



Caswell Hill Community Newsletter

Spring 2008

NEW BEGINNING FOR NEGLECTED CASWELL CONFECTIONARY



her new album titled “Green-eyed Soul”. Because of this I was unable to speak with her in person, but she was very gracious in answering my emailed questions. I did however meet with her husband Curtis, a real estate developer and designer, to ask some questions and to get a tour and photos of their old confectionary/new living space.

Carrie sent me some information about the history of the building, and according to city

records, it was built in 1935 by Safeway Stores, although it is unknown whether it actually was ever a Safeway store. It is her understanding that it was a Shop Rite for the majority of its life, before becoming a series of convenience stores, with the most recent being Cas Convenience. According to Carrie, when they bought the building it was essentially a “cold storage space, filled with refrigerators,

bathtubs, ovens, closet doors and other items of minor value”. They were able to recycle about 80 percent of these items by donating to Habitat for Humanity, selling, or by giving them away.

They decided to move into Caswell Hill because they have many friends living in this neighbourhood and were looking for an area close to downtown. Carrie states, “There is an incredible community vibe in Caswell Hill—we’ve already befriended a handful of neighbours and haven’t even

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When asking around for ideas of what to write about in this newsletter, it was suggested several times that I should interview Carrie Catherine and her husband Curtis Olson to find out what exactly is happening with that old confectionary on 27th and Avenue D that they bought. So I did just that, and I got you plenty of information!

Carrie is a local musician who has been touring Canada promoting

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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.

CASWELL HILL PROGRAMMING

Keep an eye out for the Fall Saskatoon Leisure Guide out this August featuring the indoor programming list for Caswell Hill!

Some of the new programs this year will be Kids Yoga, Seniors Yoga, Film Club, Toddler Time, Baby Food Making and Scrap Booking/Cardmaking. Remember to check out old favorites like Indoor Soccer for under ages 6, 8, & 10, Me Ta We Tan and Adult Yoga.

Do you have a hidden talent? We are looking for people to teach Spanish, Salsa Dancing, and Hand Built Pottery. Any other suggestions would be appreciated as well!

Contact Tanis @ 373-2192.

ART IN THE PARK

Call for Volunteers, Artisans, Crafters and Performers

Caswell Hill Community Association *Art in the Park* 2008 will be held in Ashworth Holmes Park on Saturday September 6th, 2008.

If you are interested in volunteering, selling your art/crafts or performing, please email: caswell.artinthepark.hill@gmail.com or phone: Amber at 343-1706.

See you in September!



NEW BEGINNING CONT.

moved in yet"! The idea of purchasing and converting an old confectionary into a living space was appealing because as a member of the Canada Green Building Council, Curtis is an avid supporter of urban renewal and sustainable development in core neighbourhoods.


When asked if there were any challenges with the renovations, Carrie replied that "the biggest challenge was to find a way to squeeze a barn, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool grain elevator, and 19' diameter grain silo inside the house and still make it functional for our day to day lives.

It's our tribute to those iconic prairie structures that continue to disappear from the Saskatchewan landscape". Now I know what you are thinking... How can they fit a barn and grain elevator inside a house? Well, they are not full size structures, but small-scale versions that work as part of the interior structure in a design style they call "urban prairie".

The "Hayloft" as Carrie calls their new home will not solely consist of a living space, but will also be a used studio/rehearsal space. Also, it will feature a stage protruding from

the miniature barn, which will form the backdrop of musical performances and what promises to be the "best house concert venue in Western Canada". When Carrie is not on the road, she and Curtis like to host intimate house concerts and says that, "the design of the Hayloft is a lot about creating an inviting space and setting the right conditions for an amazing, unforgettable concert to unfold".

Carrie has some upcoming concerts in Saskatoon; check out her website for more information. www.carriecatherine.com



The Saskatchewan Environmental Society would like to extend a big thank you to all of the Caswell Hill residents who participated in our Pesticide Reduction Survey back in 2006. The results showed that many of you support reducing or eliminating pesticides in your lawn and garden. As a result, many Caswell residents are Pesticide-Free!

