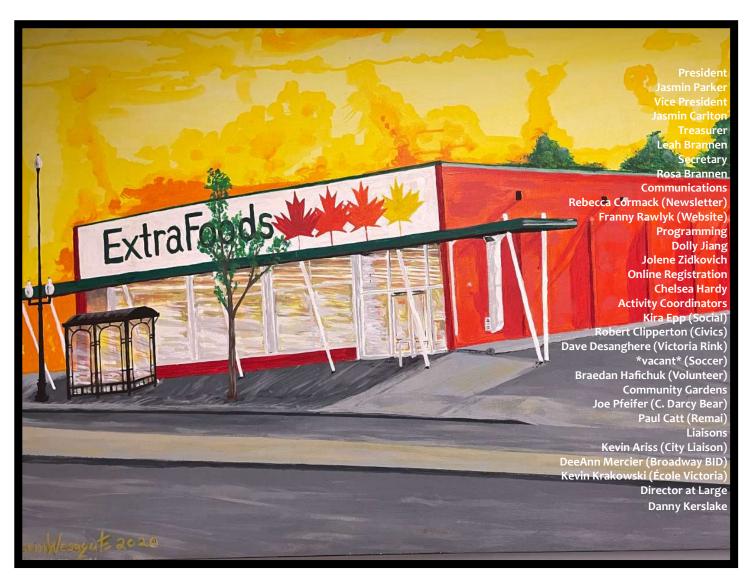


# NEWSLETTER

of the Nutana Community Association

Spring 2022

2021/2022 NCA Board



By Local Artist, Kevin Wesaquate

# **FEATURES**



# **President's Newsletter Greeting**

Hello Neighbours,

Greetings from your friendly neighbourhood community association. As our AGM approaches I find myself looking back on the last year of changes, challenges, and successes. None of this happens without the dedicated volunteers that make up our board. They spend hours planning, coordinating, caretaking, lobbying, letter writing, relationship building, and volunteering to build up their community. The NCA is a product of the community that exists in Nutana. It's a reflection of the people and the passion for our neighbourhood and our city I see in the conversations, the coffee shops, the schools, and the acts of service all around Nutana. I often find myself experiencing our neighbourhood at its best and reminding myself "I live here". It's something I try not to take for granted, and it's that pride that drove me to volunteer with the NCA. It's the people and the community that keep me coming back. I hope you'll take a look at the positions that we have open on the board and think about getting involved. I promise you won't regret getting to know more of your neighbours.

With winter, eventually, coming to a close I tip my hat again to the volunteers that have kept us busy this season. Our rink coordinators and volunteers continue to provide space for the community to enjoy through, what can be, long winter months. We look forward to continuing to invest in these spaces to ensure they are accessible to as many people in the community as they can be. Our indoor program coordinators once again astound me with their ability to pivot and provide for the community. They continue to innovate and be creative, along with our instructors, in creating new programs, and in providing programs in different ways to ensure everyone that wants to participate can. I aspire to their mad spreadsheeting skills.

Last June city council voted unanimously in favour of enhancing the "parklet" space found at the intersection of 14th Street & Temperance. The NCA successfully advocated for complete public realm improvements. This could involve things such as: replacement of the current lilac bushes, new street furniture, added street trees, additional hardscaping and lighting, bike racks, etc. The intention behind this advocacy is to ensure the city creates an inviting public space that is adequately maintained. This past fall this project received the necessary funding. I look forward to a formalized project design and construction finally taking place.

I'm sure it has not escaped most resident's notice that the Nutana area is a highly desirable place to live. This desirability comes with the pressures of construction and development in our area. In my time here I've always lived near major construction projects. I know how valuable these projects are for city building, our business district, and increasing density. I've certainly personally benefited from the construction of density positive housing. Nonetheless our neigbourhood does experience the burden of closed streets, cranes, and construction noise, to name a few. While there has been advocacy for the neighbourhood to receive public realm investment from the city's levies on this development we have yet to experience this direct benefit. In an effort to engage developers directly to be good neighbours the NCA has developed a series of sponsorship opportunities that create a financial partnership with the intent of improving the public realm. We would like to thank Westcliff Properties for being the first of these developers to partner with us. We look forward to putting their sponsorship to work on park enhancements in Nutana. I encourage you to ask your developer what they are doing to invest in the neighbourhood they want you to call home, and feel free to point them in our direction if they aren't sure what opportunities exist.

