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Winter 2016

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The "Best of Whitmore Park" photo contest first prize went to `"Autumn's Canopy" by Ashley Quark.

The "Best of Whitmore Park" photo contest second prize went to "Fall Colour Explosion in Mike Badham Park" by Glenda Calcutta.

Whitmore Park Community Association

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We'd like to hear what you think.

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

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Statement from the Regina Police Service

The Regina Police Service is continuing its investigation into recent firearms-related incidents. Since the incidents, what you may notice is an increased police presence in our area. This is in keeping with a commitment by Chief Hagen to apply extra resources to south Regina. These officers will be visiting businesses and residences as they continue to carry out tasks in this, and other, investigations. The School Resource Officers, of course, will be spending their time at their assigned schools. Seeing more than one police car at any location doesn't necessarily indicate cause for alarm or a major development. Our Police Service is committed to keeping residents informed of any new information that can be shared about the shooting incidents and any other matters that affect public safety. Thanks for your continued patience and co-operation.

The "Best of Whitmore Park" photo contest third prize went to "Swings: Not Just for Summer" by Erica Emery.

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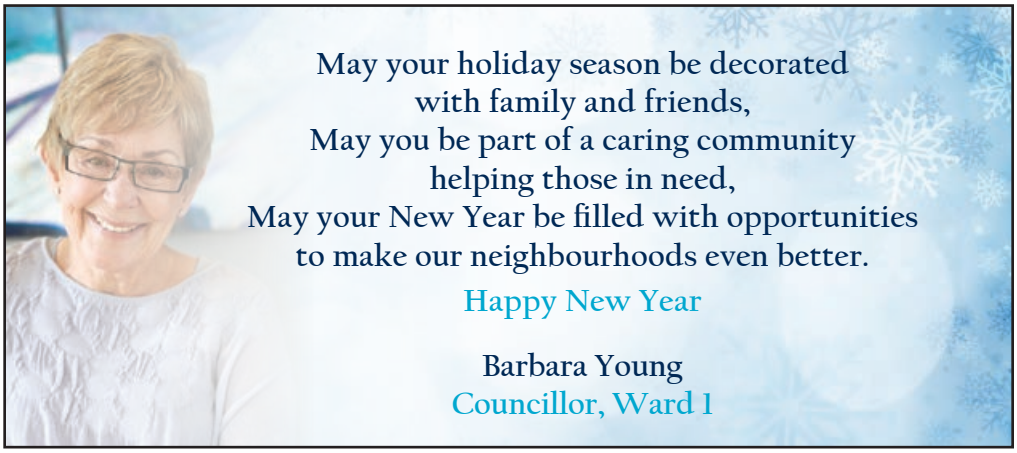

WPCA Volunteer of the Year

Every year the South Zone Recreation Board (SZRB) host an appreciation dinner to bring together the many volunteers from the community associations working with the SZRB area as well as those from its own organization. The boards involved include:

- Albert Park Community Assoc.
- Hillsdale Community Assoc.
- Lakeview Community Assoc.
- Whitmore Park Community Assoc.

Each community association takes this opportunity to recognize one of its volunteers as their "Volunteer of the Year". The Whitmore Park Community Association may be lean with volunteers but certainly has many deserving members for this honour. This year's recipient from the WPCA was its Vice-President, Brian Black. Brian has been a resident of the community for over 35 years. He and his wife Kathy have raised two children, a son & daughter, both of whom call Regina home.

Brian has been active in community service for many of those 35 years starting when the children were young taking on various leadership roles with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. After retiring as a Senior Business Auditor with the provincial government, he found himself with more time and became involved with a local men's golf club and eventually became the President of the Board of Directors.

Brian joined the WPCA in 2013 as a director. Brian has been keen to fill in when necessary and has implicated himself in several of the WPCA's initiatives improving the operations of the association. This has included taking on a senior role on the Board as Vice-President.

He has achieved many accomplishments but two central achievements have been the revitalization of the outdoor rink and warm-up shelter at Grant Road School. The rink and shelter are fully operational during the winter season largely due to his efforts in the administration of the volunteers that supervise the facility.

