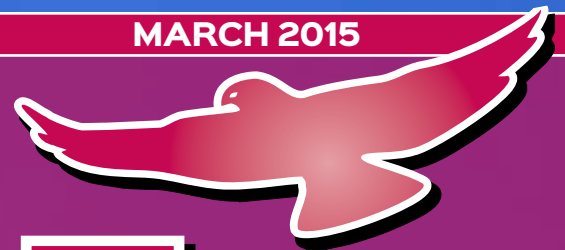


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In Our Community

President's Message

HCA Casino

We had our casino at the Cowboy's Casino on the Stampede grounds this past Feb. 21st and 22nd . I want to thank all the volunteers who came out and volunteered their time on a couple of busy nights at the casino. I saw some new faces as well as some regulars who, like me, actually enjoy the "behind-the-scenes" action at the casino. These funds that we raise go towards improving the facilities in Hawkwood, including our playgrounds and tot lots. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered and a special thanks to Heather Kovach who organized all the volunteers and handled all the paperwork with the AGLC.



Another 15 Minutes of Fame for Hawkwood

Okay, maybe it's only a couple of pages, but still something to be proud of. Blue Imp, the supplier of our playground equipment at our schools, has decided to feature the Hawkwood School playground in its 2015 Catalog on their website. Even with the "creative editing" that I'm sure most of the photos have, it's really cool to see our hard work and effort prominently displayed in a company's literature.

Hawkstone Rink

Well, it's that time of year where the days are getting longer and the temperatures get warmer and our rink starts disappearing. We had a challenging year with the rink, with the warm stretch in January that basically melted the rink back to – literally – its grass roots foundation. Up until then, we were keeping our reputation as one of the best – if not the best – natural ice surface in NW Calgary. Kudos go out to those dedicated Rink Rats who put in a lot of hours, sore muscles and cold extremities to keep that rink in shape for as long as we have. Thanks guys, for all the effort and a special shout out to Mark who helped us out with our electrical issues. See you guys next year!

Community Garden

Our Community Garden group is working hard on finalizing a design for the garden and working with the City on some of the challenges that we face at our proposed site. We will hopefully have some recommendations for the community in the coming months, but we have several groups excited by the prospect of a community garden in Hawkwood. Stay tuned to the Hawk Eye and our website for more details.

Kevan Newman



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Community Connection

I'm Stephanie, the Babysitter You Want. I am a responsible and dependable babysitter in Junior High School and have taken the Red Cross Babysitting course and am looking for clients in Hawkwood, Arbour Lake and Citadel. You can reach me at 403-289-3273. The best time to call is from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. week nights. My rate of pay is \$8 per hour and 50¢ for each additional child.

Hawkwood School News

Hawkwood School is holding a book fair from March 16-19th. Looking to get rid of some gently used books? We are gladly accepting any gently used books you wish to donate (with the exception of textbooks and encyclopaedias). All books can be dropped off in the front foyer of Hawkwood School during school hours.

Spring Break for kids at Hawkwood School is March 23-27th but kids will be off from March 19-27th due to Parent Teacher Interviews and a PD Day prior to Spring Break. Classes resume on Monday, March 30th!

Crowdfunding Campaign to Save the Silver Springs Dive Tank!

There are only a few weeks left to make sure that the renovated Silver Springs Pool includes a Dive Tank! In spite of the worst flood in Calgary's history and falling oil prices, we have raised over \$300,000 to date, but more is needed. Donate now through our Crowdfunding Site, and ask your friends and family to also contribute! Search "Silver Springs Dive Tank" at <https://fundrazr.com/find> and donate now! We can reach our goal! For the cost of a latte, you can help Calgary youth for decades to come. Please help us save the dive tank!

Silver Springs Outdoor Pool Renovation Community Engagement

Thursday March 5, 2015: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Silver Springs Community Centre

The City of Calgary wants to hear from you! The City will host a Community Engagement evening on March 5 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to identify Pool Users' priorities for the renovated Silver Springs Pool facility. A variety of basin sizes and deep water options will be discussed. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project, the fundraising effort, and to voice their opinions about what is most important in the new facility.

Several members of The City of Calgary Recreation and Capital Projects teams as well as the Silver Springs Outdoor Pool Fundraising Foundation will be in attendance to answer your questions.

This is your chance to have input into the new facility! Mark your calendars now!



