

NEWSLETTER

of the Nutana Community Association

Summer 2019

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President's Newsletter Greeting

Hello Nutana neighbours and friends,

How great was it having the Traffic Bridge open this summer? I missed it terribly when it was shut down and it is wonderful to see more people with better access to Rotary Park. The wider walkways on both sides really improve active transport in our area to downtown.

Shovels in the ground continue to be a part of life in Nutana – the development on University Drive and the Broadway apartments are in full swing and so we will grow up as community rather than out. It would seem that Broadway merchants realise this too with the continued growth and snapping up of retail space. Welcome to the neighbourhood Odla, Kashmir, Ace Burgers and Town Hall Tavern. It's quite a scene!

This summer was relatively free of consultations — except for the new planning guidelines for areas that may be affected by river slumping. At this point I have not heard of any more major developments or changes coming to our area. Of course to put this in writing tempts fate and by August when this goes out if there is an announcement, at time of writing, it was not on the NCA radar. This summer did see the installation of new bus shelter on Broadway and 12th St. We thank Elder Harry Lafond for his work with the Nutana Collegiate students to create this visually distinctive piece and echo Mayor Charlie Clark's sentiments in that "it will be enjoyed for many years to come".

The NCA sponsored the Sum Theatre outdoor production once again – I hope you saw the show. It created quite a buzz and was by all reports very well received and well produced – hats off to the whole troupe of Sum Theatre. Fall programming will be under way and we say so long to Gerhardt who volunteered as badminton coordinator for many, many years. Thank you for keeping this program alive and well Gerhardt!

It makes me sad to announce that we will no longer meet at the Nutana Collegiate Library for our monthly meetings. Thank you staff and caretaker at Nutana Collegiate you were so easy to work with and so very helpful. The Public School Board has raised the rent for usage and after paying a rather large bill we need to say so long. I will miss walking into that wonderful institute and seeing the art collection that graces it walls. We will be moving to Victoria School for our first Wednesday of the month meetings and hope to see you there at 7 pm on September 4th. Check us out on Facebook for updates of programs, events and meetings.

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Catherine Folkersen



Parklet Parties:

The parklet in front of D'Lish by Tish Café is available for the NCA to host events. Do you have an idea for an event? E-mail it to social@nutana.ca

Upcoming Parklet Events:

Tuesday August 13th Bubbles and Chalk 3-4 pm

Whether old or young, bubbles and chalk are always fun! Come to the parklet for a chance to play with childhood favourites. All bubbles and chalk will be provided.

Tuesday September 10th Community Potluck 6-8 pm

Come celebrate harvest with the neighbourhood. If you have extra produce from your garden that is at risk of going to waste, please bring it along and we will donate it to a local charity (or you can swap with your neighbours!)

Please bring your dish ready to serve (including serving spoon). **New this year - Our goal is for this to be as waste-less as possible**. We are asking you to **bring your own plates, utensils and cups** (although we will have some on hand for those that forget to bring their own).

Plan to have enough food for 4 people. Dishes with potential food allergens can be labeled (and perhaps just best to avoid including nuts).

Dishes:

- Last name starting with A I please bring an appetizer /salad
- Last name starting with J-R please bring a main
- Last name starting with \$-Z please bring a dessert

The NCA will have tables, chairs, beverages, and napkins available.



Pumpkins in the Park November 1st

Bring your carved jack o lantern and enjoy the community's artwork one final time.

All pumpkins will be composted.

Free hot dogs and hot chocolate!

Time: 6-8 pm Location: Rotary Park



Sweep Into Spring

The Nutana clean-up was held on the 800 Block of 9th St E. At this location the 30 cubic yard roll-off bin was emptied 3 times in total with waste and once with a load of metal that was able to be diverted from the landfill

- The amount of waste removed from Nutana was 5,270 kg
- The load of metal diverted from the landfill was 380 kg
- Nutana collected 4 tires that were taken to A1 tire for recycling

Aside from a cleaner community, there was coffee, a bbq lunch and bouncy castles free for all to enjoy.

