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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Community Members,

The last few months have seen the election of a new VVCA executive, progress on expanding the Residential Parking Permit Zone, community clean up, public consultation about future development within the University, huge progress on fund raising for improvements for our local parks, a redevelopment proposal for the corner of Clarence and College, a great Spring Social, the successful conclusion of another year of indoor and outdoor programming, and preparation for our most costly event of the year – Movie in the Park.

Let's start with our new executive. Our President-elect, is Annika Anderson. An ICU nurse who has just been very successful in fund raising for Movie in the Park. Thank you, Greystone Homes and Pawluk Homes for your sponsorship. See newsletter for more Movie in the Park details. Ted Stensrud has moved in to the position of Secretary, vacated by Annika Anderson. Ted is the nicest tax man I know (I only know one - no offence Ted). You may know him better as organizer of our Spring Social (and also witty MC). Our treasurer remains filled by one of several capable lawyers in our association – Anne Hardy. Anne somehow seems like she has always been rooted in our neighborhood.

We have a number of coordinators and here I tremble lest I forget anyone. Katie Pendleton is our newsletter editor. She leapt into the position last year and we have been grateful ever since. Barb Giles lives opposite our delightful President Murray Park and can often be seen running herd on her daycare kids (and quite often others who collect in her shadow for added security). She is responsible for all our indoor programs, everything from registration to payment and finding new programs. She is also the go-to person in our association for help on just about any matter. Barb is assisted by Maya Wagner who somehow manages to find time to help VVCA and Brunskill school in between work and running a busy family.

Outdoors we have the mythical Jason Kovitch as basketball coordinator. Jason does a fantastic job of keeping basketball organized. Niran Harrison has been doing a great job taking care of planning and organizing our community soccer teams. Our rink r...., sorry, rink coordinators are Kenton Shynkaruk and Greg McDonald. This fantastic team has done a wonderful job in keeping our rink repaired and functional. James Perkins, our much-appreciated past President has moved to Community Gardens, where he can be found on sunny weekends getting the pulse of the community (no he does not grow pulses- an in joke for the aggies). Our capable and committed equipment manager is Robb Larmer, and on our Civics committee we have Rob Peterson Wakeman, Allen Woo and Holly Ann Knott, all committed supporters of our community. Lisa Kirkham is our official representative to the board of the Albert Community Center, which is the site of our next Spring Social May 5th, 2018. Our social coordinators are Ted and Mark Prebble. You already know about Ted. Mark Prebble is a long-time supporter of our community; he has a special responsibility for the Raoul Wallenberg Park improvement which is close to becoming a reality. Lastly, we have Roger Williamson who runs our website, where this newsletter is also posted. Roger's help on design and communications is very much appreciated. Not on our executive, but deserving of special mention for all the work she puts into our community, including taking time for our association meetings, is Cynthia Block our new, and very committed councillor.

# 2017-18 VVCA

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Annika Anderson

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<b>Community Garden</b>	James Perkins
<b>Civics</b>	Allan Woo Holly Ann Knott Robert Peterson-Wakeman James Perkins Jon Naylor—Chair
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(President's Message, continued)

Here are some of the things your VVCA has accomplished so far this year:

- VVCA committed \$15 000 towards the Brunskill Playground replacement, which laid the foundation for raising \$200 000. Thank you to all who donated and especially Anu and Maya for doing all the hard work. The fundraising committee is very close to meeting their goal.
- The upgrade to Raoul Wallenberg park is currently funded, but not to the extent desired by those tendering to do the job (i.e. tenders have come in too high.) Work continues to bring this project to fruition
- We have made some progress in regards to parking in our neighbourhood. A group of committed volunteers including the very capable Joanna Smith and Rene Chapman succeeded in petitioning residents of 15th Street and some adjacent streets. I anticipate this will result in approval of a small extension of the Residential Parking Permit Zone at the next council meeting.
- The Community Clean Up that was held on May 27/17 once more succeeded in removing two dumpsters of fire hazard and other unsightliness from our neighborhood. Thanks to all who helped with this effort.
- Our Spring Social was held at Louis' Loft in May. This event is always a great mixture of good food, community insights (Cynthia Block gave a great speech), funny commentary, meeting old and new neighbors, and dance (banned in favor of alternative entertainment at the next social on account as I am one of the few who dances).
- Civics: the big news is that the lot at the corner of Clarence and College has changed hands. North Prairie Developments is thinking of redeveloping this as a non-conforming high rise. A meeting will be held for community input when planning permission is sought from the City. I encourage you to attend and have your views



