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Fall 2019

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We welcome your questions,
suggestions and concerns

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Greetings

From Your
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Association

The Spring/Summer season
in Your Community has
been exciting this year!

We experienced our **best** WinterFest in a long time this March. Our rink volunteers made sure that, even with temperatures above zero much of the week before, there was still ice in the Queen Elizabeth rink. We recognize the contribution of all the folks who made it such a hit!

SUM Theatre's Theatre in the Park production in Exhibition Park in July was another highlight this past season. We were happy to welcome an audience from all over the city. Many thanks to the volunteers who made it another great success.



Community Feedback:

There have been numerous opportunities for residents to engage with the City about the Local Area Plan, Ashley Park redevelopment, BRT and Active Transportation Plan and the Riverbank Development initiatives. (See "It's Your Community" on our website for details.)

Newsletter:

We welcome a new Newsletter volunteer, Jessie, who has offered to produce this publication. We must express our sincere appreciation to Cheryl, who has set a high standard for us with our last several issues.

QEXCA:

We're still working for you—preparing for the Annual General Meeting on October 1st, where we look forward to meeting you, and—preparing the rinks for an even more successful season of public skating!

As always, community members are welcome to attend the Community Association meetings - like the next one on September 3 at Amigo's Cantina.

Crystal has been working diligently to prepare our fall program line-up. Be sure to check the schedule on page 7 of this newsletter.

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J. S. WOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

Write on

A writing group for aspiring writers

Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm

Family Storytime

Saturday mornings 10:30

Sleepy Time Stories

Thursday evenings 7:00

English Conversation Circles

Practice your conversation skills and meet other newcomers.

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm—8pm



Rinks

Supervised Public Skating
Mid-December to Mid-March
weather permitting

12-3 Saturdays and Sundays

At both Achs and Queen Elizabeth
rinks!!



VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Share Your Skills and Talents

The QEXCA offers residents a chance to join together, plan and provide programs and events, and get to know your neighbours. Take part in your Community Association and help make your community an even better place to live! There are many ways you can volunteer. Contact us by email to find out how you can take action and improve life in Your Community!

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CITY COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY UPDATES

Cynthia Block
City Councillor
Ward 6



As I write this message, it is the beginning of August and I am so excited to be in our city. Saskatoon's summers have to be some of the best found anywhere. Add in festivals, music and outdoor patios, and it's just a glorious place to call home.

City Council is focused on reducing the proposed tax increase for 2020 and 2021. Initial projections of close to 4% are now closer to 3%. Especially in Ward 6, where our historic neighbourhoods have seen large increases in assessment, we need to find ways to reduce costs. I'm often asked what the city is doing to ensure tax dollars are used efficiently. In 2018, the city realized \$1.8 million dollars in savings. The Service, Savings & Sustainability Report is online at www.saskatoon.ca

At long last, we have a flood mitigation strategy in place to begin to address some of the worst flood-prone areas in the city. To make way for a dry pond in WW Ashley Park, a brand new soccer pitch is being constructed at Aden Bowman Collegiate. Regular soccer programming will continue at the new location, and the dry pond at the park will also be used for sports programming when it is completed in 2020.

Many areas in our ward had to deal with frozen water connections due to the extreme cold last winter. The City is increasing the number of machines to thaw connections, doubling the contractors on standby and creating a new plan to ensure better communication with residents.

I hope to see you at the Broadway Street Fair on September 7th! And, if you haven't signed up for e-updates yet, just go to www.cynthiablockward6.com to sign up and it will arrive in your inbox.

CITY COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY UPDATES

Mairin Loewen
City Councillor
Ward 7



Hello Queen Elizabeth/Exhibition residents,

Council has begun considerations of the Low Emissions Community Plan - a thirty-year roadmap to help Saskatoon meet our targets for community and corporate emissions reductions. This plan identifies possible initiatives that could be implemented to mitigate emissions in Saskatoon. Some of these initiatives – such as converting streetlights to LED bulbs – are already underway.

As Saskatoon prepares for continued growth, the 40 actions to reduce emissions, established in the LEC Plan, will result in social and economic benefits for the community. Improved health; additional jobs; reduced expenses for residents, businesses and the municipality; and improved quality of life, are ways the Low Emissions Community Plan incentivizes a more diverse and resilient economy.

