling to it's breaking point. As he was rocketing through the water, his mind got filled with pain and forming a plan to rescue his brother was hard, due to the water now pouring in his eyes. Exhausted to death, he finally gave up and let the water engulf him, allowing it to kill him and his brother.

Miraculously, light seeped into Max's lifeless eyes and he remembered that he was underwater. "Thank goodness I'm alive!" he thought. But a cold wave swept over him as he remembered his brother. "I've got to find Ben!" he said aloud, determined. Cramming his eyes shut, he groped around for any sign of Ben. No luck. He dove further into the water's

depths, eyes still closed. No luck. He started to panic now, his chest filling with hopelessness. Max reluctantly opened his eyes and found Ben slumped lifelessly on the seabed. "Wait," he thought, "the seabed?, the last time I remembered we were in our room...". He quickly dismissed this thought only thinking of saving his brother. Like a penguin, he swan down to the seabed and grasped his brother's arm, hand dangling. Shaky, he hoisted his brother up and half-led, half-carried him to the top of the water. As he gasped desperately for air, Max was taken aback. Through his eyes was water in every direction, its gaze endlessly on them. That wasn't all. The sky was afternoon blue, opposed to their bedroom ceiling. Clouds were drifting mindlessly across the horizon. "We're doomed." he said aloud miserably. But no! Miraculously, as max squinted, he spied land. Now it didn't matter that they weren't in their bedroom. What mattered was that they could see land! Hauling Ben on his shoulder, he desperately swam to his lifeline.

Editors note. Once again, I really hated to limit this wonderful story in the interest of space because there were several more paragraphs written by Qaim. The boys ended up swimming to France and getting caught up in the French Revolution... very cool story line... Thanks Qaim! Keep up the good work.

NHCA Vision

Northern Hills is a vibrant, diverse, inclusive and sustainable community.



Northern Hills Crime Statistics

April 2012

The crime statistics for the month of April 2012 in the Northern Hills area are in the attached table. Additional information can be obtained from the Calgary Police Service (CPS) crime map at <http://crimemap.calgarypolice.ca/>.

Crime Category	April 2012 Statistics by Community				Total
	Harvest Hills	Panorama Hills	Coventry Hills	Country Hills*	
Theft from vehicle	2	4	3	1	10
Vandalism	3	1	3	2	9
Assault	2	-	6	-	8
Theft	-	3	1	-	4
Commercial Break-in	-	1	-	-	1
Vehicle Theft	-	-	-	1	1
Total	7	9	13	4	33

*Includes Country Hills Village

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

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

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

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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 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 15th 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 website after the contest.

WINNERS

One winning yard in each of the four communities and one additional winner will be drawn from all those who took the time to nominate their neighbor will each receive a great prize. Photos of the winning yards will be published in the Northern Edge Newsletter and posted on www.northernhills.ab.ca website.

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

Family events Lawnchair Theatre - free!

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy great snacks and live entertainment for the entire family! At various locations through the summer.

All events: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, June 28
Bowness Park - 8900 48th Ave N.W. (Site #1 - East End)
*note—start time for this event is 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 5
Hillhurst - 800 12th St. NW (Riley Park)

Thursday, July 12
Confederation Park - 10th St. NW (Behind the Flags)

Thursday, July 19
Highland Park - 3716 2nd St. NW

Thursday July 26
Harvest Hills—Harvest Lake Dr. NE (By the Lake)

Thursday, August 2
Hidden Valley – 10504 Hidden Valley Dr. NW

Thursday, August 9
Edgemont - 33 Edgevalley Circle N.W.

Thursday, August 16
Citadel - Citadel Way & Citadel Bluff Close N.W. (at the Gazebo)

Thursday, August 23
Ranchlands – 7713 Ranchview Dr. NW

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LIBRARY NEWS

Programs for May 2012

Register on-line at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com or call 403-260-2620

"Turn your imagination into reality at the Country Hills Library"



Beep. Beep. Let's Go!

