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In Our Community

President's Message

Congratulations to Councillor Joe Magliocca



On behalf of the HCA, I want to congratulate Joe Magliocca for being re-elected as the Ward 2 Councillor. This is Joe's second term and he and his team at City Hall have been very supportive of Hawkwood and the issues we have here. As always, we will endeavour to continue to work well with Joe and his team and if there are any issues in Hawkwood that don't seem to be getting the attention they deserve, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Councillor Magliocca.

Fall Festival

It was a chilly Sunday outside in early November when we had our 2nd annual Fall Festival at St. Thomas United Church, but the energy levels were off the charts inside with all the games and activities. We had colouring contests, dancing contests and a raffle with over a dozen prizes for the many families that came out. I want to thank the many volunteers and of course the sponsors who donated those great prizes.

HCA Needs You!

As I write this, we will be having our AGM in just over 3 weeks and I can't help but notice that we have several vacancies that really need to be filled. Have a look at the list beside this message – some key roles such as Soccer, Webmaster and Membership are really required to keep this community strong. If you have a desire to help out in this great community, want to work with some other wonderful people and have a wee bit of time to spare, please consider one of the roles. Our retiring directors have offered to help train the next generation, so please don't feel like you will be thrown to the wolves! Please contact me at President@HawkwoodCA.com if you are interested and I can answer any questions you may have.

Winter

Well, it's here! The cold temperatures and snow have showed up in November and looks like we might be in for a long one. This also means our skating rink at Hawkstone Park will be firing up very soon. And the upkeep of the rink doesn't happen by itself – we need a little bit of help from community residents (both young & old) to help sweep and flood the rink a couple

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of times a week during the winter. The veteran Rink Rats will train you – all you need to bring is warm clothing, a couple hours of effort a month and you will be rewarded by the warm smiles and gratitude of those who use it. Please reach out to me to find out how you can sign up to help. Also, in the spirit of being a good neighbour, don't forget to shovel your sidewalks and don't be afraid to be a Snow Angel and clear off a neighbour's as well!

Christmas

I know its several weeks away, but on behalf of the Board of Directors at the HCA, I want to wish everyone a safe, warm and happy holiday season. I hope you look forward to that time of year to spend time with loved ones as I do. Merry Christmas everyone!

Kevan Newman, President

Why Buy an HCA Membership?

Your membership fees support the work of the Hawkwood Community Association to provide facilities, services, and programs to benefit our entire community:

- Building and maintaining the skating rinks, playgrounds, community garden and path systems
- Organizing free social events such as Picnic in the Park & Sundaes on Sunday
- Delivering community information to your door in the Hawkeye and online through www.hawkwoodca.com providing a forum for discussing neighbourhood issues, challenges and opportunities

Memberships are valid for the calendar year and are required for Soccer registration and voting at the AGM. For a mere \$30, you can make a big impact in helping your community.

Kurtis Bain, Membership Director - HCA

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

DID YOU KNOW??

Alberta spends more per capita (\$967 on average per person) in retail stores at Christmas than any other province.



HAWKWOOD
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Membership Application

2017 Memberships can now be purchased online at www.hawkwoodca.com

Membership are valid for the 2017 year.

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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Event News

Fall Festival Fun!

Our annual Hawkwood Fall Festival was held on November 5 and a great time was had by all. There was fun and games galore with dancing with DJ Fish, face painting, a bouncy castle, costume and drawing competitions, games and a raffle. Pikachu came along to ensure that a good time was had by all!

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who make our events possible and our kind donors and sponsors. For this event we were supported by:

Floors on Crowfoot, Home life Central, Superstore, DJ Fish, Springbank Cheese, Harper's Tire, Hudson's Tap House and the Medicine Shoppe.

Thank you as well to Abeer Merali who donated her excellent face painting talents for the event.

These events are a celebration of our community and it was great to see so many smiling faces.

Our next event will be the Winter Festival held in January at the Hawkwood skating rink. Come along and join us for hot chocolate, cookies, skating and winter fun.

Mary Noble



Girl Guides

Start to the 2017/2018 Guiding Year

September is always a busy time of year for anyone connected to the Girl Guides of Canada organization. Not only is September the start of a new guiding year, it's often the start of many new friendships, the time when plans begin to fall into place for the fun activities the guides will do during the year ahead and also the month when we try to have a tent camping trip before the snow flies!

Tent camping is one of the many great things Girl Guides get to experience and, although the leaders maybe involved in booking the dates and location of camps, the girls themselves are largely responsible for what happens when we get to camp. From planning what they eat, to choosing whether we have a theme for the camp (in the past we have had the Amazing Race Camp, Harry Potter Camp, Medieval Camp), the girls are encouraged to develop their planning skills and work together as a team.

