



Buena Vista Community Association

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2019 Winter Newsletter



BV CREATIVE PRESCHOOL 2020-21 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
- Open house and registration:



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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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PUMP TRACK AND PARK ENHANCEMENT

For park enhancement, our benches and bike pedestals will be installed in spring 2020 (seriously!), and will be a welcomed addition of seating and bike lock-ups aplenty.

At the same time, we will be refreshing the pump track with some additional sand. Keep an eye on the website or Facebook if you want to lend a hand!

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION & OPEN HOUSE

January 22, 2020, 6-7 pm
Buena Vista School Library (2nd floor)

Buena Vista School offers full day, alternate day programs for Kindergarten. Class offerings will depend on registration.

Must be five as of Jan. 31, 2021 to enroll for the 2020/2021 school year.



We would be pleased to give you a tour of our beautiful castle school. Children love to tell everyone that they go to school in a castle!

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IMPORTANT DATES

TBD—Preschool fundraiser, ready-to-cook frozen pizzas; stay tuned!

January 8—Winter registration; programming on *back page*

January 22—Kindergarten open house; 6-7pm, school library

February 6—Preschool registration; 7-8:30pm, school library

WINTER EVENTS

Jan 22-26—Winterruption 2020; see winterruptionsk.ca

Jan 25-Feb 2—PCS Winter Shines; Saskatoon Farmers' Market

BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijius
Preschool chair	Jocelyn Bissonnette
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	Jordan Goota
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

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR WARD 6 COUNCILLOR

As fall has quickly turned to winter, I am grateful we were able to capture a family photo before the snow arrived, albeit with somewhat unwilling participants.

Council completed its first multi-year budget in late November, with the lowest property tax increase in a decade at **3.70%** for 2020 and **3.87%** for 2021. The budget focuses on the basics, including more money for sidewalks. It also starts to address a long-term structural deficit with our black bin program. There will be more money to improve parks and also a phase-in for curbside organics that will begin in 2023. Saskatoon Police Service received additional funding as it approaches new ways to manage crime, safety and well-being, and Council approved a new Sustainability Reserve to finance the Low Emissions Community Plan.



Council approved Saskatoon Public Library's (SPL) plans to build a new central library downtown, albeit for a smaller mortgage than had been requested. After 20 years of planning, 10 years of saving and 3 years of public engagement and functional design, SPL hopes to open the new building (location TBA) in 2026. The library levy will increase by \$5 per year (2020-2026) for the average household, to fully fund capital and operational expenses.

The Blue Bin program is seeing changes in global markets for recycled products and as a result, black plastic (coffee lids, takeout containers) and polycoat (single use coffee pods) will be banned, along with plastic film such as grocery bags. Glass will still be collected, but the option to drop off at SARCAN will continue. While glass often gets broken, it can be used for other things. The monthly cost per household is \$7.38 in 2020.

I want to take this opportunity to thank your community association volunteers for the amazing work they do to support everything from soccer programs and rink maintenance to advocacy at City Hall.

To everyone in Buena Vista, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays! All the best to you and your families in 2020!

Sincerely, Cynthia

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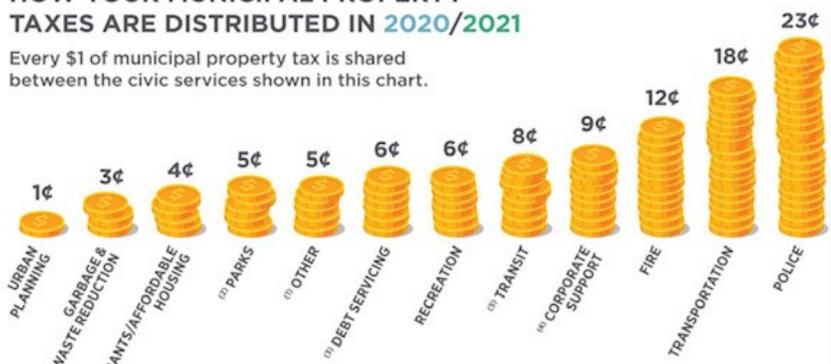
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HOW YOUR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE DISTRIBUTED IN 2020/2021

Every \$1 of municipal property tax is shared between the civic services shown in this chart.



- (1) Includes street lighting, animal services, cemeteries and facilities
- (2) Includes urban forestry and pest management
- (3) Includes provisions for current and future servicing
- (4) Includes the offices of the City Manager, City Clerk, City Solicitor, Finance, Revenue, Assessment & Taxation, Information Technology, Human Resources, General Administration, Legislative, and Service Saskatoon
- (5) Includes Access Transit

Visit saskatoon.ca/budget

In a snapshot, here is where your tax dollars will go in 2020 and 2021

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

COMMUNITY RINK

We need volunteers to help with flooding and snow clearing! Visit Facebook or email for info.

Lights! They will be on nightly from 6-10pm; we will be posting hours for the shack on Facebook once we get some ice down.

