Community News

OFFERING A BIG OUTDOOR COMMUNITY EVENT is not for the faint-hearted. And yet, you'll see in this issue how many community associations (CAs) are hosting summer community events. You're invited to join them!

We in Recreation and Community Development recently held our Community Association Volunteer Appreciation Party, in Kinsmen Park. Over 400 CA volunteers and their families were delighted by PotashCorp Playland, 6 activities and a tasty BBQ lunch. This made us happy. We were pleased to honour the people, young and old, who support generous CA volunteers. Often it takes the support of many to make great community work happen. We hope you enjoy a summer filled with many happy community activities.

photo: Howard Giles, South Nutana Park Community Association



YOU DESERVED A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

THIS YEAR'S FAMILY-FOCUSED Community Association Volunteer Appreciation Party included rides, picnicing & playing games in Kinsmen Park. Below is some feedback from volunteers.

My family and I had a great time at the volunteer appreciation party and my boys couldn't stop talking about it and telling their daycare friends for days after. Thank you!" **Eva Gleadow - Lawson Heights CA**

> "I felt appreciated. I loved having my kids with me and it was wonderful seeing so many [staff]hustling and bustling, making it a memorable occasion." Deb Hockley, Adelaide Park/Churchill CA

> > "It was like you thought of everything and ensured the event was extremely family-friendly, for kids/adults of all ages, which seems so appropriate given that in most households, if one or both parents volunteer, often times the entire family gets involved too." Trish Schmidt, Montgomery Place CA

Deb Hockley & kids on ferris wheel Westview Heights CA volunteers City of Saskatoon staff fed the crowd



photos- thanks to Howard Giles, South Nutana Park Community Association

WALTER EARNS AN UNIQUE APPRECIATION!

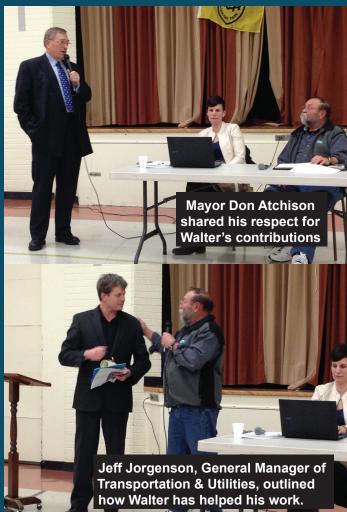
THIRTY YEARS AGO WALTER KATELNIKOFF came home, as he usually did, exhausted after a hard day's work. He ate his supper and then headed for the couch to watch TV. His wife Janine, however, had other plans. Janine told him that there was more to life than work and the couch, and she insisted he get up and go to the local community association meeting. He followed her advice, and came home from that meeting as Vice President!

Recently retired as President of the HPCA, Walter told this story at his 'good-bye party'/HPCA AGM.

For 30 1/2 years Walter helped in all the ways active HPCA members do. Here's a long list of the ways he consistently helped, he:

- * chaired monthly meetings, regularly attended by 30+ volunteers;
- * pitched in to help run indoor programs and soccer;

*organized rink repair, rebuilding & maintenance;



- * shared coffee and homemade (by Janine!) treats with community clean-up volunteers;
- * peered into back alleys to find & report junk;
- * kept a keen eye out for criminal activity;
- * attended every registration night, community event, and volunteer appreciation party;
- * contributed to the, (56-page-long), newsletter;
- * connected with & promoted local businesses;
- * supported the community's schools, church and seniors' residences;
- * asked civic administration to patch and repair what's needed; and
- * regularly reminded people to pick up their dog's poo in the park!

Walter is still a regular at HPCA meetings and events: still serving the community he loves. Before leaving his role, he recruited an excellent new President, Becky Arthurs. Thanks Walter for all you do!



Councillor Pat Lorje detailed how Walter & Janine *(right)* generously give of themselves.

New HPCA President Becky Arthurs *(left)* & MLA Danielle Chartier shared their thanks with Walter.

