



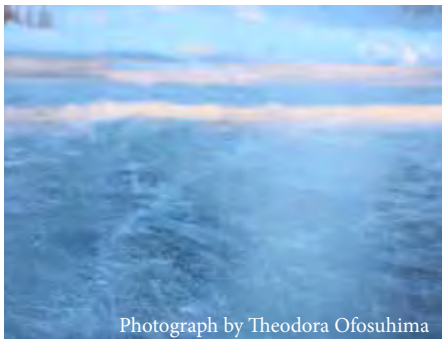
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

– Jon Naylor, VVCA President
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OUR NEWS MAINLY FALLS (YES, I KNOW IT'S THE SEASON) INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

Programming

Our program co-ordinators are doing an excellent job organizing our indoor program. Our many programs contribute to making ours a wonderful neighborhood. Thanks again Barb and all our many indoor instructors for our active Tae Kwon Do, badminton, yoga, language and arts classes. It is great that we can simply stroll to our local school and enjoy such a wide range of activities given by a talented group of people. You can read more about our current offerings later in this newsletter. We also have active soccer and basketball programs and our soon to be reactivated rink. Thanks to all who generously give their time including Greg, Kenton, Luke, Jason, Niran and Robb. I know there are others I have missed in this short list, so thanks to all who help make our community vibrant and active.



Photograph by Theodora Ofosuhima

A project that we are going to undertake is a refurbishment of our rink. It is a long time since it had serious renovations and you can read more about this in the next newsletter.



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Non-Conforming Development

The main activities in this area are corner lot redevelopment (301 Clarence Ave N.) and garage suites. Garage suites continue to be built throughout our neighborhood. At least one builder appears to find the process too cumbersome and has built without a permit. The latest example was an unpermitted water connection on 15th. Once the alarm was raised, the connection was put on hold. Soon enough a permit was granted, and the connection completed. City planners also find the process cumbersome. One informed me that the only aspect of a garage suite that he thought was discretionary was how it affected local drainage. This disconnect between the City's wishes to do things their way and the community's wishes for meaningful consultation are a discussion item for our next local community association's meeting with our councillor.

Crime

Criminality has been a concern for several groups within the Grosvenor – Varsity View area. A suspected drug house was associated with unsavoury behavior including a high-speed car chase. Affected community members brought this to your association's attention. We organized a meeting, attended by our MLA, Eric Olausson, and gained a better understanding of the resources available to monitor drug houses and help disband them. Thankfully, the occupants of the problem house have now moved on. I am unsure if the occupants were arrested. However, if you think there is a problem house in your area, let your community association know because we now have a better understanding of how to mount an effective response.

The other aspect of criminality is petty theft. Many in our neighborhood have suffered from bike theft, car rummaging and garage break ins. I have lobbied our local police for a more effective response. In November, two members of the service, PC Skinnider and Detective Inspector McKenzie generously attended our monthly meeting and gave some tips on crime reduction. These included:

- Lock up everything. The police observed that we now live in a big City and that those happy days when we could leave things unlocked are gone. They recommend locking all outbuildings, preferably with a dead bolt.
- Don't leave anything in a vehicle. Inspector McKenzie likened vehicles to display cases. Remove valuables from your vehicles
- Report all suspicious activity. For crimes in process call 911. We posed the example of a person crawling out of a basement window or cycling off on a neighbour's bike while the

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police are knocking on the front door. Call 911. For less urgent situations call the general number, (306) 975-8300. This might apply to seeing a suspicious package left in a sand box at one of our parks. I know I can never find the general number when I need it so maybe we should just add it to our contacts in our cell phones.

•CCTV. The police were less supportive of CCTV, particularly of low-quality CCTV. They made the point that images must be of sufficient quality to enable accurate identification.

•Know your neighbors and take an interest in their well being.

On the other side of the coin I have pushed for better enforcement. On behalf of VVCA-Grosvenor I gave a presentation to the Police Commission at its public meeting in the Farmer's market (<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/crimes-top-of-mind-at-police-board-community-consultation>).

