

Brentwood Community - Environmental Message

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS TREES:

If you chose a real tree to decorate this holiday season, it can be put to a new use. From 27 December to mid-January, you can take your tree to a residential firehall, a landfill or the north parking lot of the Calgary Zoo. Trees should be free of all decorations, string, nails, tinsel, lights; and tree bags.

Trees will be chipped and used in garden displays at the zoo. Questions: Call the Recycling Hotline: 277-7770. Need help? Hire a local youth. Don't know one? Give me a call. Getting the tree out of the house suggestion: spread a large sheet by the de-decorated tree; lay the tree on a sheet, wrap and take out the door. No mess, no fuss.

NOSE HILL PATHWAYS:

Calgary Parks and Recreation is now looking at pathway management in Nose Hill Park, as the next step in caring for this wonderful natural space. A special presentation by a Parks representative was made at the November '98 annual general meeting of the Friends of Nose Hill. REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED: Brentwood is entitled to send a representative to the Management Advisory Council, to help determine path usage.

All user groups with an interest in the park will also be sending a representative, eg. mountain biking, running and orienteering groups, The Friends of Nose Hill, etc. and all adjacent communities. It is anticipated that an intensive workshop will be held in January and a minimum of meetings thereafter. Swift consensus is a goal. Can you help?

The Nose Hill Representative position for Brentwood stands vacant; it need not, however, be a long term commitment. If you can help over this issue of a pathway management plan, please contact the Community Association. For further information you can call Calgary Parks and Recreation, The Friends of Nose Hill, or me. Thank you.

SIGHTING:

I took six friends and my sister on my birthday walk to Nose Hill recently. We saw a coyote, magpie nests, lots of footprints in the snow and mice scurrying under the grass. We also found the mouth of a coyote den, facing south for warmth and below the crest of a ridge to be out of the wind. We could see our school, and our streets; we played the predator game and threw stones on the ice at Shaganappi Pond.

-Rowan, age 10

Old holiday cards are great for making gift boxes, decorations, and tags. If you're not recycling them set them aside and watch this column next November (!) for ideas and directions.

Do you have a sighting to report, a reducing idea, or environmental comment? Let me know. Happy New Year to all.

Environmentally yours, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

