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# Buena Vista Community Association

## 2024 Winter Newsletter



### BUENA VISTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Hey you! Yeah, you! I couldn't help but notice that you have time to read this. Perhaps you also have a bit more time to share with the community? We've got some volunteer spaces for you to get involved, meet new people, and maybe even make some changes in the neighbourhood. Read on:

- **Make the Rink Great Again:** Now is your chance to help bring joy to kids and adults who can't wait to skate. Hurry before climate change cancels winter! Join the list and Jared will let you know when it's time to get busy flooding or shovelling.
- **Programming coordinator:** Love organizing things? Put your orderly nature to work for the community! Tasks include communicating with instructors and participants, and booking spaces with the City.
- **Civics subcommittee:** Got some ideas on how to make the Buena Vista better? Want to find ways to put them into action? So do we! Join Mike and others on the Civics subcommittee to make our neighbourhood more awesome.
- **Board positions:** Yes, we've got some blank spaces on the board and committees (I'm looking at you, future Volunteer and Soccer coordinators!), and also some long-standing members who would love to orchestrate their own ouster. Join one of our online meetings to find out more!

Now that you've found your calling, email  
buenavista1910@gmail.com to get signed up.

### BUENA VISTA CIVICS UPDATE

This summer, the City of Saskatoon tapped into generous federal (and provincial) funding for two sidewalk projects in Buena Vista. The biggest was the addition of sidewalks on Macpherson Ave from 7th St down to Ruth. This fantastic project was a hundred years in the making and has been well-used since completion. Kilburn Ave also saw a small segment added near 4th St to improve access to Kilburn Youth Hall. Unfortunately, no more sidewalk infill is planned for the neighbourhood; something we will advocate to change.

The Community Association also worked with Councillor Block and City Administration to improve road safety around Kilburn Park. Given its unique status within the city's park classification system, changes will be time-consuming but we will continue to work with the city to make Kilburn Park a safe and welcoming asset for the whole community.

### INTRODUCTORY SQUARE DANCE SESSIONS

**When:** Mondays-January 8 & 15, 2024 at 8:00 pm  
**Where:** All Saints Anglican Church Hall, 1801 Lorne Ave  
**Sponsor:** River City Squares **Caller:** Eldon Neudorf  
**Dress:** Casual, with comfortable shoes. **Cost:** \$5  
NO PARTNER REQUIRED [www.sksquaredance.ca](http://www.sksquaredance.ca)  
**Contact:** Eldon at 306-253-4453, Vera at 306-683-0266

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 1—Skating Soiree; see p. 3!  
Jan 10—Winter program registration; see back page for more details.  
Jan 27—International Holocaust Remembrance Day  
Feb 19—Family Day; or maybe just a day off if you don't have a family!  
March 8—Int'l Women's Day  
March 15—Int'l Day to Combat Islamophobia  
March 21—Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination  
April 22—Earth Day; be kind to mom!  
April 29—Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917)  
May 17—Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

### BVCA BOARD POSITIONS

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

### NON-BOARD POSITIONS

City of Saskatoon	Lindsay Cockrum
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

## **BUENA VISTA CIVICS UPDATE CONTINUED...**

A couple more bits and pieces about BV for your consideration. First, we want to announce the winding down of Buena Vista Creative Preschool. Long an institution of the neighbourhood, the cooperative preschool brought families together to deliver early childhood education opportunities. As a sub-committee of BVCA, parents volunteered their time as board members, in-class helpers, fundraisers, clean-up crews, and even substitute teachers. With the support of many wonderful teachers through the years, the BVCA executive extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone that chose to be part of the preschool, and wish the best for all of the kiddos that laughed, cried, played, and learned with each other. A portion of the remaining preschool funds will be donated to BV school playground upgrade project.

Not to be outdone by BV school's playground project, the City has announced plans to upgrade BV Park, and consultation is under way. One tree may be cut down, about 40 new ones will be planted, and there are plans to reroute and widen pathways, amongst other changes. If you missed the in-person engagement session, you can view information about the project and submit comments through the City's website: [saskatoon.ca/engage/buena-vista-park-upgrade](https://saskatoon.ca/engage/buena-vista-park-upgrade)

### **WARD 6 UPDATE**

Hello Ward 6! After a beautiful fall, it seems like winter still hasn't arrived. I admit winter is not my favourite season, but Saskatoon sure looks pretty with fresh fallen snow. Here are a few updates from City Hall.

#### **VEHICLE NOISE**

Noise on city streets should start to decrease in the new year, as City Council has approved changes to its noise bylaw to align with a new strategic direction laid out by SGI. New technology will help to effectively identify noise violations from vehicles and thereby strengthen enforcement.

#### **GREEN BIN**

While the company hired by the City to process green cart material has defaulted on its contract, green cart organics collection will continue. In the short-term, Loraas will continue to assist the City in processing organics materials while City officials explore cost reduction options by processing the organics in-house. To date, more than 15,000 tonnes of organic waste have successfully been diverted from the landfill since collections began in May. No disruptions to the curbside organics program are expected.

#### **BLACK BIN**

Our black bin program will switch to the utility model on January 1st, and options to swap your large bin for a medium or small bin at a lower cost will be available starting

in the spring. While the full amount has been taken off of our property taxes, overall costs for most of us will still be a bit higher as the new program no longer requires businesses and condominiums to pay for a service they don't receive.

