

2nd Annual Community Picnic in the Park

It was a little squishy, but our 2nd Annual Picnic in the Park was another great hit! A fun time was had by all who attended, especially thanks to the fantastic music of a **local band** called the “**Turbines**” who performed throughout the festivities and to **Kurtis and Dixie Bains with Home Life Central Reality** for helping sponsor the great hamburgers and soda that we were able to offer free, because of their generous donation!

Another huge thank you goes out to the many local businesses that helped make this event a success.

Hawkwood Auto, Hawkwood Dental, Hawkwood Fine Wine and Spirits, Hawkwood Cleaners, Hawkwood Palace, Hawkwood Husky, The Medicine Shoppe, Superstore, Edward Jones, 7- eleven, Gymboree, ATCO Gas for the BBQ, KidSport Sport Shack, Kirby Cox , for donating the very popular cotton candy machine, Larry Arnfinson with CIR Realty for donating the Movie Night raffle basket, Sean and Dana Furlong for the chocolate raffle basket and Tony Schlee with the Sutton Group reality for the liqueur and chocolate raffle basket.

Volunteers are a huge part of pulling functions, like these, together. **Bruce Lee**, (my new best bud!) For the countless hours of hitting the pavement trying to come up with donations and all your cool new ideas on how to make this a true event- thank you and I look forward to working with you again! **Teresa Hirata and JoAnne MacGregor**- without your clever ideas and resources, things wouldn't run as smoothly as they do, you gals are awesome. Also, thank you to **Lauren Kirychuk**, for all her leg work in getting the food organized and having to run back to get more. You rock! **Melanie Coulter**, for organizing the senior activities and to **Diane Heaton**, for getting all the entertainment organized and doing such a great job emceeding for the day! Thank you as well to all our other volunteers who helped set up, flip burgers, serve burgers, man the raffle table, work at the very sticky cotton candy table, Bingo calling, picking up the Atco BBQ, and general running around to pick stuff up and also for the dreaded clean up help. Without people like you, we could not hold social activities for this community. We would also like to thank the **Youth Volunteer Corp** for sending us some much needed youth volunteers to help run our Kids Passport Zones. As well as Hayley Newman, Jocelyn Heaton, Jayme McCann, Danielle Foster, Riley Steel, Madison Duncan, Melanie Gascoine, Jocy McCormack and Kennedy Hughes for donating your time and community spirit to help us out. Thank you everyone!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Summit School of Dance and all their dancers for their outstanding performances and to Christine McKenzie for her fun and funky Zumba demonstrations, the kids and Craig Steel had a blast!

If you missed it, you missed all the fun. We had live entertainment, bouncy houses, crazy blow up horses, Bingo, the kids passport zone, a tot lot for the younger kids, Bingo with prizes, a candy toss, vendors selling their products, community service booths; like the Public Library, Woman's health centre, and GoNaeco, the Police, Ambulance and Fire Truck were out as well. All that and FREE hamburgers, drinks and chips!

Bring the family and come out and enjoy the Hawkwood Community Associations next event, which is **SUNDAES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 FROM 1-3PM**. We have the portable rock climber coming again! Spread the word, and let's make this event even bigger and better than last year.

Come be a part of your community, share in the joy of being a part of it and reap the benefits by helping us build a beautiful, vibrant and cohesive community in which we are all proud to call home.

Check out our website at www.hawkwoodcalgary.com for updates and current activities going on in our community!