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In Our Community

Message from the President

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great 2011 and that the upcoming year brings you happiness and good fortune.

Huntington Hills Community Association had a very busy year with increases in both memberships and participation in all programs. Curling, Hockey and Skating are all doing very well and report good numbers. Planning is underway for our new

gymnasium project and we anticipate an announcement of the project details by spring time. Anyone interested in becoming involved with this project should contact HHCA or me for more details.

Have a great 2012!

*Kent Kammermayer,
President HHCA*

Free Family Day Skate

February 16, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Come join us at Huntington Hills Community Association for a free family skate. Some skates will be provided by Kid Sport Calgary. Please bring a helmet (hockey/bike) for your child. Children 16 and under must wear a helmet to be on the ice.

For more information call Sue at 403-275-6666 ext. 235.



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Huntington Hills Community Programs

Pre-School

Pre-School Dance Class

Your child will discover the joy of dancing in a fun and creative environment! The course will introduce your child to the basics of ballet and jazz dance with an emphasis on imagination and creativity. Children will learn basic steps, positions, terminology and short dance combinations that will improve coordination and balance.

- Ages 3 – 5 years
- Cost: \$65/8 Classes
- Jan. 28 – Mar. 24, Sat. 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- No class Sat. Feb. 18

Pre-School Learn To Skate Class

Your child will become acclimatized to the ice and the arena and learn Independence on the ice in a fun and safe environment through games, songs and simple tasks. The goal of this Pre-School Learn to Skate Class is to encourage and help the young skaters feel comfortable on the ice and learn to skate through play.

- Ages 3 – 5 years
- **Session # 2:**
 - Jan. 9 – Mar. 19, Mon. 4:15 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
 - Jan. 7 – Mar. 24, Sat. 10:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
 - No classes Jan. 21, Feb. 18 & Feb. 20
- Cost: \$90/10 Classes

Youth

Youth Learn To Skate Class

These classes are designed for the school aged children to either Learn to Skate or Improve the Skating Skills that they already have. They will learn or improve forward and backward skating,

stopping, crossovers and turning in a fun and safe environment.

- Ages 6 – 12 years
- **Session #2:**
 - Jan. 9 – Mar. 19, Mon. 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Jan. 7 – Mar. 24, Sat. 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 - No classes: Jan 21, Feb. 18 & Feb. 20
- Cost: \$90/10 Classes

Shinny Hockey

He shoots! He scores!! This is a non-competitive program, which allows your child to learn the basic skills of hockey. Full hockey gear has to be worn to participate in this program. Some skating experience is necessary. **Note: children registered in organized hockey will not be accepted in this program.** This class is registered on a first come/first serve basis as advertised. Children ARE NOT automatically transferred to the next session. There is a total of 3 Sessions of Shinny Hockey in the Fall and Winter Season.

- **Ages 6 – 8 years**
 - Cost: \$80/8 classes
 - **Session #3: Registration Opens Dec. 19**
 - Jan. 29 – Mar. 25, Sun. 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 - No class Feb. 19
- **Ages 9 – 14 years**
 - Cost: \$80/8 classes
 - **Session #3: Registration Opens Dec. 19**
 - Jan. 29 – Mar. 25, Sun. 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 - No class Feb. 19

Youth Curling

Please check the Curling page in this issue or Call Barb at 403-275-6666 ext 229 or email Barb at hhcurls@shaw.ca.

For more information on these programs call 403-275-6666 ext 234.

Adult

Yoga

Yoga is a great fitness activity that molds itself to your personal fitness level. Our energetic, certified Yoga instructor will gently introduce you to Hatha Yoga and work with you to improve your flexibility and core strength. Yoga is an ancient, practical discipline of health and fitness. Yoga is a refined exercise of physical development focusing on flexibility and strength. You will focus on breathing techniques and meditation that will bring you a healthy peaceful mind and improve the organs, nerves and glands. The benefits of yoga go beyond the realm of exercise bringing a sense of healing and improvement in various aspects of your life and the world around you.

