

# VVCA

## Varsity View Community Association

### THE VIEW

Website:  
[vvcasaskatoon.com](http://vvcasaskatoon.com)



#### "President's Message"

*It takes a town to build a town to make a town a town,  
 It takes a town to build a town to keep a town a town,*

My message to you this month started one nice fall day in the backyard as my 4 ½ year old daughter (who knows more residents than I do now that she's in preschool) began to chant the theme song (above) of Sum Theatre's "The Pied Piper" she saw months earlier in President Murray Park. Her 'town' in the sandbox was coming along quite nicely, such that she didn't notice my look of shock at hearing that tune again, out of time and context.

The shocking part of this intro is that she gets it (with full credit to Sum Theatre of course). Our 'town' is our community, and that's where the magic really happens. And it takes all of us.

Given our family's professions and volunteer activities, we talk a lot about helping people and pitching in to help make good stuff happen. But to understand that a community is richest when everyone is engaged through neighbours helping neighbours, a bit of volunteering or charitable donation is a valuable gem of knowledge to pass on to our children. I am always proudest talking with my daughter about the projects and advocacy VVCA has taken on for the community's benefit.

Looking at the milestones of our recent successes – the Local Area Plan (LAP), advocacy for proper infill guidelines and sensible traffic solutions, a wonderful partnership unfolding with Congregation Agudas Israel to enhance Raoul Wallenberg Park, and positive youth & adult programming almost every night of the week, I'd say our 'town' is a rather fine looking 'town' indeed.

This year at our AGM, we will be looking for some new 'townsfolk' to get involved to keep our town a town. Have an interest in community issues? Want to boost your resume or learn a new leadership skill? Join us at our April AGM and see how you can help.

Special thanks to those that help build and keep (up) the 'town' of Grosvenor Park/Varsity View through our community association and other community-based organizations.

Regards,

*James Perkins, President*

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# PET TAILS

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

**Dear Varsity View and Grosvenor Park residents,**

It has been a challenging fall at City Hall as we worked through many difficult decisions that would impact the future direction for our city. At a time like this, there can be a danger of getting too wrapped up in the internal workings of City Hall, and forget that ultimately our role is to be the representatives of the citizens of our community. I have been very grateful for the conversations I have had with residents in these months to help keep my feet on the ground even if they were tough conversations sometimes, or feedback that was hard to receive.

One priority I have for 2015 is to continue improving how we work with and involve residents in our decisions. We have done this with the Varsity View Local Area Plan, the Traffic Management Strategies, and the development of Neighbourhood Infill guidelines. There are a lot of talented people in our community and when we bring you together in a respectful and constructive way it can be powerful for shaping the future. Thank you to all of you who have participated so far. Your Community Association deserves tremendous credit for being active in helping shape some of these processes as well.

I am excited about a number of projects moving forward in the New Year, these are a few examples:

### **Infill Guidelines – coming to City Council early 2015**

Early in the new year we are expecting the new guidelines for infill houses to finally come to City Council, after a great deal of debate and feedback from residents about how infill is affecting our older neighbourhoods.

### **Future Growth planning – your neighborhood borders will be affected**

The Growing Forward/Shaping Saskatoon strategy is beginning to get more concrete and is focusing in on some streets that will impact Varsity View. College Drive, Preston and 8<sup>th</sup> St have been identified as corridors for Bus Rapid Transit. 8<sup>th</sup> St and College are being considered for increased density of development. The City is considering options for additional future bridge crossings to move Transit and cars and is gathering feedback on either 24<sup>th</sup> St or 33<sup>rd</sup> St as the main choices. The crossing is not for the immediate future, but planning for the next couple of decades. Please see [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca) for more information.

### **The Future of Transit – BRT**

Modernizing our Transit system to be a more competitive option to driving a car is going to be key in how we mitigate traffic congestion into the future, and develop a more efficient transportation network. This is challenging in Saskatoon given our size, the way our city is laid out, and the reputation that Transit has today. This remains a priority for me, and over the next few months I will be focusing on figuring out what we need to do to start making this shift. For more information on what is being planned for a Bus Rapid Transit system, please check [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca).

My best to you in the New Year,

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**Varsity View Local Area Plan Update****November 2014**

The Varsity View Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted by City Council in April 2014. There were a total of 31 recommendations, including neighbourhood safety recommendations, and to date four have been completed.

