

# Grassroots Northland Farmers' Market returns

Yes! Fresh Market Tuesdays will be back for the 14<sup>th</sup> year! We are thrilled to report successful negotiations with Northland Village shops! You will find the weekly Grassroots Northland Farmers' Market once again along Northland Drive, on the east side of the mall parking lot, starting Tuesday, June 13 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendars now!

This non-profit farmers' market features locally made or grown produce, breads, crafts and more! You can already get a head start on the market every Tuesday at the centre court inside the mall with a few of the regular market vendors.

Grassroots North West Environmental Awareness Society hosts the outdoor market and over its first 13 years has invested over \$65,000 in proceeds directly into Calgary communities through environmental education initiatives. One example of Grassroots North West funding is for several awards at the Calgary Youth Science Fair. This year, there were literally hundreds of environmental projects, covering virtually every field of study. Fourteen students received awards from Grassroots North West, including one from Brentwood with a project about invading alien plants in Whispering Woods. Please visit [www.cysf.org](http://www.cysf.org) for details!

## Call for community input regarding signs and pathways in Whispering Woods:

This month, the Friends of Dr. Coffin School will be providing input to The City of Calgary Natural Areas regarding additional pathways in Whispering Woods. One definite improvement will be the extension of the gravel path from the northeast corner all the way to the southwest where it joins the walkway between the houses. Last June, after the extensive flooding, an additional footpath was created by pedestrian commuters avoiding the muddy path. Trail braiding degrades the natural park and allows additional vectors for introducing weed seeds from footwear.

Another aspect introduced to the pathways will be in association with the interpretive signage and in creating a root barrier for invasive plants. The eventual objective is to restore Whispering Woods to a healthy prairie grassland and aspen parkland habitat.

## Interpretive signage project in Whispering Woods:

Are you an artist, a poet, a writer, a scientist, a photogra-



pher, a historian or a nature aficionado? Would you like to contribute to a community-based project involving interpretive signage in Whispering Woods natural area park in Brentwood Heights?

In conjunction with the Friends of Dr. E.W. Coffin School and the Centennial Natureground and Prairie Amphitheatre Project, all those who live, work, attend school, pass through or play in Brentwood are invited to participate in the creation of educational public signage for this special grassland and parkland environment.

Signage content will be specific to the site and include numerous aspects of our natural and cultural heritage, from the evolution of the landscape to the particularities of the grassland ecosystem. Signage will include original artwork, photographs, poetry and prose.

We would like your suggestions for sign content. Do you have specific ideas or fun facts about this space? We also invite any and all submissions of artwork, poetry, prose and photographs representing this site. All ideas and submissions, from any age group, are welcome for consideration.

Please contact me as below regarding any input you have for both signs and pathways.

Be a part of this special community project!

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*Environmentally yours,  
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