



Caswell Hill Community Newsletter

Spring 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

Susan J. Bissonette said, “An optimist is the human personification of spring.”

Just as it takes a somewhat Pollyanna-like attitude to help us survive winter, a positive approach to event planning, programming, civic consultations, etc. can ensure community associations are able to meet the needs of the neighbourhood. It’s been a very busy winter and the community association is, as always, optimistic that we can continue working to enhance the quality of life for everyone in Caswell Hill.

March 6th saw us hosting our first-ever winter carnival and it was a resounding success. See the full story in this newsletter edition.

Civics-wise, we are working with the City to address the long overdue re-location of the bus barns. Council recently awarded a consultancy contract for a firm to do a feasibility study to recommend a new location; the study is to be complete by December. Two association board members are sitting on the South Caswell Concept Plan Steering Committee, the goal of the Concept Plan is to address the potential re-use of the Transit site including the development of park space in South Caswell. By the time this newsletter goes to print we will have had a bus

barns tour and discussions with Transit staff. The 25th Street extension is the most recent issue of concern for residents, our executive addressed Council regarding the future changes and the impact it will have on our neighbourhood. We will work with the City to identify concerns and determine solutions collectively, plans are in the works for a public open house. Several civics committee members met with MP Kelly Block in order to make her aware of concerns around the levels of lead in our water. At the January Ward Meeting we asked about funding options for the re-location of the bus barns, assistance for lead pipe replacement, and Mayfair Pool construction. Unfortunately, these projects were not deemed “shovel ready” by federal standards. We have recently experienced changes to our waste collection structure. Caswell has been operating on a hybrid of communal block containers and individual roll-out carts, we are now moving to a neighbourhood-wide roll-out system. I understand, from resident feedback, that there is some concern regarding front-street pick-up and the issues this could pose. I will be meeting with associations from other established neighbourhoods to discuss the specific problems/possible solutions to the front

street dilemma.

Our programming has been highly successful, as it always is thanks to the dedication of our volunteer coordinators and the instructors.

Lastly, as surely as spring comes each year, so does our annual neighbourhood clean up. In 2008 we participated in a communal event with Riversdale, King George and Pleasant Hill, transporting our truckloads to dumpsters located at the Water Treatment Plant. This year we are returning to our original format of having the dumpsters in our neighbourhood as it seems to be the best system for Caswell volunteers. Hope to see everyone out on May 23rd, 10:00 a.m. at Caswell Community School!

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CASWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

When: The second Tuesday of every month

Where: Saskatoon Convalescent Home
101 31st Street West

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Meetings usually last about 1½ 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. Childcare is available.

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For current updates, join our new Facebook group called "Caswell Hill"

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The newsletter is published three times a year, in January, April and August. Advertising deadline for the next newsletter is August 1st. Rates are \$25 business card / \$40 quarter page / \$80 half page. Articles about community events, issues and people are welcome.

STATION 20 WEST DONATION

Station 20 West is a little closer to their fundraising goal thanks to a donation from the Caswell Community Association.

Just over \$1000.00 was donated to the project this past March when members voted to donate the interest accrued from fundraised money held in a GIC at Community First.

"This is one more indication that the communities are behind us," said Val Veillard, Co-Chair Station 20 West Board of Directors.

One of the goals of Station 20 West is to provide a local grocery store to the surrounding core communities.



Call For Artists

Plans are underway for the eighth annual Caswell arts festival, Art in the Heart, September 13, 2009 on the grounds at Christ Church Anglican again this year. Last year's festival was a resounding success, with more than 400 people in attendance.

We're looking for artists to display and/or sell their artwork in our Artists' Village from 12 pm to 6 pm on festival day. Tables are free of charge.

To reserve a table in the Village, please call 652-7580 and leave a message with your name and phone number where we can contact you. You may also contact us by email at info@caswellhill.ca. Artists who reserve before July 10th will be featured in the festival programme.

Art in the Heart gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Lotteries.

CARNAVAL DE CASWELL/CASWELL WINTER CARNIVAL



Le Bonhomme Carnaval danced in the school gym



All ages waited to board the Western Development Museum Sleigh Rides

Despite cold temperatures, over 200 people attended Caswell Hill's first winter carnival at Caswell Community School and the Saskatoon Convalescent Home the evening of Friday, March 6, 2009.

People young and old enjoyed a myriad of entertainment. Popular outdoor activities included sleigh rides, a bonfire, sledding, skating, and shinny.

Attendees warmed up in the school gym while enjoying hot chocolate, a concession, crafts, hoop dancing, and other cultural activities.

Over at the Convalescent Home, the lounge transformed into a cabaret with incredible live musical performances while children took part in art-making in the activity room.

Le bonhomme carnaval even made an appearance!

