

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

– Jon Naylor, VVCA President  
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A FEW MONTHS AGO, I WROTE YOUR 'LAST MESSAGE AS PRESIDENT'.

A sheep farmer once said to me 'We see through the glass but dimly'. Who could have predicted that a pandemic would intervene, our AGM would be cancelled, and that your community association would trudge on with its present board? Our AGM is now scheduled for September 16th at Brunskill School (check the website for any last minute changes). Besides electing new board members there will be a resolution to allow meetings by videoconference so that we are better prepared for whatever the future may bring.

To slow the spread of COVID we had to cancel many of our planned activities. Our barbeque in the park, community clean up, sport, art and leisure programs were all cancelled. Your board continued to meet by zoom and everyone did their best to support our community in a socially responsible manner. Before I thank all our volunteers, something that cannot be done enough, I want to mention a change that may affect those who live close to multiunit dwellings. On March 23rd City council considered the parking requirements for multi-unit dwellings. Previously these were required to have between 1 and 1.5 parking spaces per unit depending on the zoning district. I wrote a letter suggesting that Council postpone changes until we had a better handle on how City growth and transportation needs would change in the post COVID era. However, council voted to reduce the parking requirement to 0.75 spaces per unit.



Photo submitted by Jon Naylor

On the parking front, council is also moving on modifications to the Residential Parking Permit program. These include limiting the number of permits to a maximum of 3 per dwelling, allowing residents on blocks directly adjacent to an RPP to buy permits, and provisions to allow subzones.

Other civics news includes an improved day care on MacKinnon and 9th Street E. The VVCA board initially had concerns about the number of places; these resulted in the plan being more thoroughly evaluated. In the end, our concerns were addressed, and we welcome this new addition to our community. Unfortunately, we have several areas of friction between established households and infill developments. These occur when infill is not appropriately permitted, or new builds infringe nuisance bylaws. For some concerns e.g. noise, there are no clear channels for enforcement. These are issues that need to be vigorously addressed if we are to maintain a respectful balance in our community. I have been remiss in not thanking the many members

of VVCA-Grosvenor who volunteer on our behalf. There are many, and I thank you all, even those who I unintentionally leave out of the following list. I will start with Barb. Barb has roots in our community that extend over generations; she gives untiringly of herself to run out indoor programs. Presidents comes and go, but Barb is the reliable clock spring that keeps our association on track. Thank you, Barb. We have Ted whose commitments to keeping our accounts honest, the community garden running, and making sure we never lack for a good joke, is only exceeded by the amount he crams into a day. Thank you, Ted. There is the outdoor crew who keep our rink open, ski trails ploughed, soccer running, and the community clean. Thank you, Gregg, Kenton, Freddy, Luke and Niran. We have our secretary and members at large who provide the bureaucratic backbone of the organization and try to prevent me from making a fool of myself. Thank you, Diane and Holly Ann. We have Roger (web, social media and Albert Community Park) and Theodora (newsletter), we would be voiceless without the work they do our behalf

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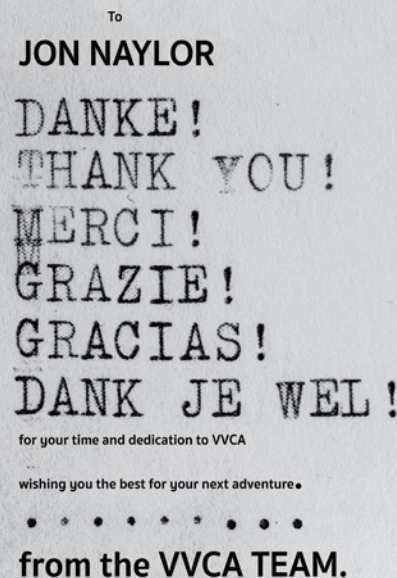
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Mark Prebble,  
Lucy Schindler, Allan Woo

**President's Report Continued**

thank you. We have many who find themselves constrained by time but whose support is still very meaningful, thank you Annika, Anne, and James. We have Cathy (how could I forget Cathy?) who perseveres in championing bike lanes and sidewalks, thank you Cathy. I have somehow forgotten Tammy (newsletter distribution), Mary Anne, and I am regretfully sure, others; thank you all. It has been a pleasure working with you. Seeing everyone's sincere wish and effort to make ours a stronger community is strengthening and heart warming. In the doldrums of our year of the COVID, I wish you all good health, stay safe and also sane. Please come to our AGM and volunteer or help elect a new board to move our community forwards. I hope to meet many of you on the campaign trail for City Council and look forwards to learning your concerns.

Jonathan (Jon) Naylor

**RINK RAFFLE**

- draw date postponed to  
Dec 16 2020.  
contact editor for to purchase ticket  
see website for details

**ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday Sept 16th, 2020  
7:00 PM  
Brunskill School Library  
see website for details



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## INDOOR COORDINATOR'S NEWS



Photo by Frame Harirak (Unsplash)

HELLO EVERYONE! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy through these uncertain times! We have been asked to submit our programs for the fall line up! Please keep in mind that there is going to be a lot of changes and rules we will be following so there may be changes!

