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Celebrating Calgary communities

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In the southwest corner of our city, tucked in behind the Glenmore Shopping Centre on 14th Street SW, there is a mature trio of neighbourhoods that come together to form the Palliser Bayview Pumhill Community Association.

On Feb. 20, families and seniors will be outdoors at the rink and on the field celebrating their annual free Winterfest where everyone is welcome. As for the deep rooted trees gracing this area, their frost covered branches will provide perfect decoration against the blue afternoon sky.

Membership Director, Janine Revay says that last year there were about 100 participants but there is room for more this year. Families in this area enjoy coming together at this time of year to get out of the house, walking to the community centre in many cases.

"It's fun to bring the kids...great family fun, but we try to encourage all ages."

Janine says the "amazing" artistry of



One lucky participant gets his face painted at the annual Winterfest in southwest Calgary.

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the face painters will return again to please their young subjects, as will the hot chocolate with whipped cream,

another favourite. Other snacks include roasted hotdogs, coffee, and cold drinks.

With the help of a couple of City of Calgary Parks representatives, families will skate, play at tug of war, and paint the snow with bottles filled with coloured water from 1 to 4 p.m.

President Larry Hurd says the event provides an "opportunity for families and community members to connect with each other and see what's going on. It also allows the board to meet people from the community and invite them to serve."

This year patrons will be able to browse a used book sale with items donated by fellow neighbours. Revenue will help offset the costs of Winterfest.

Some activities will be held inside the Community Association building, in the pre-school room, such as crafts for young children and, new this year, a bouncer, which you don't see too often in the winter months.

Palliser Bayview Pumhill Preschool, a play-based school with an educational component, draws families from all over the city, being a co-operative run by a board of parents.

Established in 1967, the three communities come together south of Glenmore Reservoir, north of Southland Drive, between 14 Street and 24 Street SW. Until 1991, Pumhill was a section of

Palliser. The Palliser Bayview Pumhill Community Association office is located adjacent to Nellie McClung School at 2323 Palliser Drive SW.

These neighbourhoods are quiet and removed from the central activity of the city, yet the access is excellent. Whether the destination is downtown, Mount Royal College or the Rockyview Hospital, it can be reached within twenty minutes.

There are several shopping plazas with grocery stores available to residents here, all within walking distance to many. Southcentre Mall is not far from the area's southern boundary.

Many fortunate homeowners in the area have a view of the Glenmore Reservoir which is where much of the local recreation exists: a sailing club, Heritage Park, the Southland Leisure Centre, and paths for walking and biking. Nearby golfers will find Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, just south of the community.



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Hidden Valley

Hidden Valley is nestled around Simons Valley Road, to the north of Country Hills Boulevard, and West of Beddington Trail.

Coming from downtown, just drive up 14 St NW, past Nose Hill Park. Country Hills gives residents fast access to the Calgary International Airport in the north east and Highway 2 to Edmonton.

Most of the shopping in the area is at Beddington Town Centre, or in Edgemont at the Real Canadian Superstore. The community is built around several park areas and a small creek.

Hidden Valley has several ball diamonds, playgrounds and an ice skating rink. The area is also adjacent to 800-acre Nose Hill Park. There are several golf courses nearby including The Hamptons, Country Hills, Fox Hollow

and Harvest Hills.

Schools

- St. Elizabeth Seton, grades K-9 — Catholic
- Hidden Valley Elementary, grades K-9 — Public
- Valley Creek Middle School, grades K-9 — Public

Demographics

Located in Ward 4, Hidden Valley has a population of 11,737 (2006 Civic Census) with approximately 25.9 per cent comprising the immigrant population (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada).

A total of 2,510 families accounted for 4,630 children still living at home with 41.7 per cent of these being 6-14 years old. According to Stats

Canada, 2001 Census of Canada the median household income for Hidden valley in 2000 was \$89,721.

In addition, 51.8 per cent of the population over 20 completed college, attended university or graduated university with a degree — an additional 7.5 per cent graduated from Trade Schools (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada).

There are a total of 3,890 occupied private dwellings in Hidden Valley with 88.9 per cent being single detached dwellings (Statistics Canada, 2001 Census of Canada).

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