



FALL 2022

News for the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park Neighbourhoods

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



-Jon Naylor, President, VVCA

Summer/Fall Update

It is great to have summer upon us and many restrictions that marked the last two years are lifted! We have celebrated by supporting Sum Theatre and its Theatre in the Park program. Several hundred community members were happy to enjoy wâhkôhtowin and the VVCA barbeque at Grosvenor Park. Recently, VVCA hosted a barbeque and handed out free water and freezies at the 'Art in the Park' day at President Murray Park. It has been great to meet the community and catch up with the important events in your life. I look forward to seeing more of you as summer progresses.

Our winter activity program wrapped up in July. As usual special thanks are due to Barb and her host of instructors who bought art and activity to support the health of our community. Notable mentions go to the Tae Kwon Do program (enroll a kid if you have the opportunity), the Art group (I hear good things and hope they bring

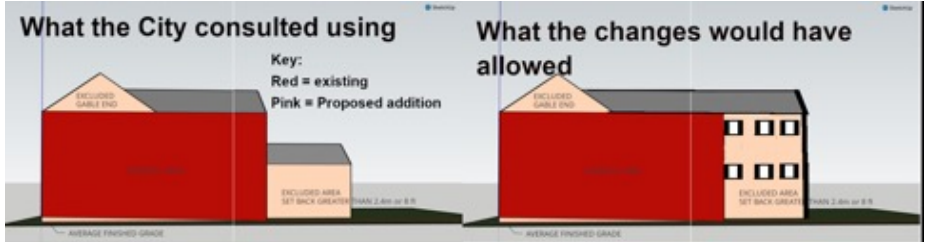
a picture or two to our next enrollment), and Badminton (which has its group of ardent adult followers). I hear very good things about all these programs. Learn more at our registration for fall activities at Brunskill School 7-8:30 PM on Sept. 8th and 13th. As usual the VVCA rink will fire up when the weather turns cold and will offer public and scheduled skating.

On the civics front the big news continues to be the proposal to modify the rules around infills and the rezoning of the northern part of Varsity View for corridor growth. On infill regulations, we dodged a bullet, barely. Avid readers of this column will remember that I previously thought that the proposal to allow larger houses that protrude further back into the lot had been axed. Not so, my mistake aided by poor communication from City Hall.

As you know, the community association found this proposal particularly grievous because it would encourage even larger houses (isn't 2,000 square feet and a full basement enough on a 25 foot lot?) and remove privacy and sunlight from adjacent properties.

The proposal would have reversed a change enacted about 8 years ago that bought some peace to our neighborhood as we try to juggle developers' wishes for more profit against neighborhood values. Public consultation on this issue was slanted with the city campaigning with images that showed a small change when in fact the proposal would have allowed a much larger increase.

At the public hearing, the Varsity View and Nutana Community Associations were united in opposing these changes. We were greatly helped by Mark, a local architect, builder, and past president of Nutana Community Association. It turned out that City planners were unsure of the full implications of their proposals and in the end Council decided not to approve the bylaw changes. This means that infill in Varsity View will continue under existing regulations with no changes to maximal building depth or height of the door sill. A second bylaw change that mainly applies to setbacks from the road in historic neighborhoods on the other side of the river and to front porches was approved.



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Two take-home messages

Two take home messages are that the sidewall rule, which governs depth of buildings in our neighborhood, is very complex and open to interpretation. I have long thought that many planning decisions could be streamlined and made consistent by having publicly available online calculators for things such as sidewall length.

The other take home is that the consultation process sucks. More specifically, the initial secret committee that proposes these changes should:

- a) not be secret
- b) include a member of the community association charged with community consultation
- c) be composed of a cross section of the community not only developers and their buddies.

Corridor Planning

Corridor planning, the plan to move the northern part of Varsity View to medium density housing, appears to be on hold over the summer. However, we can shortly expect a comprehensive proposal. Hopefully, this will include meaningful improvements to public spaces including active transit, preservation of historic sites, and mitigation for the large number of trees we will lose.



Parking

Lastly, there is a new push to expand the Residential Parking Program into 14th Street, along the 200 and 300 block of Cumberland Avenue, and the east side of the 300 block of McKinnon Avenue amongst others.

This is not sponsored by the Community Association although many members support the expanded zone.

School Zones

On a note of caution, council approved a 365 day a year, 7 am to 7 pm, 30 kph school zone limit and the signage for these changes is going up around the city.

These changes come into effect September 1st, 2022

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CITY UPDATE: WARD 6 COUNCILLOR CYNTHIA BLOCK

Hello Grosvenor Park and Varsity View!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful summer in our city. It was wonderful to see so many cherished festivals move forward this year, and I really can't get enough of Meewasin Trail this time of year.

Construction continues in many areas and it has been challenging, but I am really pleased to see so many improvements to basic infrastructure in Ward 6. For more information on construction in your area, go to www.saskatoon.ca/construction. Thank you for your patience as crews work to complete these projects.

Options for the Downtown Event and Entertainment District are expected to be made public before you read this newsletter. Whenever they are announced, the City will be seeking your feedback. While securing the event centre location is the next step, there will be many more steps before Council is asked to approve a capital project. It's hard to believe this journey began in 2016, and we clearly have a long way to go. Still, it is a significant step. Where we decide to locate this future event centre will set in motion many other aspects about how our downtown will evolve and grow. I want to send a shout out to our local Advisory Committee working with the City's technical experts, as they help to guide this process. This is a once-in-a-generation project, and together we will create the District with and for our whole community. Happy Fall!

