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Varsity View Community Association

Website: vvcasaskatoon.com

"Special Projects Update: Making Dreams a Reality in Varsity View and Grosvenor Park"

Firstly, a big thank you to those of you who shared your views of our community the past few months. By consulting residents through dialogue, our website, and email, we built a clear picture of what residents would support in our community. Your feedback put a strong emphasis on enriching public spaces, which is certainly a theme we will embrace.

Projects we are advancing through proposals, partnerships, and grant requests:

- ♦ Functional art/seating area spaces in Raoul Wallenberg park (in partnership with Congregation Agudas Israel) and other parks.
- ♦ Upgrades to Albert Recreational Park (in partnership with Nutana Community Association).
- ♦ Playground upgrades to Brunskill School (in partnership with the school community).
- ♦ A litter reduction project.
- ♦ A heritage trail and signage.

As grants and partnerships are finalized in the coming months, we will tell residents more about these projects and will be asking for your financial support to enhance the beauty, uniqueness, and opportunity of our neighbourhood.



I encourage you to join us at our AGM April 16th to share your views on these ideas for our community (and also to discuss a slight change to our constitution, intended to bring the length of notice of our AGM in line with *The Non-Profit Corporations Act*). Get involved in making a difference!



James Perkins, President

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Twitter: @VVCASaskatoon
Email newsletter signup: http://eepurl.com/D5GQj

NOTICE OF VVCA AGM

and amendment of Constitution (as described above)

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

Dear Varsity View residents:

The best thing about winter in Saskatchewan is how it helps us appreciate the longer and warmer days of spring. I love those first warm days in Saskatoon when people flood out onto the MVA trails and parks and share the euphoria of the new season – hopefully coming soon.

As you read this we are right in the final stages of getting the Varsity View Local Area Plan to City Council. Thanks so much to all of the residents who have spent their valuable evenings in meetings with each other debating ideas for your neighbourhood into the future on parking, traffic, parks, infill, cycling, safety, the University, and more. The document is rich with information and ideas about Varsity View and worth reading especially if you live there! It is available on-line – probably easiest to find if you search Varsity View Local Area Plan on Google.

I am interested to hear your feedback about the snow clearing/removal operations that we have had so far in 2013/14. While we didn't have as much snow as last year, with the additional funding from the budget we did change quite a few things up and are

doing a review of the program to see what worked and didn't work. I am also hopeful that we are going to see a much improved street sweeping program this spring too.

The Neighbourhood Infill Design Guidelines/Granny suite recommendations should be coming to Council this spring – after a great deal of work by many Ward 6 residents providing input and direction to this process.

We are also into a very important stage with the Growth planning work we are doing through the Growing Forward/Shaping Saskatoon planning process. We are getting down to brass tacks on overhauling and modernizing the Transit system, developing an Active Transportation Master Plan, determining the best way to build "density corridors" and sorting out the best way to get people across the river. This is laying a foundation now for a new design our City for the future. There will be more public meetings, and you can check out **www.growingfwd.ca** to learn more and provide your ideas.

If you want more information on this or anything else – please check our my website at www.charlieclark.ca – and you can sign up for my riveting civic e-newsletter too!

Enjoy the spring!

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MAPPING SASKATOON'S PAST

Megan Vandendriessche is a Regional and Urban Planning student at the University of Saskatchewan. She says:

"for one of my classes, entitled INCC 310: Cultural Heritage Mapping, I am focusing on examining the cultural influences that the University of Saskatchewan has had on shaping the development of Varsity View from 1907 to present day. I am interested in any sources or stories that may help me determine these influences. I hope to share my findings with the Community of Varsity View when the project is finished.

If you have, or know someone who would have, some information to share, please do not hesitate to contact me at: mlv304@mail.usask.ca BEFORE April 1st, 2014.

Thanks for your help and support!"

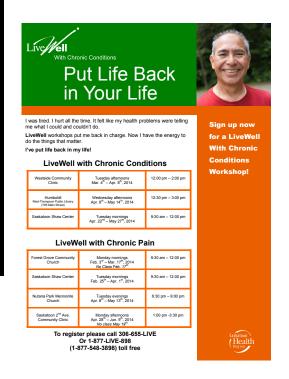
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ANNUAL VVCA SOCIAL/ FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, May 3, 2013 Louis' Pub at the U of S

Steak/Chicken/Vegetarian Meal and Dessert
Doors open at 6 pm
Live Band: In the Queue
First Set at 8 pm
\$25 per person for Dinner and Entertainment

Tickets available through an executive member or by sending a request to **varsityviewca@gmail.com**





WALK FOR MS ON APRIL 27!

Canada has the highest rate of MS in the world. Based on current incidence rates, the MS Society of Canada estimates that approximately 1000 new cases of MS are diagnosed in Canada each year, which means three more Canadians are diagnosed with MS every day. Chances are you have a relative, friend, coworker, acquaintance or classmate with the condition.

"My role as a mother of two children living with MS is to listen, provide encouragement and believe in the hope that one day we will end MS. I encourage everyone to raise as much money as possible to ensure the research and support is there for all the people we love."

Joan McFarlane-Rolfs, 20+ yr Saskatchewan Blue Cross MS Walker

Lace up your walking shoes and take a step for someone you love. Join us in the fight to end MS. The Saskatchewan Blue Cross MS WALK in Saskatoon takes place on April 27th, 2014 at the Archibald Arena. For more information or to register and to start fundraising, visit www.mswalks.ca or call 244-2114.

