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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy March, Glenbrook!

As spring quickly approaches, we all look forward to the warmer days ahead and having daylight long into the evenings. Unfortunately, this means our outdoor rinks will be going away for another year, but I know that a number of kids in the neighbourhood are looking forward to getting back on the basketball courts. During this time of transition for our outdoor sport areas, as the ice on the rinks starts to melt, it takes time until we can set up the courts and open them back up for summer activities. Once ready, the sport courts will open for all Glenbrook residents to enjoy.

If you weren't already aware, we are still accepting nominations for our two annual awards until May 23. The first is the Glenbrook Lifetime Member Award, given to a deserving Glenbrook resident with 15 or more years of dedicated volunteer service to our community. The second is the Glenbrook Community Partnership Award, given to a local business or organization with 10 or more years of work contributing to life in Glenbrook. Nomination forms are available at Glenbrook Hall or by request to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca.

Please continue to watch your speed in our playground and school speed zones, which run until 9:00 pm each evening. With the switch to daylight saving time coming up soon, our residents will be out and about later into the evenings. Drive safe and take care on our streets.

Murray Ost

President



GLENBROOK ATHLETICS

Calgary Padel Club

Junior Program, Adult Teams, Tournaments
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Calgary Wildcats Football

Atom/Bantam/Peewee, Spring Football
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Games at Shouldice Athletic Park
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office@umojamosaic.org

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The Boiling Lake



The island of Dominica in the Caribbean Sea is home to a flooded fumarole (a vent for volcanic gases) full of hot, bubbling water and vapour. The hike to this World Heritage Site is treacherous and involves trekking through boiling, muddy forests and sulphuric gas. Although it's beautiful and otherworldly, visitors beware!



Glenbrook Lifetime Member and Community Partnership Awards 2023

Awards season is back in Glenbrook! We will recognize exceptional individuals who have demonstrated significant and sustained service to Glenbrook, and outstanding contributions from local groups and businesses.

We will consider:

- General attitude and overall demeanor**
- Dedication to the objectives of the association**
- Commitment to good community stewardship**
- Valued leadership and good role modeling**

Nominations are now being accepted until May 23, 2023. Forms are available at the Glenbrook Hall, or by request to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca or by calling 403 249 6664.

CONNECTING GLENBROOK

Calling all Gardeners

Various community members have expressed interest in a gardening group. Once the weather is right for it, we would listen to speakers, do hands-on projects and walking garden tours throughout Glenbrook, get involved with the Glenbrook Greenthumbs Community boxes, and beautify the neighbourhood along the way. Stay tuned for more specifics next month.

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

To apply for a garden box rental, contact Agnes at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Tai Chi

We are delighted by how many Glenbrookers have been joining us at the hall for gentle exercise on Tuesday mornings. There's still room for you to come and experience the relaxation. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes, dry, non-slip shoes, and a nametag.

Upcoming Dates (all Tuesdays at 10:00 am): March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11

Contact Gary at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

Book Club

Our book for March is *The Woman in the White Kimono* by Ana Johns.

Upcoming Dates: Wednesday, March 15 (1:30 to 3:00 pm); Wednesday, April 19

Contact Grace at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Fun and Games

Join us for a variety of board games, word games, and cards. Meet new neighbours, exercise your mind, enjoy a potluck snack bar, and have fun. Bring a mug, a nametag, dry footwear, and a favourite game if you wish.

Upcoming Dates: Friday, March 17 (1:00 to 3:00 pm); Friday, April 21

Contact Pat or Gordon at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.



Knitting and Crafts

This past Christmas, I made boot socks for my grandchildren, which was an opportunity to use up small amounts of leftover yarn. They were very colourful and each sock was unique, but all



the colour changes can get tedious. I started by using the Russian Join method, but I wasn't thrilled with the outcome. It works fine with fine sock yarn, but I was using a #4 yarn instead of a #1. So, I searched online for something I would like better, and I found a tutorial that gives six different methods to use for changing colours in knitting. I used the 'Weave in As You Go' method and I was very happy with the result.

Upcoming Dates: Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 pm; Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

Contact Ruth at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca. Meet at the Glenbrook Hall.

Coffee Social

Socialize with neighbours, refresh, and enjoy coffee and snacks. Bring a mug and dry footwear to meet at the community hall.



Upcoming Date: Friday, March 24 (10:00 to 11:30 am)

Contact Audrey at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca.

The Full Worm Moon



The third full moon of 2023 occurs in March! It is aptly named the 'Full Worm Moon' as March signals the start of spring, thawed grounds, and the return of earthworms!





GLENBROOK COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Glenbrook Hall: 3524 – 45 Street SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3V2
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Your community association is a group of volunteers who work to make your community a great place to live for residents of all ages. You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

1. Become a member – when you purchase your annual Glenbrook membership, your dues are used to offer you and your neighbours many programs and activities.

