



Buena Vista Community Association

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2021 Fall Newsletter

BUENA VISTA GARDENING GROUP

Looking for help starting a garden at home? Interested in helping set up a community garden? Keen to meet other gardeners in your neighbourhood?

We are a local group of gardeners who want to support gardening in Buena Vista through seed exchanges, tool lending, and locating garden space. We hope, for instance, to begin building a bee friendly garden in partnership with The Wild Bee Project and are looking for suggestions for a site.

Have gardening questions or knowledge to share? Want or need help building a raised bed? Want to know about future garden-related activities in Buena Vista? Know of a place perfect for public gardening space?

Email us at shaun.lalonde@gmail.com or rourkewunderbuhr@gmail.com

FEDERAL ELECTION 2021

For information about the upcoming federal election, such as finding out who your candidate is, registering to vote by mail, or electronic registration, visit <https://elections.ca>

BUENA VISTA CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

- Our program begins the week of September 13, there are still some spots available!
- Parent Orientation night on Zoom, Thursday September 2 at 7pm
- For more information about the orientation, registration, or our program, visit us at bvcreativepreschool.com or email bvcreativepreschool@gmail.com



WARD 6 CIVICS AND MORE

VICTORIA AVE BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR

After hearing from residents of Buena Vista, council voted in favour of narrowing the median on Victoria to accommodate separated bike lanes and parking on both sides of the street.

BUDGET 2022/23 BEGINS

Deliberations over the next budget began August 31, with key dates including October 18 (prioritized Business Plan Options) and November 29-December 1 (Business Plan Review). The BVCA continues advocating for local projects and improvements.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 15—Program registration 6:30-8:30pm; *see back page.*
- September 15, 1874—*Start of Treaty 4 negotiations with Cree, Saulteaux, Assiniboine*
- September 20—Federal election!
- September 22—Fall equinox
- October 1—Programming begins
- October 11—Thanksgiving Day
- November 11—Remembrance Day
- December 21—Winter Solstice

BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President (*)	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer (*)	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijius
Preschool chair	Jocelyn Bissonette
Members at large	Meghan Mickelson, Garry Colin, Mike Winter, Ben Brodie

NON-BOARD POSITIONS

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

(*) Interim basis

What's happening in your community

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR WARD 6 COUNCILLOR

I hope you have been enjoying summer in our beautiful city and doing your part to help Saskatoon safely re-open as we continue to manage Covid-19.

Our Emergency Management folks are working closely with the Saskatoon Health Authority to ensure we are on top of the latest information. If you haven't been vaccinated, I hope you will make time to receive both doses as soon as possible, as this is critical to ending the pandemic. City Council is getting ready to return to City Hall and in-person meetings in September. [Not quite yet though!]

It has been a busy construction season with many improvements to basic infrastructure in Ward 6, including sidewalk rehabilitation, road re-surfacing, watermains and the flood control project in WW Ashley Park.

The City has begun engagement on corridor planning to determine the best places to build density in the decades ahead. The planning is aimed at areas that are close to major transit routes such as 8th Street, Preston, Broadway and College Drive. The first study will be in the College Drive area. A full public engagement is planned for this fall.

Thanks to everyone who is working to make our majestic neighbourhoods a better place to live, including your community association volunteers!

For timely information from City Hall, please sign up for e-updates:
www.cynthiablockward6.com

Sincerely, Cynthia

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HELP BIRDS DURING FALL MIGRATION (AND YEAR ROUND)!



Migration has begun and many birds are leaving the north and heading south. Here are some simple tips to help out our feathered friends make it to their wintering grounds safely.

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS

Nighttime lights can disturb normal sleep patterns for birds and humans alike. Using dark-sky-friendly lights benefits everyone, and reduces confusion for migrating birds who are flying at night.

What can you do?

