



Buena Vista Community Association

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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WALKING SASKATOON/BUCKWOLD BRIDGE

Do you walk, run, cycle, or otherwise use the pedestrian pathway on the Sidney Buckwold Bridge?

Ever been sprayed by slush, rain, or had to duck and dodge rocks, dirt, or debris from unsecured loads?

You're not alone! We went out and asked people on the bridge, and they have experienced this too:

"I turn my head to avoid grit and rocks from speeding cars"

"The bridge is dangerous for walkers and bikers"

"I'm always getting road spray in my mouth"

"Two cyclists can hardly meet without their handlebars colliding"

"The walkway needs to be wider, I'm always scared of getting hit by a bike"

"I don't use the bridge at night because I feel unsafe because of the lack of lights"

The Sidney Buckwold Bridge is due for maintenance in 2018, including a new deck surface for the cars. This is an excellent opportunity for the walkway to get some work done on it as well. It makes sense to work on this active transportation link between the southern neighbourhoods and downtown, especially with all of the work on revitalizing Riversdale and Saskatoon Landing.

We are Walking Saskatoon, a new pedestrian/active transportation advocacy group, and we want to make the city safer and more enjoyable for those of us on the sidewalks. We are currently putting together a proposal to have the walkway widened from 1.4 metres to at least 2.5 metres, and also to have the barriers on both sides of the walkway upgraded to improve safety, security, and comfort for everyone who uses the bridge.

Connect with us to share stories and photos of your experiences on the bridge.



IMPORTANT DATES

May 7—Jane's Walk in Buena Vista
1:30pm, Tastebuds, *see page 3*

May 13 — Coffee with your Councillor
1:30-3:30pm, Tastebuds, *see page 4*

May 13—Nutana Lawn Bowling Open House
1:30-3:30pm, BV Park, *see page 4*

June 3-6—PotashCorp Children's Festival
Hours vary, Kinsmen Park, *see page 3*

June 6—Buena Vista Traffic Review
7pm, Saskatoon Unitarians, *see page 3*

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!! LOST AND FOUND !!

A pair of men's prescription sunglasses were found near Eastlake Ave and 8th St near the beginning of February.

If you think these might be yours, please send an email to l_claire_miller@hotmail.com describing the glasses, so that you can arrange to get them back!

What's happening in your community

CIVICS UPDATE

BUENA VISTA TRAFFIC REVIEW—JUNE 6, 7PM, SASKATOON UNITARIAN CENTRE, 213 2ND ST E

- The Buena Vista neighbourhood 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. Results of the review and subsequent infrastructure renovation can have major positive effects to the community in years ahead.
- Traffic review for Queen Elizabeth/Exhibition is April 27, 7pm at St. Frances School
- Don't forget, **traffic lights** will be installed by the City at the intersection of **Lorne Ave and Ruth Street** in the spring/summer of 2017.

BOULEVARD GARDENING

We appreciate the care that homeowners and renters take in maintaining the boulevards adjacent to their homes. You may garden on the front and side boulevards adjacent to your home if you read the City of Saskatoon's guidelines and complete the associated agreement online.

Please note that the City of Saskatoon may require occasional access to the boulevard to maintain underground utilities, build or repair sidewalks, install street signage, access hydrants, or prune street trees. This could mean that plants or other garden features may be removed or damaged.

For your own and others' safety, please Call Before You Dig (1-866-828-4888; <http://www.sask1stcall.com/>) to confirm the location of underground utilities before getting started.

VICTORIA AVENUE CHANGES BETWEEN 8TH AND 11TH ST.

To match the new Victoria Bridge, the city will be remaking Victoria Ave from 8th to 11th Street. See <http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/victoria-avenue-corridor-review> for more information.

WHAT IS A BOULEVARD GARDEN?

Boulevard gardens can create beautiful and diverse streetscapes, add character to neighbourhoods, and increase feelings of community pride and safety. They also increase ecological diversity and create habitat for insects and birds.

A boulevard garden includes non-woody plants such as perennial and annual flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Only trees and shrubs planted by the City of Saskatoon are permitted. Boulevard gardens may include temporary structures that can be moved by one person, including potted plants and birdbaths.

Proposed Design



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.

What's happening in your community

PUMP TRACK AND PARK ENHANCEMENT

Get your shovels ready! We will be building the pump track just south of the playground this summer, and will also be installing two new benches and two bike lock-up pedestals.

Check the website often for information on the work bee.

