



2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER

RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY

The Riversdale Community Association acknowledges that we are living and working on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional territories of numerous First Nations, including Cree, Dene, Nakota, Saulteaux, and Ojibwe, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Riversdale Community Cleanup

Hosted by the Riversdale
Community Association

**Saturday
May 15th
8:30 am to
1:00 pm**

Meet at 500 block 18th St W, between Ave K S and Ave L S by Optimist Park.

Have a coffee before heading out in cleaning teams. RCA will provide bottled water.

Be prepared, bring:

- face mask
- work gloves, sunscreen, hat, good walking shoes
- a rake, a pair of tongs

Bring your truck or utility trailer to haul away debris!

Come out and volunteer for the morning or help just around your home.

Thank you to members and directors for attending the monthly meetings. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

2020 has been an exceptional year, one of social and economic hardship. Covid-19 is a destructive virus. It not only destroys people through sickness and death; it has created a void in the economy leaving many people of, all ages, jobless. It gives rise to mental and physical fatigue, which results in hardship for many families.

We are a resilient people. We have learned to prevent the spread of the coronavirus by maintaining social distance, hand washing as often as possible, and wearing masks in public.

The coronavirus taught us to conduct RCA monthly meetings via Zoom. An outdoor coordinator organized a skate rink for the community use in winter with COVID protocol rules. Three communities King George Association, Riversdale Community Association and Life Outside store came together, to groom a ski trail to help relieve COVID fatigue. An indoor coordinator organized virtual teaching in creative writing and art for youth.

The coronavirus has been with us for over a year. March 2021 saw the start of COVID vaccinations. There is light at the end of the tunnel and hope that there will be some normality back to our lives. Vaccines and spring means the return of the skateboarders to Victoria Park, canoeists on the river and joggers on Meewasin Trail.

If you are a resident of the Riversdale community – come out and join the Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 15. Meeting time 8:30 am at ~~Saskatoon-Doukhobor Society's parking lot.~~ Please bring a truck if possible!

Optimist Park - 18th St. W between Ave. K and Ave. L S
Sam Mark, **President Riversdale Community Association**





HAPPY SPRING!

Hello Riversdale!

Thank you for putting your trust in me to be your representative for another four years. This winter has been a challenging time for all of us and I couldn't be happier to be seeing signs of spring all around. Our community has been at the center of the school board's school amalgamation project and area Community Associations and I have been leading the call for better consultation with affected communities and proactive thinking about the future of the school site and it's ongoing service to the neighbourhood. We hope you'll stay tuned and take every opportunity to have your priorities heard.

If you aren't already getting my monthly updates by email, check them out and subscribe at hilaryyx.com. I hope to connect soon!



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From Our Member of Parliament

Saskatoon has a vibrant small business community. In the past month I have enjoyed visiting many small businesses here in our riding of Saskatoon West. We are lucky to have great business areas like 22nd St, 33rd St, Riversdale, West Industrial and, of course, downtown. As I speak with small business owners I am hearing about their struggles during COVID-19. They are working hard and being creative during this difficult time, but they are still at risk. For some, their entire life's work is at risk.

As we continue with the COVID-19 pandemic, many small businesses will continue to suffer. As a community, it is up to us to support the local economy and business owners. They provide a service and life to the community that we cannot take for granted.

As a small business owner myself, I am dedicated to supporting Saskatoon's small businesses with my voice in Ottawa. The welfare of small business is more than just the business itself, it's also the families and staff who work in them. I will continue to fight for them.

Best regards,

Brad Redekopp, MP for Saskatoon West



Stay in touch. Attend a meeting. Volunteer. We are here for you!

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Riversdale Community Association Newsletter

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Saskatoon Seed Exchange

in partnership with
CHEP Good Food Inc and Saskatoon Public Library

Visit your local library location to donate, exchange, and collect seeds for your garden, free of charge.

The **Saskatoon Seed Exchange** runs February to October.



What is a community fridge?

- An effort to address food insecurity and food waste in Saskatoon.
- Community fridges provide 24/7 access to food.
- It is a regular fridge, like what can be found in a kitchen, except this one will be in an enclosed and insulated structure outside.
- It is not a long-term solution, but until policy changes occur, it provides immediate relief to those in need.

One of the mottos' for this initiative is "solidarity, not charity". We hope to inspire the people of this community to take on the fridge as their own, which could lead to fridges being put up in other locations in the city.

We believe that everyone is deserving of healthy, good quality food.



Letter to Councillor Gough

RCA President, Sam Mark, emailed a letter to Councillor Gough requesting the installation of more sidewalk garbage bins along Avenue H South, 19th and 21st Streets in Riversdale.

With Covid-19 protocols, and mask wearing becoming the norm, discarded face masks are littering these frequently used streets, posing a health risk to the community and to birds that get caught in the straps.

Please snip the straps on your face masks before putting them in the garbage bin



The **Rotary Community Garden**, 19th St W and Ave L S, has raised garden beds available (irrigated & in full sun). Email: rotarygardencollective@gmail.com OR visit [Rotary Community Garden Facebook Group](#) to learn more.