In spring 2020 the rink will be clad in puck board, a special covering along the bottom. This will reduce wear and tear on the boards, reduce melt along the north boards, and improve water retention when we flood the rink. We will also be adding some lights to the rink shack to improve visibility.

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

2019 AGM SUMMARY

Thanks to everyone who came out to the AGM. Amongst other things, at this year's meeting, we:

- Received an update on the preschool; the board sends our greetings and appreciation to the new preschool committee members, and the new teacher Briony Elliot.
- Approved the budget with some additional funds for rink improvements and the replacement of some soccer equipment.
- Discussed changing the timing of the AGM to April. This would reduce pressure on volunteers and allow for training and onboarding of new volunteers. We will continue to discuss this at regular meetings.
- Conducted board elections:
 - President: Sean Sass (no contest, all in favour)
 - Treasurer: Wendyl Saretzky (n/c, AIF)
 - Secretary: Warrick Baijius (n/c, AIF)
 - Preschool: Jocelyn Bissonnette (n/c, AIF)
 - Member-at-large: Garry Collins (motion, AIF)

There are some **open seats on the board**. Inquire about them! Our meetings are very informal, and a great way to learn about your community, and also to have a hand in shaping its future.

If you want to attend a regular meeting, we'd be happy to have you join us! To get on the mailing list, email buenavista1910@gmail.com.

CIVICS

A mixed-use development has been proposed for the southwest corner lot at Broadway and 8th. Some concerns raised at an early engagement included additional traffic on 7th. While the developers appear open to design and integration with the neighbourhood, we are still waiting further details on this project.

Sidewalk maintenance and repair is an on-going issue in many neighbourhoods, especially older ones. Due to changes in the way the Province distributes revenues from photo radar, the City has lost an important funding source for implementation of the Active Transportation Plan, and for neighbourhood traffic reviews.

As an alternative funding source for sidewalks, we have been lobbying for the redirection of in-fill construction levies into the communities where the construction is taking place. Currently, the levies flow into general revenue: In-fill levies are being used to subsidize the costs of servicing Saskatoon's suburban sprawl, to the detriment of older neighbourhoods.

We feel that setting aside development fees to be invested in the neighbourhood would provide more effective and timely maintenance of pedestrian infrastructure (such as new/repared sidewalks or crossings, improved accessibility, e.g. sidewalk ramps) in a more equitable way.

WALKING SASKATOON UPDATE

As a group of people focused on improving the pedestrian experience in Saskatoon, we have continued to engage with the City (Active Transportation Advisory Group) and to make recommendations and presentations to Council on the importance of pedestrian infrastructure and consideration in planning.

You can read more about the state of Walking in Saskatoon by checking our multi-part year-in-review. Part 1 discusses new crossing devices and the West Central Multi Use Corridor. Visit our website to read our review, and more!

Walkingsaskatoon.org

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**BVCA REGISTRATION NIGHT—JANUARY 8, 2020
BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8:00PM (doors off 6th St E.)**

Program (& start date)	Day/Time	Where	Cost
ADULT FITNESS			
All Levels Yoga (Jan. 13)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Pickleball (Jan. 13; equipment only)	Mon. 8:30-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/person
Zumba (Jan. 14; \$6 drop-in)	Tues. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Co-Ed Volleyball (Jan. 14)	Tues. 8-10 pm	BV School Gym	\$25/person
Pilates (Jan. 16)	Thurs. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Boot Camp Cardio (Jan. 16)	Thurs. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Traveler Spanish (Jan. 13)	Mon. 7-8 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 sessions)
Intermediate Traveler Spanish (Jan. 13)	Mon. 8-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Book Club (Jan. 16; 3rd Thurs / month)	7-9 pm	BV School Library 2 nd Floor	\$5/person
Beginner Social Dance (TBD)	Fri. 7-8 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/cpl (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance (TBD)	Fri. 8-9 pm	BV School Gym	\$50/cpl (8 classes)
FAMILY/CHILDREN/YOUTH			
Youth Soccer FREE Drop In (Jan. 14; age 6-12; supervised)	Tues. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	Free
Family Gym Time (Jan. 10; access to equipment; must be supervised)	Fri. 6-7 pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family
Youth Soccer (carries over from fall; parent coaches)	U7 Wed. 6-7pm U9 Wed. 7-8pm	BV School Gym	TBD by SYSI
Learn to Play Soccer (Jan. 13; 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 bvcaskatoon.ca.
- ◆ Non-refundable **\$10/individual or family** BVCA membership fee is required. Late registrations are subject to a \$10 surcharge.
- ◆ **Registration carries over from fall:** Memberships purchased September 2019 are valid until August 2020.
- ◆ Class will run based on reaching minimum required registrants. Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis.
- ◆ BVCA honours other community association memberships and supports “shared programming”.
- ◆ Refund Policy: **Once class begins, No Refunds.** All other refunds at the discretion of the BVCA.
- ◆ KidSport funding available to ensure everyone can participate in programs. All inquiries are confidential. Email buenavista1910@gmail.com with any questions, or for KidSport funding.
- ◆ **Minors on school property are to be supervised at all times by parent/adult guardian.**