2. Become a volunteer – Glenbrook Community Association relies on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways to volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time, you will make new friends and learn new skills.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off at the Glenbrook Hall mail slot, mailed through Canada Post to the Hall (address listed above), or purchased at community events. Debit and Credit payments are now accepted.

Membership fees: \$25 per family (includes any family member living at same address) or \$20 for Senior (65 years and older) or individual. Please make cheques payable to: Glenbrook Community Association

(September 1, 2022 to August 23, 2023)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cell:

Email:

Membership type: Family (\$25)

Senior 65+/Single (\$20)

Payment type: Cash Cheque

(payable to Glenbrook Community Association)

Volunteer – we are always looking for volunteers to help with various events within the community. Volunteer opportunities include the following - Skating events, skating rink maintenance, Family Fun days, Community cleanup day, sports events, Casinos, etc.

Contact for Volunteer canvas: Yes

No.....

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- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light

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Hall Rentals

Please direct all questions to glenbrook.community@shaw.ca or call 403-249-6664.

Hall:

- Monday to Thursday, Daytime (cut off at 5:00 pm) - \$25/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours
- Monday to Thursday, Evening (5:00 PM to 10:00 pm) - \$30/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours
- Friday to Sunday, Day Rate - \$350/day
- Wedding Package, Friday evening to Sunday at 12:00 PM - \$700 (includes use of Boardroom and upstairs space)

Security Deposit:

- \$500/rental, returned 7 days past the event

Boardroom:

- Monday to Thursday - \$25/Hour, Minimum 3 Hours

Sport Shack:

- Sunday to Saturday (8:00 am to 10:00 pm) - \$25/Hour, Minimum 2 Hours
- Storage Lockers (rooms) - \$75 to \$95/month. For sport equipment storage by sport groups only. Payment required 6 months in advance.

Debit and credit payments are now accepted.

GCA Meetings

Upcoming Meetings

- April 6
- May 4
- June 1

Did you know that anyone can attend meetings of the Glenbrook Community Association? They aren't only for board members. Everyone in our community has a voice and we would love to hear them.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, from September to June, at 7:00 pm in the Glenbrook Hall (3524 45 St SW)

Pig Beach

Major Cay, an island in the Bahamas, has been home to a colony of feral, swimming pigs for decades. No one knows for sure how they got there. Some suspect that the pigs were survivors of a shipwreck and swam ashore, while others believe they were put there by inhabitants of a neighbouring island who didn't want them living on their island.



Are You Interested in Volunteering at Glenbrook School?

Several Glenbrook community members have expressed an interest in volunteering at Glenbrook School. The principal, Kathy Andrews, and the staff would warmly welcome volunteers from the community to contribute in ways that support students at school and on field trips.

There are several field trips planned in the spring and our volunteer support would really be appreciated. Also, there are many students at the school who are new Canadians and are adopting English as a Second Language. We can support them as they develop their proficiency in English and become more comfortable living in Canada.

We are considering a number of ways to volunteer as a group depending on numbers, availability, and interests, as well as the school's needs. This will also add opportunities to cultivate new friendships with members of our community.

Please contact Margaret, a retired assistant principal, at glenbrookevents@shaw.ca if you are interested in volunteering. She will help you with getting your Volunteer Security Clearance, provide you with additional information, and answer your questions.



Pets Of Glenbrook

You could say my name is Cassiopeia, but my friends call me Cass! I am a German Shepard mix originally from a reserve in northern Saskatchewan. I love going for walks in the neighbourhood, chasing a ball, or playing in the backyard with my dog cousin, Kai. My parents and I agree that we are lucky to live near so many open green spaces. If only they would let me chase the squirrels and rabbits!



To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Globe, please send a photo and short write-up to glenbrookglobepets@gmail.com.

Medieval New Year

In the northern hemisphere, March signals the start of spring, and traditionally, planting season. As a result, in many European countries, March 25 was once the start of the new year. It wasn't until 1752 that Protestant countries like England adopted January 1 as New Year's Day. Can you imagine?!



Glenbrook Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Glenbrook
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2023	\$ 298,950	\$ 297,750
December 2022	\$ 612,450	\$ 595,000
November 2022	\$ 299,950	\$ 290,250
October 2022	\$ 240,900	\$ 237,000
September 2022	\$ 569,000	\$ 537,500
August 2022	\$ 319,900	\$ 309,500
July 2022	\$ 404,950	\$ 395,000
June 2022	\$ 339,900	\$ 339,900
May 2022	\$ 329,900	\$ 331,000
April 2022	\$ 487,000	\$ 482,500
March 2022	\$ 449,450	\$ 471,500
February 2022	\$ 385,000	\$ 404,444

Last 12 Months Glenbrook
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2023	12	4
December 2022	4	6
November 2022	7	8
October 2022	6	7
September 2022	12	13
August 2022	12	14
July 2022	11	10
June 2022	22	17
May 2022	18	17
April 2022	18	20
March 2022	31	22
February 2022	25	20

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Dear Neighbours,

I would like to share with you some good news, Imperial Oil is investing \$720 million to build a new renewable diesel facility – the largest facility of its kind in Canada.