- Turn off lights when not needed
- Install sensor lights where appropriate
- Keep lights close to the ground, directed and shielded to reduce sky glow
- Use the lowest intensity lighting possible

MAKE WINDOWS VISIBLE

Millions of birds die from hitting windows each year in North America. If you have ever heard this sound you know that the LUCKY ones survive the impact, recover and fly away.

What can you do?

Place these on the exterior of your home:

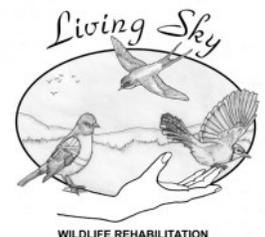
- Window dot stickers
- Bird repellent tape
- String or streamers
- Exterior soap art

More information:

birdsandwindows.ca

Report a bird strike:

livingskywildliferehabilitation.org/birds-windows/bird-collision-form



Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation (306) 281-0554

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FALL BULB PLANTING—NANCY HANSON, SASKATOON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

September- the days are shorter and nights are cooler. Now is the time to shop for and plant bulbs for spring colour in your garden.

When shopping for bulbs – look for bulbs that are plump and firm. Avoid bulbs that appear soft, mushy or are moldy. Plant the bulbs in a well-drained location with full sun (at least 6 hours of sun-light). This may be under a deciduous tree as bulbs will bloom before your tree develops leaves.

Dig your holes 2-3 times deeper than the height of the bulb (or follow package directions): a 3 inch tall bulb should be planted 6 – 9 inches deep. Add compost to your holes to add nutrition for the bulbs.

Plant the pointed end of the bulb facing upwards, or if you don't see a pointed end – look for roots and place that end downwards.

Cover with soil and water to remove air pockets and help the roots establish. Mulching with compost or wood chips will give some winter protection. The roots will form in the fall and then in the spring your bulbs will appear!

Some favourites are featured here...

This article appears courtesy of the Saskatoon Horticultural Society. Please check out our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), and consider becoming an SHS member! A \$15 annual membership gets you access to special events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities (COVID-pending), as well as great discounts from local horticultural businesses.



Fritillaria meleagris
(Snake's head Fritillary)



Scilla siberica (Squill) -
deadhead after bloom!



Tulipa tarda – a species tulip that
only grows 4 inches tall



*Tulipa 'Don Quixote' with
Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)*

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 buonavista1910@gmail.com for more information.

FREE

BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:30PM

Program (& start date; instructor)	Day/Time	Where	Cost (& count)
ADULT FITNESS			
All Levels Yoga (Oct. 4; Brett Donlevy)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$50 (9 sessions)
Pilates (Oct. 7; Melanie Buchko)	Thurs. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Co-Ed Volleyball (Oct. 6)	Wed. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$25/person (11 sessions)
Boot Camp Cardio (Oct. 7; M. Buchko)	Thurs. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Zumba (Oct. 5; Stephanie Leier)	Tues. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions) or \$6 drop-in + reg. fee
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Traveler Spanish (Oct. 4; Monica Aspiazu)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$50 (9 sessions)
Intermediate Traveler Spanish (Oct. 4; M. Aspiazu)	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$50 (9 sessions)
Book Club (third Thurs.; Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16)	7-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$5/person
Beginner Social Dance (Oct. 1; Holly Horel & Herb Clark)	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/couple (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance (Oct. 1; H. Horel & H. Clark)	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/couple (8 classes)
CHILDREN/YOUTH			
Family Gym Time (Oct. 1; access to equipment; must be supervised)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family
Youth Drop-In Soccer (Oct. 5; ages 6-12)	Tues. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	Free
Indoor U7 Soccer (born 2015/16; Oct. 6)	Wed. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	TBD (11 sessions)
Indoor U9 Soccer (born 2013/14; Oct. 6)	Wed. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	TBD (11 sessions)
Learn to Play Soccer (Oct. 4; age 3-5; equipment provided; parents must coach)	Mon. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$25 (10 sessions)

- ◆ **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 \$10/individual or family BVCA membership fee is required. Cash, cheque, debit, e-transfer.
- ◆ 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.