The evening concluded with a great fireworks display.

A big thanks to the Western Development Museum, the Me Ta We Tan Travelling Program, the SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan, Mayfair Hardware, Bedford Road Collegiate cheerleaders, Caswell Community School, the Saskatoon Convalescent Home, community volunteers, and all the people who came out to make this event a success!



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25TH STREET EXTENSION

City Council decided on March 16, 2009 to proceed with the 25th Street Extension.

Council Decisions: "City Council approved the alignment of the 25th Street extension. This involves extending 25th Street west from 1st Avenue to Idylwyld Drive, as a four-lane roadway with a median and on-street parallel parking. City Council also requested that specific design issues of the intersection of 25th Street and Idylwyld be referred back to the Administration for further consultation with stakeholders to review pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular access along Idylwyld and its impact on the neighbourhood and adjacent businesses, and to report back on or before May 15. It is expected that construction of the underground utili-

ties will occur in 2009, with road construction, streetscaping, and rail track alignments scheduled for 2010."

The Community Association did address Council regarding the changes and specifically brought up the following issues:

- Increased traffic being directed on to 23rd, 27th, and 29th Streets and the need for improvements to signage and/or traffic lights at these intersections.
- The alternate route buses will use to access the barns.
- Pedestrian crossing at 25th St. still needed.
- Routes for emergency response vehicles a concern.

We have asked that the City have an ongoing consultation with us to

deal with our concerns and have been assured that this will happen.

There is general concern about the loss of the left hand turn lane at 25th and Idylwyld, however, our community could face a more serious problem if the extension was aligned and traffic was allowed to travel from the University Bridge straight through to Avenue H. Dispersal of traffic onto several alternative routes, rather than just 25th Street will hopefully mitigate the affect of greatly increased traffic volumes on residential streets.

The Community Association is committed to working with the residents and City to ensure that our neighbourhood is not negatively impacted by the 25th Street Extension.



**Lining Up Strategies for Autism Interventions:
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Day 3 Presenter: Shirley Sutton, Occupational Therapist
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Day 3
• Professionals, Parents & Students \$25 (includes book)

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TAKING STOCK: HOW CAN COUNCIL SERVE YOU?

The provincial budget was a good news story for the city. It provides an additional \$8.7 million in revenue sharing (now called Municipal Operating Grant) and with it being tied to the PST it brings sustainable and predictable funding. In addition the provincial budget saw a commitment of \$200M over 2 years to a Children's Hospital for Saskatoon.

Residents of Caswell Hill, I want to hear from you. I want to know how you think Council is doing. I want to know what we can do to meet the needs of the community. What should we focus on?

Is the plan for downtown on track? Do we have responsible growth plans? Please take a moment to contact me if you have comments to share with your thoughts to help me represent your interests on council.

If you are interested in receiving regular emails from me that include Council agendas and decisions, public service announcements and other civic information, please drop me an email and I can add you to the local neighbourhood database. All email addresses remain confidential, and you can ask to be removed at any time. Please be sure to include your name, civic address and contact phone number on all correspondence.

Have a great Spring and be well!



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Local Area Plan

This program is a community-based approach to developing comprehensive neighbourhood plans. It enables residents, business owners, property owners, community groups and other stakeholders to have direct input into determining the future of their community. Once completed, a Local Area Plan (LAP) sets out objectives and policies to guide growth and development of a neighbourhood or selected area. To date, 9 LAPs have been adopted by City Council including the Airport Industrial, Caswell Hill, King George, Nutana, Pleasant Hill, Sutherland, Warehouse District, West Industrial, and Riversdale areas.

We are planning a Review and Update, however there are several competing interests currently for citizens attention, in particular the 25th St Extension and the South Caswell Concept Plan. "A plan within a plan," as explained by Al Wallace of the Planning Department, City of Saskatoon at the Ward 1 meeting in Jan 2009.

The city has promised a public meeting to discuss the significant impacts of the 25th St extension project on Caswell Hill. Tom Derr from the City Traffic Department met with the Community Association in March and April to present the plan and hear some concerns. The Community Association agrees this must go to the greater community to ensure full understanding of the proposed changes and implications to traffic in and around Caswell. Watch your mailbox for information on a meeting date and time.

Some issues identified for the LAP Review are Traffic and Parking, Safety, and Recreation. I want to hear your ideas to be covered by this review. Please watch for meeting announcements or call me at: 652-1463. There is a LAP Summary Report from the city submitted to council each December about implementation of LAP's. I will try to get this on the website.

