



# COMMUNITY NEWS

December 2016

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

<b>Adelaide Park/Churchill</b> Community cleaned up with pride	<b>Greystone Heights</b> More new volunteers than ever joined the team	<b>Parkridge</b> Developed new online registration tool
<b>Avalon</b> Rink upgrades are looking great	<b>Hampton Village</b> Delightful Pumpkins in the Park	<b>Pleasant Hill</b> Community Pow Wow
<b>Brevoort Park</b> Programs and membership have gone online	<b>Holiday Park</b> Supported and celebrated large community of CA volunteers	<b>Queen Elizabeth/Haultain/Exhibition</b> Big Queen Elizabeth Rink Project
<b>Briarwood</b> Family BBQ day	<b>Holliston</b> A spooky Halloween dance for kids enjoyed by all	<b>River Heights</b> Successful indoor programming
<b>Buena Vista</b> Looking forward to the Buena Vista Pump Track	<b>Hudson Bay Park/Mayfair/Kelsey-Woodlawn</b> Another successful 33rd St Fair	<b>Riversdale</b> New community programs
<b>Caswell Hill</b> Two successful Community Cleanups	<b>King George</b> Memorial plaque and picnic table for long-term volunteer	<b>Rosewood</b> Wet Shoreline Cleanups in Hyde Park
<b>City Park</b> Successful AGM with many new volunteers	<b>Lakeridge</b> Involved in park development projects at schools and parks	<b>Silverspring</b> New volunteer recruitment
<b>College Park</b> Creative children's programs	<b>Lakeview</b> Amazing community garage sale	<b>Silverwood Heights</b> Installed outdoor fitness equipment
<b>Community &amp; Recreation Group of Meadowgreen</b> Nature Appreciation Camp for youth	<b>Lawson Heights</b> Rebuilding their indoor programs	<b>South Nutana Park</b> A Halloween Dance for adults brought more neighbours together
<b>Confederation Park</b> Hockey Day in Confed was a hit	<b>Massey Place</b> Endless creativity and positive energy	<b>Stonebridge</b> Excited about the new library and school opening in Fall 2017
<b>Dundonald</b> Renewing programming	<b>Montgomery Place</b> 70th Anniversary community celebration which lasted two days	<b>Sutherland/Forest Grove</b> Rebuilt Sutherland Rink
<b>East College Park</b> Babysitter Mixer	<b>Mount Royal</b> New storage shed next to rink	<b>Varsity View</b> Numerous projects on the go
<b>Eastview</b> Senior's Hub Club off and running	<b>North Park/Richmond Heights</b> Launched new youth program	<b>Westmount</b> Upgraded Outdoor Rink
<b>Erindale/Arbor Creek</b> Held first park clean up	<b>Nutana</b> Fundraising for new park features around Albert Recreation Unit	<b>Westview Heights</b> Community heart and spirit
<b>Evergreen</b> Well attended spring tradeshow	<b>Pacific Heights</b> Fantastic Poker Night	<b>Wildwood</b> Great Fall Supper and Social Event
<b>Fairhaven</b> New IC offering programs for all ages—including Pickle Ball		<b>Willowgrove/University Heights</b> Great Fun Day in the Park

# A facelift for the rink in Montgomery Place

Montgomery Park was transformed from native prairie in 1991 when City of Saskatoon crews spent the summer working on the 33-year-old park. The new park had a skating pond but no rink. In 1994 the Montgomery Place Community Association (MPCA) began a fundraising campaign, and in the spring of 1995 community volunteers built a new rink.

That was 21 years ago and the rink was showing its age. So once again the MPCA embarked on fundraising and during the summer of 2016 gave the rink a facelift. New asphalt was poured. Where needed, rink boards were replaced and the boards were stained inside and out. New backboards and basketball hoops were installed.

All this was achieved by a community volunteer team headed by Jim McAllister. The renovation was supported financially by a grant from the City of Saskatoon and sponsorship from Westbow Construction, CN, Viterra and local resident Wally Penner.

Montgomery School students and kids in the neighbourhood are thrilled. The rink is a magnet - summer and winter. Montgomery Place residents are grateful for the financial donations and to the neighbourhood volunteers who contributed time and talent to our community. "We get by with a little help from our friends."