Another file being managed is the lobbying our community concerns to the City of Regina to address the issue of the major conversion of family houses into rooming houses with multiple rental suites. Working with Paula Doke another

WPCA Director, they have presented several issues and suggestions to the city on this matter. It is hoped that our constructive efforts will move the city administration to re-visit some of their current policies pertaining to this.

Please join me in congratulating Brian Black in recognizing him as the WPCA Volunteer of the Year.

WPCA Annual General Meeting

Whitmore Park is a community within the city of Regina. Like many of the other areas in Regina, the community has a non-profit association of volunteers, the Whitmore Park Community Association (WPCA), that work very hard to make Whitmore Park a GREAT place to live! On Wednesday November 18th 2015 the WPCA held its annual general meeting (AGM) at Campbell Collegiate.

An AGM is a meeting that associations like the WPCA open to the general public to report on events and accomplishments of the past year. This is a requirement of its constitution. AGM's are held every year in November. Other key elements of the meeting is the election of new members for the board of directors and defining its priorities for the new year. The meeting is also an opportunity for the community members to receive copies of the association's accounts as well as reviewing fiscal information for the past year and asking any questions regarding the directions/focus of the association going forward.

The attendance at this year's AGM essentially comprised of members of the existing Board with little representation from its community which was disappointing given all that which the WPCA represents and could,with a strong board, provide to the community. Examples of its services include this publication, various children/adult programs and advocating community issues with city representatives.

Aside from the regular business, the following are highlights of the AGM.

Reports from Directors and Program Coordinators including the WPCA financial report and Financial Review for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.

Nominations/elections of Board of Directors members/Program Coordinators:

President: Claude Séguin, in second year of a two-year term

Vice-President: Brian Black, in second year of a two-year term

Past-President: Terry Madole, in second year of a two-year term

Treasurer: Doug Samchinsky, acclaimed, two-year term

Secretary: vacant.

Director: Lori Giroux, acclaimed, two-year term

Director: Paula Doke, in second year of her two-year term

Director: Curt Schroeder and Terry Shalley announced their resignations from the Board

Director: three vacant positions.

Program Coordinators: five plus vacancies

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WPCA Winter 2016 Program Registration

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Campbell Collegiate Auditorium • 102 Massey Road

HOW TO REGISTER FOR WPCA PROGRAMS & OTHER CITY-WIDE PROGRAMS

1. Attend the WPCA program registration for residents of Whitmore Park
2. Become a member ($5 per household). Membership valid from Sept. 1, 2015 - Aug. 31, 2016.
3. For WPCA programs: Register & pay for program(s) at the WPCA registration.
4. For other programs (run by other community associations): register for programs at the WPCA registration but do not pay. The sponsoring organization will contact you and collect the appropriate fees.

WPCA Refund Policy

All requests for refunds for WPCA programs must be made to Program Coordinator. Refunds will be granted if requested 2 weeks prior to program start. Anyone asking for refunds outside these limits may do so in writing to the Treasurer. Requests will be reviewed by WCPA Executive & will be considered for special circumstances on a prorated basis. $5 administration fee. No refunds for memberships.

PRE-SCHOOL

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

3-4 yrs

Helps children in their early years develop both physically and creatively. Week to week children will work on fundamentals such as balance, skipping, hopping, jumping, and body/environmental awareness. The children will learn how to express their ideas both vocally and bodily through a variety of creative and imaginative dance activities that are teacher led.

Dates: Thursdays, Jan 21 – Feb 25, 2016
Cost: $30
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 pm
Location: St. Matthew School – Use rear gym entrance

CHILDREN

CREATIVE DANCE

5-6 years

Building from the previous creative movement class, there will be a large emphasis in this class for the student truly creating. Opposed to being largely teacher led, this class will provide a variety of creative structures that allow for the children to create and interpret their own movements. Each class will also focus on many of the fundamentals of physical and creative development: balance, skipping, hopping, jumping, and body/environmental awareness, counting and rhythm.

