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2025 NNN Recipients

Mark Bobyn was nominated by Leah Brannen but the NCA as a whole would like to second the nomination. Mark was one of the creators of Nutana's first community garden, built on 12th street. He brought expertise, hard work, and enthusiasm to the task. This garden has brought peace and joy for many years to Nutana gardeners and residents. Sadly, in 2024 the site was sold for development and the garden had to be demolished. This would have been a very expensive undertaking for the NCA however Mark stepped forward and for a fraction of the estimated cost cleared the site. Thank you for Mark for your service to the Nutana community.

As a NNN award recipient Mark was able to direct a \$100 donation to a charity of his choice and he selected Haven Kids House formerly Saskatoon Crisis Nursery.



Mark Bobyn and President Carlton (above)
Noah Rossmo and Allie Perrin (below)



The public is welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Upcoming dates:
Wed - Sep 3 Wed - Oct 1 Wed - Nov 5
7pm at École Victoria

Nutana Notable Neighbour

Know someone that makes Nutana better? Nominate them for recognition!

Nominations can be submitted by filling out the link on the homepage of our website (nutana.ca).

Please note there are no limit to nominations but note all may receive an award.

Awards presented at the next NCA AGM

Thank You Nutana!

Noah Rossmo and Allie Perrin were nominated by an anonymous neighbour. Noah's neighbours may not know his phone number but that is rarely an issue because you can knock on the door or holler a hello and he will be there for you. He is a glue in the community he finds himself in - he is approachable, shows a genuine interest in engaging with all those around him and has a wicked sense of humor.

Allie Perrin is the centering presence to the pair who approaches complexity with a quiet intelligence that should not be underestimated. She knows how to model how to embrace life while always looking to lift up those around her. Their neighbours firmly believe that the presence of these two is a big reason that Nutana is becoming more and more brilliant.

As a NNN award recipient Allie & Noah were able to direct a \$100 donation to a cause of their choice and they selected the Nutana Pickles Hoop Fundraiser. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser please let us know and we will connect you.

NCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been an exciting and inspiring season for the Nutana Community Association, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights and reflections with you.

First, the Albert Rec Unit Grand Opening was a tremendous success! The energy, enthusiasm, and turnout from the community reminded us why these spaces matter so deeply. It's more than just a park—it's a hub for connection, activity, and growth. We also received approval for the expansion of the Darcy Bear Garden, a project close to many hearts. This expansion will allow for more gardening plots which we are grateful.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for two September events: the Broadway Street Fair and Movie in the Park. These gatherings are always a highlight, bringing neighbours together to celebrate the vibrancy of Nutana.

I often say that volunteers are the heartbeat of the NCA, and that remains true. But this time, I want to spotlight a special kind of volunteer—the ones who aren't on a list or board, but who step forward with bold ideas and the drive to make them real. While great ideas are always welcome, it's the vision, commitment, and time to bring them to life that truly drives progress—especially in a community like ours, where the NCA is already powered by dedicated volunteers who generously give what time they can.

- Take Joel B., who saw a need for low-pressure youth basketball and sparked the Pickles Basketball movement (yes, a movement). His vision has grown into a fundraising effort for new basketball nets at École Victoria—an ambitious \$60,000 goal.
- Or Robbyn D., who is rallying support to upgrade the playground equipment at Idylwyld Park, seeking donations and commitments from the community to make it happen.
- And Chelsea P., who reached out with a proposal to upgrade a basketball court, asking for NCA's support to pursue a promising opportunity.

These individuals are leading change—not for recognition, but because they care deeply about Nutana. Their passion is contagious, and their efforts are shaping our neighbourhood in meaningful ways.

I invite you to read more about these projects in this newsletter, follow us on social media, visit our website, or reach out directly. If you have an idea, a passion project, or simply want to help—we want to hear from you.

Jasmin Carlton
President
Nutana Community Association
president@nutana.ca



NUTANA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Movie IN THE Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
W.E. GRAHAM PARK
(BEHIND ÉCOLE VICTORIA SCHOOL)

SHOWTIME: 8:30 PM | PRE-SHOW BBQ: 7:00 PM

Showing **Despicable Me 4!** 

Free Event! Everyone is welcome. Please bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and bug spray. Halal and vegetarian options will be available.

SUPPORTED BY THE BROADWAY BID 

THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

The Library of Things YXE is a community lending library located at 209 Avenue D South (inside Saskatoon Makerspace).

