



# Buena Vista Community Association

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## 2021 Winter Newsletter



### WINTER PROGRAMMING & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

#### WINTER FAMILY FUN AT BUENA VISTA PARK

BVCA and Escape Sports are partnering again to provide three free, drop-in winter family recreational opportunities at BV park.

There will be snowshoes, snow-skates, kick sleds, touring skis (no ski boots required), and more! Equipment and instruction provided at no cost, with support from the City's Take It Outside grant.



Dates TBD, check the website or Facebook

#### BV CROSS COUNTRY TRACK

We're doing it again! If you didn't get a chance to ski it last year, you'll get another chance. The trail will be groomed by the City, along with trails in other city parks.



### CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

BVCA is planning its first pop-up art show for kids in Buena Vista Park this spring. Each piece will be framed and will include an artist profile. Plans are underway for an official opening of the show that will include juice in fancy cups and appetizers that kids will love.

If you'd like to be part of the organizing committee, please email [park.art@bvcasaskatoon.ca](mailto:park.art@bvcasaskatoon.ca). Watch for details in the new year on how your child can take part.

### BUENA VISTA CREATIVE PRESCHOOL

- Some spots for Tu/Th (intro to classroom) and M/W/F (kindergarten readiness)
- Registration Night by Zoom February 3rd at 7pm
- Email [bvcreativepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bvcreativepreschool@gmail.com) for an invite or more information. For information about our program visit [bvcreativepreschool.com](http://bvcreativepreschool.com).



### BUENA VISTA SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLANNING

Attend our online planning session for a new playground at BV School. Everyone welcome! *See inside for more details.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

- January 5—Winter registration; programming on *back page*
- January 11—BV School Playground Engagement; 7-8pm, *see inside*
- February 3—BV Creative Preschool registration, *see below*

### WINTER EVENTS

- TBD—Winter Family Fun, BV Park, *see Facebook and website*
- TBD—Outdoor kids art gallery, BV Park; *see Facebook and website*
- Various—Events for kids and family across the city; *see inside*

### BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijius
Preschool chair	Jocelyn Bissonnette (*)
Members at large	Meghan Mickelson, Susan Pederson, Mike Winter

### 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	Shaun L, Rourke
Pump track	Jared Madsen

(\*) Interim basis

# What's happening in your community

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The province's *Traffic Safety Act* only requires that drivers stop for pedestrians once they are already crossing the street. So when we patiently wait for drivers to stop, we are relying on good will rather than the law—we don't have a "right of way". Needless to say, this can be scary for drivers and pedestrians alike.

In August 2021, City administration asked Council for direction to lobby for changes to the *Act*. Specifically, administration is seeking an amendment so that vehicles will be required to stop when pedestrians clearly signal their intent to

cross the road, such as by raising their arm towards the intersection.

While we agree that pedestrians should not have to risk life or limb before drivers allow them to cross a street, it's hard to be sure that drivers have noticed us, let alone recognize our intent to cross. Clearing up confusion about whether pedestrians are crossing can save lives and keep people safe, but more needs to be done through crossing design and pedestrian/driver awareness.

Administration also noted amendments to allow cyclists to use their right arm to signal turns, and to stay mounted when crossing intersections with designated cycling lanes.

Council has yet to move on this.

— [walkingsaskatoon.org](http://walkingsaskatoon.org)

@WalkingYXE

## FREE SASKATOON WINTER PROGRAMMING

See the City's website for registration information.

### WINTER PLAY PROGRAM—AGES 6 TO 12

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| Jan 15 | 1pm-4pm | Playday in the Park<br>@ Charlottetown Park        |
| Feb 5  | 1pm-4pm | Winter Olympics<br>@ Brevoort Park Recreation Unit |
| Mar 26 | 1pm-4pm | Playday in the Park<br>@ Westmount Recreation Unit |

### FAMILY DAY SKATE—ALL AGES, DRESS WARMLY

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| Feb 21 | 1pm-4pm | Cosmo Civic Centre |
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Bring skates and safety gear; non-skating activities outdoors and in the gym, including crafts, Indigenous teachings and more.

### SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS—AGES 10 TO 14

Offered at Cosmo Civic Centre

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| Feb 22 | 9am-12pm | Badminton               |
|        | 1pm-4pm  | African Drumming        |
| Feb 23 | 9am-12pm | Sculpture Making        |
|        | 1pm-4pm  | Soccer                  |
| Feb 24 | 9am-12pm | Print Making            |
|        | 1pm-4pm  | Intro to Acting/Singing |

### MULTI-SPORT SAMPLER—AGES 7 TO 14

Offered at Archibald Arena

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| Mar 7 | 9am-12pm | Broomball      |
|       | 1pm-4pm  | Learn to Skate |

## BUENA VISTA SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY



JAN 11th 2022 | 7-8PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

Zoom Meeting ID: 618 680 6018

Passcode: 027282

## PARK DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The City of Saskatoon is working to clarify and simplify our park development standards to

encourage the design, construction, and maintenance of healthy and sustainable parks for our community. Visit [saskatoon.ca/engage/](http://saskatoon.ca/engage/) for information on how to participate.

