

**THE VIEW****Varsity View Community Association**Website:
vvcasaskatoon.com**“President’s Message”**

My message to you for Fall 2015 draws again from Sum Theatre’s 2015 performance of Hercules (special thanks to Joel and crew for their performance in Albert Park for our residents!). Their empowering and family-friendly performances have quickly become a staple of summer life in Varsity View/Grosvenor Park.

The final scene of the play has Hercules and all the children in the audience becoming ‘heroes’ and forming a ‘brick brigade’ to rebuild the town. I’m still gobsmacked at how the cast so quickly and easily engages 80-100 children they’ve never met each year in a different task and gets them to cooperate! It’s an apt comparison to the pitching in I see each year in VVCA as volunteers of all ages and backgrounds come together for the common good.

Our VVCA ‘heroes’ provide youth sport, culture and literacy programs, adult recreation opportunities and advocate for the interests of Varsity View/Grosvenor Park in civic matters. Our partnerships with local organizations including Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Congregation Agudas Israel, Albert Community Centre and Nutana Community Association have already, or are leading to, new opportunities for our residents to enjoy a vibrant community.

If you’re not familiar with our programs, projects, or rich history, I would encourage you to check us out at <http://vvcasaskatoon.com/>

As I prepare to move to the role of Past-President this spring, I would like to again extend my continued thanks to our volunteer heroes that make our programs and projects possible.

Regards,

James Perkins, President

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JOIN US!

ANNUAL MOVIE IN THE PARK

What: TBA

When: Thursday September 10 at sundown
(approx. 7:45 pm)

Where: President Murray Park

Title of movie will be announced on our website and on the sign outside Brunskill.

This is a family friendly event! Bring your friends and a blanket and enjoy the show!

Saskatoon
September 12, 2015 is
city-wide Curbside Swap
day

Got free, useable stuff?
Want free, usable stuff?
Swap it!

CURBSIDE SWAP

At a Curbside Swap, unwanted items in good condition are placed on the curb and marked as free, for anyone to pick up. Giving these items a new home keeps them out of our landfill and reduces our community's environmental footprint.

Join the city-wide Curbside Swap day on Saturday, September 12, by placing items on your curb that you want to give away and/or by searching for free treasures that others set-out. Make sure whatever you set-out or pick-up is clearly marked as "FREE." The swap ends by 6:00 p.m., when it's time to return your unclaimed items to your home along with your newfound treasures.

Guidelines

Clearly mark all items that you wish to swap as "FREE" and remove any items you wish to keep from your lawn and curb. Do not block roads/sidewalks with items. Obey all traffic laws and watch for children. Do not drive/walk on other people's lawns. Do not discard items on someone else's lawn/curb.

Check out <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/waste-recycling/recycling/saskatoon-curb-side-swap> for further information, including downloadable "FREE STUFF" signs



GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

Best of the fall season to you,

At City Hall, we are still doing an overhaul of our growth plans with the Growing Forward Shaping Saskatoon process, including plans for a Bus Rapid Transit system and an Active Transportation Master Plan. These plans all have impacts on Varsity View as an area bounded by key transportation corridors that are central to these plans.

There will be meetings coming up in the fall with opportunities for on-line engagement that you can check out at www.growingforward.ca. Now is a very good time to make your voice heard. We are also working to invite more citizens into the City Budgeting process earlier, which you can learn more about at www.saskatoon.ca/city-hall/budget-finance.

The Federal election campaign is now well underway. It has become very clear to me as a City Councillor that decisions made in Ottawa have a big impact on our ability to build a strong healthy community here. Out of every tax dollar collected in Canada, cities take about 8 cents. We are dependent on strong partnerships with other levels of government to deliver necessary infrastructure, programs and services that provide a good quality of life to all citizens.

As we move ahead with plans for a Bus Rapid Transit plan it will be essential to have support from the Federal government to help pay for new buses, and better shelters and stations, just as we rely on support for bridges and overpasses. Solid commitments to infrastructure spending make a huge difference in our ability to ensure we can keep our roads, bridges, sewer and water lines in good condition.

Other important issues in our city also require a strong partnership with the Federal government to be successful, such as: tackling homelessness and affordable housing, building a path to reconciliation between First Nations, Metis and Non-Indigenous people, creating good jobs in a well-diversified economy, taking meaningful steps towards addressing climate change and building a stronger renewable energy sector, ensuring good policy and programs to support settlement and integration of new immigrants.

These are issues I will be talking to candidates about as the election unfolds, and I hope you will too. Our country continues to have tremendous potential even as we face tremendous challenges. Creating a healthy diverse nation for future generations depends on creating healthy and diverse communities!