Hi Everyone - I hope you are enjoying a fabulous summer in Saskatoon! City Council has been busy on a variety of fronts. Here are a few highlights: Basic services are a big focus this summer, as the City continues the most aggressive road program for construction, repairs and maintenance in its history. If your street hasn't seen improvements yet, a plan is in place to get there. For more information go to Building Better Roads on our website:

[www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca)

Sidewalk improvements are also being accelerated in conjunction with road repairs

You may notice Victoria Avenue getting a big overhaul this summer, from 8th Street to the new Traffic Bridge. This multi-modal corridor will be a showcase for the City's Active Transportation Plan.

Flooding is an issue in many neighbourhoods and the recent storm has highlighted again, a need to find better long-term solutions. We need to ensure that

our majestic communities aren't left out as Saskatoon grows. Gaps need to be closed where wide discrepancies in infrastructure exist between neighbours and neighbourhoods.

You may have heard about the garbage debate. While this hasn't reached the City Council level yet, there seems to be some misunderstanding about what may be considered. Saskatoon needs to divert 70% of its waste in order to avoid building a new landfill and decommissioning the old one, which would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Any decision by Council will be focused on avoiding tax increases and reducing waste. If this results in a new method to charge for garbage, your property tax bill would be reduced by the amount that you currently pay for the service.

I wanted to give a shout out to the Community Association volunteers who play such a pivotal role in helping our neighbourhoods thrive. They are also essential conduits to Council, keeping us informed and on top of issues. Thank you!

One final note, I'd like to invite you to meet with me in person to discuss any ideas or issues you may have:

