
ACA NEWS



Avalon Community Association Newsletter | Fall 2018

President's Message

Greetings Avalon Neighbours!

It is hard to believe summer 2018 is almost over and fall is just around the corner. Despite the uncomfortable weather, record heat and a sky filled with smoke, I hope everyone got a chance to enjoy all the wonderful activities this great city of ours has to offer over the summer!

Our neighbourhood has seen some changes over the past few months. We've welcomed some new business into the community, whether it is home-based, brick and mortar or seasonal, it is wonderful to see growth in our community! The biggest change Avalon saw this year was the opening of Fire Hall #3 on Clarence Avenue. This is exciting for our city, and specifically our area. I had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of this state-of-the-art facility. It is truly wonderful to have emergency services right on the border of Avalon. Additionally, the fire hall has community rooms that are available for citizens to hold meetings, classes, etc. Please contact me if you would like more information. Another major change to our community, albeit somewhat controversial, was the re-opening of the Glasgow/Clarence intersection. I would like to thank all the residents who were involved, on both sides, of this issue. It is wonderful to see our community getting involved in issues that matter to them. The ACA will continue to work with the City of Saskatoon administration to ensure that safety continues to be the main concern on all our streets. Pedestrian lights have now been installed at this intersection which is something that citizens and the ACA have been requesting for many years.

The ACA would like to remind residents that we are here for you! We are happy to represent the community on issues that are important to our community. If you have an issue that you would like the ACA to support, please contact us to attend a meeting.

The ACA loves to "pay it forward"! We were very proud to have been a part of "Care and Share" with Alliance Energy, a local commercial/

industrial electrical contracting company, this past February. We donated all of our used hand weights, soccer and basketballs to Mayfair School, an inner city school that struggles to provide any extras, including sporting equipment, to their students. We also were extremely happy to provide Charlebois Community School in Cumberland House with our well loved baseball equipment. This newsletter has been delivered by the Girl Guides of Canada, Daylights District, 34th Pathfinders Unit. We are pleased to assist with their fundraising efforts for a trip to the Maritime Provinces in the summer of 2020.

Our annual general meeting will be held on October 24 at 6:30 pm (Location TBD) is open to all community members. This year we are welcoming Mairin Loewen, ward 7 city councillor, along with representatives from Saskatoon Police Service and Saskatoon Fire Department to our meeting to speak regarding their respective departments and answer any questions citizens may have. ACA elections will also be held at the meeting. We have a variety of positions available. The ACA board is an excellent way to meet people in your neighbourhood and have a voice and get involved in your community.

Please contact me at avalonca@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns regarding the ACA. Remember to follow us on Facebook and check out our website www.avalonca.ca

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the current members of the ACA board of directors; all of whom are parents with jobs and have taken the time to volunteer to make our community and association great! Most of these individuals have been involved for a number of years and volunteer their time outside of their elected positions to help the ACA run smoothly. This is a great bunch of people and I appreciate all the work they do!

As we get ready to start a new school year, I wish everyone good luck and good health!

Warmest regards,
Angela Strand
President

A Message from the Director of Programs

Hello Everyone,

It is that time of year again! Fall registration is upon us! We are offering a few new programs this session to continue our focus of providing our community members of all ages programming, at an affordable cost, to inspire them to be healthy in mind, body and spirit. I have kept the majority of the classes at the same time/day/place for ease of scheduling. **Registration night is SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 FROM 630 – 8 PM @ JOHN LAKE SCHOOL GYM.** If you are unable to attend registration night, please email me at avalonprograms@gmail.com **prior to September 5** to make other arrangements. A \$10 late fee will be implemented for registrations after September 5. Classes are on a first come, first served basis and subject to cancellation if the minimum amount of registrations have not been met in each class.

When registering for classes, please remember that only the individual that is registered can participate in the class. Additionally, registrants must meet the minimum age requirements to participate in a class.

