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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Neighbours,

VVCA is getting ready for its Spring activities. Yes, there is fresh snow on the ground, but your Association officers are go-getters. Our annual Spring social event, this year called Spring-o, will be held on May 5th. Come join us for Ukrainian style food (yes, perogies) and a few entertaining rounds of Bingo, held in our historic Albert Community Center. This is the IT event for VVCA, at which numerous luminaries have been spotted in previous years, including our councillor Cynthia Block, our Mayor Charlie Clark, and famed author Alice Kuipers. Save the date (and your pocket money); tickets are available from VVCA board members or by emailing varsityviewca@gmail.com.

Following Spring-o, we have the Community Clean Up. This is the event at which each year the same half dozen committed volunteers donate their Saturday morning to removing trash (think sodden couches), fire hazards (tree and bush clippings piled against wooden garages) and junk (the odd stove or three) from our back alleys. You can help in two ways: 1) Bring your own junk to the dumpsters that will be parked at the back of Brunskill school on the morning of May 12th, 8:30 to 11:30 am (please do not use the small school dumpsters – you will get me in trouble) or 2) join us as a volunteer - just show up at the parking lot behind Brunskill by 9 am. You get an extra donut if you bring your own truck.

Two exciting neighbourhood park improvements will get underway later this year – the Brunskill School playground and Raoul Wallenberg park (see images page 6 and 7). The community has been anxiously awaiting these new developments.

The City of Saskatoon is planning all sorts of things for us. This includes a new and improved Bus Rapid Transport that will probably use College Drive to our North, 8th Street to our South and Preston Avenue as major routes. An open house was held at the Western Development Museum on March 7th where the City talked about all its plans. Holly Ann Knott and I attended and were interested to see that VVCA housing on the south of College Drive may be rezoned for 4 to 6 story medium rises (see figure on page 6). One way to learn about plans and make your views known is to visit <https://www.saskatoon.ca/engage>. We also learnt that a "Transit Village" is a collection of medium rise apartment style buildings around a shopping area. They have public open spaces and are placed on bus routes.

Changes to parking in our area seems to be stuck in some corner at City Hall. New signage for the expanded parking zone will presumably happen shortly. In the longer term, there is concern that parking zones do not cure parking problems, they just move them. The City will likely review its residential parking permit system in the next year or so.

Some residents continue to experience back alley obstruction issues. VVCA supports residents in resolving these problems and our representatives will likely meet with City Hall in the coming months to address this issue.

Finally and most importantly, our Annual General Meeting is April 18th at 7pm in the library at Brunskill School. This is a great opportunity for new volunteers to get involved with your association. Hope to see you there.

Jon Naylor, VVCA president

2017-18 VVCA

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Big Plans for a Little Park Albert Recreation Unit park rejuvenation Spring 2018 update

A big THANK YOU to those who have donated time and money and shown your enthusiastic support for your little park.

We are planning on completing our fundraising and submitting our project to the City for approval at the end of March 2018 – assuming we can finalize some details with the City and then prepare our final drawings in time. If all goes well and the project is approved by the City by summer, construction should begin this fall, after the park summer programming is complete. Thank you to Jim Siemens of Oxbow Architecture and Chris Popplewell at Strata Developments for their professional assistance.

While we have fallen short of our fundraising goal, we feel it is important to move forward with some of our Big Plans, especially with the City of Saskatoon/Canada 150 improvements to the park this past fall. The new play structures are a welcome addition to the park, and we hope our additional improvements will add even more fun and increase neighbourhood usage.

For details on our progress, see our Facebook page: facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/
Online donations can be made here: nutana.ca/
Donations can also be made by cheque.

IMPORTANT: Please make cheques payable to: City of Saskatoon. Mark the cheque with “Albert Rec Unit”.

Mail your donation to: Nutana Community Association, c/o École Victoria School, 639 Broadway Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1B2

Thank you for making your little park a BIG success!

