The Whitmore Whistler

Whitmore Park's Newsletter * Spring 2014

Local Improvement Program

By Glenda Calcutta

Ever wonder what the Local Improvement Program is?

In the City of Regina, sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement is done under the Local Improvement Program where property owners pay for a portion* of the cost of replacement. All City of Regina local improvements are done in accordance with provincial legislation called the Local Improvements Act, 1993. This program was developed to provide a method of paying for necessary improvements to municipal infrastructure. A Local Improvement Project is any work or service paid for by charging part or all of the cost to property owners who benefit from the work or service. At present there is no charge for pavement renewal which is done in conjunction with this program.

Property owners who do not want the Local Improvement work to occur have the right to petition against it. If the petition is successful, no work will be undertaken. To be successful, the petition must be signed by a majority in number of owners, representing at least one-half of the amount of the special assessment value of the work.

*(*Note: Usually owners pay 60% of the cost but in certain pre-designated areas, commonly known as Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, Neighbourhood Improvement Program and Community Service Areas, an assessment reduction of 50 percent is applied thereby reducing the cost to the benefiting owner to approximately 30 percent for sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement.)*

Ever wonder why proposed work is being rejected when our roads are in such bad condition?

Well, there could be many reasons, but for the crescent I live on, it is inequality. The city has created two work units, one for the inside crescent owners and one for the outside crescent owners. The inside work is for the sidewalk, curb, gutter and street while the outside work is for the outside curb and gutter only. Of course, the sidewalk benefits residents on both sides but the LIP is charging only inside owners for it - clear discrimination. (Note: the poor inside crescent folks also have to shovel this walk each winter for all neighbours to use). Since the city assesses the LIP costs by property frontage and flankage, the neighbors (on the outside) with the large pie shape lots pay the least while the neighbor on the inside corner pays the most - more discrimination. This cost disparity is pitting neighbor against neighbor - inside vs. outside. To give you a more tangible idea of this disparity:

Average assessed cost to 17 outside crescent owners is $3970. Average assessed cost to 12 inside crescent owners is $7554. Actual assessed cost to inside corner owner is $11,683.64. How fair/equitable is that if the inside crescent owners pay 2-3 times more for the benefit of the same street, sidewalk, curbs and gutters. Of course that is not where the discrimination ends as the power to accept/reject the street pavement renewal is really in the hands of 7 of the 29 crescent owners.

I believe change is needed; the LIP bylaws/policies need to ensure that cost assessment is fair, equitable to all who benefit and that these LIP practices do not discriminate.

Based on the Saskatchewan Provincial Government guidelines provided to municipalities regarding LIP (see **http://www.municipal.gov.sk.ca**), the city clearly has the power to make it right. The guidelines state that Council has discretionary authority to choose the basis for charging the special assessment rate. Rates may be based on meters of frontage, area of land, an equal amount for each lot, or the assessed value of land. They can also pass a bylaw to specially assess lots on both sides of the street even though a sidewalk or curb is constructed only on one side. It also states that the same rate of special assessment must be applied to lots that benefit equally. If the benefit is not equal, the rate may be adjusted to reflect the relative benefit received. Any adjustment made must be fair and equitable.

I have been asking for a review of the LIP Cost Model for a number of years already. I have spoken to the current and former Ward 1 councillor, the mayor as well as members of the city's Roadways Preservation department but still no change or resolution. If you are concerned about this issue, I encourage you to start your own conversation with the city.

What's Inside:

WPCA Volunteer Profiles: Claude Seguin 2
WPCA Volunteer Profile: Brian Black 2
Community Garage Sale 3
Whistler Delivery Delays 3
Realtors Park Enhancement Project 4
Pre-K and Kindergarten Registrations 4
Where are they Now? 5
WPCA Board of Directors 6
Volunteers Wanted! 7
Youth Leadership Awards 7
City of Regina Information 8

Whitmore Park Community Association

The Whitmore Park Community Association would like to acknowledge the support it receives from the City of Regina.

City of Regina | REGINA Infinite Horizons

The Whitmore Whistler is a quarterly publication. It is published in January, April, July, and September.

