



# NEWSLETTER

of the Nutana Community Association

April 2012

## NCA BOARD MEMBERS

### President

Mark Bobyn

### Vice President

Kathy Sharman

### Secretary

Genevieve Bobyn &  
Jennifer Taylor

### Treasurer

Leah Brannen

### Civics Coordinator

Mike McKague

### Newsletter Editor

Victoria Neufeldt

### Web Site Coordinators

Peter Siemens &  
Denise Eversen

### Indoor Coordinators

Janet Jobe  
Linda Streifel

### Outdoor Coordinators

Matt Shubert &  
Jim Siemens

### Soccer Coordinators

Jessica Green &  
Mike McKague

### Social Director

Kacey Keene

### Community Garden Liaison

Mark Bobyn

### Adelle House Representative

Victoria Neufeldt

### Albert Community Centre

### Representative

Grant Whitecross

### Marr Residence Representative

Garth Cantrill

### Broadway Business Improvement

### District Representative

David Barer

### Members at Large

Linda Streifel  
Jennifer Taylor  
Andrew Wallace

## NUTANA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 7 p.m.*

*in the Library of Nutana  
Collegiate Institute*

*at Eleventh Street and  
Victoria Avenue*

**DO NOT MISS IT!**

**BIG PLANS!**

**EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS!**

*See inside for details...*

To contact the NCA, visit our web site: <http://www.nutana.ca/>

## **Nutana Community Association President's Message**

**By Mark Bobyn**

### ***Broadway 360° Plan***

The Broadway 360° development plan will be working its way through council during April and May this year. The Nutana Community Association, together with the City of Saskatoon and the Broadway Business Improvement District, have formed this exciting proposal, which brings resolution to several outstanding issues that were never dealt with in our local area plan 10 years ago.

### ***Infill guidelines***

The City of Saskatoon has recognized the importance of neighbourhood intensification in charting a financially viable city in the future. We understand the challenges that will go along with this and have worked hard in collaboration with other community associations to start discussion on infill guidelines and regulations, to accompany the discussion of intensification; this is to ensure that it is not just about fitting more residents into an existing neighbourhood, but about shaping better-quality and more appropriate neighbourhood development.

There is a whole new set of tools which many other cities have adopted in the face of these challenges, and they have inspired the development of more context-sensitive, community-friendly, well-mannered, and appropriately scaled construction. This is having tremendous results in the re-invigoration of older neighbourhoods into very high quality, vibrant, and attractive urban environments.

The City of Saskatoon has committed to the development of preliminary infill guidelines and regulations for existing neighbourhoods over the next year and a half, and the Nutana Community Association will be very involved in advancing this discussion.

### ***NCA's Annual General Meeting***

The Nutana Community Association extends a special welcome to all Nutana residents to attend our AGM on April 18th at 7 p.m., in the library of Nutana Collegiate. We have four main topics to present, which should be of great interest to all residents.

1. The NCA is excited to be introducing a proposal at the AGM to


develop a strategic plan for the Nutana area. A strategic plan is a high-level look at the general needs and interests of an area, which will help set the agenda for our association in the coming years.

2. We will also be presenting the details of our first ever "Sweep into Spring" Nutana lane clean-up event. See the enclosed flyer.

3. Another presentation will be an exciting proposal to develop a Nutana public bread oven, hopefully in the near future. Our guest speaker on this topic will be Bryn Rawlyk.

4. Lastly, we will be looking at a proposal to transform the Nutana Free Film Festival into a larger-profile public speaking event based on the notions of "Smart Growth/Healthy Cities". Our guest speakers on this topic at the meeting will be Kirby Wirchenko of the Broadway Theatre, and Peter Garden of Turning the Tide bookstore.

See page 3 for more information on the AGM's agenda.

I hope to see you all there! 

### **NCA Programs**

Do you have suggestions for classes/programs you would like to see NCA offer in the future? Please send any ideas or comments to [programming@nutana.ca](mailto:programming@nutana.ca)

### **New Community Liaison Officers**

Note that we have new community liaison officers from the Saskatoon Police Service. There are two officers serving the East Division, which includes Nutana. They are Constable April Wegren and Constable Pam Fouquette.