Dates: Thursdays, Jan 21 – Feb 25, 2016
Cost: $30
Time: 6:35 – 7:05 pm
Location: St. Matthew School – Use rear gym entrance

RED CROSS BABYSITTING

11+ years

The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course is a great opportunity for kids to learn some valuable child care and first aid skills. This course will help in learning how to care for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and school aged children as well as how to handle emergency situations.

Students must bring a doll, pen, paper and a NUT-FREE bagged lunch.

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2016
(9:00 am – 5:00 pm)
Cost: $45.00
Location: Campbell Collegiate

ADULT

CARDIO BOOTCAMP

This athletic workout incorporates strength training and cardio intervals that will make you sweat. It is a workout with basic cardio movements taken to various levels of intensity.

Instructor: Nina Hurlbert

Dates: Tuesdays, Jan 19 – Apr 5, 2016
Cost: $72.00
Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Grant Road School

GUTS AND BUTTS AND CORE

This class combines strength training exercises to target leg and core areas with the use of strength tools such as bands, gliders, bender balls and a mat. All equipment is provided.

Instructor: Nina Hurlbert
Dates: Thursdays, Jan 21 – Apr 7, 2016
Cost: $72.00Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Grant Road School

PILATES AND MORE

Instructor: Karen Freitag-Bacon
Dates: Tuesdays, Jan 19 – Apr 5, 2016
Cost: $72.00
Time: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Massey School

FOREVER ...IN MOTION

(50+ years)

The program includes endurance, strength, balance and flexibility activities which may be performed either in sitting or standing positions. Groups are led by peer volunteer leaders who have taken the Forever... in Motion training offered by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health region. Registration at first class.

Dates/Times:
Mon., Jan 11 to Jun 13, 2016 at 10:00 am
Thurs., Jan 14 to Jun 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Location: Whitmore Park United Church

FAMILY

OUTDOOR SKATING

Grant Road School Rink
December to February
Monday to Friday 7 - 9pm
Saturday and Sunday 2-5pm and 7-9pm
All ages welcome

SRCS OUTDOOR SOCCER

Spring Outdoor Soccer

Whitmore Park participates in the SRCS outdoor soccer league with the Albert Park, Hillsdale and Lakeview Community Associations. This is a fun, no cut league where everyone gets to play. Teams (kids ages 3 to 18 with 8 separate age groups: U4 (i.e. Under 4), U5, U6, U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18) will play 2 games per week between May 2 and June 23 2016 on various south (and west for U14 & U18 age groups) Regina fields.

In-Person Registration sessions will be held at the South Leisure Centre at 170 Sunset Drive on Wednesday Feb. 24 from 7 pm to 8 pm and on Saturday March 19 from 9 am to 10 am. Online registration will also be available from midnight Feb. 24 through midnight March 31. Detailed program information for the 2016 season is available at: **www.srcs.ca.** The WPCA is in need of a Soccer Coordinator (or a pair of Co-Coordinators) to help deliver the program. Please call Doug at (306) 584-1444 for more information on either the soccer program or to discuss the Coordinator position.

Whitmore Park Community Association 2015-2016 Youth Leadership Awards

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 2015-2016 awards, please contact the school guidance department or Anna Buchanan, WPCA at **buchba@sasktel.net**. Application deadline is April 30, 2016.

Volunteers Needed for SRCS

South Regina Community Soccer (SRCS) is a volunteer-run community outdoor soccer league. Thanks to volunteers who coach and help out at events, our youths have the chance to enjoy Spring outdoor soccer every year. However, our volunteer Executive Board is in desperate need of motivated individuals to plan and organize our league for the upcoming season(s). Current and upcoming vacancies are:

SRCS Coordinator (2017 season)
SRCS Administrator (2016 season)
Albert Park Coordinator (2016 season)
Whitmore Park Coordinator (2016 season)

Activities include marketing, team building and scheduling, field bookings, liaising with other community soccer groups, printing of team schedules and materials among many others.

Without enough volunteers on our Board, our program cannot run! Please email **soccer@srcs.ca** with any questions or to indicate your interest. One of our Board members will promptly contact you.