With the arrival of spring I hope everyone watches for upcoming dates for Sweep Into Spring. We look forward to putting on the safest event possible, so as dates are determined we will post more information. Follow us on Facebook (Nutana Community Association) as everything will be posted there.

Until next time.

Jasmin Parker President, NCA



Keep up to date on the Nutana community.

The public is always welcome to attend our monthly NCA meetings. They take place on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our upcoming meetings are:

April 6 2022 May 4 2022 June 1 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are currently held by Zoom.

E-mail secretary@nutana.ca to receive a Zoom link to attend.

### NCA's 2022 AGM is to be held on

# Wednesday April 13 2022 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Please e-mail vice-president@nutana.ca for a link to the meeting



# This Year's Agenda

- 1. Land acknowledgement
- 2. Welcome and introduction of the board
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Approval of the 2021 Meeting Minutes
- 5. President's Report Jasmin Parker
- 6. First Call for Nominations for Board Positions Kevin Ariss
- 7. Councillor's Report Cynthia Block
- 8. Second Call for Nominations for Board Positions Kevin Ariss
- 9. Financial Report Leah Brannen
  - Financials from 2021
  - Budget for 2022
  - Appointment of Reviewer
- 10. Third/ Final Call for Nominations for Board Positions Kevin Ariss
- 11. Nutana Notable Neighbour Awards Jasmin Carlton
- 12. New Business
- 13. NCA Long Service Awards Leah Brannen
- 14. Adjournment

# Board Position Open for Election at 2022's AGM:

President
Secretary
Indoor Programs Co-coordinators
Civics Coordinator
Community Garden Coordinators
Newsletter Editor
Sports Coordinators
Directors-at-Large (3)

### President

- -Presides as chairperson at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the community association:
- -Is responsible for preparation of the agenda for meetings or appoints a designate; -Has signing authority on documents and for cheques drawn on community association funds;
- -Acts as the representative for the Association or appoints a designate;
- -Ensures that all Directors are adequately trained in their duties and functions;
- -Is ex-officio member of all committees of the Board of Directors and designates jobs to committees.
- -Upon completion of your term as President you will assume the role of Past President as outlined in Bylaw 6.5

### Secretary

- -Records, preserves and distributes the minutes of all Board of Directors, General and Special meetings of the Association;
- -Keeps a record of all committees and committee members;
- -Ensures all notices of Board of Directors, General and Special Meetings are distributed:
- -Has signing authority on documents and for cheques drawn on association funds; -Handles all correspondence as directed by the Board of Directors.

### Indoor Program Coordinator(s)

- -Coordinates and manages all indoor recreation activities in cooperation with the
- -Community Services Department and the School Boards;
- -Appoints and assigns duties to instructors and coaches as required to facilitate indoor programs.
- -Liaises with the Online Registration Coordinator and other positions as required.
- -Liaises with Community Consultant to prepare Leisure Guide Program Listings

### Civics Coordinator(s)

- -Represents the community association on matters of civic concern;
- -Coordinates input from residents and members on issues that require public opinion and awareness

# Community Garden Coordinator(s)

- -Acts as a liaison between the community association and the garden organization; -Assigns duties to the garden registrar(s), work bee coordinator(s), shed manager, site manager, and other volunteers as may be required;
- -Organizes registration, organizes membership, collects registration forms and fees, and assigns plots;
- -Secures a water source and land lease agreement prior to the gardening season;
- -Develops and distributes a calendar of social events and maintenance work bees to the membership.

### **Newsletter Editor**

- -Prepares Association newsletters;
- -Coordinates the distribution of Association newsletters.

### Sport Coordinators - as required

-Acts as liaison with the community association and respective sport organization; -Recruits and assigns duties to instructors and coaches as required to facilitate the sports program.

# Directors-at-Large

-Are directors that are either available for appointment to duties, responsibilities and committees as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

# **Submit Your Nominations!**

Our esteemed Notable Neighbours, nominated by fellow neighbours, were celebrated at last year's AGM. Be sure to submit your nomination for this year's AGM coming up on April 13th. It is a wonderful way to acknowledge those around you that are providing big and small contributions to our Community!

