

Slopes Newsletter Nov

GREETING SLOPES COMMUNITY

With the official onset of Winter we hope you are able to enjoy our community's frost covered trees and the deer foraging through our open, sprawling properties that are unique to our picturesque enclave. The warm winter wear is out and the sunlight characteristic to Calgary sits earlier on the horizon while the snow sparkles like diamonds.

We would like to wish all households well as we all adapt to the changes and challenges 2020 has put upon us. We are happy to provide some updates on our progress as well as some significant works in progress.

Firstly, we want to put out a special thank you to one household in particular so as to highlight the sense of community so many of us feel. When COVID-19 began to affect Calgary early last Spring, one household stepped up in a selfless way providing masks when it was a very difficult prospect to acquire them. We simply want to give a shout out to the Heng and Jaycee who had the foresight and the ability to offer free face masks to any and all Slopes Community members when at first, they were scarce. We thank them very much for the kind gesture.



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

September 26 was a beautiful Autumn day in Calgary and as such was a great backdrop for the Board to host a social fall cleanup for our community. You may have noticed the final result as you drove in that day and thereafter. Thank you to everyone who came out to provide the free labour as Spring 2020 had also not been kind to our greenery and landscaping. Much overgrowth pruning and cleaning was accomplished and all the hours were volunteered along with all the equipment, trucks, and disposal. We would like to issue a special thank you to Leon Nellissen and Steve Casey who headed up the team that came together and did a wonderful job. Afterwards, the Casey's hosted a social in order to thank those who volunteered their time and efforts to spruce up the main entrance. Here are a few pictures, of the event!











Subsequently, a week later a small group of volunteers from the Board got together and continued doing cleanup at the look out. Also, another group of volunteers, with permission, assembled for shrub clearing after complaints were received noting the unsafe nature of a couple corners of our streets.

An item in progress regarding the maintenance of our main entrance is to rectify the issue of the leaning front gate pillars. An investigation was conducted by few community volunteers to determine the state of the damage and the options we have for the repair. We will be receiving some quotes on how to straighten it and a decision will be made come Spring.

We wish to thank all the volunteers for their time as

the above-mentioned efforts saved our community thousands of dollars all the while strengthening a community bond.

External Communication on The Ring Road:

On October 23, 2020 our External Communication Committee met with MLA Mike Ellis and Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver in regards to the WCRR construction. We are asking mainly for an earth berm along our SW boundary as close as possible to the highway as well as for a two-lane paved access road to the South entrance. This meeting was positive and none of our arguments and requests were countered during the meeting. The committee is presently involved in the follow up process with MLA Ellis' office.

THE SLOPES WEB SITE



Our newly appointed Board I.T. Director Amin has worked efficiently and tirelessly on the cleanup and updating of our website. He has made it more user–friendly updating pictures and content and has set it up to reflect our community better. Our website will now provide an appropriate understanding of the Slopes community which can certainly be readily accessed by the public at large. Our hope is that it will be more personal and inviting. Behind—the—scenes information will be updated several times a month to reflect the communication below. This is just the start as there is a lot more work to come.

Thanks IT!











SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Annual Winter Holiday Party

Unfortunately, due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and the restrictions associated, what is thought by many to be the favorite event of the year as a community, the annual Slopes Holiday Winter Party, has been cancelled for 2020. We have called for several updates and recently received final notice that Pinebrook Community Center, understandably, will not be hosting any social functions over this holiday season.

The Slopes Board extends Seasons Greetings to all our neighbors and friends and Best Wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

We wish you all a better year in 2021.

As far as any other social events, they have been put on hold until we receive clearance going forward. We do expect to organize several events in some capacity in the new year. Stay tuned!

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Surveillance System update:

We will soon be installing new signage for both entrances which will include private property warnings and surveillance warning signs.

Members notice: Please take this as official notice that at the North gate we have supplied and installed a video surveillance system. This is for the safety and protection of our community. All people and traffic coming and going will be digitally recorded. Please refer to the website (theslopes.ca) for the full policy on this new surveillance system.

The North gate has been repaired. The Board has decided to continue its quest for an alternative, upgraded gate access system. We are in the process of obtaining several quotes from different companies including those who provide video and cell phone access. We will be sure to update you when a decision has been made.







Update on the Slopes Board:

A valued member of the Slopes Board, Namrata Sudhakar, has decided to resign and we wish to thank her for her two years of diligent service and for all her hard work. When you see her next, please tell her thank you.

For further committee and Board related updates please visit the website for an outline of our Board Executive Team and committee structure.

A big thank you!

To all our Community members:

Lastly, we again want to thank you, the Slopes community, for putting your trust and support in us, the Board of Directors for 2020/2021. We look forward to continuing to serve you and bringing positive change to the Slopes Community. Please be patient with us over the next few months as we progress into a new era of communication and execution of duties necessary for our unique association.

Waiting for your suggestions:

We would like to encourage our neighbors to reach out to us with any suggestions that could benefit our community and make the Slopes a unique neighborhood at the bottom of the Rockies.

Please feel free to write us at info@theslopes.ca

Thank you for your time and best wishes!