Little Free Libraries

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TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

Whitmore Park's Little Free Libraries (LFL's) continue to be well-visited since their installation this past summer. If you are not aware of the four locations of Little Free libraries in Whitmore Park or if you are interested in establishing a Little Free Library on your property, please check out the Little Free Library website at www.littlefreelibrary.org for information and inspiration. If you would like to contribute or borrow books, addresses for Whitmore Park's Little Free Libraries are on the WPCA website at **www.whitmorepark.ca**, or contact

paula.doke@whitmorepark.ca.
Paula Doke, Director, WPCA

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Christmas Charity Selection

The Board made a selection of five local charities to each receive a $100 seasonal donation. The chosen charities are:

- Regina Food Bank
- Regina Humane Society
- Creative Kids
- Carmichael Outreach
- Regina Open Door Society

Brian Black presents a $100 donation to Director Cora at Carmichael Outreach. Photo courtesy of Brian Black.

Terry Shalley presents a $100 donation to Regina Food Bank CEO Steve Compton. Photo courtesy of Terry Shalley.

Request For Volunteers - Outdoor Ice Rink

The Whitmore Park Community Association is asking for your assistance to supervise at the outdoor ice rink near Grant Road School in Mike Badham Park this winter season. The season will run from mid-December to the third week in February of next year.

Ideally, we would like to have the warm-up shelter open from 1:00 to 8:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays; closed from 5:00 to 6:30 pm for meal times. Through the week from Monday to Friday, we would like to have the shelter open from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We ask that you volunteer a minimum one hour time slot during any of these days; e.g. Sunday - 3:00 to 4:00 pm. If you like to volunteer for longer periods of time or times on various days of the week, we would certainly welcome your commitment.

If you are older than 18 years of age and are willing to responsibly supervise the use of the shelter and rink, then we would like to have you volunteer. You would not be expected to flood or clean the rink ice as part of your volunteering; the City has staff to perform that function.

You can sign up by contacting our community co-ordinator, Brian Black, Vice-President, WPCA at 306-584-0276 or e-mail him at **vp@whitmorepark.ca** Volunteering your time is a great way to meet new people and make a better community for all of us.

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In closing the AGM, the new Board defined three priorities for 2015/2016. These included:

1. volunteer outreach to build/ strengthen/SUSTAIN the WPCA organizations and its services/ programs to the community;
2. community engagement through 1 or 2 community events; and
3. continued engagement with city hall including the mayor.

In addition to the Board priorities, the Board passed the following resolution:

That the Whitmore Park Community Association board of directors write a letter and have meetings with the Executive Director of Planning and Development at the City of Regina to express a request for an immediate halt to the conversion of single family houses into multiple rental suites with shared exits or rooming houses, resulting in a change of use or occupancy classification in residential zoned areas that our Zoning Bylaw 9250 disallows (zones R1 to R3). Furthermore, lobby the City to have them require property owners to reverse the previous house conversions once the property use changes such that they are returned to a single family housing.

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George Bothwell Branch Expansion

The George Bothwell Branch at the Southland Mall was opened on Nov. 15, 1994. Currently the branch is 13,865 square feet in size, about the same size of the surface of a Canadian hockey rink. The branch is one of Regina Public Library's (RPL) busiest branches, averaging about 200,000 visits per year and serving one of RPL's fastest-growing service areas. These demands on the branch has mandated the RPL to consider improvements.

A general review of the current George Bothwell branch layout indicates that significant improvements can be made through remodeling and expansion. The expansion of the space will improve the library's ability to meet community expectations, and support the delivery of programs and services well into the future.

In January 2015, RPL finalized a lease extension for the existing space of the George Bothwell branch until December 31, 2024 with an option to expand into adjacent space of 3,287 sq.ft. with retail mall frontage. Regina Public Library values its position and services contribution within the mall. Expansion brings extra traffic to nearby businesses supporting the synergy of our relationship with Southland Mall.