Please note the class schedule included in this newsletter differs from the Leisure Guide. **This schedule is correct.** Submissions for the Leisure Guide were due in the spring and since then, the school schedule has changed. While we make every attempt to follow the schedule set forth at the start of the session, on occasion we may have to cancel a class due to conflicts at the facility in which the class is held. In these occurrences, I do my very best to reschedule the cancelled class, however, this is not always possible. Please ensure that you are in touch with your instructor and follow us on Facebook so you are aware of any class scheduling changes.

It is very important to me that I meet the needs and wants of the community when planning programs. I will begin planning winter programming in mid-September, so if you would like to see any new classes please send me your ideas. If you would be interested in teaching a class, please email me to discuss; I am always looking for new classes and instructors. In mid-October I will be emailing all participants to request feedback on your program/instructor/facility/ etc. I always appreciate receiving all feedback.

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns about current or future programs, I would love to hear from you. You can reach me at avalonprograms@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you at registration night on September 5! Remember to enter the draw to win one of your programs fees for free!

Health & Happiness,

Angela Strand

Your ACA Board of Directors

President..... Angela Strand
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Vice President..... **WE NEED YOU!**

Treasurer Derek Blum
avaloncommunitytreasurer@gmail.com

Secretary..... **WE NEED YOU!**

Communications **WE NEED YOU!**

Programs Angela Strand
avalonprograms@gmail.com

Rink... Shaun Sanford/Chad Malinowski
avalonrink@shaw.ca

Events **WE NEED YOU!**

John Lake School... Sierra Banwarth

Georges Vanier School .. **WE NEED YOU!**

Director at Large.. Arynne Chaharyn

Director at Large..... Scott Schierling

Director at Large..... Ariane Zerr

Community Consultant .. Kevin Ariss

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Fall 2018 Programming

All ACA memberships have currently expired; therefore a new annual community association membership at a fee of \$10 per family/individual is required to register for all programs. Community association memberships are valid city-wide. We are happy to accept valid memberships from other city of Saskatoon community associations, in the form of a receipt or membership card, upon registration, in lieu of an ACA membership.

Space is limited in all programs, so please arrive early to ensure you receive a spot in the class in which you wish to participate. Late registrations are subject to a **\$10 late fee per class.**

While you are at registration night, be sure to enter our draw to win one of your program fees for FREE!!

Please email Angela Strand, our Director of Programs, at avalonprograms@gmail.com,

for more information on any of our programs. You may also visit our website at avalonca.ca for program descriptions and instructor biographies.

The Avalon Community Association offers cost-as-a-barrier assistance for those facing financial difficulties who would like to participate in our programs. Please contact our Director of Programs for more information.

Instructors will contact all participants prior to the first class with complete class schedule and any information required for the class.

Registration night will be held at John Lake School gymnasium (2606 Broadway Avenue) on September 5 from 6-8:30 pm. We accept cash or cheques only during registration night. Payment for all programs is due at time of registration.

****Please note, programming is subject to change. Please ensure to check our website www.avalonca.ca and follow us on Facebook for any class cancellations or changes.****

Location Codes:

JLS = John Lake School (2606 Broadway Avenue)

GVS= Georges Vanier School (820 Wilson Crescent)

TDC=Tommy Douglas Collegiate (130 Bowlt Crescent)

LCV=Luther Care Village (110-250 Hunter Road)

Children & Youth Programs

TINY TOTS BALLET A

Mondays, 5:30-6:00 pm,
Sept 17-Dec 10 (no class
Oct 8/Nov 12/Dec 3), 2-3
years, \$45, JLS

TINY TOTS BALLET B

Mondays, 6:00-6:30 pm,
Sept 17-Dec 10 (no class
Oct 8/Nov 12/Dec 3), 3-4
years, \$45, JLS

JAZZ

Mondays, 6:30-7:15 pm,
Sept 17-Dec 10 (no class
Oct 8/Nov 12/Dec 3), 5-7
years, \$45, JLS

TOT'S GYM

Tuesdays, 5:30- 6:00 pm,
Sept 18-Nov 20, 18 – 36
months, \$25, JLS

KINDERGYM

Tuesdays, 6:00 – 6:45 pm,
Sept 18-Nov 20, 3-4 years,
\$30, JLS

KINDERSOCCER

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30 pm,
Sept 18-Nov 20, 5-7 years,
\$35, JLS