Please sign up for my Civic e-newsletter for more information about the debates and decisions happening at City Hall.

Regards,

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BRUNSKILL PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Many of you with children at Brunskill will recognize the playground fundraiser pamphlet that was sent home with report cards in June. We are sending it out again to be sure ALL families in Varsity View know about this exciting project. Please take the time to read through the pamphlet and familiarize yourself with the plan. Please consider opening your wallet in support.

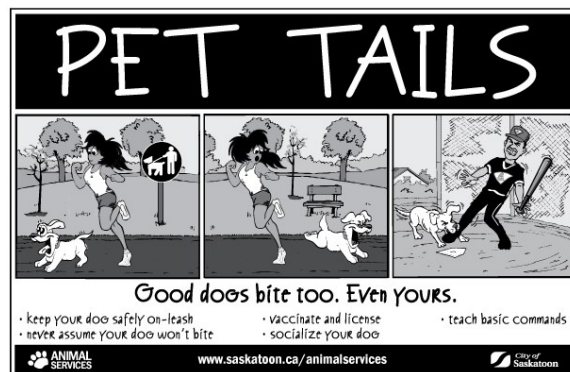
If you need more information, please contact:

Brunskill Home & School Association

brunskillvolunteers@gmail.com

Or talk to one of the fundraising committee members in person:

Anu Bhargava, Lana Elias, Tina Gabruch, Paige Goebel, Lisa Kirkham, Tanya Napper, Megan O'Shea, Dale Swanston, and Maya Wagner.



SOCCER AND BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Soccer Registration

VVCA indoor soccer registration will be online at www.vvcasaskatoon.com. Registration will be available for the following age groups: Kinder Soccer (born 2012 & 2013), U6 (Born 2010 & 2011), and U8 (Born 2008 & 2009). If you have a child born before 2008, please register at www.eastsidesoccer.ca. Registration will run from August 24th to September 11th. No late registrations will be accepted.

Basketball Registration

VVCA basketball registration will be available online at www.vvcasaskatoon.com. Registration will run from August 24th to September 11th. No late registrations will be accepted. If your child is in Grade 2 or younger, registration will be online at www.smba.ca in the Spuds program.

The **Navy League** program (girls & boys 9-12 yrs) and **Sea Cadet** program (girls & boys 12 to 18 yrs) provide young Canadians the opportunity to develop important life-skills in a dynamic, challenging and fun learning environment and to become active, responsible members of their communities by developing key values and skills.

- ♦ Values - good citizenship, patriotism, self-discipline, healthy living, self-respect and respect for others
- ♦ Skills - water-safety, first aid, communications, rope work, orienteering, leadership and teamwork
- ♦ Activities - camping, sailing and boating, sports, drill, fancy rope work, trips



Sea Cadets

Tuesdays 1830hrs to 2130hrs - 45sea@cadets.gc.ca or www.facebook.com/45jervisbay

Navy League

Thursdays 1830hrs to 2100hrs - www.navyleaguesaskatoon.org or www.facebook.com/HM.Weir

HMCS Unicorn, 405 - 24th Street East Saskatoon, SK S7K 0K7
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MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATORS

Welcome back to REALITY!!!! We hope everyone had a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer wherever your travels took you! Our registration nights are SEPTEMBER 3, & SEPTEMBER 8 --7-8:30 pm @ Brunskill School in the Multi Purpose Room (small gym)

If you're looking for things to keep you occupied or just want to try something new, our fall line up in on the next page!

There are a couple of new programs:

1. Engineering for Kids - see detailed options listed below
2. Stargazing (not new but with the low participant sign up thought we would offer it when the weather was a bit nicer!)

Engineering For Kids:

- Junior Mechanical Toys
Our Junior Mechanical Engineering: Toys Unit is designed to introduce our youngest children to the field of mechanical engineering through the investigation and design of an assortment of toys. Your child will learn about various principles of motion as they construct each of the following toys during the course of the unit: Popper, Spinner, Boomerang Can, Wind-Up Whirligig, Buzzer, and the Good Vibrations Guitar.
- Junior Green Engineering
Are you ready to get down and dirty searching for solutions to some of our biggest environmental problems? In Junior Environmental, your child will ponder some truly "hot" environmental issues. Your child will save endangered animals, help plants grow and create protection from the sun's heat. By investigating natural processes like erosion, animal adaptations, and plant growth; we discover ways that we as engineers can be inspired by the world around us to take on all sorts of challenges.
- Aerospace Engineering
Our Aerospace Engineering program is designed to introduce your child to the concepts of aerodynamics, propulsion, structural design, and flight through a series of activities that explore different types of aircraft. Your child will learn the basic mechanics of flying machines through hands-on testing and revising their designs using elements of the Engineering Design Process.
- Environmental Engineering
Our Environmental Engineering program is designed to introduce your child to the concepts of green engineering and provide them with a new approach to the Engineering Design Process that adds constraints such as sustainability, durability, and environmental permanence to the equation.
- Minecraft: Travelling into the Future
This camp will immerse your child in the expansive world of Minecraft, and will challenge your child's ingenuity and problem solving skills as they navigate through several engineering challenges. Your child will learn how to use teamwork and manage resources like an engineer in the real world. Building in Minecraft allows your child to experiment with designs and materials, all without the risks associated with building structures in reality.

