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## In Our Community

# President's Message

## Hawkstone Rink

Well, another winter season is coming to a close and our skating days at the rink are diminishing. For the second year in a row we had a challenging time with the weather. This season it was February that was far warmer than usual and we had to close the rink for a significant portion of the month. I want to thank the volunteers who came out and helped set up and maintain the rink – your efforts are noticed and appreciated by the users of the rink. Thanks again and see you next year!



## Hawkwood Soccer

Registration for our community based recreational soccer program for U4, U6 and U8 players is coming to a close on March 1, so hurry up and register. This is a lot of fun for the kids and the parents and a good opportunity to meet other Hawkwoodians. Please consider volunteering as a coach or helping out with the uniforms or equipment – we couldn't run this program without you! Look for more information in this Hawk Eye and on our website [www.HawkwoodCA.com](http://www.HawkwoodCA.com).

## Wanted: Social Director

Are you new to Hawkwood or have lived here for a while and want to help out in your community? Do you have children in our schools or an empty-nester? Are you looking for a way to benefit the families of Hawkwood through a positive social experience? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you could be our new Social Director! We are looking for someone who can help organize a few social events during the year, that are not limited to, but primarily focused on outdoor, family affairs. Typically we run 2 to 3 events and are looking for some new ideas (or twists on the old ones). If you have some spare time to help, I would love to hear from you – contact me at [President@HawkwoodCA.com](mailto:President@HawkwoodCA.com) if you have any questions or are interested in helping out in Hawkwood!

*Kevan Newman*

## DID YOU KNOW??

**We consume more than  
16 million jelly beans  
during Easter.**



## Hawkwood School News

**S**pring is coming to a neighbourhood near us! Yippee! Spring Break at Hawkwood School will run from March 19th-28th this year.

Hawkwood School is once again accepting donations of children and adult books for our Spring Book Sale. Here is your chance to lighten your bookshelves of those books you have already read... AND support our school! We especially appreciate used children's books. Please do not send textbooks, encyclopedias, puzzles, games, VHS/DVDs, or magazines. Used books can be dropped off during school hours across from the main office door. Thank you for your donations and support!

## Membership Update!

Thank you to all who have purchased your 2016 HCA membership. If you have not purchased it yet, please log in to [www.hawkwoodca.com](http://www.hawkwoodca.com) and sign up. Our membership fees allow us as a board to host events such as the Community Clean Up, Sundaes on Sunday and the Winter Festival. In addition to the fun, memberships promote community unity as you have a say in the direction of the community. If you have any questions about HCA memberships or about the HCA in general, visit [www.hawkwoodca.com](http://www.hawkwoodca.com) and give us a shout.

*Kurtis Bain, Membership Director*

## Off-Site Levies

**O**ff-site levy rates and community services charges began on Feb. 1, 2016. Off-site levies are one of the sources of funding used to fund infrastructure. Other sources are utility rates, property taxes, and government grants. The levies for water and wastewater will be citywide, including in the established areas, which is new. Inner city developers raised concerns, but a density incentive program will not discourage this form of development. If a new development replaces development in an established area within the last 10 years, the levy will only be for the net impact of the new development. Intensification in existing communities generates increased taxes, by as much as 10-15 times the property taxes from the previous uses of the land.

*Anne Burke*

## Hawkwood Babysitters

**I'm Stephanie, the Babysitter You Want.**

I am a responsible and dependable babysitter in Junior High School and have taken the Red Cross Babysitting course and am looking for clients in Hawkwood, Arbour Lake and Citadel. You can reach me at 403-289-3273. The best time to call is from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. week nights. My rate of pay is \$8 per hour and 50¢ for each additional child.



**Hello! My name is Megan and I would love to**

**babysit for you!** I am 14 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!



**HAWKWOOD**  
Community Association

**Membership Application**

2016 Memberships can now be purchased online at [www.hawkwoodca.com](http://www.hawkwoodca.com)

Membership are valid for the remainder of 2015 & the 2016 year

You can pay for your membership on-line using Interac, Visa or M/C.

For more information, email [memberships@hawkwoodca.com](mailto:memberships@hawkwoodca.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Hawkwood Community Association,  
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# Winter LEAF Update

Here is a quick update on Hawkwood's LEAF Landscape Enhancement Program. We are still 3 to 4 months away from seeing any flowers grace our community but preparations have been well underway.

On the forefront of most Calgarians minds are the rising costs and increased financial instability families are facing in light of the current economic conditions. As decided back in November, we hope everyone will be pleased with the decision not to increase the LEAF Property Tax Levy for 2016. At this point it looks very promising that we will be in line with the budget.