As the summer fast approaches we just want to remind you that SES is always available to help with regards to controlling your lawn and garden pests in a more environmentally friendly way. We have eco-advisors ready to come to your yard and diagnose the problem and help determine pesticide-free solutions. Just contact our office at 665-1915 to book a free eco-advisor consultation, or check out our website for lots of good information on how to be pesticide-free, www.environmentalsociety.ca

HOCKEY DAY IN CASWELL WAS A HIT!

The shinny tournament on March 8 was a blast despite melting water, plenty of bruises and some banged up shins. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Tracy Ridalls took home the trophy for the biggest bruise! The Shanksters won first prize, and the hearts of thousands on their road to victory. Thanks go out to Trevor Stoddard and Glen Dougan for flooding the rink. Hope everyone will come out again next year! The plan is to have the tournament earlier in the year so there is more chance of playing on ice than water!!!

We would like to thank the following sponsors who, through their generosity, helped to make this years Hockey Day in Caswell shinny tournament a successful event.

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The Shankster's took home the trophy

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Safeway
Salon 212

Scotiabank
TJ's Pizza
To the Nines
Tree
Turning the Tide
Vaganza's



Kid's Snow Bocce



Go Teacher's Pets!!!!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE!

Did you know that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon is offering an Extended Day Program at Henry Kelsey?

If you are interested or have any questions please call our office at 665-1450, or visit our website at www.bgcsaskatoon.com and we will be happy to help you.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon is a non-profit organization providing Extended Day Programs in 16 different schools throughout the city, in both the Public and Catholic school systems.



You are invited to
A Community Celebration for the Westside Core Neighbourhoods

Join in the second annual **Our Core Communities Shine** community celebration and show your pride!

When: Friday, June 6, 2008
Where: Victoria Park (near the boathouse)
When: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come spend the afternoon with us and enjoy:

- Community group displays
- Local artist's display & art sale
- A Community BBQ - CHEP
- Entertainment - local dancers, singers, etc.
- Children's activities & games
- Greetings from local dignitaries

... and so much more!

Organized by Quint Development in partnership with CHEP, Station 20 West, Good Food Junction Co-op, Communities for Children, Westmount Community Association, Caswell Hill Community Association.

For further information please contact Corinne or Quint at 978-4041 ext. 18, or stop by Quint on the 2nd floor of St. Paul's Nurses' Residence (230 Ave. R South).

Recycle Glass and Plastic

The Caswell Community Association will accept **clean food-grade glass and plastic** for recycling at the Caswell Community School Parking Lot from 10AM to 2PM on Saturday, May 24th.



For more information please contact Tracy at 653-5669.

ÉCOLE ST. PAUL SCHOOL

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FRENCH IMMERSION FOR YOUR CHILD?

- École St. Paul School is accepting registrations for kindergarten to grade 5!
- Children must be five years of age by January 31, 2009 to begin in September, 2009
- Child at the year of age by January 31, 2009 may begin in grade one in September, 2009

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- Believe - ALL people are the owner of our faith-based, Catholic school
- Caring atmosphere
- Anti-bullying policy (social and personal)

FRENCH

- Receive the lifelong benefits of a second language.
- Supports non-French and French-speaking families
- Offered at kindergarten to Grade 5/6

FOOD

- Family / Community oriented
- Support and
- Cultural activities
- French Immersion Preschool located, Duques (Kasson St. #59-71 St.)
- Free-day drop-off (not available) in schools like Lawson Heights, R. Van Denzles, Beaumont Heights, City Park, Downsview, Ravensdale (to Ave. 13, Cassell / Milligan Ave. 10), Myshair (- Ave. 11) and McNeil Park
- Return of a formal checklist is available.

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HANG OUT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*If you would like to
volunteer with the Caswell
Community Association, or
for more information,
email us at:
info@caswellhill.ca*

*Are you interested in helping
out your community and
meeting your neighbours?
We have many events like
Art in the Park and Community
Cleanup that could benefit from
volunteers just like you!*

DO YOU HAVE A TRUCK?



**Would you like to help
with the community
clean-up on May 24th?**

**THEN WE WANT
TO TALK TO YOU!!**

**Call Tracy at 653-5669
or Glenn at 665-5563**



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BARBEQUE SAFETY

It is BBQ season again! Here are some “Hot Tips” on keeping safe while you burn, I mean cook, that burger.