- Ages: 16+
- Cost: \$90 for two months
- Jan. 3 – Feb. 28, Tue. 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.
- Mar. 6 – Apr. 24, Tue. 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

ZUMBA:

Zumba is a Complete Body Workout in a lively upbeat Dance Fitness Class Format. Zumba is all about letting go of your inhibitions and losing yourself in the music and dance moves thus relieving Stress. Many of the moves in Zumba will aid in toning your abdominal and of course this active dance fitness class will increase your aerobic fitness level and aid in weight loss. Zumba and exciting, upbeat and fun fitness program.

- Ages: 16+
- Cost: \$90 for two months
- Jan. 5 – Feb. 23, Thu. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 1 – Apr. 26, Tue. 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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NOTE:

SPANISH CLASSES: We will not be running Spanish Classes in the Winter as our Instructor is off to Chile. We will resume Spanish Levels One, Two & Three in the Spring of 2012.

Adult Curling Opportunities and Classes

Please see the Curling page in this issue or Call Barb at 403-275-6666 ext 229 or email Barb at hhcurls@shaw.ca.

Adult Shinny Hockey

Early morning adult drop in shinny hockey.

- Ages: 18+
- Mon. & Thu. 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
- Cost: Drop In \$6.50 per Session or Pass of 10 for \$60

For more information on these programs call 403-275-6666 ext 234.

We Need You!!

We are currently looking to fill many positions on the HHCA board of directors! Come support your HHCA community today and assist our strategic planning for the future!

Our board meets each month on the third Monday from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call the community centre.

Huntington Hills Pioneer Association

A club for adults 50 years and older, retired or semi-retired.

The Huntington Hills Pioneers Association is a group of people participating in a variety of activities. Some of the activities include bridge, snooker, whist, shuffle boarding, wood carving, art classes, craft classes, outings, movies, volunteer activities, social events and more!

We have regular monthly activities and we invite anyone meeting our membership requirements to join us:

- **Pot Luck Supper:** Last Monday of each month, starts at 5:30 p.m.
- **Movie Night:** 2nd Monday of every month 7:00 p.m., silver collection for popcorn and pop.
- **Art Classes:** Every Tuesday 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., includes: oil painting, water color, acrylics and sketching.
- **Games Night:** Every Tuesday from

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Come for the afternoon and stay for the evening! Food will be ordered in for those staying, at program members cost.

- **Wood Carving:** Every Thursday from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- **Soup and Bun Day:** The 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 12:00 p.m., Cost is \$2.50/person.

Club Cost and Hours: \$20 for membership. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Located in the lower level of the Huntington Hills Community Association, 520 78th Ave. N.W.

Call 403-275-4294 or email pioneers50@telus.net for more information; registration and costs, program start times, and more.



Adventures In Learning Pre-School

The month of December was a very fun and busy month for the children in the Adventures in Learning Pre-School classes. We spent a lot of time rehearsing for our Christmas concerts. The Monday, Wednesday, Friday, AM class did a play and 2 songs. Our Monday, Wednesday, Friday PM, and Tuesday/Thursday AM classes did 2 songs. The play was great, and the children really enjoyed performing in front of their parents. The songs the children sang were "Jingle bells" and "We wish you a Merry Christmas".

Winter break is from December 22 to January 9th, and the Pre-school will be closed during this time.

In January the children will be doing a winter theme, as well as the letters G, H, & I.

In February we will be doing Valentines Crafts and we will be having a Valentines party. We will also be going for pizza and bowling. The letters of the month are J, K, & L.

We still have spaces left in our Tuesday and Thursday AM classes, as well as our Monday, Wednesday, Friday PM classes. For more information please contact Mrs. Mona at 403-275-6666 ext. 231.