See page 7 for contact information. 



## **NCA Annual General Meeting, April 18, 2012, 7 p.m. Nutana Collegiate Library**

Come to the annual general meeting of the Nutana Community Association and find out what has been happening and what is to come in the coming year in your community.

The meeting begins at 7 o'clock with the necessary usual business about approving agendas and minutes, etc., but quickly moves on to the exciting stuff.

For example, there will be a presentation on a proposed event at the Broadway Theatre, another on a proposed public bread oven, and a description of the Clean Sweep project planned for the end of this month, which will surely have our neighbourhood looking its best ever. (For details on the Clean Sweep, see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.) Please also read Mark Bobyn's president's message on the facing page for information on these plans and more.

What follows the presentation is the annual reports

of the people serving your community by volunteering on the association's board. These reports can be revealing and interesting — who knew there was so much going on all year! There is the president's report, the treasurer's report (the money!), and then three-to-four-minute reports from the coordinators of the various programs, etc.

This meeting will also give you the chance to give us your feedback on everything that concerns you in our neighbourhood and beyond, and we also welcome your suggestions for other programs that we might offer.

Not to be forgotten are the elections of board members for the coming year. This is your chance to become directly involved in Nutana's affairs, because we take nominations from the floor.

And certainly not least, there will of course be refreshments. Altogether, a worthwhile evening out.



### **skateboarding**

**OPEN DAILY 8:00 AM to DUSK** (Unsupervised)

**Skateboard Program (indicated with \*\*)**

1:30-9:00 p.m.  
July 3 to August 17

**Lions Skatepark** (Victoria Park)

**\*\*M, W, F**

**Charlottetown Park** (behind Cosmo Civic Centre)

**\*\*Tu**

**Forest Park** (adjacent to Centennial High School)

**Lakewood Park** (beside Lakewood Civic Centre)

**Morris T. Chernesky Park** (beside Shaw Centre)

**\*\*Th 1:30 PM-4:30 PM**

**Umea Park** (behind Lawson Civic Centre)

**\*\*Th 5:00PM-9:00 PM**



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

### **sprayparks**

**June 1 — September 3**

Monday - Sunday  
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### **Locations:**

Arbor Creek, Briarwood, Dundonald, Erindale,  
Exhibition, Forest Grove, Holliston, Lakeridge,  
Mayfair, Parkridge, River Heights,  
River Landing, Silverspring,  
Silverwood Heights & Willowgrove

*Note: While schools are in session,  
spray features will be shut down during  
break times.*



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

## NCA Helps Send Oskayak Student to New Zealand

Seventeen grade-12 students from Oskayak High School had what they may well look back on as the experience of their lives when they visited New Zealand last July, along with four school staff members. This group also made history by being the largest-ever graduating class from the school. The 12-day trip, designed to offer the students an opportunity to experience another aboriginal culture, was made possible through a variety of grants from corporate and private donors and organizations. Nutana Community Association donated \$1,000 towards the expenses of one of the students, Labrina Shirley.

All grade 12 students were invited to apply for this opportunity; the trip was awarded on the

basis of academic achievement and on condition that they completed their studies and graduated before the trip.

In addition to organizing and preparing for the trip, Oskayak students produced a full-length documentary film of their planning, fundraising, and all the preparations necessary for the journey (including getting passports), and finally the journey itself, to the North Island of New Zealand. The staff of Bluehill Productions guided the students as they learned the communication and production technology skills needed to create the documentary.

The documentary was introduced to the public at a free screening at the Broadway Theatre in January this year.

Carys Gilbertson, Oskayak program facilitator for grades nine and 12, one of the accompanying staff members, reported that the trip was "unbelievable". The students were on task the entire

time, she said. They were all up early every day, prepared their breakfast, and were loaded on the bus by 9 a.m. for a unique, enjoyable, appreciated adventure. Highlights were experiencing the ocean, meeting the Maori people, and learning about and experiencing their culture.

