

The Whitmore

# Whistler

SPRING 2021

**SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2021**

Community

**GARAGE**

**SALE**



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 12, 2021 and register your address with us by emailing [newsletter@whitmorepark.ca](mailto:newsletter@whitmorepark.ca). The sale day will be advertised city-wide.

By registering your address with us you agree to the publishing of your address on the WPCA website.

Please take precautions, such as having disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer available, wear a mask and stay distanced.

Covid disclaimer: If public health guidelines change to prohibit garage sales, this will be cancelled.



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

The Whitmore Whistler is published in January, April and September.

We'd like to hear what you think!

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

[newsletter@whitmorepark.ca](mailto:newsletter@whitmorepark.ca)

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

Keep up to date on what's happening in Whitmore Park, or past issues of the Whistler at:

[www.whitmorepark.ca](http://www.whitmorepark.ca) and

 [Whitmore Park Community Association](https://www.facebook.com/WhitmoreParkCommunityAssociation)

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**The goal of the South Zone Recreation Board (SZRB) is to provide programs and services for residents to improve their quality of life.**

**The South Zone includes Albert Park, Harbour Landing, Hillsdale, Lakeview and Whitmore Park. For more information about South Zone programs,**

please visit:

[www.szrb.ca](http://www.szrb.ca)

# City Council Report

Ward 1 Councillor Cheryl Stadnichuk

**A**s your new councilor, I have been extremely busy responding to calls and emails, and participating in meetings, briefings and numerous consultations. Since I was sworn in on November 23, we have had 11 Executive Committee meetings, 8 City Council meetings, two days of budget debate, and dozens of other meetings. The reason we have had so many meetings is because both Council and Executive committee have moved from once a month to twice a month and there have been additional briefings for the new council.

I serve on the following committees: Operations and Community Services committee, Community Wellness committee, Regina Warehouse Business Improvement District, the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council and City of Regina Governance Committee, and Alternate on the Provincial Capital Commission.

## 2021 City Budget

On March 24 and 25, City Council debated and approved the 2021 city budget. Here are a few highlights of the budget.

- **A mill rate increase of 2.34%.** For the average home valued at \$315,000, this is an increase of \$4.13 per month.
- Most of the mill rate increase is for the **Regina Police Service (1.39%)**. The RPS budget is \$99.6 million, or 21% of the city's operating budget.
- There are also two dedicated mill rate increases of **0.45% for Mosaic Stadium** (this is the second last year of the 10-year increase) and **0.5% for the Recreational Infrastructure Program** (year two of five years).
- There is no mill rate increase for city operations. City administration shaved \$5 million from the budget to avoid a mill rate increase for city operations this year.
- **\$34.5 million for road infrastructure renewal**, including \$18 million for residential roads
- \$25.9 million for water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure renewal
- \$3 million for a new Wascana Pool (plus \$12 million from the provincial government)



- This is the last year of a three-year annual 3% increase to water rates. Council will receive a report on water affordability options later this year and I will work to ensure affordable rates.

## 2021 Infrastructure Projects in Whitmore Park

There are 23 infrastructure renewal projects in Ward 1 this summer. Here is list of the projects in Whitmore Park:

- **Academy Park Road:** water infrastructure renewal
- **Parker Avenue, from Pells Drive to Centennial:** water infrastructure renewal
- **Centennial Street from Pells Drive to Kramer Blvd:** water infrastructure renewal and residential road renewal
- **Chisholm Road from Shannon Road to Grant Road:** residential road renewal

## Have a question? Need a city service?

If you have any questions or problems with a city service, the best option is to contact Service Regina by calling 306-777-7000 or using the Service Request form on the city's website: [regina.ca](http://regina.ca). If you copy me on your Service Request, I will be copied on the response to you and help you if you need additional assistance.

If you have any other questions or comments, feel free to email or call me. My email is: [cstadnic@regina.ca](mailto:cstadnic@regina.ca) and my phone number is 306-552-5617. You can also follow my Facebook page: Cheryl Stadnichuk Ward 1 for regular updates and Facebook Live chats.

# Kindergarten Registrations



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

If you have a child or know a child who will turn 5 years old by December 31, 2021, now is the time to register for Kindergarten 2021 - 2022. Please contact the school about completing a registration form. We require a photocopy of your child's birth certificate to verify his/her age. We also require proof of address. If your child(ren) were born outside of Canada you will need to visit the Newcomer Welcome Center (306) 352-5775. We need to know who is planning to attend our Kindergarten so that we have enough teachers working here!

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

If your child was born in 2016, they are old enough to start Kindergarten in September 2021. St. Matthew School is now accepting Kindergarten registrations for Catholic families who live in this area. Please call St. Matthew School at 306-791-7370 to make an appointment to register. You will require your child's birth certificate, provincial health card and baptism certificate. More information is on line at [www.rcsd.ca](http://www.rcsd.ca).

## **Ecole Massey Elementary School, 131 Massey Road, 306-791-8504**

Registration is now open for French Immersion Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Children must be 5 years old by December 31st of 2021 to enroll. Please call the school to obtain an application package

## Regina Dog Parks

The City of Regina offers three year-round off-leash dog parks:

### **Cathy Lauritsen Memorial Off-Leash Dog Park**, 2110 Forget Street

This park is partially fenced and bordered by Wascana Creek.

Parking is available on-site or on 13th Avenue.

### **Ross Industrial Off-Leash Dog Park**, 624 Solomon Crescent.

This park is fully fenced, and on-street parking is available.

### **Mount Pleasant Sports Park**, 750 North Winnipeg Street.

On-site parking is available.

Seven of Regina's outdoor boarded rinks are used as seasonal off-leash areas for your dogs. Seasonal areas are open from May 1 to September 30 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. (on school days) and 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. (on non-school days).



