



Buena Vista Community Association

www.bvcasaskatoon.ca
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2018 Winter Newsletter



BVCA IS COMMUNITY BASED & VOLUNTEER RUN

We have **open seats on the board**; inquire about them or others. Our meetings are very informal, and a great way to learn about your community, and also to have a hand in shaping its future.

Programming—coordinate community programming (scheduling and registration; with support and training!)

Soccer—looking for one/two people to coordinate with other community associations to offer rec-based drop-in games.

Member-at-large—meet your community members, help with events, and give voice to your interests in the community!

2019/2020 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

- Open House: Jan 21 6-7pm, 2nd floor library; adult oriented, kids welcome
- Student open house in spring, date TBD
- Class offerings will depend on registrations
- Must be five as of Jan 31, 2020 to enroll for 2019/2020 school year
- For more information please contact the school: 306 683 7140



COMMUNITY RINK UPDATE

Lights! They are now on nightly from 6-10pm; check out our Facebook page for rink shack hours.

Organizing an event? Let us know via email if you want access to the warm-up shack—buenavista1910@gmail.com

We're still happy to have new volunteers to help with flooding and snow clearing. Visit Facebook or email for more info.

BV CREATIVE PRESCHOOL 2019-20 REGISTRATION

- We offer programs for 3-year (Tu/Th) and 4-year olds (M/W/F)
- Classroom is on the main floor of Buena Vista School
- Must be 3 by September 1st
- Head to our website www.bvcreativepreschool.com for our forms, Parent Handbook, and information about our preschool.
- Open house and registration:



February 7, 6:30-8pm
Please bring your chequebook!

bvcreativepreschool@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 9—Winter registration; programming on *back page*
- Jan 21—Kindergarten open house; 6-7pm, library (2nd floor)
- February 7—Preschool registration; 6:30-8pm, preschool classroom

WINTER EVENTS

- Dec 21-31—Unitarian Winter Services (21, 24, 31; see p. 3)
- Jan 24-Jan 26—Winterruption 2019; Broadway Theatre
- Jan 26-Feb 3—Winter Shines Festival; Farmer's Market

BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijius
Preschool chair	Megan Bartake
Members at large	Garry Colin, Jason Blair, Susan Pederson

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	Erin Wolfsen
Pump track	Jared Madsen

(*) Interim basis

What's happening in your community

CITY NEWS FROM CYNTHIA



There have been many important discussions in Council Chambers and throughout the community this fall, as we try to sort out plans for Bus Rapid Transit, AAA cycling network and high density infill proposals atop the Broadway and University Bridges. Expect to see some decisions around these in the New Year.

By the time you read this, Council may have made more decisions about our waste program. As of November, City-wide curbside organics collection (green cart) was approved, with implementation in 2020. It would be paid through property tax, while the black bin program would move to your utility bill, and include variable bin sizes/prices. However, a motion to rescind means there may be further debate about this in December.

A plan for a new downtown district could one day include a combined arena and convention centre, along with shops, entertainment and residential housing. Council has decided to develop a comprehensive plan for our downtown that will help to inform considerations for parking, transit, infrastructure and residential housing. It will also help inform other future decisions including a central library.

Prairie Sun Brewery on Broadway has been approved at the former location of the Farnam Block. The restaurant will include a micro-brewery, and is expected to open in the spring.

Stay up-to-date on civic news by signing up for e-updates: www.cynthiablockward6.com

Have a wonderful Holiday season!

Sincerely,

Cynthia

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PUMP TRACK & PARK ENHANCEMENT

For park enhancement, we still haven't installed our new benches and bike pedestals, but we are aiming for installation in spring 2019. Keep an eye out for the spring newsletter for more details.

LEISURE GUIDES

Leisure guides are out! If you didn't get one, please note that mail boxes with "no flyers", or houses that are registered for no-delivery by the Star Phoenix will not receive them. If you didn't receive your copy of the Leisure Guide, hard copies are available at all Leisure Centres, Public Library locations and City Hall, and you can access an electronic copy on <https://saskatoon.ca/leisureguide>

RECYCLING/WASTE COLLECTION CALENDARS

The Collection Calendar is paperless!

Sign up for reminders at Saskatoon.ca/collectioncalendar, download the app on Google Play or the App Store, or print your own from the website

"Never miss pick up day again!"

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.

FREE

What's happening in your community

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, NATURE, AND YOUR HEALTH!