HAWKWOOD Community Association Membership Application

Memberships can now be purchased online at
www.hawkwoodca.com

Membership are valid for 12 months from date of purchase.

You can pay for your membership on-line using
Interac, Visa or M/C.

For more information, email
memberships@hawkwoodca.com

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

**\$30 cheque payable to the
Hawkwood Community Association**

Please fill out this form and mail or drop it off with payment to:
The Hawkwood Community Association,
P.O. Box 62011, Hawkwood RPO, Calgary, AB T3G 5S7



Hawkwood Outdoor Soccer

Online registration is now closed. (March 1st) We may still have a few spots left and can accept late registrations. If you would like to register please contact me via e-mail at soccer@hawkwoodca.com.

A BIG thank you to the continuous support of our major sponsor Dr. Dave at Crowfoot Vision Centre!

We do our best to keep in mind what positions you have requested to volunteer for, but please remember that without Coaches we would not be able to have enough teams for all our children to play on. If you are contacted to Coach, even if it wasn't one of your volunteer choices, please consider filling that role. You can make all the difference to our Community league, to the players on your team and to your own child. Free Coaches Training is provided! If you have not been contacted yet to volunteer don't worry you will be! We are close to having our teams formed and you will be notified where we still have openings, as well as what team your child is going to be on.

Games will be cancelled upon the discretion of the Director and an e-mail will be sent out no earlier than 5:30pm on game night. (Please do not expect a phone call) The weather can change quickly, so please come prepared for anything! Games will otherwise go ahead as planned as we have such a short playing season; we would like to get out there as much as possible! Since parents/guardians are required to attend we have some things for you to remember for each game.

Player:

- Shin guards (mandatory)
- Comfortable shoes to run in
- Jacket
- Hat for sun
- Toque and mittens for cold
- Layers, for all weather
- Bug spray / Sunscreen
- Water bottle (with water)
- Hand sanitizer
- Parent / Legal Guardian

Parent:

- Comfortable shoes to practice in with your kids
- Jacket or Hoody for cold
- Umbrella for rain
- Hat for sun



- Toque and mittens for cold
- Layers for all weather
- Bug spray / Sunscreen
- Chair or blanket to sit on while watching and cheering
- Choice of non-alcoholic beverage (Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water)

THANK YOU to all the parents that have volunteered already to help get things underway for our season to begin!

Marnie Karras

Community Mailboxes Update

All mail delivery will change over 5 years to community mailboxes. The boxes can be used to mail letters and 2-minute parking signs installed. Lower boxes are to be used by people with mobility issues. There is a program for wheelchair ramps which cost about \$5000 per location. Residents should phone 1-866-607-6301 for more information.



A letter will ask about potential sites, with an attached survey or people can participate online. Staff will meet near-by residents before the sites are finalized. Canada Post may install, erect or relocate in any public place (including roadway, receptacle, or device) for collection, delivery, or storage of mail. However, the City application process means that Canada Post must obtain a permit prior to construction.

Anne Burke

Hawkwood Transportation Updates

Hawkwood has an active group of dog walkers, joggers and folks of all ages that are regularly out in our community. Hawkwood is a great place for pedestrians. It is generally well cared for, and has many great views. This high level of pedestrian activity enhances security and makes the community more welcoming. Community consultation in 2014 showed a desire to improve on pedestrian amenities, and options will be assessed through 2015. If you would like to volunteer to help in this process, you can email transportation@HawkwoodCA.com. Watch for updates on this later this year.

Thing you can do to support pedestrian activity:

Residents can support this healthy activity by keeping walkways safe. As a reminder, homeowners are responsible for keeping sidewalks in front and along the side of their property clear of snow and ice, and to insure vegetation is trimmed back. Google “Calgary sidewalk bylaw” and “Calgary vegetation bylaw” for details and helpful tips. To keep taxes reasonable, the City can only care for sidewalks where no adjacent residence is present.

The sidewalk bylaw indicates snow must be cleared away within 24 hours of an event. Sooner is always appreciated. Also, with Calgary’s changing temperatures, water drains onto sidewalks and freezes into a hazardous ice sheet, especially during spring. Homeowners are responsible to make this safe by applying sand or ice melter (salt). An effective sand/salt mix is available free at the fire halls and road depots indicated on the City website.

Consider becoming a “Snow Angel”, and clearing snow from the sidewalk of elderly or disabled neighbors. Hawkwood has many civic-minded owners of snow blowers that clear their entire block. Thank you on behalf of all residents.

