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Palimpshed Project

Palimpshed Project has a new artist onsite! Stay tuned for an update. The Palimpshed Project was created by Banff Trail resident, Terese Mullin, and is a local urban art spot in Banff Trail that offers an opportunity for mural artists! This lane way space is located in the alley running along the south side of Edelweiss Village. Go check it out! See @palimpshed on Instagram for more details and watch for a call for submissions. Send inquiries to Terese Mullin at palimpshed@gmail.com.

Mural pictured here is by artist Justin Scott.




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**Spring Summer Kids
Clothing Swap**

March
4th
2-4PM

Swap don't shop
A BTCA Eco Committee Initiative

Banff Trail
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The Valentine's Day dinner on February 11 was a huge success. This event brought together couples who enjoyed a salad, steak dinner, mashed potatoes, and cooked veggies, and dessert (see accompanying photos on page 5). This event was provided by the Banff Trail Youth Council as a fundraiser to provide a new updated pantry for our community. Thank you to all the volunteers, organizers, and attendees who made this possible. Well done, Youth Council! Very impressive! Keep your eye out for more fundraising events in the future!

When I first moved into this community, about five years ago, I immediately went to a BTCA meeting to see what I could do to get involved. The first thing I was impressed by was the fact that the BTCA was very dedicated to providing free memberships to community members in order to allow all people and children to get involved regardless of their income level. This has allowed all of our community children to attend events and programs. As inflation has hit every family, I continue to be impressed that the BTCA still remains one of the only communities to offer free memberships to community members. Even more impressive were the efforts made by the BTCA to provide a Soccer Program that remains affordable to include all children. With the last world cup completed, there are more soccer enthusiasts than ever! (Congratulations, Argentina!) Soccer builds friendships, fosters team building, and promotes exercise! More details in this issue.

Keep in mind, your Banff Trail Community Association Membership is about to expire! These memberships do not automatically renew. Details are included in this issue on how to renew your membership for the 2023-2024 year. Welcome again! We are thrilled to have you for another year!

Hang in there! Spring is just around the corner. It won't be long until we are tending to our gardens again. With the rising costs of vegetables and cooking ingredients, the Banff Trail Community Association offers community gardens for rent, but spaces are limited. Why not grow your own medicines or flowers? Reserve your space soon! Contact Marie Fraser at btcommunitygarden@gmail.com for more information.

Have any kids in your household? If you have a kid between 12 and 17 years of age who is looking to get involved while having fun, we have an opportunity for you! The Banff Trail Youth Council meets once a month and has already done remarkable things for our community.

A Youth Group helps foster character, build leadership skills, and provides the opportunity to make new friends! Email ycl@banfftrailcommunity.ca. Many thanks to these amazing young leaders for all they have accomplished and for all their community contributions!

Your Banff Trail Membership is absolutely free! Six years ago, the Banff Trail Community Association voted to set memberships to zero dollars in order to include everyone. For new memberships, please provide your name, contact information, and let us know if you live within the Banff Trail neighbourhood boundaries to membership@banfftrailcommunity.ca. Or, just let us know if you wish to renew as a member for an additional year. Thank you so much for your support! Welcome to all new members!

Want to get your Banff Trail Howler before it comes in the mail? Check out https://mycalgary.com/magazines/banff_trail/.

If you have anything you're interested in, don't hesitate to get involved. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Feel free to call 403-282-2234, or email hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You are more than welcome to join us! You can also join us or see what is going on every month via online video using this link: <https://meet.google.com/gsd-cyzo-fhx>. The Banff Trail Community Association (BTCA) consists of a wonderful group of neighbours who are dedicated to our community and its residents. Thank you for all your time and volunteering efforts.

In Solidarity, your editor for the Banff Trail Howler,

Ravenmoon Spicer

Acknowledging and Honouring Indigenous cultures: Calgary (and Banff Trail) is situated at Mohkínsstsis (in Blackfoot); Wichíspa (in Stoney); or Guts'ists'i (in Tsuut'ina) in Treaty 7 Territory, Home of the Blackfoot Nations, Stoney-Nakoda Nations, Tsuut'ina Nation, and Home of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Métis.

Music Trivia Night

Think you know music? Ready to try a round of "Name That Tune"? Join hosts Robert and Amy for the ultimate test of your musical knowledge in a rousing game of Music Trivia.

Music Trivia is best played in teams. Gather your neighbours and friends to come and play, or join a team at the event.

Fun times are sure to ensue. This is an adults only evening. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Register for this event by emailing events@banfftrailcommunity.ca.



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2023

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Please include your name, address, phone number, partner's name, and how many children you have under the age of 18.

Banff Trail Community Association

BOARD MEETING

Second Wednesday of every month

From 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Google Meet video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/gsd-cyzo-fhx>.

Have questions about Hall rentals or availability?