In Our Community

Huntington Hills Curling Club

If you are interested in any of these leagues, please call Barb Dickson, Curling Coordinator at 403-275-6666 ext 229 or email hhcurls@shaw.ca.

We had a number of Curling Bonspiels the past few months:

- The **Ladies** was November 4, 5 and 6. It was a great success, with 32 teams. Thank you everyone for your hard work, and for such a great time!
- The **Mixed** was December 2, 3 and 4 and it was a fun weekend for everyone who participated.
- The **Noel Junior Spiel** was December 10. We had a blast watching all the little curlers do their thing, watch out Olympics!!

Upcoming:

- **Men's:** January 5, 6, 7 and 8. \$240 per team entry fee. Contact Nelson Loftus at hhmenspiel@gmail.com or 403-200-1526.
- **Junior Curling** has begun for the 2011-2012 season. We accept ongoing registrations for this program.

We have new advertising on our Curling Scoreboards, and there is still one sheet left with space to advertise. If you or your company is interested in advertising at the Huntington Hills Curling Club, please call the Curling office for details.

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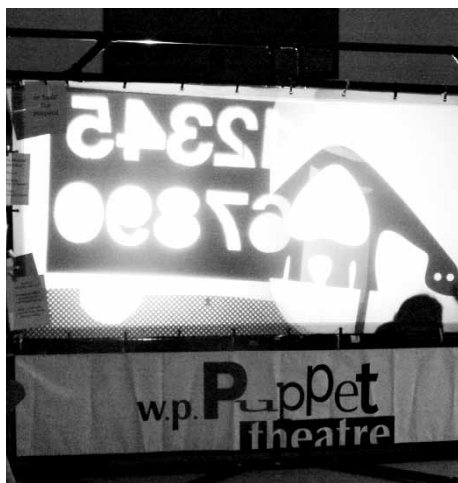


Another Successful Halloween Party

The Huntington Hills Community would like to thank and recognized the North Star District Girl Guides, Path Finders and Rangers for not only organizing but running the Annual Halloween Party for the Huntington Hills Community Association. We truly appreciate the efforts of all the girls and their leaders. The Party was a huge success and fun was had by all. Games, candy and an entertainment centre provided by WP Puppet Theatre every thing you need for a great Community Halloween Party.

The North Star District Girl Guides are very involved in the Community

at large and we here at Huntington Hills would like to recognized them for their community involvement proving that slogans like, “*Girls Greatness Starts Here*”, “*Fun, Friendship and Adventure*” and “*Great Moments in Guiding*” are not just words on a page. These amazing young ladies have proven themselves to be the leaders of tomorrow and are always chipping in to help the community out.



In Our Community

Out of School Care Programs—Helping Children Learn Through Play!

Huntington Hills Community Association Out of School Care Program

Instead of our normal article this month we decided to do a feature piece on a few of the wonderful Children we have in the OOSC program. We would like to introduce you to Mathew and Robert:



Robert and Matthew have been attending the Huntington Hills Out of School Care Programs for the past year. They are charming and wonderful boys to work with, though that is not to say they aren't trouble makers when the mood hits them. These two normal looking boys did something extraordinary recently.

On Monday November 28th the boys came into the OOSC and told the leaders they were being picked up early, and that they had a surprise. The staff just assumed that they were bringing in treats for everyone before they went home.

At approx. 3:55pm, their mother arrived and the boys seemed to get even more excited, this had the staff wondering what was going on. Matthew and Robert asked if they could call clean up, and since it was only a few minutes away the leaders decided that was fine.

At 4:00 p.m. with all the children and the staff sitting in our meeting area, the boys said they had a surprise and an announcement to make. Their mother then walked in carrying a couple buckets filled with toys, markers, and other office supplies, as well as a doll house and a \$50 gift card for Toys R Us. The boys announced that they

had raised \$243 by doing odd jobs for friends, family and people within the community, and they were donating all this stuff to the program, because they felt that the OOSC needed some new toys. You would assume that it would all be boy toys, but they were very careful about making sure they got something for everyone.