In the summer of 2014, the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan partnered to undertake a series of community and cultural mapping projects. A summer student was hired to complete Recommendation 7.2 in the LAP, which was to complete a cultural resource mapping project for the Varsity View neighbourhood. The summer student documented the cultural resources, such as notable people, places, and programs available within the neighbourhood, through research and interviews with local residents. The goal of this project was to identify the past and present elements that have had a strong influence on the community. This project is a step towards preserving the past and embracing the future of the Varsity View neighbourhood. All of the findings are available online on the Varsity View Community Association website at <http://www.vvcasaskatoon.com> under 'VV Yesterday & Today'.

**Neighbourhood Safety**

In summer 2014, in support of recommendation 9.3, the Community Services Department, Park's Division, trimmed overgrown trees in Albert Park, Albert Recreation Unit and Raoul Wallenberg Park. This helps to increase safety in parks at all times of the day by improving sightlines within and into the parks.

Recommendation 9.6 stated that the results of the safety audit of Brunskill School grounds that was conducted as part of the LAP, be forwarded to Brunskill School Administration, the Kinsmen Children's Centre and the Varsity View Community Association. The safety audit identified many safe areas on site and features that helped to increase feelings of safety, as well as areas of concerns. The audit concluded with a list of suggestions how safety could be increased. This recommendation was completed in October 2014.

Concerns over the lack of property maintenance in some homes in the neighbourhood, and the lack of awareness of who to report issues to was brought up by the community in the LAP process. As a result, recommendation 9.1 was created. In support of that recommendation, information about the Saskatoon Property Maintenance and Nuisance Bylaw No. 8175, has been included in this newsletter in order to better explain the bylaw and to make the community aware how to report possible contraventions of this bylaw.

Recommendation 9.2, regarding garbage cans in neighbourhood parks, is currently being completed by the Community Services Department, and the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division. Members of the City Administration and Varsity View community met on site in October 2014 to review the existing garbage receptacles in the parks and identify locations where additional garbage receptacles could be located. Once complete, this recommendation will support a positive image and maintenance in the parks by discouraging littering.

Of the six safety recommendations that were made in the LAP, three have now been complete. For further information, including the complete LAP implementation report, please visit the Varsity View LAP page at [www.saskatoon.ca/go/lap](http://www.saskatoon.ca/go/lap) or contact either:

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**Saskatoon Property Maintenance Bylaw**

Saskatoon's Property Maintenance & Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 8175 requires property owners in the city of Saskatoon to maintain houses, buildings, and yards to an acceptable standard. Property owners are responsible for ensuring yards are kept free and clean from garbage and debris, junked vehicles, and excessive growth and noxious weeds.

The bylaw applies to all residential, commercial or industrial properties in the city of Saskatoon.

If you have safety concerns about your house, contact your area inspector at 306-975-2578;

All members of Saskatoon Fire Department may, at any reasonable time, enter any building, structure, or property for the purpose of enforcing this bylaw.

**Untidy Unsightly Property**

The bylaw states that property must be kept free and clean from:

- garbage and junk;
- junked vehicles and dismantled machinery;
- excessive growth of weeds and grass;
- holes and excavations that could cause an accident;
- infestation of rodents, vermin and insects; and
- areas that may allow water to pond.

An individual's yard can be used to store material providing:

- it is neatly stacked and at least 150 mm (6 inches) off the ground;
- all combustible material (tires, firewood) must be kept at least three (3) meters (10 ft.) from the house; and
- refrigerators and freezers, stored outside, must have their doors and hinges removed.

If you have any questions or concerns please visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca) , and click “F” for “Fire Department” for more information.

**Junked Vehicles:**

What is a junked vehicle?

has no current valid license plates attached to it or;

is in a rusted, wrecked, dismantled, partly dismantled, inoperative or abandoned condition and is not within a structure (garage).

If you discover a junked vehicle or a restoration project on private property you can:

- request the owner remove the vehicle and/or
- report your concerns to the Safety and Property Maintenance Hotline at 306-975-2828.

