With tree-lined streets and boulevards, a lovely park, and a stock of interesting older homes, Caswell is a beautiful neighbourhood at any time of year. But in the spring and summer it really shines! Lawns turn a lush green, flowers bloom in yards and boulevards, and the whole neighbourhood takes on a new energy. Folks from nearby communities are drawn to our park and pool and programs…and people from all over the city and surrounding areas attend “Art in the Park,” our popular arts festival.

Caswell has become a bit of a destination – but we’re fortunate enough to be here already, in the center of it all. So we’ve packed this issue full of information on things to do over the next few months. Take advantage of these opportunities to have fun, enjoy your surroundings, and get to know your neighbours!

On Saturday May 12th, more than thirty of you and your neighbours spent the day cleaning up alleys for our annual Community Clean-up. Thanks to the good volunteer turnout and an adequate number of trucks, we were able to cover about three-quarters of our neighbourhoods. We filled four massive green dumpsters with trash, and sent two trailer-loads each of scrap metal and tree-branches to be recycled and composted. Volunteers were invited for a “thank-you” barbeque that evening.

Great job everyone….Thanks so much for coming out and helping to keep our neighbourhood tidy! (The clean-up occurs every year in April, so look for information next spring about this event.)
YOUR CASWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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Please feel free to contact us by email at info@caswellhill.ca or by phoning our President at 974-4477.

CASWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

When: The second Tuesday of every month (except June and July)
Where: Christ Church Anglican
515 28th Street West
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Meetings usually last about 1 1/2 to 2 hours and are really fun. They are also a great way to meet your neighbours and become involved in your community. Everyone is welcome.

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Also, check out the community Facebook page: Caswell Hill.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The newsletter is published three times a year, in January, May and September. The advertising deadline for the next newsletter is August 13th. Rates are $25 business card / $40 quarter page / $80 half page. Articles about community events, issues and people are welcome. Contact us at caswellnews@gmail.com.

COST AS A BARRIER FUNDING

The Caswell Hill Community Association policy is to subsidize programming in order to keep fees as low as possible and to run a selection of free programs. Our programs are open to all Caswell residents regardless of their ability to pay.

Make it Happen!
Volunteer

Strengthen your community, lend a helping hand, have fun together.

There are many ways you can volunteer for your Community Association:
• coach soccer
• flood the outdoor rink
• clean up your park
• help organize special events
• help coordinate recreation programs
• write a newsletter article
• take meeting minutes
• and more...

Volunteer for your Community Association.

For more information email us at info@caswell.ca or call 664-6835.
Mark Sunday, June 24 on your calendars, folks! Here’s what your day could look like...

... Roll out of bed, have a quick shower, then head on over to Christ Church Anglican at 515 - 28th Street West for some pancakes served up fresh. Enjoy a stack and meet your neighbours over breakfast! Cost is by free will donation: proceeds go to Station 20 West.

Just before noon, the magnificent sounds of the North Saskatchewan Pipes & Drums will herald the opening of the 11th Annual Caswell Arts Festival, Art in the Park, held two blocks away in beautiful Ashworth Holmes Park on Ave E N. & 31st St. W.

Now finish up those pancakes quickly and head on over to the park for an amazing afternoon of art!

In the park, a celebration of culture and community greets you. The paths are dotted with the tents, tables, and blankets of artists and artisans. A vast variety and diversity of artwork is displayed. Music and good cheer fill the air.

The stage line up is spectacular, featuring: the prairie folk/rock sounds of Young James; Metis singer Krystle Pederson; old-timey, country garage band The Seahags; rock, reggae, and world music by the T-Bear Band; and a sizzling mixture of good time tunes from Earnest Ernie’s Pan Fried Blues.

In and beyond the playground kids are busy playing. Playleaders, Meewasin interpreters, and SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan guides have come out to lead children in a fun-filled afternoon of art-making, games, and creative play.

Towards the Rec Unit, the concession features classic grill, vegetarian, and other tasty, fresh, local fare!

People of all ages, from of all cultures and all walks of life have come together to experience awesome art, great music and fun for all!

This fantastic day could be yours if you choose to join us for this fabulous one day festival! Plans are still underway, so check out our website, www.2012caswellartsfestival.wordpress.com for updates.

Art in the Park gratefully acknowledges the financial sponsorship of the City of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Lotteries, and The Medicine Shoppe. We also extend gratitude to our in kind sponsors: Meewasin, SCYAP, SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan, ProPrint, Caswell Community School, Christ Church Anglican, and Caswell Community Association.