PLEASE NOTE!!! BASKETBALL REGISTRATION AND ALL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS ARE ON-LINE ONLY!!!! THERE WILL BE NO ABILITY TO REGISTER FOR THESE AT THE REGISTRATION NIGHTS!!

See you in September!

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							
Registration is Thursday, September 3, 2015 and Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Brunskill School, 101 Wiggins Avenue, EXCEPT FOR BASKETBALL AND SOCCER , for which registration is ON-LINE ONLY at www.vvcasaskatoon.com . 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.							
PARENT & CHILD							
Romp and Read	2-5 yrs & Adult	Souris Hall	10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Tu	Sep 15-Nov 03	FREE	
ADULT							
Badminton	Adult	Brunskill Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Tu	Sep 15-Nov 26	\$35.00	
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Conversational Spanish Beginner	Adult	Brunskill Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	Tu	Sep 15-Nov 17	\$100.00	
Conversational Spanish Intermediate	Adult	Brunskill Library	07:10 PM-08:15 PM	Tu	Sep 15-Nov 17	\$100.00	
Core Workout	Adult	Brunskill MPR	08:15 PM-08:45 PM	Th	Sep 17-Nov 26	\$50.00	
Yoga Gentle Restorative	Adult	Brunskill MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	Th	Sep 17-Nov 26	\$100.00	
Yoga Multi-Level	Adult	Brunskill MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	M	Sep 14-Nov 23	\$100.00	
Yoga Multi-Level	Adult	Brunskill MPR	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	W	Sep 16-Nov 25	\$100.00	
ALL AGES							
Family Stargazing	8yrs - Adult	Brunskill Library	07:30 PM-09:00 PM	M	Sep14, 21, 28	\$50/Family	
Tae Kwon Do Advanced	10yrs - Adult	Brunskill Gym	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	W and F	Sep 16-Nov 25, Sep 18-Dec 04	\$ 125.00	
Tae Kwon Do Beginner	6yrs - Adult	Brunskill Gym	06:30 PM-07:15 PM	W and F	Sep 16-Nov 25, Sep 18-Dec 04	\$ 75.00	
Tae Kwon Do Intermediate	8yrs - Adult	Brunskill Gym	07:15 PM-08:00 PM	W and F	Sep 16-Nov 25, Sep 18-Dec 04	\$ 100.00	
YOUTH							
Basketball	Youth	Brunskill Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Engineering for Kids Minecraft	12-14 years	Brunskill Art Room	06:00 PM-09:00 PM	F	Oct 23, Nov 6, 20, Dec 4, 16	\$190.00	
CHILDREN							
Bricks 4 Kidz	6-10 yrs	Brunskill Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	M	Oct 05-Nov 30	\$ 88.00	
Engineering for Kids	4-6 yrs	Brunskill Art Room	06:30 PM-07:30 PM	W	Sep 16-Nov 25	\$200.00	
Engineering for Kids	7-11 yrs	Brunskill Art Room	06:30 PM-08:00 PM	W	Sep 16-Nov 25	\$300.00	
Engineering for Kids Minecraft	7-11 yrs	Brunskill Art Room	06:00 PM-09:00 PM	F	Sep 18, Oct 2, 16, 30, Nov 30	\$190.00	
Learn to Skate	5-8 yrs	Brunskill Rink	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Soccer	U6	Brunskill Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Soccer	U8	Brunskill Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Soccer	U10	Brunskill Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	
PRESCHOOL							
U5 Soccer Rec	3-4 yrs	Brunskill MPR	06:00 PM-06:45 PM	Tu	Sep 15-Nov 17	\$ 45.00	
Tae Kwon Do	4-5 yrs	Brunskill Gym	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	W	Sep 16-Nov 04	\$ 50.00	
Tae Kwon Do	4-5 yrs	Brunskill Gym	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	F	Sep 18-Nov 20	\$ 50.00	