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News for the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park Neighbourhoods

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# President's Report

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A LOT HAS HAPPENED in the last few months. Our spring social, community clean up, the end of another season of programming, the start of gardening season, ground breaking for park enhancements, the implementation of our expanded residential parking program, and City planning.

I am going to start with **Community Clean Up**. We have increased the frequency of clean ups to once a year. However, there is still lots of trash to remove. Clean up brought squeaks from mice disgruntled by the loss of their favorite couch but residents who pay taxes (and cats) will be thankful for the removal of their hiding places. Another benefit is removal of those big piles of flammable trimmings left piled against wooden fences. A much-appreciated contribution to our success was made by residents who loaded up their own back alley trash and then volunteered to do adjacent areas. A big thank you to all who took part and/or loaned trucks (this includes Barb, Renee, Kenton, Kyla, Ted and many others). Every year, I take pictures of this event and this year I can find them.

At the same time the back alley clean-up was underway, our community garden prepared for spring planting. Ted (AKA a tax man/funny secretary who wrote our minutes) supervised. I dropped by and was impressed with the number of gardeners, all the improvements made to the plots over the years, and the volunteers who grow food for others in need. I wish you all an excellent harvest free from theft by critters of any size.

After a year of hard work by committed community members, the expanded



Separating some of the trash collected during the Community Clean Up.



12th Street community garden being prepared for spring planting.

**Residential Parking Permit (RPP)** zone is being implemented. By the time you read this, signage should be up and the zone in operation. A big thank you to our council and all our community volunteers.

The big issue dominating Civics this year has been transportation and in particular the proposed BRT network. Holly Ann and I attended the long range planning information session at the Western Development museum followed by a second meeting specifically on the BRT at the Cosmo Center. The BRT proposes dedicated bus lanes on College, a widening of College on the north side (where possible) to help accommodate bus lanes, and a continuously moving bus system (no waits at terminals). The idea is to increase bus frequency on core routes at the expense of peripheral routes. Another concept is that the operating costs of the new network will be the same as that of the old network. However, there will be considerable capital costs.

We were asked for input on the BRT and on the AAA (not what you think - this is the *All Ages and Abilities cycling network*).

VVCA's civics committee met, reviewed the plans and submitted a letter supporting both the BRT and the AAA. For the cycling network, we would like the downtown cycle route to connect with Broadway and University Bridges so that it is accessible from the Varsity View and Grosvenor areas. We departed from the script in also advocating for enhanced pedestrian walkways with better snow clearing on main walkway. Twenty-five percent of VVCA's residents walk to work. Treacherous sidewalks are a serious health hazard. This year every member of our household from the fit 12 and 15-year olds to dodderly old me slipped and fell. An ex-neighbor slipped and broke both her arms. Better snow removal either through City clearing of major walkways or through better enforcement would help keep us all safe.

I am going to go on a bit of a rant now about the final consultation process at City Hall. We were given notice of the City Council meeting to discuss transportation. No VVCA member was able to attend in person because the meeting was scheduled

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**President's Report continued**



Community Clean Up 2018; (L to R), Jon, your VVCA president, Kenton (rink guy), Barb (program expert), Anita, helpful City guys, Freddy (useful new member).

during working hours. This allowed the paid lobbyists from various business associations to dominate the meeting with their concerns. The meeting lasted five hours which must have been a marathon for our councillors.

Next time, maybe there could be a break in the middle. The first half could be reserved for paid lobbyists and the second half for those who have day jobs. It seems ridiculous that businesses, that pay one of the lower tax rates in the Country should have a disproportionate say while residential taxpayers (the highest rate in the Country according to Huffington Post) are effectively locked out. The entire transportation discussion seems to lack any guiding principle.

How about this? Why not spend tax dollars on transportation in proportion to how much each

means is used? How about putting public safety before minor commercial gain? How about strong reasons before spending the better part of \$100,000 to move the 4th Avenue bike route?

One point that is beginning to gnaw at me is the wish to make it difficult to cycle downtown. This year we all went to the Jazz festival (we met Charlie, sorry, His Honorable Worship the Mayor, soaking up the music at the free stage), and my son drove with his family and commented on how happy he was to find a convenient parking place. My wife and I cycled. I was struck by how many bikes there were in the bike parking lot – probably around a hundred. That is a lot of people who were not in cars. All those cyclists helped motorists find places to park. Mixed transportation modes can be a win-win equation.



