



Varsity View Community Association

THE VIEW

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Website:
vvcasaskatoon.com

Musings from the President

How Do We Make Great Neighbourhoods Better?

The New Year is a time of taking stock of the year behind and planning for the year ahead.

A common theme to the year behind, and the year ahead, is neighbourhood change. Varsity View has been working on a Local Area Plan (LAP) with the city of Saskatoon and the city itself is exploring Neighbourhood Infill. Meanwhile, the University of Saskatchewan has been busy building new residences in the College Quarter development.

Preserving the character and feel of our neighbourhoods has consistently been a priority for residents. I am proud of the work done by the LAP Land Use and Infill subcommittee to establish where development should happen and identify guiding principles as to how it should be implemented. The LAP document is on track to be completed this year.

A public workshop on Neighbourhood Level Infill Development was held December 4th for all Saskatoon residents. Led by Brook McIlroy and SK Arc consulting firms, they are preparing recommendations for the City as to how to direct infill in a positive manner and recommend pilot projects. This will include Garage

and Garden Suites, which I'm sure will be of interest to Varsity View and Grosvenor Park residents. The draft recommendations will be presented to the public in mid-February, so I urge you to make your voice heard in this process.

Another significant development in the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park area is the College Quarter development. Building continues ahead and your community association has been meeting regularly with the U of S representatives to give feedback and make suggestions for improvement. We are scheduled to meet again with the representatives at our February meeting (Feb. 13th, 7 pm @ Brunskill School) to give suggestions to the current plan for College Quarter.

In all of these processes, it is the active engagement of residents that makes improvements for all of us. Your thoughts and ideas in the early stages of each of these projects have a huge impact on the final outcomes – complaints afterward are too late. Please come out to the public meetings and stay tuned to the VVCA website as we work to make great neighbourhoods better!

James Perkins, President

ANNUAL VVCA SOCIAL/ FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, May 4, 2013
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

\$25 per person for Dinner and Entertainment

Tickets will be available through an executive member




The Varsity View Cooperative Preschool, 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 email vvcpreistrar@gmail.com or call the preschool at **652-0015**.

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR



Dear Varsity View residents,

I am grateful to be back in the seat as your City Councillor for the next four years. Thank you to all who supported me, and to everyone who got involved in the civic election – regardless of whose campaign you supported. This is an important time for our city and many volunteers put in a great deal of time to encourage a live-

ly debate about how to build a healthy and vibrant city over the next four years.

We are right back at it at City Hall. The lawn signs were barely dismantled before we were back in our chairs discussing the 2013 Budget.

The state of the roads dominated the debate, and is certainly something I heard about from many of you during the election. At budget we did manage to increase road funding by close to \$2million. We were less successful with dealing with winter road clearing, as a motion to add \$600k to the residential snow clearing budget failed by a close margin. I voted for more clearing and I think many Councillors who didn't now regret it as we are all receiving many messages from residents who feel the City needs to do better on this, especially given the amount of snow so far this year. I will keep working for better snow clearing as this year is certainly revealing the limitations of our program.

I am glad to say we did approve the creation of an Active Transportation Reserve to provide more predictable funding for im-

provements for walking, cycling, and wheeling in the City. This is a move that I think is essential for creating a more balanced approach to transportation into the future – providing people better choices so that we can reduce congestion, pollution, and the costs of an ever expanding road network.

There is also a process underway to create clearer guidelines for infill development in residential areas. This is an issue that I heard about from a lot of people on the doorstep, especially in Varsity View. There was a public workshop on this in early December to gather input from residents and the builders about how to improve the regulations, and the outcomes from this will be brought back in the New Year.

Infill has also been a hot topic during the Varsity View Local Area Planning process, which is now in its final stages as the plan is being drafted for final review from the community. A sincere thank you to all of the residents who have put countless hours of time into helping come up with a vision and plan for Varsity View to guide the neighbourhood into the future.

City-wide recycling for single-family houses also starts in January (finally). The program will be phased in neighbourhood by neighbourhood. Varsity View is scheduled to start getting carts on March 4th. The new www.saskatoonrecycles.ca website has a lot of good information about this new program. Condos and apartments will start later through a separate contract with Cosmopolitan Industries. We are expecting a report with timelines and more information in the New Year.