- Barb Biddle



A dedicated volunteer putting on the finishing touches.



The inside surface needs some touch-ups.



This looks much better.



# THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN!

At least in the community of North Park Richmond Heights it is. The NPRH CA in cooperation with North Park Wilson School were the 'ringleaders' for a Circus Arts Club where kids learned a multitude of entertaining and physical skills including how to walk on stilts, ride a unicycle, juggle, spin plates and poi, toss flower sticks and more! More importantly, however, they learned about hard work, perseverance and the wonderful feeling of accomplishment once they achieve their goal. Circus arts is a non-competitive, arts based physical activity that allows children to learn at their own pace and create and achieve their own challenges. NPW School has been involved in the Circus Arts as part of their physical and arts education mandate. The school has accumulated Circus Arts equipment and students of the school have had the opportunity to study the Circus Arts.



Students were eager to have extra opportunities to play with the skills they have learned and thanks to funding from the City of Saskatoon Youth Programming Grant the NPRH CA was able to offer classes FREE of charge to the wider community of North Park, Richmond Heights and beyond. In

the original application the CA hoped to run a one hour a week course for eight weeks starting in May but the funding announcement was not confirmed until the middle of June. With a bit of juggling, (pun intended!) and the generous cooperation of the school, coaches and CA volunteers, the eight-week course was re-created as a two-day intensive workshop. With School winding down it was necessary to quickly rearrange the program, get the word out, and receive registration forms for the workshop. Youth aged 10-18 were invited to sign up for a two-hour intro to either face painting or unicycle on a Monday from 3:45-5:45 as well as stilt walking on Tuesday.

The "How to Face Paint" instructional session led by professional face painter Judy Hill. Ten youngsters spent two hours learning the basics of face painting and

some were so inspired that they tried face painting as a summer job!

Coach Lyam Roberts was confident that the kids would indeed walk freely on stilts in the short two-hour session and he was right! It was great to see the students assisting each other, offering not only a steady shoulder for balance but tips, tricks and encouragement. Every participant in the stilt walking class was able to walk on their own within the two-hour session. For those with previous experience, Coach Roberts challenged them to learn new tricks like walking backwards, doing turns or incorporating another skill while on stilts such as juggling or plate spinning. Unicycle proved a bit harder and only a few of the kids were able to cycle across the gym. One girl was even able to navigate an obstacle course. Students were happy with the chance to try the unicycle but agreed that it required longer study and much perseverance.

Thanks to another installment of the Youth Programming Grant the NPRH CA offered free Circus Arts Skills and Face painting classes again in the Fall of 2016 in the one hour a week for eight-week session format. Many students who had the chance to try Circus Arts in June returned to the fall session.

- Melanie Vanderline



# Training Workshops

The City of Saskatoon Community Development Division held three volunteer training workshops between October 22 and November 29 for Community Association volunteers. They were great opportunities for volunteers in specific positions to network and share their wisdom and advice with each other. Many volunteers came together - both those who had been in the positions for many years and those who were new to the role.

## **RINK COORDINATOR WORKSHOP**

At the Rink Coordinator Workshop on Saturday, October 22 a total of 27 volunteers attended representing 17 different Community Associations across the City. A school bus brought the volunteers on a tour of three different rinks – North Park/Richmond Heights, Greystone Heights and Massey Place. Each of these rinks runs differently and has a history which the volunteer presenters eagerly shared. Their enthusiasm was contagious and the Rink Coordinators left the workshop ready to brave the cold weather so they could get their rink ready for winter!

- Heidi Estrada

## **PRESIDENT WORKSHOP**

At the President's Workshop on Thursday, November 24 a total of 40 volunteers attended representing 32 different Community Associations across the City. The volunteers met in the back room at Hudsons Canada's Pub and enjoyed a delicious burger buffet. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents enjoyed an excellent presentation by the Saskatoon Open Door Society which focused on Culture and Diversity in Saskatoon. They provided tips on how to keep your board and programs culturally inclusive. Next, Community Consultant, David Godwin shared a brief overview on Strategic Planning. This provided a good



starting point for any boards who are ready to take on this task of developing a strategic plan for their association. Discussion topics followed on everything from volunteer recruitment, engagement and support to unique programming ideas and strategies. Everyone left with bellies full of food, heads full of new ideas and of course, hearts full of passion to serve their communities.