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## Indoor Coordinators News

A BIG WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!! I can't believe it is time to start planning activities for the fall! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break filled with adventure, relaxation, and time with your family.

I am going to try something new this year! A light bulb must have turned on! The week of September 24-28th will be *Bring a Friend to My Activity Week*. If you haven't signed up because you don't really know enough about it, this would be the time to try!

I am happy to say the children's *Exploration in Art* class is back! *Jazzercise* and *Self Defence for Women* are also being offered again – let's hope the enrolment is higher so we can continue!

A friendly reminder both *Basketball* and *Soccer* registrations are all online and will not be available for sign up on registration nights! Watch our website for more details and links to the registration.

Well, I hope to see everyone come out on registration nights **Thursday, September 6 & Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 – 8:30pm** in Brunskill School's small gym/multi purpose room! We accept cash or cheques for payment!

—Barb



## Recycle for VVCA

DO YOU LIKE TO COLLECT POP CANS and bottles for recycling? Do you like to donate to worthy causes?

Now you can do both! Drop off your recyclable containers at any Saskatoon SARCAN location and either tell them to put your refund toward "VVCA" or use the Drop & Go system with the group account "VVCA". Your refund will be directed to VVCA and then used for community projects in our neighbourhood.

*With Drop & Go there is no waiting in line. Just punch your account into the terminal, tag your bags with the sticky labels generated and then drop your bags off at the counter. Easy.*



### G. Wotherspoon Genealogy Services

- Family History Research
- Workshops
- Western Europe Family History Tours

[Wotherspoongenealogyservices.ca](http://Wotherspoongenealogyservices.ca)

## Terry Fox Run

*Sunday Sept. 16, 2018*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to participate in a Terry Fox Run, regardless of age, athletic ability or socio-economic standing. While the Run does not have an entry fee or minimum donation we do ask all participants to fundraise or make a donation. You can raise funds online, use a pledge sheet or make a donation at the Run site. Whatever your choice, please know that every dollar counts.

This year's run will be held at the Bessborough Gardens. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Run start time is 12 p.m.

<http://www.terryfox.org/run/>



## Household Hazardous Waste Days

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES (HHW) are the discarded, unused or leftover portion of household products containing chemicals that can cause illness or death to people, plants and animals. These products are often labeled CAUTION, WARNING, CORROSIVE, EXPLOSIVE, FLAMMABLE, POISONOUS or TOXIC. Common household hazardous wastes include aerosols, cleaning solvents, oils, paints, pesticides and batteries. These and many other types of hazardous materials should not be put in your garbage or recycling bins, dumped on the ground or poured down the drain.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days run from 8:00am to 2:30 pm at SaskTel Centre on designated dates. This year, events will be held on: **Saturday, August 18; Saturday, September 8; Sunday, October 28, Saturday, November 17**





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## Varsity View Residential Parking Permit Zone Expanded

MANY AREAS in the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park neighbourhood experience significant on-street parking congestion, usually generated by the nearby hospital and university. The Residential Parking Program (RPP) was established to minimize this congestion by limiting non-resident parking to a maximum amount of time so that on-street space is continuously made available in these areas. The RPP zone in the Varsity View area has been expanded and new signage indicating the extent of the zones will be in place beginning this fall.

Residents of an RPP zone may be able to purchase an RPP permit which allows them to park their vehicle near their homes beyond the posted time limit. Parking Enforcement vehicles regularly patrol RPP zones. Vehicles parked on the street beyond the posted time limit are ticketed if they do not display a valid RPP permit. Residents of apartments or multi-unit dwellings can contact City of Saskatoon Customer Services at 306-975-2400 to find out if they are eligible.

Permits can be purchased at Customer Service on the main floor of City Hall (222 3rd Ave North).

### Resident Permit

- \$25.00 plus applicable taxes.
- Prorated to \$12.50 if purchased six months after the zone's permit renewal date.
- For residents of an RPP zone.
- Not transferable between vehicles (i.e. permit is issued to a specific vehicle).
- Limit one permit per resident.

### Visitor Permit

- \$5.00 plus applicable taxes, or \$25.00 plus taxes if purchased in place of a resident permit.
- Prorated to \$2.50 (or \$12.50) if purchased six months after the zone's permit renewal date.
- For residents of an RPP zone to provide to their visitors as needed.
- Transferable between vehicles.
- Limit one permit per residence.