The LEAF program provides Hawkwood with all of the flowers, increased grass care, and watering. Hawkwood's LEAF utilizes the City of Calgary as a contractor to carry out all of this work. A change this year will see the grass maintenance being carried out by a sub-contractor chosen by the City. We have been advised that there could be some savings to our program with this move. This change is also in line with the entire city's grass maintenance.

Two additional planters have been placed near the Dreamview Village area as this location is relatively far from the next closest LEAF flower feature and has a good number of residents that can enjoy what they have to offer.

The possibility of bringing some winter interest into the LEAF program is currently being explored. Stay tuned for more information on this development. The idea is to somehow bring some simple greenery specimens (evergreens perhaps) into the planters within the current budget. Since 2016's wheels are already in motion it is yet to be seen if there will be an opportunity to adjust and introduce anything this autumn.

Although not part of the LEAF program, the City Parks department carried out tree pruning in February on Hawkwood's city trees for shape and health. This is the first time significant attention was given to the trees since the big snowfall in early Sept 2014.

As homeowners in Hawkwood, we all have a vested interest in our property values regardless if we are selling or not. A benefit of the LEAF program is to make Hawkwood a desirable place to live and assists in giving property values and property sell-ability a boost in relation to other communities. In the current real estate market every advantage is a big help. We can all help by continuing to pick up any garbage we encounter, keeping our alleys and front yards tidy in line with the City's

"Good Neighbor" Bylaws, and not put signs on public property or call 311 to have any installed removed. These actions have proven to be infectious!

Support to help with infractions is always available by contacting 3-1-1 by phone or online.

Download the free Calgary 3-1-1 App today so you can easily report anything from illegal signage, graffiti, unsightly premises (accumulation of waste, renovation materials, etc), pet poop pickup infractions, just to name a few, right as you see them.

LEAF

## Transportation Reminders

With spring around the corner, this is a good time to thank the "snow angels" who cleared pathways and sidewalks for their neighbors, and in the community. Your efforts are noticed. Thank you! Until the snow disappears, melting and freezing cycles can make sidewalks treacherous. Homeowners are responsible for spreading salt or gravel on slippery sidewalks in front of their residence. Please help keep our community safe.

Illegal commercial signs at our community entrances often increase with warm weather. Reputable businesses do not advertise this way. You can discourage this practice, and protect yourself, by not giving business to these groups. You can also call 311 to report the location of these signs. Note that community event and city signs are allowed.

Similarly, some home renovation companies regularly park their large utility trailers in Hawkwood. These companies create unappealing parking congestion, and are being inconsiderate to their residential neighbors. Our councilor has been advised and is looking into bylaw changes that will preserve the residential character of our streets. You can help address this by not doing business with these companies, and expressing your concern to Councilor Magliocca.

Thank you to the majority of residents who drive safely in our community. We may make it through the winter with all our LEAF planters intact, and ready for spring flowers. To keep our streets safe, the Hawkwood Community Association recently requested Police enforcement in our community – watch for their presence. Residents can also request enforcement in problem areas, at the following link: <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx>

## Hawkwood Outdoor Soccer

Registration online now!

**O**ur 2016 Outdoor Soccer registration is underway!  
A BIG thank you to the continuous support of our major sponsor Dr. Dave at Crowfoot Vision Centre!

Registration is online only and will run until March 1st. Any registrations after March 1st will be charged a late fee and your child may be put on a waiting list.

Don't delay, register now! [www.hawkwoodca.com](http://www.hawkwoodca.com)

- U4 (Under 4 years) – Games on Monday from 6 to 7 PM
- U6 (Under 6 years) – Games on Monday from 6 to 7 PM
- U8 (Under 8 years – If child is 7 on Jan. 1 / 2016 they are eligible) – Games on Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM

All families registering their children for soccer must have a valid community membership and these can be purchased with your registration.

This year our season will start April 18th (weather pending) and will run through to late June. All games are played on the Hawkstone Fields adjacent to Hawkstone Drive.

- U4 will play Monday night
- U6 will play Monday night
- U8 will play Wednesday night

Scheduling will be finalized once registration is complete.

We are always very thankful to those of you who have already stepped up to volunteer. This is a community run program and without parent/guardian volunteers we could not have a successful season. That being said, **as of this this printing we only have a handful of coaches signed up. Please consider being part of the experience, it really is a lot of fun. You will be provided training on how to conduct the sessions. We are also still looking for a U4 Age Group Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, and Wrap-up Coordinator.**

*Jurgen Dauter*

### **DID YOU KNOW??**

In 1953, it took 27 hours  
to create a Marshmallow Peep.  
Today it takes six minutes.



## 214 Hawkwood - Citadel Scouts

We would like to thank you for all of your support this year. Our final bottle drive for the Scouting year will be March 12, 2016. Stay tuned for updates on next year's bottle drives.

