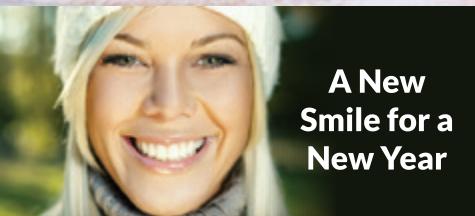


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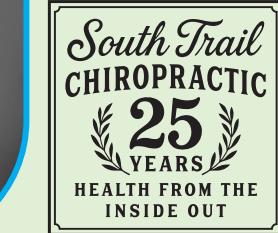
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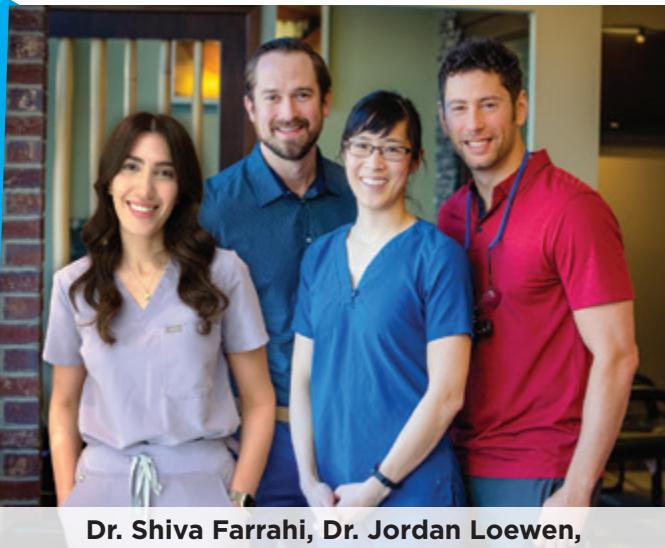
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## Snow Removal Issues

Every year there are questions about the snow removal – how the City plan works, how the community chips in, who is in charge regarding the engineered pathways that connect the streets with the parks, etc. We try our best to answer the questions that come our way, yet we never got this question, “What can I do to help with the snow removal”?

If you have thought it but never expressed yourself, then this is how you can start to help – when shoveling your driveway, do not push all the snow from your property onto the road. It is not ok in terms of common sense, and it is illegal to do so. You can get a ticket from the City if neighbours complain. Let's keep the roads clean and safe for all of us. Pile up your snow on your lawn, this way you give the grass extra protection in the winter and extra water in the spring. Try to clean as much snow as you can from the road and save the headaches with ice dams and huge puddles in the spring. Thanks for your understanding; it is up to each and every one of us to make our neighbourhood brighter.

### BRAIN GAMES

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## Tool Shed Is Here to Stay and to Help

Spring is just around the corner, and the New Brighton Tool Shed has the tools you need. Worried about how you will clean your lawn and give it a good start in the spring? We hope you will take full advantage of the tools available in the community Tool Shed inventory. Check out the “Tool Shed” page on ournewbrighton.ca and click on the inventory link to see the wide array of tools you can use free of charge. Imagine that your lawnmower breaks down and you want to take your time to find a good deal for your next purchase. The Tool Shed can give you peace of mind until you find the best deal - just borrow the lawnmower from the Tool Shed anytime you want to cut your grass. There are tools for all seasons and for a wide variety of projects, just give it a look.

For the residents who are not familiar with the Tool Shed project in our community – the Tool Shed is an inventory of tools that you can borrow, free of charge, from the community centre. If there is a particular tool that you need once per year and you don't want to buy and store it, then the Tool Shed is the solution for you. For a few more expensive premium tools you need to purchase the New Brighton Community Association membership, this way we can have more money towards new tools and repair/replacement of the broken ones.



### 360 Degrees



Without turning their heads, rabbits can see nearly 360 degrees, as well as high above themselves. Their eyes are placed high and to the sides of their head which gives them this range of sight, though they do tend to be farsighted.