### Temporary Permit

- \$1.00 per day plus applicable taxes.
- For short-term use by residents and non-residents.
- Valid only for the dates indicated on the permit.

### Eligibility

All applicants are required to prove that they reside within an RPP zone by providing a current driver's license and vehicle registration, along with any one of the following documents:

- utility bill
- phone/internet/cable bill
- residence confirmation from landlord
- lease agreement

Applicants of eligible apartment buildings must provide a letter from the landlord stating that the dwelling unit does not have an assigned off-street parking space.

In instances where the resident is not the registered owner of the vehicle, but is the principal operator, the owner must sign an affidavit declaring possession of that vehicle.

Persons driving corporate vehicles must provide proof of employment with the corporation or ownership of the corporation. An employment contract, a letter on corporate letterhead signed by an official of the company, shareholder agreement, business card, etc. are all acceptable forms of documentation.

For more information about RPP permits, contact Parking Services at 306-975-2400.

SOURCE: City of Saskatoon Residential Parking Permit Zones: <https://bit.ly/2NZ0sw0>

### Varsity View RPP expansion area – East of Clarence

Residential Parking Program will take effect August 1, 2018

- installation of signs to be completed by July 31st
- Letters will be sent to residents - week of July 9, 2018
- Permits available for purchase any time after July 9, 2018
- Permits will be effective until August 31, 2019 to coincide with renewal period of all Varsity View RPP blocks.

Letters that will be sent to residents will include the following information:

- Details about the RPP program, and the expansion of the program to their block
- Date of implementation on their block
- Information about when the permits are in effect (days/times of the week)
- How much permits costs, and where they can be purchased (including information required to be provided at time of purchase)

### Upcoming VVCA Events:

**VVCA Board Meetings:** 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Brunskill School Library. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

**January 2019:** Winter program registration

**Spring 2019:** Annual VVCA social and fundraiser

**March 2019:** Spring program registration

**April 2019:** VVCA Annual General Meeting

**May 2019:** Annual Community Clean-Up

*Watch the website and future newsletters for more details*

## Volunteer at the Garden Patch

SASKATOON FOOD BANK & LEARNING CENTRE'S GARDEN PATCH is a community-driven urban agriculture initiative. Our mission is to grow nutritious produce for distribution in emergency food baskets at the Food Bank. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, last season we harvested 17, 825 lbs of fresh produce.

In order to have another successful year, we need volunteers! Volunteering is free and you do not need any gardening experience. The Garden Patch provides tools, water and sunscreen. There are three main ways to become involved as a volunteer at the Garden Patch.

1. Drop-in when you are free! Each week we have scheduled volunteer drop in hours. You do not have to register in advance, simply stop by! If you are interested in becoming a regular volunteer you will be provided with a 20 minute orientation that includes information about safety, expectations, and opportunities.

2. Plan a morning or afternoon of volunteering for your group, organization or business! To book your volunteer date, email: [garden.patch@saskatoonfoodbank.org](mailto:garden.patch@saskatoonfoodbank.org)

3. In addition, check out our FREE workshop series! Visit the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre's events page for a complete list of workshops.

[www.saskatoonfoodbank.org](http://www.saskatoonfoodbank.org)



**Interested in making your community a little better? VVCA is always looking for volunteers!**

VVCA IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS who organize and attend meetings, provide programs and activities for youth and adults, work with the City regarding development, parking and other issues, keep the rink in good condition, publish a newsletter and website, raise money for community events and projects, and generally try to make your neighbourhood a little nicer to live in.

Sounds fun, right? If something on that short list fills a need in you, or you have other ideas on how to improve your neighbourhood, come out to a monthly VVCA board meeting and have your say. We'd love to hear your ideas and would be more than happy to find you a spot on our board if you are interested.

Right now, the VVCA is looking for a **Newsletter Editor** – putting together three issues a year (one printed, two digital) full of information of interest to our community. Hey, you are reading it right now! See how important it is?

Email [info@vvcaskatoon.com](mailto:info@vvcaskatoon.com) for more information, or check out our website [vvcaskatoon.com](http://vvcaskatoon.com) for information on the dates of our next board meeting.

## School's Back - Drive Safely

DRIVERS ARE REMINDED that reduced speed limits in elementary and secondary school zones will be in effect starting at the beginning of September.

The maximum speed limit in a school zone is 30 kph to give motorists and pedestrians more time to react in an unexpected situation.

