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Let's Talk...

April 09, 2024

TIME: 2:00 pm

Join us on April 9 at 2:00 – 3:00 at the HHBH Community Hall for a session with Constable Margaret Reinders, Community Resource Officer Zone 3 – 4, on distinguishing between 'being a good neighbour or being an overly worried neighbour?' Constable Reinders shared this Opinion piece from the Washington Post,

Nextdoor has gotten way out of hand https://wapo.st/3ukb2Zg as food for thought.

Where is the balance between building an engaged, safe and caring community and being a bit 'too worried'?

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Safety in Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill

by Michelle LeGrandeur, HH/BH Safety Director

Definition of Fraud: wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. A person or thing intended to deceive others, typically by unjustifiably claiming or being credited with accomplishments or qualities.

There are 15 Different Types of Fraud in Canada

1. Insurance	6. Identity theft	11. Bank fraud
2. Scam	7. Embezzlement	12. Tax evasion
3. Securities fraud	8. Phishing	13. Romance scams
4. Construction fraud	9. Grandparent scam	14. Investment
5. Crypto scams	10. Forgery	15. Law

In addition to these 15 types of fraud, each category has three to five subsections, breaking down the type of fraud even further.

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre on the Government of Canada website, it estimates that less than 5% of the total fraud victims report their experiences to law enforcement agencies in Canada. By reporting a scam, you provide law enforcement with the information they need to stop fraudsters and help prevent others from becoming victims. The information you provide is important!

Take the following steps if you suspect that you may be or have been a target of fraud.

Step 1: Gather All Information About the Suspected Fraud

All information related to a scam might be useful as evidence. Here's how you can help:

Take note of the name of the person who approached you, what they were trying to get you to do, and when it happened.

If they contacted you by telephone, write down the phone number they used.

If the contact was online, make printouts or take screenshots of key web pages, such as those focusing on the product or service, the terms and conditions, and payment information. Write down or copy and paste the exact website address. If you were contacted by email, save a copy, and take note of the sender's IP address, if possible.

If you found the website using a search engine like Google, provide the search terms you used and indicate whether you clicked on a link or banner ad.

Keep your notes and all documentation, such as:

- receipts (for mail, credit card payments, wire transfers, money orders, etc.)
- cancelled cheques
- copies of emails and/or text messages
- chatroom or newsgroup text messages
- shipping envelopes
- facsimiles
- pamphlets or brochures
- phone bills
- · printed or electronic copies of emails
- printed or electronic copies of web pages

Note: Keep all documents in a safe location in case you are asked to provide them. This information may form an important part of any fraud investigation and could be used as evidence during prosecution.

Step 2: Report the Incident to Local Law Enforcement

Reporting fraud or suspected fraud to your local law enforcement agency ensures the police in your jurisdiction are aware that a scammer may be targeting local businesses. It's especially important to always call the police if you have lost money in a fraud.

Keep a listing of all calls you make to the police and any file number they might provide for your fraud report for future reference.

Step 3: Report the Incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre or the Competition Bureau

Contact the Fraud Reporting System (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre) or call toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.

You can also file a report of a misleading or deceptive marketing practice with the Competition Bureau using the online complaint form.

Step 4: Report the Incident to the Financial Institution That Transferred the Money

If you have already sent money, notify the financial institution you sent the money to. This might be a money service business such as Western Union or MoneyGram, a bank or a credit union, a credit card company, or an Internet payment service provider. Tell them you are reporting fraudulent activity associated with their account.

Step 5: Notify the Website Where the Fraud Took Place (If Applicable)

If the fraud took place online, such as through Facebook, eBay, a classified ad website such as Kijiji, or a dating website, be sure to report the incident directly to the website. Details on how to do this can be found under the "report abuse" or "report an ad" links on the respective sites.

Step 6: Place Flags on Your Accounts and Check Your Credit Report

In addition to reporting suspected fraud or identity theft to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, you should also contact both of Canada's national credit bureaus - Equifax Canada and TransUnion Canada - to order a free credit report immediately and ask that a fraud alert be put on your file.

Place a fraud alert on your file:

- Equifax (see "Request a fraud alert")
- TransUnion (see "Online Fraud Services")

When someone has been victimized by fraud, often the feelings of embarrassment and humiliation are experienced resulting in few people reporting the fraud to law enforcement. The Calgary Police Service has a website to report online crimes, or the report can be phoned in using the non-emergency number at 403-266-1234.

To report an online crime to the Calgary Police Service visit www.calgary.ca/cps/community-programs-and-resources/crime-prevention/reporting-online-crime.html.

Consider this: "Nobody can help everyone, but everyone can help someone." Please report online crime.

Reference: Government of Canada website www.isedisde.canada.ca/site/competition-bureau-canada/en/ fraud-and-scams/tips-and-advice/how-report-fraud-andscams-canada.