I told them of your concerns around theft and drug distribution. I also pushed for targeted apprehension programs such as a bike-bait program. I was impressed by the recent arrest by University police of a bike thief that resulted in a sawn-off shotgun being retrieved from his back pack. This looks more like preventing a murder than catching a petty thief. The police have discovered they own a tagged bike so it is possible we will see some action in this area.

One area of possible concern is police attitude to petty criminals. One officer suggested that the standard for

a criminal conviction was so high that it was difficult to achieve a conviction. On the other side, a Provincial Court judge suggested that police could work harder to present a compelling case. One thing that results from this blame game is a climate conducive to criminal activity.

Ultimately, it is our attitude that has the strongest influence on the character of our neighborhood. I believe that our continued effort in the areas of securing valuables, lobbying for effective policing, and maintaining a strong spirit of community, will help us maintain a strong and vibrant community for us all to enjoy.

As Christmas approaches, I would like to wish you all Best Wishes and a Happy New Year.

Jonathan (Jon) Naylor,
Your President, VVCA



INDOOR COORDINATOR'S NEWS



Photographs by Theodora Ofosuhima

HELLOOOO!!!!!! I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends and wonderful memories were made! What better time to think about how cold it is outside and get off the couch and come and try something out!

Whether it be an activity to get the ticker going, or maybe you want to dabble in some art, or hey maybe you want to find out a little bit on your family history! Going somewhere hot at Easter time and you might want to learn to speak to the locals! We have them all!!! The registration nights are January 7 and 9 at 7-8:30 pm in the small gym! See you there!

Barb

PUBLIC SKATING



At Brunskill School rink:

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

Please Note:

- No hockey sticks, pucks, balls, etc. allowed during public skating.
- Use this facility at your own risk!
- We recommend wearing protective equipment to prevent injury.
- We need your help in keeping our rink safe for our community, so please report any maintenance/safety concerns and incidents.
- Report any vandalism to the Police.
- Public skating time periods may be cancelled when the wind chill factor is greater than 1800 and/or -26 degrees Celsius.

Your community rink is operated and maintained using volunteer labour and community funds. Please lend a hand to keep it operational and respect all participants and volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Saskatoon Community Development Branch at 306-975-3378.



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'PARKING FOR RENT'



DO YOU KNOW THE CITY'S REGULATIONS AROUND 'PARKING FOR RENT'?

THROUGH THE VARSITY VIEW LOCAL AREA PLAN (LAP) PROCESS, residents noted concerns about residential properties in the northeast portion of the neighbourhood renting out off-street parking spaces to non-residents, which they felt unnecessarily increased commuter traffic flow on local streets and contributed to poor aesthetics in the neighbourhood.

Rental of parking to non-residents on residential property for compensation is not permitted as per the City of Saskatoon (City) Zoning Bylaw No. 8770. To ensure that residential property owners are aware of the regulations and bylaws that apply to rental of parking on their properties, information was distributed to the residential properties in the northeast portion of the neighbourhood, as per Varsity View LAP Recommendation 5.5 – 'Parking for Rent' Notification.

For more information and to view the Varsity View LAP online, visit saskatoon.ca/lap.

Making a Bylaw Complaint with the City

Residents can make a bylaw complaint to the City's Bylaw Compliance Section by phone at 306-657-8766, by email at bylaw.compliance@saskatoon.ca, or on the City's website at saskatoon.ca/webform/report-bylaw-infraction. All complaints received are kept confidential. All concerns are investigated and can take varying lengths of time to resolve due to the enforcement process.



In person program sign-up for winter indoor activities will be held on Tuesday Jan 7 & Thursday Jan 9, 2020 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Brunskill School, 101 Wiggins Ave North

Email newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com to submit ads for publication. BUSINESS CARD AD 3.5" x 2" \$75 / issue

There's lots to do in Winter too!

Check out Saskatoon.ca/WintercityYXE for a list of winter events, facilities and more!

And watch for our WintercityYXE grant projects popping up around the city including the Little Stone Light Conservatory, Kona Festival, and the Winter Family Friendly Triathlon.