- The 30 kph speed limit is in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, September to June (including statutory holidays).
- School zones are marked by reflective, fluorescent yellow-green signs.
- School zones begin at the 30 kph sign.
- School zones end at a posted speed limit sign indicating a greater speed limit (normally 50 kph).
- The penalty for speeding in a school zone is the same as any other speeding offence. You would be fined for the offence and penalized three SGI demerit points.



## Saskatoon Curbside Swap

**Have clean, usable stuff to give away? Want free stuff? Swap it!**

Reduce the amount of garbage ending up in landfill by giving away your stuff to someone or find free stuff of your own. At a curbside swap, place your unwanted items in good condition on your property (next to the side walk or curb) and mark them as free for anyone to pick up or go out on a treasure hunt of your own to find what your neighbors are giving away for free.

### Let's SWAP it Saskatoon !!

Plan a curbside swap this summer or join the annual city-wide curbside event on **Saturday, September 8, 2018**. Contact your Community Association to find out if a Curbside Swap is planned for your neighbourhood. Promote your event online on the Curbside Swap Facebook event page at Saskatoon City News. Check out the Curbside Swap Host Manual for information.

### How you can Swap!

- Mark all your items free that you wish to give away.
- Do not put out items with potential safety hazards, for example weapons, chemicals, mattress infested with bedbugs, broken furniture or expired child car seats.
- Do not block traffic, sidewalks or place items on road.
- Do not trespass on other people's property, block other people's driveway or park illegally.
- Be in compliance with the Temporary Sign Bylaw No. 7491.
- Return unclaimed items into your homes by 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/waste-recycling/recycling/saskatoon-curbside-swap>



# Saskatoon Council on Aging Events

## Caregivers Guide to Stress Reduction: Practical Tools and Resources

Caregivers frequently have to “juggle” full time jobs with caregiving responsibilities. In this workshop hosted by Caregiver Information and Support program, learn practical tips to manage caregiver stress:

**Date:** Friday, September 21, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Saskatoon Field House, 2020 College Drive  
\$10 Registration Fee (snacks and coffee provided)

To register call SCOA at 306-652-2255. Visit [scoa.ca](http://scoa.ca)

*Caregiver Information and Support, a program of the Saskatoon Council on Aging, provides resources and support for family caregivers.*

## 19th Annual Spotlight on Seniors Tradeshow

**Date:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 9 am to 3 pm

**Location:** TCU Place. Admission \$10 pay at the door.

“Get Your Groove On” and enjoy a fun-filled day of music, entertainment and socializing. Dozens of displays on health products, housing, hobbies and more! Lunch available for purchase, free coffee and snacks served throughout the day. Lots of free draws and prizes!



THE SASKATOON POLICE SERVICE would like to remind citizens of the importance of recording serial numbers, specifically bicycles, in order to claim lost or stolen property that has been recovered by Police through an awareness campaign called #GetMyBikeBack.

Through the #GetMyBikeBack awareness campaign, Police are encouraging people to take a picture of the serial number for their records. In the event the bike is stolen and recovered, Police will then be able to return the bicycle to its rightful owner. Police are also working with local cycling businesses to encourage persons purchasing bicycles to take a picture of the serial number before they leave the stores.

The bicycles that are recovered but unclaimed are auctioned off at various times throughout the year. Last year there were over 550 bicycles that were recovered by Police that went to auction.

Saskatoon Police Service, 76-25th St E., Saskatoon, SK S7K 3R6  
Phone: 306-975-8300 | [Saskatoonpoliceservice.ca](http://Saskatoonpoliceservice.ca)

# Big Plans for a Little Park - Update

## Albert Recreation Unit park rejuvenation - Spring 2019

THE BIG PLANS FOR A LITTLE PARK committee, tasked by the Nutana Community Association with planning and fundraising for the Albert Rec Unit park at the corner of Clarence Avenue and 13th Street East, have extended the park project to Spring 2019. Hopes were high that renovations to the park could begin this fall, but unfortunately the contractor pricing was higher than the current funds available.

While plans have been scaled back from the original vision for the park, the overall goal is still to remove the large asphalt pad to make the park into a more welcoming grassed area and incorporate a basketball half-court. If funds permit, new trees and rocks may be added to boost the natural play elements.

