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In Our Community

President's Message

Hawkstone Rink

As I write this, Calgary has enjoyed back-to-back 20°C days and it's hard to believe its November. But as sure as the sun rises in the east, winter will come sooner or later, and when it does, we plan on having our rink up at running. Located on Hawkhill Road, our rink is open usually from mid-December until late-February (weather depending!) and it is open every day until 10:30 PM at night (9:00 PM on maintenance nights). The rink is created and maintained by a hardy group of souls who volunteer a couple hours a month to sweep and flood the rink. If you want to help out with the rink, and willing to come out for 1-2 hours a few times during the season, check out our website for details on how to sign-up for a shift when it's convenient for you. The Rink Rats will even train you – it's not that hard!



AGM

This edition of the Hawk Eye may hit your mailbox before Tuesday, November 29th and if it does, consider coming out to our Annual General Meeting that night at the Uplands Recreation Centre (20 Hawkside Road) starting shortly after 7:30. We will have wine & cheese for after the meeting and most of the Board members will hang around and answer any questions you may have. Pending any unforeseen changes, we should have Councillor Joe Magliocca and perhaps MLA Michael Connolly (or well-informed representatives from their offices) to answer any questions you may have.

Fall Festival

Hard to believe, but we had better weather on November 6th than September 11th when we tried to have our Sundaes on Sunday outdoor event. In its place we held a Fall Festival at St. Thomas United Church that had a best Halloween costume contest, some colouring contests and lots of raffle prizes. Many families came out and I want to thank Mary – our Social Director – and our gracious sponsors and donors for helping us put on a great event.

HCA Casino

I want to thank the volunteers who signed up and came out and volunteered at the Cowboys Casino on November 8th and 9th. We have a casino every 18 months or so, and the funds we receive from them

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...President's Message Continued

go back into the community. We use these proceeds to help us build and maintain things such as our tot lots, the community garden and our ice skating rink. So thanks again to those community volunteers who put in a few easy shifts on those days and nights and thanks to Amy, our Casino Director, for organizing everyone and everything!

Happy Holidays

This will be the last Hawk Eye before the Christmas season starts, so I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the HCA, to wish everyone in Hawkwood a Merry Christmas and I hope that the festive season is a joyous one for you and your loved ones! Enjoy the holidays and take time to come out skating, skiing, sledding or even going for walks in our lovely community.

Kevan Newman

Thank you Casino Volunteers!

Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped with the Hawkwood Community Casino event that took place on November 8 & 9. The casino event ran very smoothly thanks to everyone involved. It was a great way to meet members around the community and get to know one another. We appreciate your time and commitment to our community!

Amy Doucet, Casino Director

This Month in History

December 8, 1980

Former Beatle John Lennon was assassinated in New York City.

Hawkwood Babysitters

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.



Hello! My name is Megan and I would love to

babysit for you! I am 14 years old and I have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course. Also, I am certified in CPR & first aid through the Red Cross Bronze Medallion swimming/lifesaving classes. I am available to babysit on weekends and occasional weeknights in Hawkwood and surrounding areas, and I charge \$10 per hour. I also offer dog walking and cat sitting services. Please contact me at 403-276-9508 (home) or 403-862-3273 (cell). I am looking forward to hearing from you!



HAWKWOOD
Community Association

Membership Application

2016 Memberships can now be purchased online at www.hawkwoodca.com

Membership are valid for the remainder of 2015 & the 2016 year

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

Councillor Report

This holiday season let us take time out of our busy schedule to assist those of us who are less fortunate in our community. Many of our city food banks and charities have seen demand for their services increase dramatically over the last year. Let's ensure Calgary remains Canada's most generous city by supporting the many important charitable organizations in our city.