Keep this worthwhile event in mind for next Spring

Thank you to our Sponsors for this Event!











Speaker Series

The Nutana Community Association started a new program that centered around the sharing of knowledge and stories throughout our neighbourhood and was co-hosted by the Marr Residence. Together we hosted a neighbourhood speaker series that took place every Tuesday for six weeks between May 7 and June 11. Every speaker session was approximately an hour and overall almost 100 people attended the six sessions. The speakers were:

- History Tastes Great presented by Amy Jo Ehman
- Meet the Marr presented by Dianne Wilson
- Bats in Saskatoon presented by Melanie Elliott
- Nutana Collegiate Art presented by Paul Constable
- Inside the Ordered Chaos of a Freelance Writer's Mind presented by Karin Melberg Schweir
- Truth and Reconciliation presented by Annie Battiste

We want to thank everyone who made our first Speaker Series a success and look forward to bringing you another one. If you have a topic you want to learn about or if you want to present on a topic please reach out to Jasmin at volunteer@nutana.ca.

Remai Community Garden (behind the Broadway Roastery on 12th \$t)

It's another good year in the NCA Remai Community. It's a big garden - we have 60 members this year, growing all kinds of vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers. We started the season with a work bee to spread wood chips on all the garden paths (see photo) - lots of enthusiastic volunteers. and - as it turned out - live music. We have individual plots, which are looking great, as well as several communal plots for raspberries, potatoes, sweetpeas and flowers to support pollinating insects. We carry a lot of water - one watering can at a time! Garden members grow vegetables for themselves and their families. The public is welcome to stroll through the garden and to pick sweetpeas along the 12th Street fence when they come into flower.



Chief Darcy Bear Community Garden (Eastlake Avenue and 12th Street)

Darcy Bear garden is doing very well. With the recent rains, hot sunshine and the hard work and dedication of our gardeners the plants in our 54 plots are flourishing. We have had a load of compost delivered at the beginning of the season and are now seeing the results.

We look forward to a long growing season and a plentiful harvest.



A huge thank you to the City our local Fire Department for supplying our community gardens with water throughout the growing season!



NCA Presents Summer Environmental Tips

- Keep hydrated but not with endless plastic water bottles! Use a BPA-free reusable water bottle. Any leftover water from bottles should be dumped on plants or given to pets rather than poured down the drain.
- Leave your destination better than you found it. When you are out camping or enjoying the river, make an effort to clean up after yourself (and others) before you leave.
- Start the single-use elimination. Pack reusable plates and utensils for your next picnic (and for the NCA pot luck in September). Switch to cloth napkins or old t-shirts cut for use rather than paper towel.
- Take a staycation. Take time to really learn about your local community and do things you've always wanted to do but never have. This not only saves money, but energy as well!
- Fill your yard with native plants. This will cut down significantly on watering requirements and, in the process, provide much needed food and shelter to local wildlife.
- If you are heading away on a summer holiday remember to turn things off at the wall as appliances can drain power even in standby mode. It may also be worth looking into switching off your hot water if you are going away for an extended period of time.
- Volunteer. Use your free time to help others! A great list of local sustainability-related volunteer opportunities can be found at https://sustainability.usask.ca/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities.php#UofSOpportunities
- Collect rainwater. Water can be recycled too! Children often enjoy collecting rainwater. The next time it rains, place a pail or container outside and put a heavy rock or brick inside to prevent it from tipping over. When the rain is done, they will have a fresh supply of water to feed household plants.

Are you a cycling enthusiast? Here is some important safety and cycling info for your summer!

Please be courteous to pedestrians. When passing on your bike, **slow down to the same speed that a person is walking** when you are on a multiuser trail. This is especially important for passing seniors and parents with strollers/young kids. As you move beside them at walking speed, it becomes a relaxed and non-threatening encounter. Express your thanks for having them share the path with you.