VVCA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7:00pm

Brunskill School Library

All community residents are invited to attend for an update on projects and to elect next year's Executive. Come and get involved in making a difference in your neighbourhood!



VVCA ANNUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN UP

WHEN: Saturday May 12, 2018, 8:30am

WHERE: Brunskill School Parking lot

WHAT: Empty out your garage, basement, storage room, or backyard; or shed!

Bring your items to the large garbage bins that will be in the school parking lot for disposal!



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JOIN THE VARSITY VIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL EVENT!

When: Saturday May 5, 2018

Where: Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue

What: food, drinks, BINGO, prizes and socializing!

Because nothing says SPRING like playing BINGO with your friends and neighbours!

Tickets available from VVCA board members or by emailing varsityviewca@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CITY COUNCILLOR

Hello Varsity View and Grosvenor Park - Welcome to spring!

This is a busy time of year at City Hall, as we gear up for the transition of seasons. Street sweeping will begin soon and a pre-sweep will happen on busier roadways without requiring vehicles to be moved. Removing the majority of large debris in early spring followed by a regular full sweep increases overall efficiencies and reduces costs.

It's also pothole season in Saskatoon. If you notice a pothole or any other public works issue, please call the 24-hour customer service line: 306-975-2476.

Parking related issues are ongoing, but a review is underway which will hopefully address congestion and offer options for those who require parking for work or school. Those who have received approval for the new Residential Parking Permit zones can expect signage to go up this spring. For all other parking related issues, please call: 306-975-2548.

A new dust remediation plan will go ahead this year for the back alley adjacent to the Islamic Association, and I anticipate further recommendations to address traffic issues, especially as they affect pedestrians.

An engagement plan has been launched to discuss what our community would like to see in a new central library. While the project is only in the vision stage at this point, this is an opportunity to have your say. For more information go to: <https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/change>

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Bus Rapid Transit and AAA Cycling network discussion over the past number of months. The talks are ongoing, but expect to hear more about the plans by mid-year. Note that the BRT route affecting your neighbourhoods is expected to run through College Drive, Preston Avenue and 8th Street. It will be a few years before we can officially launch this service, but it's exciting to learn how this could revolutionize the way we use our transit system. For more information go to: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/engage/transit-plan>

Thanks also to the great civic-minded leaders on the community association, and everyone who is stepping up to support Varsity View and Grosvenor Park.

I hope you'll join me for the next Coffee with Your Councillor at the Broadway Roastery (on Broadway), Sunday, April 8th 3pm – 5pm.

If you'd like to subscribe to City Hall news updates, please go to: www.cynthiablockward6.com

Sincerely,

Cynthia

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MESSAGE FROM INDOOR COORDINATORS

Spring registration night will be March 28, 7-8:30pm in the front foyer of Brunskill School.

Classes offered for spring are:

