



THE VIEW

NEWS FOR VARSITY VIEW & GROSVENOR PARK NEIGHBOURHOODS

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Greetings! Mark your calendar for 40th anniversary on June 14th

We are very excited about throwing a party Saturday, June 14th, 2025, to celebrate our 40th community association anniversary. Activities will be set up in President Murray Park as an all-ages event. Including music and dance shows, art, community history, sports, a fairy garden, a book exchange and more.

If you would like to be involved or better yet run an activity or show off your talents, please email our event committee coordinator Shelly Loeffler though 40th@vvcasaskatoon.com.

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Thank you again everyone for helping make our neighbourhood a great place to live. The VVCA rink at Brunskill School this winter has been great this year and is open for all to use. A giant thanks to Fredy, Mahdi, Rene, Niran, Tyler, Carlos and everyone else that lends a hand keeping the rink the wonderful place it is. Additionally, the cross-country ski trail at Grosvenor Park has gotten some great use.

Thanks to all the volunteers and teachers for providing wonderful programs: Tae Kwon Do, Fern and more; Art for adults/children, Qiming and Kiara; Badminton, Chris; Conversational Spanish, Bessie; Yoga, Miranda and Brett; Folk dance, Dorothy; Babysitting course, Lavan. Thank you, Barb for finding homes for all the activities and keeping them filled. Thanks to Dylan for keeping soccer kicking off, and to Tammy keeping Basketball bouncing, and Andrea and Quinton for keeping everyone equipped.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 16 2025
7pm at Brunskill School Library



President message continued...

Civic News

The University of Saskatchewan will be developing a Concept Plan called 'Stadium Square'. This pedestrian, mixed-use community would be situated on the land south of Merlis Belsher Place and straddle Preston Avenue. Preliminary public engagements were held late February, with more sessions planned in future months as the Concept Plan is developed. A City of Saskatoon review of the final Concept Plan is expected fall 2025 with more public engagement sessions to follow. You can contact the developers for more information. usaskproperties.ca

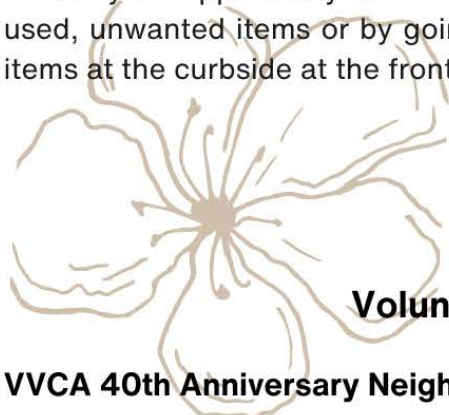
Also, in city projects, the Cumberland Park dry pond construction is set to start as soon as weather permits.

Annual Community Clean-up Event May 3rd

At this event, we collect items left in back alleys that are difficult to dispose of such as tires or couches. As always, volunteers are greatly appreciated to make the great work, light work, especially if you have a truck available.

Curbside Swap Events June 7 & June 13

This is your opportunity to reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill by giving away your gently-used, unwanted items or by going on a city-wide treasure hunt to find some new-to-you items. Simply place items at the curbside at the front of your property with a "free" sign. Mark your calendar.



Matthew Wiens

Volunteers Needed for Saturday June 14 2025

VVCA 40th Anniversary Neighbourhood Party at President Murray Park

Support your community and make this an unforgettable day in the park!

Contact our anniversary planning group (Shelly, Zuri and Barb) at 40th@vvcasaskatoon.com

If you have a talent, please let us know if you would like to be part of the celebrations! We are looking for local artists, builders, writers, musicians, storytellers, historians and dancers who would like to share their talents during that day.

Are you a business that would like to support our event? We will be pleased to provide advertising space and recognition to all sponsors.

We need some smiling volunteers for the day! If you can help out for some or all of the day, let us know. Let's build our community by working and celebrating together!

Basketball Coordinator needed

Role: Work alongside the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association (SMBA) to form registered players onto teams within your own and surrounding communities, recruit and communicate with coaches regarding their desired practice times, arrange equipment drop off, etc.

Newsletter Delivery Coordinator needed

Role: Recruit and communicate with volunteers as to their delivery routes, dates the newsletters need to be delivered by and arranging pick up of the newsletters by the volunteers prior to delivery.

Community Garden 15th Anniversary

This is a great resource. If you want to try your hand at being more self-sufficient or want to grow food for others, contact vvbmccg@gmail.com now to get your name on our waiting list for May 2025. Varsity View Bishop Murray Community Garden: Planting and Growing for 15 Years in 2025!

2025 will mark the 15th anniversary of Varsity View Bishop Murray Community Garden (VVBMCg). We are a unique partnership on Greater Saskatoon Catholic school grounds and rooted in VVCA working towards our larger mission of improving the quality of life for Varsity View & Grosvenor Park residents.

The garden actualizes the growing ambitions of over 80 families, including refugee families, and a variety of local partners. Local partners include Bishop Murray School, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and Saskatoon Open Door Society. Given our roots, we have a mandate to support garden education and have partnered with local schools and daycares when possible.

With two levels of options for fees/volunteer hours, the garden provides growing opportunities to meet different levels of interest and options for community and social engagement for like-minded hobbyists. A highlight of this social engagement is the Summer Garden Party, held each July and organized by the Garden Committee. New gardeners are required to contribute a minimum of 5 hours of service in the garden but often long-time gardeners are just as eager to join our collective work bees.

While the longer days have many of us thumbing through our seed catalogues, we know the snow will be around for a while yet. Each year, we open registration to returning gardeners in mid-April and accept new gardeners in May. For more information about the VVBMCg or to inquire about a plot in 2025, please email VVBMCg@gmail.com. Please note this email is not monitored until mid-April each year.

Albert Community Centre

Renovations will begin in the the new year. Interested in renting room(s) for a wedding, meetings or other event? Email albertcommunitycentre@gmail.com and include details such as the rental date(s) & time(s), room you are interested in booking, and purpose of the rental.

Albert Indoor Playground – A Fun & Friendly Playgroup since 1985

Located on the 3rd floor of the Albert Community Centre in Saskatoon, Albert Indoor Playground is a welcoming, volunteer-run, non profit, co-op playgroup for kids aged 0-5. It's a great space for little ones to socialize, play, and craft while parents and caregivers enjoy coffee, tea and conversation.

- Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 AM–12 PM & 1 PM–4 PM (Sessions run: September–May 31st)
- Cost: \$210 per family per session (prorated rates available) Refundable \$50 with toy wash participation
- How it Works: Choose a weekday to attend weekly with the same group for a familiar, friendly experience
- Member Expectation: Help tidy up after each session
- To join: email albertindoorplayground@gmail.com or visit albertindoorplayground.com



Want to get involved in your community?

Come to VVCA meeting held
7 pm on 3rd Wednesday
Brunskill School library

The next VVCA meeting:
Wednesday, March 19 2025
7pm at Brunskill School Library

**THIS SUMMER:
Theatre in the Park 2025**

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GROSVENOR PARK
Thur May 15th
7:00pm

FREE
All Welcome
45 Minutes

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Varsity View Community Association

**Varsity View/Bishop Murra
Community Garden**

VVBMCG 15 Years & Growing!

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