Bring your family to the bike valet on Broadway at the Fringe. August 1-10 for secure parking. The Bike Valet is a free service (we love donations!) that is provided by Saskatoon Cycles by a gang of golden volunteers who love their bikes and imagine that you love yours too. If you wish to volunteer for a 2 hour shift your time would be sincerely appreciated. Check in at the bike valet to find out how to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for pre-teens to come and work with their parent in a fun atmosphere or by themselves. It takes a village to raise a child and we believe that the Bike Valet can be a first step in "working" as a volunteer and getting experience in many aspects of customer service in a safe environment.

Saskatoon Cycles had their first bike sale in June, and have plans for another next spring. We truly appreciated the donated bikes in reasonable working condition. As well we were able to sell many bikes on commission for people who wanted to move their old bike along. This fundraiser goes towards our work with the Bike Valet and our advocacy efforts to promote safe cycling for all ages and abilities.

Provided by Saskatoon Cycles



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City Council Update

Cynthia Block, Ward 6 Councillor



As I write this message, it is mid-July and I am so excited to be in our city. Saskatoon's summers have to be some of the best found anywhere. Add in festivals, music and outdoor patios, and it's just a glorious place to call home.

City Council is focused on reducing the proposed tax increases for 2020 and 2021. Initial projections to maintain civic services would see increases of approximately 4% in each of the next two years. Especially in Ward 6, where our historic neighbourhoods have seen large increases in assessment, we need to find ways to reduce costs. I'm often asked what the city is doing to ensure tax dollars are used efficiently. In 2018, the city realized \$1.8 million dollars in savings. The Service, Savings & Sustainability Report is online at www.saskatoon.ca

At long last, we have a flood mitigation strategy in place to begin to address some of the worst flood-prone areas in the city. To make way for a dry pond in WW Ashley Park, a brand new soccer pitch is being constructed at Aden Bowman Collegiate. Regular soccer programming will continue at the new location, and the dry pond at the park will also be used for sports programming when it is completed in 2020.

Many areas in our ward had to deal with frozen water connections due to the extreme cold last winter. Steps are being taken to better manage the problem going forward. The City is increasing the number of machines to thaw connections, doubling the contractors on standby and creating a new plan to ensure better communication with residents.

This fall, we will receive a report following a review of our Residential Parking Permit program. We need to find better ways to manage the congestion in Varsity View and some areas of Nutana.

I hope to see you at the Broadway Street Fair on September 7th! It's a wonderful day of food, shopping and entertainment in our vibrant cultural hub. *My booth is usually located close to Extra Foods. And, if you haven't signed up for e-updates yet, please consider it. I try to send out timely information on a monthly basis, to ensure Ward 6 residents are on top of civic issues. Just go to www.cynthiablockward6.com to sign up, and read past blog posts.

Sincerely, Cynthia

Nutana's Fall Program Schedule

Online program sign-up will begin Sunday Sep.1 2019 and end Friday Sep.27 2019 at www.nutana.ca. In person program sign-up will be held on Wednesday, Sep.4 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm at Victoria School 639 Broadway Avenue. A non-refundable membership fee of \$10.00/individual or family/year is required to participate in program and must be presented at the time of program sign-up. NCA honours all other community association memberships. Programs may change. Please consult the NCA newsletter, Facebook page, nutana.ca or email programming@nutana.ca. In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate in a program can, cost-as-a-barrier assistance and/or KidSport applications are available for those facing financial hardships. To inquire/apply, please contact NCA indoor programming coordinator at programming@nutana.ca, or ask a volunteer at registration night. All inquiries are kept confidential. Here is 1 new program: 1) Knitting class, the instructor will teach you how to build a starter kit (needles and yarn etc) and simple patterns. Let's prepare a hand-made gift for your loved one.

