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Winter Programs

Skating: Our rink is OPEN! Please see inside for public skate times

NEW! Learn to Skate: Registration is now open at thegreystone.ca

Youth Skating Night: TBD, watch our social media and website for updates

Winter Fun Day: March 7, watch our social media and website for updates

Why buy a GCA Membership?

Are you wondering what your membership fees go towards?

GCA memberships are only \$10 per year and your \$10 help us plan free events in our community for all families.

The membership fees support our volunteer rink, events such as the Trunk or Treat, Winter Fun Day, Summer Theatre, Bingo Night & other programming. Our volunteers are the backbone of this community. None of these events or programming would be possible without their support.

Thank you for supporting our community and purchasing a membership. We hope to continue to host more events with your support.

If you would like to purchase a membership or learn about our community, please contact Sam Rashid at greystonevolunteercoordinator@gmail.com

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Winter Program - Learn to Skate

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Greystone Community Association (GCA) is pleased to offer **Learn to Skate** on Sundays from 12 - 1pm at the Greystone Rink this season starting January 17. This program has two options, drop-in or 6 weeks. Online registration is required and is now available for the 6 week program. Drop-in registration will open on January 15. There will be no in-person registration.

Details for this program and our current COVID policies can be found on our website.

Register online today: www.thegreystone.ca

Programs may change. For the most current information, please visit our website, consult facebook.com/greystoneheights or contact Tracy at jtriffel@shaw.ca

Opportunities for Financial Support

In an effort to ensure that everyone who wants to participate is able to, cost-as-barrier (financed by the GCA) or KidSport applications are available for anyone facing financial hardships. All inquiries are kept confidential. Please contact Tracy at jtriffel@shaw.ca or visit www.kidsportcanada.ca.



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STAY TUNED!



Our Virtual Kindergarten Open House will be held in the spring. Until then, learn more about our Kindergarten program by visiting the Saskatoon Public Schools website.

We will have more opportunities to learn about Kindergarten in the new year. If you have questions or would like to register for September 2021, contact the school.



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The People in Our Neighbourhood - Part 1

Meet Kregg Ochitwa!

Kregg Ochitwa and his wife Sherilyn moved into Greystone Heights 17 years ago. They were drawn to the neighbourhood for many reasons. They thought it was a great location, close to amenities and the university, plus it was affordable.

Kregg remembers that, back in the day, when someone on the crescent was getting married, the women of Kirk gathered to make a quilt for every new couple!

Kregg and Sherilyn appreciate the people, their neighbours, most of all. They built lasting friendships through watching their sons, Zachary and Luke, participate in community sports with their neighbours' kids. Sharing life with other families as the kids grew up, developing those friendships, is something special, Kregg says. He marvels that the curly headed tots that he watched playing Timbits soccer are now in university.

Another aspect of the Greystone Heights neighbourhood Kregg appreciates is the diversity. There are people from all walks of life and many nationalities on his street.

It's interesting that, after 17 years, the Ochitwas still see themselves as 'newbies' on the block. There are many original owners, from when the neighbourhood was established, still living there.

Kregg thinks it's cool that he lives so close to his business, North 49th Physical Therapy, in the Grosvenor Park Centre. It delights him when a client comes in for treatment who is from our neighbourhood.

Kregg has been a long time advertiser in our newsletter and, for many years, was a volunteer newsletter deliverer. He is very appreciative of the work that the Greystone Community Association does.



Outdoor Rink Update

Public Skate Times

Tuesday 6 - 8 PM

Thursday 6 - 8 PM

Sunday 1 - 3 PM

*Rink is closed Sundays from 12-1 PM from Jan. 17-Feb. 7 & Feb. 21 & 28

During public skating the rink maintains a **no hockey/shinny rule**.

No pucks or sticks during public skating!

Rink Guidelines COVID-19

- Maximum 30 participants on the ice.
- Team events (practices/pictures) are not allowed.
- Warm-up shack is closed and will not be in use.
- Questions or concerns contact Trevor Grabowski (306-380-7011).

*As the COVID-19 regulations are changing frequently, please check back for updated information.