Yoga

Monday / Wednesday / Thursdays 6:30-8pm

Badminton

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-10pm

Tae Kwon Do

Pre beginner - 6-6:30pm Wednesday OR Friday

Beginner - 6:30-7:15pm Wednesday and Friday

Intermediate - 7:15-8pm Wednesday and Friday

Advanced - 8-9pm Wednesday and Friday

See you at Registration!! Barb and Maya

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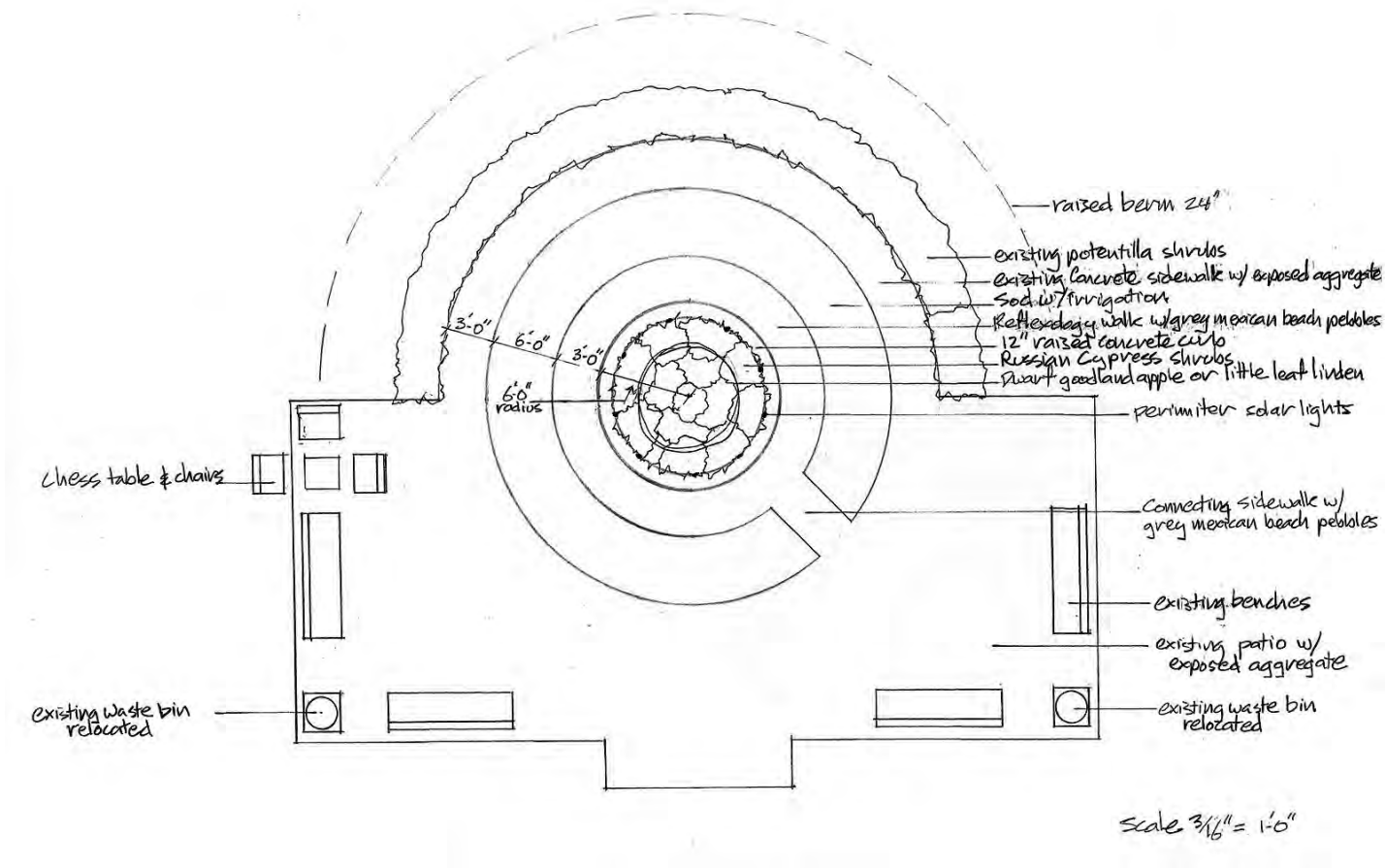
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RAOUL WALLENBERG PARK
Drawing courtesy of Mark Bobyn



VVCA Spring 2018 Programs Registration

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

In person program sign-up will be held on Wednesday March 28, 2018 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Brunskill School front foyer, 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 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 (bigiles@sasktel.net) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	START DATE	COST
ALL AGES					
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W	April 11	\$50
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	F	April 13	\$50
Tae Kwon Do – Beginner (6 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W/F	April 11	\$85
Tae Kwon Do – Intermediate (8 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	07:15 PM - 08:00 PM	W/F	April 11	\$125
Tae Kwon Do – Advanced (10 years and up)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W/F	April 11	\$150
ADULT					
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Tu	April 10	\$45
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Th	April 13	\$45
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	M	April 9	\$88 (\$55 to continue from Winter session)
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	April 11	\$99
Yoga - gentle	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	April 12	\$110 (\$88 to continue from Winter session)

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.



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