



Riversdale Community Association Newsletter

Winter 2008

Hello People of Riversdale!

Winter is upon us. While the barren trees have a haunting beauty of their own, their skeletal appearance is also a reminder to us that life is fragile. As daylight wanes, we are called to take care of each other, here in Riversdale and beyond...

In the wider world, there is global anxiety over environmental degradation and economic disaster. The political fervour of the past months have caused many of us to 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 earlier this year, is back on its feet and gaining momentum. New community gardens dotted the landscape throughout the summer, 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, with neighbours looking out for each other, and that is what will keep us going regardless of the anxiety of world events. 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 - Winter 2008

Program	Age Group	Time	Day	Start & End Dates
Snack Time	8 - 14	3 - 4 p.m.	Mon.	Jan. 26 - Mar. 30
Beading	6 +	3 - 4 p.m.	Wed.	Jan. 28 - Apr. 1
Floor Hockey	8 - 14	3 - 4 p.m.	Wed.	Jan. 28 - Apr. 1
Men's Floor Hockey	18 +	7 - 9:30 p.m.	Thur.	Jan. 29 - June 11
Family Circle	K - Adult	3 - 4 p.m.	Thur.	Jan. 29 - Apr. 2
Youth Centre	10 - 18	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Tues./Wed.	Jan. 27 - June 9
Disorganized Sport	6 - 14	8:15 - 9:20 a.m.	Tues.	Jan. 27 - June 9

All Programs are free!!!!

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 new year will be Monday, January 5, 2009.

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

Shawn Sanford Beck, President, 653-2544
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 orcasynch@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



Youth or Adult Volunteer/Entrepreneur Opportunity

Snow and ice on sidewalks create real challenges for some of our residents. The elderly and those with health and mobility restrictions may require help to keep their sidewalks shovelled, ice-free, and safe.

Consider adopting a senior's sidewalk this winter, and keeping it clear. Watch for people in your neighbourhood that could use help shovelling snow, and ask if you can lend them a hand. Or develop a more organized snow clearing program with your friends.

Make a difference! Help your neighbour this winter.

Your Riversdale Community Association Executive

Past President - Vernon Linklater	Director of Indoor Programs - Juli Labrecque
President - Shawn Sanford-Beck	Director of Communications - Yvonne McCowan
Vice President - Kelly Larmour	Director of Outdoor Programs - Colin Ens
Secretary - Elaine Findlay	Director of Civic Affairs - Deborah Graham
Director of Finance - Anita Amyotte	
Directors at Large - Darla Reid, Christian Labrecque, Tom Morgan	

City of Saskatoon Community Consultant - Brian LePoudre
For more information call 975-3651

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.



Be a Snow Angel

If your neighbour is elderly or has health/mobility restrictions, lend a hand by clearing their sidewalks this winter.

AND if you receive help from your neighbour, nominate them as a 'Snow Angel.' Write or email your story and the name and address of your Snow Angel to the Public Works, City of Saskatoon, 222 - 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, Sk S7K 0J5 or snow.angel@saskatoon.ca.

Need Help Removing Snow?

Ask your younger family members, neighbours, or perhaps the person who cuts your grass. Your church or community association might be able to help or find help for you. Also check 'snow removal services' in the telephone book.



Community Rink



The opening of the Riversdale Community Rink is dependant on the winter weather conditions. It is anticipated to be open around the middle of December. Once the rink is operational the rink will be open for use at anytime of the day.

Organized public skate times are Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 - 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 3 p.m.

Please come out and enjoy the Riversdale Community Rink.