These boys who are 8 and 10, saw a need, and worked hard to help fill the need. They were not asked to do this, and it was totally their idea, as well as dedication to see it through. We appreciate their gift, and the spirit that it was given in.

We wanted to share this story with you because we are proud of all the children who attend our programs, and we wanted the community to know about these two wonderful boys who worked hard picking up garbage, and raking leaves so they could buy some new toys for their friends at the OOSC.

Huntington Hills Elementary School Out of School Care Program

In November the Huntington Hills Elementary School Out of School Care Program attended the parent council meeting for the school. We used this opportunity to educate some of the families who attend the school, but did not know much about our program and what we offer. We had a great turn out from interested faculty as well as new and current parents. We would like to extend a great big warm thank you to the families of the program who turned out to support us. They all had great things to say about the program,

and the staff.

December was a very busy month for the Huntington Hills Elementary School Out of School Care Program. We had many fun crafts about winter and Christmas. On December 16, 2011 we had our 6th annual Christmas party filled with fun, food, presentations by the children, laughter, and presents. We also enjoyed getting together with the children of the Huntington Hills Community Association Out of School Care Program for clubs and committees.

The OOSC themes for the months of January and February are:

- Winter Carnival
- Chinese new year
- Super Heroes
- Bugs
- Valentine's day
- Family
- Oceans
- Crafts

We currently still have some spaces available for the New Year. For more information you can contact Megan or Cassandra at 403-275-6666 ext. 233. Or just drop in and check out the program. We are located in the gymnasium area on the stage.

In Our Community

North Central Community Resource Centre

The Resource Centre is open Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Thu 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
403-275-6666

- Shirley Smith McLean, Director, Family and Community Programs: 403-275-6666 ext. 241.
- Margo Smith, Assistant Director, 403-275-6666 ext. 274.
- Lucila Pereira, Family and Community Resource Worker, 403-275-6666 ext. 221.
- Alka Chandarimani, Community Assessment Worker, 403-275-6666 ext. 232.
- Lesley Scott, Single Parent Support Worker, 403-275-6666 ext. 222.

Good Food Box: Get a box of fresh produce for cheap. Three sizes: \$20/20Lbs, \$25/30Lbs, & \$30/45 Lbs. Call 403-275-6666 ext. 221/232.

Interfaith Food Bank Depot: The interfaith food bank delivers hampers to HHCA on Tue. & Thu. 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Call 403-275-6666 ext. 221 or 232.

Single Parent Support Program: Offers referrals and resources and group activities for single parents that live or work in North Central Calgary.

Free family activities offered monthly. Contact 403-275-6668 ext. 222 or singleparent@shaw.ca.

Income Taxes: Help available for lower income households and singles with their income tax. Call 403-275 6668 ext. 222.

Winter Programs: Interested in learning more about family activities at the North Central Community Resource Centre, call Lucila or Alka for more information at 403-275-6668 ext. 221/232.

Family Connections Parent Link Centre

The Parent Link Centre is open Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thu. evenings 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. It offers free programs for parents with children 0-6. For more information please stop by to pick up a calendar or call 403-275-6666 ext. 276. www.weconnectyou.ca or check us out on Facebook.

- Shirley Smith McLean, Director, 403-275-6666 ext. 241.
- Margo Smith, Assistant Director, 403-275-6666 ext. 274.
- Tracey Berezak, Admin assist, 403-275-6666 ext. 276.
- Sue Blackburn, Foster Parent Coach, 403-275-6666 ext. 235.
- Paula Petersen, Child Development Facilitator, 403-275-6666 ext. 237.
- Vivian Ghobrial, ESL Program Facilitator, 403-275-6666 ext. 242.