## Safety In Our Community

The crime numbers in New Brighton look better than last year but as someone said, they are not perfect until you have zero crimes. It is up to you and me to prevent everything that can be preventable and CPS puts more than 90% of crimes into the "preventable" category, so we can do better. Yes, thieves are getting more brazen (see the mailbox broken into last month) but the less low hanging fruits they have around, the bigger probability they lose interest canvassing this area.

Adopt the 9pm routine – take a tour around your property, check if you locked the cars in the drive, check all the doors and windows, and don't make life easy for the bad guys.

The overnight lights in front of your house are essential in making thieves feel uneasy and getting them to move on. Now with the LED low consumption light bulbs it is not a big expense to have them on overnight. We've received a few emails from residents about their streets being black pitch at night and they associated that with frequent robberies in the area. You can put your outside lights on a timer and have peace of mind with the night schedule for the lights. It is a small investment that can have a big impact on the overall safety, let's make our nights brighter.



## SKIING SISTERS

At the Sochi Winter Olympics on February 8, 2014, Canadian sisters Justine and Chloé Dufour-Lapointe claimed gold and silver medals in the women's moguls freestyle skiing event. They stood together on the podium, marking the first time Canadian sisters had shared an Olympic podium at a Winter Games. What a special sister bond!



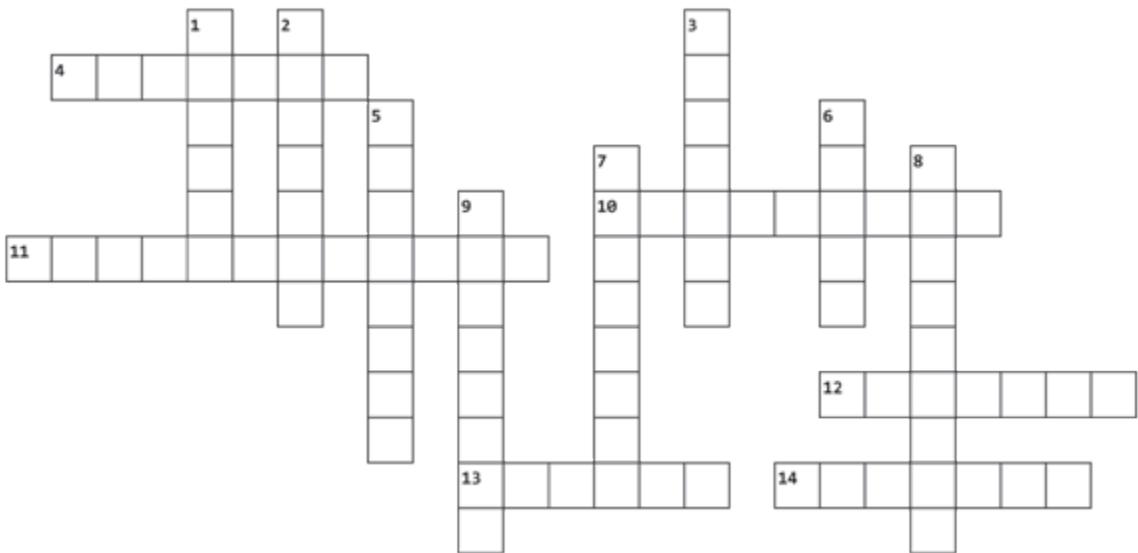
## Switch

by Cheryl Dunkley

One last chore - today that make four!  
Yawn, oh what a bore  
That kind of week,  
Both my knees are sore...  
It's snowing! I don't want to go out the door.  
  
But you know, Life is good.  
I'm grateful for my home, family and friends.  
The very best neighbours live on either side  
Everyone on this street takes great pride.  
There's good stuff every day  
Express my gratitude every time I pray



# February Crossword



## Across

- Islam's holy month of fasting, prayer, and reflection, called \_\_\_\_\_ starts on February 17 this year.
- On February 2, 1653, what is now called New York City officially became a city, but it was known as New \_\_\_\_\_ at the time.
- Comedian Leslie Nielsen was born on February 11, 1926, in Regina, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Canada's twelfth Prime Minister, Louis St. \_\_\_\_\_, was born on February 1, 1882, in Compton, Québec.
- The first volume of this English Dictionary was published on February 1, 1884.
- The first documented street celebration of Mardi Gras in New \_\_\_\_\_ took place on February 27, 1827.

