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New – SBHCA Residential Membership Changes!

We are pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2022, our residential membership will be a 12-month rolling membership. What this means is that your membership will expire 12 months after you sign up, as opposed to expiring at the end of August every year.

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December 22	6	8	\$1,422,500	\$1,389,500
November 22	5	18	\$687,400	\$667,500
October 22	11	11	\$968,000	\$920,000
September 22	20	13	\$799,900	\$795,500
August 22	15	11	\$845,000	\$820,000
July 22	12	15	\$750,000	\$745,000
June 22	29	14	\$1,149,450	\$1,127,500
May 22	25	23	\$769,900	\$821,800
April 22	29	30	\$799,900	\$810,750
March 22	51	49	\$730,000	\$765,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As we have recently moved into the spring season, this is a wonderful time to enjoy the improving weather and all the outdoor amenities offered across our community. Whether it is a walk though one of our many pathways or enjoying one of the playgrounds with our children, this a reminder that summer is right around the corner! For those of us who enjoy winter activities, one of the big benefits of living in the Foothills of the Rocky Mountains is the opportunity to continue enjoying spring skiing and other winter activities though the month of April.

We have a very popular upcoming annual event in the month of April. Our community cleanup event will take place on April 29 and it provides a great opportunity to clean out unwanted items from our homes and garages. Once again, we will co-host this event along with two other community associations, Signal Hill and Discovery Ridge, and it will take place in the parking lot of Westside King's Church. Please refer to the article in this newsletter for further details.

We are also happy to report that our children's 2023 soccer and t-ball season is now underway, and our community garden is gearing up for the new growing season.

We also remind our residents that we continue to seek new volunteers to help us plan and run more events during the year. Simply contact us at info@springbankhill.org and we will be happy to review our current volunteer opportunities with you.

Stay safe and healthy!

Elio Cozzi, President

On behalf of the board of directors, Springbank Hill Community Association



Become a SBHCA Business Member

Springbank Hill is a vibrant and growing community. The rolling hills, trees, open spaces, and pathways are something that makes our community attractive to so many families and individuals. Through our ongoing communications with members, our events, and community properties (e.g. The Springbank Hill Community Park and Garden), we strive to create a vibrant and supportive neighbourhood. Having Calgary businesses become SBHCA members by supporting our programs and providing a sense of belonging for our residents is an important next step.

We are pleased to announce that businesses within the Springbank Hill community area, and within Calgary, can purchase a business membership. Whether you are a home-based business, an entrepreneur, a small business, a large company, or a not-for-profit, we would love to have you join!

It would be great, although not necessary, for your organization to offer our residential members discounts on your merchandise and/or services. We will promote your discounts to our members.

The annual fee for a 12-month rolling membership is \$35. To join today please visit <https://springbankhill.org/business-members/>.



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Become a Springbank Hill Volunteer!

With our continued commitment to making Springbank Hill an active, safe, and desirable community, we are looking for residents, like you, to join our association board or become a volunteer.

If you are passionate about Springbank Hill and want to help, the following positions may be a great fit for you:

1. Community Gardens Operations and Maintenance Team – Volunteer or Board Member
2. Events Committee – Volunteer or Board Member
3. Membership Committee – Volunteer
4. Board Member at Large – Director position on the Board

Contact us at info@springbankhill.org to learn more!



Check out SBHCA's Partner & Sponsorship Program!



SBHCA partners and sponsors are essential to helping us raise funds for events (e.g., our annual Pumpkin Festival, Movies in the Park) and properties (e.g., Springbank Hill and Montreux Outdoor Rinks, the Community Garden). It is also a great way for organizations to connect with our residents at a grassroots level.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss an opportunity further, please contact us at membership@springbankhill.org or further details can be found at <https://springbankhill.org/partners-sponsors/>.





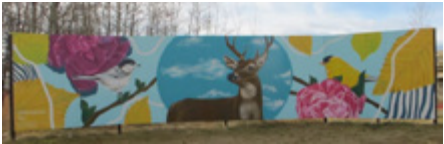
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Share Your Photos!

We are always looking for great community photos to post on our website, in our social media, and in our Newsletter. If you have some great shots that you would like to share, please email them to info@springbankhill.org along with your name, and you just might see your talent featured in our next issue.

