



# Buena Vista Community Association

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## 2023 Spring Newsletter

### ANOTHER BUENA VISTA PARK ART SHOW!

Preparations are underway for the second annual Buena Vista Park Art for Kids, a splashy outdoor spring art show during the month of May.



This year, 100 wood rounds have been picked up by kids and will be transformed into art!

Volunteers will hang the art on the fence surrounding the paddling pool and basketball court for everyone to enjoy! The art will remain on display the entire month of May.

Please join us Sunday May 7th from 3 -5 for a special opening party. Postal Pizza and Beppi's ice cream bicycle will be serving treats. There will be a DJ, face painting, Saskatoon Public Libraries storytime and many fun, interactive art activities led by creative folks in the neighbourhood.

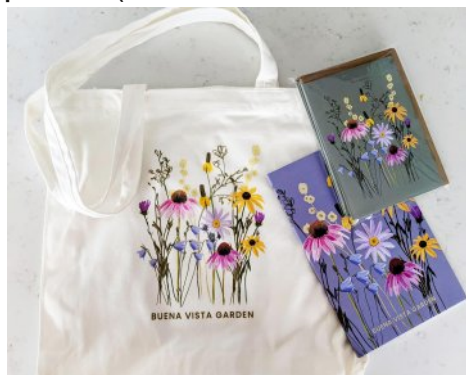
***See you there!***

### BUENA VISTA BOULEVARD GARDEN UPDATE

The Buena Vista Boulevard Garden is excited for our second summer! Thanks to many volunteers and donations of leaves and wood mulch in the fall we prepared an expanded planting area. We have received a generous donation of topsoil already for the spring as well.

This summer we will be adding communal vegetables and other edible plants and expanding the native plant garden. Stay tuned to our social media for requests for donations of seeds (like squash, beans, potatoes), seedlings (native plants, drought-tolerant herbs) and other plants (strawberries and raspberries!) and for work bee announcements.

We are also selling some great merchandise featuring the native plants in the garden: journals (\$10), note cards (\$20/5 pk), and tote bags (\$25) to help support water costs and larger plant purchases.



If you want to participate or make a purchase to support the garden, email us at: [buenavistagardencollective@gmail.com](mailto:buenavistagardencollective@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook at Buena Vista Garden Group, or Instagram @Buena\_Vista\_Garden\_Group

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 26—Public Hearing for rezoning at Broadway & 8th; *see inside!*  
May 2—Still nothing in particular; *Still Tuesday!*  
May 7—Park Art for Kids; *Buena Vista Park, 3-5pm*  
May 22—Biological Diversity Day; *count some birds!*  
All June—Pride month  
Jun 21—National Indigenous Peoples Day  
Jun 25—Sum Theatre in the Park; *Buena Vista Park, 4pm; bring a chair & a friend*

### BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

President	Sean Sass
Vice-President	Jon Storey
Treasurer	Wendyl Saretzky
Secretary	Warrick Baijous
Preschool Chair	Jocelyn Bissonette*
Members at large	Meghan Mickelson, Mike Winter, Susan Pederson, Jared Madsen

### 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	Shaun Lalonde, Leisha Grebinski
Pump Track	Jared Madsen

(\* Interim basis)

## WARD 6 UPDATE

This is such a wonderful time of year as we get ready for spring. Huge thanks to your community association volunteers for all they do all year long to provide affordable activities and events in beautiful Buena Vista.

**Construction season** is also about to get underway and there are significant infrastructure improvements coming to Ward 6. If your street is on the list, you can sign up for e-updates at [www.saskatoon.ca/construction](http://www.saskatoon.ca/construction). I have been encouraged by the progress being made and will continue to advocate for best standards in maintaining our roads, sidewalks and underground infrastructure.