With the new play equipment installed last fall by the City of Saskatoon with a Canada 150 grant, the park is already seeing increased use and enjoyment by residents. The committee hopes to build on that success and continue to make the park a favourite destination for all in the neighbourhood.

Please help make your park a big success! Donations will still be accepted until December 2018 with tax receipts issued by the City of Saskatoon.

[facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/](https://www.facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/)

<https://nutana.ca/about-our-fundraising-for-the-albert-rec-unit/>



# Your yearly collection calendar is going paperless for 2019

GET YOUR CALENDAR the way you want it: search your home address for a printable calendar or add it to your electronic calendar applications, such as Outlook, iCal or Google. Need help? Call the City of Saskatoon customer service centre at 306-975-2486 or email [csc@saskatoon.ca](mailto:csc@saskatoon.ca). The City will even send you reminders via email, phone, text message, Twitter or with the Saskatoon Recycle & Waste app on Google Play or the App Store.

City of Saskatoon website: [saskatoon.ca/collectioncalendar](http://saskatoon.ca/collectioncalendar)

Do you have news or an event that is of interest to the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park communities?  
Email [newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com](mailto:newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com) to submit notices or articles intended for publication.

## Proposed Non-Conforming High Rise at College & Clarence Avenue

THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO REZONE the corner of College and Clarence to allow a 12-storey 171-unit high rise with four below-grade parking levels. A public consultation meeting is scheduled for mid or late September. It will likely be on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. The date is not yet set. If you would like to be kept informed of this development, please email me at [president@vvcasaskatoon.com](mailto:president@vvcasaskatoon.com)

Rezoning for high density housing has both supporters and detractors. Supporters suggest that high density housing will:

- Reduce development costs and taxes
- Reduce loss of farmland
- Increase public transit ridership

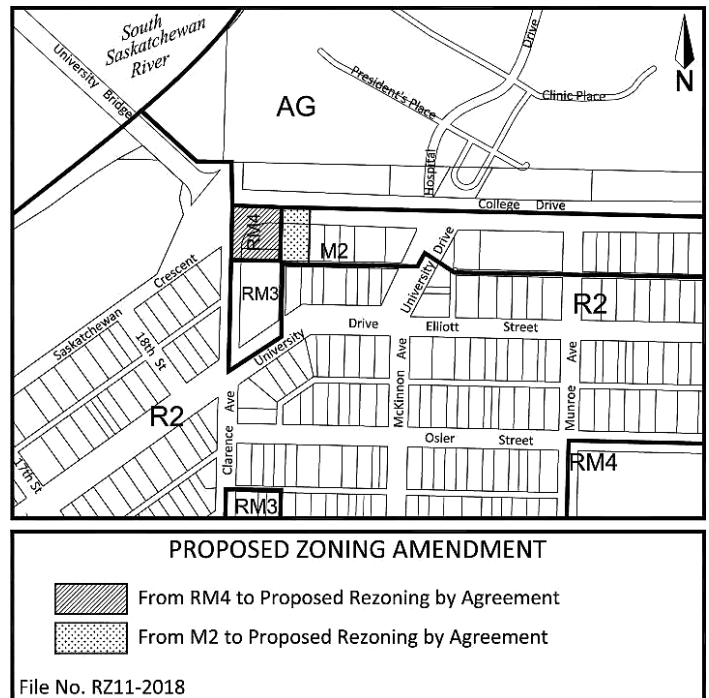
Detractors wonder why:

- Increased housing density in Saskatoon has been accompanied by higher taxes
- Space for people to live a healthy life is not equally important as farmland
- Non conforming development is allowed when we took so much time to develop local area plans which allow for a wide variety of housing types within Varsity View

What do the facts say about these positions? Infill and high density housing have the advantage of requiring less new roads and sewer pipes. However, there are many other contributions to our overall tax bill. One major area is policing. Between 2006 and 2015 spending on policing jumped by 80% or 64% on an inflation adjusted basis, population growth was 23%. There is evidence that violent crime is linked to areas of high population density. Cities that demolish low income high density housing and disperse the residents to lower density housing reduce the City wide violent crime rate. It is not a coincidence that Toronto's gun crime is centered on a few apartment complexes.

Reduce loss of farmland is self evident. How important that is in a Country that is one of the largest in the World is a matter for debate. When it comes to biodiversity, there is clearly a greater variety of plant and animal life in the average backyard in Varsity View than you will find in the average wheat field.