Coffee with Your Councillor

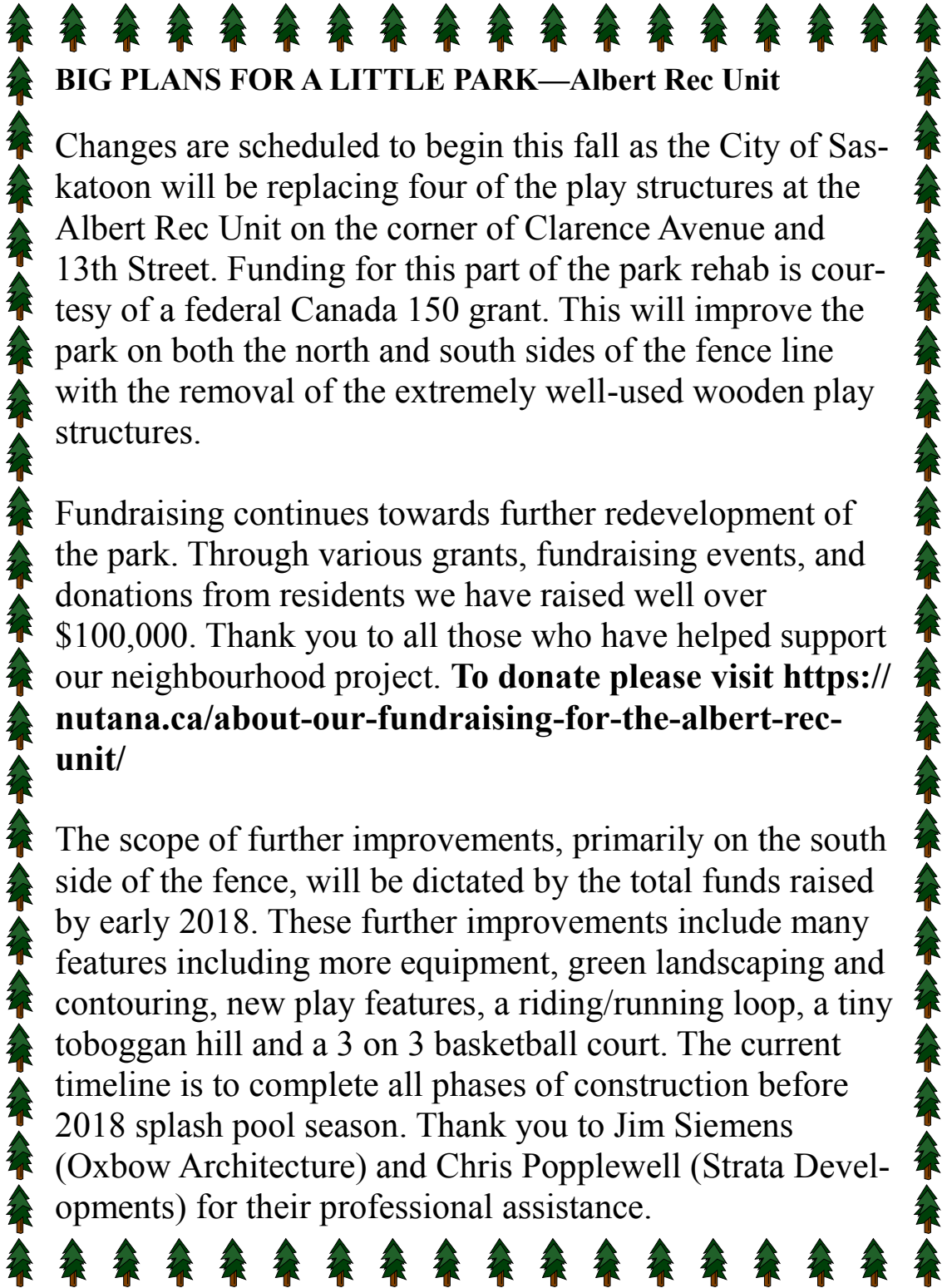
Thursday Sept 7, 2017

7am -9am

Good Earth Cafe 475 2nd Ave. S.

Hope to see you there!

These coffee events happen regularly, and to stay on top of this and other Council news, please following me on Facebook: [cynthiablockward6](https://www.facebook.com/cynthiablockward6) You can also sign up for e-updates. Just send me an email [cynthia.block@saskatoon.ca](mailto:cynthia.block@saskatoon.ca) and I'll send you the link.



**BIG PLANS FOR A LITTLE PARK—Albert Rec Unit**

Changes are scheduled to begin this fall as the City of Saskatoon will be replacing four of the play structures at the Albert Rec Unit on the corner of Clarence Avenue and 13th Street. Funding for this part of the park rehab is courtesy of a federal Canada 150 grant. This will improve the park on both the north and south sides of the fence line with the removal of the extremely well-used wooden play structures.

Fundraising continues towards further redevelopment of the park. Through various grants, fundraising events, and donations from residents we have raised well over \$100,000. Thank you to all those who have helped support our neighbourhood project. **To donate please visit <https://nutana.ca/about-our-fundraising-for-the-albert-rec-unit/>**

The scope of further improvements, primarily on the south side of the fence, will be dictated by the total funds raised by early 2018. These further improvements include many features including more equipment, green landscaping and contouring, new play features, a riding/running loop, a tiny toboggan hill and a 3 on 3 basketball court. The current timeline is to complete all phases of construction before 2018 splash pool season. Thank you to Jim Siemens (Oxbow Architecture) and Chris Popplewell (Strata Developments) for their professional assistance.