Our mission is simple: help people save money, reduce waste, and build connections by lending everyday items you might only need occasionally.

Get Involved! Become a member, donate items in good condition, volunteer your time, help spread the word!



	Individual General Membership		Group Membership
	\$30	\$50	\$125
Who is this for?	• Ideal for individual members who want to access the library for personal use.	• Ideal for individual members who want to access the library for personal use.	• Ideal for other local non-profits, grassroots groups and schools.
Borrowing Limits	• 8 general, trending or specialty if available	• 15 general, access to trending and specialty if available	• Unlimited, all item types
Loan Periods	• Up to two weeks for a loan period, 1 renewal	• Up to three weeks for a loan period, 2 renewals	• Up to 3 weeks for a loan period
Perks	• Perks Program	• Perks Program, 1 month MS daytime membership, LOT Tote.	• Access to specialty items for nonprofits, flexibility in updating contact person.

209 Avenue D South
(Inside Saskatoon Marketspace)

Library Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturdays:
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

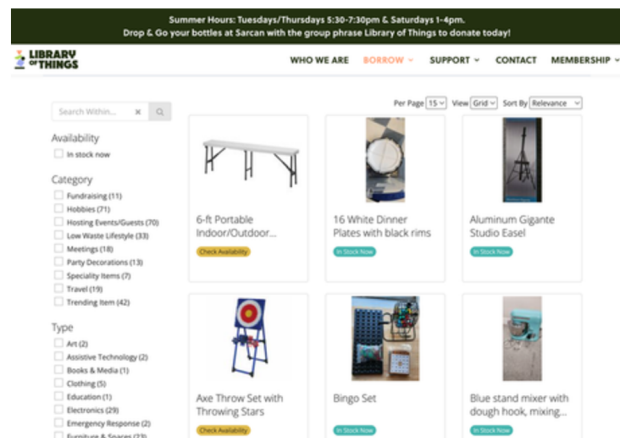


**For more information, visit libraryofthingsyxe.com or email us at info@libraryofthingsyxe.com.
Let's work together to build a more sustainable and connected Saskatoon—one borrowed item at a time!**

Collection includes a wide variety of useful items such as:

- Tools like drills, hammers, and ladders
- Kitchen appliances including ice cream makers and dehydrators
- Camping gear, games, and puzzles
- Event supplies like tables and popcorn machines
- DIY and crafting tools

Much more, with new items added regularly!



WARD 6 REPORT

Hello Nutana Neighbours!

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and had a chance to enjoy one of the many events and festivals our parks and neighborhood plays host to during the beautiful summer season. Summer is a wonderful time to explore our parks, participate in community events, and enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of our city.

I would like to share a few updates from your city council. This spring the proper elm wood disposal plan was approved. This plan is crucial in preventing the spread of Dutch elm disease, which can devastate our urban forest. Included in the plan is the waiving of all disposal fees on elm wood loads received at the landfill for 2025. Please ensure that any elm wood is disposed of correctly to protect our trees and maintain the beauty of our neighborhoods.

Additionally, I am excited to share that new neighborhood bikeways are being created in our city, including on Munroe Avenue and 14th Street. These bikeways are part of a rapid deployment project, and your feedback is essential to help us improve them in real time. The lessons learned from your input will shape these projects as they become permanent infrastructure. I encourage everyone to provide feedback and help us create a safer and more efficient biking network.

I encourage folks to continue to spend time on Broadway checking out new shops opening in the area and returning to local oldies. Even with the bridge closure and construction, our favorite places are still serving up the best Saskatoon has to offer. Additionally the BBID is hosting some exciting events in the coming months, so follow them on social media for updates.

City Council continues to prioritize housing affordability and homelessness in our community. During this term alone council has approved over 750 new affordable housing units through the Housing Accelerator Fund, we have approved new and developing roles for the city in the Saskatoon Housing Action Plan, in collaboration with community organizations, and in partnership with the province and Saskatoon Tribal Council we have seen the opening of a daytime drop-in centre for individuals experiencing homelessness and an overnight drop-in centre for youth. These initiatives aim to provide safe and affordable shelter for all residents.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Jasmin Parker
Councillor, Ward 6



NCA FALL PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

REGISTER ONLINE Aug 18-Sep 10
Register by 11:59pm on Sep 10 to avoid late fees

The NCA is pleased to offer several classes this fall. A non-refundable annual membership fee of \$10/individual or family is required to participate in any program and can be purchased as part of the registration process. NCA honours all other Community Association memberships. **Register from Mon Aug 18th at www.nutana.ca. ALL PROGRAM DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

In an effort to ensure everyone who wants to participate in a program can, **cost-as-a-barrier assistance is available** for those requiring financial support. To inquire/apply, please contact programming@nutana.ca. All inquiries are kept confidential.