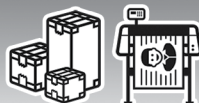


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The People in Our Neighbourhood - Part 2

Meet The Phillips Family!

Diane Phillips' return to the Greystone Heights neighbourhood with her husband, Rob, and their 18-month old son (Alex) was the result of an inside job. Someone inside this neighbourhood had a hot tip.

Expecting their second child (Arden), Rob and Diane had been looking for a larger home. They had given up the search when Diane's parents learned of a private sale, perhaps meeting their criteria, on their own street – the very street they pioneered in 1959. Rob and Diane purchased the home on viewing day, taking possession in July of 1993. Young dad, Rob, now had larger mortgage payments on his mind and Diane was back in her old stomping grounds.

A main criterion for the Phillips' was that their children be able to walk independently to and from school from a young age. Diane ran an after-school vocal/piano studio, making it difficult to be picking them up. In this location, there were no busy streets to cross. It was a safe walk that would give their children time to process the day as they transitioned from school to home. She knew this walk well, having done it herself from kindergarten to grade 8. But the Phillips children had an extra leg to their journey through Grandma and Grandpa's backyard. They waved to each other every morning for many years.

After the family expanded to four sons (add Avery & Aaron), their house expanded over two renovations. With each renovation they tried to be pragmatic about moving instead but could find nothing that met their needs elsewhere. Every need they had could be accommodated right here. Having family so close was a bonus.

For the Phillips Family, twenty-seven years in Greystone Heights, made for many memories and lasting friendships. Universal snapshots seem to come to mind for present times: snowfall brings collaboration in its removal; after a thaw, a trio in rubber boots stand around the drain they've just cleared and catch up on their winters. If there's an ambulance in front of a house, there is concern and inquiry. For the Phillips family, this neighbourhood was the village it took to raise four children and for that, they are grateful.



The Phillips Family in 2016



Clockwise from Top-Left: Photo 1: 2004 - around the corner helping grandpa, Photo 2: 1996 - keeping the yard with dad, Photo 3: 1993 Phillips boy getting ready for a neighborhood stroll, Photo 4: 2000 - around the corner helping grandpa, Photo 5: 1997 - Phillips boys with mom in front of their house, Photo 6: 2001 - The Phillips boys and their Grandma who is a GH resident since 1959

**Thank-you to the following organizations
for their support of the Outdoor Rink**



2020 operations and LED lighting project



2020 LED lighting project



2018 Levelling project

Rink Update

Season's Greetings from the rink crew. If you've been out for a skate over the Holiday season we hope the rink was in good condition.

We want to thank three partnering organizations that have been generous with financial support, project advice, and equipment usage for some projects.

The Kinsmen club of Saskatoon recently approved financial support for our LED Lighting upgrade project. Their support ensured we could finalize the project. It also allows for us to repair and replace some of the other areas of the rink that simply break down over time. Their organization supports many community-based initiatives across Saskatoon and area and we're thankful for the opportunity to partner with them.

Isted Technical Sales is a local company providing lighting and electrical solutions for commercial and industrial settings. Managing Partner, Don Steele, was generous to consult with us about our project, and recommend the appropriate fixtures. LED lighting would provide brighter light and help lower our electrical consumption and costs. Isted Technical also subsidized the costs of these lights through their distribution partners allowing us to upgrade all the lights within a conservative budget.

We would also like to thank Maxie's Excavation, again. Back in the summer months of 2018, Maxie's leveled our rink surface and donated all the time, labour, and equipment. Not only did this save the GCA thousands of dollars, but flooding a level rink is easier, faster, and requires less water to build up the aggravating high spots. We continue to benefit from their generous support years ago.

As for the rink we are now at the halfway point of the 2020/2021 season. So if you're looking forward to spring it isn't that far off! This rink season we started by adapting to new guidelines and procedures brought on by covid. We adjusted and we have figured out a new routine. The start of our process wasn't friendly, the big dump of snow required a big effort to remove the snow and prepare the base for flooding. But after a lot of hours we had ice ready for skating for November 19th. Now we are in the rhythm of removing snow as it comes and flooding every 3-5 days depending on usage.

