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In Our Community

President's Message

School and Playground Zones

So, by now you have probably heard that all school zones will be converted to playground zones by the end of October 2015. This means that both our schools will now be year-round, 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM, 30 km/h playground zones. Hawkwood will now have close to twenty playground zones! While this is a divisive topic for many, I believe it just makes it simpler for everyone to understand that when you see that Playground sign to slow down between those designated hours. No more guessing if school is in that day or whether it's 5PM or not. This way it's simple to understand and easier to obey – like it or not.



Sundaes on Sunday

We had our (mostly!) annual Sundaes on Sunday on August 30 at Hawkstone Field and close to 200 people showed up for some ice cream, games and the ever-popular bouncy house. The weather was fantastic and the tunes from the DJ were equally impressive. Many thanks to the volunteers and our co-Social Organizers – Joleen and Shannon – for putting on another great HCA event. Also I want to thank our sponsors including Famoso and Superstore, for helping us put on these events. Our next outdoor HCA event will be the Winter Festival in February 2016.

Tot Lots

Speaking of playgrounds, we are still trying to refurbish one playground this year, but the window of opportunity – in terms of weather – is closing on us. If we don't get the grants from the Alberta Government by the time you read this, then in all likelihood the construction of the tot lots will be put off until next year.

Airport Noise

Not much has progressed on the new flight path over Sarcee Trail that has sprung up since the opening of the new runway at YYC. Obviously, with the summer coming to a close, I suspect that complaints will die down as we spend less time on our outdoor decks and patios. Rest assured, however, that we will continue to keep a dialog with YYC and keep residents apprised of any changes that we see. I must remind everyone that this process is not an easy or quick one as many jurisdictions – including international ones – are involved and as we all know, they move slower than most. Stay tuned.

Kevan Newman

Municipal News

The height of the glass partition between the public and Council seating areas has been raised and the number of guards will increase when Council is in session.

The Chief Security Officer and Manager of Corporate Security announced that there will be a new visitor screening process for everyone entering the Council Chamber. "If you're coming to the Municipal Complex for a permit, to pay taxes or bills, or to buy a bus pass, these changes will not affect your visit."

Visitors will pass through a metal detector or undergo screening with a hand-held detector, in addition to a check of their bags, backpacks and purses. Visitors do not have to remove shoes, belts or jackets to pass through the metal detector. They will be asked to empty pockets prior to passing through. Individuals with service animals must walk through the metal detector with the animal.

Anne Burke

Councillor Report

With the days getting shorter and the sun setting earlier, it can make it hard to see pedestrians while driving. Halloween is coming up and with children excited in costumes and moving about in unpredictable ways it can make driving that more challenging. Remember to slow down and be especially cautious in residential neighborhoods and around school and playground zones.



Ward 2 has a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

Joe's Tip:

The Leaf & Pumpkin composting program is underway! Bring your leaves & pumpkins to a depot until November 8. Thirty-six convenient locations are available around the city calgary.ca/leaf

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

Hawkwood School News

Autumn Is Here At Hawkwood School

As always, Hawkwood School has had a busy and exciting start to the school year. After getting settled into classes, we had Meet the Teacher on Sept 17th and Sports Day on Sept 24th. **Thanks very much to Tim Hortons Crowfoot who once again donated muffins and coffee for our Annual Muffin Breakfast** which was held on September 30th, the same day as our Terry Fox Run.

Have you heard about the **great deals available in the SUTP Coupon Book? For only \$20.00**, you can save hundreds of dollars and help raise money for Hawkwood School. We are happy to sell to community members. Books will be available at the school's main office. Payment by cash or cheque will be accepted.

This month our Grade 6's will be enjoying Outdoor School, and our teachers will be having a Professional Day on October 30th with lots of time to get our costumes ready for Halloween!

