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President's Message

The last few months have seen major decisions about the rezoning of corner lots, a Sum theater production, our Spring social, fundraising for park improvements, and a full activities program. Upcoming events include the start of our fall activities, movie in the park, addressing parking problems, and park improvements.

Corner Lot rezoning: City planning held information sessions with local community associations located within Circle Drive. The purpose was to gather views about rezoning corner lots to allow four-unit dwellings. The Varsity View Community Association meeting was held at Albert Community Centre following a neighborhood-wide drive to alert residents about the meeting. Approximately 75 people attended, and there was a vigorous discussion about the potential merits and problems of four-unit dwellings. Meeting attendees voted overwhelmingly against rezoning. City planning considered the views of all the community associations and decided that the potential benefits of increased housing density were outweighed by the problems. These included loss of light, front yard gardens and privacy, along with potential drainage problems and decreased property values. For the moment at least, blanket rezoning of corner lots for four-unit dwellings is not going to be allowed. This decision owes a lot to the good turn out at the meeting and our community sharing similar concerns on this issue. Thanks to the community for the great turn out and for making your views known. Our next major initiative is likely to be parking (i.e. the lack of it). Your involvement and support will be critical.

Spring Social: our spring social was held at Louis (thank you Ted). We enjoyed great music, a great talk from Alice Kuipers (born in Britain) about why she and her husband Yann Martel (from Montreal) decided to raise their family in Saskatoon. Our open spaces, ease of getting to work and the joys of our neighborhood (okay... Nutana across the road) all got mentions. Charlie Clark, our councillor, gave a short talk, won the 50/50 and graciously donated his winnings to fund park improvements in our neighborhood.

Park improvements: we currently have three park improvement projects supported by VVCA. Improvements to Raoul Wallenberg park by adding a reflective garden and better landscaping is the longest standing project. It is a joint effort between Mark Prebble for the VVCA, the Congregation Judas Israel and the City of Saskatoon. Plans and fundraising are mostly completed. We hope to see ground breaking soon. The newest project is the renovation of Albert Recreational Park. The playground equipment no longer meets current standards. We support an ambitious project led by Rahul Mainra of the Nutana Community Association to renovate and reinvigorate the play areas for the enjoyment of community families. Lastly we are fully committed to playground improvements at Brunskill School. Plans call for the old wooden play structures to be replaced by a safer and even more fun play area. This effort is led by the volunteers on the Brunskill Home and School parents' association. We have a unique collection of parks and pocket parks and their improvement will enhance our neighborhood for families and friends. Previously, VVCA has supported park improvements at President Murray Park and today these are a widely enjoyed and appreciated part of our community.

Theater in the Park: Traditionally VVCA supports two outdoor entertainment events over the summer. Sum Theater put on a production of Little Badger and the Fire People in July at Grosvenor Park. They always put on a great performance which entertains both kids and adults. We will once again host our Movie in the Park at 7pm, September 10 at President Murray Park; I look forward to seeing you there.

Fall Activities: Our fall activities program starts with registration on September 6th and 8th from 7 to 8:30 pm, at Brunskill School - thanks to Barb Giles and all who generously give their time as coaches, organizers, coordinators, and instructors.

Jon Naylor

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MOVIE IN THE PARK 2016:

Bring the family, flashlights and blankets to Varsity View's 2016 screening of our Movie in the Park. This year's big screen feature will be Kung Fu Panda 3, the latest in Po's "legendary adventures in awesomeness". Join Po and his loyal friends as he is tasked with his biggest challenge yet. They will need all paws on deck to defeat the supernatural villain Kai who is determined to rid China of all the kung fu masters and take over the land.

Show time is sundown (approximately 7:45pm) Saturday, September 10th, 2016 at President Murray Park. Admission is free. Popcorn will be available for purchase. Donations will also be accepted with proceeds going to benefit the our various park enhancement projects in our community.



The Saskatoon Police Service would like to remind citizens of the importance of recording serial numbers, specifically bicycles, in order to claim lost or stolen property that has been recovered by Police through an awareness campaign called #GetMyBikeBack.

Through the #GetMyBikeBack awareness campaign, Police are encouraging people to take a picture of the serial number for their records. In the event the bike is stolen and recovered, Police will then be able to return the bicycle to its rightful owner. Police are also working with local cycling businesses to encourage persons purchasing bicycles to take a picture of the serial number before they leave the stores.