Patience is a virtue and will be very important to have in these times!

I will try to keep you up to date with all information and changes that may arise! Make sure you check our Facebook page or website for up to date info!

Tentatively registration for the Fall is September 3rd & 8th from 7-8:30pm in the small gym at Brunskill school!

Barb

## BUS SERVICE ALERT



Photos by Theodora Ofosuima

COMMUTERS ARE REMINDED that due to construction, the following bus stops will be closed temporarily:

- 4120 - Clarence / 12th Street
- 4121 - Clarence / 12th Street
- 4123 - Clarence / 14th Street
- 4124 - Clarence / 14th Street
- 4125 - Clarence / 15th Street
- 4126 - Clarence / 15th Street
- 4139 - Clarence / Aird
- 4141 - Clarence / Colony
- 4142 - Clarence / Colony
- 4155 - Clarence / Temperance



Temporary Stop Locations:

- Temp Stop - 12th Street / Clarence Ave • Temp Stop - Clarence / 11th Street • 3542 - Temperance / Clarence • 3543 - Temperance / Clarence • 4118 - Clarence / 10th Street • 4119 - Clarence / 10th Street • 4149 - Clarence / Osler • 4154 - Clarence / University Drive

Messages for Customers:

Customers are reminded to check the Saskatoon Transit schedules to confirm the approximate time of service before venturing outdoors, and to dress for the weather in case of delays.

see saskatoon.ca for up to date info.

### Varsity Dental Group

#### General Dentistry

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Dr. M. Gavellis | Dr. J. Marshall | Dr. K. McCann  
Dr. E. Bull | Dr. J. Bourgault

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Friday 7–5pm | Saturday 7–1pm

201 – 1414 8th Street East, Saskatoon, SK  
Corner of 8th St. & Cumberland Ave.

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## CITY OF SASKATOON: COUNCILLOR CYNTHIA BLOCK



Photo submitted by Cynthia Block

As we head into fall, we know there is still uncertainty. However, I am more confident than ever that together we will find a way through it, and rise like never before.

Stay well.

Warm Regards, Cynthia

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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](http://www.cynthiablockward6.com)

### HELLO WARD 6, AND A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO EVERYONE!

This has been an unprecedented time, and we have all made changes, sacrifices and figured things out in ways we could not have predicted. This photo from last year's Broadway Street Fair is a stark reminder how much things have changed. As a community, we are learning to cope with COVID 19 and perhaps even find ways to thrive.

City Hall navigated a shutdown and has been working hard to re-open. I am proud of the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure our basic services are maintained. I'm also grateful for the spirit of cooperation in our community and among all levels of government.

The province's Municipal Economic Enhancement Program (MEEP) has allowed our City to make important investments in basic infrastructure to support the recovery effort. Council agreed to focus on sidewalks and active transportation. This will help to build new sidewalks where none exist, advance our sidewalk replacement program and also add more accessibility ramps in older areas. We will also see stronger investments in our parks, new noise mitigation efforts for busy streets and a public Wi-Fi project in the downtown. You may have noticed more parking patios in our business improvement districts, as Council voted to loosen restrictions and remove fees to support businesses and social distancing. And, Saskatoon Transit is piloting the City's first electric bus, which is anticipated to lead to a full EV fleet.

### YOUR AD HERE!

Do you offer a service or run a business  
that is of interest to our community?

This printed newsletter reaches over 2,000 homes in the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park neighbourhoods. These are people who are interested in what happens in their community and are also keen to support neighbourhood businesses.

Ad booking deadline is Nov 18, 2020.

### BUSINESS CARD AD

3.5" x 2"

\$75 / issue

Email [newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com](mailto:newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com)  
to submit ads for publication.

## MARK YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 2020 FALL/WINTER BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Dates to register for 2020 Fall/Winter SMBA league to “TBD” see SMBA website for details at [www.smba.ca](http://www.smba.ca)

Who: All players from Grades 3-12. (Dunkaroos and Grades 1/2 will have their own online registration)

### NEXT ISSUE - DEC 2020/JAN 2021

The Winter 2020 issue will be printed and distributed to the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park neighbourhoods mid to late December. Do you have news, photos or an event that is of interest to the community? Submit it to [newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com](mailto:newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com) before Nov 25, 2020.

### VOTING AND ELECTIONS



The City's election team is preparing to hold Saskatoon's local government election as planned on Monday, November 9, 2020. Election Day is legislated by the provincial government. As the COVID-19 situation continues and the outlook for fall yet unpredictable, work is well underway as we prepare for Saskatoon's Civic Election with all current public health protocols in mind. The City will respond accordingly to any public health order directives issued by the province. Voting Safely - Is Our Priority.

As of 2012, general elections in Saskatchewan are held every four years. Elections are held in order to elect a mayor and 10 councillors, one for each of the city's 10 wards. The City of Saskatoon also conducts elections for both the Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools in order to elect their respective school board trustees.