Please support our school by **dropping off your empty bottles, cans or juice boxes at Spy Hill Bottle Depot or Crowfoot Bottle Depot. Don't forget to let them know you are donating to Hawkwood School!**



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
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memberships@hawkwoodca.com

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Aging in the Right Place: A Community and Family Affair

Mark your calendars! The Aging in the Right Place Initiative is hosting the Second Annual Aging in Place: A Family and Community Affair on Saturday, October 31, 2015, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Robert Thirsk High School (8777 Nose Hill Dr NW). Come out and meet your local MLA and Counsellors!

Aging in the Right Place is a community-based initiative in the northwest neighbourhoods of Arbour Lake, Citadel, Hawkwood, Ranchlands and Silver Springs. The goals of the initiative are to work with the individual communities to build their capacity to support adults wishing to age in place in their communities and to educate seniors about what services and benefits are available to them.

The purpose of the fair is to raise awareness about services that are available to help individuals age in place as well as to provide education on topics such as housing, how to navigate the health care system, long-term planning and benefits that are available to seniors and their families. There will be information sessions and opportunities to ask questions about a wide-range of topics including programing and supports available for seniors, seniors housing options, and financial and legal planning. Also, hot off the press! Come and hear about the exciting new Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy (launching Oct. 23, 2015) and how you can get involved in making Calgary an Age-Friendly City. Vendor booths are still available for the fair.

If you have any questions about the fair, booking a booth or would like to learn more about the Aging in the Right Place Initiative, please contact Monique Tambay-Roest at yychawkwoodaginginplace@gmail.com or at 403-266-6200.



City Census

The 2015 Census results are at: calgary.ca/census or by census@calgary.ca. Calgary's population grew from 1,195,194 in April 2014 to 1,230, 915 in April 2015. Data is now collected online by residents and door-to-door by Census Takers. Evanston leads the way in growth with an increase of 2,853 residents. For more information contact census@calgary.ca

5-Year Community Population

ARBOUR LAKE	SCENIC ACRES
2011: 10,762	2011: 8,710
2012: 10,836	2012: 8,650
2013: 10,892	2013: 8,579
2014: 10,987	2014: 8,595
2015: 10,947	2015: 8,542

CITADEL	SHERWOOD
2011: 10,171	2011: 2,109
2012: 10,197	2012: 2,523
2013: 10,285	2013: 3,111
2014: 10,391	2014: 3,778
2015: 10,517	2015: 4,200

DALHOUSIE	ST. ANDREWS HEIGHTS
2011: 8,917	2011: 1,470
2012: 9,085	2012: 1,588
2013: 9,026	2013: 1,602
2014: 9,186	2014: 1,688
2015: 9,362	2015: 1,763

EVANSTON	TUSCANY
2011: 5,889	2011: 18,838
2012: 6,594	2012: 19,013
2013: 8,274	2013: 19,307
2014: 10,030	2014: 19,465
2015: 12,883	2015: 19,737

HAWKWOOD	VALLEY RIDGE
2012: 9,898	2011: 5,042
2012: 9,831	2012: 5,013
2013: 9,801	2013: 5,276
2014: 9,773	2014: 5,518
2015: 9,828	2015: 5,702

SAGE HILL	VARSITY
2011: 1,425	2011: 12,021
2012: 2,189	2012: 12,200
2013: 2,967	2013: 12,265
2014: 3,900	2014: 12,553
2015: 4,578	2015: 12,669

The Story of the Hawkwood Community Garden

As a long-time resident of this beautiful neighborhood, a parent, and a person who is active in many community projects, I want to share the story of the Hawkwood Garden plan. There is some controversy and misunderstanding about the project, and think that it could be useful to residents to know how we got here.



As many remember, the Hawkwood Community Association ran an outreach survey to its populous to discover how the residents would like the casino funds spent. The survey also asked if people would be willing to volunteer their time and effort to assist in making projects a reality. A community garden was one of the top 3 chosen items from the long list of suggested ideas, and the only project that had multiple people step up to volunteer.