Contact our Facility Manager at 403-282-2234

or hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting story you think should be in The Howler? Know of someone living in Banff Trail how deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do please contact howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca.



Remember, www.BanffTrailCommunity is the place to look for short-notice events, and more community info. Check out Banff Trail Community through social media through the following:

Facebook: @Banff TrailCommunity.ca

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Need Affordable Food?

The Good Food Box makes top-quality, fresh food available in a way that does not stigmatize people, fosters community development, and promotes healthy eating.

What Is It?

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby they purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost from growers and distributors in Calgary. The Good Food Box is a hand-up program as opposed to hand-out. They offer all Calgarians and surrounding areas sustainable access to nutritious food to ensure that everyone can afford fresh produce, so no one has to go hungry. The boxes are put together by dedicated volunteers who, along with The Community Kitchen Program and the BTCA, desire to see individuals and families accessing affordable nutritious food.

Information

Anyone will soon be able to order an affordable box of fresh produce to be picked up locally each month. Please email goodfoodbox@banfftrailcommunity.ca for more information about the program.



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For order dates and depot locations, please visit
www.ckpcalgary.ca/program-services/good-food-box

For more information, please contact

goodfoodbox@banfftrailcommunity.ca



The Banff Trail Community Association offers a safe and inclusive environment that is welcoming to all individuals.

Ladies Poker Night | 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Ladies! It's that time of the month again!

Next Meeting: Friday, March 31

Last Friday Of Every Month | Banff Trail Community
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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Since the 1960s, various groups have lobbied to have Nose Hill preserved as a natural park. In 1972, a group representing eight communities pursued the matter. The result was the Nose Hill Design Brief, a City plan to set aside 1,600 hectares.

In 1976, however, the City rezoned part of the land for housing. In response to public discontent, the City reviewed the zoning issue, and in 1980, approved the Nose Hill Park Master Plan, which aimed to preserve 1,096 hectares as a park.

In 1981, the Nose Hill Park Communities Board was formed to provide public input into implementation of this plan. Twelve community associations were represented on the board, and it kept the issue in the public eye. The City finally reached a deal with remaining landowners in 1989 and the 1,052 hectare Nose Hill Park became a reality.

The remarkable Glenbow Library and Archive, a collection that documents the history of Western Canada, is now housed at the University of Calgary as the Glenbow Western Research Centre. The Nose Hill Park Communities Board files contain historical information: briefs, plans, proposals, reports, submissions, legal papers, maps, and drawings.

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Hey Kids!

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Have you checked out any of our events?

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The Banff Trail Conversation Club

Let's talk! Meet new people. Hang out in a social setting. Exchange ideas, thoughts, and opinions. Join us in community discussion and so much more!

**Come talk with us!
Newcomers welcome.**

Every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Banff Trail Community Hall.

For more information, contact Patricia Kostas at 403-284-9487

Artists of Banff Trail

If you are an artist in Banff Trail and would like to exhibit your work in the Banff Trail Artist Exhibit, please email your submission to Terese Mullin at Tereseamullin@gmail.com. Use the subject line "Banff Trail Howler Exhibit." Please include up to five images, your artist statement, and brief biography if applicable.



TIME TO RENEW YOUR BTCA
MEMBERSHIP
FOR
2023-2024
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Association*

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Investing In Our Future

A balanced budget and a growing economy create jobs and enable us to invest in what is important to Albertans. Here are a few highlights on how our government is investing in Alberta.

Supporting Job Creation

Our province created 88,800 new jobs in 2022 (almost 25 percent of all new jobs created in the country). Job outlook for 2023 has forecasters predicting more economic growth and diversification on the horizon for Alberta.

Diversifying the Economy

Alberta is once again a top destination for investment capital. The last few years saw major investments from companies like Telus, Mphasis, Amazon, Walmart, Air Products, Dow, PIP International, de Havilland, and Phyto Organix Foods, to name a few. Imperial Oil recently announced that it is building a \$720 million renewable diesel facility – the largest facility of its kind in Canada – in Alberta.

Balancing the Budget

International credit rating agencies are taking note of Alberta. Moody's Investors Services upgraded Alberta's credit rating to AA2. This decision speaks volumes about our government's management and decision-making as we focus on healthcare, education, the economy, and affordability for all Albertans.

Investing in Healthcare

A balanced budget and growing economy allow us to continue to invest in healthcare. We have invested a record breaking \$22 billion in healthcare in 2022, the highest amount ever, and we will continue to invest more in Budget 2023.

We are building a province that is stronger and more resilient than ever.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach me through email at calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca or call 403-216-5436.

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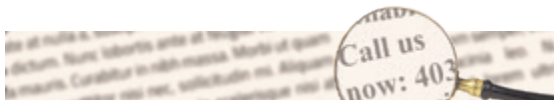
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