**ART IN THE PARK**

11th Annual Caswell Arts Festival
June 24, 2012
12 pm - 5 pm
Ashworth Holmes Park
Ave E North & 31 Street W
FREE ADMISSION
Rain Location: Indoors at Christ Church Anglican
www.2012caswellartsfestival.wordpress.com

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**Art in the Park Sunday**

You’re invited to Christ Church!

Avenue E & 28th Street

FOR A

Community-Ecumenical
Worship at 9 am

AND

Pancake Brunch

At 10:30
Free Will Offering
Proceeds to Station 20 West

Everyone Welcome!

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**Call for Artists**

Show and sell your artwork!

Reserve your FREE spot now!

Email: info@caswellhill.ca
or call: Raeanne at 652-7580
The Caswell Hill Community Association tries to keep you informed about city projects as well as other local news that is of interest or concern to the residents of our community. Here are some updates from Deirdra Ness, our Civics Coordinator, and Carrie Hutchinson, our Community Consultant from the City of Saskatoon.

ROADWAYS, TRAFFIC & PARKING

Residential Parking Permit Program

Starting in 1999, the City of Saskatoon implemented residential parking permit zones for neighbourhoods that see high levels of transient parking. In 2011, the program was implemented on certain streets in the Caswell Hill community. Currently time restrictions on Caswell RPP streets are in effect from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday. Any vehicle parked on the street longer than two hours during the restricted period will be ticketed if a valid Parking Permit is not displayed.

Permits are issued, at a cost, to permit area applicants who reside in a single or multiple-unit dwelling with up to four units. Residents who reside in multiple unit dwellings with more than four dwelling units can purchase residential permits to a maximum of two permits per dwelling if the residents do not have off-street parking, or do not have an adequate number of assigned off-street parking spaces for the number of residents living in the dwelling.

Overall, the program has been well received. We are pleased to report non-resident parking, traffic and litter has substantially decreased on the RPP streets. However, some parking has moved to other blocks not currently part of the Caswell RPP. If your block has become overrun with non-resident parking and you want to join the current RPP, you must be joined to an existing RPP street and get consensus from 70% of the residents on your block.

If you want more information about the Residential Parking Permit Program, please contact City Parking at 975-2780 or attend a community association meeting.

New Signage

The City recently installed some no parking signage at the intersection of Ave B and 25th St, and Ave B and 24th St to enhance visibility and ensure adequate truck turning radii at the intersections. The signage is placed 10m back from the corner, which is the distance already restricted as per the Traffic Bylaw. The signage does not change this, it simply assists in educating motorists. At the south end near 24th St, signage is also placed on either side of the driveway to ensure the driveway is not blocked. These restrictions are always in effect.

25th Street Extension

This major project is currently running on schedule. In this phase the contractor is Central Asphalt & Paving from Saskatoon. Work began earlier this spring, once the frost was out of the ground. The plan is to work from Ontario Avenue to Idywyld first, then Ontario to 1st Avenue. Widening will occur at 25th and Idywyld, which will make traffic quite congested for about a month. The completion date for the whole project is expected to be November 15, 2012.

DOGGIE NEWS

Off Leash Dog Park

Did you know the City is planning for a dog park in Caswell Hill or a community close by? Off-leash dog areas, or dog parks, provide a community setting in which people can gather and socialize and where they can observe the interaction of groups of dogs at play. Dog parks allow owners and their dogs to spend time together while the dog satisfies its cravings for canine play and companionship.

If you and your four legged friends are interested in a dog park, visit the Facebook page We Would like a Caswell Hill Off-leash Recreation Area or come to a Community Association meeting and share your ideas.

Caswell’s Ward Councillor, Pat Lorje, agrees with the establishment of a small Off Leash Recreation Area and you can contact her directly with questions or suggestions as well. Phone: 227-1411; Email: Pat.Lorje@Saskatoon.ca

Doggie Doo-Doo, Don’t Don’t!

Remember to be a good neighbour when your pretty puppy relieves itself. Please don’t let your dog do its business on someone’s property. Young children play on their front lawns and it’s not healthy for them to play on grass that dogs use for a washroom.
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CITIZENS PATROL

It seems that every year the topic of Citizens Patrol comes up. Although some Caswell Hill community members have expressed interest in a patrol, it has yet to materialize. It takes a lot of work to organize a patrol and keep it running.