- Heidi Estrada

## TREASURER WORKSHOP

A total of 22 volunteers from across the city gathered on Tuesday, November 29 for this year's Treasurer Workshop, representing 18 different Community Associations. The workshop was held at the Underground Café which provided a comfortable and fun atmosphere, as well as fancy hot beverages and delicious baked goodies. The evening kicked off with an enthusiastic and informative presentation from Cameron Choquette of the South Nutana Park Community Association, who provided an honest perspective of what a new treasurer might experience within their first year. Next, there was information sharing on planning, grants, recording and tracking – all key topics in which every treasurer will be involved. After the break, Laura Williams with the Holliston Community Association shared survival tips and tricks of the trade, as well as best practices from her experience being in this role for over three years. The rest of the evening was loud and lively while volunteers had the opportunity to network and share their own experiences, challenges and new ideas with each other. We feel people left more motivated and empowered to take on this role, knowing that there is continued support and resources available to them along the way.

- Carrie Hutchison

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From the team who brings you the Summer Paddling Pool and Playground Program,  
Introducing

## GIRLS ON THE MOVE & TAKING TO THE COURT!!

The City of Saskatoon, Recreation and Sport Division held two events on November 14 - Girls in Motion and Taking to the Court.

These free, full day events were targeted to youth aged 10 – 14 years and worked towards promoting an on-going healthy and active lifestyle.

Girls in Motion took place at the Shaw Centre and for the first time ever included aquatic activities. Girls participated in Aqua Fun, Swim to Survive, water polo and synchronized swimming. Dryland activities included Yoga, agility training, and rowing.

Taking to the Court took place at the Cosmo Civic Centre. Boys participating were put through the paces with skill development and agility training in the morning before putting their skills to use in an afternoon three on three basketball tournament.

Both events saw maximum registrations. Thank-you to Saskatoon Rowing Club, Water Polo Saskatoon, Aqualenes, PACE Athletic training and all of the facilitators for delivering a quality experience for participants.

Please watch for upcoming information on our Winter Play Program and February Break camps.