Program Name (Adult)	Age	Location	Time	Day	Date Start-End [no class]	Fee	Instructor / Coordinator
Badminton	16+	Victoria School Gym	8:00-10:00 PM	Mon	Sept 22-Dec 08 [Oct 13, Nov 10]	\$30	Stan McGaffin & Erin Chuey
Cardio Kickboxing	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	6:10-7:00 PM	Tues	Sept 23-Dec 09 [Sept 30, Nov 11]	\$50	Margie Brown
Strength, Sweat, & Stretch	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	7:10-8:10 PM	Tues	Sept 23-Dec 09 [Sept 30, Nov 11]	\$50	Margie Brown
Volleyball	16+	Brevoort Park School Gym	7:30-9:00 PM	Tues	Sept 16-Dec 02 [Sept 30, Nov 11]	\$30	Andree Schmiedge
Animal Flow* for Beginners	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	6:00-7:00 PM	Weds	Oct 01-Dec 03	\$85	Amin Nasr
Animal Flow* Skills & Drills	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	7:00-8:00 PM	Weds	Oct 01-Dec 03	\$85	Amin Nasr
Badminton (women-only) <i>NEW PROGRAM!</i>	16+	Victoria School Gym	8:00-10:00 PM	Weds	Sept 17-Nov 19	\$30	TBD
Yoga for Runners & Others	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	6:15-7:15 PM	Thur	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$40	Amanda Plante
Yoga with Meditation (Yoga Nidra)	16+	Victoria School Auditorium	7:30-8:30 PM	Thur	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$40	Amanda Plante
Badminton	16+	Victoria School Gym	8:00-10:00 PM	Thur	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$30	Stan McGaffin & Erin Chuey
Program Name (Child/Youth/All Ages)	Age	Location	Time	Day	Date Start-End [no class]	Fee	Instructor / Coordinator
Animal Flow* for Youth <i>NEW PROGRAM!</i>	10-13	Victoria School Auditorium	6:00-7:00 PM	Mon	Oct 06-Dec 08 [Oct 13, Nov 10] Note: 8 sessions	free	Amin Nasr
SMASHBALL <i>NEW PROGRAM!</i>	7-8 (Gr 2-3)	Victoria School Gym	6:00-7:00 PM	Mon	Sept 22-Dec 08 [Oct 13, Nov 10]	\$30	Calvin Peddle
Recreational Soccer (U10)	5-10	Victoria School Gym	7:00-8:00 PM	Thurs	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$30	Levent Inci
Ukulele – Beginner/ Beginner Plus	All Ages	Victoria School Library	6:00-7:00 PM	Thur	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$40	Perry Boyko
Guitar – Beginner/ Beginner Plus	All Ages	Victoria School Library	7:00-8:00 PM	Thur	Sept 18-Nov 27 [Oct 23]	\$40	Perry Boyko

Badminton: Please bring your own racquet if you have one, although there are a few available. Birdies supplied. White-soled indoor shoes please. No instruction provided.

Cardio Kickboxing: No equipment is required though you may choose to bring a mat for core strengthening exercises and stretching.

Guitar / Ukulele: Bring your own instrument. For Guitar, nylon-string is recommended (nylon, acoustic, or electric guitar).

Strength, Sweat, & Stretch: A 2-band pack (light + medium) can also be purchased from the instructor for \$12 if you would like your own to keep. Suggestion: bring a mat.

Volleyball: White-soled indoor shoes please.

NCA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PROGRAM: Animal Flow® for Youth

Animal Flow® is a unique and dynamic quadrupedal movement practice which:

- Enhances strength, balance, endurance, speed, coordination, and proprioception. The overall goal is not about acting like animals, but rather to improve the connection, communication, and function of the human animal.
- It is ideal for a young audience that is energetic, creative, and wants to MOVE! When our hands and feet are in contact with the ground, discovering new motor tasks, our attention is immediately directed inward toward our body.
- Participants will learn how to better connect with and live better in their own bodies.
- Youth's younger age, flexibility, and willingness for creativity and expression make them an ideal age group for this type of movement!