Increased public transport use goes to the high density camp. Overall, about 7.3% of Varsity View residents take public transport



Source: City of Saskatoon

to work compared with 4.3% for the City as a whole. At a guess, a new 171-unit high rise will add an extra 5 riders compared to a combination of development within our zoning rules and low rise development in the 'burbs.

Wherever you sit on this issue, please attend the meeting with the City to discuss the rezoning application. Meetings with good attendance carry a much greater weight than those with poor attendance.

### Further reading:

City of Saskatoon Neighbourhood Profiles - <https://bit.ly/2K7v4c8>  
 Annual Reviews: Neighborhood Interventions to Reduce Violence - <https://bit.ly/2AmDlCb>

The Star-Phoenix: Saskatoon spends: Exploring the city's budget growth in the past decade - <https://bit.ly/2LSNClg>

## Raoul Wallenberg Park - Update

MEMBERS OF VVCA have been working alongside Congregation Agudas Israel over the past few years to bring an under-utilized corner of Raoul Wallenberg Park to new life. The project design is to include a meditative walking path, decorative garden and table-top style board game tables for enjoyment of residents of all ages and abilities.

Funds are in place and a local landscape contractor has been tapped to proceed with the work. Coordination and planning with the City is continuing with the hope that construction can be end of this summer or early fall.

Thank you to Mark Prebble of VVCA for heading this initiative, and to Mark Bobyn for tackling the contractor work! We all look forward to enjoying this revitalized corner of our neighbourhood.

*Raoul Wallenberg Park is located at 10th Street East and Munroe Avenue, adjacent the Congregation Agudas Israel synagogue.*

## Albert Community Centre

ALBERT COMMUNITY CENTRE is essentially a cooperative community centre, managed by volunteers who live in the communities surrounding Albert and operated at a low-cost for the benefit of the users, while seeking to maintain high standards regarding cleanliness, maintenance and repairs.



Location: 610 Clarence Avenue South (corner of Clarence Avenue and 12th Street)

Are you interested in renting room(s) at the Albert Community Centre for a wedding, meetings or other event? Please contact Shirley by phone and leave a message at (306) 653-1737. **\*\*Please include your contact phone number when leaving a message.\*\***



# City of Saskatoon Councillor Cynthia Block

I HOPE you've been getting in some Saskatooning this summer. It's been an exceptionally great summer in the city with fabulous weather, festivals and events. It's also been a busy one at City Hall.



Public and stakeholder engagement are ongoing as Council tries to flush out the way forward for transportation, as directed by the Growth Plan. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is designed to change HOW we do transit and thereby increase ridership, reduce vehicle congestion and ensure Saskatoon is prepared for the future – for the same operational cost that we spend today. An All Ages and Abilities Cycling Network is also part of the Growth Plan. Cities across North America, including cold cities like ours (Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton) are moving to this model in order to improve traffic flow, enhance safety and increase options for those who either cycle or use other wheels such as walkers and wheelchairs. Further study is underway to look at options for a waste utility, which would include black/blue/green bins and the option to Pay as You Throw (PAYT) based on bin size. The current system is unsustainable both financially and environmentally. Council has passed a bylaw that will regulate the sale of Cannabis once it becomes legal in October. Of note, cannabis sales will be prohibited within 60 metres of schools. Council has directed a stand-alone bylaw for ride-share companies such as Uber and Lyft. Provincial regulations for the new service are expected to be in place by October. The implementation of the expanded Residential Parking Permit program (RPP) is expected to be fully in place in Varsity View and Nutana by September 1st.

Both the Traffic Bridge and North Commuter Bridge will open in October. Also, a report on engineered solutions for major Flood Zones is expected this fall. Several new projects are expected to come before Council in the next few months, including one at the top of the University Bridge and two or three in the Broadway District. Your community association is actively engaged on the projects that affect your neighbourhood.

I hope to see you at the Broadway Street Fair on September 8th. I'll be hanging out at the Ward 6 booth, and you might also find me at the dunk tank.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia  
cynthia.block@saskatoon.ca

Have you signed up for City News from Cynthia?  
To receive e-updates or read previous updates,  
go to [www.cynthiablockward6.com](http://www.cynthiablockward6.com)

# THANK YOU VARSITY VIEW!



## NEW Brunskill Playground

THANKS TO YOU, Brunskill School now has brand new playground equipment! After several years of amazing fundraising and support by the community, construction happened over the summer and will be ready for community and school use by mid-August.