A TOTAL OF \$25,000 is allocated to non-profit organizations, ad hoc groups, businesses or for profit organizations implementing initiatives that support the WintercityYXE goals and objectives. Grants are awarded in the following categories: Winter Comfort and Access, Projects that improve comfort and accessibility in the winter (e.g. winterizing outdoor patios, grooming trails or walking paths, adding wind breaks).

Winter Design: Urban design installations which celebrate winter. Winter Activities: Events, festivals and activities that build enthusiasm for winter by taking advantage of winter opportunities and celebrating the fun quality of life.

For more information, visit <https://www.saskatoon.ca/community-culture-heritage/arts-grants/grants>

Do you have news, photographs or an event that is of interest to the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park communities? Email newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com to submit notices

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CITY OF SASKATOON: COUNCILLOR CYNTHIA BLOCK



Photo submitted by Cynthia Block

HELLO VARSITY VIEW AND GROSVENOR, as fall has quickly turned to winter, I am grateful we were able to capture a family photo before the snow arrived, albeit with somewhat unwilling participants.

Council has been working on a number of strategic files.

Recycling – Blue Bin: Council voted to retain the program, with a couple of changes. With changes in global markets for recycled products, black plastic (coffee lids, takeout containers) and polycoat (single use coffee pods) will be banned, along with plastic film such as grocery bags. Glass will still be collected, but the option to drop off at SARCAN will continue, as well. While glass often gets broken in the blue bin program, it can be used for other things without contaminating the other recyclable items. The monthly cost per household is expected to be \$7 - \$7.50 in 2020.

Farmers Market: Council has endorsed a locally-grown authentic farmers market at River Landing, to be operated on days that work for the farmers. Council has further requested there be other operations on the site throughout the week. Note, the building at River Landing will be closed in the New Year to fix issues with the roof. Our administration has confirmed the area will return as a farmers market in the spring.

New Central Library: After a decade of planning, the Saskatoon Public Library has unveiled its business plan for a new downtown library. Libraries across North America have been shown to spur economic development, enhance quality of life and expand services in the digital age. The City is being asked to hold the capital debt, and SPL expects the average household would pay an additional \$5 per year from 2020 – 2026. The proposal will be discussed during budget deliberations in late November.



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Electric Bus Pilot Project: Saskatoon Transit is proposing a one year lease for an electric bus for our city. The project would help to determine the pros and cons in a winter city like ours. Data indicates a savings of \$300,000 per bus over the life time of the vehicle compared with current buses, due to reduced costs for fuel and maintenance. The cost of the pilot project is being paid through a program initiated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Saskatoon has another urban reserve. Located near the airport, the 40 acre parcel is owned by the Kahkewistahaw First Nation. A bylaw and services contract ensures the reserve is paying the same rate as property tax. Urban reserves have been building economic activity and creating employment in Saskatoon for the past 30 years.

As Council's strategic lead for downtown development, I am thrilled that Vendasta has chosen to stay and expand its operations in downtown Saskatoon. A growing workforce, expected to reach 700 in the next few years, the tech company will take over a number of floors atop Saskatoon Square, which will be renamed Vendasta Square.



Sincerely,

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Have you signed up for City News from Cynthia? To receive e-updates or read previous updates, go to www.cynthiablockward6.com

ANONYMOUS DONATION MAKES BIG PLANS POSSIBLE!



Thank you to Jim Siemens and Oxbow Architecture for preparing the new plans for the park and Strata Development and City Gardens Saskatoon for taking on the construction. The contractor will keep moving forward this fall as long as the weather cooperates, but in all likelihood, the park will need to be finished next spring once shovels can get in the ground. We ask that people keep out of the construction zone and respect the signage so that the work can proceed safely and efficiently.

Thank you to our supporters Nutana Community Association, Varsity View Community Association, City of Saskatoon, Community Initiatives Fund, Oxbow Architecture, Strata Development, City Gardens Saskatoon, and, of course, YOU!

Watch for an opening celebration in the summer! Keep up to date on Facebook: facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/

Thank you for making your little park a BIG success!

