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In Our Community

President's Message

AGM

On Tuesday November 24, HCA will be having its Annual General Meeting at the Uplands Recreation Centre (20 Hawkside Road). Please come out and support your volunteer Board and Directors as well as hear from Councillor Joe Magliocca and out Calgary Police Service Community Liaison Officer, Cst. Roy Moe. We will have wine & cheese afterwards and it's important that you get your membership prior to the meeting. You can easily do this by going to our website – www.HawkwoodCA.com and under Association, click on Memberships. You will be able to purchase your \$30 membership on-line and that will allow you to vote at the AGM. The meeting will start around 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Sports Drop-in at Hawkwood School

Unbeknownst to a lot of people in Hawkwood, the City of Calgary runs a Sports Drop-in Program at the Hawkwood School on Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Two City staff supervise (and have been known to participate) sports activities for any youths between the ages of 12 and 17 that show up. It can be basketball, volleyball, badminton, dodgeball or whatever. Not everyone has to play the same sport as the gym can be divided up for different activities. All you have to do is show up, register once and then play whatever sport you want. The program is free and runs every Friday, except Oct. 30, until Nov. 27.

LEAF Program

Well, we had another fantastic year of our LEAF program with the planters and entrance features looking as good as ever. Every year we have the opportunity to increase the levy on each residence to fund the program and this year we decided not to increase the levy. We did not go over the budget and given the current economic state, we did not see a good reason for the increase. The levy remains at \$60.10 per household and is collected by the City on your annual property taxes and the funds go to enhanced landscaping & beautification in Hawkwood. We remain one of the best looking communities in the NW and others, such as Edgemont, have started their own programs, emulating Hawkwood.

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President's Message Continued

Hawkstone Rink

I know it's hard to think of after the last few months that have been fantastic weather-wise, but winter is just around the corner. That means our rink will be starting up as soon as the snow and cold temperatures allow (usually in December). The rink is run completely by volunteers and they are proud of the ice that they produce and maintain over the winter. Our "Rink Rats" are constantly thanked by the people that use the rink for the work that they put in. If you want to be a part of that effort, and have a couple of hours each month to come out and do some floods, let me know. Drop me a line at President@HawkwoodCA.com and I will get you more information and get you on the list of volunteers.

Kevan Newman

Councillor Report

I hope you all had a great thanksgiving and were able to spend some time celebrating with family and friends.

On the Ward 2 front our office conducted an extensive 'Site Tour' with the Transportation department encompassing some 60+ transportation related items. Progress to date has been good and we look forward to achieving more results in the months ahead.

As always it was a pleasure to get out in the ward and engage with our constituents which I was also able to do at a number of community events.

Finally in closing I'd ask all of us, on November 11th, to observe a movement of silence in remembrance.

Joe's Tip:

Look out for each other!

<http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/Roads/Documents/Traffic/Traffic-safety-programs/pedestrian-safety-brochure.pdf>

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

DID YOU KNOW??

Monopoly is the most played board game in the world.



Hawkwood School News

November is a Time to Remember

We had a fabulous school dance this past October and thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors and donors who made our 10th annual dance the best one yet!

Hawkwood School will be closed on Wednesday November 11th for Remembrance Day! Please don't forget to take a few moments to respect, recognize and remember those who have fought and died to defend our great country!

Hawkwood School is holding a Book Fair on November 16-19th. If you have any gently used children's or adult books stacking up in your basement or garage, please feel free to drop them off in our school entrance in boxes or bags. All proceeds from the book fair go back to Hawkwood School. No textbooks or encyclopedias please!

SUTP Coupon Books will still be available for only \$20.00 at the school's main office. Stop by today! Quantities are limited.



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

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Leaf Autumn Update

Another LEAF season has come and gone, and each unique growing season continues to surprise best laid plans, both in positive ways and some not so much.

It's difficult to believe that by the time you are reading this, chances are good that all of the communities flowers will be a distant memory as the cool autumn weather takes us into winter. Some of the flowers we experimented this year only began their spectacular bloom in September, but we did escape any major hail events. The flowers on the perimeter of the planters started small but burst into full color quickly. Some fine tuning of plant placements in the entrance beds will also happen in upcoming seasons.