NEW PROGRAM: SMASHBALL!

Smashball is a volleyball program designed for children which:

- Introduces children to the game in a fun & interesting way
- Uses play experience (games & activities) to help children learn and develop
- Basic movement and motor skills, game tactics, & rules
- Uses lighter & softer volleyballs
- Is played on a smaller court



MARR RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

326-11th Street East
306-652-1201
marrresidence@gmail.com

The Marr Residence is the oldest building in Saskatoon still on its original site. The house was built in 1884 by Sandy Marr. In 1885 the house served as a field hospital during the Riel Rebellion. The house and property are now owned by the City of Saskatoon, who granted municipal designation as a heritage site in 1982. A City appointed Management Board oversees the property. **The NCA wants to acknowledge and thank the Board members and volunteers that help continue to tell the story of the Marr Residence.**

If you are looking to add a bit of history to your summer schedule, be sure to check out the programs offered at the Marr Residence! All programs are 1-4pm

- August 3 - Rhubarb - Its many uses
- August 10 - Nutana Walking Tour
- August 17 - Vintage Games
- August 24 - 1812 Picnic
- August 31 - Open House

For more information on program details or to look at tour options, check out their website:

themarr.ca



COSMO SENIOR CENTRE FALL PROGRAM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10:00	Exercise 10:00	Yoga 10:00	Exercise 10:00	Yoga 10:00
Doors open 9:30 AM	Doors open 9:30 AM	Doors open 9:30 AM	Doors open 9:30 AM	Doors open 9:30 AM
Drop-in Fee \$5	Drop-in Fee \$5	Drop-in Fee \$5	Drop-in Fee \$5	Drop-in Fee \$5
For Information Gladys 306-221-9873	For Information Margaret 306-881-8693	For Information Gladys 306-221-9873	For Information Margaret 306-881-8693	For Information Margaret 306-881-8693

Cosmo Senior Centre 614 - 11th St E

Annual Memberships \$10

For ongoing program info, go to
website scsas.ca and select
Centre Schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Kaiser 1:00	Bridge 12:45	Kaiser 1:00	Bridge 12:45
Doors open 12:30 PM	Doors open 12:30 PM	Doors open 12:30 PM	Doors open 12:30 PM
Drop-in Fee Kaiser \$3	Drop-in Fee Bridge \$2	Drop-in Fee Kaiser \$3	Drop-in Fee Bridge \$2
For Information Kaiser- Eileen 306-921-7427	For Information Bridge -Ruth 306-242-2294	For Information Kaiser- Eileen 306-921-7427	For Information Bridge -Ruth 306-242-2294

Interested in
learning to
play Mahjong?
Call or text
Eileen at
306-921-7427

For Cosmo Seniors
Centre hall
rentals, please use
website:

cosmoyxe.com

Interested in
learning to play
Bridge or updating
your Bridge skill?
Call or text Joan at
306-881-2335

Yoga Classes
provide chairs and
give guidance for
optional chair yoga

NCA'S SPRING SOCCER STARS





Nutana Pickles Basketball Club FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser is being led by The Nutana Pickles Basketball Club and these brand new hoops will benefit all students at École Victoria School!

We need to raise **\$60,000** for the new hoops.

There are two ways you can support this fundraiser:

1. BUY A NUTANA PICKLES TOQUE

Toques are \$20 (taxes included) and are available from the École Victoria office (cash only) and Broadway Shoe Repair.

We have 2000 toques and need to sell them all to be successful!

2. DONATE

Tax receipts are available for any donation over \$20.

Donations can be made online via the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation:



FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

We have received a generous matching donation! Any donations made between June 15 and Sept. 1 will be **matched** by our anonymous donor - **up to \$20,000!** Please help us raise our full amount by donating today and **your donation will count for double.**



The Nutana Pickles Basketball Club

The Nutana Pickles Basketball Club needs your help! Coaches and players in the club are fundraising to replace the basketball hoops in Victoria school's gymnasium. The current hoops were installed many decades ago and most of them do not lower and raise. The Pickles club wants to continue making basketball accessible to all children - starting in kindergarten. These new hoops will also benefit every student at Victoria school and the entire community.