If you are interested in Citizens Patrol, check out the Hudson Bay Park/Mayfair Community Association patrol. The Patrol walks regularly through Caswell Hill and the surrounding neighbourhoods. They walk the streets, parks, school yards and back alleys. The group consists of new moms with strollers, retirees, middle agers, moms with teens, and dogs with their owners.

The group logs in with the Police at the beginning and end of the walk with the intended route, number of walkers, and walk update. For more information, check out the Citizen Patrol section of the Hudson Bay Park Mayfair Community Association website at: www.hudsonbayparkmayfair.ca.

KELLY BLOCK
Member of Parliament
Saskatoon - Rosetown - Biggar

Working to represent the residents of Caswell Hill is truly an honour. Please contact my office if I can be of any help.

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Parents and schools working together to engage students in learning.

October 25 & 26, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn, Saskatoon, SK

Parent and Community Engagement: Engaging in Life Long Learning!

Designed for leadership teams of parents, school staff, administrators, and community members representing elementary and high schools, this two day conference will bring these teams together to:

- Learn from the successes and challenges faced by other schools and communities in sharing sessions

- Continue to address specific concerns of school communities

- Continue to work together to create strong and powerful bonds between parents, the school, and community members.

For more information contact
Janna Piro (683-7360)
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Fax: 657-3927
Lawn Bowling

Ancient sport finds contemporary fans in Caswell

Few sports have as ancient and illustrious a history as the game of lawn bowling. It was played in 12th-Century England. It was played by King Henry VIII, who felt the need to limit participation to only the well-to-do, in an attempt to prevent the lower classes from spending more time on such recreational events then on practicing their trade.

As with many English sports, Lawn Bowls spread to the British colonies from the 1600s onwards.

It was first played in North America in the early 1600’s in the United States and records show that President George Washington played bowls on his estate. In Canada, the sport was introduced around 1730 at Port Royal in Nova Scotia. Recently, there’s been a revival of interest in the sport in some cities, attracting a new younger group of participants.

One of the four lawn bowling clubs in our city is in easy proximity to our neighbourhood – the Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club has a location on the Avenue D side of Ashworth Holmes Park. For information about the club and their programs, contact Joan Sande (phone 244-4208).

City Offers Playground Programs

For ages 2-12

The city’s Community Development Branch runs summer programs for children and youth in 44 parks and playground locations. Best of all, they’re FREE! Drop-in for games, music, drama, special events, arts & crafts, water play and storytelling. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by an adult or responsible youth at all times during playground program hours.

Hours of Operation (rain or shine): Monday to Friday from July 4 to August 25 (closed Aug 1);
M-Th 10:30 AM-6:00 PM,
F 12:00 PM-4:30 PM.

For information on these City of Saskatoon programs, email play@saskatoon.ca or call 975-3378.
Mayfair Pool – a favourite part of our neighbourhood for many, especially on long, hot summer days – was closed during the summer of 2011, as Caswell and other area residents awaited the construction of a new pool. During the past year, we have watched as the old pool was dismantled, then as new buildings and facilities took shape.

The new and improved Mayfair Pool is scheduled to reopen in June 2012. A grand opening celebration is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 8. Watch Caswell Community Association’s website, the Caswell Hill Facebook page and the City of Saskatoon’s website for further details!

SOIL + SEEDS = SMILES

*By Elizabeth Bekolay*

Children playing in mud often look pretty happy. It seems to be the same with gardeners in the dirt. Did you know that science has explained some of the reason why? Humans, and other species most likely, have chemical receptors on our skin that when in contact with bacterial species in the soil cause a release of Serotonin in our brains. Serotonin is the happy hormone. Dirt is good. Soon the members of Caswell Hill Collective Community Garden will be all smiles again.

The Caswell Community Garden, located in the south east corner of Ashworth Holmes Park, is truly a collective garden. We plan the garden together, purchase the seeds as a group, start the seeds from scratch, plant and harvest the garden together. The harvesting of the garden has benefitted many of the neighbourhood’s children too. Peas and carrots seem to be the favorites and the gardeners are in favor of the kids helping themselves, as long as nothing goes to waste.

There is a community compost bin at the garden. Please add vegetable based kitchen waste to the pile to help us make more good soil. We are looking for people with composting skills to help tend the composter. If you are able and interested please contact us.