This year, the plan was to selectively remove flowers at the end of the season only as they succumbed to frost instead removing all of them at once. This will have hopefully lengthened the community's investment into the program.

By the end of October, plant selections will have already taken place for 2016. It's a process that considers what has proven resilient to cold summer nights, low humidity, hail and heavy downpours, insects and pests (like this year's voles), costs, and of course the best feast for the eyes.

Hate 'em or not, dandelions continue to be a prickly topic in Calgary. The city is currently working on a new strategy for dandelion control that re-balances both the need for control, cost, and environmental stewardship. Hopefully the plan will be ready to go in the spring.

As a huge help to the budget for the LEAF, we would like to remind everyone ahead of time that if you are unfortunate enough to strike a planter with your vehicle, or are aware of such an incident, please report it to the Hawkwood Community Association. Each planter is owned by the community's residents and there is a cost and a financial loss to all of us to replace one (approximately \$850). We understand accidents can happen and will certainly assist where we can in such incidents, but without any such incident being reported, it is a hit and run offence and a police report will be initiated.

One last housekeeping note, the City of Calgary has identified that the amount of garbage being stored and found in Hawkwoods alleys is surprisingly high relative to the rest of the city. The city has and will respond

to any 311 reports of Community Standards "good neighbor" bylaw infractions in addition to spot checks that continue to be carried out. Homeowners can be on the hook for a city crew clean up tab. If applicable to your home, please take a short bit of time to ensure your alley area is in order.

Enjoy the beauty of this winter season in Hawkwood with its many mature trees and panoramic views!

Friday Drop In Sports Night for Teens in Hawkwood

This program is offered (and currently funded) through City of Calgary Community & Neighbourhood Services.

Youth aged 12 to 17 years are welcome to join in a variety of sports activities on Friday nights from 7 to 9 pm at Hawkwood School. Program runs weekly until Nov 27th (except Nov 20th).

The Hawkwood Community Association Executive want to see interest and turnout this fall as we need to decide if we will fund the winter session which begins would begin in January.

Drop in soon and check it out!

Voter Outreach

Research on voter turnout, as well as trends, theories on why people do and don't vote, were collected from the City and other jurisdictions for a report on possible strategies.

City Council was asked to help develop an election outreach program, with the 2015-2018 Action Plan

If approved, the Returning Officer could use existing funds to expand multi-cultural communication in time for the 2017 general election.

A report for Council to evaluate the initiatives, including impact on voters and budget, is due June 2018.

Anne Burke

Bylaws Related to Snow and Ice

The City enforces bylaws related to snow and ice control on sidewalks. It is your responsibility to remove all snow and ice from sidewalks and pathways in front of or on the side of your property. Sidewalks and pathway surfaces should be bare and completely clear of snow and ice.



Snow Angels

Keeping sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe can be very challenging for older adults and other Calgarians who have limited mobility. Snow Angels is a campaign that encourages Calgarians to help neighbours in need with snow removal.

Safe Snow Shoveling Techniques:

- Space your hands on the shovel to increase leverage.
- Stand with your feet apart, knees bent and back straight.
- Place your front foot close to the shovel.
- Put weight on your front foot. Step forward and use your legs to load a small amount of snow onto the shovel. Remember the wetter the snow, the heavier it is.
- Lift with your legs; do not bend at the waist.
- Keep the shovel close to your body.
- Walk to where you want to dump the snow. Turn your feet in the direction you are throwing the snow. Do not twist the waist.
- Pace yourself. Take appropriate rest breaks.
- Apply road salt/de-icer wherever necessary.

City of Calgary, Animal & Bylaw Services

DID YOU KNOW??

An egg contains every vitamin except Vitamin C.



Transportation Reminders

Calgary transit is introducing 4-car C-Trains, now that station modifications have been completed to accommodate them. You may have noticed a few 4-car trains in October, as part of training exercises. A more consistent roll out is expected in December. This will benefit Hawkwood transit riders by reducing crowding for downtown commutes, and providing more seating.

As part of a city wide initiative, both School zones in Hawkwood have now been changed to playground zones. This means 30km/hr every day, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. This simplifies rules, making it easier for residents to obey the speed limit in effect. This also provides beneficial traffic calming which makes Hawkwood safer for all pedestrians.