Sincerely, Cynthia
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Councillor Block and Belle took advantage of a warm summer day for a walk along the Meewasin Trail

NEXT NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2022-23

The WINTER 2022-23 issue will be distributed to the Varsity View and Grosvenor Park neighbourhoods in December/January. To submit news/events or to book an ad, email newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com. Ad booking deadline is Nov. 30, 2022.



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EVENTS

EVENT	DATE & TIME	DESCRIPTION
VVCA Program Registration Night	7-8:30 PM Thursday, September 8 7-8:30 PM Tuesday, September 13th	Registration for adult and children's programs for fall 2022. More info on page 6
VVCA monthly board meeting	7 PM, Wednesday September 21st, Brunskill Library	Want to know more about the VVCA? Have an issue you think the Board should know about? Interested in volunteering? Come to one of our regular meetings held on the third Wednesday of every month or email info@vvcasaskatoon.com .

Non profits and community groups looking to submit events for the community calendar can email newsletter@vvcasaskatoon.com. There is no charge for this public service..



Do you know the story of the historic Bottomley House in Varsity View? Discover details on this and other interesting homes on the VVCA website. Click on Yesterday and Today/Notable Buildings/Historic Houses.

Community Youth Sports Registration

Saskatoon Minor Basketball

Registration for 2022 Fall/Winter Saskatoon Minor Basketball league can be found at www.smba.ca. Registration opens July 5, 2022 and continues until August 31.



VVCA Indoor Soccer



Varsity View 2022-23 indoor soccer registration is now open: <https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=0ee3dd2dc5> or visit the VVCA website.



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Art in the Park celebrates summer in the city



The WCA participated in the Art in the Park celebrations on July 24th in President Murray Park. The festival featured booths and displays from local artists and activities for the kids.

Community Clean Up



The Varsity View spring community clean-up was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints parking lot at 1429 10th Street E. At this location the 30 cubic yard roll-off bin was emptied 4X in total with waste. The amount of waste removed from Varsity View was 3,540 kg. 9 tires were collected and dropped off at A-1 Tire so that they can be recycled. A roll-off bin filled with metal was collected and taken to the Landfill metal pile to be recycled. This load of metal was 590 kg. 1 jug of motor oil was taken to the oil recycling facility at the landfill and a couple of shopping carts were returned to the business they came from. Shout-out to Tammy Harkema, Ted Stensrud, Fredy and Diane McDougall (and their friends), Jon Naylor, Barb Giles, Mel Prokop, Rene Chapman, Eva Chapman, Stanley Pupo, Quinton Friesen, Andrea Albert, Regan Olson from the City of Saskatoon, Loraas Disposal, Saskatoon Co-op (gloves donation) and the church (host site) for all their help.

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**VARSDY VIEW
COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL**

Registrations now open for 2022/2023 school year.

- offering half day morning and afternoon programs
- two, three or five days per week
- located in Brunskill School

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INDOOR COORDINATOR'S NEWS

by Barb Giles

Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had a great summer break. Getting back into the fall routine, here we come!

Please mark September 8 and 13th on your calendar. These dates are registration nights at Brunskill School small gym, from 7-8:30 pm. Everyone needs to be registered before the program startup date!

If you cannot make the registration nights, you may contact me at blgiles@sasktel.net and I will be happy to assist.

Please remember that a membership fee of \$10/individual OR \$20/family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented at the time of registration. Varsity View Community Association honours other community association memberships.

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 me (blgiles@sasktel.net) or ask at registration night. All inquiries are confidential.

VVCA Fall 2022 Programs In-Person Registration

7-8:30 PM on Thursday September 8th and Tuesday September 13th at Brunskill School Small Gym.

Full program descriptions available at vvcasaskatoon.com

PROGRAM	AGE	LOCATION	TIME	DAY	START & END DATE	COST
CHILDREN						
Tae Kwon Do - Pre-beginner	3-5	Brunskill Main Gym	6:00-6:30	M	Sept. 19-Nov. 21	\$50
Tae Kwon Do - Pre-beginner	3-5	Brunskill Main Gym	6:00-6:30	W	Sept. 21-Nov. 9	\$50
Tae Kwon Do - Beginner	6+	Brunskill Main Gym	6:30-7:30 PM	M&W	Sept. 19-Dec. 14	\$85
Tae Kwon Do - Intermediate	8+	Brunskill Main Gym	7:30-8:30 PM	M&W	Sept. 19-Dec. 14	\$125
Tae Kwon Do - Advanced	10+	Brunskill Main Gym	8:30-9:30 PM	M&W	Sept. 19-Dec. 14	\$150
Art for Children	5-8	Brunskill Art Room	6:30-7:30 PM	TH	Sept. 22-Nov. 24	\$50
ADULT						
Badminton (racquet required)	Adult	Brunskill Main Gym & Multi-Purpose Room	8:00-10:00 PM	TU	Sept. 20-Nov. 22	\$45
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Conversational Spanish - beginner	Adult	Brunskill Library	6:00-7:00 PM	TU	Sept. 20-Nov. 22	\$110
Conversational Spanish - advanced	Adult	Brunskill Library	7:15-8:15 PM	TU	Sept. 20-Nov. 22	\$110
Art for Adults	Adult	Brunskill Art Room	6:30-7:30 PM	W	Sept. 21-Nov. 23	\$75
Yoga multi-level	Adult	Brunskill Multi-Purpose Room	6:30-8 PM	M	Sept. 19-Dec. 12	\$110

Programs and startup dates subject to change. Please confirm dates, times and programs at registration night.