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June 2016

If you don't see your event listed here and would like it added please email leanne.schellenberg@saskatoon.ca

2010				
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Adelaide Park - Family Fun Day in the Park
5	8	9	10 Pleasant Hill CA - Community Pow Wow, Grace Adams Park. Avalon CA - AvaLAWN Affair, 5 - 8pm, John Lake School Grounds.	11 Mount Royal CA - Community Fun Day Event 11:00am-4:00pm Mount Royal Park
12 Caswell Hill CA - Art in the Park Noon-5pm, Ashworth Homes Park	15 Community & Recreation Group of Meadowgreen - Coffee with a Cop, W.P. Bate School, 7pm	16	17 Lawson Heights CA - Fun Day 6:00 - 10:30pm, Rochdale Park	18 Confederation Park CA Car Seat Clinic 10-1pm Confederation School parking lot
19	22	23 Hampton Village CA - Family Fest	24	25
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2016

http://www.sumtheatre.com/theatre-in-the-park

2010				
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CANADA DAY Dundonald CA - Canada Day Celebration, Dondonald Park	2
3	6	7	8	9 Montgomery Place CA - Clean- up of Richard St. Barbe Baker Aforestation 8am

August 2016

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 QEXCA Community Day in the Park, WW Ashley Park noon-4pm	17	18	19	20
21	24	25	26	27 Rosewood CA - Family Fun Day and Community Garage Sale
28 Briarwood CA - Family Day BBQ, 12-3pm	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3

ACTIVATE YOUR SPECIAL EVENT PASSPORT!

READ THE FINE PRINT & EXPLORE Saskatoon's creative community association summer events. Here are just two events you won't want to miss this week!



... SPEAKING OF VALUED PASSPORTS!



IN FEBRUARY, THE CITY OF SASKATOON worked with the Institute of Canadian Citizenship (ICC) to create a Community Committee to host Community Citizenship Ceremonies. The City, ICC and the Saskatoon Police Services then coordinated the firstever Community Citizenship Ceremony.

The event included discussion tables hosted by members from many sectors of the community, and the formal Oath of Citizenship ceremony was led by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. We plan to work with the ICC to coordinate one or two of these very special ceremonies each year in Saskatoon.

Here's what some happy new Canadians shared:

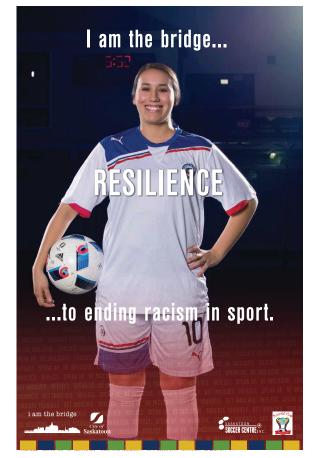
"I feel Canadian when feeling safe."

"I feel Canadian when I eat bannock."

"I feel Canadian when I'm given all the opportunities at high school."

by:April Sora, Immigration Diversity & Inclusion Consultant

REACHING OUT TO ALL OF US...





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City of Saskatoon

GOODBYE & THANKS WARREN

OUR WONDERFUL COLLEAGUE WARREN Isbister-Bear, Aboriginal & Inclusion Consultant, is leaving the City of Saskatoon. He'll soon be the United Way's new Director of Aboriginal Relations. As Warren was an innovator over his 7 years here, we wanted to share some of his parting wisdom.

Constant: Why do you think it is important for an organization to focus on supporting Aboriginal youth?

A aboriginal youth are important, active members of a larger community and they are our future leaders. All organizations have a responsibility to engage with all citizens, and our work can help build their capacity to contribute to our society.

As we were hiring the summer Playground staff we noted that many Aboriginal young adults faced barriers to employment. We developed the Atokske program to address this, and dozens of youth gained valuable workplace experience and connections to employers, relevant certification and more self confidence. Many also got great jobs!

Co.: What fuels your work?

A: I try to ask myself, 'Are we doing the right things, and are we doing them right?' I'm also guided by traditional teachings of Wichitowin, which is an Indigenous value that it is important to look after one another as a community. Also when you support a diversity of perspectives, everyone benefits.

I'm going to miss working at the City's Recreation and Community Development division because my colleagues are all passionate about making positive change in the community. I bet I'll find that in my new job too!



HELLO & WELCOME HEIDI!

HEIDI IS THE NEW COMMUNITY CONSULTANT for City Park, Caswell Hill, , Hudson Bay Park/Mayfair/Kelsey-Woodlawn, Mount Royal, North Park/Richmond Heights and River Heights.

Heidi has worked for the City of Saskatoon since June 2007 at various Leisure Centres, supervising lifeguards and recreation programs. Her passion for working in the community grew while working with the Canadian Diabetes Association as a Public Program & Service Coordinator. While there, she offered education and awareness events in Northern Saskatchewan specifically with Urban and Rural First Nations communities. When not at work, Heidi stays busy chasing around her two-year-old and four-year-old boys. You can contact her at heidi.estrada@saskatoon.ca or (306)975-3376.

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