The first winter road conditions will soon be here, and are always associated with a large increase in vehicle accidents. When slick roads show up, slow down to avoid being part of this regular event. Drivers are legally required to drive to road conditions, which means slowing down as needed. This protects your vehicle, Hawkwood residents and our community planters. Almost every year we lose a planter from our Leaf program due to residents driving too fast for conditions. These planters are expensive to replace, and are paid out from our limited Leaf funds. Please come forward if you hit one, so your insurance can cover it. Please note the license plate number if you see a vehicle drive off after hitting our planters.

Businesses have been illegally using Hawkwood streets as storage sites for commercial vehicles and trailers. If you see a commercial vehicle parked on Hawkwood streets after normal work hours, call the Calgary Parking Authority at 537-7000 to have them investigate. This creates unsafe traffic bottlenecks and an unappealing industrial appearance to our residential areas.

Illegal commercial signage along our streets has dropped off, partly from efforts to educate businesses to advertise legally, and because residents are not giving business to illegal advertisers. These signs create visual clutter and unsafe road distractions. Residents take a significant risk dealing with businesses that knowingly break laws, as they are often unlicensed and unprofessional. Please support efforts to reduce illegal signage, by not dealing with businesses that advertise this way.

Update on Aircraft Noise Over Hawkwood

The Hawkwood Community Association (HCA) continues to follow Calgary Airport Authority (YYC) efforts to identify root causes for aircraft concerns over our community and potentially developing mitigation strategies if possible. There have been noticeable changes to flight patterns over northwest Calgary that need to be evaluated. Similar changes through the introduction of GPS technology has been noticed in numerous North American cities. To date, no single root cause has been identified to help focus mitigation attempts. At a spring meeting with YYC, HCA board members recommended YYC look into options to spread out flight paths, viewed as the fairest way to share aircraft noise, returning to conditions similar to those prior to the 2014 changes.

YYC continues to look into options, but effective changes will only be made if data shows they are warranted. YYC is keen to hear your concerns, and you can go directly to their website at yyc.com, click on “Email Aircraft Concerns” at the extreme bottom of the page, then add your comments to the feedback page and submit. Or you can call 403-735-1200. This is critically important, as YYC is fact-based, and requires resident’s feedback, to have justification to make changes.

To provide a unified voice from impacted communities, on the importance of implementing solutions, a volunteer community group called WCATC (West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns) has come together. They have set up a web page, twitter feed and email address to reach out and organize affected residents (see below). The web page also has the YYC link, for affected residents to register concerns. The WCATC can put you on an email list, and is planning to hold group meetings. They has been given a seat on the YYC’s consultation committee, where concerns from impacted residents can be voiced. However, if you are feeling impacted, you still must voice your concern individually to YYC. Assuming someone else like WCATC will represent you, means YYC will not have sufficient justification to address aircraft noise issues.

WCATC Contact Info

Web Page: WCATC.ca

Email: info@wcatc.ca

Twitter: [@info_wcatc](https://twitter.com/info_wcatc)

Concerned about increased air traffic over Hawkwood? You need to register concerns with the Calgary Airport Authority at YYC.com, and select the “Email Aircraft Concerns” link, or dial 403-735-1200. You can also get linked into a volunteer community group, “West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns” by Emailing www.wcatc.ca. Their goal is to bring awareness and change to the increase of air traffic over West Calgary communities. See their Webpage at WCATC.ca

Access to City Services

There are subsidies for those in need to access City services. A Low Income Cut Off determines eligibility but there is a plan to expand that to those with up to 30% more income. If approved, a sliding scale, instead of the current flat rate, would cost the City \$11 million ongoing, with \$1.5 million in one-time costs.

City Council voted to ask for more funding from other levels of governments, especially in the provincial government’s 2016-2017 budget.

In the meantime, the City will require an implementation plan and funding framework for a sliding scale approach.

A follow-up report to a Council Committee on Community and Protective Services is due by July 2016

Anne Burke

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.



Remembrance Day

Facts

- Remembrance Day commemorates Canadians who died in service to Canada from the South African War to current missions. It is held every November 11.
- The first Remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. From 1923 to 1931, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. Thanksgiving was also celebrated on this day.
- In 1931, MP Allan Neill introduced a bill to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day—November 11. During the bill's introduction, it was decided the word "Remembrance" would be used instead of "Armistice." The bill passed and Remembrance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931.

