



President's Message

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Stonebridge Slate! I hope you all had a great winter, and are as eager as I am to enjoy the outdoors as the weather starts to turn warmer. Our SCA had a great winter and had several productive meetings with community partners about some exciting things for Stonebridge. The most exciting of which were the meetings with the two school boards about our brand new schools. Both school boards are as excited as we are on the progress of the schools to date, and shared with us some exciting details about the plans for the layout and just what the schools will bring to our community! I will remain connected with both boards as the building continues and once the Principals have been appointed we plan to coordinate a few meetings for the whole community to attend and learn about the new focal point for our neighborhood. Your community association and I are most excited about having a dedicated community space, as well as a space to run all of our Stonebridge programs! If you have any questions about the project, don't hesitate to ask. We also hosted "Coffee with a Cop" in March, a partnership with Saskatoon Police Service, as a sort of open house for our neighborhood and the police service to get to know the issues in Stonebridge. I hope you had an opportunity to attend!

Another neat thing for Stonebridge was being featured on CTV on March 8th for CTV on the block. This saw the morning show spend some time with local businesses in the neighborhood and an interview on the evening news about living in Stonebridge. Hopefully you were able to tune in!

With the exceptional winter weather we had, I sure noticed more of our neighbours out enjoying the many beautiful parks in Stonebridge, including our four-legged friends. Just a friendly reminder that when you are out enjoying the neighborhood with your pooch, be kind and clean up after them. Let's work together to keep our community beautiful! Also, as the bikes get taken out of the garage and the kids are chasing balls in the yard, please remember to drive slowly and watch for pedestrians as you are driving - our little people are our most precious resource!

I want to remind you about our community garage sale in May and our 2nd annual movie in the park happening at the end of the summer. Movie in the park is one event that we are very proud of and could not happen without our dedicated volunteer special events team or the contributions that you make to the SCA by purchasing a membership each year. Not only does purchasing a membership allow your family to participate in our program options, but they also allow us to be able to purchase sports equipment for our youth teams and to bring the community together through events like movie in the park. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for details on each event as they become available and for other updates throughout the summer!

Lastly, we are always looking for volunteers to join our team or to help out at our events. Right now we are in need of a Secretary for our team. If this is something you are interested in, please let me know by sending me an email.



Cheers,
Blair JP Pisiso, President - Stonebridge Community Association

The Stonebridge slate

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Interested in volunteering? There are some great opportunities to get involved! Contact us at: ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com for details!



WARD 7 Update

Hello Stonebridge residents,

Spring is here! This year the City's Green Cart programming is expanding to allow for the inclusion of food waste in the program. This means that in addition to using the green cart for leaves and yard waste, everything from vegetable peelings to soiled pizza boxes can be put in your green cart and kept out of the landfill. Subscriptions are \$55 and the program runs from May to November. To apply for a subscription please visit City Hall or search www.saskatoon.ca for 'Green Cart Program'.

Construction of the interchange at Victor Road and Highway 11 is proceeding this summer and the project is approximately 55% complete presently. The targeted completion of this project is fall, 2016. The other eagerly-anticipated upgrade coming to Stonebridge this summer is of course the spray park at Alexander McGillivray Young Park. This is scheduled to be open to the public in early July.

Finally, I'd like to invite you attend my annual Ward 7 Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, May 17th from 7:00-8:30 pm at Circle Drive Alliance Church. This is a great chance for you to meet with your neighbours and discuss the neighbourhood and city-wide issues that are on your mind.

Take care,

Mairin Loewen
City Councillor, Ward 7
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Stonebridge Community Garage Sale!!

STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday May 28, 2016 9am – 4pm

Go to www.ourstonebridge.ca

to register your address and get on the map!

BBQ for Stonebridge residents
following sale!
(Alexander MacGillivray Young Park)





Branch in Stonebridge Update

The branch in Stonebridge will be located on the main floor of the Luther Tower building. It's conveniently located near Starbucks and Tim Hortons, which will be perfect for grabbing a coffee on your way into SPL. We are anticipating opening the branch in the late fall. The branch in Stonebridge will be home to some of the most current trends in library technology and services! Some highlights of your new branch are:

- Indoor stroller parking in the children's area;
- Creative & innovation space;
- Community meeting room;
- Video game room;
- The collection will be primarily our "new & popular" materials;
- Programs that reflect the people of Stonebridge and surrounding community.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for updates about what's happening at SPL, and for the latest updates on the Stonebridge branch opening. We can't wait to be part of the Stonebridge Community!



What does the SCA do?

Your SCA is made up of volunteers from the neighbourhood. Most of us are working parents of young children volunteering to ensure there are activities available for children and families and to help the community remain a great place to live and raise a family. Creating connections between residents, and fostering a healthy community makes our neighborhood a place that's attractive to old and new residents alike – which reflects on your quality of life (and your property value!) We aim to meet once a month along with our Community Consultant and often our City Councilor to discuss issues in the community including traffic, public transportation, community development, parks and schools and organize events that all our residents can enjoy. We welcome all residents to join our meetings!

Why buy a membership?

Your annual SCA Membership (\$10 per household) is valid from July 1 each year, ending on June 30th the following year and is required so you and the members of your household can join any of our programs and vote in our Annual General Meeting. The fee helps to cover the cost of equipment, facility rentals* and insurance premiums for our programs. In addition, the fee helps cover any administration costs that are associated with our website and Facebook page, printing & delivery costs for our newsletters, putting on events such as the Movie in the Park or providing refreshments for smaller groups like the recent 'Coffee with a Cop'.

**As we do not yet have our own school, most of our programming requires a facility rental which currently leaves our programs running at a minor loss or breaking even.*

Suggestions

Do you have suggestions for topics for future newsletters or the Stonebridge Community Association website? If so, send us an e-mail at:

ourstonebridge.newsletter@gmail.com

"Like" our Stonebridge Community Association Facebook page for updates!

Alfred Bence Park Village Square and Commemorative Sculpture

Alfred Bence Park is 1.30 acres and located at the terminating south end of Preston Avenue in the Stonebridge Subdivision. The municipal designation of the park is Village Square. Dream Development proposes to construct the standard park elements for a Village Square which includes tree and shrub plantings, asphalt paths, park lighting, benches, trash receptacles, irrigated grass areas and a hard surface area for a special feature.

The special feature for this project is a commemorative area that showcases 1 or 2 life size bronze sculptures of bison and appropriate interpretive plaques. Building upon the aboriginal historical significance, it is documented that the surrounding area was used as a bison kill and processing site. The sculptures will be placed in a setting that depicts an "Indian headdress" when viewed from above with the end result promising to be a fitting tribute to our aboriginal history.

The commemorative area will be surrounded by "Prairie" grasses with intermittent large boulders and plantings representing our Saskatchewan plains and the natural habitat of the bison. Dream also proposes to separate the "prairiescape" area from the manicured and irrigated grass areas with a short rock wall constructed of field boulders.

Assuming all of the necessary approvals are in place, it is intended that the northern half of park and commemorative area construction will start around July of 2016. Fabrication of the bison sculptures will begin in June and we expect that installation of the sculptures will take place in the spring of 2017. Construction of the southern half of the park is expected to begin in the spring of 2017 with completion in September of 2017.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact Ms. Lisa Thibodeau, Community Consultant City of Saskatoon at: 306.975.3375 or lisa.thibodeau@saskatoon.ca.

