



DON'T TRIP!

The City of Saskatoon – Public Works Branch conducts regular inspections of City sidewalks, and undertakes repairs as deemed necessary.

The last sidewalk inspection in the Riversdale neighbourhood occurred in 2005. Immediate concerns were addressed first and the remainder of the repair work was completed between 2005 and 2008. These repairs included patching and grinding cracks, holes, and trip hazards on the sidewalks lining the Avenues between 19th Street West and Spadina Crescent West as well as panel replacement on the 100- and 500-blocks of Avenue G South, the 300-block of Avenue E South and the 400-block of Avenue H South. The next sidewalk inspection in Riversdale is scheduled to take place in 2012.

If you notice any concerns with City sidewalks such as cracks, holes, and trip hazards, please contact the Public Works Branch at 975-2476. Your concern will be logged in our Work Request Registry and forwarded to a supervisor for evaluation.

I got one!
Influenza Vaccine

Saskatoon Health Region invites you to attend a free drop-in influenza immunization clinic.

October 13 – October 31, 2009

- adults 65 years & older
- children & adults with chronic lung, heart or kidney conditions, cancer, diabetes & immune disorders
- children & adolescents receiving long-term ASA treatment
- healthy children ages 6 - 23 months
- pregnant women
- healthcare providers employed by a Health Region.

For more information and clinic locations, visit www.4flu.ca or call the flu line at **655-4358**.

Riversdale Community Association Newsletter

Fall 2009

Message from the President

Well friends, the summer has come and gone, and the annual autumn round of registrations, school, recreational programs, and other good stuff is in full force. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a bit of vacation over the summer, and made use of the parks, pools, and programs which Riversdale has to offer.

As the father of a nine-year-old skateboarder, I've spent a fair bit of time over the past several summers at the Lion's Skatepark, down by the river. I never cease to be amazed at the level of skill and raw talent that is out there among the skateboarders in the city. Sure, it can be a bit rough at times, a little dangerous even, and the language is not always G-rated (though not any worse than what I hear from many adults at a hockey game). But what I observe for the most part is an abundance of courage, respect, and joy; in short, a display of grace. In the years I've been hanging out there with my son, I have watched skateboarders working as hard as any other athletes, mastering complex maneuvers, and getting some great exercise in the process. I have also seen remarkable feats of daring, and some incredible crashes. But what has impressed me most is the level of respect which is shown from one skater to the other. The older skaters keep a special lookout for the younger ones, and there is informal teaching and mentoring going on all the time. These folks are cruising at high speed all over the place in that park, up and down ramps and curves and bowls; yet there are rarely collisions. They seem to know intuitively where each other skater is, and can get out of the way quickly. Watching from the grassy hillside, it sometimes looks like a well-choreographed dance. There is synergy, and community, and beauty at the skatepark, for those with eyes to see.

My sense is that Riversdale itself is a bit like that skatepark. Sure, we're a bit rough at times, a little dangerous even, and our language is not always G-rated. But we work together. We help each other out and mentor each other. And in the ongoing dance of our shared life together, there is synergy, and community, and beauty, for those with eyes to see. Thanks for being part of it!

Peace Always,
Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck
Outgoing president, Riversdale Community Association

Fall Programs!

The RCA is pleased to offer the following programs this fall. Please register for these exciting activities soon.

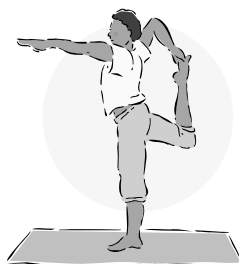
FREE Parent and Tot Yoga (ages 3 - 7) Mondays / 5 - 5:45 pm / starts September 21st at Princess Alexandria School

FREE Beginner Yoga (ages 14+) Tuesdays / 6:30 - 7:30 pm / please bring your own yoga mat / starts September 22nd at Princess Alexandria School

FREE Women's Drumming (18 +) Tuesdays / 6—7 pm / starts Sept 22nd at Princess Alexandria School

Art Class (ages 8 - 12) Mondays/Tuesdays / 3:30 - 5:30 pm / day and time may change, please call for more information / at 500 20th street West

Contact Juli Labrecque 341-1034 or by email at julz411@gmail.com.



The Library on 20th is Open!

Located at 100-219 Avenue K South, the library has plenty of programs for everyone! Check them out.

Family Story Time

Thursdays / 10:30 a.m. / All year round

Bring your mom, dad, grandparent, or babysitter for 30 minutes of stories, songs and action rhymes.

Family Cree Conversation

Wednesdays / 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. / September 30 – December 9

Join staff member Joyce Munroe for drop-in family time with Cree conversation.

Games Day for All Ages

Fridays / 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. / September 25 – December 18

We have a great selection of games to choose from like Checkers, Snakes and Ladders, Scrabble and Othello.

English Practice for Adults

Wednesdays / 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. / October 7 – December 9 Study Room

Adult Homework Help

Tuesdays / 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. / October 6 – December 15

(starts again after holidays)

Study Room

Seniors Drop-in Coffee Mornings

Tuesdays / 10:00 a.m. – noon

We invite seniors to come in and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea every Tuesday morning.

Note: No programs on November 11 – Library is closed

For more information on these and other programs, please call 975-7508.



RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 13th @ 6 pm

At the Community Association Office 904B 22nd St. W.

The following positions will be elected:

President

Director of Finance

Director of Outdoor Programs

Director of Communications

Two Directors at Large

Note: All positions are two year terms.

Pizza will be served, and the ward city councillor and other possible candidates will be on hand to answer questions.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Another chance to hear from those who want to represent you!

What: All-Candidates Forum for Ward 2 City Councillor Position

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall, 211 Avenue O South

When: Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

Civic Election is **Wednesday, October 28** — be sure to get out and vote!

Interested in advertising in our newsletter?
Then we are interested in hearing from you!

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½ page - \$75.00

Full page - \$125.00

Contact us at riversdaleca@gmail.com or 979-8225.