MASTER CHEF

Tuesdays, 7:00- 8:15 pm,
Sept 18-Nov 20, 9-12 years,
\$100, LCV

HIP HOP

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm,
Sept 18-Nov 20, 5-10 years,
\$40, GVS

KARATE A

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15pm,
Sept 19-Dec 5 (No class
Oct 3/31), 7-10 years, \$50,
JLS

KARATE B

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 pm,
Sept 19-Dec 5 (No class
Oct 3/31), 11+ years, \$50,
JLS

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm,
Sept 20-Nov 22, 5-7 years,
\$40 + materials, JLS

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Thursdays, 7:45-8:45 pm,
Sept 20-Nov 22, 8-10 years,
\$40 + materials, JLS

BREAKDANCE

Thursdays, 6:30-7:15 pm,
Sept 20-Nov 22 (No class
Nov 8), 5-9 years, \$40, GVS

BREAKDANCE

Thursdays, 7:15- 8:15 pm,
Sept 20-Nov 22 (No class
Nov 8), 10-14 years, \$40,
GVS

ADVANCED TAE KWON DO

Thursdays, 7:15-8:00pm,
Sept 20-Nov 22 (No class
Oct 4), 7-14 years, \$50, JLS

Adult Programs

SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Sept 17-Dec 10 (no class Oct 8/Nov 12/Dec3), \$50 + textbook, JLS

BOOT CAMP Mondays, 7:15-8:15 pm, Sept 17-Dec 10 (no class Oct 4&8/Nov 12/Dec 3), \$60, JLS

BIGGEST LOSER BOOTCAMP Mondays & Thursdays* 8:15-9:15 pm, Sept 17-Nov 22 (No classes Oct 4&8/Nov12/Dec 3), \$110, JLS

SUSHI & JAPANESE COOKING MADE EASY Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Sept 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7, \$75, TDC

KARATE B Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 pm, Sept 17-Nov 22 (No classes Oct 3 & 31), \$50, JLS

MERIDIAN YOGA/TAI CHI Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45 pm, Sept 19-Dec 5 (No class Oct 3&31), \$60, JLS

**Biggest Loser Boot Camp is a two night/week class. It is expected that participants will attend both*

The Rink at John Lake

Unfortunately winter is on its way, which means we'll have another rink season upon us soon. We are looking forward to another great season and we are offering the same public skating times this year, unless the temperature is above 0 or below -30:

- **Monday 6-8 pm**
- **Wednesday 6-8 pm**
- **Sunday 1-3 pm**

Boot room will be open during these times, so there is a warm place to put on your skates. Skate aids are available to help out new/beginner skaters during public skate times.

We are looking for a couple volunteers to assist with supervising the public skate times and also keeping in the ice clean. If you're available to volunteer please email us at avalonrink@shaw.ca. We are also excited to announce that, through a generous donation from Jemini Arena, we have four new nets for this season.

Please be respectful of other skaters and the ice! The ACA assumes no responsibility/liability for lost items, accidents or other incidents that occur on the rink. Helmets and other safety equipment are recommended at all times while using the rink.

We encourage everyone to attend our **2nd annual Skate and Slide on December 9** at the John Lake Rink & Park from 1-4:30 pm. Last year was a great day (the amazing weather helped!) and this year is shaping up to be even better!

Looking forward to seeing you on the ice!!!!!!

Cheers,

Chad Malinowski & Shaun Sanford
Rink Directors aka "the Rink Guys"

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Flu immunization begins October 22, 2018

PrairieLand Park - 503 Ruth Street West-Hall A

October 26	12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 27, 28	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 29	12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Newly designed family-friendly space.

- Flu vaccine is a safe, effective way to help people stay healthy, prevent illness & save lives.
- Free flu vaccine is for everyone 6 months & older.
- Vaccine is offered at public health clinics, some physician & nurse practitioner offices and pharmacies.
- For more information visit: www.4flu.ca or call Healthline 811.