### **Get to Know the Albert Community Centre**

The Albert Community Centre is located at the corner of Clarence Avenue and 12th Street. Originally built as a public school, Albert opened its doors to students in 1912 and continued to serve in this purpose until 1978 when the public school board no longer needed the building. Albert School was sold to the City of Saskatoon and has since been repurposed as a community centre.

Albert Community Centre is essentially a cooperative community centre, managed by volunteers who live in the surrounding communities, and is operated at a low cost for the benefit of the users, while seeking to maintain high standards regarding cleanliness, maintenance and repairs. The building hosts a variety of tenants and has rooms available for the public to rent. The Albert Community Centre Management Committee strives to keep rental rates affordable to encourage all members of the community to utilize the building.

The Albert Community Centre may be just the right place for your next meeting or function with a variety of spaces available. The building plays host to everything from small group meetings to weddings and everything in between!

**Find more information at [vvcasaskatoon.com](http://vvcasaskatoon.com) under the Albert Community Centre tab.**



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Using a family-centered approach, we work in partnership with parents to try to understand the specific needs of their child. We are open to receiving requests from parents and caregivers, physicians and other agencies.

Come Celebrate  
Alvin Buckwold Child Development Program's  
50th Anniversary!!!



Where: 1319 Colony Street  
When: Saturday September 23rd, 2017  
Time: 11:00am- 2:00pm  
Free hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks !

# Join VVCA and your neighbours for our annual **Movie in the Park!**

**When:** Friday August 25/17 at dusk

**Where:** President Murray Park, across from Brunskill School

**What:** The Lion King

Bring your blankets, bug spray and friends!



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## Brunskill playground update

The Brunskill Home and School Association and Brunskill Playground Committee members would like to thank everyone for their support of our project to replace the aged playground structure on our school grounds.

With VVCA's initial contribution of \$15 000 to the project in April 2016 we were able to secure over \$50 000 in government grants with the help of Mesa Canada Consulting Corp.

We continued our fundraising with a magazine sale campaign, monthly hot lunches, movie nights and a Brunskill Anthology book which included works from almost every student in the school, in April 2016.

We had two Move-a-thons in May 2016 and May 2017. With the students' participation in collecting pledges and being active by walking, running, scootering, rollerblading or biking around President Murray Park, this event generated \$25 000 in donations! We also had our first ever bike garage sale - "Turn your Bike into a Playground" - where we collected donated bikes and then sold them with all the proceeds to the playground raising close to \$1500.

With generous donations from the students and families of Brunskill School and residents of Varsity View and beyond, we have almost reached our goal.

Our goal was to fundraise \$215 000 and with the \$35 000 contribution from Saskatoon Public School Division we would build a \$250 000 playground.

At this time, plans are being finalized for the playground with construction to occur in July and August of 2018.

The brand new playground will be ready for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Thank you to VVCA and all the students and families that have made this project happen. This success was possible with the incredible team of volunteers contributing their time and expertise to our fundraising events.

We will continue to fundraise until Mid October 2017 for the remaining \$35 000 we need to reach our final goal.

Brunskill Home and School Association  
 brunskillvolunteers@gmail.com


### Varsity Dental Group

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## Indoor Coordinators News

Wow what a summer!

We have a few NEW programs that we are offering this Fall. It is always exciting to have the opportunity to make them happen.

They consist of: Run Jump Throw Wheel, Broom ball, Woman's Self Defence, & Jazz-exercise.

**RUN JUMP THROW WHEEL** – a national program sponsored by The Hershey Company and developed by Athletics Canada. It teaches fundamental movement skills and develops physical literacy. Using track and field games, activities and skill challenges lead by instructors trained to teach running, jumping, throwing and wheeling (children in wheel-chairs). The goal is to provide a physical activity program that serves as a strong foundation for all sports. It assists children in learning to move more efficiently so they grow into athletes who are active, productive, and healthy citizens. For more information go to the following links: <http://saskathletics.ca/> and <http://runjumthrowwheel.ca/>

**BROOM BALL** - We are in the process of partnering with the U of S to run this program and it will start when the rink is operating. This is a trial project to see if there is enough interest to continue offering this winter activity. Youth and adult sessions available.