As trees in our community mature, many are spreading over walkways, with branches creating a hazard at eye level. The vegetation bylaw requires that all branches are regularly trimmed well back, so that they don’t interfere with pedestrians.

Remember that vehicles are not permitted to park on sidewalks. Also, if you have large side view mirrors,

please do not park with them overhanging the sidewalk, or else turn them in to prevent interference with pedestrians.

A community walk is more pleasant when the area is litter-free. Hawkwood has civic-minded residents that take pride and ownership of their community by removing litter from public spaces. Consider adopting this mindset, and picking up litter near your residence, in your park, or during your walk. If more residents did this, our community would stay litter free.

If you see unsafe conditions on our sidewalks, please call 311 (City of Calgary) and provide the address. They will determine who owns the issue, and ensure it is addressed.

Crowchild Trail Corridor Study

This City is restarting the Crowchild Trail Corridor study, from 24 Avenue N.W. to 17 Avenue S.W. The primary Hawkwood impact is to residents that regularly commute or travel along that part of Crowchild Trail. If you would like to participate in that process, go to www.calgary.ca/crowchild for information on getting involved.

Fun with Kids

Make a Leprechaun Trap

There is a legend that says that the night before St. Patty’s Day, Leprechauns get into all sorts of mischief. For a fun, whimsical idea to enjoy with your kids set a Leprechaun Trap. You can be entirely creative with the type of trap you’d like to make, but one idea is to set up a small toy ladder up against a glass, topped with green construction paper, leaving a small hole for the Leprechaun’s to fall into. Place chocolate coins in the bottom during the night so that in the morning, your kids will be excited to believe that the Leprechauns found the jar.

Larynda McKay



Councillor Report

Now Available: A New Four-Year Plan for Calgary

City Council approved The City of Calgary's Action Plan for 2015 -2018. Now you can read it online in its full, finalized version. Representing a \$22 billion capital and operating investment in Calgary over four years, the approved Action Plan allows The City to maintain most of its services, with some enhancements and new investments. Visit calgary.ca/actionplan to find out more. Thank you Calgary, for taking Action!

Multi-family Recycling is Coming to Calgary

If you live in an apartment, townhouse, or other multi-family complex, on-site recycling is coming soon!

Council has approved a bylaw requiring multifamily complexes to provide on-site recycling for residents by February 1, 2016. Recycling companies can provide collection and processing. The City of Calgary will provide communication, education and monitor compliance.

To learn more about multi-family recycling, visit www.calgary.ca/multifamilyrecycling, or contact 311.

Earn Your Wings as a Snow Angel

For some Calgarians each new snowfall brings worries of slipping and falling. Keeping sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe can be very challenging – even dangerous – for older adults and others who have limited mobility. As you shovel your walk this winter, take a few extra minutes to clear a neighbour's too. You'll help them and everyone else who travels your sidewalk!

For more information visit calgary.ca/snowangels

Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide

From day camps to sailing and rock climbing, don't miss picking up your guide to fitness and adventure. Visit Calgary.ca/recreation for more information.

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

DID YOU KNOW??

Everyday on St. Patrick's Day, Chicago dyes its river green, using a natural veggie die.



Crowfoot Library

Programs for Children and Youth:

- **Preschool Storytime:** Ages 3 – 5 independent of parent/caregiver. Wednesdays Mar. 4 to Apr. 8, 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- **Chess in the Library:** All Ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Sunday, Mar. 15, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No registration required.
- **What Spring Brings:** Ages 3 – 5, independent of parent/caregiver. Monday, Mar. 16, 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Drop-in Family Storytime:** Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. No registration required.



Programs for Adults:

- **eBooks and Library Apps Coaching:** Familiarity with your device is required. Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Career Basics – Midlife Career Change:** Wednesday, Mar. 11, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- **Business Advice for the Futurpreneur:** Thursday, Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- **ESL Coffee and Conversation:** Thursdays, Mar. 5 – Apr. 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. No registration required.
- **Spanish Conversation Club:** Tuesdays, Mar. 31 – May 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Visit www.calgarylibrary.ca or call 403-260-2620 for more information on these programs. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

This Month in History

March 10, 1862

The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.



King of the Treetops

His large, piercing, yellow eyes contrast against the dark Boreal forest. The Northern Hawk Owl is believed to be the most highly evolved of all owl species and possesses all of the strong qualities that birds of prey are known for.