The bicycles that are recovered but unclaimed are auctioned off at various times throughout the year. Last year there were over 550 bicycles that were recovered by Police that went to auction.

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Dear Varsity View residents,

This is my last update to you as the Councillor for Ward 6 after 10 years of representing Varsity View and Grosvenor Park. In this upcoming fall election, I am running to become Mayor of our great city.

When I think back to all of the issues that we have faced and all of the dedicated and passionate residents that I have worked with over the years, it is quite remarkable.

The playground upgrade in President Murray Park and the improvements at Raoul Wallenberg Park; the establishment of the Varsity View Community Garden; the many meetings with the University and community about the College Quarter development; the two years of meetings to develop the Local Area Plan; the development of new guidelines for Infill Development; the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park Traffic Reviews; the development of a neighbourhood committee to work with the Islamic Association and problem-solve together to manage the growth of the mosque and the impact on surrounding residents; the ongoing challenges of parking from the University and Hospital; and many more issues along the way.

As a City Councillor I have a unique opportunity to see how people step up and get involved to make their neighbourhoods great places to live. I have spent many evenings with so many of you who have given up your time to come out and get into the often messy business of civic participation. You have all made your neighbourhood a better place for everyone as a result.

It is these experiences of working on initiatives that respond to challenges and increase the quality of life and sense of pride in our neighbourhoods that have motivated me to run for Mayor of Saskatoon.

While we have made progress, I know there is much more work to do. We have an obligation to dream big about the future of our city, to make it a great place to live for the generations to come, from all walks of life.

We can only achieve this if we work together. Thank you for your past support and I hope we can continue to build a great city together.

Charlie
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RAOUL WALLENBERG PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:

Members of your VVCA have been working alongside congregation Agudas Israel over the last year to bring an under-utilized corner of Raul Wallenberg Park to new life. The project design is to include a meditative walking path, decorative garden and table-top style board game tables for enjoyment of residents of all ages and abilities. The proposed site location in the Northwest corner of the park uses environmental design features already in place to promise privacy from neighbouring homes, use of existing pathways and benches. It is the expectation of the VVCA and the congregation that other park uses such as ultimate frisbee and soccer, which are frequently played in the green space on the east side of the park, will be unaffected by the garden area.

It is important that your VVCA hears your thoughts on the proposed project and will be hosting an Open House and Information Night event this Fall to discuss the project with our residents. We invite you to watch for more information and possible dates for the event on the VVCA website and Facebook page in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you this Fall.

-Mark Prebble, Committee Chair

Join us as we walk with us for a cure in the annual Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada's Light The Night Walk. Friends, families and coworkers form fundraising teams and walk in unity, at twilight, each holding an illuminated lantern – red for supporters, white for patients and survivors, and gold to remember loved ones lost.

Saskatoon:

Saturday October 1, 2016 at 5pm in Kiwanis Memorial Park
Registration is Open <http://lightthenight.ca/walks/saskatoon/>
Contact: Tammy Vallee 306-241-0226 tammy.vallee@lls.org



The Albert Recreation Unit, on the corner of Clarence and 13th Street, has been a little park used by Nutana and Varsity View residents for over 70 years. While the park has served us well, it is beginning to show its age. Our Big Plans committee was formed over a year ago to plan for its rejuvenation.

Now, after much work reviewing the park's facilities, getting feedback from the community and doing research and planning, our Big Plans for a Little Park are close to being finalized!

Highlights of the new plans include:

- New play structures throughout the park
- Twisty sticks climbing and play structure
- A larger grassed area, with a small hill incorporating a slide
- Retaining the awesome paddling pool and established trees of the park
- New basketball half-court
- Planted tree play orchard near the south entrance to the park
- New fitness stations
- Natural play areas
- More open areas for crafts and play

We are asking the neighbourhood to do a good deed and contribute towards the funds needed to make these Big Plans a reality. In return, we'll give you a Good Deed for a Little Park as a thank you for any donation over \$100 and you will be helping to make our little park a Big Success!

How it works: The Albert Recreation Unit is a little park about 3000 m² in size. To raise money for the park's rejuvenation, we are figuratively dividing the park into blocks of approximately one square metre in size and asking the community to donate \$100, or more, per square metre. With your generosity we aim to raise the \$300,000 to cover the costs of the rejuvenation. You are welcome to donate the equivalent of one square metre block, or for several blocks of the park. Our Big Plans committee will issue an official 'Good Deed' thank you for any donation of \$100 or more, and tax receipts will be issued by the City of Saskatoon for all donations. Donors at \$500 and above will also be recognized in the park.