Big Plans for a Little Park: Albert Recreation Unit park rejuvenation – Winter 2019 update

AFTER, AS WHAT SEEMED LIKE, A GREAT NUMBER OF YEARS planning and fundraising, construction at Albert Recreation Unit began this fall. A huge THANK YOU to our anonymous donor as well as a big thank you to all those in the community who have believed in and supported this park project from the beginning. YOU are making YOUR park a BIG success!

We know everyone will be thrilled with the new park once complete – it will be a source of neighbourhood pride and accomplishment, as well as being a great place to play and hang out with your neighbours.



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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 2020: Winter program registration

Spring 2020: Annual VVCA social and fundraiser

March 2020: Spring program registration

April 2020: VVCA Annual General Meeting

May 2020: Annual Community Clean-Up

Watch the website and future newsletters for more details

VVCA Winter 2019/20 Programs Registration

Tuesday Jan 7, & Thursday Jan 9, 2020

In person program sign-up will be held on January 7 and 9 at 7-8:30pm at Brunskill School, 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. A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations. VVCA honours other community association memberships. Programs may change – please visit vvcasaskatoon.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) or inquire with any volunteer on registration night. All inquiries are confidential



| PROGRAM | LOCATION | TIME | DAY | START & END DATE | COST |
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| ALL AGES | | | | | |
| Tae Kwon Do - Beginner (6 years +) | Brunskill - Gym & MPR | 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM | W&F | Jan. 10/15 - Mar 20/25 | \$85 |
| Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years +) | Brunskill - Gym & MPR | 07:15 PM - 08:00 PM | W&F | Jan. 10/15- Mar. 20/25 | \$125 |
| Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years +) | Brunskill - Gym & MPR | 08:00 PM - 09:00 PM | W&F | Jan. 10/15 - Mar. 20/25 | \$150 |
| ADULT | | | | | |
| Badminton (raquet req'd) | Brunskill - Gym | 08:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Tu | Jan. 14 - Mar. 24 | \$45 |
| Badminton (raquet req'd) | Brunskill - Gym | 08:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Th | Jan. 16 - Mar. 26 | \$45 |
| Conversational Italian Beginner | Brunskill - Library | 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM | F | Jan. 17 - Mar. 27 | \$75 |
| Conversational Spanish Beginner | Brunskill - Library | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM | Tu | Jan. 14 - Mar. 24 | \$110 |
| Conversational Spanish - Intermediate | Brunskill – Library | 07:15 PM - 08:15 PM | Tu | Jan. 14 - Mar. 24 | \$110 |
| *Geneology | Brunskill -Library | 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM | Mon & Th | Jan. 13 - Feb. 6 | \$50 |
| *Painting with Lorraine | Brunskill Art Room | 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM | Mon | Jan. 13 - Mar. 30 | \$120 |
| Shine Dance Fitness | Brunskill - MPR | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM | Tu | Jan. 14 - Mar. 24 | \$100 |
| Yoga - Multi-level | Brunskill - MPR | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM | M | Jan. 13 - Mar. 30 | \$110 |
| Yoga - Multi-level | Brunskill - MPR | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM | W | Jan. 15 - Mar. 26 | \$110 |
| Yoga - gentle, restorative, beginner | Brunskill - MPR | 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM | Th | Jan. 16 - Mar. 25 | \$110 |
| CHILDREN | | | | | |
| Art for Kids (6-9) | Brunskill - Art Room | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM | W | Jan. 15 - Mar. 25 | \$50 |
| PRESCHOOL | | | | | |
| Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5) | Brunskill - Gym | 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM | W | Jan. 15 - Mar. 11 | \$50 |
| Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5) | Brunskill - MPR | 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM | F | Jan. 10 - Mar. 6 | \$50 |
| SOCCER & BASKETBALL | | | | | |
| Soccer U5, U7, U9, U11 | ON LINE ONLY – Spring league registration TBA watch for it on the web vvcasaskatoon.com | | | | |
| Basketball (6-14) | ON LINE ONLY – Spring league registration TBA watch for it on the web vvcasaskatoon.com | | | | |

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.