VVCA contributed \$20,000 to the project and that allowed the fundraising committee to apply for, and receive, provincial and federal grants for a total of \$75,000.

You continue to be an amazing community! Thank you for your support for this and other neighbourhood projects!

## Diabetes Canada Volunteers Needed

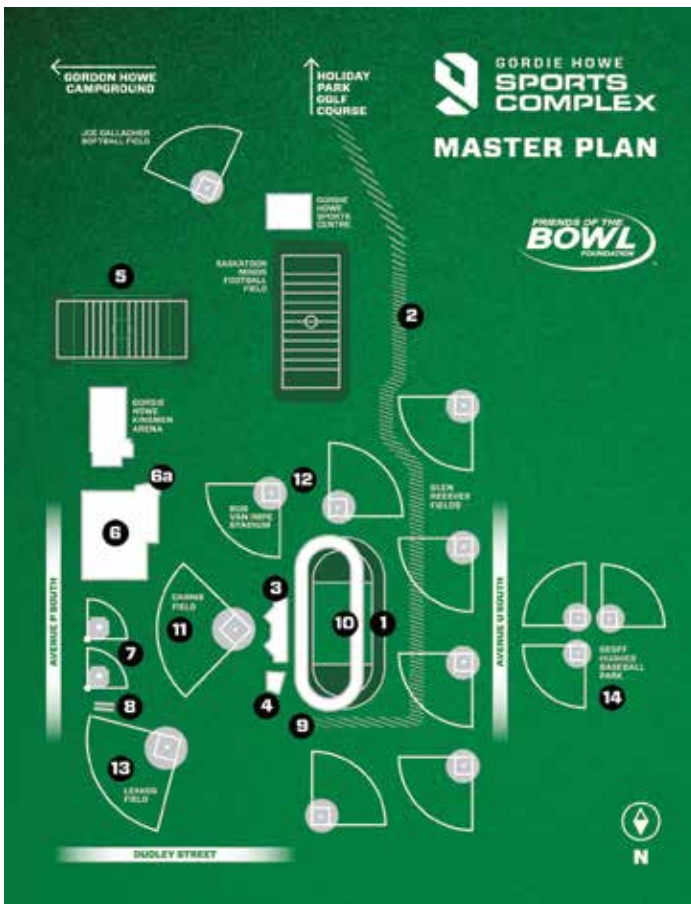
FROM OCTOBER 1 – 15, 2018, Diabetes Canada will be canvassing door to door in your community raising funds to assist in the fight against diabetes.



To make the Residential Campaign as successful as possible for the 100,000 people living with diabetes in Saskatchewan, we are constantly in search of volunteer canvassers for your area. If you are willing to give your gift of time for 1½ to 2 hours from October 1 - 15, to canvass, we would LOVE to hear from you!

Marg Polanik, Residential Campaign Supervisor, 1-306-700-2851  
Diabetes Canada  
104 – 2301 Ave. C North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 5Z5





## Building Saskatoon's Sporting Future

SASKATOON IS AN ACTIVE, COMPETITIVE, SPORTING CITY. But more people want to play than there are facilities to accommodate them.

The Master Plan for the Gordie Howe Sports Complex will expand our city's capacity and address real need in our community.

Maximizing the use of new and upgraded facilities, the Master Plan will increase access to safe, reliable facilities for multiple winter and summer sporting activities in Saskatoon and area, allowing many more people to participate.

The Master Plan includes indoor and outdoor training and playing facilities to accommodate development programs for multiple sports, enable year-round training, reduce game cancellations due to poor weather and help athletes of all ages and abilities excel here at home.

Over 175,000 people will benefit every year.

The Gordie Howe Sports Complex aims to become the premier sports park in Western Canada, and a magnet for more national and international events.

Be a part of Saskatoon's sporting future — Join the team building a better place to play!

Website: [gordiehowesportscomplex.ca](http://gordiehowesportscomplex.ca)

### Next issue:

Dec. 2018/Jan. 2019 will be distributed digitally ONLY.  
Download the PDF from the VVCA website

## Broadway Street Fair Saturday, September 8

THE BROADWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Broadway BID) is pleased to present the 35th Annual Broadway Street Fair on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 from 10am to 5pm.

This is Broadway District's largest event of the year, drawing thousands to the street with an eclectic array of street performers, vendors, artists, musicians, and dancers. Transforming Broadway into a street fair, this event features a sidewalk sale, music and dance stages, silent auction, performers, food and art vendors, and much more.