- Michelle Wolfe,  
Recreation Programmer



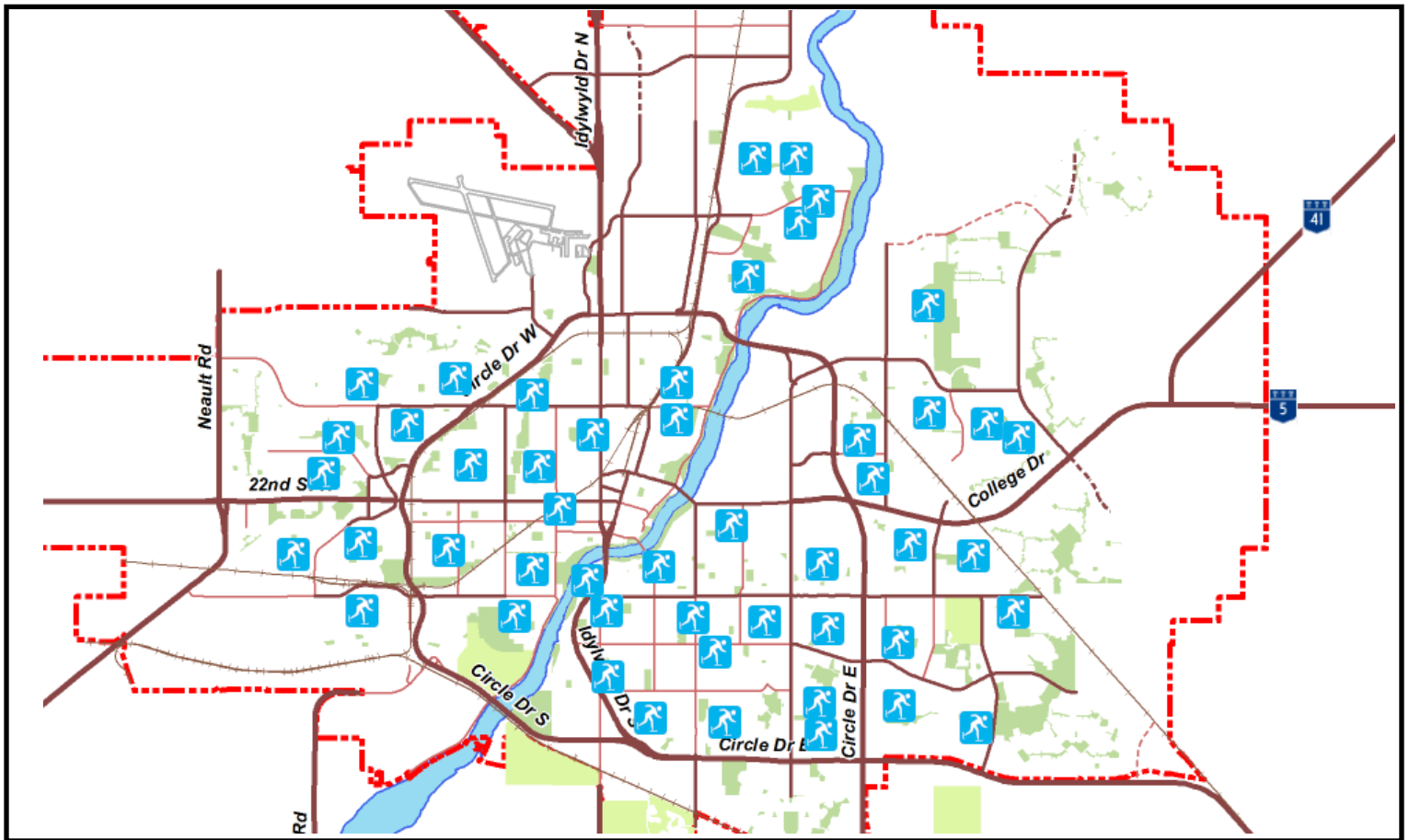
# New to saskatoon.ca

## Interactive Mapping for Outdoor Rinks

Thanks to this new interactive map (iMap) available on the City of Saskatoon website, residents are now able to easily find the address of their outdoor community association rink. By clicking on the blue skating logos, you will be able to see the location of the rink, supervised public skate times and other information.

This will make it easier for residents in your neighbourhoods to find your rink and see all the hard work volunteers like you are providing as a service in your community.

To find this map please go to: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/parks-recreation-attractions/recreational-facilities-sportsfields/skating-rinks/outdoor-rinks>



# Community Development Goes International



Becky Sasakamoose Kuffner, Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Consultant, was invited to participate as a panel presenter at the UNESCO/ Internal Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities conference held in October in Quito, Ecuador. Canada and Saskatoon have a reputation of being leaders in the areas of inclusion, anti-racism and discrimination. Canada is an active member of International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities - ICCAR (formerly the International Coalition of Cities against Racism) and Saskatoon was the first city to sign the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) in 2008! There are now 69 signatory municipalities today.



The theme of the panel at which Becky presented was "Sharing good practices in promoting urban inclusion and non-discrimination". In signing on to CCMARD, the City of Saskatoon adopted a set of commitment principles that address racism and discrimination in the community. The City is working currently on a number of initiatives to address the core issues of racism, inclusion and discrimination. Some of these initiatives include anti-racism education and awareness materials and tool kits, anti-racism and education training and policy review processes to address systemic barriers.



Congratulations to Becky on her work and thanks to the Canadian Commission for UNESCO for supporting Becky to attend the conference.

- Shannon Hanson



## WELCOME BACK MARIEKE

Hello Community Association Volunteers! I am honoured to write to you from my new position as the Social Development Consultant with the Diversity and Social Development Section. This busy team includes the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Coordinator, Immigration Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, Aboriginal Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, Aboriginal Recreation Programmer, and Social Diversity Consultant. As the Social Development Consultant I work on many collaborative community partnerships including the Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership, the Graffiti Management Task Force, and the Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership which provides grants to social service organizations focusing on social programming and advancement. The Graffiti Task force is another area that keeps this position hopping and is a large

cooperative team including community members, police, utility services, and business improvement districts to name a few. Don't forget to report any graffiti to the graffiti hotline at 306-975-2828.