BUENA VISTA JANE'S WALK

Jane's Walks are free, locally organized walking tours, in which people get together to explore, talk about and celebrate their neighbourhoods.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES IN BUENA VISTA:

AN IDEAS WALK BY DESIGN COUNCIL OF SASKATCHEWAN

What opportunities lie in the spaces between building and landscape, sidewalk and roadway, neighborhood plan and topography?

Led by a local architect and member of Design Council of Saskatchewan, Design Opportunities in Buena Vista is an ideas walk that seeks out opportunities in the spaces leftover after 100 years of development in one of Saskatoon's oldest neighbourhoods. This ~60 minute walk will explore parts of the community, pausing to investigate interstitial spaces and to brainstorm ideas for their creative use/reuse that can set the tone for our urban environment for the next 100 years.

What to bring: good shoes, great ideas, open mind.

When and where: May 7, 2017, 1:30 PM @ Tastebuds Cafe

See <http://janeswalk.org/canada/saskatoon/> for more information.



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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| City of Saskatoon | Kevin Ariss |
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| Soccer | VACANT |
| Rink | Jared Madsen |
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| Community garden | VACANT |
| Pump track | Jared Madsen |

(* Interim basis)

POTASHCORP CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF SASKATCHEWAN

Join us at the 29th annual PotashCorp Children's Festival of Saskatchewan in Kinsmen Park! This year's theme is Bridges. Explore the history of bridges of Saskatoon, the bridges we build to each other, and the bridges that connect the world! We have an abundance of exciting performances, as well as activities and games for children of all ages to enjoy.

<http://potashcorpchildrensfestival.com/>

HOURS OF OPERATION

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| June 3 & 4 | 9am-5pm |
| June 5 & 6 | 9am-3:30pm |
| Sunset Party (June 3) | 5pm-9pm |

TICKETS: \$10



A message from your Councillor...

Hello Buena Vista –

Welcome to spring! It's been a busy start to the year, and I am grateful for the opportunity to connect. I have heard from many of you and appreciate the efforts you take to ensure the City stays on top of the issues in your neighbourhood.

Here are a few highlights from City Hall:

- The new budget is set to be passed April 24
- Buena Vista is getting its Neighbourhood Traffic Review June 6
- Coffee with your Councillor opportunity May 13

BUDGET

There's been a lot of confusion this year due to re-assessment and the provincial government's decision to opt out of paying grants in lieu of taxes for some of its Crown infrastructure. Different levels of government use grants in lieu, as they are generally not allowed to tax one another. Further, municipalities are not allowed to run operating deficits.

Loss of grants in lieu and an increase in the PST, will cost Saskatoon approximately \$9 million dollars for 2017 (April – December). City Council is expected to pass amendments to the budget on April 24, with the following adjustments:

- Salary Freeze (City council, management and all staff)
- Snow & Ice reserve will not see additional funding as planned in 2017
- Accelerated Return on Investment from the Water Utility (*no impact on utility rates)
- 0.9 % additional property tax increase

As a result of the December budget, a property tax increase was set at 3.89%. A Council decision in March regarding the ratio between business and residential taxes meant the residential increase was reduced by nearly half. If Council approves the current amendments, **the 2017 residential property tax increase will be: 2.55% (average increase of \$3.65 per month)**

NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC REVIEW

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to weigh in on your ideas and concerns for all modes of transportation in Buena Vista. The public open house will be staffed by City traffic engineers who have designed an innovative, interactive approach to capture everyone's views.

See top of page 2 for more information.

COFFEE WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

I hope you'll join me to discuss civic issues in your neighbourhood at a come 'n go event:

May 13, 3:30—5:30pm @ Tastebuds (1624 Lorne)

I want to give a shout out to the BV Community Association. We are all extremely lucky to have the dedicated leadership of this team of volunteers. For all you do to make the neighbourhood a great place to live, thank you!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Block

NUTANA LAWN BOWLING CLUB

The Nutana Lawn Bowling Club would like to welcome you to our 2017 season! We are very excited to offer plenty of great opportunities for our patrons.

Our **Open House** is on **May 13th** from **1-4pm**. This will give you a chance to check out everything Nutana LBC has to offer.

Are you new to the sport? No problem, we have **4 Learn to Bowl lessons** on **May 16, 18, 23 and 25th @7pm**. We will be kicking off the season on Victoria Day from 2-5pm and continuing on with our club and recreational leagues throughout the season. Let the sunshine, competitions, and camaraderie begin at the proud and famed Nutana Lawn Bowling Club!

Please contact Carolyn, Club President, for more information at carrots1@sasktel.net

FREE

BVCA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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.