#### **MATERIAL RECOVERY CENTRE**

The opening of the Material Recovery Centre (MRC), formerly the Recovery Park Landfill Expansion, marks a major achievement for the City of Saskatoon as it works towards its 70% waste diversion goal. The MRC, located on Valley Road at the entrance to the City Landfill, is now open to the public and offers residents free drop-off for many recyclable items as well as a new access point for scaled waste. The MRC will provide free drop-off at Sort & Go for recycling, small appliances, batteries, oil and anti-freeze, electronics, metals, rimless tires, bicycles and appliances, with a \$20 fee for appliances with refrigerant. For more information go to: [saskatoon.ca/mrc](https://saskatoon.ca/mrc)

#### **HOME ENERGY**

The City of Saskatoon has released a new tool for homeowners to better understand their home's energy use and make improvements. The map uses artificial intelligence (AI) to produce a digital energy score that can be used to compare against other homes of similar size, age, and type and help users understand how much energy their home consumes. The map also pro-

vides each homeowner with a customized “retrofit roadmap” to see what actions they can take to reduce their energy consumption.

This is the fourth home energy-focused initiative the City has launched in 2023 (links below); all programs were funded by the Green Municipal Fund, administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

[saskatoon.ca/EnergyMap](https://saskatoon.ca/EnergyMap)  
[saskatoon.ca/EnergyCoaches](https://saskatoon.ca/EnergyCoaches)  
[saskatoon.ca/RenoResources](https://saskatoon.ca/RenoResources)  
[Solar.myheat.ca/saskatoon](https://Solar.myheat.ca/saskatoon)

### HOMELESSNESS

The provincial government is moving to a new delivery model for shelter services in our city, de-densifying accommodations and adding wrap-around supports for those who need it. The City of Saskatoon has been asked to determine the sites where the shelters could be created. At the time of writing this newsletter, no location decisions have been. Public open houses will be held once locations have been identified for temporary and permanent emergency shelters.

### CORRIDOR PLANNING

The College and Nutana Corridor planning continues, as the City prepares for a modern public transportation system and added density near the Bus Rapid Transit routes. Thanks to everyone who came to the public open houses and for more information go to: [saskatoon.ca/corridor](https://saskatoon.ca/corridor)

### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

City Council received an update on our AT plan, as our administration moves to adapt and adjust direction to align with best practices. Things such as “rapid deployment” to create safe cycling have been successful in other cities, and allows for quick installation and removal making it easier to determine suitability.

### REGIONAL PLAN FOR GROWTH (P4G)

Many people are not aware that Saskatoon has a formal agreement with the RM of Corman Park, the cities of Warman and Martensville and the town of Osler to create a coherent, mutually beneficial roadmap for future growth. This landmark agreement is strengthening economic development opportunities for the region. Recently, the coalition

has received a number of awards for this innovative approach.

### THE ORGAN

The pipe organ will stay in place at Third Avenue United Church downtown. The building has been designated as a Municipal Heritage Property, inclusive of the building’s rafters and pipe organ. The current owner requested City Council to de-register the organ as part of the heritage designation. City Council unanimously ejected that request.

Warm Regards, Cynthia

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### 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)

**FREE**

Come for some fun and raise funds for our community boulevard garden

## 2nd annual Ice Skating Soirée 2024

January 1, 2024 | 2-4 PM  
Buena Vista Skating Rink

HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES BY  
DONATION. BRING YOUR OWN MUGS.

Money raised goes towards beautifying  
the boulevard behind Buena Vista  
School. Send questions to  
[buenavistagardencollective@gmail.com](mailto:buenavistagardencollective@gmail.com)



**BVCA IN-PERSON REGISTRATION NIGHT—Wed Jan 10, 2024  
BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8 PM OR BY EMAIL**

Program (& start date)	Day/Time	Location	Cost (& count)
ADULT FITNESS			
Adult all level Yoga (Jan 15)	Mon 7-8pm	BV School Gym	\$60 (10 sessions)
Pickleball (Jan 15; self-run & set up, nets, paddles, balls provided)	Mon 8-9:30pm		\$20 (10 sessions)
Zumba (Jan 16; *no drop-in*)	Tue 7-8pm		\$60 (10 sessions)
Co-ed Adult Volleyball (Jan 17)	Wed 8-10pm		\$25 (10 sessions)
Pilates (Jan 18)	Thu 6-7pm		\$60 (10 sessions)
Boot Camp Cardio (Jan 18)	Thu 7-8pm		\$60 (10 sessions)
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Spanish Slow Pace (Jan 15)	Mon 7-8pm	BV School Library 2nd Floor	\$60 (10 classes)
Intermediate Conversation Spanish (Jan 15)	Mon 8-9pm		\$60 (10 classes)
Beginner Traveller Spanish (Jan 16; faster paced)	Tue 7-8pm		\$60 (10 classes)
Book Club (third Thursday/month; Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 28, Apr TBD)	Thu 7-9pm		\$5 / person
Beginner Social Dance (Jan 19)	Fri 7-8pm	BV School Gym	\$60/couple (8 classes)
Intermediate Social Dance (Jan 19)	Fri 8-9pm		\$60/couple (8 classes)
CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILY			
Learn to Skate (Jan 18; ages 3-8; parents required to attend and help)	Thu 6-7pm	BV Rink	\$40/child
Family Gym (Jan 19; includes access to equipment; must be supervised by parent/adult)	Fri 6-7pm	BV School Gym	\$15/family

- Minors are to be supervised by parent/adult guardian while on School property at all times
- **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. September memberships still valid. Late registrations are subject to a \$10 surcharge. Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis
- Pay by cash, cheque, debit, e-transfer. **PLEASE EMAIL TO CONFIRM THERE IS SPACE IN THE PROGRAM BEFORE TRANSFERRING:** [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”
- KidSport funding available to ensure everyone can participate in programs
- Email [buenavista1910@gmail.com](mailto:buenavista1910@gmail.com) with any questions, or for KidSport funding. All inquiries are confidential