



Whispering Signs in Whispering Woods From ABC to XYZ

By Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett

When the groundhog peeks out in midwinter, it will nearly be time for the interpretive signs to be installed on their posts in Brentwood Heights. This is the fourth monthly installment regarding the Whispering Signs created by the Friends of Dr. E.W. Coffin Society and the Environment Committee at Dr. Coffin School. Each of the 34 signs features art and text by someone living, working, or going to school nearby. You are invited to celebrate this project with us at a special opening in the spring: stay tuned to the Bugle for details.

Meanwhile, please refer to the table of GPS coordinates for the final alphabet signs featured in this series of posts. These ten are all located in Whispering Woods Natural Area Park located south of Brenner Drive NW, just west and downslope from the schoolground. There are taller posts in the park as well, but this GPS info is for the shorter ones, which will have 6" x 8.5" oval signs featuring artwork by Dr. Coffin students, both past and present. Can you figure out which post has which coordinates? You don't need a fancy GPS unit to determine which posts are further north or east with



respect to each other, and remember not to confuse these with the taller posts in the same area! Happy hunting, and thank you for keeping to the trails while you search about.

Here is the text for two of the oval panels listed:

Aa is for amazingly active anthill
 Alberta has carpenter ants and wood ants. Do you know their differences?

Zz is from zero to zenith
 Who rides low upon the horizon?
 Where doth Polaris roam?

Does Polaris even roam? Perhaps it's all just a matter of perspective. You will not find the answers on the signs, but we hope that you will be inspired to do a little research on your own, and enjoy the artwork and ideas along the way.

Stay posted for the final installment of GPS coordinates in Whispering Woods next month.



Sign	Latitude (deg° min' sec'')	Longitude (deg° min' sec'')
A	51° 06' 15.76" N	114° 08' 15.27" W
	51° 06' 14.01" N	114° 08' 13.52" W
	51° 06' 13.40" N	114° 08' 13.09" W
	51° 06' 14.13" N	114° 08' 12.83" W
	51° 06' 15.53" N	114° 08' 11.36" W
	51° 06' 13.74" N	114° 08' 11.17" W
	51° 06' 13.91" N	114° 08' 16.29" W
	51° 06' 16.44" N	114° 08' 13.88" W
	51° 06' 14.08" N	114° 08' 12.57" W
	Z	51° 06' 14.14" N

How Long Have You Lived in Brentwood??

Have you lived in Brentwood for more than 23 years? If so, you might be able to assist me. I am trying to locate copies of The Bugle dated 1984 or earlier. Do you happen to have any such copies? Do you know any history of The Bugle prior to 1984?

If you have copies and/or history to share, please contact Lee at 284-1083. Thanks!

Community Standards Fund

By Alderman Druh Farrell

Animal and Bylaw Services works to promote communities where residents can live side by side, safely and respectfully, being considerate of the needs and rights of others. Calgarians work hard to keep their city clean and safe. To encourage this, Animal and Bylaw Services administers the Community Standards Fund, which provides funding for communities to undertake projects that assist in ongoing compliance with the Community Standards Bylaw, and promotes community crime prevention.

All communities are welcome to participate and projects are to be small-scale capital projects, such as lighting in and around your Community Centre to deter vandalism. In the past year I initiated the shrink-wrapping of all the signal boxes along the 7th Avenue LRT corridor with colourful artwork. I would like this project to be expanded into your community.

The Community Standards Fund provides your community with the option to participate in this type of project. Signal boxes are high target areas for graffiti vandals who normally will not target a site with existing artwork.

Approved projects must be completed by mid-December 2008. For more information on this program, please contact my Executive Assistant, Bill Biccum at 268-1796.