This September the 66th Guides got the chance to head out to camp at the end of the month. The weeks beforehand were filled with the usual planning activities and, as we had just welcomed many new members to the Guiding Unit, the 2nd and 3rd year guides spent time teaching them how to put up tents and explaining what items they would need to bring with them to camp. A trip to Bass Pro was organised for all of the 1st year girls where they were shown examples of the essential tent camping items and this was followed by a scavenger hunt.

Our Fall Camp was a fun time for all. The weekend of camping featured whipping up the batter for cooking pancakes on the propane stoves for our Saturday breakfast (the homemade pancake mix quantities were worked out by the girls), setting up the tents on our sunny campsite, heading out of a nature walk (which included a quick snack break to eat the cookies that the girls had helped make), sitting around the campfire roasting wieners for lunch and of course helping to wash the dishes tent-camping style.

Jenny H - 66th Calgary Guides



Hawkwood/Citadel 214 Scouts News

Dates to Remember:

Early December: Popcorn delivery
January 6, 2018: Bottle Drive (Save yourself a trip to the bottle depot and save your Holiday empties for us!)

Warmest greetings for the Holiday season and best wishes for happiness in the new year from all of us at Hawkwood/Citadel 214 Scouts.

Danielle Kiss, Hawkwood/Citadel Scouts

Staying Safe in Hawkwood

The Hawkwood Community Association recently had a visit from Constable Scott Nedham from the Community Services division of the Calgary Police Service. Constable Nedham and his associates patrol Hawkwood on a regular basis and help ensure the safety of our community. He had some great information to pass along to all Hawkwood residents to help improve neighborhood safety.

One of the best things we can do as citizens is to report any and all suspicious behavior to Police – let the experts decide whether an issue is worth investigating. These reports are very important as the Calgary Police Service has an Analyst who tracks and compiles data from every call (for example, Break & Enters) from which he/she derives patterns and relays the information to street officers so they can be on the extra look-out during their patrols.

The easiest way to report suspicious behavior to the Police is online, www.calgary.ca/cps. Click on the “Report a Crime” icon and follow the steps – you will be directed to the CopLogic program. This is a very user-friendly system, specifically designed to encourage the public to report any crimes. A case number will be automatically generated once a complaint has been filed, and an officer will respond to the complainant within 1 to 7 days.

Danielle Kiss – Editor

Casino News

Save The Date!

Hawkwood Community’s next casino will be on Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Cowboys Casino. Over 30 volunteers will be needed for this event.

Funds raised by the casino go towards community-funded initiatives such as the community garden, soccer, skating rink, and playgrounds.

Please consider volunteering for this very important fundraiser – let’s work together to keep our community great!

Contact casinohawkwoodca@gmail.com if you are interested.

Off-Leash Ambassador Program

Volunteer Recruitment

We are recruiting volunteers to participate in the Off-Leash Ambassador program.

The Off-Leash Ambassador program is an innovative approach with a volunteer-based, citizen led initiative to promote responsible pet ownership in Calgary’s 150 off-leash parks.

Volunteers in the program will:

- Promote responsible pet ownership, positive pet interactions and safety in off-leash areas through the provision of information and demonstrations
- Answer questions regarding Calgary’s bylaws in off-leash areas
- Act as positive role models in off-leash parks in terms of adhering with Calgary’s bylaws
- Provide an avenue for citizens to express concerns and pass along concerns to City staff
- Promote the work of Calgary Community Standards and the services available at the Animal Services Centre, such as animal adoption and licensing

Ambassadors will receive training to familiarize themselves with bylaws, canine body language, as well as tactics to communicate with the public.

Visit us at: www.calgary.ca/offleashvolunteer

City of Calgary Community Standards Prevention & Public Awareness

Hawkwood Babysitters

Hello! My name is Megan and I would love to babysit for you! I am 15 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!

Calgary Public Library News

Early Learning Centre Opens at Forest Lawn Library

There's a new place for children five and under to play and learn! Come explore all things energy at The Calgary Foundation Early Learning Centre at Forest Lawn Library. There's now nine free Early Learning Centres open at libraries across Calgary. Discover where to play at calgarylibrary.ca/early-learning-centres.



Try a New App for Ebooks and Audiobooks

Calgary Public Library members have a new way to read ebooks and listen to audiobooks. Libby, a one-tap app from OverDrive, is designed to get people reading quickly and seamlessly. Download Libby today and use your free Calgary Public Library card to discover Libby's extensive digital library. Happy reading!

Discover Free Programs and Services for Newcomers

Did you know Calgary Public Library offers a variety of free programs and services for newcomers? Practise your English speaking and listening skills at ESL Coffee and Conversation, meet one-on-one with a settlement worker at Settlement Services, or take a class to prepare for the citizenship test. For details on more than a dozen programs for newcomers, visit calgarylibrary.ca, click programs, and search by subject.

