



# Buena Vista Community Association

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## 2020 Winter Newsletter



### WINTER PROGRAMMING & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

#### ONLINE YOGA WITH BRETT DONLEVY

Did you know, we are actually providing an at-home winter program? Join Brett for 10 weeks/10 classes of on-line yoga (Zoom). Classes start January 18 and run to end of March. Cost is \$60/person, payable by e-transfer. See [bvcasaskatoon.ca](http://bvcasaskatoon.ca) for registration.

#### WINTER FAMILY FUN AT BUENA VISTA PARK

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

Try out some snowshoes, snow-skates, kick sleds, touring skis (no ski boots required), and more! Equipment and some distanced instruction at no cost. Supported by the City's Take It Outside grant. January 24 | February 13 | March 13 @ 1-3:30pm



#### BV CROSS COUNTRY TRACK

New for us this year is a groomed trail around the perimeter of Buena Vista Park. Not too long, not too hilly, another place to get some distanced outdoor exercise! Now groomed by the City, along with trails in other city parks.

#### COMMUNITY RINK UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 and public health regulations, the rink shack will remain closed this winter, and nets are not out. But, by the time you read this, ice will be down, and lights will be on from 5-10pm!

### BV CREATIVE PRESCHOOL 2020-21

- 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
- Still space for some students for the Tuesday-Thursday class

#### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

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### BUENA VISTA KINDERGARTEN VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Coming in Spring 2021, date and time not yet set. Contact BV school in early 2021 by email or call: (306) 683-7140.

### SIDEWALK INFILL IN BUENA VISTA

In our last update, we noted that missing sidewalks in Buena Vista were not selected for infill with the last round of green infrastructure funding. While Councillors Block and others support sidewalk infill and maintenance, City staff are responsible for selecting which projects are com-

pleted first. Infill projects are then somehow prioritized, but even then some lower ranked projects may be completed before higher ranked ones. Sometimes this is because the grants may only fund projects that align with certain policy objectives, and likely to a maximum amount per pro-

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 6—Victoria Ave Bike Project survey closes 5pm; *see over*
- Jan 7—Boulevard guideline review survey closes 5pm; *see over*
- Your birthday?—Celebrate! All day; happy birthday!

### WINTER EVENTS

- Jan 24, Feb 13, Mar 13—Family fun winter activities, 1-3:30pm; BV Park
- Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 15—NatureCity Experience outdoor adventures, with prizes! [wildaboutsaskatoon.org](http://wildaboutsaskatoon.org)

### BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijous
Preschool chair	Jocelyn Bissonnette
Members at large	Garry Colin, Mike Winter, <your name here?>

### 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 Baijous
Website	Meghan Mickelson
Facebook	Susan Pederson, Mandy Madsen
Community garden	VACANT
Pump track	Jared Madsen
(*)	Interim basis

### 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**

# What's happening in your community

## COUNCILLOR BLOCK'S WARD 6 UPDATE

Hello Buena Vista! Our ward now includes: Buena Vista, Holliston, Nutana, Varsity View, Grosvenor Park, Haultain, Downtown and Brevoort Park.

First, a shout out to everyone who is doing their part to follow provincial health guidelines to control the spread of Covid 19, and a heartfelt thank you to all who are on the front lines. Exponential growth of cases is a grave concern as our hospitals are reaching maximum capacity. I am reminded of a riddle that puts into sharp focus the dangers if we are not able to control transmission.

*A pond has one lily pad and doubles each day. On day 30 the pond will be full.*

*On what day is the pond **half** full? (Answer to come)*

Council is back to work in full force, albeit virtually, and the 2021 budget has been adjusted to provide some relief to residents and businesses. You can see a snapshot in the image to the right.

Covid 19 and a record snowfall event put great pressure on the City's budget. Thanks to pandemic funding from the provincial and federal governments, and a one-time draw down of City reserves, Council was able to make these adjustments without reducing services. As the snow crews work to remove the excessive snow piles in our neighbourhoods, please do your part to ensure your vehicle is off the street when the sandwich board signs go up. Wondering when your street will get done? Here is the schedule: [www.saskatoon.ca/snow](http://www.saskatoon.ca/snow) Thank you for your patience as this work is anticipated to take a few more weeks.

The Victoria Avenue Neighbourhood Bikeway Project has undergone two rounds of public engagement, and there is still time to weigh in.

As well, you can send feedback for the upcoming review of our boulevard maintenance program. I brought this forward at Council to improve the current state of our boulevards and centre medians. Visit [www.saskatoon.ca/engage](http://www.saskatoon.ca/engage) to find out more and fill in the surveys.

Here is the answer to the riddle:

*Day 29. The pond will be half-full with lily pads, the day before it is full!*

*When a danger is growing exponentially, everything looks fine until it doesn't.*

Exponential growth of Covid 19 is a grave concern, and I urge everyone to take additional precautions to reduce bubbles and postpone in-person celebrations. This will help to ensure those who require medical care, will receive it.

The worldwide pandemic is turning out to be a marathon; not a sprint- but there is renewed optimism as vaccines start to roll out in our province. The process will take many months, but the end is near. Let's not let this last stretch deter our resolve to flatten the curve. May 2021 soon see us kick Covid 19 to the curb. Stay well,

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**2021**  
APPROVED Budget

City of  
Saskatoon

### 4 things to know

about the City's 2021 Adjusted Budget  
City Council approved December 3, 2020

- ✓ there's a **lower municipal property tax rate of 2.83% for 2021**, (lowest since 2006) down from the previously approved rate of 3.87%.
- ✓ dedicated investments were made to **maintain and deliver the core services, programs and infrastructure** we rely on in our growing city
- ✓ the **financial impact** to the City's budget as a result of the pandemic **has been minimized**
- ✓ the **2021 budget is balanced** as a result of cautious decision making and finding efficiencies

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ject. City staff must then decide how to allocate the money between eligible projects.

The most recent priority list ranks sidewalks for Macpherson from 7th to Ruth as low priority (3 of 4). Trees, landscaping issues, and utilities are costly issues to address. The overall length (1.8 km), and sidewalks on both sides makes it an expensive project. But it makes it safer for kids walking to and from school from the east, and connects Exhibition and Buena Vista to downtown along a path with less vehicle traffic and emissions than Lorne Ave.

### ON WINTER SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

If all this snow has shown us anything, it's that maintenance is not just about pouring, fixing and cutting cement, it also means keeping sidewalks accessible. Clearing trails and sidewalks after large snow events makes them passable, safer for everyone, and makes the city accessible to those without a vehicle or choosing to be active. Transit and Transportation take note: bus riders are also pedestrians at some point. To make transit more accessible, sidewalk ramps are needed near bus stops, and in winter, bus stops need snow clearance for rear entry and exit, and pedestrian and wheelchair accessibility through nearby crosswalks and intersections.

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