The Whitmore Whistler

Spring 2016

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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OUTDOOR RINK SUPERVISORS

Outdoor rink volunteers (L-R): Ashley Andrusiak, Brian Black, Rhonda Cossette, Dave Fraser, Ken Beuche, Michael Shire, Ivan Stevens. Missing: Rob and Sandra Rendall, Myles Blashill, Wilf Olson, Dale Tallon, Crystal Anderson and Jason Knauss.

Photo courtesy of Terry Madole

This 2015-2016 skating season our Whitmore Park Community Association arranged to have volunteers supervise two outdoor rink's warm-up shelters; Elsie Dorsey Park on Castle Road and Mike Badham Park on Grant Road. A formal arrangement was made with the City of Regina to ensure the shelters would be open for public use.

These volunteers provided our community with the advantage of having the warm-up shelters open and supervision provided during popular times for individuals and families. With this milder winter we noticed that there was more interest in using the facilities and our supervisors provided over 200 hours of service for these 2 sites!!

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

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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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Community Garage Sale Day
June 11, 2016

Clean out your basements and garages, go through your kids toys, we are doing it again! 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 11, 2016 and register your address with us by emailing **newsletter@whitmorepark.ca**. If we get 40 addresses registered by May 18, 2016, we will advertise our sale day city-wide!

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

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Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

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

Children who will be five years of age by December 31, 2016, are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the fall of 2016. 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 five years of age by December 31, 2016, are eligible for Kindergarten starting this fall. Registrations are currently being accepted. If you are interested in registering, please call our office at 306-791-7370 for information and to make an appointment to register. When you come for your registration appointment you will be required to bring your child's birth certificate, health card, baptismal certificate and record of immunization.

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 Ms. Pitzel. 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 apply to our Sunshine Pre-School or our Pre-Kindergarten Program. There are differences between the two programs and information is available for both programs by calling our main office and speaking with our principal, Ms. Pitzel. 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.

Applications for both the Pre-School and Pre-K programs are being accepted, however, confirmation of placement will not occur until the end of April. If you are interested in registering, please call our office at 306-791-7370 to make a registration appointment. 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

2016 Household Hazardous Waste Days

The City offers Household Hazardous Waste Day in partnership with Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Saskatchewan Electronics Products Recycling Association, ReGeneration and Saskbattery.

2016 Household Hazardous Waste Days

Sat., May 7, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (gates close)
Sat., June 25, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (gates close)
Sat., October 1, 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. (gates close)

Items will be accepted at **2425 4th Ave. at the City's Public Works Yard** (entrance is on 4th Avenue, half a block east off Albert Street).

We accept household hazardous waste (such as fertilizers, aerosols, paint and batteries). We also accept major appliances (such as fridges and stoves), rimless tires and specific electronics. We reuse, recycle and dispose of the materials in an environmentally responsible manner.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is for residents only. Commercial vehicles will not be accepted. Please be aware that if waste is not acceptable, you may bring it to the City's landfill for disposal.

Please remain in your vehicle at all times. Keep personal belongings away from items you'd like to dispose, as event staff unload your vehicle. For safety measures, no smoking on site.

All materials should be left in the original container or labelled to allow for contents to be identified. Do not mix products together. If you bring your household waste in bags, boxes or other containers, the containers will not be returned.

Acceptable Materials

- Adhesives – contact cement, caulking, sealer, carpet and linoleum adhesives and glue
- Aerosols – hair spray, insect repellent, lubricant spray and furniture cleaner
- Automotive – used engine oil/filters, antifreeze, carburetor cleaners, car wax, fuel and windshield cleaner

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- Batteries – alkaline, lithium, Ni-CAD and nickel metal hydride
- Cleaners – oven cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, spot remover and disinfectants
- Corrosives – drain cleaner, engine degreaser, battery acid and sulphuric acid
- Fire extinguisher
- Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes and compact florescent light bulbs
- Fuels – gas/diesel, kerosene and lamp oil
- Mercury – mercury and thermometers
- Oxidizers – chlorine, bleach, pool chemicals, fertilizers and hydrogen peroxide
- Paint – in original, labelled container
- Pharmaceuticals
- Poisons – lawn herbicides, garden chemicals, rat poison and insecticides
- Propane cylinders
- Solvents – paint thinner, acetone, varsol, alcohol and benzene
- Major appliances including:
- Dishwashers
- Washing machines
- Dryers
- Ovens
- Fridges
- Freezers
- Electronics including:
- Audio/visual systems
- Desktop computers, laptops and computer monitors
- Landline phones
- Desktop printers
- Fax machines
- Televisions
- Additional reusable materials including:
- Rimless scrap tires
- Unacceptable Materials
- Garbage
- Explosives or firearms (including ammunition, gunpowder, firecrackers and fireworks)
- Radioactive materials
- Sharps
- Microwaves or water coolers
- Unlabelled material
- Crystallized material

Maintaining and Improving the Quality of our Neighbourhoods

Ward 1 update from Councillor Young

Ward 1 has experienced an influx of residents in need of affordable rental rooms.

