

the STONEBRIDGE SLATE

President's Message

Greetings Stonebridge!

Welcome to the December edition of the Stonebridge Slate! As I write this, activities are in full swing, a terrible cold/flu is making its way through most households and Christmas and other holiday preparations are well underway.

Our board has met twice since our annual general meeting and I am really pleased with the committed group of volunteers that we have to work with this year. Everyone is committed to continuing to make Stonebridge a great place to live by bringing programming and other fun activities to us all. The civic election has wrapped up and we are excited to have the opportunity to continue to work with Councillor Mairin Loewen and the rest of City Council on issues that are important to not only Stonebridge, but the whole city. The new overpass seems to be easing the congestion for the morning and after work commute, and does make getting into Stonebridge somewhat quicker depending on where you live in the neighbourhood.

It is very exciting to see the continuous progress on the new schools in Stonebridge - St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools) and Chief Whitecap School (Saskatoon Public Schools). We continue to remain in contact with both of the principals, and have given them a dedicated section on our website to keep everyone updated. Be sure to check out the schools section of our website regularly for new updates. We will also do our best to post important Stonebridge school events to our Facebook page so if you haven't yet, please head on over and "like" our page. This is one of our main ways of getting information out to the community, so I encourage you to make your way over to Facebook if you have time. We recognize that not everyone utilizes social media, so we are working on identifying alternate ways to keep you updated (such as our regular sign next to Circle Drive Alliance Church).

I think that's it! As always, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to email me or another member of the community association. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season on behalf of the entire Stonebridge Community Association!

Regards,



Blair JP Pismo, President - Stonebridge Community Association

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

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Ward 7 Update



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Hello Stonebridge residents,

I'd like to begin by saying how honoured I am to have been returned as the City Councillor for your neighbourhood. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you over the years and look forward to continuing our work together to make your community even better. I encourage all residents to get in touch with me to share questions or concerns about Stonebridge or city-wide issues. Here are a couple updates about issues and projects in your neighbourhood:

Traffic Review

Many of you have contacted me about traffic concerns in Stonebridge, and you've probably heard me refer to the upcoming Neighbourhood Traffic Review as a way to address some of these issues. I'm happy to say that the first public meeting for this process will be held on December 6th at 7:00 at the Circle Drive Alliance Church. The first step in the process is that residents will identify areas of concern around the neighbourhood. City staff will then draft a plan to address these issues, which will be brought back to the community for discussion and (hopefully) approval. This plan is then put before City Council for endorsement and implementation. If you can't make the meeting, watch your mailbox for more information about how to get involved online.

Highway 11 Interchange

As you know, the interchange between Vic Boulevard and Highway 11 is now open. Residents in the area identified some concerns with the aesthetics of the project, including the bright lights adjacent to the roadway. In response, Saskatoon Light and Power replaced the lights with lower-wattage bulbs in an attempt to reduce the glare. I hope this has been an improvement for people in the area, but if you have ongoing questions and concerns please let me know.

That's all for now – please be in touch if you'd like to discuss an issue or question with me.

All the best,

Mairin Loewen
City Councillor, Ward 7
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Safety and Theft Prevention Tips

1. Remove everything from your vehicle. If it's left in your vehicle, consider it gone.
2. Do not leave your keys in the car, even hidden.
3. Do not leave your car unlocked.
4. Do not chase after someone who you think is suspicious.
5. If you see something that is suspicious TO YOU call the non-emergency line: 306-975-8300.
6. To report any non-threatening behaviour (graffiti; after the fact vandalism etc.) take a picture and report it online (<http://saskatoonpolice.ca/onlinereporting/>) for stats – stats are how police resources are allocated in the city.

Most of all, get to know your neighbours. Know who should and shouldn't be in the area. You don't need to be buddies but know who they are to say hello or to mention that you'll be away so they can keep an eye on things.



Let's help keep Stonebridge a safe and friendly community for us and the next generation!

SCA Community Sponsorship

The Stonebridge Community Association congratulates the Eastside U14 Boys' team, champions of the Saskatchewan Soccer Premier Soccer League, who represented Saskatchewan at the Canada Soccer National Championships for the U14 Cup in Moncton, NB this October.

Eastside Soccer is the home soccer zone for the Stonebridge neighborhood; U12 - U16 players that live in Stonebridge register with the Eastside Soccer Club.

Stonebridge Community Association is starting a sponsorship program to assist school-age Stonebridge residents to fulfill their goals in extra-curricular activities. For more information, visit our website at <http://ourstonebridge.ca>.



Babysitter Registry

Molly Moors (306) 260-2844

Jenna Renaud (306) 382-5174

Lauren Aussant (306) 974-0667

Sangita B. (306) 979-7419

Ramona C-E. (306) 651-2871

Marina K. (306) 978-2076

Maha K. (306) 683-9445

Sofia M. (306) 477-1019

Brayden Y. (306) 978-2178

Isabella W. (306) 652-3937

Mahlia/Meadow/Makenna T. (306)
242-2714

Shauna K. (306) 850-1578

Kendra Y. (306) 244-9628

If you would like to be included on the registry send your contact information to ourstonebridge.newsletter@gmail.com.

