



**THE VIEW**

**WINTER, 2011**

# Varsity View Community Association

## Season's Greetings From Varsity View Community

As we reach the holiday season, it's time to reflect on what has happened during the past year and to make plans for the upcoming year.

The VV Local Area Plan process is still underway. Consultations have been completed, and the report is being written in stages. LAP meetings are being scheduled immediately after VVCA executive meetings, which take place on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Library at Brunskill School. Community residents are invited to participate in both sets of meetings. We always welcome new volunteers for VVCA, and we encourage everyone to provide commentary about the LAP process.

As reported in the last newsletter, VVCA has purchased an addition to the upgraded playground in President Murray park. Unfortunately, the ground froze before installation of the new section, so children of all ages will have to wait until spring to play on it. New benches, honouring the major donors to the playground, are to be installed at the same time.

VVCA cooperated with Nutana CA in hosting the third annual Pumpkins in the Park Festival in Rotary Park, on November 1, 2011. Thanks to the hard work of community volunteers, it was once again a great success, with several hundred people bringing pumpkins to be lighted and enjoying hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Registration for winter programs will take place on January 17th, 2012 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. At that time, previous Varsity View Bishop Murray Community Gardeners (VVBMC) are invited to sign up for the 2012 gardening season. A sign up date for new gardeners will take place in late April or early May.

We are once again planning a fundraising social at Louis. It will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Come enjoy an evening of socializing and music with other community members!

And last, but certainly not least, we have a new website! Many thanks to Paige Goebel and Roger Williamson for its creation and upkeep. Please visit us at [vvcasaskatoon.com](http://vvcasaskatoon.com).

Thank you for your continued support of VVCA activities and events.



## ANNUAL VVCA SOCIAL/ FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, March 31, 2012  
Louis' Pub at the U of S

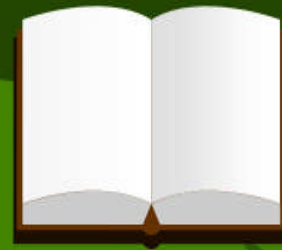
Steak/Chicken/Vegetarian Meal and Dessert  
Doors open at 6 pm  
Live Band: In the Queue  
First Set at 8 pm  
\$20 per person for Dinner and Entertainment

Tickets will be available at registration night,  
January 27, 2012, or through an executive  
member



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# Brunskill School Community Council invites

Parents, guardians, anyone interested in  
Literacy to attend:  
**"WRITE NIGHT"**

Focus on the Process of Writing  
January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Brunskill School Library.

**"Come and hear about the amazing things  
we are doing in the Literacy area."**

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

1. Mrs. L. Kindrachuk  
Saskatoon Public Schools  
Literacy Coordinator
2. Mrs. J. Wachs  
Teacher, Brunskill School
3. Ms D. Fescius  
Community Writer

**Tuesday,  
January 10**

**6:30 PM  
LRC**



**The Varsity View Cooperative Pre-school**, located in Brunskill School, offers a fun and caring teacher, a fantastic facility and a stimulating curriculum. To enroll, children must be fully potty trained and 3 years or 4 years old. For more information, please contact Tammy @ 956-0675 or [vvcpregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:vvcpregistrar@gmail.com) or the preschool @ 652-0015.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR



Dear Varsity View Residents:

Season's Greetings to you and your family.

Things certainly aren't slowing down in and around Varsity View. The upcoming year is an important one in this area as we will see the finalization of the V.V. Local Area Plan, and the final Concept Plan for the University College Quarter

come through City Council. I want to thank all of the residents of Varsity View who have dedicated many of your evenings to the discussions around these initiatives, and who remain involved as we hammer out the detailed recommendations about parking, traffic, cycling, safety, green-space, infill development and more for the LAP report.

That being said, I am going to use up the rest of my ink here talking about another issue that has been a growing concern in our community, particularly in these colder winter months; homelessness.

Homelessness has forever seemed to be one of those issues that most everyone acknowledges is troubling, but that many people feel helpless to do anything about. In Saskatoon we learned recently that there are tangible steps a community can take to reduce homelessness and improve the lives of people living on the streets. In fact, right next door in Calgary they have managed to dramatically reduce homelessness in only three years by shifting their paradigm to a "housing first" approach.