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When you become a community member, your household receives the following:

- Access and discounts on various events in our community
- The ability to rent one of our community garden boxes
- Advocacy on community concerns relating to safety, development, and the natural environment
- Opportunities to provide input on community capital projects
- A voice in our community

Only registered members receive regular community emails and digital newsletters to inform them of events, programs, news, and matters in our community. The membership fee also helps us fund all the different initiatives that make our Springbank Hill community a safe, fun, and friendly place to live. To join as a member, please visit our website at <https://springbankhill.org/membership/>.

The community association appreciates your financial support, especially this past year with the reduction in our revenues due to the pandemic.

Spring is in the Air

by Simon Brame



All gardeners in Calgary have been waiting for spring so that we can start our new growing season. Every year, it seems to be a never-ending delay for the snow to disappear and the ground to thaw. But April 1 is the opening day for our Springbank Hill Community Garden and we can start to dream about new tree buds and the planting of our new crop of flowers and vegetables.

Jobs that should have been done already: the garlic was planted in the autumn, the garden shed has been arranged so you can find your tools and pots, packages of seeds have been bought, the remaining snow has been placed around the trees, and your seedlings for a May planting are growing nicely inside your home.

Now is the time to be planning what we want to do in our yards and gardens. Is there a need for a change of layout? The vegetable plot was in the shade last year and needs to be moved into the sun. The dog has killed the grass on the front lawn and this patch of lawn should be replaced with a small native tree (perhaps an Evans sour cherry which has lovely red berries that the birds adore). The Mugho pine has grown much bigger than expected and needs to be replaced with a miniature variety of pine.

The last frost is usually in mid to late May, but many 'cool crops' can be planted in late April (peas, cabbage, spinach, lettuce, carrots) and will germinate in cool soil. Seed potatoes can also be planted early to give them an extended growing season. Provided that any above

ground growth is not frosted, early plantings usually do very well. Plants that need warmth (beans, tomatoes, peppers, squash) should be delayed until after the last frost. Cloches, over-turned plastic milk containers, sheets of glass, and greenhouses can all be used to extend our limited growing season.

What do you want to grow in your garden? What does the family like to eat? There is no point growing a huge crop of kale if nobody likes to eat it! What seeds do you have remaining from last year? Most seeds have a 2-to-3-year lifespan, but some (beets) need to be replaced yearly. Look for seeds that have a 'days to maturity' of less than about 75 days for optimal success. Most species of corn, for example, take 100 or more days and are unlikely to mature in a Calgary summer. Do you want to repeat what grew well last year, or plant something different?

It is best to not grow vegetables in the same place each year. Space permitting, try to do some form of crop rotation. This reduces the chance of disease and better protects the soil from nutrient deficiency. Most vegetables and flowers grow best in organic rich soil. Soil quality is the single most important factor for a good garden. If you didn't mulch last year, then a 2-to-3-inch layer of mulch is recommended where you intend to plant. Large bags of soil, compost, and/or mulch, can be delivered directly to your garden by many local suppliers.

Get a rain barrel so that rainwater can be stored rather than it flowing off down the road. The City of Calgary has excellent articles about being water-wise. Regular watering, particularly during seed germination, is very important and plants much prefer (neutral pH) rain versus (chlorinated, hard, alkaline) tap water.

To improve success, consider buying a soil testing kit to help evaluate if your soil has any organic or chemical deficiencies. Cheap wands for temperature, pH levels, and water humidity levels (that are usually used to test indoor plants) can also be very useful to check your garden soil.

The garden centres are opening and will gladly accept your money! Walk around them and smell the spring in the air. Even if you are just buying a few annuals for boxes on your deck, we can have so much fun looking forward to an exciting summer ahead.

Living on Springbank Hill

by Shelly Smith



I am sure you agree that Springbank Hill is a beautiful place to live. We have such amazing natural beauty surrounding us and amazing people and pets – just to name a few!

If you would like to be interviewed for an upcoming SBHCA (Springbank Hill Community Association) monthly newsletter, please contact us at membership@springbankhill.org and use the subject title 'Living on Springbank Hill.' I promise that the interview process will be fun and will take no more than 30 minutes of your time. We are interested in finding out why you and your family love living on Springbank Hill and a little bit about you.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



2023 Community Cleanup Event

by Rhonda Smith



The Signal Hill, Springbank Hill, and Discovery Ridge Community Associations have teamed up to host a Community Cleanup Event in 2023.