Last year some students from Caswell Hill School planted the children’s garden with the help of Justin McGowan. All of the gardeners were envious of their beautiful watermelon at the end of the season. We hope to collaborate with the school again.

It is never too late to join the garden. We are always encouraging new people to get involved. If you live in Caswell, this is your garden too! Questions or want more info? Email - caswellgarden@gmail.com; Phone - 653-5703 (Elizabeth), 242-5977 (Justin).
Your input is needed!

Caswell Community Association offers neighbourhood-based recreation and leisure activities that respond to the needs and interests of our community members. This fall we will continue to offer our regular class of yoga for adults, as well as children’s sports programs and the MeTaWeTan drop in activities. In the past year we’ve also tried some new programs including Family Yoga, Merengue Mamas (Parent-Baby Latin Dance Fitness) Bellydancing for Beginners, and Latin Ladies (Latin Dance Fitness for Adults). There has also been interest in other activities such as family gym nights and cooking groups.

We’d like your feedback and help in deciding what programs you’d like to see in the coming year. Your input is especially needed this summer as we prepare for our fall programs. Please email us at caswellprograms@gmail.com if you have feedback, suggestions, or would like to be involved on our programming committee. Also, please let us know if you have a talent or skill you’d be willing to share as an instructor for one of our programs.

For more information on Caswell Community Association’s programs, watch for our listings in the leisure guide, Fall newsletter, and our website – or to be added to a mailing list to receive updated program info, contact us at caswellprograms@gmail.com.

CARE HOME SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Central Haven Special Care Home is a 60-bed facility, located at 1020 Avenue I North. It is funded by the Saskatoon Health Region and operated by Sherbrooke Community Centre. For 35 years Central Haven has provided care for seniors from the Saskatoon area who require assistance due to failing health.

As a volunteer you can play a key role at Central Haven, helping to alleviate the three most common plagues that many of our elders suffer from – boredom, loneliness, and helplessness. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Central Haven, please contact Dianne Armstrong, Recreation Coordinator, at 655-6180.
Living Cities for Kids is offering a series of urban design workshops this spring. This event is aimed at 9-13 year olds from all areas of the City & from surrounding regions. The goal of the course is to educate youth on the subject of city planning & neighbourhood design. Participants will be introduced to the concepts of land-use, urban design and sustainable community planning.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our community to participate in a youth workshop that will teach them to think critically about their built environment and be able to bring back lessons learned to their very own neighbourhood.

Workshops began in April and early May but will also be offered this spring on the following dates:

- May 26th & 27th AND June 2nd & 3rd

The times are Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday from 12pm to 4pm.

For more information on this program, please visit www.livingcities4kids.com or call 880-0281.
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Welcome to Spring! It’s so great to see some green grass and flowers instead of all the dirty snow! We actually had a wonderfully mild winter, but you wouldn’t know it from the beating some of our roads took. That’s because roads are prone to cracking (no surprise, since semi-trailers and other heavy vehicles are constantly rolling over them). Once the water gets into the cracks, potholes develop.

This was a hard winter for Saskatoon roads. No, the pot-holes aren’t because City Council has its priorities wrong, as tempting to believe as that might be! The unseasonably warm winter and the freeze-thaw cycles caused pot-holes to pop out worse than teen-aged acne.

Normally the city uses 50 tonnes of cold asphalt for temporary patching throughout the winter. This year we’ve gone through 100 tonnes. To put that into perspective, that’s more asphalt than the combined weight of 77 mid-sized cars! Instead of having to clear snow all winter, Public Works has been able to focus on filling those pesky potholes and cracks throughout the city.

The very best “fix” for potholes is hot asphalt. These repairs last longer. However, we can’t fire up the hot asphalt plant until the weather gets warm enough. Luckily winter is behind us now. Please report pot-holes at 975-2476. You can also phone me (227-1411), email me (pat.lorje@saskatoon.ca) or send me a message on Facebook (www.facebook.ca/patlorje) or Twitter (@patlorje) and I’ll pass the location along to Public Works. And please feel free to contact me with any other concerns or problems with city services, or issues that you feel I might be able to help you with. Thanks.

City Councillor Pat Lorje represents Ward 2, which includes Caswell Hill.

If you are interested in finding a spot for your child in a safe home environment please contact me. My name is Laura and you can call me at 262-1174 or email sweet_buttercup_2004@hotmail.com

Thanks; look forward to hearing from you!!

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