Another way to support our neighbours is to become a snow angel. Keeping sidewalks free of ice and snow can be very challenging for older adults and people with limited mobility. Through Snow Angels, you are encouraged to be good neighbours by clearing snow for those who need assistance. For more information, or to recognize your Snow Angel, please contact 311 or visit calgary.ca/SnowAngels. You and the Snow Angel you choose to recognize will each be entered into a draw for a pair of tickets to a Calgary Flames game on February 9, 2016. The draw will take place January 29, 2016 at noon.

I would like to wish Ward 2 and all Calgarians a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and all the best in the New Year.

Joe's Tip:

Joe's Holiday Eggnog

Ingredients:

- 4 eggs
- 120 ml sugar
- 500 ml of milk
- ½ tsp of vanilla
- 1 tsp. Rum flavouring
- May add optional pinch of nutmeg and cinnamon



Directions:

- Put the milk, vanilla, and optional cinnamon and nutmeg in a saucepan, and heat on low setting until mixture is brought to a boil.
- In a bowl, combine egg yolks and sugar and thoroughly blend together.
- Pour the eggs mixture into the saucepan with the milk mixture. Cook over medium heat, stir in rum flavouring and stir mixture until it reaches desired thickness (3-5 minutes).
- Refrigerate until cool.

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

Hawkwood Fall Festival

Hawkwood's first Fall Festival was held on November 6 and was a big success with around 200 people attending. The community came together to celebrate Hawkwood and had a great deal of fun doing so. Spiderman and Cinderella danced the afternoon away with the children (and some parents!) to music by DJ Fish. The bouncy castle, balloon twisting and face painting were very popular attractions.

We would like to give a big thank you to the volunteers and sponsors who made the day possible. We received a generous grant from The Calgary Foundation (Stepping Stones Program) and raffle prizes and gift cards from Arbour Lake Dental, Cineplex, Co-op, DJ Fish, Community Natural Foods, North Sea Fish Inc, President's Choice, Safeways Starbucks, SurePrint and Tony Roma's. The Bouncy Castle was sponsored by Kurtis Bain Homelife Real Estate Services. The raffle prizes totalled over \$700 in value and there were many happy winners.

There were over 40 entries in the Drawing Competition. The winners for each age group were: Alicia Age 5, Helen age 7, Stella age 9 and Claire Age 10. Sophie Braaten won the cake decorating competition.

I am happy to receive any feedback on this event and suggestions for any other social gatherings or events you think would be fun for our community. I am particularly interested to hear from seniors, dog walkers or any other groups who would like something organised so that we can have other activities in addition to our "family-focused" events so that we include all the community. Ideas might be a group dog walk or a casino visit. Just drop me a line Social@HawkwoodCA.com or 403-993-3399.

Mary Noble

This Month in History

December 7, 1941

The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead.



Your Community Membership

The HCA asks for your help! In order to continue to offer events, planning and the embetterment of our community we need you, a valued citizen of the Hawkwood community to help us by purchasing a membership.

Benefits of Membership

- Great way to meet neighbors and make friends
- Have a say in community and park development, traffic management and urban planning
- Community Memberships bring neighbours together to establish friendships and enjoy our community garden, programs and events that are close to home.
- When people get to know their neighbours, they soon begin to feel good about where they live, take pride in their community. This is how we build strong communities.

You are required to have a Community League Membership

- To register your children in U8 soccer
- To vote at the (AGM) Annual General Meeting
- To participate in developing your community

Please remember that all HCA memberships expire annually on December 31. Memberships are only \$30 and are for your entire household.

Visit www.hawkwoodca.com/memberships to buy yours today.

Kurtis Bain, Membership Director - HCA

Magic Square

Every row, column and diagonal must add up to 68. Each number can only be used once.

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16	20		10
	12	14	
2		28	

Answer: (From left to right) 26, 6, 4, 32, 16, 20, 22, 10, 24, 12, 14, 18, 2, 30, 28, 8

Hawkwood/Citadel 214 Scout Group

First and foremost, we want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported our Scouts with September's and November's Bottle Drives and our Popcorn Drive. Without you our Youth wouldn't be able to participate in some of the amazing adventures we have planned.