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We Need You

Our Director of Programs, Angela Strand, will not be renewing her term in October. This is a position that we are in dire need of filling. If this position remains vacant, we will be unable to continue to provide programming to our residents. Programming is the sole revenue for the ACA, and if we are no longer able to provide programming and gather revenue, sadly the ACA will have to fold.

There are currently a number of vacancies on the Avalon Community Association Board of Directors for several positions as noted below.

Board meetings are once a month for approximately an hour and a half. We do not meet in December, July & August.

Duties of directors vary depending on the position. Directors are also encouraged to assist with registration nights and other events the ACA hosts for the community.

If you are interested in any of our open positions,

please contact us at avalonca@gmail.com to inquire about the duties of the position, roles of a board member, and policies/procedures of the Association. We would love to have you join us!

Sincerely,

Your Avalon Community Association Board of Directors

Available ACA Board Positions:

- **Director of Programs** (Available Oct 2018)
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary**
- **Director of Events**
- **Communications Director**
- **Liaison-Georges Vanier School**

WHY volunteer for your neighbourhood Community Association?

For me, I can...

- Meet neighbours
- Make friends
- Have fun
- Challenge myself
- Contribute to community
- Try something new
- Develop/practice skills
- Gain confidence
- Build my resume
- Get references

For my neighbourhood, Community Associations...

- Bring people together
- Give people free and affordable things to do...
 - In fall, winter, spring...
 - Both inside (schools) and outside (in parks)...
 - For the young & the young-at-heart...
 - Enjoying sports, culture & recreation activities.
- Keep people connected to what is going on

For my city, Community Associations...

- Offer over 30,000 hours of programming every year
- Operate 52 outdoor skating rinks
- Distribute thousands of community newsletters
- Organize hundreds of neighbourhood special events
- Create thousands of friendships, and even more smiles ☺
- Improve peoples' quality of life, and sense of belonging



Make it Happen!
VOLUNTEER

There are many ways you can volunteer for your Community Association:

- coach soccer
- clean up your park
- help organize special events
 - help coordinate recreation programs
- write a newsletter article
- take meeting minutes
- flood the outdoor rink

...and more!

 City of Saskatoon

For more information about your Community Association call 306.975.3378 or visit www.saskatoon.ca/volunteer.

Avalon Summer Update

Hello Avalon residents, I hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Below are a few updates on some of the issues City Council has been working on over the summer.

Waste Utility and Organics Program

Most of you will have heard by now that the city is planning to change the way waste is managed in Saskatoon. The main features of this change will be the implementation of a utility and a city-wide organics program. The overall aims of both of these changes are to reduce greenhouse emissions, improve Saskatoon's waste diversion rate, and to preserve and extend the lifespan of our existing landfill. Council will be making it a priority to ensure that there is no financial 'double dipping' in the establishment of a utility, and that residents get clear information about how payments

will work as this moves from the mill rate to a utility bill. Council will be making further decisions about the structure of the utility in September and I will provide updates as they become available.

Ridesharing

In July, Council approved a series of bylaw changes which will allow for Transportation Network Companies – for example, Uber and Lyft – to establish business in Saskatoon. This change was made possible by provincial legislative changes and will enable for TNCs to be in business in Saskatchewan this fall. I know there is an interest in ensuring that the introduction of TNCs to Saskatoon happens on a fair playing field with the existing taxi industry, and this is likely to be an area of ongoing work for months and years ahead. In the shorter term, Saskatoon residents can expect ridesharing companies to be part of the transportation

landscape by the end of 2018.

Local Traffic Issues

As most of you will know, the pilot project turning restriction at Glasgow and Clarence was removed earlier this summer. Residents, city staff, and I are continuing to explore alternative approaches to traffic calming in this part of Avalon. At its June meeting, Council approved some additional requests for information and options to address the concerns in this area, and I understand City staff will begin to report back about this in the fall. If you have questions or comments about this please don't hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Mairin Loewen

City Councillor, Ward 7
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