## Down

- This North American country celebrates National Flag Day on February 15 annually.
- During the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, the bobsleigh team from this Caribbean nation inspired the movie *Cool Runnings*.
- At the 26th Grammy Awards on February 28, 1984, Michael \_\_\_\_\_ won an astonishing eight Grammys!
- Pope \_\_\_\_\_ XVI announced his resignation from the papacy on February 11, 2013.
- The 2026 Chinese Zodiac is this equine beauty.
- Min Jin Lee's New York Times bestselling novel, \_\_\_\_\_, follows a Korean family who immigrate to Japan and was first published on February 7, 2017.
- The XXI Winter Olympic Games were held in this Canadian city in 2010.
- On February 4, 2004, this social media platform was launched from a Harvard dorm room.



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The New Brighton Clubhouse is now accepting facility bookings and has a variety of rental packages available to meet the needs of all ages, party sizes and budgets! For more information and availability on rooms, please contact 403-781-6613 ext. 5 or email [rentals@nbra.ca](mailto:rentals@nbra.ca).

## **Room Rental Hourly Rate**

### **Banquet Room (Capacity of 100 or 80 with Bouncy Castle)**

1,350 Sq Ft

Resident Rate: \$88 plus GST hourly

Brookfield Rate: \$93 plus GST hourly

Non-Resident Rate: \$98 plus GST hourly

### **Studio Room (Capacity of 35)**

462 Sq Ft

Resident Rate: \$52 plus GST hourly

Brookfield Rate: \$57 plus GST hourly

Non-Resident Rate: \$62 plus GST hourly

### **Hockey Rink (Capacity of 75)**

1200 Sq Ft

Resident Rate: \$88 plus GST per hour

Brookfield Rate: \$98 plus GST per hour

Non-Resident Rate: \$108 plus GST per hour

Available time slots: Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm or Saturday to Sunday from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

\*Hockey Rink rentals not permitted on statutory holidays or scheduled educational days off.

## **Rental Packages**

### **Essential Birthday Package (Studio Room)**

#### **Capacity of 35**

Resident Rate: \$118 plus GST for two hours

Brookfield Rate: \$128 plus GST for two hours

Non-Resident Rate: \$138 plus GST for two hours

#### **The Essential Birthday Package Includes:**

- Two hours in the Studio Room
- Party supplies (banner, cups, tablecloths, balloons, napkins, plates, and cutlery)
- Setup and tear down of the tables and chairs

#### **Deluxe Birthday Package (Banquet Room)**

#### **Capacity of 100 or 80 with Bouncy Castle**

Resident Rate: \$300 plus GST for two hours

Brookfield Rate: \$310 plus GST for two hours

Non-Resident Rate: \$320 plus GST for two hours

#### **The Deluxe Birthday Package Includes:**

- Two hours in the Banquet Room
- Party supplies (banner, cups, tablecloths, balloons, napkins, plates, and cutlery)
- Choice of bouncy castle, piñata, or craft during your party
- Setup and tear down of the tables and chairs

#### **Hockey Rink Package (Hockey Rink + Studio Room)**

#### **Studio Room: Capacity of 35**

Resident Rate: \$118 plus GST for two hours

Brookfield Rate: \$128 plus GST for two hours

Non-Resident Rate: \$138 plus GST for two hours

#### **The Hockey Rink Package Includes:**

- One hour on the Hockey Rink
- One hour in the Studio Room
- Includes tables and chairs in the Studio Room
- Fresh Zamboni before rental starts
- Must be rented during available time slots

#### **Rental Add-Ons**

- Bouncy Castle - \$66 + GST per hour
- Goodie Bags - \$10 + GST each
- Projector - \$77 + GST
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- Surround Sound \$118 + GST



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# Februum

The month we now call "February" has had many different names. Due to the wet conditions, "Solomonath" was used in Old English and means "mud month". The current name derives from the Latin term Februum (purification or to cleanse), and the Roman festival of purification called Februa.