We would also like to send out a big thank you to OPA! Souvlaki. Our Leaders were nominated in OPA!'s "Heroes Contest" for their work within our communities, and they won an amazing catered dinner last spring from the Country Hills location near Superstore. We are very grateful for OPA!'s generosity and for acknowledging the hard work our Leaders do!

It's a new year for us and we are so excited to see how many more Youth are joining our Group! Our Group has grown significantly, and it's wonderful that our community residents are realizing how beneficial Scouts Canada is for our Youth and our communities. The Scouts Canada program has changed – it is a more Youth-Directed program where our Youth have more say in the activities they participate in. This gives our Youth more independence and confidence – this will help make our Youth leaders in our communities as they grow.

Our Scouts had a camp at Dinosaur Provincial Park at the end of September and the Venturers went camping in Water Valley in October. Our Beavers and Cubs went kayaking on the Glenmore Reservoir in September and went to Camp Cadicasu in October. Lots of fun was held by all!

We have lots of great new activities coming up – we can't wait to tell you about them!

Watch out for our Scouts on our next Bottle Drive on January 17th – we appreciate your donations!

Danielle Kiss – Cub Leader

DID YOU KNOW??

Artificial Christmas trees have outsold real ones every year since 1991.



Hello Gardeners in Hawkwood!

As many of you may have noticed, the Hawkwood Park Redevelopment Plan is taking root in the Hawkwood Hill Park. The Rain Garden has been under construction for the last few weeks and we are very excited with the progress. The completion of the garden beds is set to take place this Spring (an illustration is below of the estimated design plan for the garden beds). In the mean time the Garden Committee is busy with the following:

- Grant writing for funding opportunities. Grants from Calgary Co-op and the Neighbourhood Foundation Calgary have already been received to date.
- Planning a few fundraisers that will get the community involved in the design of the garden. Keep an eye open for these happening in the New Year
- Working on getting rental contracts completed for anyone who wants to be a part of the community garden next planting season. See the Garden Guidelines and contract in this Hawkeye edition for your opportunity to get involved in this.
- Searching for garden enthusiasts who would like to be a part of the Community Garden Board
- Continuing to work with a designer for the other components of the Park Project

Please visit our information page on the website (hawkwoodca.com) for a copy of the Guidelines, photos of our community garden build, FAQ regarding the garden and much more information. You can also contact the garden team at any time at Hawkwoodgarden@gmail.com.

Thank you Everyone!



Hawkwood Community Garden plan- Rebecca O'Neill & Cheryl Moller

Hawkwood Community Garden

Mission

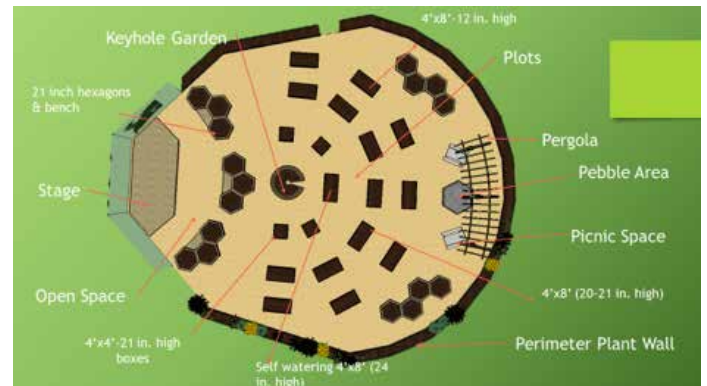
Create a space for sustainable, community oriented food production in Hawkwood.

Vision

Provide the neighborhood with a beautiful gathering place to learn about sustainable gardening, grow food, get to know neighbors and build friendships, and encourage community spirit.