**Safety and Property Maintenance Hotline**

The Saskatoon Fire Department responds to complaints of unsightly yards, junked vehicles and homes or buildings in a state of disrepair. This line is primarily used to report maintenance concerns, however, any type of safety concern can be reported to the complaint line and will then be forwarded to the appropriate agency. Questions and concerns should be directed to the Safety and Property Maintenance Hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**306-975-2828**



## Neighbourhood Profiles

The 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Neighbourhood Profiles is now available!

The Planning and Development Department of the City of Saskatoon has been publishing the *Neighbourhood Profiles* since 1976. This publication contains a wealth of demographic data for each residential neighbourhood in Saskatoon, such as how many people own houses, average income of residents, park space per resident, ethnic diversity, and political participation. Used by all types of people, from residents to business owners to community organizations, the data in *Neighbourhood Profiles* can help people plan for the future or just provide a snapshot of a neighbourhood.

Check it out online: <http://www.saskatoon.ca/DEPARTMENTS/Community%20Services/PlanningDevelopment/FutureGrowth/DemographicAndHousingData/Pages/NeighbourhoodProfiles.aspx>

or purchase a hard copy. Please feel free to contact the following if you would like to purchase a hard copy or if you have any questions,

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## Varsity View Neighborhood Traffic Review

On January 21, 2014 Varsity View residents participated in discussions and identified ideas and solutions to address traffic concerns in their neighbourhood. The City of Saskatoon Transportation Division has prepared a draft area-wide traffic plan based on feedback and information received during the meeting, from individual correspondence, and traffic assessments.

If you missed the recent follow up meeting on December 11, 2014 for Varsity View residents and other stakeholders to comment on specific traffic adjustments being proposed for this neighbourhood, you can still provide your feedback and comments online by joining the discussion at [www.shapingsaskatoon.ca](http://www.shapingsaskatoon.ca) through to January 11, 2015.

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## Free Language Testing for Newcomers (PRs)

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Feb 17-20	Tu-F	9 AM-4 PM	\$123.50
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For more information or to register, call Shaw Centre at 306-975-7744 or visit [www.saskatoon.ca/go/register](http://www.saskatoon.ca/go/register).



Celebrate a tradition of being physically active on  
**Family in motion Day!**  
February 16<sup>th</sup> 2015

For information about FREE events go to

**[www.in-motion.ca](http://www.in-motion.ca)**

Enter a story or picture of how you &/or your family were "in motion" & win great prizes!

- at [www.in-motion.ca](http://www.in-motion.ca)
- fax 655-4498
- or on Facebook - in motion (Saskatoon and Region)





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## **CISV International Programs**

<p><b>Step Up Age 14</b> <b>Columbus USA</b> July 3 2015 - July 25 2015 Program Fee: \$1040.00</p>	<p><b>Step Up Age 15</b> <b>Brasilia Brazil</b> July 4 2015 - July 25 2015 Program Fee: \$ 1040.00</p>	
		<p><b>Seminar Camps Age 17-18</b> <b>Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, El Salvador,</b> <b>Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico,</b> <b>Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden</b> Various Dates Program Fee: <b>\$895.00</b></p>
<p><b>Village Age 11</b> <b>Buskerud Norway</b> June 26 2015 - July 23 2015 Program Fee: \$1305.00</p>	<p><b>Village Age 11</b> <b>Buenos Aires Argentina</b> Dec 27 2015-Jan 23 2016 Program Fee: \$1305.00</p>	

**"If we are to create peace in our world, we must begin  
with our children." - Mahatma Gandhi**

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## MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATORS

Happy New Year!

Here is hoping everyone had a healthy and happy holiday! Our Registration for the winter programs is January 8, 2015. It will take place in the small gym at Brunskill 7 – 8:30 pm.

There are a few changes from the leisure guide as follows:

Play & Sign - Wednesday instead of Thursday 6 – 7 pm

Zumba – take note of new time

New Programs:

Family Stargazing – Library – Mondays FEB 2, 9, 23, March 2, 7:30 pm – 9pm

Only 10 families can participate

Consists of short talks and related group activities

Topics: Intro to stars and star gazing

The sun and planets

Identifying constellations

Meteors, meteorites and Aurora Borealis

Each class is approx. 80 minutes and includes telescope viewing

Core Workout

30 minute workout for abs, back, glutes and hips. A strong core not only improves appearance but increases energy, and makes us less prone to injury. Our goal in the class will be both to gradually increase our strength in these areas and to create a work out that we can do at home between classes.