## Interactive Parks & Roads Map

**I**n 2014, City Parks and Roads received a one-time grant from the Council Innovation Fund of \$300,000 for an automated, interactive Parks and Roads Map.

Given the number of 311 service requests, it has been challenging to have accurate information. Soon the system on [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) will improve access to up-to-date data for Parks and Roads services.

One job is to track impacts to Snow and Ice Control Program service requests, website visits, and routing efficiencies.

Another is to have real-time work, such as snow clearing of pathways and roadways, as well as spring clean-up on roads and turf mowing information available.

Now there is an internal, automated map that displays work progress on a number of City services and \$39,000 will be used for final testing and implementation.

*Anne Burke*

**Concerned about increased air traffic over Hawkwood? You need to register concerns with the Calgary Airport Authority at [YYC.com](http://YYC.com), and select the "Email Aircraft Concerns" link, or dial 403-735-1200. You can also get linked into a volunteer community group, "West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns" by Emailing [info@wcatc.ca](mailto:info@wcatc.ca) Their goal is to bring awareness and change to the increase of air traffic over West Calgary communities. See their Webpage at [WCATC.ca](http://WCATC.ca)**

# Councillor Report

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. As we get closer to spring with warmer temperatures, I encourage Calgarians to get outdoors and enjoy the many recreational opportunities in and around the City. However, please take extra caution around frozen lakes and streams. It is particularly important to stay away from drainage ponds as any remaining ice will be very thin. Even though the ice may look solid, looks can be deceiving. Stay off the ice unless it is a City or community-designated area.

## Neighbourhood Spring Clean Up

The warmer temperatures and melting snow also provide a great opportunity to consider organizing or participating in a neighbourhood spring clean up. It is important for all of us in Ward 2 to do our part in keeping our communities clean. Furthermore, if you see uncleanliness in your neighbourhoods, please feel free to contact 311 or my office.

## Crowchild Trail Study

Thousands of residents in Ward 2 utilize Crowchild Trail every day. The City of Calgary is currently conducting a study that will identify short, medium and long-term upgrades for Crowchild Trail between 24 Ave. N.W. to 17 Ave S.W. Your input is crucial to the future of this important roadway. Calgarians are invited to drop-in at one of several open houses on:

- Sat., Feb. 27, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunalta School, 536 Sonora Ave. S.W.
- Thurs., Mar. 10, 5 to 8 p.m. Red and White Club, McMahon Stadium 1833 Crowchild Tr. N.W.
- Sat., Mar. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Sr. High School 512 18 St. N.W.

Visit [calgary.ca/crowchild](http://calgary.ca/crowchild) for event details and other opportunities to provide your input as they become available.

## Year in Review Newsletter

In many coffee shops around Ward 2 you will find my “Year in Review” newsletter. It is important for me to keep you informed on current events and projects going on in Ward 2, but it is also important to look back at the progress we made together as a community on roads, parks, and other issues that are important to you. The “Year in Review” newsletter can be found in hard copy at coffee shops throughout Ward 2 and also online at [www.joemagliocca.com](http://www.joemagliocca.com).

## Joes Tip:

**Download the 311 Calgary Mobile App** - By downloading the 311 Calgary mobile app you can connect directly with The City to submit a service request at any time of day. With the 311 Calgary mobile app, you have the option to attach a photo to your request, use your smartphone’s GPS function to allow the app to detect your location and have the ability to track the status of your request using the auto generated service request number. Visit [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) for more details.

*Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2*

# Recharging for Scooters

Seniors who use motorized scooters have limits on how far they can travel, due to the battery life of the scooters.

The City of Calgary was asked to consider providing places for people using them to plug in and recharge their batteries, either through the Accessibility Policy or the Seniors’ Strategy.

The Deputy City Manager responded that City Staff will discuss the issue, determine where responsibility would be assigned, and then advise Council about scooter recharging stations.

*Anne Burke*

## Word Puzzles

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. ЯETPAUQ        | 5.              | 1. Way<br>2. Whey<br>3. Weigh |
| 2. 3. blame       | 6.              | <b>jack</b>                   |
| 3. COFFEE         | 7. B E D        |                               |
| 4. TWINS<br>TWINS | 8. over<br>over |                               |

1. Quarterback 2. No one to blame 3. Coffee break 4. Identical twins 5. Count the ways 6. Jack in the box 7. Bedsprad 8. Left overs

# YYC and NAV CANADA Open House Meetings

December 2015 and  
January 2016

Several representatives from YYC and NAV CANADA hosted open houses this past December and January to communicate proposed changes to current flight paths at the north and south end of the city (RNP Approaches). We would like to thank YYC, NAV CANADA and everyone who came out to learn and voice concerns.

