



Buena Vista Community Association

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2026 Fall Newsletter

KALEIDOSCOPE 2026: ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF ART!

Kaleidoscope 2026, our annual neighbourhood art celebration, welcomed more than 350 people to Buena Vista park on a very windy day!

The art will remain on the paddling pool fence until the fall. Please feel free to take yours home or they will be donated to the community boulevard garden.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and artists who led creative activities for young and old. Planning for next year's festival will begin in early winter. Reach out on instagram if you'd like to lend a hand. @kaleidoscope_bv



PICNIC & MOVIE IN THE PARK

Join us on September 26 for a picnic and movie night in Buena Vista park, next to the paddling pool building.

Bring your own food, water, chairs, pillows, and some extra blankets; we will bring some snacks and drinks.

Picnic and socializing at 6:30pm; movie at 7:15pm.

If it is very smoky or raining, we will be cancelling the event. Because of the later date this year, we will not be rescheduling. Check Facebook and bvcasaskatoon.ca for updates.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY? JOIN THE BVCA!

Join a dedicated group of volunteers! Get to know your community better while sharing your skills, interests, and expertise!

Attend the AGM on October 21 (by zoom, email for link) to find out more and to see if it is a good fit for you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sep 9—Program registration night;
WEDNESDAY! See last page for info.
Sep 12—Broadway Street Fair
Sep 13—Community Garden Potluck;
see inside for more details.
Sep 23—Fall equinox; *winter looms...*
Sep 24-27—National Forest Week; *show some love for our urban forest!*
Sep 26—Movie night in the park; *woo!*
see the inset for details
Sep 30—National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)
Oct 2—Int'l Day of Non-Violence
Oct 21—BVCA AGM; 7pm on Zoom, email us for a link if you want to attend
Nov 11—Remembrance Day

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 YXE	Lindsay Cockrum
Parks and Civics	Mike Winter
Programs	*Sean Sass
Volunteer Coordinator	VACANT Could be you!
Soccer	Miranda Buchinski
Rink	Mitch Beckett Jared Madsen
Newsletter	Warrick Baijous
Website	Meghan Mickelson
Facebook	Mandy Madsen, Susan Pederson
Community Garden	Leisha Grebinski, Amy Nixon
Pump Track	Jared Madsen
(*) Interim basis	

BUENA VISTA GARDEN UPDATE

Native plants, veggies, herbs, and berries continue to flourish at our Buena Vista community-nurtured boulevard garden.

This summer, we welcomed new volunteers who graciously 'adopted' the garden for a week to make sure it was watered and weeded. Thank you! We also said hello to a monarch butterfly who laid eggs on some of our milkweed.

To celebrate another successful season and all those who helped out at the garden, join us for a community harvest potluck on Sunday September 13th at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, a blanket to sit on and your own cutlery and dishes.

And later this fall, stay tuned for details on our annual pumpkin parade on November 1st as we enjoy apple cider and light our pumpkins before we throw them in the compost.

Reach out with ideas or feedback! Search for Buena Vista Garden Collective on Facebook and Instagram.

Want to help out at the garden? Email buenavistagardencollective@gmail.com



Community Potluck

Let's gather to celebrate the bounty of the garden and the hands who helped it grow.

Sunday Sept. 13 5:30 pm

Bring a dish to share, a blanket to sit on, and your own plates, cutlery and drinks

Behind Buena Vista school
at the garden

WALKING IN BUENA VISTA AND BEYOND

I admit, with much shame, that my walking routine this summer has been rather poor. However, in my defense, the meteoric rise of mosquito counts was a great deterrent/excuse.

At our most recent Walking Saskatoon meeting, we were talking about what it really means to walk. We often think of the equity concerns, as some people do not have the luxury of a car, are not able to cycle, or cannot afford the bus: walking becomes a necessity. And we advocate for their safety, comfort, and convenience.

When we raise the standard to meet those in most need, everyone benefits. Walking is good for you! It's also good for your neighbours, friends, family, and everyone else in our city. And it doesn't have to just be for transportation. Walking for leisure, and feeling safe enough to do so, allows you time to see things you don't otherwise see.

Before you sit down and doom scroll or binge another episode, go for a walk. You might be surprised at how entertaining and fulfilling it can be.

Find more about pedestrian life at: walkingsaskatoon.org | [@walkingsaskatoon](https://www.instagram.com/walkingsaskatoon)

BVCA NEWSLETTER ADS

FREE

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

DUTCH ELM DISEASE HITS BUENA VISTA!