Alphabet Soup - a Read Saskatoon program – STARTING MARCH 4

10 Families Children babies to 5 years accompanied by parent or guardian

Location is Albert Community Center corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Clarence Ave

Family program similar to Romp N Read

Two hours 9:30 am -11:30am

Games, stories, and learn about eating healthy snacks and meals

Also if you have registered for the Learn to Skate program you do not have to register again! The instructor will be getting in contact with everyone concerning the program!

**ONLY U6 REC SOCCER SIGN UP! ALL OTHERS WILL HAVE A SEPERATE NIGHT WHICH INFO WILL POSTED ON WEBSITE, IN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER and BULLETIN BOARD FOR SPRING LEAGUE!!!**

I guess that just about covers it except come on out and try something new or continue on with your programs! See you on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January!

*Barb & Maya, Indoor Coordinators*

**Parents are reminded to walk their children in to class to make sure the school is open and the class is still on. As well, children must be picked up immediately after class is over.**

Remember that VVCA is sensitive to the needs of families facing financial hardships, and may partially fund, or fully fund participation fees in various activities. Subsidization is only to cover the cost of programs and will not include membership in VVCA. Please contact one of us at registration night. We are more than willing to be of assistance in a very confidential manner. In addition, assistance may be available through KidSport.

## VARSITY VIEW PROGRAMS

Registration is Thursday, January 8, 2015 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Brunskill School, 101 Wiggins Avenue. A membership fee of \$5/individual or \$10/family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented at time of registration. Varsity View Community Association honours other community association memberships. Classes may change, please visit [www.vvcasaskatoon.com](http://www.vvcasaskatoon.com) after January 1st for a complete list of classes offered, and to confirm time, dates and location.

### PARENT & CHILD/YOUTH

Play and Sign	2-5 yrs & Adult	Brunskill School-Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	W	Jan 14-Mar 25	\$50/Family
Romp and Read	2-5 yrs & Adult	Souris Hall	10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Tu	Jan 13-Mar 10	FREE
Alphabet Soup	2- 5 yrs & Adult	Albert Community Centre	09:30 AM- 11:30 AM	W	Mar 04-Apr 29	FREE

### ADULT

Badminton	Adult	Brunskill School Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Tu	Jan 13-Mar 24	\$30
Badminton	Adult	Brunskill School Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Th	Jan 15-Mar 26	\$30
Boot Camp	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	08:30 PM-09:30 PM	W	Jan 14-Mar 25	\$70
Core Workout	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	08:30 PM-09:00 PM	Th	Jan 15-Mar 26	\$35
Conversational Spanish Beginner	Adult	Brunskill School-Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	Tu	Jan 13-Mar 24	\$80
Yoga	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	M	Jan 12-Mar23	\$80
Yoga	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	W	Jan 14-Mar 25	\$80
Yoga - Introductory	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	Th	Jan 15-Mar 26	\$80
Zumba	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	07:30 PM-08:30 PM	Tu	Jan 13-Mar 24	\$70

### ALL AGES

Tae Kwon Do Advanced	8yrs - Adult	Brunskill School Gym	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	W and F	Jan 09-Mar 27	\$100
Tae Kwon Do Beginner	6yrs - Adult	Brunskill School Gym	06:30 PM-07:15 PM	W and F	Jan 09-Mar 27	\$60
Tae Kwon Do Intermediate	8yrs - Adult	Brunskill School Gym	07:15 PM-08:00 PM	W and F	Jan 09-Mar 27	\$80
Family Stargazing	10yrs - Adult	Brunskill School Library	07:30 PM-09:00 PM	M	Feb 02-Mar 2	\$50/Family

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Bricks 4 Kidz	5-12 yrs	Brunskill School-Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	M	Jan 12-Mar 23	\$100
Drama class	9-12 yrs	Brunskill School-Library	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	Th	Jan 15-Mar 26	\$50
Exploration in Art	5-9 yrs	Brunskill School-Art Rm	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	W	Jan 14-Mar 25	\$80

### PRESCHOOL

Soccer Rec	3-4 yrs	Brunskill School - MPR	06:00 PM-06:45 PM	Tu	Jan 13-Mar 24	\$30
Tae Kwon Do	3-5 yrs	Brunskill School Gym	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	W OR F	Jan 14-Mar 11 OR Jan 09-Mar 06	\$50