There were four community members who joined the committee and we began immediately by meeting with representatives from the City in Hawkhill Park, the proposed site. A beautiful little green space sandwiched between the retirement complex of Dreamview Village, Village on the Park and the Uplands which was under utilized and had water sources available. There was an existing baseball diamond on the space that was little used and the City wanted it repurposed. It seemed a perfect fit. The Garden Committee quickly started visiting other gardens and neighborhoods and evolving a dream for this space that went beyond the “community garden”, to make it a multi-use green space all ages could enjoy year round. It was a dream for a beautiful and peaceful space that people could walk through and visit with others. With the addition of a “rain garden” (lovely perennial plant bed that encourages quick absorption of excess water) we would deal with the flooding that occurs annually in the field while adding another unique ecosystem that would attract other species of birds and butterflies. The next desire was an “edible forest” or small orchard that is a small grouping of blossoming and fruiting trees. They smell wonderful in the late spring and look beautiful throughout the season. Pathways will take you through the forest and allow you to pick and eat anything you desire, free of charge. Blueberry,

raspberry and strawberry plants will also grow in this area for community picking. What a cool place to bring your children, or grandchildren on a fine summer day! The last component, a community garden will also exist here for anyone who would like to pay a small fee for a plot. Community gardens are now a beloved feature of most neighborhoods in Calgary. There are also a number of wonderful Food Forests and Rain Gardens that we have used for inspiration.

Many see the benefits of community gardens not only for physical well being (eating healthier and exercise) but also emotional well being as you are able to get connected into a community and meet others with similar interests. Many gardens host education programs for children, partner with the Library and the Food Bank, and connect kids with seniors. This is about getting involved and meeting your neighbours and building a social network, not on a computer, but in your community. The plan for this project was never intended to “destroy views” or take away from current uses of the green space. In fact, it is our dream that views and uses would be enhanced.

As the process continued, discontent from some of the residents that backed onto this space started to surface. We hosted meetings to try to educate and correct misconception, and hear concerns. After these meetings, it became clear that there were some who were unwilling to appreciate the positives that this kind of project could bring to the community of Hawkwood. We conducted a site-line survey required by the City, and the results showed us that the great majority of residents are in support and excited for this project. It is concerning that the desires of the majority can be put in jeopardy by the manipulation of a vocal minority. As a mother I fundamentally stand opposed to bullying of any kind and I invite you to do the same. Please contact us at hawkwood.garden@gmail.com

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.



Partners for Safety

For the 21st year, On Oct. 31, the Calgary Partners for Safety will be patrolling Calgary streets to give trick-or-treaters easy access to help. That means more than 800 City vehicles will patrol Calgary streets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m, making sure this will be a safe Halloween. All children or adults who need assistance can approach any City vehicle for help.

The program is designed to take a proactive approach to Halloween safety and has two objectives:

- To provide Halloween safety information to parents and children.
- To patrol communities on Halloween night.

The Calgary Halloween Partners for Safety, coordinated by Calgary's Child Magazine, includes the Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services, the Calgary Fire Department, the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Transit, Emergency Medical Services, Calgary Public Safety Communications (9-1-1) and Shaw Communications.

Between calls, Calgary Police Service and Emergency Medical Services will have units patrolling residential neighborhoods. This will provide a high visibility for the youngsters trick-or-treating. The Calgary Fire Department will also have vehicles on patrol, and fire stations will be open as a safe place for our youngsters.

Calgary Transit's buses and C-Trains are in the community providing transit service from early morning until late at night. If young trick-or-treaters



need assistance, they can approach any transit vehicle they spot. Each vehicle has a radio and in an emergency, the bus or C-Train operator can contact the appropriate emergency personnel.

Tips for safe trick or treating

- Wear bright and reflective costumes that do not drag on the ground.
- Choose shoes that fit well and masks that do not limit vision.
- Children should plan their route and advise parents of where they will be and when they will return.
- Remind children not to enter houses or cars.
- Be aware of your location at all times. Should you need to call 911, knowing your exact location will enable responders to get to you quickly.
- Trick-or-treaters should visit houses on one side of the street at a time and use cross walks to cross the street.
- Keep your home well lit for trick-or-treaters and clear your walkway of debris and snow or ice.
- If driving on Halloween night, keep your speed to 20km/h in all residential areas.