Tim Richter of the Calgary Homeless Foundation ([www.calgaryhomeless.com](http://www.calgaryhomeless.com)) visited Saskatoon in November to talk about how Calgary has gone from having Canada's fastest growing homeless population to being able to close down shelters by figuring out how to get and keep housing for people. The beauty of the story in Calgary is that they have been able to find dignified solutions for people, while reducing the police, ambulance, hospital, and incarceration costs associated with people living on the street. Dozens of other North American communities are also implementing plans to end homelessness with tremendous results. They are learning that it costs less to end homelessness than it does to manage it.

In Saskatoon we are seeing a consensus developing that if Calgary can do it, so can we. The Saskatoon Health Region, the Police Services, the United Way, business leaders, church leaders, Mental Health and Addictions Services, and many of the service agencies working with homeless people are talking together about how to end homelessness in Saskatoon.

This type of initiative will require the support of people from all walks of life. I know homelessness touches many people in various ways. If you would like to learn more please let me know, and stay tuned for announcements in the coming year. There is also a good five-minute video put out by the Alberta government on the success they have had there. You can find it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5qi4sBwy6U>

Best of the Season to you and I hope you enjoy the winter!

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## # 25 SPECIAL City Transit Service

The residents of Luther Tower have graciously invited other residents of VVCA to make use of the above service, which is available from Monday to Friday. Normal City transit fares apply. Buses leave from the sidewalk stop alongside the driveway of 1223 Temperance St at 9:15 am and 12:40 pm. They travel down Temperance St to Clarence Ave., along Clarence Ave to 12th St., along 12th St. to Broadway Ave., across the Broadway Bridge, down 3rd Ave., to the terminal and then to Midtown Plaza. Return buses leave Midtown Plaza at 11:37 am and 2:35 pm.

Passengers new to the service are asked to permit Tower residents to get into their accustomed seats before boarding. As well, they are invited to use seats further back in the bus in inclement weather, if the bus arrives early, but are asked to ensure that the driver does not leave Luther Tower early.

**PLAN TO ATTEND A JANE'S WALK IN THE VARSITY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD ON May 7 and 8**

**What is a Jane's Walk**

Jane's Walk is the street-level celebration of Jane Jacobs' legacy that combines the simple act of walking with personal observations, urban history and local lore as a means of knitting people together into strong and resourceful communities. Yearly, over 10,000 people get out and explore hundreds of neighbourhoods across Canada, the United States and around the world. We've had over 65 cities participate with over 450 tours, including in locations such as Dublin, Saskatoon, Bilbao, Mumbai and Los Angeles.

**Who is Jane?** Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) was an urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community-based approach to city building. She had no formal training as a planner, and yet her 1961 treatise, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, introduced ground-breaking ideas about how cities function, evolve and fail that now seem like common sense to generations of architects, planners, politicians and activists.

**Would you like to be a leader? Volunteer to help with a walk?**

We are inviting you to lead a tour in an area where you live or work or play. It simply involves planning a route, thinking through the stories, places and people you want people to hear about and discuss, then walking participants through it – you decide what's important. If you like, you can share the guiding duties with a few other resourceful friends or colleagues. Jane's Walks are meant to be fun and participatory.

Jane's Walks vary widely. One tour might focus on history and architecture and another might be about tracking down the best local samosas and park benches – but they all boil down to being a conversation between people who like talking to their neighbours and learning more about cities. Jane's Walks have been led by urban planners, guerrilla gardeners, youth, professors, newcomers, social historians, cyclists, homeless rights activists and former city mayors. Jane's Walk tour guides have been very creative in encouraging people to get out and explore a wide range of neighbourhoods and regions from the downtown core to the suburbs and exurbs.

All tours are given and taken for free. Specific Walks in the Varsity View area will reflect on the past, present and future. Last year "A promenade through the past in President Murray Park" was well attended and enjoyed by more than 30 people.

