



# **President's Message**

Good day, neighbours!

Updates from the Stonebridge community association: our Annual General Meeting was on April 17th, and we elected some new volunteers to our executive board, in addition to the great volunteers that we have continuing in their roles from last year. There are still some vacant positions; however, so please let me know if you are able to help out the community association in one of those roles.

Coming up right away in May, we've got our community garage sale and BBQ scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. Our website has a list of participating households and a map of all the addresses. We're hoping for great weather that day so that everyone can take a walk around the neighbourhood and snag some great deals. We are also looking forward to SUM Theatre Park this summer, and our Movie in the Park coming up in September. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates as they become available.

Always look to our website for the latest community and civic news, City of Saskatoon updates, and programs offered by the community association. You can contact me with feedback or suggestions at ourstonebridge.info@gmail.com.

Alena Sherwood Stonebridge Community Association

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## **Community Garage Sale & BBQ**

#### Stonebridge Community Garage Sales

Our Community Garage Sale will be taking place on Saturday, May 11 from 9am - 4pm. To add your address to the garage sale map, please visit <u>https://ourstonebridge.wordpress.com/events/community-garage-sale/</u>.

Following the garage sale, please join us in Alex MacGillivray Young Park for a BBQ in the Park! Proceeds from the BBQ will be going towards the Stonebridge Rink Fundraiser.

#### Stonebridge Community BBQ

What are YOU up to this weekend? Come join us at Alex McGillivray Young Park for our annual BBQ in the Park (following the community garage sale).

BBQ fun will include:

- Burger + pop for \$5
- Two bouncy castles
- A KIA display to promote our partnership for rink fundraising!
- A Rock Creek table selling the new Kids cards!!

Come out and join the fun while supporting the Stonebridge Rink build! (Proceeds from the BBQ are going to the rink fundraiser.)

See you Saturday May 11 from 4-7pm!

#### **Rock Creek Partnership**

We are extremely excited to share this awesome collaboration with <u>Rock Creek Stonebridge</u> to help us build our rink!

Purchase a kids card for \$10 and use it to redeem for one child's menu item with the purchase of one adult entree, up to a total of six visits!

\$5 from every card purchased will be donated to the Stonebridge Rink Fundraiser! Get your cards on Saturday, May 11 at the community BBQ, being held at Alex MacGillivray Park starting at 4pm!





Visit www.ourstonebridge.ca for a list of participanting households

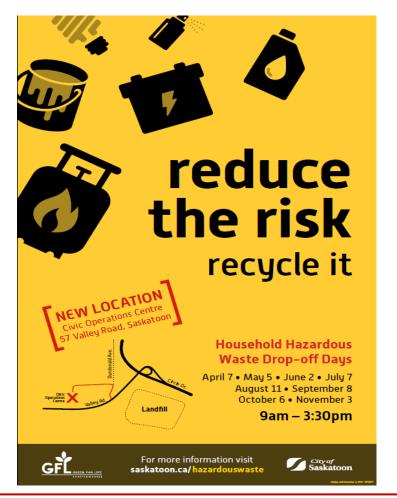




## Household Hazardous Waste Days

Spring has sprung, and as residents begin their spring clean-up and purge, we urge them to put their waste in the right place. This includes disposing of their Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) material safely, and keeping it out of the landfill and other waste streams.

The City of Saskatoon and GFL Environmental are hosting Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Days at a new location for the 2019 season.





### Why Landscaping is Not As Expensive as You Think:

# Did you know that studies put the return on investment (ROI) for landscaping improvements at 100% up to 1000%? What does this mean for you?

- This means that for every dollar you put into landscaping, the value of your property will increase by the same amount or more! Your hard-earned cash hasn't gone away it has been added to the equity in your home. But the bonus is that you also get to enjoy the beauty of your yard at the same time.
- Why is the ROI so high compared to other home improvement? For example, an upscale bathroom remodel will only get you 60%. The answer: first impressions matter when selling or renting and an attractive curb appeal is a big part of that.
- Not all landscaping projects have the same ROI though. High return improvements are: healthy grass, well-placed trees, colourful shrubs & perennials, and wood decks. Features with low ROI are: pools, outdoor lighting, and very large gardens.
- Don't have extra money? You can do a lot on your own including keeping the grass green and weedfree, planting flowers or grass from seed, edging, pruning, and mulching. Check out the City of Saskatoon tree planting program, you might be eligible for a free tree (https://www.saskatoon.ca/webform/request-tree).
- Harness the power of time. Just like stocks and bonds, a landscape can appreciate as it grows. A
  large tree is worth more than a small tree, so get invested sooner rather than later. But, consider the
  full-grown size of trees and shrubs when planting. A poorly-placed or overgrown tree/shrub that
  crowds the house will actually lower your property value.
- Beware of the cheap shrubs and trees from big box stores and warehouse stores. They often aren't tough enough for Saskatoon and you will lose your money when they die or turn ugly brown. Better to buy from a local nursery. Don't buy anything that "requires winter mulching" which is code for "will probably die".
- Other simple ways to improve curb appeal are painting the front door, pots of colourful flowers, a new mailbox, and adding attractive house numbers.

Source: How much value does landscaping add to your home when selling? from The Washington Post <a href="https://wapo.st/1aizawT?tid=ss\_mail&utm\_term=.2807576363d9">https://wapo.st/1aizawT?tid=ss\_mail&utm\_term=.2807576363d9</a>



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