

# Brentwood Community News

## Environment News

### MAY CLEAN-UP

The date for the Nose Hill Park spring clean-up is Saturday, May 15. Meet at 10 am at the Hillview Parking Lot (behind the Winter Club) to get garbage bags and split into teams, or go out on your own and leave filled bags in the various parking lots for pick-up by Calgary Parks and Recreation. Wear sturdy gloves to protect hands from injury and/or germs. The annual Calgary Pathway and River Clean-Up is to be held Sunday, May 2, 10am-3pm. Call 268-4721 or 246-5757 for more information.

### SCHOOLS CAN JOIN IN

Dr. E.W. Coffin School will be running a May Clean-Up program in conjunction with the city and national programs. Each classroom will participate in school ground litter collection, gardening, and a clean-up of Whispering Woods natural area park. Is your school or business participating? If you reside, attend school, or work in Brentwood, we'd like to know of your clean-up efforts, and will publish all those reported.

### GRASS FIRES

Most everyone knows that tinder-box conditions currently exist on our dry prairie, and has recently sniffed the unmistakable odor of burning grass floating on the breeze. A fire was set on Easter Monday in Whispering Woods, and rapidly spread up hill in the midst of this populated area. Thankfully, the fire was reported immediately, and three fire trucks arrived to contain and extinguish it without it spreading outside the park. Be watchful; be careful; wish for rain.

### FREE SHEDS

Wow, the Bugle works! I received eight calls or emails in one week regarding the free garden sheds. They have now found homes with the first two to contact me. Thank you for your interest, and your help. One person's trash is another's treasure. Reuse/Recycle!

### SIGHTINGS

Elementary students Darrin Lowe and Jessica Smyth have been keeping their eyes open lately. Darrin has seen a frog in a lake, and noted the grass turning green at his house. Jessica has seen pussy willows, daylilies, lilac buds, bees, and butterflies. There are reports of ants, ladybugs, the return of American robins, Canada geese honking in paired flight, and magpies assembling nests. What have you seen? Who will see the first prairie crocus: when and where? Start a Sightings Box at your school. Let me know your sightings and I'll report them each month.

### PITCH-IN CANADA WEEK IS MAY 3 - 9

Join in this nationwide effort by cleaning up in nearby public areas as well as around your own property, school and/or business.

Environmentally Yours,

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# WANTED!!

Brentwood Block Watch needs  
**Block Captains and Coordinators**  
in all areas of our neighbourhood.



Please call Pat or Mary Ann  
(282-9641) if you can help this  
valuable 'neighbour' program.