Best of the Season to you,

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MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATORS

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a safe happy and healthy festive season! Yes, it 's time to start thinking about how you want to keep busy this winter! A few suggestions are on the next page! Change is as good as a rest they say! Winter registration is on Thursday, January 10, 2013 @ Brunskill School 7-8:30pm. Don't Forget!!!!

There are a couple of changes from the information in the Leisure Guide:

The art classes have been divided into two age groups. The younger group will concentrate on painting.

With regard to Spanish classes, the beginner class runs from 6-7pm and the intermediate class runs from 7:05-8:05 pm.

The Romp n Read class will be 10-11am .

If there is an activity that you would like to see ,we are open to suggestions and try our best to make it happen! You can contact us! So let's get busy, have some fun, meet new people and feel good about ourselves!

Here is to a great winter!

*Barb Giles & Maya Wagner,
Indoor Coordinators*

VARSITY VIEW PROGRAMS

Registration is Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Brunskill-Gym, 101 Wiggins Ave N. A membership fee of \$5/individual, \$10/family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented at the time of registration. A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations. Please consult the community association newsletter or visit www.vvcasakatoon.com for further program details. Varsity View Community Association honours other community association memberships. **Please note that all sessions are 15 weeks except for U6 Soccer Rec, Henna, and Tae-Kwon Do-Pre-beginner.**

ADULT

Badminton (racquet required)	Adult	Brunskill - Main Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Tu	Jan 15-May 07	\$45
Badminton (racquet required)	Adult	Brunskill - Main Gym	08:00 PM-10:00 PM	Th	Jan 24-May 16	\$45
Conversational Spanish	Adult	Brunskill-Library	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	Tu	Jan 15-May 07	\$120
Conversational Spanish	Adult	Brunskill-Library	07:05 PM-08:05 PM	Tu	Jan 15-May 07	\$120
Step Aerobics	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	08:15 PM-09:30 PM	W	Jan 23-May 15	\$70
Yoga- Advanced	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	07:30 PM-09:30 PM	Th	Jan 10-May 02	\$135
Yoga- Beginner	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM-07:30 PM	Th	Jan 10-May 02	\$105
Yoga- Multi Level	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	06:15 PM-07:45 PM	W	Jan 23-May 15	\$120
Yoga- Multi Level	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	07:00 PM-08:30 PM	M	Jan 28-May 27	\$120
Zumba	Adult	Brunskill - MPR	07:00 PM-08:00 PM	F	Feb 01-Jun 07	\$100

ALL AGES

Tae-Kwon Do-Advanced	6 yrs & over	Brunskill - Main Gym	08:00 PM-09:00 PM	W/F	Jan 23-Jun 07	\$150
Tae-Kwon Do-Beginner	6 yrs & over	Brunskill - Main Gym	06:30 PM-07:15 PM	W/F	Jan 23-Jun 07	\$90
Tae-Kwon Do-Intermediate	6 yrs & over	Brunskill - Main Gym	07:15 PM-08:00 PM	W/F	Jan 23-Jun 07	\$120

CHILDREN/YOUTH

4H Club	6-16 yrs	Brunskill - MPR	07:00 PM-08:30 PM	Tu	Jan 15-May 07	\$100
Exploration in Art for Children	5-9 yrs	Brunskill-Art Rm	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	W	Jan 23-May 15	\$120
Exploration in Art for Children	10-13 yrs	Brunskill-Art Rm	06:00 PM-07:00 PM	Th	Jan 24-May 16	\$120
Henna Designs (Females Only)	10-13 yrs	Brunskill-Art Rm	07:15 PM-08:30 PM	W	Jan 23-Mar 06	\$120

PRESCHOOL

Romp N Read	2-5 yrs & Adult	RM 251 RJ Williams Bldg	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Th	Jan 17-Mar 14	FREE
Soccer U6 Rec	3-5 yrs	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM-06:45 PM	M	Jan 28-Apr 15	\$30
Soccer U6 Rec	3-5 yrs	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM-06:45 PM	F	Feb 01-Apr 26	\$30
Tae-Kwon Do- Pre-Beginner	3-5 yrs	Brunskill - Main Gym	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	F	Jan 18-Mar 22	\$50
Tae-Kwon Do- Pre-Beginner	3-5 yrs	Brunskill - Main Gym	06:00 PM-06:30 PM	W	Jan 16-Mar 13	\$50

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 the coordinators 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.

Barb Giles & Maya Wagner Indoor Co-ordinators