Dutch Elm Disease is spreading across the city and the province. In Regina, 111 of 236 sampled trees were infected. In Moose Jaw, 53 of 91, and in Saskatoon, 43 of 245 samples with 62 trees removed in 2025 alone.

We've seen many trees in Buena Vista come down in the last year. Most of the streets in older neighbourhoods are lined with elm trees. Urban forests reduce neighbourhood heat during summer, increase home values, and provide habitat for birds and insects.

Until new (and different types of) trees are planted, we need to act together as a community to protect the health of our urban canopy.

WHAT IS IT AND HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

DED is caused by a fungus that clogs the tree's water and nutrient system, eventually killing the tree. Fungal spores spread by contaminated pruning tools or by attaching to elm bark beetles, which do not travel far. The DED-causing fungus can spread over long distances if transported as firewood.

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE

- Never store, burn, buy, or take elm wood or branches from anyone
- Do not prune elms during the provincial ban (Apr 1 to Aug 31). The beetles are most active then and are attracted to fresh cut wood or tree wounds. Sanitize tools after working on elm trees.
- Do not use nails or screws to attach anything to elm trees, including treehouses; this can attract elm bark beetles.
- Dispose of elm for free at the City landfill immediately, even if during the provincial pruning ban. Do not put it in your green bin or take it to the compost depot.

HOW DO I KNOW IF IT'S AN UNHEALTHY ELM?

Symptoms include wilting and yellowing leaves that curl and turn brown. This can happen as soon as June.

If you suspect an unhealthy elm or are unsure about what kind of firewood you have, take a photo and use the form at saskatoon.ca/dutchelmdisease or call Urban Forestry at 306-975-2890.



Learn More



How to ID an Elm Tree

PRAIRIE COLOURS ART AT THE NORTHEAST SWALE

Swale Watchers invites you to the first Prairie Colours art event at the Northeast Swale on Sunday September 13!

Throughout the afternoon we will have dancers, poets, visual art installations, tours and learning about swales with CPAWS-Saskatchewan, and a craft you can add to the trail or take home to celebrate the Swales.

Art may be installed for just the afternoon of Sept. 13, though some pieces may stay on the site for the remainder of the week.

Learn more at swalewatchers.org
Follow us on social media! Facebook & Instagram: [swalewatchers](https://www.facebook.com/swalewatchers)



BVCA IN-PERSON REGISTRATION NIGHT—Wed Sep 9, 2026
BUENA VISTA SCHOOL GYM—6:30-8 PM (or ONLINE Sep 10 7:30 AM)

Program (& start date)	Day/Time	Cost (& count)	Location
ADULT FITNESS			
Adult All Level Yoga (Sep 28)	Mon 7-8pm	\$60 (10 sessions)	BV School Gym
Adult Pickleball (Sep 14; self-led, equipment provided)	Mon 8-10pm	\$25 (11 sessions)	
Co-ed Adult Volleyball (Sep 16)	Wed 8-10pm	\$25 (11 sessions)	
Pilates (Oct 1)	Thu 6-7pm	\$60 (10 sessions)	
Boot Camp Cardio (Sep 17)	Thu 7-8pm	\$60 (10 sessions)	
ADULT RECREATION/CRAFT			
Beginner Adult Spanish #1 (Sep 14) Two classes, choose one! Max. 15	Mon 7-8pm	\$60 (10 classes)	BV School Library 2nd Floor
	Mon 8-9pm		
Adult Stand-Up Comedy (Sep 22) New! Improving mental health through stand-up comedy. Instructor: J.O. Smith	Tue 7-9pm	\$60 (8 classes + Comedy Night)	
Book Club (third Thursday/month; Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 10)	Thu 7-9pm	\$5 / person plus BVCA membership	
Beginner Social Dance (Sep 25)	Fri 7-8pm	\$60/ couple/ level (8 classes)	
Intermediate Social Dance (Sep 25)	Fri 8-9pm		
CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILY			
Kinder Soccer (Sep 14; ages 3-5; certified coach provided; no teams)	Mon 6-7pm	\$40 (10 sessions)	BV School Gym
Family Gym (Sep 18; includes access to equipment; no instructor, must be supervised by adult; put toys away)	Fri 6-7pm	\$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 bvcasaskatoon.ca for up-to-date info
- Non-refundable \$10/individual or family BVCA membership fee is required. Memberships are valid until August 2027. Late registrations are subject to a \$10 surcharge.
- Classes are run on a not-for-profit basis
- **In person:** pay by cash, cheque, debit, or **register online** (no e-transfers please) after September 9.
- 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 with any questions, or for KidSport funding. All inquiries are confidential