



# Riversdale Community Association Newsletter

Fall 2008

## Hello People of Riversdale!

Riversdale in autumn is a wonderful place to be. As I write, our mature urban forest offers itself in a brilliant cascade of yellow and orange leaves, and crisp mornings give way to mellow days of fall sunshine. We know that winter is soon on its way, but in the meantime, take some time to enjoy the beauty of our neighbourhood.

In the wider world, there is global anxiety over environmental degradation and economic disaster; there is political fervour in the air, and many of us turn our thoughts to questions of policy and leadership. And closer to home, there is the looming issue of housing shortages, rental increases, and program cuts which affect the most vulnerable of our neighbours. Sometimes it feels like working towards a peaceful, just, and green community is a constant uphill struggle.

But take heart, there is good news as well! The new library and housing on 20th Street are looking great. Station 20 West, despite draconian funding cuts this year, is back on its feet and gaining momentum. New

community gardens are dotting the landscape, bringing neighbours together with each other and with the living Earth. And numerous community organizations, churches, and schools are buzzing with activity, striving to improve life for everyone. There is strength and vitality in the people of Riversdale, and that is what will keep us going regardless of the political climate.

If you're looking for a way to get involved with good things in the neighbourhood, consider coming out and joining the Community Association. We're all in this together!

Peace,  
Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck  
President, Riversdale Community Association



## Riversdale Community Programming - Fall 2008

Program	Age Group	Time	Day	Start & End Dates
Snack Time	8 - 14	3 - 4 p.m.	Mon.	Sept. 22 - Dec. 1
Beading	6 +	3 - 4 p.m.	Wed.	Sept. 24 - Nov. 26
Floor Hockey	8 - 14	3 - 4 p.m.	Wed.	Sept. 24 - Nov. 26
Hip Hop Breakdance	10 - 18	6:30 - 8 p.m.	Wed.	Sept. 24 - Dec. 10
Men's Floor Hockey	18 +	7 - 9:30 p.m.	Thur.	Sept. 25 - Dec. 11
Family Circle	K - Adult	3 - 4 p.m.	Thur.	Sept. 25 - Nov. 27
Youth	10 - 18	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Tues.	Sept. 23 - Dec. 9
Disorganized Sportsts	6 - 14	8:15 - 9:20 a.m.	Tues.	Sept. 23 - Dec. 16

## **Riversdale Community Association**

**Do you want to make your world a better  
place to live?  
Would you like to work with others for the  
common good of all?  
We need you!**

The Riversdale neighbourhood is a diverse multi-cultural community. The Riversdale Community Association is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to represent the members of this community for the purpose of taking action to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the neighbourhood, and to work toward building a neighbourhood that is peaceful, just and green.

The Riversdale Community Association meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Community Association Offices (904B - 22nd Street West). Our first meeting in the fall will be Monday, September 8th.

For more information, please feel free to contact one of the following:

Shawn Sanford Beck, president, 653-2544  
Jacqui Barclay, vice president, 655-4619  
Brian LePoudre, community consultant, 975-3651

## **Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon**

Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon builds decent, affordable homes for low-income working families in Saskatoon. We are currently seeking volunteers for a variety of volunteer opportunities - on the build site, in the Habitat ReStore and at the Administration offices. To volunteer call Gloria at 343-7772, extension 1.

We would also like to let people know about the Habitat ReStore located at 122 Avenue D South. This initiative is a major fundraising initiative for Habitat For Humanity, as well as a green initiative which keeps good used and saleable items out of the landfill and provides people in the community with a great place to shop for items for the cabin and other types of renovations. The ReStore is Open from Tuesday to Friday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Orca Synchro Club**

**Interested in synchro swimming?  
Contact Crystal**

**(306) 651-1581 Work  
or [orcasyrch@yahoo.ca](mailto:orcasyrch@yahoo.ca)**

### **Heart of the City Piano Program NEEDS YOU!**

HCPP is looking for volunteer piano teachers to spend 1 hour per week teaching piano to very eager 1st and 2nd year beginner students at an inner city school.

Share your gift of music with children who would otherwise not have the opportunity for music lessons.

Arrangements of times are very flexible.

**Call Karen at 373-6801 or Melanie at 668-1317**





the first annual  
**PUMPKINS IN THE PARK FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, November 1, 2008  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Bring your jack-o-lantern to the Peace Flame in Rotary Park  
and add it to a pumpkin-lit trail for all to enjoy

↪ tealights provided ↩

↪ after the event, pumpkins will be hauled away for composting ↩

Sponsored by the Nutana Community Association  
For more information, contact Reta Derksen at 653-2783

### City of Saskatoon Leisure Access Program

This program is offered through the City of Saskatoon Community Services Department and is designed to address the needs of low-income residents within the city. Saskatoon residents who fall below the low-income cut-offs as outlined on the application form are eligible to receive a one-year LeisureCard which will provide unlimited access to all drop-in activities (ie drop-in fitness and aquafitness, public swimming, open gym and weight rooms, public skating (Cosmo Arena Only)) at any of the indoor leisure centres, outdoor pools, and the Terry Fox Track. Residents who qualify for the program may also sign up for one registered program free of charge per calendar year.

Application forms are available at all City of Saskatoon Civic Centres.  
For more information please call 975-3383.





**2008!**

**Calling all girls ages 9—14 years!  
Come out for this 1 day event that will  
help you learn new fun ways to lead  
an active lifestyle!**

**Activities offered:**

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|--------------------|-----------|
| ✓ Ultimate Frisbee | ✓ Hip Hop |
| ✓ Body Image       | ✓ Boxing  |
| ✓ Cheerleading     | ✓ Yoga    |



**When:** Nov 10, 2008

**Where:** Hall B, Prairieland Exhibition

**Time:** 8:30 am—4:00 pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Lunch:** Will be provided

*Space is limited, so please pre-register by  
calling 975-3383 or by going on-line @  
[www.picatic.com](http://www.picatic.com) by **Nov 5, 2008.***

*Some provisions are being made to help make  
transportation to this event easier, therefore,  
please indicate whether transportation may be an  
issue for you when you register.*