**Curbside Organics:** The green bin program will roll out this spring, ending the green cart subscription program. Did you know almost 60% of black bin waste is organic? Diverting this material will defer the costly replacement of our landfill and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It will also provide more options for backyard composters. [www.saskatoon.ca/organics](http://www.saskatoon.ca/organics)

There has been a lot of talk about the **Downtown Event and Entertainment District**, and I appreciate the opportunity to highlight some key facts. For every metre of sidewalk, road and underground pipe added to the network, Saskatoon becomes a more expensive city. Cities that create anchor amenities attract more residents and directing infill growth downtown maximizes efficiencies where infrastructure and services already exist – helping to make us a less expensive city. After many years of research, studying examples in other cities and working with international experts and local stakeholders/residents, here are some key highlights:

- Council is seeking a funding plan with NO impact to property tax.
- Sasktel Centre and TCU are losing business due to size and technical constraints.
- Public amenities attract private investment (residential & commercial).

Saskatoon has an opportunity to create a district to support a more sustainable city – economically and environmentally - revitalizing our downtown and reducing the overall costs of growth. It also has a chance to bring more visitors to our city, adding jobs and strengthening the local economy.

There have been many steps taken over the past 6 years to get where we are today. Every approval in Council was a decision to take the next step. There are still key pieces of information needed to know whether this is a good decision for our city - including the full funding plan and concept plan, which are expected before the end of the year.  
[www.saskatoon.ca/downtown](http://www.saskatoon.ca/downtown)

A few other notes: A fully re-vamped public and **farmers market** will return to River Landing this spring, an **e-scooter pilot project** is in the works for 2023 and a long-awaited downtown **grocery store** is expected to open in Midtown Plaza.

Happy Spring!

Sincerely, Cynthia

Web: [www.cynthiablockward6.com](http://www.cynthiablockward6.com)

Contact: [www.saskatoon.ca/ward6](http://www.saskatoon.ca/ward6)

Ward 6 Councillor Block snowshoeing along the river bank in Saskatoon





### LAWN BOWLING!!!

Good, I have your attention.

Are you looking to try a new sport? Are you looking for a social activity? How about something competitive? Nutana Lawn Bowling Club offers all of that and then some!

**We even have a Rec League. I repeat, "REC" league.**

Lawn Bowling is literally a sport for all ages. We are an inclusive community and all are welcome!

**For more information, please visit our website:**  
[www.nutanalawnbowlingclub.ca](http://www.nutanalawnbowlingclub.ca)

**"This is how we Roll"**

### May-Sept 2023

Open House  
May 13th, 1-5pm

Learn to Bowl Lessons:  
May 16, 18, 23 & 25

Opening Day (Victoria Day)  
May 22nd 2-5pm  
(Members Only)

National Bowls Day  
June 3rd, 10am to 4pm

Adult/Youth Leagues (10+)

## BUENA VISTA SCHOOL PLAYGROUND REVITALIZATION

The BVSPR Initiative received a grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

Keep your eyes peeled for new trees and shrubs being planted this spring.

We also have an ongoing fundraiser through Sarcan Drop and Go -> BVSPRI

Interested in being a major sponsor? Get in touch through our website: [bvspri.com](http://bvspri.com)



## 2023 SUM THEATRE IN THE PARK

Zero Gravity takes us on a Sci-Fi exploration around climate breakdowns and what will happen if we don't start changing the way we live on Mother Earth. There is "No Planet B" and if we continue to use up mother earth's resources, what will be left for future generations.



Buena Vista Park, June 25, 4pm.  
Free show for all ages!

See [sumtheatre.com/shows/zerogravity](http://sumtheatre.com/shows/zerogravity) for a reading list, or more information (and a list of sponsors)

## POLLINATOR PARADISE YXE

**Grow Beauty. Encourage Biodiversity.**



A quiet revolution is happening in gardens all across Saskatoon. A renewal.

A return to appreciating the beauty and diversity of the plants that have bloomed here for thousands of years. By including native plants in your garden, you can join this "growing" trend.