A companion report to this plan is the Local Actions Adaptation Strategy, which identifies needs for infrastructure, policy and emergency response changes in order to position Saskatoon for resilience in the face of a changing climate. The next steps, should the report be approved by Council, include further consultation and engagement with the community and stakeholders to plan the implementation of the preliminary phases of work.

The annual **Dog Day of Summer** event is approaching quickly! This year's event will take place at Mayfair Outdoor Pool on Wednesday, August 28. Register your dog, by August 26, for a swim by visiting saskatoon.ca/dogdayofsummer and, please, note that dogs must be accompanied by an adult owner, vaccinated, licensed and well socialized in order to attend. The event will also include a fundraising BBQ for the SPCA, so bring your wallet!

Thanks for reading! If you have questions, comments or would like to discuss any civic issue in your neighbourhoods or around the city, please, be in touch. Enjoy the autumn in beautiful Saskatoon!

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MEMBERSHIP!

WHY? Memberships help power
Your Community Association.

By purchasing a membership ... you and your family
give the QEXCA more opportunity to:

- Raise funds to provide programs and events throughout the year; operate and maintain facilities, as well as plan and budget for new ones,
- Create and distribute a newsletter, as well as maintain a website, to keep you informed; provide the Community a voice at the City level
- Protect the interests of the Community.

You and your family also are entitled to:

- Register for Community Association programs.
- Vote at the General Meetings to ensure your voice is heard.

How?

You can purchase or
renew a member-
ship by contacting
us by email or in per-
son at any event.

Community Association Meetings are held quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of Sep., Dec., Mar. and June. All community residents are welcome to attend. The next meetings are Sep. 3 and Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. (Location TBA)

Your Community Association's Annual General Meeting will be Tue. Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m. (Location TBA)- All residents, of the three neighbourhoods, are encouraged to attend and are eligible to vote.

Planning a family gathering and need a place to stay?

Froese Seeds Bed and Breakfast

Rent our 3 bedroom suite to enjoy a home-like environment with all the amenities. Full kitchen, free cable and wifi, free housekeeping, free continental breakfast. Individual room rates also available.

For more
information and
pictures see:

Froeseseedsbnb.ca Or call (306) 343-6586



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Fall 2019 Programs

Queen Elizabeth

Aerobics Mondays from 7-8pm, Sept. 23 - Nov. 25, Instructor: Natasha Keating, Age: 18+, Cost: \$40;

Tiny Tots Soccer Tuesdays from 6-7, Sept. 24 - Nov. 26, Instructor: TBA, Ages 4-5, Cost: Free;

Yoga Tuesdays from 7-8, Sept. 24 - Nov. 26, Instructor: TBA, Age: 18+, Cost: \$55;

St. Frances

Zumba Wednesdays from 7-8, Sept. 25 to Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 20), Instructor: Jo James, Age: 18+, Cost: \$55;

Adele's Bolly Moves Thursdays from 7-8, Sept. 26 to Dec. 12 (No classes Oct. 31 and Nov. 21), Instructor: Adele, Age: 18+, Cost: \$55;

Zumba STRONG Thursdays from 8-9, Sept. 26 to Dec. 12 (No classes Oct. 31 and Nov. 21), Instructor: Jo James, Age: 18+, Cost: \$55.

REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7-8:30pm
St. Frances School Gym

QEXCA \$60.00 FlexPass!

Allows you to attend **any 10 classes** of your choosing!!

In an effort to ensure **everyone, who wants to participate in a program, can participate**

QEXCA offers Cost-as-a-Barrier Assistance to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please contact us by email. All enquiries are kept confidential. A fee of \$10 will apply to late registrations.

A non-refundable membership fee of \$10 per individual or family per year is required to participate in programs of registration and must be presented or purchased at the time of registration.

QEXCA honours memberships of other Saskatoon community associations.



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EVENTS NEWS

Theatre in the Park



Great setting! Wonderful weather!
Enthusiastic volunteers! Eager audience!
And a fantastic production. QEXCA's presentation of SUM Theatre's production "The Young Ones" was a huge success for the third consecutive year. Well done and thanks to all who made it happen.

WinterFest

After a many frigid months, the weather threatened to ruin the event again with its early thaw. Although it did melt some of the ice in the Queen Elizabeth rink, our committed volunteers persevered to keep just enough for those who wanted to lace the blades.