In October 2015, the Regina Public Library (RPL) hosted a series of public open houses to provide city residents a chance to view the conceptual design plan the library developed for the upcoming expansion. Through these consultations with community stakeholders and staff, RPL has developed a renovation and expansion plan that meets the unique needs of residents in the area – one that focuses on creating a space that is functional, inspiring, and welcoming to all.

RPL is aiming for completion of the expansion by August 2016. Plans are being determined as to whether a relocation of the branch will be necessary during the expansion.

Stay tuned for updates on the Whitmore Park Community Association website and in future editions of the Whitmore Whistler.

Public Skate Times

MURRAY BALFOUR ARENA

68 Massey Road Regina, SK
Phone: 306-777-7386

Public Skating Hours*
October 10, 2015 to March 2016

Saturday: 6 - 8 p.m. (cancelled December 26)

Public skating admission prices
(cash only) are:

OPTIMIST ARENA

222 Sunset Drive Regina, SK
Phone: 306-777-7809

Public Skating Hours*
October 25, 2015 to March 2016

Sunday: Beginner Skate 12 - 1 p.m.

Sunday: General Public Skate 1 - 3 p.m.

Public skating admission prices
(cash only) are:

Family:	$12.80
Seniors (65+):	$5.00
Adult (25-64 yrs):	$6.55
Young Adult (19-24 yrs):	$5.00
Youth (13-18 yrs):	$4.25
Children (2-12 yrs):	$2.95
Toddler (under 2 yrs):	Free

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NEW REGULATIONS FOR FRONT YARD PARKING

The City of Regina has revised it's parking bylaws for residential dwellings as of April 27, 2015. Portions of the bylaw changes that related to our neighborhood are posted below. The entire document including parking diagrams related to the information below will soon go up on the Whitmore Park website at www.whitmorepark.ca

4.1 LOCATION [2015-29]

(1) The parking area shall be provided on the same lot as the use it serves.
Vehicles parked on site shall only be parked in approved parking spaces or on a legal driveway leading up to a garage, carport or legal parking pad located on site.
Parking is not permitted on any required landscape area.

4.5 FRONT YARD PARKING

(1) Front yard parking shall be permitted on a lot that:
(a) has an attached garage with access provided from the front yard; or
(b) has a detached garage, a carport or a parking pad located in the side or rear yard, with access provided from the front yard; or
(c) has no alley access and insufficient room to provide access from the front yard to the rear or side yards.

(2) Where a lot meets the criteria of clause (1), the number of spaces that may be located in the front yard is limited tothe capacity of the garage, carport or parking pad, or two spaces, whichever is greater.

Except for a Bed and Breakfast Homestay and Supportive Living Home, vehicles parked in tandem shall be considered to constitute one required parking space.

Each parking spaces which are located entirely or in part in the front yard shall **not exceed 22 square metres in area**.

Notwithstanding subsection (1)

(a) no parking shall be permitted in the front yard of an apartment building; and
(b) no parking of any class A or C motor home, any travel trailer, fifth wheel trailer, boat or any similar vehicle shall be permitted in the front yard from November 1 to April 1, inclusive. [2002-12; 2004- 1, 2013-64]

The City will only enforce the parking infractions if citizens complain. If you want to contact the City about your concerns you can phone 777-7000 from Monday to Friday. There is also an on-line method on the **www.regina.ca** website; look for the "Service Request" form under the "Service" heading on the "Home" page that will need completion.

BECOME A SNOWBUSTER

What is a Snowbuster?

A Snowbusteris a local resident who helps shovel the sidewalks of their neighbours who may have difficulties performing such exercise.

How do I become a Snowbuster?

You can become a Snowbuster by helping your neighbours clear their sidewalks of ice and snow. Grab a shovel and offer to help a neighbour who maybe otherwise wouldn't be able to clear their pathway.

Why should I be a Snowbuster?

Shovelling the sidewalk in front of your house is up to each home owner. We want to ensure a safe community for your neighbours and those who rely on these sidewalks – such as letter carriers, persons who read water/gas metres, and kids walking to school.

http://www.regina.ca/residents/winter/what-is-a-snowbuster

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

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Visit whitmorepark.ca to find contact information for the WPCA board members and volunteer opportunities