*Register your garden as a Pollinator Paradise and display your sign with pride.*

Facebook & Instagram @ [wildaboutxye](https://www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org)

[pollinators@wildaboutsaskatoon.org](mailto:pollinators@wildaboutsaskatoon.org) | [www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org](http://www.wildaboutsaskatoon.org)

*Save the Bees. Embrace Mess. Reduce Costs. Nurture Joy. Lawn Be Gone. Increase Yields. Go Organic. Feed the Birds.*



# Wild About

Saskatoon

## RINK AND BV PARK UPDATES

Even with some wonky weather, Jared and the crew were able to keep up some excellent ice. On-going maintenance includes board replacements and the installation of puck boards (thanks Wendyl, Jared, and all!). This year, we added outdoor skating lessons to our kids programming, and it was very well attended. We also made use of the rink to help with fundraising for the community garden. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with baked goods, hot chocolate, and donations!

And at the risk of being proven wrong (again), I will risk it and say that...this will be the year our park benches and bike pedestals are installed! With some help from the city and our City Consultant Kevin, we should see some additional seating and bike lock-up space around the pump track and playground.

## REZONING AT BROADWAY & 8TH

The City is holding a public hearing for the rezoning of parcels on the southwest corner of the intersection to allow for a six-storey mixed-use building with 90 units and 135 parking spots. Visit [saskatoon.ca/engage/8th-street-east-broadway-avenue](http://saskatoon.ca/engage/8th-street-east-broadway-avenue) for more info.

## Becki French - Registered Massage Therapist

Broadway Health Collective

201-611 9th Street East, Saskatoon

(306)220-8664

[becki\\_french@hotmail.com](mailto:becki_french@hotmail.com)

Direct billing available

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## BVCA SPRING PROGRAM – REGISTER BY EMAIL [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com)

Program (& start date)	Day/Time	Location	Cost (& count)
<b>ADULT FITNESS</b>			
<b>Adult all level Yoga</b> (May 1, 8, 15, 29; Jun 12; <b>note: time change!</b> )	Mon <b>6-7pm</b>	BV School Gym	\$35 (5 sessions)
<b>ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT</b>			
<b>Intermediate Spanish</b> (Apr 24; May 1, 8, 15, 29; Jun 12)	Mon 8-9pm	BV School Library 2nd Floor	\$40 (6 classes)
<b>KIDS SPORTS</b>			
<b>Kinder Soccer</b> (May 1, 8, 23 (Tu), 29; Jun 5, 12, 19, 26; ages 3-5)	Mon 6-7pm	BV Outdoor Rink	\$30 (10 sessions)

Fun games with soccer balls in the hockey rink area at BV School. This is not through SYSL and does not involve league play or games against other teams.

Register via e-transfer to [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com). Please put the name of the class in the note section (Spring Kinder Soccer).

For league play, register through Nutana or South Nutana Park Community Associations

- **All dates and times are subject to change.** Check [bvcaskatoon.ca](http://bvcaskatoon.ca) for up-to-date info
- Non-refundable \$10/individual or family BVCA membership fee is required. Late registrations are subject to a \$10 surcharge. Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis
- Cash, cheque, debit, e-transfer. **E-transfer fees to [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com)**
- 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”
- Email [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com) with any questions. All inquiries are confidential

### WALKING IN SASKATOON WITH WALKING SASKATOON

It has been a slippery spring! If you've noticed more people walking on the road than usual, don't be surprised. Lots of snow and rapid melt often means significant amounts of water pooling and freezing on our favourite (and usually safest) places to walk. Whether avoiding the ice or unknown depths of icy water, please be patient!

As winter melts away, it leaves behind some reminders, as debris (sand, garbage) that can also be a hazard. Councillors will soon be deciding on which pedestrian pathways to prioritize for cleanup. The upper range of cost for cleaning up priority pedestrian pathways is under \$100,000, or 2% of the City's street sweeping budget.

The issue of safety for pedestrians has been a priority for us, and in line with our mission to improve the pedestrian experience, we continue to advocate for better infrastructure and pro-pedestrian policies.

FB&IG @walkingyxe | [walkingsaskatoon.org](http://walkingsaskatoon.org) | [contact@walkingsaskatoon.org](mailto:contact@walkingsaskatoon.org)

# FREE

### BVCA NEWSLETTER ADS

Free classifieds for members, non-profit groups, preschools and recreation-based organizations within the Buena Vista Neighbourhood shall be published as space permits.

Email for more information  
[buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com)

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