Due to Alberta's competitive taxes, skilled workers, and strong economic outlook, our province continues to be a top destination for investment. This significant capital commitment from Imperial Oil shows our plan is working to attract investment and grow the economy. An estimated 600 construction jobs will be created, not to mention all the indirect economic benefits. It also shows industry's innovation technology leadership, with Alberta's support, reducing emissions in Canada and around the world.

Initial construction on the project has already begun. The project will use vegetable oils — including canola, safflower, sunflower, and soy — and "blue hydrogen" that's produced from natural gas (combined with Carbon Capture Usage Storage "CCUS" technology) to produce renewable diesel. Once it is completed in 2025, the facility will be capable of producing about 20,000 barrels per day.

Another good piece of economic news to share is that Moody's Investors Service upgraded its credit rating for Alberta to Aa2 (stable outlook) up from Aa3 (positive outlook). Alberta's excellent financial management and strong economic performance has been recognized by this upgraded credit rating.

After years of successive downgrades under the previous government, the current government's commitment to increased savings, reduced debt, and a balanced budget have continued to generate stability and prosperity for Alberta, and frankly, all of Canada. This credit upgrade speaks volumes about our responsible decisions to invest in health care, help businesses, and create more jobs for Albertans. Your government will continue to be unrelenting in its focus on investment attraction, economic growth, diversification, and job creation.

This positive economic news reflects the hard work of all Albertans, including the residents of Calgary-Currie. I will continue to work hard to maintain this momentum.

Regards,

MLA Nicholas Milliken

A Few Words on Birds - Ruddy Duck

by Catherine Warwick

If you see a Ruddy Duck, be sure to exclaim in a British Accent, "It's a Ruddy Duck!" In Britain, "ruddy" is used as an intensifier (i.e., it's ruddy cold out), so it's like saying, "This is the duckiest duck", which isn't untrue when it comes to the Ruddy Duck. To be honest the name has a more boring origin, it actually comes from the breeding male, ruddy refers to its reddish plumage.

The Ruddy Duck comes back to Calgary earlier than most birds, usually in March. By April, you can head out to Frank Lake to see one of these fascinating ducks. The most unusual thing about them is the bright blue bill that the male sports in the breeding season. It's so nice to see some bright colours on animals around here, most seem to be dun-coloured, blending in with their surroundings. It's such a thrill to spot the bright blue through your binoculars. Eat your heart out, tropics! We may colour our houses brown and beige, but we do have a blue-billed duck.

On Frank Lake the Ruddy Duck is seen paddling around with its chest out, a black cap, white cheeks, and a tail sticking straight up behind it; they are unmistakable. If you are lucky, you will see its funny little courtship dance where it bobs its head up and down and hits its bill on the water, all the while making ticking and clapping sounds. It is also one of the more aggressive ducks and I have seen it swim after other ducks around it. Its feet are further back on its body than most ducks, so it is ungainly on land. This also means it sticks its chest out like a little boxer, looking even more aggressive; "You want a piece of me!" should be its breeding cry instead of ticking and clapping. Although this duck is a squat little thing it is very aerodynamic underwater and can dive a metre with one kick of its foot. It also uses its stiff tail like a rudder. It has the ability to escape predators by slowly sinking straight down into the water without a ripple. I guess it knows when to leave a fight too.

The Ruddy Duck is native to North America, but someone brought a group to England and they escaped! They are now an invasive species living in the wild there and are apparently spreading to Europe. Probably beating up the weak European ducks as they go. We only hear about the species that were brought

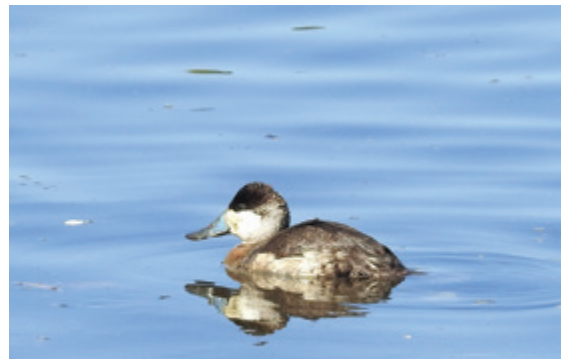
here and escaped. It seems like if you bring a group of birds anywhere new, they will invariably escape and start upsetting the local bird populations. Maybe we should just stop moving them around?

The eggs of the hen are very large, compared to their body weight they are the largest of all the ducks. They are also almost spherical. A hen can lay one per day, and the clutch she ends up with can exceed her body weight! The eggs are big, but the upside is out of them come big ducklings that are soon ready to swim by themselves.

All this combines to make a unique and charming little duck that I love seeing every year at Frank Lake. Make the trip and you might see the Ruddy picking fights and then slowly disappearing under the water to escape them.



A rare picture of a Ruddy Duck walking; that's because he's at the zoo!



A female Ruddy Duck, apparently, she likes the colour blue. Picture by Diane Stinson.

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