Goals

- Park enhancement, year-round use, safety, beautification Sustainable organic gardening and food production
- A place of learning for all neighbors, students, teachers, seniors, youth
- Donations of fresh produce to the food bank
- Inclusiveness through accessible garden and plots, and sliding scale rental fees
- Build sense of community pride
- Intergenerational friendships



Hawkwood Community Garden Membership Agreement

1. Care of the Garden

- Return the garden plot in good condition after the season
- Maintain your plot and communal areas by weeding, cleaning and disposing of garbage regularly
- Participate the Spring and Fall work parties, please tell us what types of jobs you're interested in below (families welcome, snacks provided)
- Care for and properly store shared tools and water hoses
- Ask a fellow gardener to care for your plot while away, or email the garden committee if you need help while away

2. Use Resources Wisely

- Water the garden responsibly and conservatively and turn off the hoses when done
- Compost organic waste from the garden, composting guidelines will be posted at the garden
- Save seeds, as seeds can be shared with other gardeners (how-to info will be available)

3. Adhere to Organic Gardening Principles

- Use pesticide, herbicide free soil if you add any soil
- Do not spray any chemicals or fertilizers on plants in the garden
- Use organic and GMO free seeds as much as possible

4. Community Spirit

- Be respectful to neighbors living close to the garden
- Walk to the garden when possible and park vehicles on the west side of Hawkwood Hill
- Act as a Garden Ambassador welcoming any visitors to the Garden, and relaying any concerns to the Garden Committee
- Donate extra produce to a neighbor or the Calgary Food Bank
- Offer to volunteer at or facilitate workshops and events in the Garden Don't eat from other Gardener's plots without permission
- Enjoy the communal plots and orchard (when available) with the spirit of sharing
- Pay the full plot rental fee if you can, and pay-what-you-can otherwise Mentor other gardeners

extra plots we will let gardeners know and they may rent another.

The rental fee is \$15/season for 4x8 plots and \$10/season for 4x4 plots, and you must have a valid Hawkwood Community Association Membership. Please include the \$15 or \$10 Garden Bed Rental Fee in cash or cheque payable to the Hawkwood Community Association, and drop your signed contract off Sarah's House: 220 Hawksbrow Mews in the mail box near the front door.

Signing this agreement absolves the Hawkwood Community Garden and the Hawkwood Community Association from any liability, financial or otherwise which may result in the event of accidents.

In the event of a dispute between Gardeners, a mutually agreed upon mediator will be appointed by the Hawkwood Community Association to help resolve the dispute. If a mutually agreeable resolution cannot be found, the HCA reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Community Association Membership # _____

Expiry Date _____

I have read and agree to the Garden Guidelines

Sign _____

Date _____

Please check any of the following you are interested in:

- Volunteering on a Garden Committee (communication, construction, social, clean ups)
- Donating tools, seeds, plants etc to the Garden
- Socialize, and garden with others
- Organize the Harvest Potluck
- Organize children's and senior's activities
- Facilitate workshops (seeding, composting, canning ect)
- Run Errands (acquire compost, soil, tools etc)

Priority for plot rental will be given to Hawkwood residents first, one plot per family please. If there are

Hawkwood Colouring Contest Winners



Be a Snow Angel!

“Lucky and proud.”

That’s how a lot of people describe their feelings when they nominate a Snow Angel. Many are seniors without the strength to clear their walks. Others may be on the mend from surgery or an illness and their physical ability is limited. Sometimes it’s a neighbour who is just having trouble coping with added responsibilities in his/her life.



When you pick up your shovel to clear your walk this winter, take a few extra minutes to help a neighbour too. You’ll make it easier for everyone to travel your neighbourhood and build a sense of community at the same time. For more information, visit calgary.ca/SnowAngels.

City of Calgary

Facts About December

- The birthstone for the month of December is the turquoise.
- There are two zodiac signs for December: Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 – January 19).
- The narcissus is the birth flower for December.
- December is named for the Latin term for ten. In the Roman calendar, December was the tenth month until the addition of January and February at the beginning of the year.
- Kwanzaa is celebrated on December 26 - January 1 every year.
- On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first flight.