The rink isn't possible without the volunteers who make it happen. We'd like to welcome some newer rink guys. Gary Koop, Trae Mohl, and the return of Dr. Mark Wahba (welcome back)!

Darren Frey
Brendan O'Reilly
Trevor Blum
Gary Koop

Conal Hancherow
Newell Hedstrom
Archie Gillies
Dr. Mark Wahba

Trevor Grabowski
James Anderson
Dr. Dylan Olver
Trae Mohl

Enjoy the rink!
The Rink guys



Sarina Gersher, Ward 8 City Councillor

Seasons greetings,

I know many of us are relieved to now be into 2021, as last year was filled with many challenges. While those challenges are not done, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their patience and diligence as we work through the COVID-19 pandemic. As it has been said many times before, we are all in this together.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to provide a few updates from City Hall. I would like to start by thanking folks for their confidence in re-electing me as your representative to City Council. I am very grateful for this support.

Multi-year budget adjustments for 2021: City Council approved a municipal property tax rate of 2.83%. This is the lowest increase since 2006 and is down from the previously approved rate of 3.87%. The budget continues to balance core services (like roads and sidewalks) while ensuring we are also planning for the future.

Snow removal: The City started removing snow from residential streets on December 2 in response to the severe snow accumulation in November that left many residential streets impassable. By the time this newsletter reaches you, Greystone should be completed as the timeframe for removal was between December 7 and January 5. Thank you for your patience as we worked through this major weather event.

Suspension of Saturday Pay Parking: Pay parking requirements are being waved throughout all pay parking areas served by the City's flex parking terminals and WaytoPark app for every Saturday between December 12, 2020 and March 31, 2021. All other parking rules are still being enforced (e.g. time limits, "no parking" zones). Keep up to date with other decisions of City Council by visiting www.wardeight.ca. Everyone month I post summaries of City Council meetings.

Furthermore, stay in touch by attending a virtual Coffee with your Councillor event:

- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Zoom login details will be posted at www.wardeight.ca/calendar.

Sincerely,
Sarina

sarina.gersher@saskatoon.ca



The GCA is looking for new programs to offer

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with the community? Or maybe you are a certified instructor and have some extra time available during evenings or weekends? The GCA is open to your ideas! We have offered registered weekly classes as well as 1 or 2 day courses.

The GCA is reaching out to community member to see if anyone is interested in offering some new (or old!) programs.

If you are interested, please reach out to us at indoor@thegreystone.ca

Volunteer With Us!

The Greystone Community Association is urgently looking for volunteers for the following board positions:

President

Our President Lori is retiring from this role. Create agendas and run monthly board meetings. Lori will be staying on as Past President to provide mentorship to our next President.

Secretary

Enjoy and help record monthly board meetings with a great team of volunteers!

Basketball and Soccer Coordinators

We hope to find a coordinator for the upcoming Spring 2021 Outdoor Soccer season! We will also need a coordinator for the 2021/22 Basketball season. Both Soccer and Basketball are great programs that the GCA cannot offer without leadership!

Communications Coordinator

We are looking for someone who is tech-savvy to help us keep our website and social media up-to-date!

A little nervous to volunteer? Don't worry! We have former board members on our team that can provide mentorship for any of these positions!

Volunteering is a great way to get involved with your community, meet and get to know your neighbours!

The Greystone Community Association engages dozens of volunteers to help out with various events and programs throughout the year. If you are interested in getting involved, call Sam @ 306-261-7052 or email greystonevolunteercoordinator@gmail.com. Include a summary of your interests, any skills you want to offer, and availability.



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Trunk or Treat

Thank to you all for joining us at Trunk or Treat! We had lots of fun and lots of great feedback.

In all, we had 90 kids from 60 families (registered) and approximately 20 walk-ins. Neighbors dropped off candy prior to the event, some decorated trunks and filled it with candy and many also donated towards our food bank drive.

Thanks to the Cumberland Avenue Sobeyes for donating a \$50 gift card. It was awarded to the winner of the best decorated trunk!