Include in your nomination these things:

- Nominator's Name and Email Address
- Nominee's Name and contact information (e-mail is best)
- Reason for Nomination (1-5 sentences)



Send your nomination to 201 – 327 11th Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0E5 or by e-mail to volunteer@nutana.ca

Nominations received throughout the year are acknowledged at our upcoming Annual General Meeting April 13th with a small gift of appreciation given to the recipient.

Thank you Nutana for celebrating your Neighbours

# Nutana's 2021 Notable Neighbour Award Recipients and their Nomination

# David MacLachlan, Sheldon Corbett, & Margi Corbett aka the Pandemic Pals Entertainment Group

I want to preface this award by sharing that Dave has dubbed himself the "Grouchiest Man on the Block" and this award should in no way take away from that title and his grouchy reputation. Throughout last summer and the fall, this group of talented musicians (David on guitar and vocals, Sheldon on saxophone and keyboard, and Margi on clarinet), along with a number of musicians they assembled from their friends and relatives serenaded neighbours on 10th street weekly from their respective front porches. In honour of front-line workers, they played songs of hope and perseverance and joy every week. Each week more passers-by stopped to listen, applaud, sing along, ring bells, and bang pots for front-line workers. It was a heartwarming way to end every week, and a reminder that we can all do our part to keep one anothers' spirits up during the lockdown. Thank you David, Sheldon, and Margi!

# **Kelly Wells**

Kelly Wells was the Nutana Soccer Coordinator for several years and is back as our coordinator again. She has made it possible for many Nutana children to enjoy a vigorous outdoor team sport, developing physical and social skills while their parents cheer them on. Soccer takes a lot of background coordination and Kelly has gone beyond in organizing soccer for our community when her own children are too old to participate. A testament to Kelly's dedication is the TEN teams that we have in soccer this year. Thank you Kelly for all your hardwork and dedication.

# Cats of the 700 Block of 11th Street East

This nomination started out as a nomination for Mingus who used to live on 11st Street East and was the neighbourhood cat. Alas, that nomination was received last year and since that nomination was received Mingus has retired to BC. The nomination and award recipient is now all the kitties of the 700 block of 11th street east who are loved by all and have been a light for many over the past year. Thank you to these meow meows for their commitment to making sure we as humans have been okay this past year.

# **City Council Update**

With Cynthia Block, Ward 6 Councillor

Happy Spring Ward 6 -

Construction season is just around the corner with a number of big projects planned in our neighbourhoods. The work can be disruptive, but it is great to see so many improvements to roads and sidewalks as the City works to make projects run as smoothly as possible. To find out more go to: saskatoon.ca/construction The interactive map is a great tool, plus you can sign up for updates on specific projects.

I want to highlight the City of Saskatoon's newly adopted 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. This guiding document sets the direction and priorities for City Council and administration over the next four years. saskatoon.ca/strategicplan While service delivery and basic infrastructure remain the bedrock of civic work, these strategic files are supporting concrete actions to align with the Official Community Plan. There are 10 priority areas, with each member of Council leading one of them: Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - Economic Development - Community Safety and Well-Being - Engagement on Infill and Growth - Regional Planning - Downtown Development - Environmental Sustainability - Transportation - Recreation, Culture and Leisure - Smart City (IT).

I am excited to continue as Council's strategic lead for Downtown Development. During this Council term a formal advisory group is being created to begin planning the Downtown Entertainment District, and a decision is expected on the location for a future arena. Thanks to the Downtown Stimulus Strategy created last term, we have a new tool to promote the heart of our city. "Downtown Saskatoon: Urban with a Prairie Heart" is an exceptional collaboration among many partners and volunteers. dtnyxe.ca/destination-downtown/

Don't forget to get your green cart subscription before April 30th to receive the early bird price at \$65 for the season. saskatoon.ca/greencart

Have your say by weighing in on a number of areas under review by the City: infill guidelines, childcare/group homes, park development standards and tree protection. saskatoon.ca/engage

You can sign up for e-updates to find out the latest from City Hall, and the next date for Coffee with Your Councillor (hopefully, in real life). cynthiablockward6.com

Many thanks to everyone helping us get through the pandemic and supporting others in crisis at home and around the world. It all seems like too much sometimes, but I am constantly amazed and encouraged by the strength and kindness in our community. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely, Cynthia



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# Thanks for 66 Years









Thank you to the staff of Extra Foods. You have been a tremendous support for Nutana.