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## Special Events

### Valentine Skate

#### **Friday, February 13 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**

Love is in the air, and so is the smell of hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows! Make your way to the NBRA Clubhouse on Friday, February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for the Valentine Skate. Enjoy skating with your loved ones, get a cup of delicious hot chocolate, and roast marshmallows on the gas firepits.

This event is only open to residents of New Brighton, and RSVP is not required.

### Bunny Hop Eggstravaganza

#### **Friday, March 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Bring your basket and bounce over to the Clubhouse for a day filled with Easter-themed crafts, games, and a thrilling egg hunt! A photobooth will be set up to capture your memories with New Brighton's Easter Bunny. Don't forget to search the Clubhouse for eggs and be on the lookout for golden eggs for a chance to win an extra special prize!

RSVP for this event will open on Wednesday, February 25 at noon.

## Children and Adult Programs

### Home Alone

#### **Winter Session 2: February 7**

##### **• Ages 10+ Years – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

This interactive program prepares youth for the all-important steps of being home alone safely. Being home alone can be an uncomfortable and unsafe

situation without skills. Household and appliance safety, coming and going home safely, first aid, responsibilities, confidence, and more are covered.

Residents: \$50 | Non-Residents: \$65

### Cartoon Drawing

#### **Winter Session 1: February 24 to March 24**

##### **• Ages 8 to 12 Years – 6:45 to 7:45 pm**

Calling all young artists! Join us for a creative cartoon drawing adventure with Young Rembrandts where imaginations come to life! Kids will learn step-by-step drawing techniques, build confidence in their artistic skills, and have tons of fun creating their very own cartoon characters and scenes.

Residents: \$115 | Non-Residents: \$130

### Dance Explosion

#### **Winter Session 1: February 26 to March 26**

##### **• Ages 4 to 6 Years – 6:15 to 7:00 pm**

An exhilarating fusion of dance styles! Students explore everything from jazz and tap to ballet, creative movement, hip hop, and beyond. An exciting introduction to the vibrant world of dance!

Residents: \$115 | Non-Residents: \$130

For more information on these programs, and all programs at the New Brighton Clubhouse, please visit [www.newbrighton-connect.com](http://www.newbrighton-connect.com).

## Value Added Activities

### New Brighton Seniors Card Club

#### **February 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm**

The NBRA is excited to host the New Brighton Seniors Card Club, offering a variety of different card games and great conversation each week. Spend the afternoon enjoying new games, meeting new friends, and exploring everything that the NBRA has to offer.

\$2 drop-in.

### Tot Time

#### **February 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

Bring your little ones and take part in a fun afternoon of socialization and unstructured free play, all while parents enjoy coffee and great company!

This program is a \$2 drop-in!

### Tween's Night Out

#### **10 to 14 Years**

#### **February 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Calling all New Brighton tweens and teens. You are invited to the Clubhouse for a night of fun games, competitions, and good times. Doors open at 7:00 pm, grab your friends and let's have a great night together! The \$2 drop-in fee will include a snack and refreshments!

### **Babysitting Night**

#### **Ages 2 to 10 Years**

#### **February 21 from 5:00 to 8:30 pm**

Want a night out without the kids? Let the NBRA look after your little ones while you enjoy some quality time. Pizza, a light snack, and a drink will be offered during the evening. Please feel free to pack a nut-free snack/drink for your child(ren) should they need more. Children must be fully potty trained.

Resident Rate: \$25 | Non-Resident Rate: \$30

### **Junior Canvas Creations**

#### **Ages 6 to 12 Years**

#### **March 21 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Come for a morning of painting and fun! Children can let their imaginations run wild while creating a masterpiece to bring home and show off.

\*A light snack and juice box are included in class fee.

## **Also Available at the NBRA**

### **Popcorn Packs**

Looking to kick up your family movie night a notch? The NBRA offers \$12 Movie Night Popcorn Packs!