For more information call Cathy Watts 664-3908 or check out [www.janeswalk.net](http://www.janeswalk.net)

**Hang with the Huskies!**

**FREE Sports Clinics for kids Grade 3-6.**

**All clinics are instructed by the Huskie Athletics.**

**Come and learn new sport skills, techniques and have fun doing it!**

**Football**  
 Sat. Jan 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Holliston School  
 Sat. Jan 21, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
 Holliston School  
 Sat. Jan. 21, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 White Buffalo Youth Lodge

**Wrestling**  
 Sat. Mar 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Bedford Road Collegiate  
 Sat. Mar 10, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
 Bedford Road Collegiate

**Floor Hockey**  
 Sat. Mar 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Holliston School  
 Sat. Mar 24, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
 Holliston School  
 Sat. Mar 24, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 Bethlehem High School

**Call 975-3378 to register.**

**MS WALK**

Lace up for someone you love

REGISTER NOW TO END MS  
 (306) 244-0429 • MSWALKS.CA  
 Saskatoon, Sunday, April 29th, 2012  
 Archibald Arena

**BLUE CROSS**

**MS WALK**  
 EVERY STEP MATTERS

**Easter Seals™ Saskatchewan**

**WALK ROLL**

Saturday, May 12, 2012  
 Innovation Place

3 scenic, wheelchair accessible, routes  
 1.5 km, 4.5 km, and an 8 km fun run  
 Families welcome  
 BBQ wrap up

For registration and fundraising information  
 please call 374-4448 or e-mail  
[walkandroll@abilitiescouncil.sk.ca](mailto:walkandroll@abilitiescouncil.sk.ca)

**VIA Rail Canada**

## MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATOR

I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy Festive Season! Our winter Registration is on Tuesday January 17th, 2012. Please make sure you come to register even if your Fall class has not finished.

### Program Information

#### Learn To Skate

Persons who have registered for Learn to Skate do not have to re-register!

#### Soccer

**Only** U6 REC soccer participants register on the 17th. **ALL** others will register in February sometime. Information about the registration time will be e-mailed to previous participants. Feel free to check the soccer website

#### Tae Kwon Do

Children participating in the pre-beginner classes on Wednesday or Friday classes must be accompanied by an adult! Anyone under the age of twelve in the beginner class should also have a parent present. Participants waiting for their class are asked to please wait in the foyer until the class starts. Coming into the gym or MPR before then or running up and down the hallway disrupts the class and is not fair for the participants. Please be considerate!

#### Changes From Leisure Guide

There always seem to be some changes! Sorry for any inconvenience this causes in choosing some classes!

#### Badminton

should be 8-10pm

#### Step Aerobics

should be Wednesday 8:05- 9:35pm MPR \$80

#### Tae Kwon Do

Pre-beginner 8 weeks Jan18- Mar 30 Wednesday **OR** Friday

Beginner 6:30PM - 7:15PM Wednesday **AND** Friday

#### Romp N Read

will be held in Room 251 of the RJ Williams building

### New Programs

There are a few new programs for the winter! Zumba, 4-H Club and Get Ready To Roll

#### Info on Get Ready To Roll

Are you terrified to ride a bike but would like to get started? Has it been a long time since you last got on a bike and it wasn't an ideal experience? Come and learn how to join the growing numbers who are enjoying this healthy choice in transportation or recreation.

You will learn:

- how to buy a bike that fits you for comfort or to get your current bike adapted to you

- safety on the road

- planning your route

- health benefits

- how to have fun

- simple maintenance

This course will be geared to the very beginner and will offer a very personal experience. If you would like a more intermediate approach we will also accomodate a group to cover more topics. Having a bike is not essential!

### REMINDERS!!!!

Parents should walk children in to class, just in case there is something the instructors would like to discuss with you and to ensure the class has not been cancelled. Cancellations can happen in the afternoon so notification may not happen!

The instuctors are there to teach the classes and have the right to tell anyone who is disrupting the class to leave!

It is a privilege for VVCA to run programs out of Brunskill School! Please abide by the rules and treat the school with respect! If you see a problem you can contact me or the janitor.

Remember if there are any questions, concerns or anything you can contact me @ [blgiles@shaw.ca](mailto:blgiles@shaw.ca) or 652-0279.

*Barb Giles, Indoor Coordinator*



**GIRLS IN MOTION**

Be a part of the Global Dance Party and learn dance moves from around the world including samba, hip hop, hollywood, tango dancing and more!!