Thanksgiving Day was moved to October 12 that year.

- The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise money for Veterans.

www.veterans.gc.ca



*"How important it is for us
to recognize and celebrate our
heroes and she-roes!"*

— Maya Angelou

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

— John McCrae

How Should The Poppy Be Worn?

The Royal Canadian Legion suggests that the poppy be worn on the left lapel of a garment and / or as close to the heart as possible.

The official start of the Poppy Campaign and the distribution of poppies to the general public begin on the last Friday in October and run until November 11.

The lapel poppy may be worn throughout the whole of the remembrance period and is removed at the end of Remembrance Day. Many people place their poppy at the base of the cenotaph, as a sign of respect, at the end of the Remembrance Day ceremony.



www.veterans.gc.ca

Calgary Connection

Volunteer Calgary:

Visit the "Volunteer" page of www.propellus.org for volunteer opportunities in Calgary.

Women's English & Social Group

Improve your English and meet new women at a New Friends and Neighbourhood Group. We have 16 groups locations in the city. Groups meet once a week for 2 hours to practice English, make friends and have fun! No cost, no immigration requirements and no minimum English. Free childcare provided for children 6 months to 6 years old. Visit www.ciwa-online.com or contact Debra Colley at debrac@ciwa-online.com or 403-444-1752.

T.A.L.E.S. Story Circles

Come tell a story or just listen. The second Wednesday of each month. At LOFT 112, #112-535 - 8 Ave. S.E. Calgary 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Nov. 11 We Remember You. For more information contact Cassy at 403-283-9489 or visit www.talesalberta.org.

Get Involved! South Shaganappi Study:

The City of Calgary is starting a transportation corridor study for the south end of Shaganappi Trail. The study area includes the Shaganappi Tr. and 16 Ave. interchange, the Shaganappi Tr. and Bowness Rd. intersection and the Bowness Rd. and Memorial Dr. interchange. Join us on Thursday, November 19 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at an open house where we will introduce the study and gather input to understand how it can contribute to a vibrant future for the area. Parkdale Community Association, 3512 Fifth Ave. N.W. Visit www.calgary.ca/southshaganappi for more information.

When The Ship Has No Stabilizers:

One family's heartbreaking journey through their



daughters tragic mental illness and how they found hope. Join us Sunday November 15, 2015, 11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas United Church, 100 Hawkwood Blvd, NW Calgary. Please register at 403-241-0366. Donations accepted – monies raised goes to McMan Youth Family & Community Services.

The Calgary Creative Arts Guild Show and Sale:

The Calgary Creative Arts Guild is hosting our 25th Annual Fall Show and Sale on November 14 at the Montgomery Community Centre, 5003 16th Ave. NW from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featuring original works from over twenty local artists, the event will provide refreshments and door prizes. Admission is free. Donations to the Veterans Food Bank great fully accepted.

Personal Safety:

We live in a city where we want and expect to be safe. We can encourage safety by empowering ourselves through knowledge and action. Learn how to be observant of your surroundings at all times. Join us and Ruth Steele from the Calgary Police Service Crime Prevention Unit for a presentation around personal safety in and around our city. Wednesday November 18, 2015 at the Canyon Meadows Community Association (844 Cantabrian Drive SW from 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. FREE to all Calgarians. Register at <https://calgarycommunities.com/workshops-events/>

Information Costs

The City manages Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) requests. For six months the net cost was \$222,135. Routine disclosure may reduce costs, as well as public access to FOIP requests. The policy was due May 2016, but a plan to implement simultaneous disclosure for Jan. 2017 will come to Council by Sept. 2016.

Although 172 requests were filed, many involved a response from more than one Department. The City Clerk's Office fielded 287 requests about Animal & Bylaw Services (56), Environment & Safety (41), Calgary Fire Department (25), Inspection & Permit Services (24), Water Services (21), Planning (17), Law (14), and many others. The requests came from Business (81), the Public (33), Personal (30), Media (18), interest groups (5), and other (consultants).

Anne Burke

*"Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear."
– William Shakespeare*