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**Varsity View Community
Association**

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday April 20, 2016

7:00 pm

At Brunskill School

Pothole reporting – starts April 4

Once the snow melts and the hot asphalt mix is available for use in the spring, the City begins its annual pothole blitz. City and private crews head out in full force to patch potholes across the city, beginning with high-traffic priority streets. Potholes in driving lanes are prioritized ahead of curbside potholes.

Help guide us to where the worst potholes are by reporting online at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/moving-around/driving-roadways/road-maintenance-repair/pothole-utility-cut-repairs>

Or call 306-975-2476 to report emergency locations.

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Fundraising Social Event For Neighbourhood Park Improvements

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

Doors open 5:50 pm • Dinner 6:30 pm

Italian buffet theme:

Parmesan chicken OR Beef lasagna OR Vegetarian lasagna

Louis Loft,

Memorial Union Building, U of S Campus

Door Prizes • Silent Auction

\$40/person

**All proceeds to Varsity View projects for the betterment
of our community! Come and support Varsity View!**

3rd Annual Big Shred

On Saturday, May 7 from 9 am - 12 noon, attend 'The Big Shred' in the parking lot of McClure United Church at 4025 Taylor St. (at McKercher)! Protect against personal identity theft and watch as your old papers go into the Shred-It company truck's shredder! Quickly destroy old bank and utility statements, tax returns (2008 and earlier), old files, outdated documents, books, magazines, etc. The service is by donation (suggested \$10 per paper box, or \$5 per shopping bag) to assist the McClure Place Foundation in paying down the mortgage at Amy McClure House, a seniors' care home. Help your family and yourself by removing that unwanted . . . yet personal paper!

**YAS – Young Adult Sports School Inc.
(YAS)**

YAS will hold weekly basketball camps throughout this July and August at gyms in Regina.

Everyone is invited to join, build their basketball skills, meet new friends and have lots and lots of fun at YAS summer Camp.

YAS will have a camp for every level of athletic ability and playing experience in these age groups:

- 8 to 10
- 10 to 12
- 12 to 14
- 14 to 16

Each YAS camp will have a nominal registration fee with bursary assistance upon request courtesy of the Saskatchewan Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

In Addition, YAS will offer a free camp for each age group.

**Request an Information package by email at info@yas.ca
Or by calling (306) 585 – 2020
Or texting (306) 242 - 2425**

Albert Rec Unit's Big Plans are getting bigger and better!

Our Big Plans are continuing, with Oxbow Architecture - a local architectural firm involved in the renewal of Kinsmen Park - now developing plans for submittal to the City for cost estimates and approval. We are excited about our plans and know you will be too! Our goal was to create a destination place to serve all ages in the community, and we think that goal is well met.

We hope to show more details about these Big Plans this Spring, along with our energetic community fundraising effort - although donations are welcome at any time!

Donations can be made online either through our Facebook page (BigPlansForaLittlePark) OR on the Nutana website: OR by cheque payable to the City of Saskatoon (mark "Albert Rec Unit" on the cheque) and mailed to:

Nutana Community Association
c/o Ecole Victoria
639 Broadway Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B2



The Average initial one-year cost for a kidney Transplant is \$120,000

All the funding directly benefits the people who need it the most.

During the Month of March volunteers will be going door to door asking for donations on behalf of The Kidney Foundation.

Volunteers will be able to write you an official tax receipt at the door

Bringing the library to you! 

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Varsity View Civics Committee Report

The Civics committee deals with community concerns about areas governed by City of Saskatoon by-laws. In the past year, the issues have fallen into two groups: non-conforming development and traffic issues. In this issue I am just going to address development issues.

Non-Conforming Development. What is a non-conforming development? What is a conforming development?

Let's start with conforming developments. The majority of Varsity View is zoned for residential use i.e. single and two unit family homes. As the name implies this means that either one or two single-family homes can be built on a lot. In addition detached single family homes may be allowed to have a secondary rental suite if certain conditions are met. A common type of infill development is a developer buying an existing single family home on a 50 foot wide lot, tearing it down, and replacing it with two semi-detached single family homes (a duplex). Often the lot on which the original house was built is zoned R-2, meaning that 2 residences are allowed, and redevelopment can proceed automatically as long as a permit is obtained from the City and certain guidelines regarding house size and height are followed.

Non-conforming developments are those which seek to build to a higher density than that allowed by existing zoning by-laws. A recent example of this type of redevelopment is the application to replace the existing Subway restaurant close to the Cumberland-College intersection with a new building with a ground floor restaurant and 6 apartment style suites on the second and third floors. This is a non-conforming development because:

- It does not have adequate parking for the workers, restaurant guests, and tenants (2 will be provided, zoning by-laws require 11).
- The new building exceeds the height limit
- The new building involves a significant change of use.

Another example is the proposal to redevelop the south west corner of the Cumberland-Main street intersection as a multi-unit apartment block. A developer purchased the two existing houses on this corner, which together have a 150 foot street frontage. He proposed tearing the two houses down and replacing them with a four storey condominium block. Again, this is non-conforming development because it exceeds the height and density restrictions for the area

When a non-conforming development is proposed the VVCA is informed and the City often calls a public meeting to listen to the neighborhoods concerns. Meetings are attended by Varsity View residents and by the developer and contractors. Both the residents' concerns and the developers counter arguments are summarized by the City representative and added as an attachment to a report from the Municipal Planning Commission to City Council. City Council makes the final decision.

The rezoning of the Subway site on Cumberland was approved by Council. The proposal for a multiplex on Main and Cumberland has not been formally considered, possibly because a vote was held at the meeting and the residents directly petitioned Council. One take home message is that it is important to have a vote on whether or not residents are in favor of redevelopment so that the sense of the neighborhood is clearly communicated to Council. This is preferable to a letter detailing objections (usually from residents) and rebuttals (usually from the developer). Petitions to Council also give a clearer view of residents' concerns.

We encourage residents to help shape the growth and change that will occur in our neighbourhood. We also see great value in strengthening the formal review process for non-conforming developments so the public and developer can work together to constructively find solutions.

We look for your support to guide this neighbourhood change and reinforce processes that ensure our neighbourhoods remain the most desirable and progressive places to live in Saskatoon.

The Varsity View Civics Committee meets regularly and welcomes your input. We can be contacted at: civics@vvcasaskatoon.com

15 people each day are told their kidneys are failing.

4,600 Canadians are on the organ donation waiting list

During the Month of March volunteers will be going door to door asking for donations on behalf of **The Kidney Foundation**

Volunteers will be able to write you an official tax receipt at the door

The Saskatoon Branch of **The Kidney Foundation of Canada** is committed to reducing the burden of kidney disease by funding innovative **research**, providing **education** and **support**, and increasing **public awareness** of kidney health and organ donation.

Please give generously when a volunteer knocks on your door during the month of **March**.

All volunteers will be able to write you an official tax receipt at the door