## Get Active this Winter!

VVCA Registration nights  
Thursday, September 6 & Tuesday, September 11,  
7:00 – 8:30pm in Brunskill School's  
small gym/multi purpose room!

## Varsity View History

### Who is President Murray Park named after?

WALTER CHARLES MURRAY was born on May 12, 1866 in King's County, New Brunswick. In 1886, Walter received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Brunswick. In 1891, he received a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Edinburgh. Prior to being appointed the first president of the University of Saskatchewan in 1907, he taught philosophy at Dalhousie University.

Walter remained President of the University of Saskatchewan until he retired in 1937. During his tenure at the university, much controversy surrounded agricultural education. In trying to resolve this controversy, Walter successfully integrated the College of Agriculture with other colleges on campus.

Walter also sat on various public offices. Some of these various positions included being on the board of trustees for the Carnegie Foundation and being the Chair of the Board of Governors for the Saskatoon City Hospital. Walter received honorary degrees from several universities across Canada and in the United States. Due to his vision for a "people's university" as well as his community service, Walter is known to many people as the "Prairie Builder".

Walter has many establishments in Saskatoon named after him. The Murray Memorial Library at the University of Saskatchewan officially opened on November 30, 1956. President Murray Park located at 1205 Colony Street is a Varsity View neighbourhood park named after Walter. Walter Murray Collegiate located at 1905 Preston Avenue is also named in his honour. The Collegiate opened in 1962 and serves students from grades 9 to 12.

Walter formerly resided at 1233 Elliott Street from 1941 until his death in 1945.

Learn more about Varsity View's history on the VVCA website under the VV Yesterday & Today tab!

# VVCA Fall 2018 Programs Registration

Thursday, Sept. 6 & Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

In person program sign-up will be held on **Thursday, September 6 & Tuesday, September 11, 2018** from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Brunskill School Multi-Purpose Room, 101 Wiggins Ave North. A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 per individual or \$20 per family per year is required to participate in programs. **A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations.** VVCA honours other community association memberships. Programs may change – please visit [vvcaskatoon.com](http://vvcaskatoon.com) closer to registration dates 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 (Email: [blgiles@sasktel.net](mailto:blgiles@sasktel.net)) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	START & END DATE	COST
<b>ALL AGES</b>					
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W	Sep. 12 - Nov. 21	\$50
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	F	Sep. 14 - Nov. 16	\$50
Tae Kwon Do - Beginner (6 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W&F	Sep. 12 - Nov. 30	\$85
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	07:15 PM - 08:00 PM	W&F	Sep. 12 - Nov. 30	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W&F	Sep. 12 - Nov. 30	\$150
<b>ADULT</b>					
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:15 PM - 10:15 PM	Tu	Sep. 18 - Nov. 20	\$45
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:15 PM - 10:15 PM	Th	Sep. 20 - Nov. 22	\$45
Conversational Spanish Beginner	Brunskill - Library	06:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Tu	Sep. 18 - Nov. 20	\$110
Conversational Spanish Intermediate	Brunskill - Library	07:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Tu	Sep. 18 - Nov. 20	\$110
Jazzercise	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Tu	Sep. 18 - Nov. 20	\$75
Self Defense for Women	Brunskill - MPR	08:15 PM - 9:15 PM	Th	Sep. 20 - Nov. 29	\$75
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	M	Sep. 17 - Dec. 10	\$110
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	Sep. 19 - Nov. 28	\$110
Yoga - gentle, restorative, beginner	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	Sep. 20 - Nov. 22	\$110
<b>CHILDREN</b>					
Exploration in Art for Children	Brunskill - Art Room	06:00 PM - 7:00 PM	W	Sep. 19 - Nov. 29	\$75
Soccer U5, U7, U9	<i>ON-LINE ONLY, TBA - watch website <a href="http://vvcaskatoon.com">vvcaskatoon.com</a> for details</i>				
Basketball	<i>ON-LINE ONLY, TBA - watch website <a href="http://vvcaskatoon.com">vvcaskatoon.com</a> for details</i>				


**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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**Flu immunization begins October 22, 2018**


PrairieLand Park - 503 Ruth Street West-Hall A

October 26	12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 27, 28	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 29	12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Newly designed family-friendly space.*

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- Free flu vaccine is for everyone 6 months & older.
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