True to his name, he is very hawk-like in appearance and behaviour. The Northern Hawk Owl has brilliant yellow eyes that are offset by dark feathers and large facial disks. His body and head are decorated in white spots that make him an incredibly beautiful sight.

He makes his home in the natural region of the Boreal forest, but can occasionally be found in the Foothills, Parklands, and Rocky Mountain regions. Northern Hawk Owls only migrate if necessary, choosing breeding areas based on locations with a high prey density. Unlike other birds, Northern Hawk Owls do not collect items to build a home; rather, they will nest in empty tree cavities, such as old woodpecker nests and the hollow tops of broken tree trunks.

The Northern Hawk Owl feeds primarily on lemmings and other small rodents. In a pinch, he will take snakes and smaller birds. Although he is diurnal (awake and active during the day), he prefers to hunt at early dawn and dusk. To hunt, he will hover over open fields, listening carefully and watching for movement. The Northern Hawk Owl has an incredible sense of sight, with the ability to see prey up to a distance of 800 metres. His hearing, although remarkable, is comparable to that of other owls, with the capability to find prey under snow as deep as 1 foot.

With a superior sense of sight and good hearing,

“ With a superior sense of sight and good hearing, Northern Hawk Owls are also the fastest fliers of all the owls.

Photo by Daniel Arndt

Northern Hawk Owls are also the fastest fliers of all the owls. They have a rapid wing beat and a low flight pattern, resembling that of a Gyr Falcon or a Prairie Falcon.

If you come across an injured Northern Hawk Owl, or any other wildlife in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society's wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488.

Katie Fisher, CWRS

DID YOU KNOW??

Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.



Did You Know... These Facts About March?

- At one time, March was the first month of the year. In 1752 when we changed to the Gregorian calendar, March became month three.
- The name of the month comes from Mars, the Roman god of war. It is supposed that this is due to the Roman battle season beginning in the Spring.
- March equinox can fall as early as March 19 or as late as March 22. It is the astronomical beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the start of the Autumn season in the Southern Hemisphere. This year in Calgary it falls on March 20th.

Larynda McKay

Ice Walks

The deep stillness at the bottom of the frozen canyon is broken only by the sound of boots crunching in the snow. Towering waterfalls plunge down steep rock walls, frozen in place as if frozen in time.



Wander through a maze of colossal pillars of ice and surreal ice sculptures, backlit in blues and greens. You'll happily put up with the kink in your neck from too much upward gazing! The frozen canyons of the Rocky Mountains have to be seen to be believed.

Professional guides provide everything you need – ice cleats, trekking poles, beverages and snacks. For the ultimate in ice walking, take an evening tour. Stargaze on your way to a cozy campfire, roast some marshmallows and sip on hot chocolate as you listen to the ice crackling in the darkness.

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Cross Country Skiing

Savour the pure alpine air as you glide along the dazzling white trail in the winter sunshine. Breathe in the fragrance of the evergreens and wonder what animals made the fresh sets of tracks crossing your path. The only sounds are the swish of your skis and the occasional birdsong. When the trees give way to a sublime panorama, you'll marvel that such a healthy activity can be this exhilarating.

With over 70 nordic hubs to choose from, what better place to start than the home of Canada's national cross country and biathlon ski teams? Designed for the 1988 Winter Olympics, Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park will challenge you with 65 km (37 mi) of groomed and track-set trails. And it's only about an hour's drive west of Calgary, so wax up those skis and follow in the footsteps of Olympians. Or follow your own path on hundreds of trails, front and backcountry, throughout the province.

For more information on Canada Trails visit www.canadatrails.ca; or Canmore Nordic Centre at www.canmorenordiccentre.org

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Northern Lights

Imagine looking up and seeing a rich green wisp uncurl slowly across the night sky. The apparition is soon joined by others and together they grow into a bright, pulsating chorus of multi-coloured light, waving, melting away, then regrouping. You're not hallucinating. You're witnessing one of the most surreal natural phenomena on earth: the northern lights.



Learn the tricks you'll need to capture these fleeting images. Unravel the mystery of the aurora borealis and discover what makes the night sky blaze with colour. Hear the old legends and lore that surround this mesmerizing display, which can be experienced from September through April in northern Alberta, with possible sightings much farther south. For more information visit www.altacan.ab.ca

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