For so many years of great service,

For being our local essential service provider during some dark times over the last few years,

For giving back to your community by donating food to our NCA Events (Pumpkins in the Park) over the past number of years,

We thank you very much.



# **History of Grocers in Nutana**

Access to essential needs has always been something that the Community of Nutana has been fortunate enough to have in their 'backyard'. Grocery stores have always been an integral part of the service package the Broadway business community has offered. Let's take a look back at some of them.

Safeway was first built on Broadway in 1929, with an expanded store built in the 1950s. OK Economy followed, arriving on Broadway in the late 1930s at the location now occupied by Crave Cupcakes. A decade later it built an expanded store down the road, at the location that is now the soon-to-be-closed Extra Foods. Ironically, the disappointment arisen by the closure of Extra Foods is a book end to the disappointment sparked in the area by its arrival. The first house built in Saskatoon was demolished to accommodate room for the new grocery store's parking lot.

Through the 1930s to 1950s, other grocers such as Sanitary Grocery & Fruit, Yip Bros and Blue Bird Groceteria were part of the offerings to the community.

Wait, what's a "groceteria"? A groceteria is defined as a store where consumers

choose products off the shelf and pay when leaving the store, as opposed to being served by a store employee. Early day changes for the 'convenience factor'.

At a time when people would not have dreamt of buying their groceries in caselot volumes, it was grocers such as these located just down the road that would have collectively well-served its people.

No doubt, they were the backbone to the strength of Nutana's business district that still exists today.













Thank you to the **Saskatoon Public Library's Local History Room** for these photos, and to history enthusiast, **Dianne Wilson**, for her research assistance.

It is always important to reflect on the past as we look to determine the future.

# **New Winter Programming to Include Equipment**

Have you been interested in trying out a winter sport without having to purchase your own equipment?

The NCA is very excited to offer a new line of programs coming in the Winter of 2022, after receiving funding to purchase some equipment that you can use to enjoy the fantastic community skating rinks or the many trail systems and park spaces Nutana offers. It is an exciting opportunity to provide access to equipment that folks might not want to commit to purchasing, or cannot afford to purchase. We plan to offer snowshoes, kick sleds, cross country skis, and skates. Development of programs utilizing this equipment are underway with more info to come later this year.

There are many ways you can contribute to the success of these new program offerings, as well as other community enhancement initiatives. From equipment to cash donations, you can make a positive impact for all who wish to enjoy the physical and mental benefits that the NCA Programming and park spaces provide. Contact president@ nutana.ca to learn more.



Looking for Donations and Low Cost Sales of..

# Winter Equipment

Have you outgrown your outdoor winter equipment or are you upgrading your outdoor winter equipment?

The NCA is looking for donations or low cost sale of equipment for our outdoor winter programming.

If you would like to donate or share what you are offering to sell for equipment email president@nutana.ca.



# **Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

Below are available opportunities for Nutana neighbours and friends to support, contribute, and sponsor various projects and programs that the Nutana Community Association (NCA) has on the go and will be delivering in 2022 and years to come.

We have developed pre-packaged sponsorship options depending on the contribution and support you are looking to provide. If none of these pre-packaged options work for you, please contact the NCA Vice-President at vice-president@nutana.ca and we will work with you to develop a sponsorship opportunity that works best.

# Option 1: Programming Shed

Outline: The NCA has received funding to develop winter outdoor programming for low-income families and our local community. This programming includes snowshoes, kick sleds, cross country skiing, and skating. The funding for this programming does not include the cost of a shed for the NCA to store supplies and use as a meet up location. This shed would predominantly house the winter outdoor programming equipment and any outdoor summer programming equipment we may amass in the coming years as our outdoor programming is developed.

Recognition: The sponsor of the programming shed would receive their logo and name on the outside of the shed as well as the inside of the shed for the lifetime of the structure. Additionally, all sponsors will be recognized on our social media platforms and in our newsletter that gets delivered to all mailboxes in the Nutana community.

Financial Commitment: The financial commitment required is \$2,500. This commitment will allow the NCA to purchase the shed and equip the inside of the shed with the appropriate shelving and infrastructure to hold the programming equipment. This is a one-time financial commitment.