This project has great community support, with over \$60,000 already committed with grants from the City of Saskatoon, the Nutana and Varsity View Community Associations, the Community Initiatives Fund and with donations from your friends and neighbours!

These may be big plans for our little park, but we believe that the neighbourhood deserves and will support a great little park like this.

Do a good deed for your neighbourhood today – donate now!

Please make cheques payable to: City of Saskatoon. Mark the cheque with "Albert Rec Unit".
Mail your donation to: Nutana Community Association, c/o Ecole Victoria School, 639 Broadway Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B2
OR donate online here: <http://nutana.ca/big-plans-for-a-small-park/>

Facebook: facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark | Web: nutana.ca/big-plans-for-a-small-park/

MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATORS

A BIG WELCOME BACK!!!

We hope everyone had a healthy, happy and relaxing summer! We have a couple of new programs for children this fall - Sports ABC & Creative Dance! We also are offering Learn To Play badminton for adults.

Returning programs include yoga, TaeKwon-Do, conversational Spanish and badminton for adults, and TaeKwon-Do and Exploration in Art for children. Returning pre-school programming includes Romp 'n' Read and TaeKwon-Do

Please note, there are a couple of CHANGES from the Leisure Guide - the **core workout class is CANCELLED**, and the **Romp N Read will be on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm.**

REMINDER

There will be NO SOCCER or BASKETBALL registration on our registration nights. Registration for all soccer and basketball is online at vcasaskatoon.com

This year some of the instructors have written summaries of the classes they teach, more write-ups will be in the Winter newsletter:

Restorative Yoga:

Loretta Iris welcomes you to Thursday night Gentle/Restorative/Beginner Yoga Class designed to support focus while encouraging ease in the body. Guidance of introductory yoga poses, slowing down mental busy-ness and stress relief are incorporated in this class to bring balance and well being to participants. This 90 min class is paced in a way that participants enjoy the gradual challenge of movement and intention throughout the 10 weeks of practice together.

Join Loretta (who has facilitated this class with VVCA for over ten years!) for Gentle/Restorative/Beginner Yoga-Thursday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Brunskill School.

Multi-Level Yoga:

What is yoga and why would you consider taking a yoga class? Many people take yoga to develop strength and flexibility, others for pain management or to help them learn to relax. Many simply wish to find a moment of peace in their busy lives. Our community association is able to offer affordable classes while building a spirit of community. We often need yoga most in less than perfect situations. Join Miranda for multi-level Yoga on Monday and Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm at Brunskill School

TaeKwon-Do:

- Preschool TaeKwon-Do

Age 3-5, 30 min class once a week.

Fun activity class for young children. Basic skills are taught along with a variety of movement, balance and coordination activities.

- Beginner TaeKwon-Do

Age 6+, 45 min class

Introduction to TaeKwon-Do. Basic techniques of the beginner levels are learned in this fun, active class. Opportunity for belt advancement is available but not required for this class.

- Intermediate TaeKwon-Do

45 min class

Yellow belt level and up.

This class builds upon the beginner class and is for participants who wish to further their progression in the belt levels.

- Advanced TaeKwon-Do

45 min class

Blue belt and up

This class is for students working through the blue to black belt levels.

Exploration in Art:

Art is fun for children, and I enjoy teaching them all the different ways to express themselves creatively through painting and drawing. Teaching kids to create Art, especially at a young age, not only builds their confidence but also helps them develop on many other fundamental levels - such as decision making and motor skills. As their teacher, I am happy to help the children to reach their full potential as they learn and grow through art.

- Nitul Mistry, instructor

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Indoor programming continued ...

Romp 'n' Read:

Romp 'n' Read is a fun, interactive family literacy program for kids ages 2-5 and their parents and caregivers. Each week we explore themes like Dinosaurs, Ocean Adventures, Matching and Money with songs, finger plays, rhymes, storytelling, literacy games and crafts. Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to come together in a relaxed, respectful environment to share their knowledge and experience in facilitated discussions. READ Saskatoon provides resources for parents and caregivers to support literacy at home. Play, learn and grow together with READ Saskatoon and the Varsity View Community Association.