The vacancy rate in Ward 1 was 0.9%, short-term rentals appeared, parking violations and nuisance bylaw complaints were numerous.

Several things have transpired that will have an effect on maintaining and improving the quality of neighbourhoods in Ward 1 and across the city.

- A new 600 students residence opened its doors at the University of Regina
- A student U-pass, approved by Council and the University will go into effect this fall and is projected to reduce parking and residence needs.
- The vacancy rate in Ward 1 increased from 0.9% to 3% due to the availability of new rentals in other parts of the city.
- University of Regina began a program in partnership with the City of Regina Fire Department to inspect and authorize properties adjacent to the University that were willing to house International Students. 70% of properties inspected had code violations.
- A new property maintenance bylaw goes before Council in March.
- A report on 2015 bylaw enforcement will come before Council in April.
- I am bringing forward a motion to Council in April to move toward compliance as well as complaint driven bylaw enforcement, together with a communication strategy to inform residents, landlords, tenants, and all aspects of the building and real estate industries of the roles and responsibility of owners and landlords regarding bylaws, codes, health and safety and building standards.
- The motion also asks that post-secondary institutions be engaged to explore incentives for landlords to meet rental needs of students by providing residential rooms and houses that have passed code inspection. (Similar to the current program for International University of Regina students).

Together these changes are designed to have an impact on our neighbourhoods.

The subject of licensing has been on the table. It is costly and would take time to put into place. The foundation of a licensing program is up-to-date bylaws and strong bylaw enforcement. This foundation will be developed with the changes underway.

Licensing can be considered after the foundation is successfully implemented if satisfactory changes have not occurred.

Road Renewal

Roads are the City of Regina's biggest infrastructure issue.

Many residential roads have not been maintained for many years. A plan

for renewal and maintenance and a reserve fund to pay for the work is underway. Funds come from the 1% tax increase and the traditional city portion of residential roads. At the end of the 5 years $34 million+ will be available each year for this work.

The goal of the program is all residential roads in good to excellent shape.

The road department assesses each road by the condition of the underground pipes, the road, drainage, curbs, and gutters. Many roads fall into the "D" class. Other roads will be maintained with asphalt overlay to prevent them from deteriorating.

We are in year 2 of building the fund. You will see some rebuilds and maintenance occurring in Ward 1. It is frustrating to be living on a road that is in bad condition.

Please report any difficulties, potholes, etc that you have early in the season.
byoung@regina.ca; 306 539-4081

YAS - Young Athlete Sports School Inc. (YAS)

YAS will hold weekly basketball camps throughout this July and August at gyms in Regina.

Everyone is invited to join, build their basketball skills, meet new friends and have lots and lots of fun at YAS summer camp.

YAS will have a camp for every level of athletic ability and playing experience in these age groups:

8 to 10
10 to 12
12 to 14
14 to 16

Each YAS camp will have a nominal registration fee with bursary assistance upon request courtesy of the Saskatchewan Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

In addition, YAS will also offer a free camp for each age group.

Request an information package by email at *info@yas.ca* or by calling (306) 585 - 2020 or by texting (306) 242 - 2425

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Mon, May 30-June 20, 7:00-9:00pm

iPad 1, 2, 3
Wed, June 1, 8, & 15, 6:30-9:30pm

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Community Recreation Co-ordinator	Loreen Anderson	306-777-7322	landerso@regina.ca

Volunteer!

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

South Zone Recreation Board (SZRB) offers programs in the areas of culture, sports and recreation. Participants range in age from 18 months to seniors. To learn more about our programs, please visit our website – www.szrb.ca.

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.

Amended regulations for front yard parking and the Permitted Neighbourhood Parking Diagrams are now available at whitmorepark.ca under "City of Regina Info"

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)

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

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

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

Regina Catholic Schools • (306) 791-7200

The South Zone Community Soccer U8 team "Defenders" wrapped up their soccer season with a kids vs. parents game. Special thanks to Subway in Harbour Landing (Lowe's) for providing post-game snacks.
Photo courtesy of Lori Giroux

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Registration will be at/just before first class.
A current Community Membership required ($5)
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See www. whitmorepark.ca for more details