Who are the Pickles?

We are a group of parents and kids who love basketball. In 2021 two Dads were feeling dissatisfied with the other basketball programs in Saskatoon. We approached the Nutana Community Association who gladly paid for small portable hoops and children's sized balls. Initially the club was 15 kids and the 2 coaches -- but the Pickles have grown exponentially! There are now over 50 Pickle players and 6 coaches in three different age groups (OG Pickles, Jr. Pickles and the Baby Dills). The kids chose the name Pickles because it is a reminder that sports is meant to be fun for all. Who doesn't like Pickles!?

3 Rules of The Pickles

The Pickles Club has 3 rules: Have fun, work as a team and try your best! Our volunteer parent coaches teach basketball skills but we also teach belonging and work to increase self esteem. Many of our kids day the Pickles is the first time they felt like they belonged in sports. Our club is growing and coaches are committed to accepting as many Pickles who want to play. No Pickle left behind!

Please use the QR code to make a donation on our Go Fund Me Page. Thank you for helping us make basketball accessible to all children in Nutana!

GRAND OPENING OF AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SPACE IN NUTANA

On June 15, 2025, the Nutana Community Association proudly hosted the Grand Opening of the Albert Rec Unit from 1-5pm, marking a significant milestone for Saskatoon, Nutana, and the Varsity View communities. Located at the corner of Clarence Ave and 13th Street, the revitalized park finally had its grand opening after many years of dedicated volunteer efforts by residents of Nutana and Varsity View.

The event celebrated the transformation of the Albert Rec Unit into a vibrant community space, thanks to countless hours of planning, fundraising, and hands-on work. Volunteers from both neighbourhoods played a pivotal role in the rejuvenation, demonstrating a deep commitment to enhancing local green spaces and fostering community spirit.

The grand opening featured family-friendly activities and refreshments, creating a festive atmosphere that welcomed residents of all ages. It was not only a celebration of the physical improvements to the park but also a tribute to the power of grassroots collaboration. The Nutana Community Association, with support from local partners and residents, successfully turned a long-standing vision into reality.

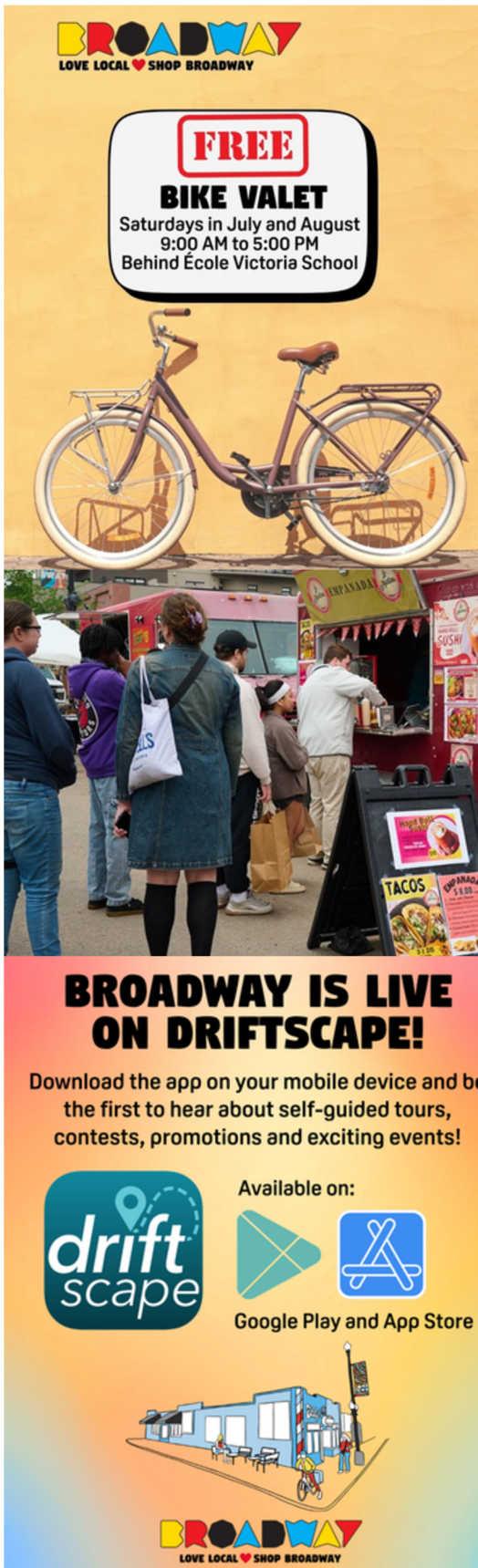
This revitalized space now offers a welcoming environment for recreation, relaxation, and community gatherings. The grand opening served as a reminder of what can be achieved when neighbours come together with a shared purpose. The Albert Rec Unit stands as a testament to community resilience and the enduring value of public spaces that reflect the heart of the neighbourhood.