Program Name (All Ages)	Age	Location	Time	Day	Date (Start - End)	Fee	Instructor Name
Juggling	9+	Victoria School Gym	07:00-08:30PM	Fri	Sep.20 - Nov.22	FREE	TBD
Program Name (Adult)	Age	Location	Time	Day	Date (Start - End)	Fee	Instructor Name
Badminton	18+	Victoria School Gym	08:30-10:00PM	M	Sep.16 - Nov.18	\$30	TBD
Badminton	18+	Victoria School Gym	08:30-10:00PM	Thrs	Sep.19 - Nov.21	\$30	TBD
Drop-In Volleyball	18+	Nutana Collegiate Gym	07:30-09:00PM	Tues	Sep.17 - Nov.19	\$35	Jolene Zidkovich
Gentle Yoga	18+	Grace Westminster Church	02:00-03:00PM	W	Sep.18 - Nov.20	\$60	Laureen Sumner
Yoga Sleep/Yin Yoga	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	07:30-08:30PM	Thrs	Sep.19 - Nov.21	\$50	Kathleen Brannen
Yoga Fit	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	06:15-07:15PM	Tues	Sep.10 - Nov.19 (Sep.24 off)	\$60	Leah Brannen
Yoga Multi-level	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	07:30-08:30PM	Tues	Sep.17 - Nov.19	\$50	Laureen Sumner
Yoga For Runners & Others	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	06:15-07:15PM	M	Sep.9 - Nov.18 (Sep.23 off)	\$60	Leah Brannen
Yoga For Runners & Others	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	06:15-07:15PM	Thrs	Sep.12 - Nov.21 (Sep.26 off)	\$60	Leah Brannen
SHiNE Dance Fitness	16+	Victoria School Gym	06:00-07:00PM	W	Sep.18 - Nov.20	\$60	Penny Fox Knudtson
Move N Groove	16+	Victoria School Gym	06:00-07:00PM	M	Sep.16 - Nov.18	\$60	Karen Harbaruk
Move N Groove/SHiNE (combo)	16+	Victoria School Gym	06:00-07:00PM	M/W	Sep. 16 - Nov. 20	\$85	Karen Harbaruk
TaiChi	16+	Victoria School Gym	08:00-09:00PM	Thrs	Sep.19 - Nov.21	\$80	ZQ Wang
Knitting	16+	Victoria School Gym	07:15-08:15PM	W	Sep.18 - Nov.20	\$35	Jenn Waygood
Program Name (Kids/Parents)	Age	Location	Time	Day	Date (Start - End)	Fee	Instructor Name
Recreational Soccer	5-7 Yrs	Victoria School Gym	07:00-07:45PM	Thrs	Sep.19 - Nov.21	\$30	John Rojas
Recreational Soccer	3-4 Yrs Adult &	Victoria School Gym	06:00-06:45PM	Thrs	Sep.19 - Nov.21	\$30	John Rojas
Baby & Me Yoga	Baby	Grace Westminster Church	10:15-11:15AM	W	Sep.18 - Nov.20	\$60	Kathleen Brennan



The mighty Nutana Rhinos hard at work during a spring practice

A Great Community such as ours needs great people like you to contribute by volunteering your time, your expertise and your perspective.

Our Community is one of robust history with many amenities that enrich our well-being today. Nutana Community Association operates with the underlying intent to enhance and protect its Community members' quality of life.

The NCA is always looking for volunteers — whether it is to join the Board or simply help out with one of our Community initiatives or events.

Please consider this very worthwhile opportunity! Reach out to volunteer@nutana.ca to find out more.



Upcoming NCA Meetings

Meetings are normally scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month.

The upcoming meeting dates are:

September 4 November 6 October 2 December 4

September meeting location <u>has changed</u> to the library of École Victoria School (639 Broadway Avenue). E-mail <u>newsletter@nutana.ca</u> to confirm meeting location of future meetings.

Meetings are open and all residents of Nutana are welcome to attend.