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To place your order for a Popcorn Pack, please call 403-781-6613, ext. 1 or email [csr@nbra.ca](mailto:csr@nbra.ca). All orders must be placed by 5:00 pm on February 12. Packs will be available for pick up at the Clubhouse on Friday, February 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

### **Take Action on Radon**

Did you know that radon is an invisible, radioactive gas that come from the ground? The NBRA is excited to announce that Radon Test Kits are now available in the main office for \$42.95 + GST.

If you would like more information on the kits or radon, please call 403-781-6613 ext. 1 or email [admin@nbra.ca](mailto:admin@nbra.ca).

### **Good Food Boxes**

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary where you can purchase a box of fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost! The boxes are put together and delivered to the Clubhouse by dedicated volunteers.

Interested in getting a box? Please call 403-781-6613, ext. 1 or email [csr@nbra.ca](mailto:csr@nbra.ca) before the order due date listed below. You will be contacted by an NBRA team member on the delivery day once the boxes are available for pick up at the Clubhouse!

### **Price List**

- Small \$35
- Medium \$40
- Large \$45

<b>Order Due Date</b>	<b>Delivered to the Clubhouse</b>
February 17 by noon	February 27
March 10 by noon	March 20
April 14 by noon	April 24

The Good Food Box program, part of the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary, offers affordable boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables to Calgarians and surrounding areas.

### **Tool Shed**

No need to purchase and store tools that you may only need to use once a year; come and check them out from the tool lending library instead! The New Brighton Residents Association and New Brighton Community Association have joined together in efforts to bring you a library full of over 60 tools to meet your landscaping, snow removal, home improvement, DIY, and automotive needs! This is a service for all New Brighton Residents over the age of 18, with more perks available to those who also have a valid NBCA membership. Purchase an NBCA Membership for only \$20! With the NBCA you can enjoy additional Tool Shed perks such as borrowing a maximum of five tools at one time,

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same-day reservation and more. For borrowing details, to set up your online account, and to browse the catalogue, visit [newbrighton-connect.com](http://newbrighton-connect.com)! No need to make an appointment, the NBRA Tool Shed is open Monday to Sunday from 9:30 am to 8:30 pm, come by during those times to borrow the tool of your choice.



The New Brighton Residents Association is happy to host "The New Brighton Game Hub", which is a board game lending library consisting of over 50 games that can be borrowed by residents for a fun game night!

The library hosts a diverse selection of games suitable for a variety of age groups, interests, and difficulty levels. This is a free service for all New Brighton Residents over the age of 18 who are in good standing. Residents aged 12 to 17 years old may also borrow games; however, they must play the game on-site while visiting the NBRA Clubhouse. Please visit [newbrighton-connect.com](http://newbrighton-connect.com) for additional borrowing details, to set up your online account, and to browse the catalogue (be sure that you select "the New Brighton Game Hub" as the location from the drop-down menu). There is no need to make an appointment as all games will be lent on a first-come, first-serve basis. The New Brighton Game Hub is available between 9:30 am and 8:30 pm, so come by during those times to borrow the game of your choice!

### Stay Connected with the NBRA

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### Snow Removal

The New Brighton Residents Association Board of Directors has carefully reviewed the community's snow removal needs for the 2025/2026 winter season. Upon careful consideration, the NBRA Board of Directors has selected several high traffic areas which will be maintained by the NBRA maintenance team throughout the winter months. The NBRA will ensure snow removal, as well as sanding/gravel (within 24 hours of the end of snowfall), of the following areas: all four New Brighton entrances and the regional pathways. To ensure maximum enjoyment for residents, snow removal will be completed on NBRA property before the designated areas within the community (NBRA property includes both the hockey and pleasure skating rinks, all entrances into the facility and shop, as well as the parking lot). Once these areas are complete, the NBRA team will proceed into the community. The map indicates in detail these areas with the community that will be maintained by the NBRA for the 2025/2026 winter season. All other days will remain open during regular hours from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.



# **NBRA 2026 Winter Maintenance**



## Word of the Month

Malapropism: noun (mal-uh-prop-iz-uhm)

The unintentional use of a word that sounds somewhat like the one intended but is very wrong in the context.

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