Some experiences, as reported by Carys: visiting Auckland, the Coromandel Peninsula, bone carving at Whitianga, experiencing the ocean at Cathedral Cove, a Maori evening cultural performance, a feast, with food cooked below ground, learning and performing the Haka, exploring the Whakarewarewa thermal village, touring the Te Puia (New Zealand's Maori Arts and Crafts Institute), seeing geysers and caves, soaking in thermal rock pools, visiting the National Museum in Wellington — a great place for learning, with five floors of exhibitions — and finally driving back to Auckland and leaving for home.



Top photo, from left: Labrina Shirley, our sponsored student; NCA representative Victoria Neufeldt; and Shanda Sanderson, who was sponsored by the Broadway Business Improvement District

Above: in front of the geyser in the Waiotapu Geothermal Park; Labrina is second from left

Right: first ocean experience, at Cathedral Cove; many hours spent playing in the ocean, because it was too rough to kayak

Photos courtesy of Carys Gilbertson





## Nutana Community Garden, 2012

### New Gardeners Register on April 28th

Spring is here, and the Nutana Community Garden will once again be operating this summer from the parcel of land directly behind the Broadway Roastery, at 518 12th Street East. Registration for new gardeners will be held on Saturday, April 28th, right in the garden, from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. The fee is \$25 and must be paid at the time of registration. There will be a very limited number of plots available, once last year's gardeners have confirmed their intentions to stay on or not. New plots are assigned on a first come first served basis. You may fill out the form ahead of time by downloading the 2012 gardener's agreement form from the Nutana Community Association web site at [www.nutana.ca](http://www.nutana.ca)

Hard copies will be available at the registration table on the day of registration as well.

Returning gardeners from last year will have a chance to re-register for their plots beforehand.

Each will be sent a new 2012 garden agreement form by e-mail; those without e-mail, please call Victoria School at 384-4322 to make other arrangements. All returning gardeners need to return the completed forms with full payment by April 21st to the registrar's home. There will be one opportunity for the returning gardeners to change plots, by meeting the registrar at the garden on April 27th between 6:30 and 8 p.m. The Varsity View Community Association will be again be operating their community garden down the road at 12th Street and Wiggins Avenue, right behind Bishop Murray School. The contact person for that garden will be James Perkins. He can be reached by e-mail at [nic.james@sasktel.net](mailto:nic.james@sasktel.net)

We are always looking for individuals interested in volunteering as one of the coordinators for the Nutana garden, so if you are interested, please contact Mark Bobyn by e-mail at [president@nutana.ca](mailto:president@nutana.ca)

## Nutana Gardening Awards

It's happening again. In 2010, NCA presented the first Nutana Gardening Awards. This summer, we will again send our garden scouts to check out gardens nominated for the award.

The awards are meant to celebrate all the hard work that so many of you do and the countless hours you put in to make your garden look great. Your efforts are a real contribution to our community. We would again like to recognize this with a token of our appreciation to the best three vegetable or ornamental gardens that come to our attention. If you see a wonderful garden, your own or that of a neighbour, friend, or stranger, in the front, side, or backyard, please bring it to our attention by e-mailing the house address to [social@nutana.ca](mailto:social@nutana.ca) by the end of July. We will review all of your favourite gardens on an August Sunday afternoon. Three winners will each receive a \$100 cash award.

We look forward to hearing about all of your favourite gardens.

Below, a photo of one of the winning gardens from 2010.



Looking up at some of Nutana's magnificent elms in fall Photo by V. Neufeldt





## Warren Chykowski 1964–2012

Warren Chykowski, a Nutana resident and quiet community supporter, passed away March 3, 2012. (a full obituary appeared in *The StarPhoenix* on March 6th).

He died while on holiday in Thailand. He was born July 23rd, 1964 in Saskatoon and grew up here. A registered respiratory therapist, working at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, he also held a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Saskatchewan.

Warren made his home in Nutana, and his love of growing things was evident in his lovely landscaped yard. Warren served on the Nutana Community Association for some years, as your representative to S.O.S. Elms, an organization dedicated to the preservation of the elm trees in Saskatoon's urban forest. Most recently, Warren worked with the Nutana Community Association Board on traffic calming in the neighbourhood, through the use of traffic circles. One of the locations considered was suggested by Warren, and was the one chosen for a trial model, at the intersection of 9th Street and McPherson Ave.