WEEK Girls, Grade 4 to 8  
 WHEN Friday, January 17, 2012  
 6:45 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE  
 Fairchild Park  
 50) 4th Street West  
 COST FREE!

For more information, visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca)  
 (look under 'C' for Community Development)  
 or call 975-3378



### Put Life Back In Your Life!

**LiveWell with Chronic Conditions** is a **free** program offered by the Saskatoon Health Region for anyone with a chronic health condition such as Diabetes, Arthritis, M.S., Heart Disease, Lung Disease, Cancer, Depression, etc. Caregivers and support people will also benefit from attending this program. Two trained peer leaders meet with groups of up to 15 participants for 2 ½ hours, once a week for six consecutive weeks. Classes are fun as well as practical. You will learn self-management techniques that will help you understand and manage your chronic condition. For information on class dates/locations or to register call **655-2655**.

## VARSITY VIEW PROGRAMS

Registration is Tuesday, January 17, 2012 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Brunskill School (Gym), 101 Wiggins Avenue North. Membership fee of \$5.00/individual or \$10.00/family per year is required to participate in programs. We offer 15 week sessions for most programs rather than 10 weeks. Varsity View Community Association honours other community association memberships.

### ADULT

Badminton	Adult	Brunskill School - Main Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Tu	Jan 24-May 15	\$45
Badminton	Adult	Brunskill School - Main Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Th	Jan 19-May 10	\$45
Conversational Spanish-Beginner	Adult	Brunskill School - Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	Tu	Jan 24-May 15	\$120
Conversational Spanish-Advanced	Adult	Brunskill School - Library	07:00 PM-08:00 PM	Tu	Jan 24-May 15	\$120
Smart Start Yoga	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:00 PM-07:15 PM	Th	Jan 19-May 10	\$90
Yoga- Advanced	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	07:30 PM-09:30 PM	Th	Jan 19-May 10	\$120
Yoga- Multi Level	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:15 PM-07:45 PM	M	Feb 06-Jun 04	\$105
Yoga- Multi Level	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	06:15 PM-07:45 PM	W	Jan 11-May 02	\$105
Zumba	18 yrs & over	Brunskill School - Main Gym	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	M	Jan 23-Apr 02	\$90
Step Aerobics	Adult	Brunskill School - MPR	08:05 PM-09:35 PM	W	Jan 25-May 16	\$80
Get Ready To Roll	Adult	Brunskill School - Library & Out	07:15 PM - 09:00PM	W	April 18,25 May 2 \$25	

### ALL AGES

Exploration in Art for Children	6-13 yrs	Brunskill School - ART ROOM	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	W	Jan 25-May 16	\$72.50
Tae-Kwon Do-Advanced	6 yrs & over	Brunskill School - MPR(F) & gym(W)	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	W/F	Jan 11-June 15	\$150
Tae-Kwon Do-Intermediate	6 yrs & over	Brunskill School - MPR(F) & gym(W)	07:15 PM-08:00 PM	W/F	Jan 11-June 15	\$112
4-H Club	6yrs-16yrs	Brunskill School - MPR	07:30 PM-10:00 PM	Tu	Jan 24- May 15	\$65

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Soccer	U6 Rec	Brunskill School - Main Gym	06:00 PM-06:45 PM	M	Feb 06-Apr 23	\$30
Tae-Kwon Do-Beginner	6 yrs & over	Brunskill School - MPR(F) Gym (W)	06:30 PM-07:15 PM	W/F	Jan 11-Jun 15	\$75
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>						
Romp N Read	2-4 yrs	TBA	09:30 AM-11:00 AM	Th	Jan 26-Apr 5	FREE
Tae-Kwon Do-PreBeginner	3-5 yrs	Brunskill School - Main Gym(W) MPR(F)	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	W OR F	Jan 11-Mar16	\$50

**Parents are reminded to walk their children in to class to make sure the school is open and the class is still on. We want to keep everyone safe. Dropping children off without making sure the school is open or classes are still running creates a potential danger for your children which we would like to avoid. Thanks**

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 me 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. Their next deadline for requests for assistance is September 30, 2011.

*Barb Giles Indoor Co-ordinator*