Parent & Tots: Free drop-in relaxed playgroup for parents and children. (Birth to 5) Tue. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Play Group Plus: Come by for a Drop In, play for the first hour (10:00

a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) and then a theme story, craft etc for the last half hour. Every Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Baby & Me: Fun bonding time with babies and other new moms. For mom's and babies 12 months and under. Thu. 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Call 403-275-6668 ext. 235.

ESL Conversation Café: For details call Vivian at 403-275-6666 ext. 242.

Twilight Together: Join us for an evening drop in of play and fun every Thu. 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Gym Time: Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the main hall.

Positive Parenting Program: (2–11 years). Sat. Feb. 11, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Come join us for 3 seminars on parenting. Free Lunch and child care are provided. Call Sue Tracey at 403-275-6668 ext. 276 to register for the seminars and childcare.

Positive Parenting Program (TP Group): Wed. Feb. 15 – Apr. 4. Families with children 2–11 years. Would you like to learn new parenting strategies to use with your child and bounce ideas off other parents? Parents will identify and practice parenting skills. Can you commit to attending 4 workshops Feb 15, 22, 29, and March 7, 3 telephone conversations 20 – 30min each on March 14, 21 and 28. A final celebration and wrap up on April 4. For more information call Sue at 403-275-6666 ext. 235. Call Tracey to register for the group and childcare at 403-275-6668 ext. 276.

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In Our City

Snow Route Parking Bans Update

This winter, Calgary will implement Snow Route parking bans for the first time in our city's history. This program will touch every community in Calgary and will impact all drivers.

The Snow Route parking ban bylaw was approved by City Council in October 2011. Since then, the program has undergone a number of adjustments in response to issues that were brought forward by aldermen and businesses groups.

The City has heard feedback from citizens and some communities concerned with the Snow Route parking bans in their areas. These concerns are being monitored closely, and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis after we experience the first few Snow Events. This will enable drivers to adjust to the new program and will ensure The City has accurate information regarding parking impacts and driver habits.

Snow Events are declared when five centimetres or more of snow accumulates on city streets. Snow Route parking bans will be in effect for 72 hours, but may be extended or lifted early based on road conditions and the status of snow clearing operations.

The information below contains some key updates regarding the new Snow Route program:

Overnight parking bans in the downtown core and Business Revitalization Zones

- While most Snow Route parking bans will be in effect for 72 hours when a Snow Event is declared by The City, some high density business areas will only have an overnight ban to accommodate parking during

regular business hours.

- Specific Snow Routes located in downtown or in business revitalization zones (BRZ) will be in effect from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. when The City declares a parking ban.

Free overnight parking in City-owned lots

- The Calgary Parking Authority will offer free overnight parking from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in all their lots when Snow Route parking bans are in effect. Lot locations can be found on the CPA website.

Development of an interactive Snow Route map on Calgary.ca

- There is now an interactive Snow Route map on Calgary.ca that allows citizens to find Snow Route locations in their community.
- There is also a listing of Snow Route locations available on Calgary.ca/snow.

E-mail notification available on Calgary.ca

- Citizens can quickly and easily subscribe to e-mail alerts on Calgary.ca/snow.
- E-mails will be sent to inform citizens whenever a Snow Route parking ban is expected, in effect, lifted or extended.

Smart phone app – with Snow Route parking ban “push” notifications



- The City of Calgary Road Conditions app will be launched in early December and is designed to help Calgarians plan their commute during winter storms. Real-time information will be provided on plow/sander locations, road conditions and traffic cameras.
- This app has the added feature of notifying citizens anytime a Snow Route parking ban has been advised, declared or lifted.

We need your support to make this program a success. You can help us make our roads safer and more driveable this winter by ensuring your car is not parked on a Snow Route during a parking ban. Become familiar with the Snow Routes in the areas where you live, work and visit. Be aware of the weather and understand that if you are parked on a Snow Route this winter and a parking ban is declared, you will have to find alternate parking.

The City of Calgary

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