Travel down the road with us as we share stories, songs, and fingerplays about things that go vroom! Ages 2 to 3 with a parent/caregiver Wednesday, Jun 06: 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.
Registration begins Apr 24

Ride 'Em Cowboys

Yahoo! Join us for cowboy stories and fun. Ages 3 to 5 independent of a parent/caregiver Tuesday, Jul 10: 2:15 - 2:45 p.m. Registration begins Jun 12

Baby Bookworms

Grow a reader with books, rhymes, and songs you'll have fun sharing with your little one. Baby Bookworms presented by Cenovus Energy. Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver Fridays, Jun 15 to Jul 20 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Main floor - Program Room Registration begins May 02

Family Wii Party

Bring the whole family and enjoy some video game fun with the Nintendo Wii.



Ages 7 and up with a parent/caregiver Thursday, Jul 12: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
No registration required

Socially Responsible Investing

Learn what socially responsible investing is, and how you can make a global contribution. Tuesday, Jun 19: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Registration begins Apr 23

BLOCK PARTY

It's Party Time at Country Hills Library

You are invited to celebrate Calgary Public Library's centennial - 100 years in the making block party at your Country Hills Library - presented by Cenovus Energy.



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.

Fun for the whole family - music, food, crafts, a free fitness class, contests and a chance to win prizes. Join us and be a part of our story on Saturday, June 2 - 10:00a.m - 4:00p.m



This summer our very popular Summer Reading Club is once again encouraging your preschooler and school age kids to get reading. Imagine several ways your child can have fun this summer with "Imagine: the 2012 Summer Reading Club" - our title sponsors are TD Bank and the Library and Archives Canada. Weekly book prizes, activity booklet, stickers, poster and a grand prize draw at the end of the summer are all part of imagining, reading great books and having fun.

Registration is free and starts on Wednesday, June 13th at Country Hills Library followed by kick off celebrations and a scavenger hunt on June 16th from 10:00a.m to 4:00p.m.

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EARLY BIRD TICKETS

only \$20 members / \$30 non-members from June 15th - Sept 15th

For more event info and updates visit www.northernhills.ab.ca or the Northern Hills Community Association Facebook page

All donations and sponsorship will be recognized in our Event Program and in our monthly newsletter, the Northern Edge News, distributed monthly to over 15,000 homes in the North Central Calgary area.

We hope we can count on you to help us reach our fundraising goals, allowing us to improve the communities we live in!

Contact email: events@northernhills.ab.ca

Register for 2012 Summer & Fall Dance Programs



Age 2-Adult

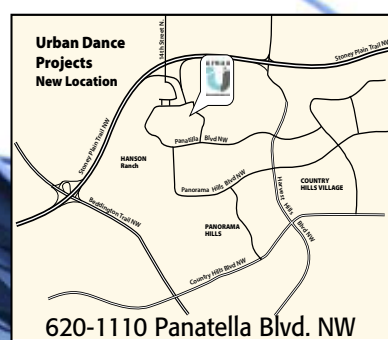
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Calgary's 20-Minute Makeover

From Wednesday, June 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2012, Calgarians are invited to participate in a city-wide litter cleanup. Grab garbage bags and gloves and clean up a boulevard, back alley or park – any public space that would benefit from a few minutes of special attention.



All Calgarians - individuals and families, neighbours, school, corporate and community groups - are encouraged to be a part of building stronger communities by participating in the cleanup. If each of us spends just 20 minutes picking up litter in public spaces, we will all benefit from a cleaner, safer city. In fact, if one in four Calgarians takes 20 minutes to pick up litter, we will have invested 5,000,000 minutes cleaning up our city. That's a major makeover!

You can join the challenge by signing up online at calgary.ca/20minutemakeover. If you have a group of ten or more,

garbage bags and t-shirts will be available for your group. Everyone who signs up will also be entered to win prizes! While registration is optional, we encourage you to sign up so we can map the cleanup. Participants are also encouraged to post before and after photos on the "3 Things for Calgary" website at www.3thingsforcalgary.ca/your-3-things.

Group activities and events will all be posted on the 20-Minute Makeover website, so if you'd like to be part of a group event, watch the site for a location near

you. If you're planning a group event, we would be happy to post the details online so that other members of your community can join in.

The focus of Calgary's 20-Minute Makeover is litter cleanup. However, while you are out in your community, you can further assist in the development of healthy and safe public spaces by recording and reporting graffiti. If not immediately removed, graffiti vandalism sends out a message that "nobody cares" about the area. This creates an open invitation for more graffiti, litter and other crimes. Graffiti (crime) in progress can be reported by calling 9-1-1. To report existing graffiti, call 3-1-1.