NCA Booth at the Broadway Street Fair September 7th

Come visit NCA Members at our booth! Look for details on the Broadway Street Fair on Page 3.

Big Plans for a Little Park: Albert Recreation Unit Park Rejuvenation Summer 2019 Update

Big Plans getting closer! Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation in February, the park plans have been steaming full ahead. Some revisions and additions to our plans were incorporated thanks to this new influx of funds, and we know everyone will be thrilled with the new park once completed. A huge THANK YOU to our anonymous donor as well as a thank you to all those in the community who have believed in and supported this park project from the beginning. YOU are making YOUR park a BIG success!

Jim Siemens of Oxbow Architecture has prepared plans for the park, City approvals are underway and the plan is to begin construction this fall, after the summer park programs are done for the season.

Thank you to our supporters Nutana Community Association, Varsity View Community Association, City of Saskatoon, the Community Initiatives Fund, Oxbow Architecture, Strata Development and, of course, YOU!

Keep up to date on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/BigPlansForaLittlePark/</u> https://nutana.ca/about-our-fundraising-for-the-albert-rec-unit/

Thank you for making your little park a BIG success!







August 2019 Events:

...MARR MOMENT

This 1884 home is the oldest house in Saskatoon still on its original site.

Open **Sunday afternoons** in July and August for tours and programs

Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday August 4 Sixteenth Annual Rhubarb Festival

Our annual rhubarb event: Come and help us celebrate this sturdy prairie plant. There will be entertainment, treats, rhubarb lore and more! Anna Bekolay will present a violin concert in the garden at 2 p.m.

Sunday August 11 The Trounce Family Letters 1884-1887

"What to do in Saskatoon?" Selected readings from an early Saskatoon family. 2 p.m.

Sunday August 18 5.5. City of Medicine Hat

A steam powered sternwheeler sunk in Saskatoon June 7, 1908. Come hear the story! **2 pomo** Presented in partnership with MVA.

Sunday August 25 Heritage Rug Hookers of Saskatoon

Members of the Heritage Rug Hookers of Saskatoon will be on hand to demonstrate the traditional craft of Rug Hooking and to display samples of their work. **2 pomo**

Senior Citizens Association of Saskatoon Cosmo Seniors Centre, 614 11th St East

Weekly Activities for Seniors.

Regular weekly programs for seniors (55 plus) at Cosmo Senior Centre, 614 11th St E.

Monday: Yoga at 10:00am Kaiser/Whist at 1:30pm

Tuesday: Exercise Class 9:30 and 10:30am Bridge at 1:00pm

Wednesday: Yoga - 10:00am Whist at 1:30pm

Thursday: Exercise Class 9:30 and 10:30am Bridge (partners) at 1:00pm

Friday: Yoga at 10:00am Kaiser/Cribbage at 1:30pm

Programs are open to all adults over 55. New members always welcome. Membership is \$10.00 a year.

There are drop in fees for each session: Yoga \$5.00, Exercise \$4.00 and Cards \$2.00.

Attend all the programs that you choose. Meet new friends. Light refreshments provided.

Pot luck lunches the third Monday of each month. Come join us.

Call 306-373-8693 for more information.

Nominate Your NUTANA NOTABLE NEIGHBOUR

Do you know of someone in the community that goes above and beyond as a community member, leader or all around good neighbour?

Our Notable Nutana Neighbours award program runs throughout the year with awards to be presented at our next AGM.



Aria Gustafson receiving her award at the 2019 AGM. Check out our Facebook page to see all winners and their reason for nomination.

There is no limit to how many nominations you can make, the age of the Nominator or Nominatee or reason for nomination.

Simply fill out the below information and mail it to 201 – 327 11th Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0E5 or email it to volunteer@nutana.ca

Nominator's Name	
Nominator's Email Address	
Nominee's Name	
Nominee's Email (if known,	
to be invited to receive award	
at the next AGM)	
Reason for Nomination	
(1-5 sentences)	