The Editorial Committee members are: Lori Giroux, Hilary Craig, Leslie Mathiason, Terry Madole, Catherine Maier

We'd like to hear what you think of this newsletter!

If you have a story, topic, suggestion or advertisement, we'd like to hear from you!

Deadline for next issue:
May 23, 2014

newsletter@whitmorepark.ca

The content of the Whitmore Whistler does not necessarily express the views of the WPCA.

WPCA ONLINE!

www.whitmorepark.ca

Check out what's happening around Whitmore Park when and where ever you like!

The Whitmore Whistler is printed by

PRINTWEST

1111 8th Ave, Regina • 525-2304
1-800-236-6438
www.printwest.com

MIX Paper from responsible sources FSC® C005718

WPCA Volunteer Profile: Claude Seguin

Claude relocated to Saskatchewan from Ottawa Ontario in 2010. He resides in Regina with his partner Karen and her daughter Merah. Claude has five grown children in Ontario, all pursuing their dreams after completing their post-secondary education – Michelle, Jennifer, Kimberly, Christopher and David. Claude enjoys all sports and the outdoors. In his spare time, he loves working on home improvement projects as well as camping, cycling, fishing and golfing. In the winter months, he plays hockey and skis. His passion for football was re-ignited with the move to Saskatchewan where he quickly became an ardent Roughrider fan. Born and raised in the Northern Ontario community of Sudbury, he is very comfortable with the climate of Saskatchewan and enjoys what the four seasons that this part of the country provides.

In his professional life, he has spent over thirty-five years in infrastructure and transportation engineering. He has worked on many interesting planning and engineering assignments in both the private and public sector in regions across Canada as well as abroad. In Ottawa, Claude spent fifteen years with the City of Ottawa where he managed various infrastructure projects. Currently, he works as an asset management consultant providing integrated lifecycle planning and short/long range financial planning services.

Wherever Claude has lived, he has been very active within his community volunteering with various associations as well as canvassing on behalf of many non-profit organizations. He is a certified hockey and soccer coach with over twenty years of experience as a trainer, coach and team manager.

His philosophy on what defines a community was handed down from his grandfather and father. Simply, "a community is only as good as what the people living in it put into it."

WPCA Volunteer Profile: Brian Black

Brian Black has accepted the Vice-President position on the Whitmore Park Community Assocation (WPCA) excutive for the remainder of the term to replace Terry Shalley. Brian has been involved in the south Regina community in a variety of volunteer positions; over 15 years in various leadership positions with Scouts Canada, soccer coaching and recently as a representative at the City of Regina Housing Summit and related community workshops.

Brian has lived in the community since 1980 and with his wife Kathy, raised a son and daughter that are now married and raising children of their own in Regina. He retired in 2012 from his career with the Saskatchewan Government. Brian brings planning, organizing and financial skills from his previous career that will assist the WPCA to provide a better community for all of us.

Community Garage Sale Day
June 14, 2014

Due to the great response we had last year, the Whitmore Park Community Association is once again coordinating a Community Garage Sale Day. To participate all you need to do is agree to hold your sale on June 14, 2014 and register your address with us by emailing: newsletter@whitmorepark.ca. If we get 40 addresses registered by May 21, 2014, we will advertise city-wide that Whitmore Park is THE place to go garage sale-ing on June 14!

By registering your address with us you agree to the publishing of your address on the Whitmore Park website and on a Google map.

Whistler Delivery Delays

The Whitmore Whistler committee would like to reassure the residents of Whitmore Park that we do everything in our power to ensure a timely delivery of this newsletter to all homes. We heard many comments about the last issue of the Whistler arriving late in mailboxes and sometimes not arriving at all. Recent media coverage of Canada Post delivery issues certainly highlights a root cause of our Whistler delivery woes. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delayed delivery of the January Whistler.

Community information, including copies of the Whistler, can also be found at **www.whitmorepark.ca**.

Feedback regarding the delivery of the Whistler (late or none at all) is appreciated. Please feel free to email **newsletter@whitmorepark.ca** with your comments.