We had the best attendance that we have seen in many years! About 90 to 100 people attended the event - mostly young families. Some families came from across the city to skate and enjoy a hot chocolate or hotdog!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

J.S. Wood Library

The Library is reaching out into Your Community. We were happy to see its booth at the Theatre in the Park event. Watch for Library happenings in the Programs and Resources sections of our website.

Community Gardens

Queen Elizabeth School - The group expanded the garden, this year, with new plots and a water storage tank.

Aden Bowman Collegiate - The garden has continued, for a second year, as a Community Garden, after the school program was discontinued. One of the teachers stepped in to coordinate the garden.



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Queen Elizabeth and Exhibition Neighbourhood Traffic Review

A Neighbourhood Traffic Plan for the Queen Elizabeth/Exhibition neighbourhoods was developed in consultation with the community in response to concerns such as speeding, traffic shortcutting, and pedestrian safety. The plan will be implemented over time as funding for the improvements is available.

The report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated April 16, 2018, was received as information.

The full report and a summary report are available on our website.

Exhibition Area Local Area Plan

Local Area Planning is a community-based approach to developing comprehensive neighbourhood plans that enable residents, business owners, property owners, community groups and other stakeholders to have direct input into the future of their neighbourhood.

Check our website for all the background and details.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

The City has started work on the next steps toward implementing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in Saskatoon. You can find summaries of the reports, including engagement activities and route information, and find details of the Downtown A.T. Network on our website.

Schools

All five of our schools will be welcoming returning and new students in a few days. Watch the Events section of our website for activities open to the public.

More information is available from our website.

Riverbank Development

The City of Saskatoon is proposing new regulations for development on properties adjacent to the South Saskatchewan River. Engagement on the proposed Riverbank Development Regulations will gather input from affected residential and commercial landowners as well as key stakeholder groups in advance of submission to City Council.

Churches

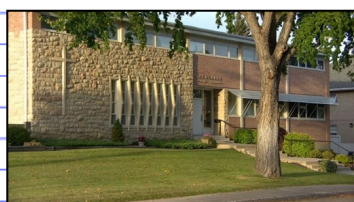
There are seven churches in Your Community. We continue to try to develop relationships with them. We really need a volunteer to take up this task.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Queen Elizabeth

Water Main Replacement

During the summer, the City's Queen Elizabeth neighbourhood Water Main Replacement project, including curb to curb resurfacing, roadwork and sidewalk repairs, was completed. The area affected was from Victoria to Eastlake Avenues on Adelaide and Ash Streets.



Hospice - 301 Hilliard

St. Paul's Hospital is opening the city's first free-standing residential hospice; a 15-bed community-based facility, in the former Glengarda Residence at 301 Hilliard St. E. at Melrose Ave. It will look very different after the "demolition and addition" work is complete.



W.W. Ashley Park and Aden Bowman sports field redevelopment for flood mitigation

The City of Saskatoon is upgrading the storm water system to improve flood protection to residential and business properties near the 1st Street/ Dufferin Avenue and Taylor Street/ Broadway Avenue intersections. This will impact the multi-purpose sport field at W.W. Ashley District Park and some local roads during construction.

COMMUNICATION

Email

The main change in our communication toolbox is our New Email address. Reach us now at info@gexca.ca. The old one will still work for a while. Messages sent to the old mailbox will be forwarded to the new one. Please, change the contact information you have for Your Community Association.



The Sign

The Sign at Queen Elizabeth School has a new look. The School arranges to have the woodwork refinished and we are having the name and address boards created and installed. We use the east side for our messages. The QE students kindly change our messages as we ask - weather permitting. So, watch for QEXCA news as you drive west along Taylor St.

Program News

Spring Zumba

This year we offered two programs from April to June; Zumba™ and Strong by Zumba™. Both of these are included in our Fall Schedule.

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Mark your Calendar

ST. PAUL'S GRAND AUTUMN CONCERT

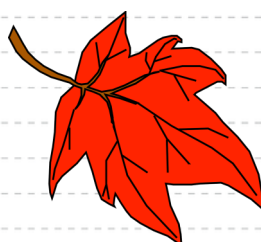
September 29, 2019
Doors open 6:30 Concert begins 7:00 Pie & Coffee 8:30

QEXCA AGM

Tue. Oct. 1, 7:00 p.m.
(Location TBA)

Your next Community Association Meeting

Sep. 3 and Dec. 3 at 7:00
p.m. (Location TBA)



Stay tuned for more
updates on our

website! <https://qexca.ca/>



And follow
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