**Contact the  
Whitmore Park Community Association**

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### **North Zone**

M. J. Coldwell Park, 115 Fairview Road

### **East Zone**

Glencairn Park, 2626 Dewdney Avenue East

### **Central Zone**

Leslie Park, 3820 Victoria Avenue

### **South Zone**

Mike Badham Park, 2606 Grant Road

### **West Zone**

Rosemont School Park, 5310 4th Avenue

Westhill, 8045 Kestral Drive

Rochdale Park, 1127 N Arnason Street



The City of Regina welcomes your concerns, questions, and requests about City-related services and programs.

306-777-7000

Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 4:45pm

Closed weekends and stat holidays

Online service request form:

<https://www.regina.ca/about-regina/contact-us/service-request/>

# Adopt a Green Space

**T**he **Adopt A Greenspace Program** provides an opportunity for you to enhance the quality of parks and green spaces in Regina. Your volunteer efforts will boost pride in our city by making your neighbourhood more beautiful.

Any individual, family, group or organization can volunteer for the **Adopt A Greenspace Program**. Some spaces that people typically adopt are traffic islands, shrub or flower beds, walkways and cemeteries.

You commit as much time or as little time as you want by choosing a one-day event or commit to weekly or monthly tasks. Common activities that people choose to do include:

- Pick up litter on a regular basis. (City will supply garbage bags to use in the park.)

- Organize a spring cleanup, usually in early May depending on the weather. Sites for spring cleanup include parks, boulevards, creek banks, or other areas.
- Maintain traffic islands or walkways by watering, mowing and maintenance of flowerbeds.
- Look after shrub beds including weeding, minor trimming and shrub renovation.
- Pull weeds or cultivate flower beds.
- Clean park signs of dirt and graffiti.
- Other light duties needed to maintain our parks and greenspaces.
- Equipment Loan: Volunteers can be provided with limited numbers of small hand tools and supplies, such as garbage bags, needed to perform their duties. The City will not loan out any vehicles

or power equipment. If you wish, you can use your own lawnmowers and rototillers in certain circumstances.

If you have a job or site in mind and would like to join the **Adopt A Greenspace Program**, call Service Regina or complete the online application form: <https://www.regina.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks/parks-programs/adopt-greenspace-application/>.

Once the form is submitted, your application will go through an approval process. District supervisory staff may discuss with you by telephone or meet with you on site to discuss activities, provide an initial orientation, and provide training (if needed for your volunteer duties).

# Spring Cleaning Week - May 2 - 9

**N**ow that the winter snow and ice have melted, we can easily see the litter that had been hidden away. Not a very attractive scene!

To make our neighbourhoods look fresh again, our Community Association is suggesting that all of us take some time to take a bag, put on some gloves, get your pickup tool and deal with the litter around your property. If you have the time why not check out your nearby green spaces and easements and do something good for your community?

Please use some caution; wear a mask, social distance and ensure you clean your hands to protect yourself from the virus.

If we pitch in together, we can make a BIG difference in our community! Take some pride and make our area more attractive!



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# Household Hazardous Waste Days

The City hosts a number of Household Hazardous Waste Days for residents to drop-off their household hazardous materials. Materials will be recycled and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. Please do not dispose of household hazardous waste in your garbage or by pouring items down the drain or stormwater sewers as it will harm the environment.

Our Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Site is located at 2400 6th Avenue. Enter off 6th Avenue from Broad Street using the westbound lane.

To learn about what materials are accepted, visit <https://www.regina.ca/home-property/recycling-garbage/hazardous-waste/>.

## 2021 Harzadous Waste Drop-off Dates

Fridays 4 to 7 p.m.	Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Sundays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 23	April 24	April 25
May 28	May 29	May 30
June 25	June 26	June 27
	September 25	
	October 23	

## The Yard Waste Depot

The Yard Waste Depot will be opening for the season on Monday, April 12, 2021.

The depot is located south of the Fleet Street Landfill with a separate entrance allowing residents to drop off yard waste free of charge without interacting with Landfill operations.

The Yard Waste Depot is open spring to fall, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., including statutory holidays. Entry gates will be closed 15 minutes prior to closing to allow vehicles to unload and exit by closing time.

### Guidelines

- This is a self-serve depot
- You will need to remove your yard waste from plastic bags at the site.
- Plastic bags are not compostable. Consider using paper yard waste bags or reusable containers. Paper

yard waste bags can be purchased from many local retailers.

- Tarp and secure loads when transporting
- Commercial loads are not permitted
- No dump trailers or dump trucks
- Practice social distancing (2 metres)

### Acceptable Materials

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Sod
- Garden waste (plant and vegetable waste)
- Bush/tree trimmings
- Branches (not from elm trees) up to 1ft thick and 8ft long
- Logs and stumps (not from elm trees) up to 1ft thick and 8ft long

### Unacceptable Materials

- Branches/logs/stumps from elm trees (elm leaves and small twigs are allowed)
- Sand
- Gravel
- Rocks
- Kitchen food waste
- Pet waste

## Theatre in the Park

For eight years, Sum Theatre's Theatre in the Park has engaged Saskatoon communities, bringing neighbours together to share in an accessible theatre experience that expands their understanding of the world. This summer, they will partner with Common Weal Community Arts to bring their free, family friendly show to Regina! Theatre in the Park shows are created by a group of local artists, blending the magic of music, puppetry, and audience participation with relevant social issues. They are pleased to announce a partnership with the Whitmore Park Community Association to bring Theatre in the Park to your neighborhood in August! Please watch for more details on the show to be announced later this spring and be sure to follow @sumtheatresk and @skcommonweal on Facebook and Instagram. This initiative is possible thanks to generous support from the City of Regina.