PRAIRIE SPRUCE COMMONS

Regina's First Cohousing Community

Our community is being planned by and will be lived in by community members.

Built with self-contained homes.

Designed to encourage neighborliness.

Intergenerational and looking for more community members.

For more info go to PrairieSpruce.com

Realtors Park Enhancement Project

Submitted by Ladette Fuchs

The Albert Park Community Association (APCA) in partnership with the City of Regina is raising funds to improve the facilities and landscaping at Realtors Park, the area surrounding the Optimist Arena and South Leisure Centre on Sunset Drive. With community support, the enhanced park will benefit seniors, families and all residents living in South Regina.

A concept plan was developed that included input from South Zone Community Associations and other stakeholders. Phase 1 will include a multi-season path around the perimeter of the park, cricket batting cages, and improved landscaping and seating. The improvements will enhance the existing athletic fields, tennis courts and splash pad. Future phases could include a multi-use playing field, basketball, an outdoor fitness surface, outdoor chess and table tennis.

Donations are accepted at South Leisure Centre, or by mail:

City of Regina,
P.O. Box 1790,
Regina, Sask. S4P 3C8

Cheques are payable to the City of Regina; or make a credit or debit card donation at the Sportplex, Sandra Schmirler Leisure Centre, or North West Leisure Centre. The City of Regina will issue an official tax receipt for donations of $25 and more.

Please ensure Realtors Park will continue to offer a beautiful space for play, sport and leisure.

Find a donation form and more info at www.albertpark.ca

Thank you for supporting Realtors Park – a South Zone community destination.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registrations

Grant Road School, 2501 Grant Road, 306-791-8590

Children who will be five years of age by December 31, 2014, are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall of 2013. If you know someone in our school neighborhood who has a child of kindergarten age please pass this information on to that family. We are also taking registrations for Pre-Kindergarten (students must be at least 3 years of age). Please call Grant Road School at 791-8590 to register.

St. Matthew School, 4710 Castle Road, 306-791-7370

Children who will be 5 by December 31, 2014, are eligible for Kindergarten starting this fall. If you are interested in registering, forms are available at our main office. Please be sure to bring your child's birth certificate, health card, baptismal certificate and record of immunization when you submit your registration. Registrations are currently being accepted.

The Regina Catholic School Admissions Policy provides an opportunity for baptized Roman Catholics and Eastern Rite Catholics to receive a Catholic Education. If you have any questions, concerns or inquiries, please contact the school at your convenience and speak with Mr. Pearce. As a community we ask that you please notify families with kindergarten-aged children that we are currently accepting registrations and that they can contact the school if they have any questions.

Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are eligible to register into our Sunshine Pre-School or our Pre-Kindergarten Program. Registration for these two programs is open at this time and forms are available for both programs in our main office. Historically, our Sunshine Pre-School has filled up fairly early and we are expecting the same this year. As well, we anticipate our Pre-K, moving into its fourth year, will also be in high demand.

There are differences between the two programs and information is available at St. Matthew's office, or by calling the school and speaking with Mr. Pearce. Registrations for both the Pre-School and Pre-K programs are being accepted, however, confirmation of placement will not occur until after Easter. Once again, we ask for your help in getting the word out to families you may know who have children between the ages 3 and 5 who may be interested in our Kindergarten, Pre-School or Pre-K programs.

Where are they Now?

By Terry Shalley

In recognition of the 10+ years of the Whitmore Park Community Association Leadership Awards, we thought it would be interesting to follow up with past recipients. Here is what our past winners are up to now:

Campbell High School		
Year	**Name**	**Status**
2003	Laura Stark	Naturopathic Doctor, Regina
2004	Chelsea Jones	Unknown
2005	Jason Nauta	Marketing, Farm Credit Corp, Regina
2006	No recipient	
2007	Katherine Simulak	Account Manager, Paradigm Consulting, Regina
2008	Daniel Penrod	University of Sask, Master of Chemistry
	Stacey Nauta	Social Worker, Child Protection Services, Social Services, Regina
2009	No recipient	
2010	Kaleena Calcutta	Musician, Des Moines, Iowa, USA
2011	Michelle Stoddart	Student, Regina
2012	No recipient	
2013	Jemimah Bay	College of Education, University of Regina
LeBoldus High School		
Year	**Name**	**Status**
2003	Matthew Milleker	Financial Planner, Milleker Financial Inc. Regina
2004	Jordan Higgins	Electrician, Saskatoon
2005	Carmen Rollins	Research Analyst, Washington, DC.
2006	Leah Lucyk	Pharmacist, Regina
2007	Brian Shalley	City Police Officer, Calgary
2008	Nicole Metz	Unknown
2009	Carmen Currie	Registered Nurse, Calgary
	Brent Flaman	Student, Mechanical Engineer, U of Sask
2010	Tarya Luterbach	Student, Nursing, University of Regina
2011	Zena Scott	Student, Pre-Law, University of Regina
2012	Emma Yeo	Student, Engineering, U of Manitoba
2013	Kimberly Shalley	Student, Pre-Nursing, University of Regina

"Like"
WHITMORE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION on facebook!

WPCA Board of Directors			
President	Terry Madole	584-9884	president@whitmorepark.ca
Past President	Curt Schroeder	586-9268	pastpresident@whitmorepark.ca
Vice President	Terry Shalley	584-7689	vp@whitmorepark.ca
Treasurer	Doug Samchinsky	584-1444	treasurer@whitmorepark.ca
Secretary	Anna Buchanan		secretary@whitmorepark.ca
Director	Lori Giroux		
Director	Chris Smith		
Director	Claud Seguin		
Director	Krista Evanisky		
Director	Terry Shalley		
Commissioners			
Child Care Directory	Karen Williams	584-8430	
Community Planning	Terry Shalley	584-7689	community@whitmorepark.ca
Community Sign	Angie Ivey	584-0970	sign@whitmorepark.ca
Membership	Ryan Spriggs	569-7277	membership@whitmorepark.ca
Neighbourhood Watch	Chris Smith	721-9155	neighbourhoodwatch@whitmorepark.ca
Newsletter Editor	Lori Giroux	949-5674	newsletter@whitmorepark.ca
Program Coordinator	Glenda Calcutta	584-3318	programs@whitmorepark.ca
Fitness Programs	Alana Ottenbreit	586-1941	fitness@whitmorepark.ca
Older Adult Programs	Marisol Molina-Smith		seniorsrep@whitmorepark.ca
South Zone Rep.	Patti Nauta	586-8941	southzonerep@whitmorepark.ca
Skating	Terry Rotheisler	522-1899	skating@whitmorepark.ca
Outdoor Hockey	**vacant**		**hockey@whitmorepark.ca**
Rec Hockey	Jim Appleby	584-7218	rechockey@whitmorepark.ca
Soccer - Outdoor	**vacant**		outdoorsoccer@whitmorepark.ca
Webmaster	Leah Coutts		info@whitmorepark.ca
Whitmore Walkers	Hilary Craig	585-0981	walkers@whitmorepark.ca
Special Events			
Cycling	Kathy Stedwill		cycling@whitmorepark.ca
Placemaking	Hilary Craig	585-0981	placemaking@whitmorepark.ca
South Zone			
Soccer - Indoor	Patti Nauta		soccer@whitmorepark.ca
Garden Coordinator	Marlene Hooper	565-1312	marleneh@accesscomm.ca
Area City Councillor	Barbara Young	539-4081	byoung@regina.ca
Community Rec Co-ordinator	Loreen Anderson	777-7322	landerso@regina.ca

Volunteers Wanted!

All Whitmore Park residents are welcome at the monthly Community Association Board meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at Campbell High School.

If you are interested in volunteering, but aren't completely sure how, please attend one of these meetings to discuss opportunities with the Board. There is no shortage of ideas and enthusiasm, but there is a shortage of actual hands to bring these ideas to fruition.

Contact Terry at president@whitmorepark.ca for further information.