**WOMENS' SELF-DEFENCE** - In this ten week program, participants will learn the basics of self-defence and practice ways to strike and how to release from grabs. Class is for ages 14+ and is suitable for all fitness levels. This class will be led by our Tae Kwon Do instructor.

**JAZZERCISE** – an adult fitness program that gets you results fast. This class is a calorie-torching, hip swivelling dance party with a great play list to distract you from the burn. The high-intensity dance workout targets the 3 major muscle groups – upper body, abs, & legs – so you'll feel it where you need it!!!

The dance moves are basic, and the instructor will make sure you don't miss a beat! Our instructor, Penny has a passion for fitness and has been teaching fitness since 1979. She will lead you on your journey that challenges your body and frees your mind while the stress of the day melts away!

**REMINDER:** Basketball and Soccer registrations are **ON LINE ONLY**, you will **NOT** be able to register for either soccer or basketball on the VVCA registration nights (September 7 and 12 from 7-8:30pm at Brunskill School).

See you at registration!

Barb & Maya

## VVCA Fall 2017 Programs Registration

### Thursday, September 7 and Tuesday, September 12, 2017

In person program sign-up will be held on Thursday, September 7 and Tuesday, September 12, 2017 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. VVCA honours other community association memberships. Programs may change. Please visit [vvcasaskatoon.com](http://vvcasaskatoon.com) for final program details. In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate can, cost-as-a-barrier assistance is available for those facing hardships. To inquire, please contact Barb (blgiles@sasktel.net) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	DATES	COST
<b>ALL AGES</b>					
Tae Kwon Do - Beginner (6 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W/F	Sep 20 – Dec 15	\$85
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	07:15 PM - 08:00 PM	W/F	Sep 20 – Dec 15	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W/F	Sep 20 – Dec 15	\$150
<b>ADULT</b>					
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:30 PM - 10:15 PM	Tu	Sep 19 – Dec 12	\$45
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:30 PM - 10:15 PM	Th	Sep 21 – Dec 14	\$45
Broom Ball	Brunskill - Rink	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Conversational Spanish – Beginner	Brunskill - Library	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Tu	Sep 19 – Dec 12	\$110
Conversational Spanish – Advanced	Brunskill - Library	07:15 PM - 08:15 PM	Tu	Sep 19 – Dec 12	\$110
Jazzercise	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Tu	Sep 19 – Dec 12	\$75
Learn to Knit & Crochet	TBA	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Th	Sep 21 – Dec 14	\$40
Self Defense for Women	Brunskill - MPR	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Tu	Sep 19 – Dec 12	\$75
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	M	Sep 18 – Dec 11	\$110
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	Sep 20 – Dec 13	\$110
Yoga - gentle	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	Sep 21 – Dec 14	\$110
<b>YOUTH</b>					
Broom Ball (Age 12-15)	Brunskill Rink	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>CHILDREN</b>					
Basketball (Age 6-13)	Brunskill - Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Exploration in Art (Age 5-8)	Brunskill - Art Room	06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	W	Sep 20 – Dec 13	\$50
Learn to Skate (Age 5-8)	Brunskill - Rink	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Run Jump Throw Wheel (6-12)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	F	Sep 22 – Nov 24	\$50
U10 Soccer	Brunskill - Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
U8 Soccer	Brunskill - Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
U6 Soccer	Brunskill - Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>					
Kinder Soccer (preschool)	Brunskill - Gym	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tae Kwon Do – Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W	Sep 27 – Nov 15	\$50
Tae Kwon Do – Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	F	Sep 22 – Nov 24	\$50