Welcome to Albert Recreational Park



BROADWAY BID UPDATE



The graphic features the 'BROADWAY LOVE LOCAL SHOP BROADWAY' logo at the top. Below it is a white box with a red border containing the text 'FREE BIKE VALET Saturdays in July and August 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Behind École Victoria School'. A photograph shows a vintage-style bicycle mounted on a red food truck. Below the photo, the text reads 'BROADWAY IS LIVE ON DRIFTSCAPE!' followed by 'Download the app on your mobile device and be the first to hear about self-guided tours, contests, promotions and exciting events!'. It includes the Driftscape app logo and icons for Google Play and the App Store. At the bottom is a stylized illustration of a street scene with a building, a person on a bicycle, and a street sign, with the 'BROADWAY LOVE LOCAL SHOP BROADWAY' logo at the very bottom.

Summer on Broadway sizzles with music, markets, tours and more!

There's no better place to soak up Saskatoon's summer energy than Broadway Avenue! Whether you're shopping the strip, enjoying live entertainment, or simply out for a Saturday stroll, there's something for everyone to see and do. **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @broadwayxe.com or visit www.broadwayxe.com for all the details!**

Bites on Broadway: A foodie adventure awaits!

Calling all food lovers! Bites on Broadway is your chance to taste your way through some of Saskatoon's best local eats. From now until August 31, visit participating Broadway restaurants and sample delicious, featured items from the Bites Menu, then collect stamps in your Bites Passport. Collect 10 stamps and you'll be entered to win a grand prize basket donated by participating merchants!

Bonus Stamp: Get an extra stamp when you stop by the Broadway BID booth during the Broadway Block Parties powered by Affinity Credit Union August 14, 21, and 28 between 7:00 and 10:00 PM. All the delicious details are at <https://broadwayxe.com/love-local/bites-on-broadway/>

Enter to win a \$250 prize package provided by the Bike Dr.

Keep your eyes peeled for our signature red "B" bike racks – how many can you count? Enter your guess at <https://forms.gle/MpyuVdRrFrCozacDu8> for a chance to win a \$250 prize package donated by The Bike Doctor!

Bonus Entry: Download the Driftscape app, show proof at the BBID booth during any Broadway Block Party or Fringe Broadway Days event, and double your chances to win! The prize winner will be announced at NOON at the Main Stage during the Broadway Street Fair.

Broadway Block Parties powered by Affinity Credit Union

August 14, 21, 28 | 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Join us for three magical Thursday evenings as Broadway Avenue turns into a pedestrian-only nighttime celebration packed with music, mini golf, fashion, and family-friendly fun. Vendors and volunteers are still welcome to sign-up and join the fun!

Street Fair is back this September 6!

The Broadway Street Fair presented by BHP, returns on Saturday, September 6, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Each fall, Broadway Avenue transforms into a bustling open-air market, drawing over 20,000 attendees for a full day of shopping, snacking, music, art, and community connection.

CHIEF DARCY BEAR COMMUNITY GARDEN EXPANSION



With a community garden grant from the City, and free services of sod removal and site prep provided by Site2See Landscaping, the Chief Darcy Bear Community Garden is getting a much needed expansion.

This 54 plot garden will soon have an additional 17 plots which will help slightly with our extensive wait list of eager gardeners. It will be exciting to see the expansion finish its development and soon be enjoyed by more gardeners. Happy Planting Nutana!



“For many years now, we have rented our little piece of full-sun soil and reap the results not only in produce but also in connections with the other gardeners to chat and pitch in on shared work, and in the sights and smells of plants in a frenzied hurry to grow, bloom and bear fruit before the frost comes. Just to encourage our little piece of land, we visit it in the winter and whisper that there’s only six or seven months to wait before it can come out to play again.”

-Karin Schwier