"*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give*."
- Winston Churchill

Whitmore Park Community Association 2013-2014
Youth Leadership Awards ($500 each)

The Whitmore Park Community Association has initiated the Youth Leadership Awards since the year 2003 to acknowledge the volunteer contributions of many young people in the Whitmore Park community. Each year, students from Campbell Collegiate High School and Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School are selected for this award (valued at $500 each). If you require further information for the 2013-2014 awards, please contact the school guidance department or Terry Shalley, WPCA at 584-7689.

Application deadline is April 30, 2014.

PRESENTS…
FREE MONTHLY ½ HOUR FINANCIAL SEMINARS

WHERE: Room # 152 – Campbell Collegiate School of Business
7:00 PM

SCHEDULE
April 16th, 2014 – ETF's, Mutual Funds, GIC's, Stocks & Bonds
May 21st, 2014 – Choosing a Financial Advisor or Planner

Enjoy Your Summer!
September 17th, 2014 – Insurance Planning
October 15th, 2014 - TBA

Seminars are a free community service. Refreshments will be provided.
Contact info@tcmfinancial.ca with any questions

Kindermusik
a good beginning never ends
Calling all Kids 7 and Under!
Music and Movement program for children.
Angelika....584-5199
www.kindermusik.com

Sundown Optimist Junior Tennis Club

5-18 years of age
FUN and AFFORDABLE!!!

Group Tennis Lessons
by Certified Coaches

Where: OUTDOORS @ Douglas Park
When: Weeknights = May - August

M/W/F = 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. 5-12 years
T/Th/F = 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 12-18 year

Contact:
Ro: 306-529-2128 / rograson@yahoo.ca
Dave: davidjsutherland@gmail.com
Check out our Facebook Page!

City of Regina Information

City of Regina By-Laws are not all actively enforced; rather City officials rely on residents to report infractions by calling 306-777-7000, weekdays 8:00 am to 4:45 pm.

BLOCKED CATCH BASINS

When street and lane catch basins are frozen or filled with debris in the spring, melting snow cannot drain away from alleys, streets, or greenspaces adjacent to your property.
Keeping your sidewalk, gutter and the area around catch basins free of snow, ice and debris provides a clear path for melting ice and snow to enter the storm drainage system,
Shovelling ice and snow from your sidewalk also helps your yard by providing your lawn with valuable moisture in the spring and reducing the amount of ice and snow melting into the gutter.
You should report blocked catch basins when the water that has accumulated may be hazardous or can cause significant property damage.

PARKING BY-LAW

No vehicle may be parked on the street for more than 24 hours except for Saturdays and weekends. These regulations apply to RVs and construction-related vehicles. Bylaws #10123, ss. 5 and 6, 1999; #10193, s. 5, 2000; #2005-95, s. 6, 2005)
http:// www.regina.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=216

REPAIRS? RENOVATIONS?

If your house is being repaired or renovated, you know that you suffer many inconveniences. Please consider the impact of the operations on your neighbours, especially if vehicles are parked on the streets and/or in front of neighbours' properties for lengthy periods. Please make sure that visiting workers & contractors don't inconvenience or endanger your neighbours

SPRING POTHOLES

Water from melting snow can cause potholes and road damage as it freezes over night and melts during the day.
The City of Regina is committed to maintaining and repairing its roads following a plan whereby priority streets are addressed first, along with those roads whose condition pose a driving hazard or significant damage to property. The City adopted this practice since 80% of Regina's motorists travel on these priority streets on a daily basis.
Reports of potholes on other streets are prioritized and are re-paired on that basis.
Please be patient as it may take a while for crews to repair your reported pothole depending on its priority.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Ward 1 City Councillor: Barbara Young • (306) 539-4081
byoung@regina.ca • www.ward1councillor.ca

Regina Board of Education: Aleana Young • (306) 501-5510
aleana.m.young@gmail.com

MLA: Hon. Bill Hutchinson • (306) 205-2067
bhutchinson@mla.legassembly.sk.ca

MP: Hon. Ralph Goodale • (306) 585-1610
goodale.r@parl.gc.ca

Regina Catholic Schools • (306) 791-7200