— Dianne Wilson

## Idylwyld Rink Ends Busy Year on April 15th

The rink boards at Idylwyld Park will be coming down Sunday, April 15th, at 1 p.m., ending the very busy 2011–2012 skating season. **Come out and help with this final task. With 10 or 12 helpers, it will take less than an hour.**

The boards went up early in November, with flooding beginning that week. The rink was fully functional well before the school Christmas break, with many skaters immediately using it.

Rink activity was high morning, noon, and night. It's estimated we had around 2,500 skaters over three and a half months.

Major shovelling and flooding were done primarily by Greg Donnolly and me, along with neighbours Rick Schwinghammer and Pat Boot.

All flooding was done from the park water supply, generously donated by the City. Our only expense of the year was \$18 for a reducing widget which allowed three-quarter-inch hose operation from the park hydrant. After initially creating a three-inch ice base with the fire hoses, the surface was maintained with skim coating every three or four days. Someone bought us a couple of new nets, and shovels just seemed to show up!

Warm winter temperatures basically kept the rink busy. There has been a rink in this park every year since at least 1935 (more than 75 years) and this was the busiest year, with the best ice conditions, that people can recall.

— Matt Schubert, Idylwyld Park Rink Coordinator

*Photo at right, taken Nov 6: the boards are on the ground, waiting to be set up*

*Photo below, taken the same day: task completed!*

*Bottom photo, taken Dec 29th: the rink in use; taken from the northeast*

Photos courtesy of Matt Schubert



## Community Consultant Report

By Dylan Czarnecki

*Dylan Czarnecki is the community consultant for Area 6, which includes Nutana. Community consultants work for the City of Saskatoon, in the Community Development Branch. — Ed*

### City's New Strategic Plan

The City of Saskatoon has released transportation and development details of its strategic plan that will help guide City policy over the next decade.

City Manager Murray Totland says the two highlighted strategic goals build a solid foundation for the community to grow responsibly without the pitfalls of unrestrained expansion.

Among the seven goals contained within the plan, "sustainable growth" and "moving around" create the main framework for council decision-making and administrative policy-making over the next ten years.

Three main elements of the city's plan are 1) the need to move people to workplaces in the north end, at the University of Saskatchewan, and downtown; 2) the need to move people faster and more efficiently west and east, and; 3)

the need to build "in" and "up" along those key pathways instead of expanding out.

Planning and Development Manager Alan Wallace adds that the two strategic goals don't stand alone.

"For example, shorter commute times decrease costs, and they increase the quality of life," he says. Along with this objective, Wallace stresses the desire to create more "main street" areas similar to Broadway Avenue.

"If we create urban villages along routes where transit service is more frequent, it will help make 'moving around' less reliant on cars and trucks," he says.


"It's good for the environment, and it saves taxpayers money, because infill development takes advantage of the infrastructure that's already there."

The strategic plan was made possible in part with the help of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and a \$333,771 grant from the Green Municipal Fund. The plan is posted on the City of Saskatoon web site; look for Strategic Plan under "S". Hard copies of the plan are available from the city manager's office.

### Avenue H Closed for Two Years

Construction for the Avenue H reservoir expansion project requires traffic restrictions on avenues H and I, which will remain in place until the project is complete in approximately two years.

Avenue H is now closed between 11th Street and 12th Street and 11th Street is closed between Avenue H and Avenue I. Detour signs direct motorists via 17th Street and Avenue P. Local traffic access is available.

The Avenue H reservoir expansion project includes expanding the storage capacity for treated water (the reservoir), adding an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system, and installing a new high-lift pump station. This project, along with expansion of the 42nd Street reservoir scheduled to start later in 2012, will allow the City of Saskatoon to store more water to optimize water treatment plant operation, and provide additional capacity to meet the projected water demand based on Saskatoon's estimated 2016 population, while maintaining high water quality standards. 