Street Cleaning Caswell Hill begins May 14th

Street sweeping begins April 27 and wraps up May 28th, our community fits in and around half way through. Living on a street that services the entire fleet of City of Saskatoon buses for access to their facility daily. 29th St handles City trucks to the Avenue P facility. Along with over 150 businesses in this community and many trips on these streets it would be nice to have our community a higher priority. *I have located a similar community to ours. City Park (included in commercial/downtown sweep) April 26 (streets) April 28 (avenues).*

Can Caswell Hill have earlier cleaning of our streets? Voice your opinion/concerns to 975-2450 General Manager Gaston Gordeau Public Works Dept.

Hotel Traffic on Residential Streets	AM	NOON	PM	
Left northbound from downtown	5	12	27	
Left northbound to Idylwyld from 25th St	19	5	3	
Traffic Movement				
25th St onto Idylwyld northbound left hand turn	56	43	44	Project outlets to be 23rd, 27th, 29th, 31st Street
29th St onto Idylwyld northbound left hand turn	91	70	70	Project outlets to be 23rd, 27th, 29th, 31st Street
Idylwyld Northbound to 29th St westbound left hand turn	68	64	184	Advance arrow increased #s will get close to allowing turning arrow Street classification change for 29th St not projected to
Idylwyld to 25th St westbound	18	29	94	Project 23rd, 27th, 29th St
25th St turning right onto Idylwyld South	93	58	58	Still under review

Mayfair Pool Update

In terms of the process for Mayfair Pool, the administration has been sorting out how and when to take in the report. If you recall at Capital Budget, Mr. Gauthier identified a source of funding for the design of the pool as the Land Operations Reserve. A change in policy would free up approximately \$750,000. The City Controller is taking in a report to the April 27 Executive Committee for a discussion on available funding and prioritizing projects. The administration will be submitting the report on Mayfair Pool at that meeting so that Councillors will have the plan before them and

can make an informed decision about the funding allocations.

In terms of extending Mayfair Pool, City Council allocates funding to operate 2 outdoor pools for 80 days and 2 outdoor pools for 70 days. The schedule for the 2009 season is as follows: George Ward and Riversdale June 5 to August 23 (80 days), Lathey and Mayfair June 8 to August 18 (70 days). We make sure we have one pool open on each side of the river for the longer period, and Riversdale is open for the longer period over Mayfair because the attendance levels are significantly higher at Riversdale than any other outdoor pool.

In 2002, a report was presented to City Council identifying that the cost to extend Lathey and Mayfair an additional 10 days was approximately \$16,500 (in 2002 dollars). City Council at the time did not approve this additional expenditure.

If approved at the Operating Budget review, we will purchase inflatable toys for the outdoor pools, and we are looking at the potential of a climbing wall for part of the time at Mayfair and another large inflatable toy for the balance of the summer. Both amenities are extremely popular at other cities and we anticipate these will be very popular at Mayfair.

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Larger Issues

Lead in water pipes

Diesel fumes.

Large issues that take a number of key players to want to do something about. I believe this is too large for volunteers. These issues are at the core of exhaustion for friends in the community. The executive is hard

working, earnest people whom hope for a brighter day in this little prairie city. Individuals have spoken out in various media formats and yet no plan other than run your taps longer, and well fumes that choke and creep into your very home in the frigid temperatures and not so frigid. Politicians need to be made

very uncomfortable when health is minimized or is it simply taken for granted. I am not sure which it is but am saddened when people are so frustrated for lack of response they lose hope. In a city that shines a city is only booming when it is clear they care for one another unconditionally.-

If you have questions or concerns regarding Caswell Community Association Civics issues please call Diane at 652-1463 or www.caswellhill.ca

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CASWELL SCHOOL CENTENNIAL

In 2010 our school will be 100 years old. We have had our first meeting to put some plans in motion and we are looking for more people interested in sitting on committees and helping us make the birthday a memorable occasion. The most urgent request we have is to locate former, students and staff who may want to attend the celebration(s). Please get the word out that if they wish to receive news about the centennial that they should email us at caswellschool@spsd.sk.ca or call the school at (306) 693-7160. We have three projects for which we will be fund raising and taking donations: a

new creative playground, a school sign on which to post messages, and bringing the bell back for display on the front lawn. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 in the school library.

Our school grew in numbers this past year and we hope that continues to be the case. We have wonderful pre-kindergarten and kindergarten staff that love working with the little ones. If you, or someone you know, has children who are of pre-kindergarten (3-4 yrs.) or kindergarten (5yrs.) age please let us know so we can provide you with important information. Our teachers

enjoy the opportunities to visit with families who are thinking about coming to Caswell.

Many know that Caswell School was built in a farmers' field and at recess time the students would often play while the cows roamed the pasture. Things have changed a little. Now, the city has a bylaw that will not allow dogs on school grounds at any time. We have posted signs on the fences and we know our neighbours will respect the need to keep our playground free of what dogs leave behind.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS, BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY!