The provincial government election is Monday, October 26, 2020. For information on the provincial election visit [www.elections.sk.ca](http://www.elections.sk.ca)

SEE SASKATOON.CA FOR MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

## BACK TO SCHOOL - DRIVE SAFELY



Photo by Theodora Ofosuima

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.



## Get Active this Winter!

VVCA Registration nights  
September 3rd & September 8th,  
7:00 – 8:30pm in Brunskill School's  
small gym/multi purpose room!

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES



As a respiratory illness, the best method to protect yourself against COVID-19 is to practice everyday preventive actions, including:

coughing or sneezing into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand, throw away tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined waste basket and wash your hands afterwards.

Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry them well; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

Maintaining safe food practices and avoid sharing cups, glasses, dishes or cutlery, and ensure they are thoroughly washed with warm water and soap after each use.

Cleaning high-touch surfaces and objects frequently with regular household cleaners or diluted bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water), such as toys, toilets, phones, electronics, door handles, bedside tables, television remotes

Avoiding close contact with people who are sick. Avoiding unnecessary travel to affected areas. Practicing healthy habits such as eating well, exercising and getting enough rest to help support your immune system.

READ MORE AT <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/fire-emergency/covid-19/precautionary-measures>

## ALBERT RECREATION UNIT!



Photos submitted by Roger Williamson



### BIG PLANS FOR A LITTLE PARKi:

#### Albert Recreation Unit park rejuvenation – Summer/Fall 2020 update

AS YOU KNOW THE CONTRUSCTION AT ALBERT RECREATION UNIT began last fall. It is on track to be finished this summer. By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox, the park should be open once again, and the community will be enjoying the newly rejuvenated park space.

We know everyone will be thrilled with the new park – new trees, asphalt ‘bumps’, a basketball half-court, the ‘twisty sticks’ climbing structure, a small hill, a skateboard curb, and wider entry gates are many of the amenities we squeezed into this little park. We hope 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. Come out and play!

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! Also a huge THANK YOU to our anonymous donor who pushed this project into the fantastic-zone!

We hope to have a grand opening celebration late this summer or early fall. Stay tuned and watch our Facebook page for more details! [facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/](https://facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/)

Thank you for making YOUR little park a BIG success!



NEXT ISSUE: DEC 2020

**Jonathan Naylor**  
Ward 6

Nail taxes

Reduce crime

Green home renovation grants

Community led development

Better sidewalks and cycle paths

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# VVCA Fall 2020 Programs Registration

September, Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 8th, 2020

In person program sign-up will be held on Sept 3rd and 8th from 7-8:30pm in the small gym 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](http://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](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 - Beginner (6 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	06:30 PM - 07:15 PM	W&F	Oct. 7/9 - Dec. 16/18	\$85
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate (8 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	07:15 PM - 08:00 PM	W&F	Oct.. 7/9 - Dec. 16/18	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced (10 years +)	Brunskill - Gym & MPR	08:00 PM - 09:00 PM	W&F	Oct. 7/9 - Dec. 16/18	\$150
<b>ADULT</b>					
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Tu	Oct. 6 - Dec. 8	\$45
Badminton (raquet req'd)	Brunskill - Gym	08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Th	Oct. 8 - Dec. 10	\$45
Conversational Italian	Brunskill - Library	06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	F	Oct. 2 - Dec. 11	\$75
Conversational Spanish	Brunskill - Library	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Tu	Oct. 6 - Dec. 8	\$110
Genealogy	Brunskill - Library	07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	M & Th	Oct. 5 - Dec. 8	\$50
Photography	Brunskill - Library	06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	W	Oct. 7 - Dec. 16	\$100
Shine Dance Fitness	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Tu	Oct. 6 - Dec. 8	\$100
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	M	Oct. 5 - Dec. 14	\$80
Yoga - Multi-level	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	W	Oct. 7 - Dec. 16	\$110
Yoga - gentle, restorative, beginner	Brunskill - MPR	06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Th	Oct. 8 - Dec. 17	\$110
<b>CHILDREN</b>					
Art for Kids (6-9)	Brunskill - Art Room	06:00 PM - 07:00 PM	W	Oct. 7 - Dec. 16	\$50
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>					
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - Gym	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	W	Oct. 7 - Dec. 2	\$50
Tae Kwon Do – Pre-Beginner (Age 3-5)	Brunskill - MPR	06:00 PM - 06:30 PM	F	Oct. 16 - Dec. 4	\$50
<b>SOCCER &amp; BASKETBALL</b>					
Soccer U5, U7, U9, U11	ON-LINE ONLY, FALL 2020, TBA - watch newsletter and website <a href="http://vvcasaskatoon.com">vvcasaskatoon.com</a> for details				
Basketball (6-14)	ON-LINE ONLY, FALL 2020, TBA - watch newsletter and website <a href="http://vvcasaskatoon.com">vvcasaskatoon.com</a> for details				

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.

## BOARD MEMBER OPEN POSITIONS:

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for more information.