Buena Vista Community Association
2016 Winter Newsletter

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Updated Website

Check out our refreshed web site, now mobile friendly! Check back often for updates to the Community News section. Thanks to Meghan for her hard work on the new site, and to Jesse for her work on the old one!

Yoga

After 5 years and over 100 classes taught, Sheena will be taking a well-deserved a break. We are happy to welcome Brett Donlevy as our Yoga instructor for the Winter session!

Important Dates

January 4 — Winter registration; 6:30-8pm, BV gym
January 24—Kindergarten open house 7pm, BV School, *please call!*
February 9— Preschool registration 7-8:30pm, *see ad below!*
March 22—World Water Day
April 22—Earth Day, *see page 2!*

New Program: Pickleball

A new addition to our adult programming! Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two nets will be provided, as well as pickleballs, but only a limited number of rackets are available. Maximum 18 people.

Check out the website and the program table on the back page for more details!

Preschool Registration for 2017-18 School Year

- We offer a 3-year old program (2x/week) and a 4-year old program (3x/week)
- Open house and registration on **Thursday, February 9, 7-8:30pm**
- Classroom is on the main floor of Buena Vista School
- **Please bring your chequebook!**

Questions? Contact Us

bvcreativepreschool@gmail.com
http://www.bvcreativepreschool.com

Rink and Rink Shack Update

The Rink Needs Your Help

It's finally cold enough to think about skating! We are looking for people to assist a team of volunteers for flooding, clearing and other rink-related maintenance.

Please email buenavista1910@gmail.com *if you are interested.*

Progress on the Shack

The siding is on! Thanks to Jared Madsen and the crew for their recent work, and to all of the volunteers who have worked on the rink shack over the years.

Check out the colour photos in the Community News section on the website.

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In Your Community—Civics Update

Traffic control and review

- **Traffic lights** will be installed by the City at the intersection of **Lorne Ave and Ruth Street** in the spring/summer of 2017.

Traffic Review

- The City will be conducting a **traffic review** in the neighborhood **between April and June 2017**.
  - A traffic review can include issues such as: traffic calming, sidewalks and boulevards, yield signs, stop signs, traffic lights, pedestrian walk lights, and so forth.
  - Residents will have an opportunity to provide input to the City. The results of the review and subsequent infrastructure renovation can have major positive effects to the community in years ahead.
  - The **date(s)** for the review will be **finalized early in the new year**.

Octopus Tree and City pruning

- The octopus tree was badly damaged by snow in October. City crews removed a significant portion of the tree, and also pruned some of the larch trees in the park.
- The black knot fungus will be targeted by city crews, with the removal of infected plants. The fungus is especially noticeable on the Schubert chokecherry bushes. According to the city, cyclical pruning for BV is scheduled for 2018, and the park is scheduled for 2019.

Progress on the Hilltops Clubhouse

The Saskatoon Hilltops are looking to update their clubhouse on Kilburn Ave, between 2nd and 4th St West; the image to the right is a computer rendering of the building. For more information and photos, visit saskatoonhilltops.com .

Kilburn Hall

The former Yarrow Youth Farm property west of the Kensington neighbourhood has failed to sell for a second time. Yarrow was the open custody youth correctional facility closed by the province, with all open custody offenders being transferred to a new unit inside of Kilburn Hall. The Kilburn open custody unit is only accessible by offenders via the back alley behind Kilburn Avenue and is unlocked for large parts of the day. Assurances made at the public consultation about the move regarding the development of lighting and paving of the alley have not been followed through on and the BVCA continues to be stalled by the province in its request for the presentations made and minutes of the consultation meeting.

What is Environmental Justice?

Saskatoon Unitarians

Join the Saskatoon Unitarians in 2017 as they explore environmental justice and pathways to action through a discussion of the four elements: water, air, fire, and earth.

Check out ucsaskatoon.org *in the new year for more info!*

March 26	Water
April 2	Air
April 9	Fire
April TBD	Earth

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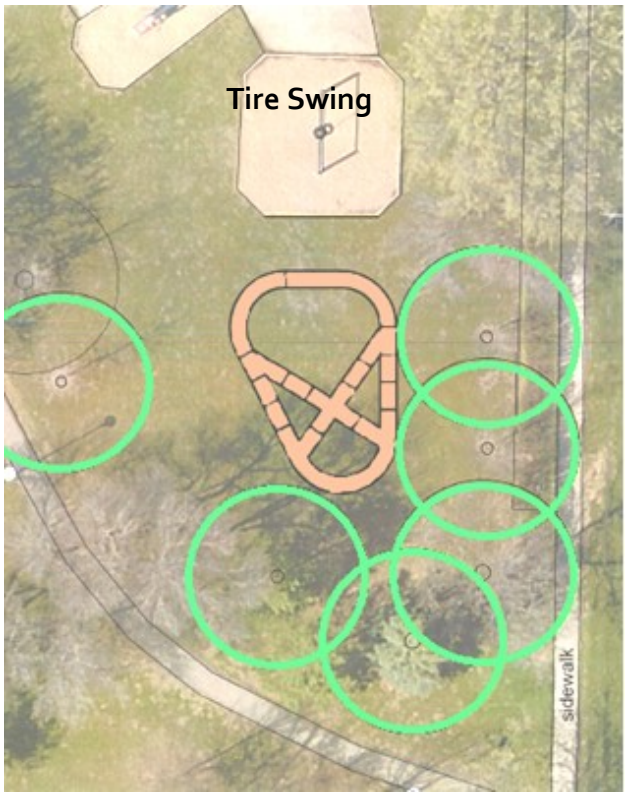
Buena Vista Park Enhancements