NOTE: The Stonebridge Community Association does not endorse or support any published name as a result of this call for service providers. Each parent must do their own due diligence in choosing the best person for their needs.

Stonebridge Schools Updates

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School Update

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of November. It was a pleasure meeting so many families during our fall community meeting and registration night. A reminder that student registrations are now being accepted. Families can get all the registration information on our school website

<https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/KAT>. Although registrations are accepted all year, we hope to have the vast majority of registrations complete by the end of January, 2017. Having accurate registration numbers helps with staffing and resource allocation.



Mark your calendars, **on January 31st, 2017 @ 7:00pm** we will be holding the St. Kateri Kindergarten Information Night at Georges Vanier School. Parents can expect to meet the Kindergarten teacher and receive information about kindergarten programming. I will also be able to answer questions from parents with children from grades 1-8 who also want to attend and register.

Chief Whitecap School Update

Website: <http://www.spsd.sk.ca/school/chiefwhitecap>

Registration: Families planning for their children to attend any of the four new schools are being encouraged to indicate their intentions or register as soon as possible. An accurate student count will allow principals and division staff to make preparations for staffing and student needs in advance of the 2017-18 school year. Please visit for more information:

<http://www.spsd.sk.ca/school/chiefwhitecap/About/registration>

Chief Whitecap School Information Night: **November 30, 2016 @ 6:30PM** at Alvin Buckwold School. This meeting will include an update on the facility, as well as information on registration, transportation, daycare, before- and after-school care, kindergarten, school community council and parent council, and playground fundraising.

Kindergarten Information Night: **January 24, 2017 @ 7:00PM** at Alvin Buckwold School. If your child will be 5 on or before January 31st/2018 please join us in meeting the kindergarten staff and share learning opportunities for our newest learners!

Childcare and Before/After School Programs

Childcare:

- 90 spots will be available from infant to preschool age children
- Both school divisions as well as the Ministry will be involved in the tendering process after Christmas
- Once a provider has been selected, the provider will be communicating their registration protocol.
- At this time, neither school board sees a preschool within the school proper

Before & After School Program

- A Before and After School program will be available at the schools



SCA Winter Programming 2016



NOTE: All programs are subject to change pending registration numbers and instructor and gym availability. Please watch our website and the online sports sign up page

Online registration will begin **Wednesday, December 28th until January 11**

In person registration will be held at Circle Drive Alliance Church **on Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 7:00-8:00pm**

All classes will begin the week of **January 23rd** and will run for 8 weeks with no classes being held the week of February spring break.

Classes being offered:

Toddler Time	Kindersoccer
Preschool Ballet	Adult Bootcamp
Hip Hop (ages 5 – 7)	Adult Piyo

Please watch Facebook and our website for additional classes or deletions.

Any questions please email ourstonebridge.programs@gmail.com

SCA Business Directory



We have created promotional opportunities exclusively for businesses located in Stonebridge to connect with residents in our growing area.

Online Business Directory - \$150/year (25% discount for 2016/2017 = \$112.50)

Businesses will be listed on our website ourstonebridge.ca.

Businesses will be grouped by category (e.g. restaurant, professional services, etc.) and then listed alphabetically.

Features:

- Logo
- Business Name
- Address
- Website
- Email
- Telephone
- 50 word description of your business
- The business directory will be promoted in our newsletter and through our social media.

Home-based Business Directory - \$40/year (25% discount for 2016/2017 = \$30)

Businesses will be listed on our website ourstonebridge.ca

Home-based businesses will be grouped by product/brand (e.g. Tupperware, Scentsy, Baked Goods, etc.) and then listed alphabetically. We will not limit the number of representatives from any product.

Features:

- Contact Name
- Email
- Telephone
- Website (if applicable)
- The business directory will be promoted in our newsletter and through our social media.

Business Feature Story (Newsletter) - \$400/issue* (*subject to change and availability)

In each issue of our newsletter, Stonebridge Slate (published 4 times annually) we will profile a local business.

The feature story will be 1 page in length. We will assign a professional writer to conduct an interview about your business, gather background information about your products/services, and also to take photos that will be included with the article. You will have the opportunity to approve the article before it is published.

We will also feature the business profile on our social media and website.

There will be no other advertising in the newsletter, so this is a very exclusive opportunity. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Bookings

All bookings and content should be confirmed and coordinated via correspondence with our SCA Business Liaison.

Payment Information

Listings are valid for one year from September 1 to August 31. They must be renewed annually to remain active. A notice will be sent in advance of a listing expiry.

Credit Card Payments:

<http://stonebridge-community-association.siplay.com/site/>

Click on “register to play,” select your name as the “player” and follow the instructions online.

Cheque:

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For more information

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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!