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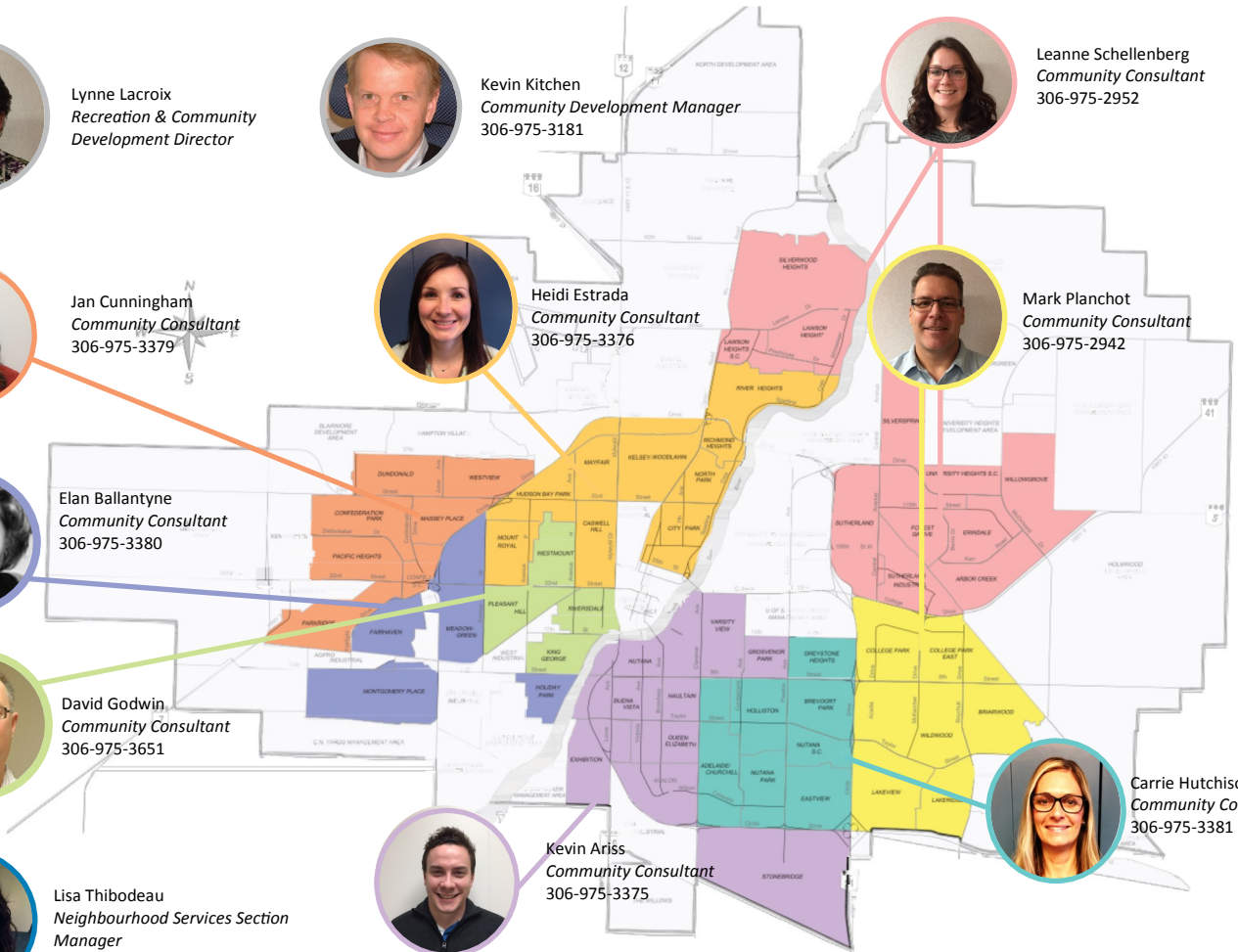
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