For more information about Calgary's 20-Minute Makeover, contact the 20-Minute Makeover Team by email at 20minutemakeover@calgary.ca, visit our website at calgary.ca/20minutemakeover, or call 3-1-1.

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Fostering safe communities...

With warmer weather just around the corner, many Calgarians are busy planning summer getaways. It is important to include property maintenance on your vacation 'to-do' list in order to ensure bylaw compliance and the safety of your property by making your home look "lived in" while you are away.

- Ensure your yard is maintained by having your landscaping tended to by a neighbour or lawn care service.
- Before you leave, trim tree branches that may cause obstructions or reduce visibility of activities occurring on your property.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or have them regularly picked up by a neighbour. Piles of papers or flyers may alert potential burglars to your absence and can also cause unnecessary litter in your community if left to blow away.
- Arrange for a house sitter or someone to check your property regularly. This will help to prevent crimes of opportunity, such as graffiti or break-ins.

Be sure to check with your home insurance company prior to your vacation. Many insurance companies have a number of requirements about how homes should be looked after while you are away.

By ensuring your property is taken care of while you are away, you can relax and enjoy your vacation knowing you have done your part to promote safer communities.

NHCA Vision



Northern Hills is a vibrant, diverse, inclusive and sustainable community.

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**Cardel Place (East side of parking lot)
Skate Park 2012**
(11950 Country Village Link N.E.)

This City of Calgary skate park 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

June 30-July 26 Everyday 1pm-8pm

The Source Series Contest
July 12 5:30-7:30 pm
The Source Game of Skate Contest
July 21 3-5pm

In partnership with
Northern Hills Community Association
Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association
Hidden Valley Community Association
Cardel Place

For more information call 3-1-1 or visit
calgary.ca/ skateparks



NHCA Mission

The Northern Hills Community Association endeavours to enrich and empower the diverse communities of the Northern Hills by:

- Advocacy and education
- Supporting opportunities for engagement, and
- Enhancing quality of life

NHCA Strategic Focus Areas

Communications
Community Advocacy
Community Enhancement
Membership and Volunteer Engagement
Fundraising and Events
Sports and Recreation



ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Park n' Play 2012

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.

12455 Coventry Hills Way NE
July 3 - 6

Panatella Street & Panatella Blvd NW
July 23-27

Country Hills Cres & Country Hills Drive NW
August 13-17

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

Programming for Nursery to Grade 4 during both services and Youth Programs during the 9:15 am service.
Club 56 for grades 5 & 6 during the 11:00 am service.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012
9 - 11 AM.

Rope Braiding
Tent with children's activities such as face painting
Yer'all invited to our FREE Sausage & Flapjack Fest
Come on down
Pony Rides

Looking ahead:

- June 21 - Last Community Moms 'N Tots here until September.
- July 1 - Canada Day
- One Service Sunday begin at 10 am.
- July 2 - Summer Day Camps begin - one week only. Contact Angela at angela@hhachurch.com.
- July 8 - STAMPEDE BREAKFAST
- September 9 - Two Service Sundays begin - 9:15 am & 11:00 am
- November 30 & December 1 - Christmas Craft Sale & Tea

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

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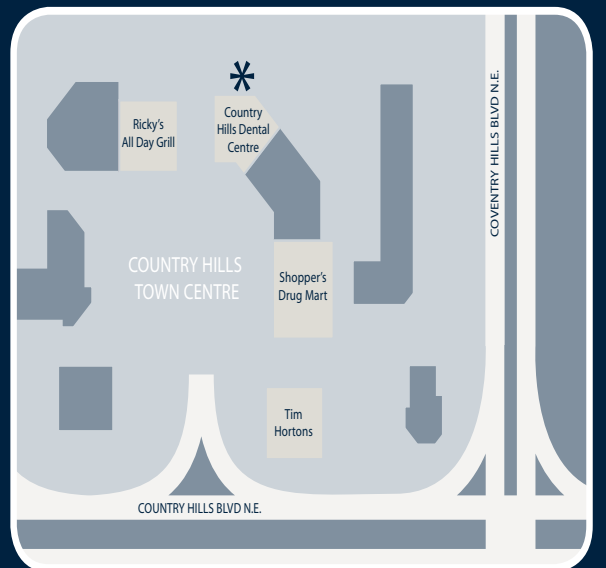
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