Prior to use check all gas connections for leaks with a soapy solution and do not light the barbecue before making necessary repairs

Store flammable liquids (i.e. gasoline) well away from the barbecue

Always store propane cylinders outside because vapours leaking from a propane cylinder are highly explosive

Barbeques must be kept at least 18” (45 cm) away from any combustible surface or area

Never leave a lit barbecue unattended

Do not wear loose clothing while cooking with your barbecue

Children must never use unsupervised



OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

Keep these regulations in mind when you light that outdoor fire to keep everyone warm at your backyard shindig.

Fires must be contained within a non-combustible appliance constructed of material such as cement, brick, or metal of at least 18 gauge

Fires must be covered with a heavy gauge metal screen with opening no larger than 13mm

Only cut seasoned wood or charcoal can be used to fuel outdoor fires

You cannot burn garbage, garden refuse, plastic, dangerous goods, manure or animal carcasses, and materials that will result in a dense black smoke and generates a foul odour (i.e. insulation from wiring or rubber materials)

Outdoor fires must have responsible supervision at all times

When smoke from an outdoor fire becomes a nuisance to another person (i.e. your neighbour), the fire must be extinguished immediately



For more information on these and other fire safety bylaws visit the Saskatoon Fire & Protective Services website at: www.saskatoon.ca/dpt/fire_protective/index.asp



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PROGRAMS AT MAYFAIR LIBRARY

KIDS PROGRAMS

Mayfair Branch 975-7591

Drop-in programs may have a seasonal theme. If you would like to know, please call ahead (975-7591). Parents and caregivers are expected to remain in the Library during story times.

Family Story Time

Wednesdays / 10:30 a.m. / All year round / Community Room

A fun-filled program for the whole family. Bring your mom, dad, grandparent or babysitter for 30 minutes of stories, songs and action rhymes. An adult must accompany children under the age of four. The Mayfair Branch opens to the general public at 1 p.m. Doors are opened at 10:15 a.m. for Family Story Time only.

Pretty Bangles

Tuesday / May 27 / 4 p.m. / Community Room

Children under 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Bangles are fun to wear or nice to give as a gift. Come create an original bracelet. Space is limited. Registration begins Tuesday, May 6 at 1 p.m. You may register in person or by phone (975-7591).

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mayfair Branch 975-7591

Stylish Stepping Stones

Thursday / May 15 / 7:30 p.m. / Community Room

Want to add some flair to your yard? Come learn how to make your own stepping stone. It is messy and heavy but fun to do. Space is limited. Registration begins Thursday, April 24 at 1 p.m. You may register in person or by phone (975-7591).

Thursdays at Mayfair

Thursdays / March 6 - May 15 / 1:30 p.m. / Community Room

An informal program of information, slides, videos and discussion. Coffee and tea are served. Admission is free.

May 1: Digital Slides: Archaeological Excavations in Southern Israel

Dr. Chris Foley, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Saskatchewan, will talk about recent excavations which took place in the summer of 2007 in southern Israel. His slides will focus on settlement during the time of Moses.

May 8: DVD: New York (60 min.)

Join us for a visit to New York City and see Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, the Erie Canal, the Tallix Art Foundry and Saratoga Springs, famous for horse racing.

May 15: DVD: Connecticut (60 min.)

Travel to Hartford to see where Mark Twain created The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Then visit Rich's Dairy Farm for gourmet ice cream, Putnam Antiques Marketplace and the Dinosaur State Park.



WEEKEND PADDLING POOL

Supervised weekend paddling pools are available for 2 to 12 year olds free of charge. Children under the age of 5 must be supervised by an adult or responsible youth at all times during playground program hours. Paddling pools close during unsuitable weather (14 degrees Celsius or less and/or during heavy rain).

Caswell Hill Paddling Pool (Ashworth Holmes Park) ~ 415 31st Street West

Weekend Paddling Pool Hours: July 5 to August 17 Sat & Sun 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

SWIMMING, SWIMMING IN MY SWIMMING POOL

Mayfair Outdoor Pool opens on June 9th with swimming and programming running until August 17th.

General Swim Information

	Public Swim	Lane Swim & Parent Tot	Aquafitness
Mayfair Pool 1025 Avenue F N 975-3352	1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday and Saturday	12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesdays July 2 - August 13th	AquaMotion I 12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays July 2 - August 13th
Open June 9th - August 17th	**July 7th - 18th 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.**		

NEW AT MAYFAIR POOL!!! RED CROSS SWIM PROGRAM

This year at Mayfair Pool we are offering block lessons! You will spend less time at the pool waiting for your children to finish their lessons. When you register, identify what level your children are in, we will then coordinate all children within that group to swim at once. Levels included are Red Cross Swim Preschool to Level 6. Enrolment is limited. Don't be disappointed - register early.