Badminton:

Badminton sessions have been expanded this year due to high demand. VVCA will be offering Learn to Play on Mondays from 9-10pm at the Brunskill School gym; this is for adults age 18+. Bring your own racquet!

Experienced players are invited to register for Badminton on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 8-10pm, also in the Brunskill School gym. These sessions will be capped at 20 registrants per day.

Basketball and Soccer:

2016-17 VVCA BASKETBALL AND SOCCER REGISTRATION IS DONE ONLINE. PLEASE SEE BELOW.

***PLEASE NOTE, parents are required to walk their children to their class and confirm that class is on, as classes may be canceled with little / no notice; parents are also asked to pick children up immediately after class is over, as supervision is not provided once the class is over**

In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate in a program can, cost-as-a-barrier assistance and/or KidSport applications are available for those facing financial hardships. To inquire/apply, please contact Barb at bgiles@shaw.ca or ask a volunteer at registration night. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Hope to see you at registration September 6 and 8 from 7-8:30pm at Brunskill School

- Maya and Barb

SOCCER AND BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

2016-17 VVCA Indoor Soccer Registration

Register at: www.vvcasaskatoon.com

August 29 – September 9

2016-17 VVCA Basketball Registration

Register at: www.vvcasaskatoon.com

August 29-September 17

***PLEASE NOTE, REGISTRATION FOR BASKETBALL AND INDOOR SOCCER IS ONLINE ONLY; REGISTRATION FOR THESE ACTIVITIES IS NOT AVAILABLE IN-PERSON ON REGISTRATION NIGHT**

VVCA September 2016 Programs Registration

Tuesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 8, 2016

In person program sign-up will be held on Tuesday, September 6 and Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 PM at Brunskill School Multipurpose Room, 101 Wiggins Ave N. A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 per individual or \$20 per family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented at the time of program sign-up. A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations. Programs may change. Please consult the community association newsletter, Facebook page at [facebook.com/varsityview](https://www.facebook.com/varsityview) or visit vvcasaskatoon.com for final program details. VVCA honours other community association memberships.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	DATES	COST
FAMILY					
Play and Sign	Brunskill- MPR	07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Tu	Sep 13 - Nov 22	\$20/Family
PARENT & PRESCHOOL					
Romp N Read (1-4 years + parent)	Souris Hall	1:00 - 3:00 PM	W	Sep 14 - Nov 02	FREE
ADULT & CHILDREN					
Tae Kwon Do - Beginner (6 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W/F	Sept 9 - Dec 9	\$75
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	7:15 PM - 8:00 PM	W/F	Sept 9 - Dec 9	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W/F	Sep 09 - Dec 09	\$150
ADULT					
Badminton - Learn to Play (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	09:00PM - 10:00 PM	M	Sep 12 - Nov 14	\$20
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Tu	Sep 13 - Nov 22	\$40
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Th	Sep 22 - Dec 01	\$40
Conversational Spanish Beginner	Brunskill - Library	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Tu	Sep 20 - Nov 22	\$110
Conversational Spanish Intermediate	Brunskill - Library	07:10 PM - 08:10 PM	Tu	Sep 20 - Nov 22	\$110
Learn to Knit & Crochet	Brunskill - Library	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Th	Sep 22 - Dec 01	\$35
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	M	Sep 12 - Dec 05	\$110
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	Sep 14 - Nov 23	\$110
Yoga - gentle/restorative/ beginner	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	Sep 22 - Dec 01	\$110
CHILDREN					
Exploration in Art (5-8 year olds)	Brunskill - Art Rm	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	W	Sep 14 - Nov 23	\$50
Creative Dance (5-7 year olds)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:45 PM	F	Sep 16 - Dec 02	\$30
PRESCHOOL					
Sports ABCs (Age 3-5 years)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:45 PM	Tu	Sep 13 - Nov 22	\$30
Tae Kwon Do - Pre Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W or F	Sep 14 - Nov 02 / Sep 9 - Nov 4	\$50

We must once again stress the importance of safety before and after programming. It is imperative that parents accompany their children to and from their registered programs. If children arrive early they **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian until the class begins. Unexpected class cancellations could leave children stranded if they are simply dropped off. Children must be picked up promptly after class. Instructors are responsible for teaching participants **DURING** class only.