## Option 2: Park Infrastructure

Outline: The NCA has several parks in our community (Massey Park, Chief Darcy Bear Park, W.E. Graham Park, Temperance Street Parklet, Idylwyld Park, and Rotary Park). These parks do not have the infrastructure that matches the requirements of the community. Improving and increasing the infrastructure is a priority for the NCA.

Recognition: The sponsor of any park infrastructure would have their name on the infrastructure item(s) for the lifetime of the item. Additionally, all sponsors will be recognized on our social media platforms and in our newsletter that gets delivered to all mailboxes in the Nutana community.

Financial Commitment: The benches, fountains, picnic tables, lights, and all other park infrastructure has to be approved and purchased to match the City of Saskatoon's guidelines. Infrastructure items for this reason will vary. Commitments ranging between \$1,000 - \$15,000 will be accepted and used for park infrastructure that is appropriate for the park and of the highest priority in the neighbourhood as determined by the NCA's park enhancement committee.

# **Option 3: Programming Sponsorship**

Outline: The NCA hosts a full slate of indoor programming and will be developing and delivering a full slate of outdoor programming starting in the winter of 2022. These programs include youth soccer, yoga, tai chi, guitar, muscle sculpt, spike ball, knitting, gardening, and many others. All programming pays instructors and provides the necessary equipment and facilities. Each program also has the ability to provide cost-as-a-barrier support to ensure that everyone in our community has access to programming no matter their financial situation. Our commitment to providing these programs and ensuring equal access to participation means that we often run these programs at a deficit. Sponsorship of programming also allows the NCA Programming Coordinators the opportunity to experiment with new and emerging programs which support the sustained growth of our program offerings.

Recognition: The sponsor of the annual programming would receive their name and logo on the registration page of our website, recognition on our social media platforms, and recognition in our newsletter that gets delivered to all mailboxes in the Nutana community.

Financial Commitment: The financial commitment required to support one year of our annual programming is \$1,000.

### Option 4: Annual Events Sponsorship

Outline: The NCA hosts several annual events and a host of individual summer events. These events include Sweep Into Spring, Pumpkins in the Park, and regular Temperance Street parklet events each summer (bubbles in the park, pets in the park, sidewalk chalk days, etcetera).

Recognition: The sponsor of our slate of annual events will receive their name and logo on all the marketing materials for the events, on our social media for the events, and in our newsletter that gets delivered to all mailboxes in the Nutana community.

Financial Commitment: The financial commitment required to support a year's worth of NCA events is \$2,500. Opportunities for individual event sponsorship can be provided upon request.

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# Winterruption: Check Out their Upcoming Indoor and Outdoor Events

# The Lineup

# Thursday, March 31st:

DijahSB with T-Rhyme @ BlackCat Tavern

Chad Munson + Lindsay Rewuski with GLAZ + Stephanie Kuse and Spencer Martin @ The Refinery

Chastity with Slow Down Molasses @ Amigos Cantina

# Friday, April 1st:

TEKE::TEKE with The Faps @ Amigos Cantina

# Saturday, April 2nd:

TOPS with Foggy Notions @ Amigos Cantina

Winterruption Outdoor 12PM-10PM \*\*Location Being Finalized and Announced Soon!!\*\*

# Monday, April 4th:

Morgan McMichaels @ The Broadway Theatre

# Friday, April 8th:

Something in the Water @ The Refinery

# Saturday, April 9th:

Something in the Water @ The Refinery

# Sunday, April 10th:

Something in the Water @ The Refinery

Stories in Time @ The Broadway Theatre





FREE



CHIEF DARCY BEAR PARK 7:00PM FRIDAY MAY 6

**MORE INFO AT** sumtheatre.com





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# **Around Nutana**





There is always positive energy at Victoria Rink. We are thankful to have dedicated volunteers to help maintain this great spot for the Community to enjoy!

# **Sweep Into Spring 2022**

A free dump site is planned to be set up along 9th street (near Massey Park, between Lansdowne and Albert Avenue). You can bring scrap metal, furniture, electronics, yard waste, tree branches, tires and all other back alley debris.

Our Facebook page and website will share further details for the date and time. Stay Tuned!