Preschool Parented (Ages 4-36 mos)

July 7-18 M-F
6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Preschool Un-parented (Ages 3-5 yrs)

July 7-18 M-F
6:00 PM-6:30 PM
July 7-18 M-F
7:25 PM-7:55 PM

Swim Kids Levels 01-04 (Ages 6+)

July 7-18 M-F
6:35 PM-7:05 PM
July 7-18 M-F
7:25 PM-7:55 PM

Swim Kids Levels 05-06 (Ages 6+)

July 7-18 M-F
6:35 PM-7:20 PM

(See your Leisure Guide for more details and to register for swimming programs)

PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS

Free drop-in programs for children 2 to 12 years of age. Drop in for games, music, drama, special events, arts and crafts, water play, and storytelling. Playground program leaders plan and supervise activities to entertain children of all ages, while the adjoining paddling and spray parks offer a kid-sized opportunity to cool off and beat the heat.

Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by an adult or responsible youth at all times during playground program hours. Open rain or shine Monday to Friday from June 30 to August 21 (Playground programs are open July 1 and August 4).

Caswell Hill Playground (Ashworth Holmes Park) ~ 415 31st Street West

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 ART IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

The 2007 Art in the Park was a huge success, combining Ashworth Holmes Park's 100th birthday celebrations with our annual arts festival.

Birthday celebrations included a birthday cake by Cakes G'lore which was served at intermission after Eileen Laverty and Ricasso sang Happy Birthday. The literary arts exhibit in the rec unit featured stories about the park by current and former residents and 100 stories written by Caswell schoolchildren. The festival programmes and posters paid tribute to the park in their design. In the community tents, there was a 100 Tree Giveaway courtesy of Sean and Jessica Kapell. As well, the artwork by Caswell Hill artists for the free draw was created with a park or '100' theme in honour of the park's centennial.

The volunteer turn out this year was excellent and we had an

extremely successful and well organized festival set up thanks to the many volunteers who pitched in.

Once again, both community attendance and artist participation was greater than each of the previous years' and we received extremely positive feedback from everyone about the festival. Notably, onstage artist participation was the greatest of any festival yet and festival-goers commented favourably on the number, variety, and quality of musical artists at this year's festival.

Organizational involvement increased again this year with the addition of the Core Neighbourhood Youth Coop and CHEP's Good Food Junction in the community tents. Organizations continuing their participation included: Bedford Road Collegiate, Caswell Community School, the Saskatchewan

Environmental Society, CHEP's Good Food Box, Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming Inc., the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company, the Mendel Art Gallery, and the Mayfair Public Library. Off site events included a first time open house at Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club and a returning pancake brunch at Christ Church Anglican.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the City of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Lotteries in providing funding for Art in the Park. We would like to thank our other sponsors as well: SaskTel Mendel Art Caravan, Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company, Me Ta We Tan Programs, Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Programming Inc., Cakes G'lore, and Inkspot Graphix.

Happy Spring. It looks like old man winter has finally made his exit. I would like to thank everyone for their patience with the new snow and ice policy and sidewalk clearing bylaw. It was encouraging to receive so many supportive comments on the sidewalk by-law and how it enabled accessibility of mobility for many residents.

I am going to be out knocking on doors in the community this spring, so please watch for me. If I miss you, you can always reach me by email.

I look forward to participating in the Caswell community clean up on Saturday May 24th. Please contact the Caswell Community Association to see how you can get involved with the clean up.

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 ensure that all correspondence that you send to me or any City department identifies you by name, civic address and phone number.

Have a great Spring and be well!



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Calling All Volunteers

Caswell Community Association Annual Neighbourhood Cleanup

We will be prowling the alleys looking for trash
on

Saturday, May 24th 2008

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**.

A **rake** might be helpful too!

There will be a thank-you barbecue for all the volunteers
following the clean-up. Location TBA that morning.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbours
while beautifying the community.

For more information contact Tracy at 653-5669 or Glenn at 665-5563