### Useful Contacts

**For information about our provincial government or help with your concerns, contact:**

**Cathy Sproule**, MLA for Saskatoon Nutana  
621A Main St., Saskatoon S7H 0J8  
Tel: 664-6101 (legislature: 306-787-9999)  
E-mail: [csproule@ndpcaucus.sk.ca](mailto:csproule@ndpcaucus.sk.ca)

**For local concerns and information, contact:**

**Charlie Clark**, City Councillor for Ward 6 (which includes Nutana) City Hall,  
222 3rd Ave. North, Saskatoon S7K 0J5.  
Tel: 229-4447  
E-mail: [Charlie.Clark@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:Charlie.Clark@Saskatoon.ca)

**Community Liaison Officers  
East Division:**

**Constable April Wegren #7**  
Tel: 975-2263  
[april.wegren@police.saskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:april.wegren@police.saskatoon.sk.ca)  
**Constable Pam Fouquette**

[pam.fouquette@police.saskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:pam.fouquette@police.saskatoon.sk.ca)

### Newsletter Policy

**Publication:** three issues per year:  
January, April, September

**Content:** information about local events, programs, organizations, people, places, etc. that are likely to be of interest to the Nutana community

**Contributions:** unsolicited contributions welcome; acceptance depends on appropriateness and timeliness of content, space available, etc.

**Advertisements:** no ads, except from the city

**Contact:** [nutanaca@sasktel.net](mailto:nutanaca@sasktel.net)

**Deadline for submissions:** the first day of the month that precedes the publication month

## Buena Vista Creative Preschool

Buena Vista Creative Preschool still has space available in the classes held Tuesday and Thursday morning (9:15 to 11:30) and afternoon (12:45 to 3). The classes are located in a spacious main floor classroom in Buena Vista School, 1306 Lorne Avenue.

The preschool presents a gentle, positive introduction to school, with group and individual activities, stimulating crafts, stories, playtime, special events, and field trips.

For more information, please visit the web site [www.bvcreativepreschool.com](http://www.bvcreativepreschool.com) or contact Suzanne at 665-0972. 



## Summer Playground Information for Nutana

### playgrounds

#### Weekday Playground Program

July 3- August 23 (school locations close Aug 22)  
Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
and  
Friday 12:00-4:30 p.m.

Your nearest Playground is  
Nutana Recreation Unit  
506 Clarence Avenue

#### Weekend Playground Program Hours

July 7-August 19  
Saturday & Sunday 12:00 pm-5:00 pm


Your nearest Weekend Playground Program is  
Buena Vista Recreation Unit  
1304 Victoria Avenue

*Draining and filling times vary for each pool. Please check with staff at site to confirm hours of operation.*

*Paddling pools will close during unsuitable weather conditions (14 °C or less and/or when raining heavily)*



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



Reducing  
**Graffiti**  
in our  
Community


**you can help...**

**Record it:** Take a picture of the graffiti vandalism as soon as it is identified.

**Report it:** Report all incidents of damage to your property by calling **Saskatoon Police Services** at **975-8300**.

**Remove it:** Remove graffiti from your property as quickly as possible. The faster and more frequently graffiti is cleaned up, the less it appears.

**For more information on the City of Saskatoon Graffiti Management Program or to report graffiti vandalism call 975-2828 or visit [www.saskatoon.ca](http://www.saskatoon.ca).**



## Camp Easter Seal Fundraisers

Easter Seals Saskatchewan brings two exciting events to Saskatoon this year. Both have as their goal raising funds for Camp Easter Seal and the Adaptive Technologies program.

The Easter Seals Saskatchewan **Walk & Roll Walkathon** attracts individuals of all ages and athletic ability. This event consists of three distinct routes for participants to choose from — 1.5 km, 4.5 km, and 8.5 km fun runs. There will be children's activities and a delicious lunch to wrap up the event. The date: May 12, 2012.

The Easter Seals Saskatchewan **Drop Zone** event challenges fearless participants (a.k.a. Superheroes) to raise funds in support of Easter Seals Saskatchewan for the rare opportunity to rappel down a Boardwalk Properties highrise building. Challenge yourself this summer and face your fears while raising funds for a great cause: sending kids to camp!

For more information on either of these events, please call The Saskatchewan Abilities Council office at 306-374-4448 or visit our web site at [www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca](http://www.abilitiescouncil.sk.ca)

Easter Seals Saskatchewan is operated by The Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Easter Seals Saskatchewan funds Camp Easter Seal, the Summer Fun program, and the Adaptive Technologies program in our province. 