M.L. Ellen Percival, Coordinator, Partners for Safety

Calgary History

In 1988, Calgary hosted the Winter Olympic Games. These games helped create world-class sports facilities, such as Olympic Oval, Canada Olympic Park and Nakiska Ski Hill.



This Month in History

October 20, 1818

The U.S. and Britain agreed to set the U.S. Canadian border at the 49th parallel.



Great Reading Adventures... Ignite the Explorer in Each of Us!

Voyages of discovery, treasure hunts, travelogues, expeditions and personal quests are often favourite reads for adults and children alike.

Often wild, extreme, challenging, revealing – and sometimes fanciful – they offer escapism, wonderment and the examination of our own (possible) great escapades.

For a child, an adventure tale can help stimulate imagination and curiosity. If you have children in your life, consider reading several books that have adventure or journey themes. Use it as a conversation starter to talk about hopes, dreams, risk-taking, other places... and possibilities. You might parlay it into a fun planning exercise for your family to begin already planning your next year's summer-expedition. In addition to picture books and fictional stories, consider non-fiction accounts of explorations—and, it can be fun to explore maps together (local and worldwide) too.

Here are some great children's adventure books to explore:

Oh The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss

Written in the rhyming style of his favourites such as *Green Eggs and Ham*, it tells the story of an unnamed protagonist who wants to leave town, and ends up traveling to many bizarre places that are geometrical and polychromatically correct.

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Max, upset with his mother, sails away to an island inhabited by "Wild Things". This is a story about an emotion rarely touched on in children's books, anger. It manages to deal with that emotion in a way children understand and yet comes back around to that of love.

Journey by Aaron Becker

With supple line, luminous color, and nimble flights of fancy, author-illustrator Aaron Becker launches an ordinary child on an extraordinary journey toward her greatest and most exciting adventure of all.

Dream Animals: A Bedtime Journey by Emily Winfield Martin

Ideal for bed time reading; the author convinces

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children to close their eyes and discover who their dream animal might be—and what dream it might take them to.

For great children's book lists by age, literacy-building resources, read aloud tips, videos, games and more visit: calgaryreads.com

Calgary Reads

The Big Book Club Event

Calgary Reads is celebrating a great adventure story for adults too! *Etta and Otto and Russell and James* is a gorgeous literary debut about unlikely heroes, lifelong promises, and last great adventures! Author Emma Hooper is our guest at The Big Book Club event October 2, 2015 in Calgary. Learn more: <http://calgaryreads.com/news-events/the-big-book-club/>

Local book club members may want to check out the book's Group Reading Guide linked on Calgary Reads website.

Calgary Reads



Halloween Safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students about some road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked cross walks, or well lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers, or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing, or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

Alberta Health Services



Fun With Kids Decorating the Pumpkin

When I was a kid, having a jack-o-latern meant cutting out triangles for eyes and a toothy-chompy mouth and then placing it in the window, lit by a small candle. Current day pumpkin designs are something amazing to create and behold. There are no rules. Let your kids design their pumpkin.

Go old school and carve out a scary face, or bring out the markers, stickers, rolls of ribbons and lace, spray paint I love Pinterest for it's endless inspiration for



pumpkins. Last year, our home sported a huge orange pumpkin with my favorite pumpkin pie recipe on it. Easy to do. Fun to showcase! Perhaps you could have your kids create the likeness of family members to display on your front step (like those family stickers on the backs of vehicles). Michaels or a dollar store will have great wigs (costumes for Halloween) and googly eyes that the kids can glue onto the pumpkin. Get the whole neighborhood in on the fun; your block could do the same. A whole community of family pumpkins!

Larynda McKay