Active transportation (AT) is a great way to **make connections** in your community, as well as to **improve your health**. Research shows that investments in active transportation infrastructure and supports provides a suite of benefits, including **reduced injuries, improved health, and reductions in carbon dioxide** and other combustion-based pollutants. Through savings in health care, and with an appropriate cost on carbon, these investments provide a **high benefit-cost ratios**; this means that by encouraging and facilitating active transportation, the City can improve the lives of its citizens, reduced its overall greenhouse gas emissions, and also save money in the long-run.

Parks and natural areas can be a vital part of an active lifestyle. For example, the Meewasin Trail System offers a beautiful and well-maintained year-round trail for active transportation. The province recently rejigged funding for the Meewasin Valley Authority, leaving it at-risk for chronic under-funding. As providers of cultural, environmental, and transportation connections to the city (and with parts of and connections to the trail coming through Buena Vista), we recognize the **importance of a well-funded MVA** in supporting our connection to the river valley, and in maintaining our pathways.

In November, City Council was set to task to allocate funds and set priorities through the budget process. As advocates for pedestrians and active transportation, Walking Saskatoon submitted a call for Council to increase funding for the AT Reserve, used for the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), as well as to fund a full time manager position out of the Operations budget (you can **find it on our website** post of this piece).

Currently, the manager is paid out of the implementation budget from the AT reserve fund, leaving little for actual implementation. At current funding levels, implementation is constrained to **low-hanging fruit**, and will never achieve meaningful gains and progress towards implementing and seeing in full the benefits of an active transportation city.

At the vote, **motions** were introduced to reduce **ATP phase-in funding down to \$0**, and also to reduce **MVA funding to \$0**. Our thanks to councillors who voted against these motions, which were **defeated**, at least preserving current funding levels and providing some security to the MVA moving forward. We continue to advocate for a more equitable distribution of city resources and funding towards pedestrian-related infrastructure, safety, and monitoring.

Walkingsaskatoon.org | Facebook: Walking Saskatoon
Twitter: @walkingyxe | Instagram: @walkingsaskatoon

COMMUNITY SAFETY

While they key to a safe community is knowing your neighbours, just as important is reporting suspicious activity and petty thefts. Be sure to lock up your bikes and cars, and report bike thefts, vehicle break-ins, and other safety concerns to the police, as keeping track of crime in the neighbourhood helps SPS allocate and dispatch officers more effectively.

Saskatoon Unitarians' Winter Services — All Free, All Welcome!

Winter Solstice - Labyrinth Walk

Friday Dec 21 7:30-9:30pm

Walk the labyrinth, enjoy music, song, cider and treats. Live music featuring local musicians.



Christmas Eve -

Silent Night Candle-Lit Service

Monday Dec 24 7pm

Join with community in peace, love and light

New Year's Eve - Party & Dance

Monday Dec 31 8:30pm-12am

All ages! No alcohol.



Saskatoon Unitarians 213 2nd St E, Saskatoon
306 653 2402

For more info visit ucsaskatoon.org

BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—January 9, 2019 BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:00PM

Program (& start date)	Day/Time	Where	Cost
ADULT FITNESS			
All Levels Yoga (Jan. 21)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 classes)
Pilates (Jan. 15)	Tues. 6:45-7:45 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 classes)
Co-Ed Volleyball (#1 Jan. 15; #2 Jan. 16)	#1 Tue. 8-10 pm #2 Wed. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$25/person
Boot Camp Cardio (Jan. 17)	Thurs. 7-7:50 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Total Body Sculpt	<i>Not offered at this time</i>		
Pickleball (Jan. 14, nets and equip. prov.)	Mon. 8:15-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$15 (10 sessions)
Zumba (Jan. 17)	Thurs. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions) or \$6 drop-in (incl. reg.)
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Traveler Spanish (Feb. 4)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Intermediate Traveler Spanish (Feb. 4)	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Book Club (Jan 17; Feb 28; Mar 28; April, May TBD; check the website for updates)	7-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$5/person
Beginner Social Dance (Jan. 18)	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$40/couple (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance (Jan. 18)	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$40/couple (8 classes)
CHILDREN/YOUTH			
Supervised Youth Drop In	<i>Not offered at this time</i>		
Family Gym Time (Jan. 18; access to equipment; <i>must be supervised</i>)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family
Drop-in Soccer (supervised; 6-10 yrs; organized games, not a free-for-all; dates TBD, check the website!)	Wed. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	Free
YSI Soccer (Jan. 7; Jan. 8)	Mon. 6-7 pm (U5) Tue. 5:45-6:30pm (U7)	BV School Gym	continued from October

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