Leave Your Mark on New Central Library

The Calgary Public Library Foundation is offering a once-in-a-lifetime chance to be part of New Central Library. Join the Windows of Opportunity campaign and support the Library! Purchase a group or personal window and your name or a message will be inscribed on the window's frame. Learn more at mylibrarywindow.ca.

Calgary Public Library

Councillor Report

I would like to thank residents of Ward 2 for once again putting their trust in me to serve as your City Councillor. I will continue to keep our community informed through this newsletter and through my various social media channels. It is important to me that all residents are kept informed and as always, please contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions on how to make our community even better.

The new Rocky Ridge recreation centre recently reached a key milestone and was handed over to the Calgary YMCA. The new facility, Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge, officially opens to the public on January 15, 2018. This centre will serve all of northwest Calgary for many years to come providing us with a wide range of indoor and outdoor recreation amenities.

With winter upon us, City of Calgary Crews are keeping an eye on the forecast all winter long, preparing roads with anti-icing solution before the snow falls, and maintaining City streets as soon as snowflakes hit the ground. Stay informed during every snowfall by following @yyctransport on Twitter and downloading the Road Conditions App for frequent updates. You can also see where crews are plowing on the live map at Calgary.ca/RoadConditions.

After each snowfall, Roads crews follow a priority clearing system called the Seven Day Plan:

- Priority 1 routes, which carry more than 20,000 vehicles per day, are cleared to bare pavement within 24 hours after the snow stops falling.
- Priority 2 routes, which carry between 5,000 and 19,000 vehicles per day, are cleared within 48 hours after the snow stops falling.
- Collector routes, playground zones, designated hills and pathways are cleared on Days 3-7.

I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and all the best in the New Year.

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

DID YOU KNOW??

All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas song would equal 364 gifts.



Tips for Handling Holiday Stress

Christmas is a joyous, and stressful, time of year! Not only are the adults stressed, but kids can get stressed as well!

Christmas is busy, loud and full of fun! Routines will change and activities added to take in all the festive sights. We all need a break from the regular routine while also avoiding a rough transition back into routine once the holiday season is over. We have some tips to help you and your family with the festive season.

- It's OK to let your child stay up a little later than usual — but not too late. Limit TV and video games and get out and engage in exercise or play!
- Try to avoid sleeping in more than an hour or so past their usual morning schedule.
- Many children are frustrated by having limited control over their environment, so include them in the planning for the upcoming holiday festivities! Make a calendar together with all the things you plan to do as a family such as Christmas parade, tree lighting, shopping, etc. Sometimes simple is better; don't try to pack each day with something!
- If you are planning on taking special holiday photos, preparation is the key to success. Dress rehearsals are a must, so there isn't a last-minute scramble. You might consider visiting the venue prior to the photo shoot to help ease any anxiety or fears.
- Then, photos with Santa Claus. Remember that your child may be freaked out by the jolly old man in red. They may not yet understand who he is. So take it easy and not pressure the little ones into sitting with Santa. There are free Santa workshops (only require a food bank donation) and the kids are not pressured into sitting on Santa's knee and they have crafts and other fun activities to partake in as well! Sometimes, these places are quieter and more suitable for younger children or children with special needs (anxiety, autism, etc)
- Family meal time is important for reconnecting with each other but during Christmas season it's even more important. It's a time to unwind at the end of the day and reconnect with each other.
- Family meal time doesn't include sitting down at your



family's favorite fast food restaurant as your own your way to rush to the mall to do more Christmas shopping. Consider having everyone help with menu planning during the festive season!

- Help children to learn the real meaning of Christmas and that it's not all about getting, but giving. Our children can become stressed just seeing all the commercials and ads telling them they MUST have a certain item to be "ok". Find ways with your children that your family can give back!
- Hang onto your family traditions or make a new one!
- Find time this Christmas season to relax with your family. Enjoy family game night, watching Christmas classic shows and just being together.
- For parents, make a sensible budget for presents and stay within it. Money stress is the worst at this time of year and affects everyone! A great idea for gift giving for your kids: something they need, something they want, something to wear and something to read! Plus a Santa gift! And bonus points if you make the gift as it will mean more!

Enjoy the festive season!!

The Calgary NW ECD Coalitions consist of three coalitions who have joined forces with parents, community members, organizations and professionals, who are all working together to better the lives of young children and their families. We work hard to support five important developmental areas for children – Social Competence, Emotional Maturity, Language & Thinking Skills, Physical Health & Well-being, and Communication Skills & General Knowledge. We are always looking for interested parties to join our coalitions.

If you are passionate about children and their future, and would like more information about the Calgary NW ECD Coalitions, or if you have any questions, please email us at: nwecdcoalitions@gmail.com.

First 2000 Days, Early Childhood Development Network, North West Coalitions