



Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association (LBHA) Ltd. Spring/Summer Newsletter 2017

The LBHA park and lake are alive with activity, from boating and swimming to tennis and pickleball. The playgrounds are full of fun and laughter, and the members are enjoying their walks (and runs) along our lake pathways. And possibly the biggest activity of all: A NEW BUILDING! Though there is construction just inside the north gates, all other areas of the park are accessible. We have temporary offices along the pathway to the boat docks. Remember to pop by and see what is happening at your lake.

Annual Fees

The annual fees are increasing this year to \$295.00 (plus GST) and may be paid by **CASH or CHEQUE**. This can be done by mail or in person at the Park office. We would, however, appreciate it if the homeowners could mail in their fees, as this helps to expedite the payment process. To facilitate our bookkeeping, kindly include the bottom portion of your invoice with your payment by June 30th, 2017.

We do offer the option of paying by **CREDIT CARD** through PlastiQ. There will be a small fee charged to the member for using this method, and payment should be received by LBHA within 3 – 5 business days. Please keep this in mind before making your payment. For more information, please go to lakebonavistahomeowners.plastiq.com.

Memberships

Once fees are received in our office, your membership card will be valid for the upcoming year. The Board Policy of **“NO ENTRY WITHOUT A VALID PAID MEMBERSHIP CARD”** will be strictly enforced.

New Residents: All new residents should register at the Park office. Please bring your “Certificate of Land Title” or your lease/rental agreement, along with photo ID, when you come to register.

Lake Hours Summer 2017

PARK HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am- 10:00pm*
Weekends and Holidays 8:00am- 10:00pm*
(please note, no entrance 15 minutes prior to closing)

*The Park will close at 10:00pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.

OFFICE HOURS

10am – 6pm
Monday – Saturday



New Building!

Construction is underway on the **new LBHA community building**. The old 3,500 square foot building (built in 1968) has been removed, and a brand new 7,288 square foot building is on the way. The new public space will include a much larger boot room/skate change/sitting area and larger washrooms facilities. Our design also incorporates a 1,033 square foot room that will be available for family parties and school/community functions. Outdoor showers along the west exterior wall will be available to rinse off after a swim in the lake. We are hoping to have a finished building before skating season begins. Please see our website for more information.

Activities & Fun

We are offering **Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) Yoga** classes for the first time. The classes will run every Monday in June, July and August (except August 7th). If you are interested in attending these classes, please go to our Event Page and sign up www.lakebonavista.eventbrite.com. 'Bring Your Own Board' drop in classes are also available.

Our third annual **Hayride & Pumpkin Hunt** last October was a great success, despite the weather. The 2017 Hayride & Pumpkin Hunt is scheduled for Saturday October 7th. Keep an eye out for more information.

Kayak Lessons will not be held at the Lake this year. Due to a busy Summer season with the Canada Summer Games, the Calgary Canoe Club will not have enough instructors to spare. Camps will resume Summer 2018.

Large Groups at the Lake

Do you want to host a large group at the Lake for a bbq or party? Please take note of our revised group rules.

Any group activities must be booked at the office at least one week in advance. A form will need to be filled out by a senior member.

There is a maximum of 200 guests per booking for the **Niven Memorial Site** and a maximum of 25 guests per booking outside of the Niven area.

The only area that can be reserved is the Niven Memorial Site. All other areas are first come, first served.

Please see our rules and regulations on our website for more information.

Fishing News

Due to supply issues caused by Whirling Disease within Alberta, we are currently catch and release only. Each lake in Calgary is being evaluated on an individual basis and we are awaiting government approval of our commercial fish license.

More information on Whirling Disease: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency confirmed whirling disease, a fish disease that affects salmonoids, in the Bow River Watershed. **Whirling disease is not harmful to humans or other animals.**

Anglers, boaters and recreational water users can help reduce the risk of spreading whirling disease. It can be transmitted through equipment used for swimming, paddling, boating, water pumping, and fishing, or through infected fish and fish parts. Never move live fish from one body of water to another (that is illegal in Alberta). Please ensure that you clean and dry all equipment that came into contact with water and eliminate all water from equipment before transporting.

For more information about Whirling Disease please, visit the Alberta government site at <http://aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/wildlife-diseases/whirling-disease/>

Board of Directors

A volunteer Board of Directors governs the Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association Ltd., which has the responsibility of managing the lake and the surrounding park. For 2017, the Board consists of the following community residents:

President	Mike Mikkelson
Treasurer	Jim Wilkins
Directors	Duncan McColl
	Beryl MacDonald
	Ronald Peterson
	Mike Styczen
	Daniel Heath
	Kristi Reinhardt
	Michelle Tamblyn

Office and Park Info

Park Superintendent: Christopher Soby
Office Manager: Sara Dahlman

Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association (LBHA) is a separate organization from the Lake Bonavista Community Association (LBCA), which manages the recreation centre and its programs.

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website: www.lake-bonavista.ca

You can also find us on Facebook.

Did You Know??

There are 3,261 homes in Lake Bonavista: the encumbrance on each and every property enables the association to collect annual fees, and participation is mandatory.

The lake is 52 acres and the park is 25 acres.

The lake was built in the late 1960s and it was the first man-made lake in Calgary.

We are open 365 days a year for the enjoyment of the residents.

The lake water quality is tested weekly in the Summer.

Aquatic weeds are treated every year in June. At that time the lake and beaches will be closed to members for a period of 2.5 days.

No glass (of any kind) or intoxicating substances shall be allowed in the park.

An automatic one year suspension of privileges of any member found with intoxicating substances will be enforced.

No person under 16 should be permitted on a boat unless accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age. The signing member must remain on the boat for the duration of the rental.

Members are absolutely responsible for their guest's behaviour and actions. Any infractions committed by guests will directly affect the signing member's privileges.

No fires are permitted in the park area; please bring your own BBQ briquettes if you are planning a picnic at the lake.

We are happy to accommodate you for your wedding pictures, but we do not allow weddings or any other type of ceremonies to take place in the park.

We have implemented a night time K-9 security patrol. The dog and handler come in several times each evening to ensure the park is secure and free of vandals and trespassers.

If you are in the park, and have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any of our maintenance staff who you will see regularly patrolling the park.

If you witness any after-hours security or safety concerns, please contact the Calgary City Police at (403) 266-1234 or 911.

The Lake Bonavista Homeowners Association Ltd. wishes all its members a safe and happy summer. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the lake, please feel free to contact us by phone (403) 271-3333 or e-mail at: lbha@telus.net and we will be happy to help you.