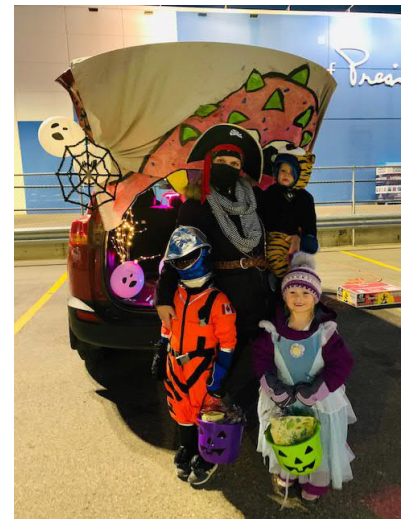
We are also thankful to Coop for hosting us and generously donated popcorn for the event.

Here are some comments from families who attended.

"We thought it was amazing! Even for non-Covid times it would be a great community building event that I could see more and more people get involved with over the years! The kids not only enjoyed the treats and decorations, but seeing some of their friends (from a distance)! And we enjoyed visiting with some members of our community! Loved it! Thank you for organizing this!!"

"It was fantastic! I brought my kids this year and I would be happy to volunteer to set up a trunk this year. My kids had a great time."

"We really enjoyed participating last night! It was nice to take our kids to a safe event that still felt festive and joyful! The Halloween spirit was definitely there! Thanks so much for putting it together GCA."



St. Frances Cree Bilingual School

tanisi. Hello. As you are probably aware, St. Frances Cree Bilingual School has been utilizing the former St. Patrick School on Bateman Crescent as our middle year's campus for the past 2+ years. Our primary school residence is in the Exhibition area on McPherson Avenue. However, our school community increased in enrolment to the point that our McPherson location did not have enough space for all grades. This led to our older students moving to our Bateman campus. Currently, we host grades 6 to 9 students, along with our school division's grade 8 EcoJustice program, at the Bateman location. The middle year's campus will continue to operate at Bateman Cres. until the much-anticipated opening of St. Frances' new school facility at Grosvenor Avenue and 7th Street in ~3 years.

If you have a child interested in learning the Cree language, please feel free to call us at (306)659-7940 for more information. We bus city wide to both locations for Cree language programming from Kindergarten to grade 9.

Thank you for welcoming our school to the Greystone Heights Community for this temporary time. During this pandemic, we have protocols in place limiting school access to the public; however, once we emerge from this pandemic, we invite you to pop by the school to say hi and meet us at anytime.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay safe.

D. Fradette
Principal, St. Frances Cree Bilingual School

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The Greystone Community Association Annual General meeting

This year our AGM looked a bit different than our annual Bingo Night! Due to COVID restrictions, we held our meeting virtually using Zoom. The community was invited to attend and the attendees were put into a draw for a McNally Robinson Gift Card! Thanks for everyone who attended. We are working hard to plan fun and safe activities for members of our community to enjoy!



Clockwise from the top-left: Shelly Panko Schultz, Trevor Grabowski with a bit of Conal Hancherow, Ibtesam (Sam) Zariwala, Sarina Gersher, Kirsten Bergan (very tiny bottom-right), Lina Nie, Sherrie Dennis and Lori Weiler-Thiessen

Jennifer Bowes

Happy New Year, Greystone Heights!

I am so pleased to have been elected this past October as your MLA for Saskatoon University! I look forward to working together with you over the coming years to ensure that the people living in our constituency are well represented in the provincial legislature. It's been a challenging year for all of us, but it's also been incredibly inspiring to see the people of our community come together and care for each other during such difficult times. We are finally beginning to see an end in sight, which gives us great hope.

It is crucial that we continue to look after one another and work collectively to keep those in our community safe. Of course, not only our actions as individuals matter – the actions of our government are imperative to ensuring the best outcomes for Saskatchewan people.

My goal as your MLA is to be as accessible and responsive as possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office should you wish to discuss any ideas or concerns. All the very best to you and your loved ones in the New Year!

In Solidarity,
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