These open houses were focused on RNP flight paths, but the key interest to many attendees was the original 2014 flight path changes, and seeking options to address the noise impact that high frequency, low flying planes are having on communities.

The following are 2 options that were frequently voiced, and ideas we would like to have further discussions with NAV and YYC to reduce the constant impact to West Calgary communities:

1. Spread the flights out across many communities rather than substantially impacting just some (similar to the previously spread out paths prior to 2014). As global aviation transitions to concentrated flight paths, this is the direction NAV CANADA is instructed to proceed, therefore, the “spread out” solution is currently not being explored. We believe this is the fairest long-term solution to this issue, which is occurring in many cities across Canada and the world.
2. Utilize less populated areas for flights when possible. NAV CANADA stated this is difficult for our area due to the conflict between arriving and departing flights. NAV CANADA’s explanation was difficult to visualize and understand. We would like to see fully explored studies involving this.

Attendees brought up the topic of legal compensation if a solution was not identified. Lawsuits exist in the US over the introduction of concentrated flight paths, and legal settlements have been awarded in Europe. To avoid this, YYC is very open to hearing concerns and suggestions. **A satisfactory outcome is more likely if residents actively vocalize their concerns.** To do this, visit [www.yyc.com](http://www.yyc.com) or [www.wcatc.ca](http://www.wcatc.ca).

A solution is required, as air traffic over West Calgary will increase in the future. This is not an easy issue,



but it is not impossible to come to a fair compromise to solve the negative effects of air space change. This will require the aviation industry to listen to communities, achieve a better understanding of life under concentrated flight paths, to fully understand the effects on physical/mental health, and the real cost to property/ domestic life. We encourage NAV CANADA to become world leaders in this and successfully find safe solutions for everyone in the air, as well as on the ground.

*West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns, [www.wcatc.ca](http://www.wcatc.ca)*

## Joke Corner

**Q. What kind of bunny can't hop?**

A. A chocolate one

**Q. Where does the Easter Bunny get his eggs?**

A. From an eggplant

**Q. How do bunnies stay healthy?**

A. Eggercise

**Q. Why was the Easter bunny so sad?**

A. He was having a bad hare day

**Q. How does a bunny keep his hair looking so good?**

A. With Hare spray



# Playground Update

Thank you to everyone who responded with comments and support for your playgrounds. The feedback was positive and lots of you have volunteered to help with the builds and I thank you for that also. I will be letting all volunteers know about firm dates when I have firmed things up with the city.

We could do with more volunteers to step up for the playground build at Hawktree Green (HAW 170). We will need 10 volunteers full days for two days or portions of the day if you can. We are aiming to build this playground for the second week in May. You do not need any previous experience. Just a willingness to wield a shovel or a help with food or use a screwdriver. We will have competent builders on hand and supervising to help us out at all times. Come on out and meet your neighbours! We would love to have you.

This process did draw attention, for a few neighbours, to the noise issue that will potentially prevent the sports court from being put in. A meeting was held for neighbours in the Hawkwood crescent area backing

onto the playground who expressed an interest from the feedback. 5 neighbours came to the meeting. Some of the neighbours are concerned about the noise that will occur from the basketball court constantly during the day and at potentially late hours. It was proposed that this playground would be better used by flattening the area to make way for a grass soccer pitch. If you have an opinion about this change of plan for playground HAW 011 on Hawkwood Crescent then please email me at playground@hawkwood.ca and let me know. There will also be volunteers going door to door to get the opinions of the neighbours that can see this playground as to if this new information will effect their choice to have a sports court or not. Your vote or opinion can change the ideas and shape what happens to this area so it is important and valuable.

There has been resounding favor for the naturalization area at Hawktree Circle (HAW 080) that will now be going forward and hopefully be completed this summer. Thank you all who provided input for that park. It will be a great addition to the area!

*Rosanna Law  
Playground and Tot Lot Director  
playground@hawkwood.ca*

Friends of the Bowmont Natural Environment Park Area 

## Wildlife of Bowmont Park

### Who Am I?



**White-breasted Nuthatch**

Tap, tap, tapping on the trunk of a tree,  
Brown feathers, grey feathers, speckled on me.  
Foraging for insects, down among the shrubs,  
Hungry for some caterpillars, beetles and grubs!

Hop, hop, hopping on the ground, out of view,  
Feeling kind of peckish for an ant or two.  
Flicking up the soil, digging in the dirt,  
You'd think with all that hammering,  
My head would hurt!



**Black-capped Chickadee**



**Northern Flicker Woodpecker**

**Turn Page Upside-down for Answer**  
I'm a Northern Flicker Woodpecker!



**Cedar Waxwing**

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