Community Clean-Up is a proud tradition in Caswell Hill. Each spring, residents in Caswell work to beautify our neighbourhood by removing junk from our lanes and back alleys.

Organized by our association's volunteer board, our Clean-Up involves a great number of people in our community who volunteer their time, trucks, and gas.

Junk, debris, garbage, and unwanted items are removed from as many of our back alleys as possible given turnout and time permitting. Volunteers are asked not to put themselves at risk in any way.

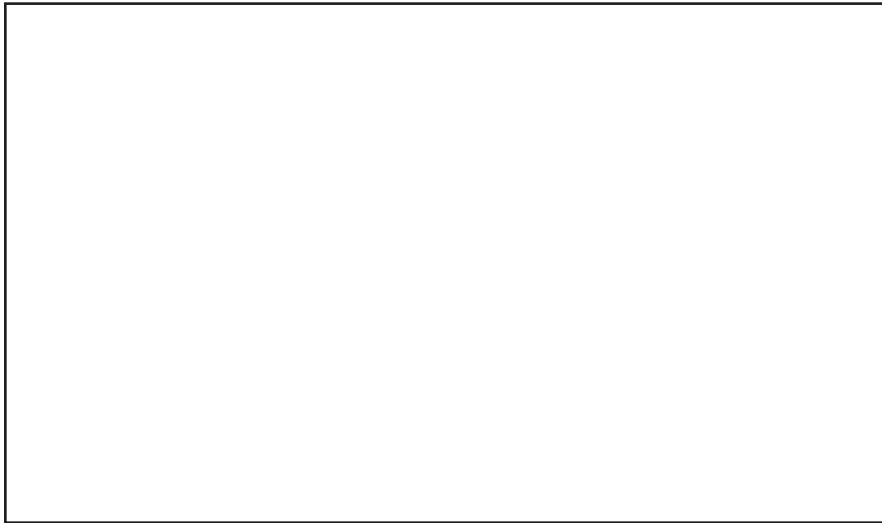
Our Association is always looking

for ways to improve the community Clean-Up; yet we are limited each year by the numbers of volunteers and trucks that come out. Your help can make all the difference.

This year's clean up is on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Anyone interested in helping clean up please meet in the Caswell Community School Parking Lot at 10:00am on Saturday morning with gloves and closed-toe shoes. Residents are welcome to join the effort any time during the day.

For more information please contact Glenn at 665-5563.

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A young women who is interested in the program can receive both application forms and *The Princess Shop's* contact information from her high school academic counselors, by visiting our website or by contacting *The Princess Shop* directly. Then, a representative will contact each girl to set up a time for a personal fitting

with *The Princess Shop* founders. This is the moment we are most excited about! We hope to find the perfect dress for every young woman who requires our services. If you know of someone who could benefit from this project, please encourage her to submit an application.

The Princess Shop's 2nd Annual *Glass Slipper Benefit for Princesses* was held on March 13, 2009 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. The event featured this year's *Princesses* modeling donated dresses, dinner, live and silent auction, guest speaker Miss Canada Shannon Smadella, as well as musical guests Jodi King and Cidne Treen. Outstanding response and support from our community resulted in 240 guests and great financial contributions to assist with *The Princess Shop's* operating budget for 2008-2009.

The Princess Shop's first year in operation, 2007-2008, resulted in an impact with 39 *Princesses* across Saskatchewan. This number is expected to exponentially increase in relation to the number of additional regional chapters established, greater transparency of the organization in the community, increased

and consistent presence of *The Princess Shop* in local high schools, and increased annual funding from our community partners. With plans to expand across other provinces, *The Princess Shop* will continue to experience growth to establish sustainable resources and support for female youth.

As founders, we wanted to make a positive contribution to the community in an unconventional and innovative way. As young women, we understand what an important milestone high school graduation can, and should, be. This is a very special day for young women as they move on to the next phase of their lives and we believe that every young woman should have an opportunity to feel beautiful. It is our dream be a part of instilling self-confidence, drive and motivation in our province's future leaders. Saskatchewan has already given us so many opportunities. We now want to give back to our community.

You can find us located in **Dekan Clothing**, right across from Midtown Plaza at **214 - 1st Avenue S.**
Phone: **306.222.3311** Website: **www.theprincessshop.ca**

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Caswell Community Association Annual Neighbourhood Clean-Up

We will be prowling the alleys on

Saturday, May 23rd, 2009

We are always looking for volunteers in order to help make this event a success.

Anyone interested in helping please meet us in the
**Caswell Community School Parking Lot
at 10:00am on Saturday morning.**

Bring a pair of **gloves** and wear your **closed-toe shoes**.
This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbours while beautifying
the community.

For more information contact Glenn at 665-5563.



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