# Councillor Block's Ward 6 Update

I hope everyone is staying warm, safe and finding ways to connect with friends and family. It has been a busy year at City Hall.

Saskatoon just completed another huge construction season with the largest-ever investment in sidewalks and our Building Better Roads program is yielding significant improvements in our ward. As roads are now fully funded to "best practice" standards, all streets will catch up to a 20-year rehabilitation cycle instead of the previous 80-year cycle.

## 2021 WARD 6 HIGHLIGHTS

- The dry storm pond at W.W. Ashley District Park is substantially complete. Designed to catch overflow water, it will also serve as a sports field and park space. It is the first project under the City's Flood Control Strategy to reduce flooding in Saskatoon's most flood-prone areas.
- 11 lane-km of planned road rehabilitation work was completed
- 6.3 km of sidewalk work addressed, including infill sidewalk on Cumberland
- 73 lead line connections replaced. The City is on track to complete all lead line replacements by 2026.
- 1.9 km of water main preservation/replacement
- Note: Two significant Nutana projects are deferred to next year.



Saskatoon now has an official emergency response plan for large snowfall events, following last winter's epic storm. Also, Council passed the City's first drainage bylaw, which will help protect existing properties in infill neighbourhoods.

For more information on what's happening at City Hall, including our Low Emission Community Plan and Residential Parking Permit expansion, go to: [www.cynthiablockward6.com](http://www.cynthiablockward6.com). You can also sign up for monthly updates direct to your inbox, including information for the next Coffee with Your Councillor.

I want to send a huge shout out to your community association. These volunteers are working hard to make your neighbourhood better. Thank you! And thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve. I love our majestic ward 6 neighbourhoods and will continue to do my best to represent.

Happy New Year Everyone!

Stay safe out there, Cynthia [cynthia.block@saskatoon.ca](mailto:cynthia.block@saskatoon.ca) 306-975-3676

## 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](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com) for more information.*

**FREE**

## BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—JANUARY 5, 2022 BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:00 PM

Program (& start date; instructor)	Day/Time	Where	Cost (& count)
<b>ADULT FITNESS</b>			
<b>All Levels Yoga</b> (Jan. 10; Brett Donlevy)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (9 sessions)
<b>Pilates</b> (Jan. 13; Melanie Buchko)	Thurs. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
<b>Co-Ed Volleyball</b> (Jan. 12)	Wed. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$25/person (11 sessions)
<b>Boot Camp Cardio</b> (Jan. 13; Melanie Buchko)	Thurs. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
<b>Zumba</b> (Jan. 11; Stephanie Leier)	Tues. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions) or \$6 drop-in + reg. fee
<b>ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT</b>			
<b>Beginner Traveler Spanish</b> (Jan. 10; Monica Aspiazu)	Mon. 6:30-7:15 pm	BV School Library 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	\$60 (9 sessions)
<b>Intermediate Traveler Spanish</b> (Jan. 10; Monika Aspiazu)	Mon. 7:30 -8:30 pm	BV School Library 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	\$60 (9 sessions)
<b>Book Club</b> (third Thurs.; Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 28)	7-9 pm	BV School Library 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	\$5/person
<b>Beginner Social Dance</b> (Jan. 14; Herb Clark)	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/couple (8 classes)
<b>Intermediate Social Dance</b> (Jan. 14; Herb Clark)	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/couple (8 classes)
<b>CHILDREN/YOUTH</b>			
<b>Family Gym Time</b> (Jan. 14; access to equipment; must be supervised)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family
<b>Youth Drop-In Soccer</b> (Jan. 11; ages 6-12)	Tues. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	Free
<b>Learn to Play Soccer</b> (Jan. 10; age 3-5; equipment provided; parents must coach)	Mon. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$25 (9 sessions)

- ◆ **Minors are to be supervised by parent/adult guardian while on School property at all times.**
- ◆ **All dates and times are subject to change.** April sessions may be added after mid-February 2022.
- ◆ Check for up-to-date information at [bvcasaskatoon.ca](http://bvcasaskatoon.ca).
- ◆ Class will run if minimum required registration numbers are met. 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.
- ◆ **E-transfer fees to buenavista1910@gmail.com.** 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. All inquiries are confidential.
- ◆ Email [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com) with any questions, or for KidSport funding.