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2-1-1	403-705-3250	
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Get to Know Your President: Jeff Marsh

by Barbara Green



"Like many of the residents here, we like our greenery and our elbow room," Jeff Marsh says about the community of Hounsfield Heights - Briar Hill (HHBH).

And he puts a lot of elbow grease into keeping it that way. Since his family moved into the home, they built for themselves on 20 Street. in 2016 (it's the one with the red chairs and green frog out front), Marsh has taken on a variety of jobs at the HHBH Community Association with a view to protecting the character of our community.

"I attended a board meeting and discovered they needed an IT guy," says the former network engineer. "So, I took that on with the Communications role and picked up Strategic Planning as well, then slid into the Land Use Committee."

Within a few years, Marsh was chairing that committee while continuing to spearhead communication from the Board. Last November, he was elected Board President.

He remains focused on trying to find ways to get into the consultative process with city officials and developers earlier in the rezoning and development process.

"The people who live in a neighbourhood have a lot of expertise – we're the ones who know which intersections or traffic lights are a problem, and how the community will be affected by new development," Marsh says. "We're being brought into the process too late to effect change, after developers have spent a lot of money and time on plans."

Marsh says the Hub tower across 16 Avenue North in Motel Village demonstrates how the City's ambivalence toward local community consultation causes "shock and awe" in the neighbourhood. Although city planners had been consulting with Banff Trail residents for years on the project, they neglected to consult with HHBH's Community Association until a week before sign-off was required.

By contrast, a good example of how the CA can work proactively with new businesses and developers at the front end was what happened with New Leaf Cannabis prior to its opening, he says. At the time, city officials had told the new business it needed to apply for commercial zoning in order to open in the 19 Street strip mall. After consultation with our community association, New Leaf worked with the City to preserve the existing zoning which limited the height of the mall.

"They wanted to be good neighbours, and so we were able to get some protection for the residents living right behind the mall," Marsh recalls. Unfortunately, since then the strip mall owner has successfully applied to change the zoning to full commercial and City Council approved the change over residents' objections.

"When the City gets involved, everything gets homogenized – it's impossible to protect the uniqueness of existing communities like ours," Marsh says. "And there's such a push for affordable housing now, I'm not sure there's also a recognition of the kind of housing stock people really want That's why we moved into this neighbourhood: we wanted to live in a single-family area. If you restrict access to that, it'll drive the price through the roof."

At the same time, he acknowledges the need for more affordable housing in Calgary and agrees that building it near transit stations makes sense. "I knew the City would be looking to upzone in neighbourhoods close to train stations – that's why I got involved, to have some input into the process."

Now he's looking for more HHBH residents to do the same, and to champion projects in the community that are dear to their hearts. Some already have, forming committees around community safety, or working together ad hoc to maintain the garden around the HHBH rock at the west end of Lions Park.

As for Jeff, after his one-year term as President, he says, "I'm not going anywhere. When someone else wants to take on this job, I'll just pick up another role."



Concerned About a Neighbour or a Stranger? Call In a Wellness Check

by Barbara Green

If you've ever been concerned for a neighbour you haven't seen for a few days, or about a person who appears unconscious and unresponsive in our area, it's good to know that local police are happy to perform "wellness checks" that can head off real problems.

"The calls we get a lot, thankfully, are 'Check on welfares,' where people want us to check on people that they saw walking in the street, not dressed for the weather, homeless encampments, and elderly neighbours they haven't seen in a while," says Cst. Margaret Reinders, Calgary Police Service's District 3 Community Resource Officer.

"We don't mind those calls, as we want to see people safe," she adds. "We'd rather check up on people before anything goes wrong."

You can request a wellness check on the CPS non-emergency line, at 403-266-1234. However, if someone seems to be in danger, call 9-1-1.

Cst. Reinders also suggested using the 'Calgary 311' app, available free on iPhones and Android. It will allow you to contact the city for things like garbage, knocked-over traffic signs, encampments, and broken streetlights. You can conveniently upload a photo of the issue and add your comments. "Even police officers use it quite frequently," the constable said.

HHBH Safety Committee

Our board established a community safety committee several years ago led by Michelle LeGrandeur and Jason Scratch – if you have concerns or would like to help, contact community.safety@hh-bh.ca.

In the meantime, there are a few steps we can all take to protect ourselves and our community:

- Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other
- Make sure your outside lights are working
- Lock your doors
- Report, Report, Report the more calls police get, the more resources will come our way.

So How Do You Do That?

- 9-1-1: If you believe that anyone's safety is in jeopardy and/or if you see a violent or criminal situation occurring.
- Calgary Police Services Non-Emergency Line 403-266-1234: If for any reason you feel that the situation would be better dealt with by the police but there are no

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