Bicycle Pump Track

Thank you to everyone who came out to our open house for the proposed pump track in Buena Vista Park. We had some wonderful feedback and continue moving forward with this project. After compiling all the feedback and discussion with the parks department, we needed to look at an **alternate location** with more clearance to trees and shrubs. In staying true to our original plan of having this track in eye sight of parents, we have proposed an alternate location in the **south east corner of the park**. We will be hosting **an additional information session** during the January 4th registration should anyone want additional information on this change or the proposal in general. We hope to see you there!



To the right is an overhead view of the proposed track and surrounding area (top of the image is north). Nearby trees are circled, and the new track location would be just south of the tire swing.

Park Bench and Signs

In addition to the pump track there are some other exciting changes to the park coming this summer. A new bench will be installed this summer to expand the seating around the playground. We also plan on completing some beautification of the areas around the park signs on Victoria Avenue. We can't wait to see how it looks!

BVCA Board Positions

President	Sean Sass (*)
Vice-President	VACANT
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky (*)
Secretary	Pam Fichtner
Pre-School chair	Megan Bartake
Members at large	Garry Colin, Jason Blair, Justin Buhler, Susan Pederson, Sarah Story

Non-Board Positions

City of Saskatoon	Kevin Ariss
Parks and Civics	Mike Winter
Programs	Sean Sass (*)
Volunteer coordinator	VACANT
Soccer	VACANT
Rink	Jared Madsen
Newsletter	Warrick Baijius
Website	Meghan Mickelson
Facebook	Susan Pederson, Mandy Madsen
Community garden	VACANT
Pump track	Jared Madsen

(*) Interim basis

Want to get involved in your community association?

Join the board and get to know your community, and the people in it!

Contact us at buenavista1910@gmail.com for more information.

BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—JANUARY 4, 2017
BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:00PM

Program	Day/Time	Where	Cost
Adult Fitness			
All Levels Yoga	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School, 3rd Floor	$60 (10 classes)
Pilates	Tues. 6:45-7:45 pm	BV School Gym	$60 (10 classes)
Co-Ed Volleyball	Tues. 8-10 pm; or Wed. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	$25/person
Boot Camp Cardio	Thurs. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	$60 (10 classes)
Total Body Sculpt	Thurs. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	$60 (10 classes)
Pickleball (nets, balls provided, limited number of racquets available; limited to 18 registered)	Mon. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	$15 (10 sessions)
Adult Recreation/Craft			
Beginner Traveler Spanish	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Library, 2nd Floor	$60 (10 classes)
Intermediate Traveler Spanish	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School Library, 2nd Floor	$60 (10 classes)
Book Club	Every 3rd Thurs. of the month 7-9pm	BV School Library, 2nd Floor	$5/person
Beginner Social Dance	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	$30/couple (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	$30/couple (8 classes)
Children/Youth			
Martial Arts for Kids (ages 6-14)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	$50 (10 classes)
Supervised Youth Drop In (ages 7-13; start date TBA, check BVCA website for all details)	Wed. 6:30-8 pm	BV School Gym	Free
Family Gym Time (access to equipment; must be supervised)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	$15/family
Learn to Play Soccer (ages 3-5; equipment provided; parents must coach)	Mon. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	$25 (10 sessions)
Outdoor Soccer (ages 5-11, boys & girls coed; community-based **recreational**; parent coaches and referees required)	**Registration in February 2017. Costs are determined by SK Youth Soccer.** Equipment provided by BVCA. Check BVCA website in February 2017. This program runs outdoors **May and June 2017** at various City parks.		

- **All dates and times are subject to change**. Class will run based on reaching minimum required registration numbers. Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis. Check for up-to-date information at bvcasaskatoon.ca.
- Non-refundable $5/individual or family BVCA membership fee is required, unless paid in September 2016. BVCA honours other community association memberships and supports "shared programming". Late registrations are subject to a $10 surcharge.
- **Refund Policy:** Once class begins, **No Refunds**. All other refunds at the discretion of the BVCA.
- **Minors are to be supervised by parent/adult guardian while on School property at all times.**
- KidSport funding available to ensure everyone can participate in programs: e-mail us for funding. All inquiries are confidential.
- Email buenavista1910@gmail.com with any questions, or for KidSport funding.

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Free Classifieds for members & non-profit groups, preschools and recreational-based organizations, within the Buena Vista neighbourhood, shall be published as space permits. Email buenavista1910@gmail.com for more information.