Event Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Westside King's Church parking lot (SE corner of Springbank Blvd and 69 St SW)

- The City will provide trucks to collect garbage going to the landfill.
- Other recycling vendors may include metal, electronics, tires, and household donations.
- Unfortunately, we cannot accept chemicals, contaminated materials, or hazardous items.
- We need 30 volunteers (10 from each community) to work one 2-hour shift each.
- Volunteers will direct traffic, help people unload their items, support City workers and vendors, answer questions, promote community memberships, etc.

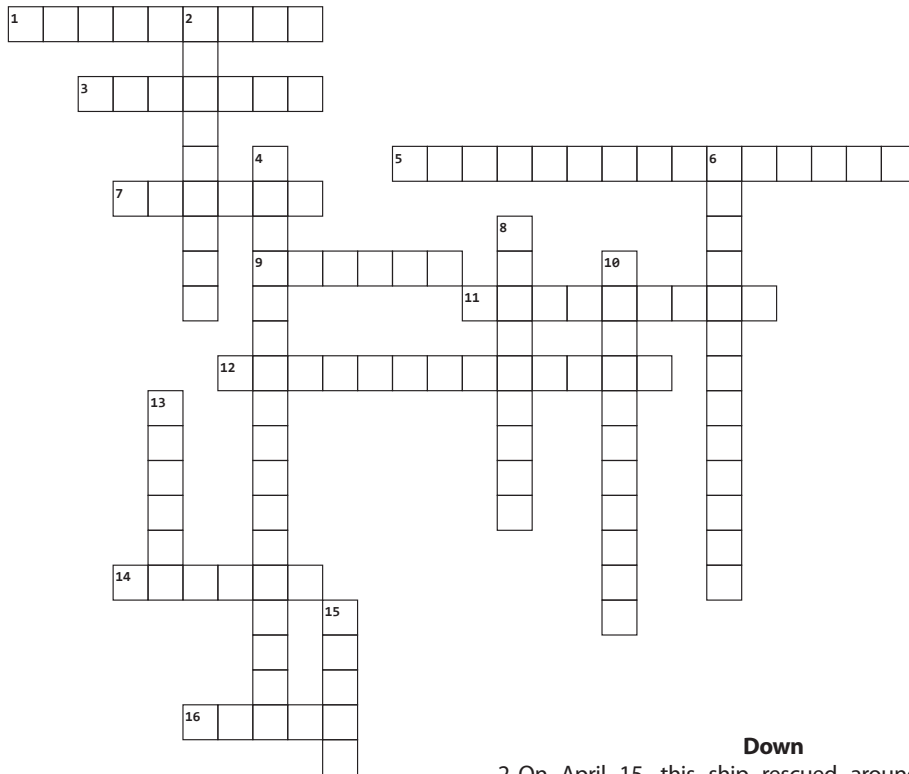
Thank you to the City of Calgary Community Strategies and Waste & Recycling for their contributions. As well, thank you to the many volunteers in these communities who make events like this possible.

For more information check out <https://www.calgary.ca/communities/community-cleanups.html>.

Stay tuned to our social media channels and website for details on confirmed recycling vendors.

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April Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. The smell that is caused by the mixture of rainwater and various earthly compounds.
3. Kids will leave these out for the Easter bunny in case he gets hungry.
5. Born on April 15, 1452, this artist's painting was famously stolen.
7. On April 11, this national observance advocates against animal violence and cruelty.
9. The Latin root for the word 'April'.
11. This Calgary-born competitive pair skater won gold at the 2002 Olympics with her partner David Pellettier.
12. This Vancouver-born actress is best-known for playing Robin Scherbatsky on the CBS sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*.
14. Literature lovers will know that April is National _____ Month.
16. A colourful and popular marshmallow Easter treat.

Down

2. On April 15, this ship rescued around 705 people from a famous shipwreck 595 km off the coast of Newfoundland.
4. What makes April 9, 1917, an important date to many Canadians?
6. It is said that this day began in 1852 when France started using the Gregorian calendar and the new year no longer began on April 1.
8. Born on April 21, 1816, she is the oldest Brontë sister and author of *Jane Eyre*.
10. This Chilean-American *The Last of Us* actor was born on April 2, 1975.
13. In the United States, spring is said to have arrived when this bird comes to town.
15. One of April's birth flowers that comes from the Old English phrase 'dægeseage'.

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I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

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