



Holliston Community Newsletter

We're hoping to run a learn to skate program in the new year!



COVID friendly of course. Watch our Facebook page for details in January.



www.facebook.com/Hollistonca

***Support our community
and buy a membership!***

Holliston Community Rink



The Holliston Community Rink is officially open! To maintain the ice surface, we plan on designating Sunday nights and Thursday nights to flood the rink. Because of this, we kindly ask that you do not use the ice surface during this time to allow ice to properly freeze.

Public skate times are still ongoing this winter. They are on Tuesdays from 7-9pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 9-11am. As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with supervising public skate times. If you are interested, please contact Anthony at anthony.pawluk@yahoo.com.

We would like to remind families that if covering the cost of program fees for you or your child is a challenge, please contact the HCA or any member of the HCA Executive, regarding your concern prior to registration so that you may participate in a programing. The Kid Sport program is available to families that are on a low income, unemployed, or currently receiving income support through provincial government are all considered eligible. Kid Sport considers social and economic barriers facing the child's family when determining eligibility. Grants are for children and youth up to 18 years of age. Financial support up to \$750 per child per calendar year (January-December) towards sport registration fees and in some cases equipment. Applications must be submitted before the start date of the sport activity. Priority will be given to subsidization of participation/ registration fees.

Check out the City of Saskatoon's new search tool at www.saskatoon.ca/communityassociations as a new way to find your neighbourhood programs.



The **Holliston Community Preschool** regrets to announce that we will remain closed this winter due to high cases of Covid-19 in our city. With hundreds of students and staff already in self-isolation due to confirmed cases in schools, learning situations have become unpredictable and this is having a significant impact on students and staff. We are continuing to monitor the situation and we look forward to reopening as soon as possible. Anyone who wants to receive updates about our reopening plan is invited to email hollistoncommunitypreschool@gmail.com to be added to our contact list. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season and we look forward to reengaging with our incredible community.

HCA Executive

- President: Reisha Peters
- Treasurer: Zoe Pasloski
- Secretary: Laura Richelhoff
- Indoor Coordinator: Kelsey Kowalyk
- Pre-School Coordinator: Heather Lake
- Social Coordinator: Jessica Francis
- Basketball Coordinator: Shane Flaman
- Soccer Coordinator: Steve Robinson
- Newsletter Coordinator: Carli Flath
- Website Coordinator: Reisha Peters
- Rink Coordinator: Anthony Pawluk

Members at Large: Susan Bahrey

If you're looking to get involved with our community in any way please contact the Holliston Community Association at Hollistonca@gmail.com. Our next scheduled meeting is Jan 4, 2021 at 7:00pm via ZOOM.

Advertise with Us!!



Business Cards \$30

¼ Page \$50

½ Page \$100

Full Page \$150

Ads will be received electronically in a PDF or JPEG form.

Holliston Community Newsletter is published in black and white so ads will be converted as such. Our next issue will be published in August.

Deadline for submission is July 31.

Ads can be sent to the Newsletter coordinator at:

hollistonca@gmail.com

Hello Holliston! Our ward now includes: Holliston, Nutana, Varsity View, Grosvenor Park, Buena Vista, Haultain, Downtown and Brevoort Park.

First, a shout out to everyone who is doing their part to follow provincial health guidelines to control the spread of Covid 19, and a heartfelt thank you to all who are on the front lines. Exponential growth of cases is a grave concern as our hospitals are reaching maximum capacity. I am reminded of a riddle that puts into sharp focus the dangers if we are not able to control transmission.

*A pond has one lily pad and doubles each day. On day 30 the pond will be full. On what day is the pond **half** full?
(Answer to come)*

Council is back to work in full force, albeit virtually, and the 2021 budget has been adjusted to provide some relief to residents and businesses. Here is a snapshot:

2021
APPROVED Budget

City of
Saskatoon

4 things to know
about the City's 2021 Adjusted Budget
City Council approved December 3, 2020

- ✓ there's a **lower municipal property tax rate of 2.83% for 2021**, (lowest since 2006) down from the previously approved rate of 3.87%.
- ✓ dedicated investments were made to **maintain and deliver the core services, programs and infrastructure** we rely on in our growing city
- ✓ the **financial impact** to the City's budget as a result of the pandemic **has been minimized**
- ✓ the **2021 budget is balanced** as a result of cautious decision making and finding efficiencies

Visit [saskatoon.ca/budget](https://www.saskatoon.ca/budget)

Covid 19 and a record snowfall event put great pressure on the City's budget. Thanks to pandemic funding from the provincial and federal governments, and a one-time draw down of City reserves, Council was able to make these adjustments without reducing services. As the snow crews work to remove the excessive snow piles in our neighbourhoods, please do your part to ensure your vehicle is off the street when the sandwich board signs go up. Wondering when your street will get done? Here is the schedule: www.saskatoon.ca/snow Thank you for your patience as this work is anticipated to take a few more weeks.

The City of Saskatoon is developing a long-term Water Conservation Strategy that aims to provide an action plan of water reduction initia-

tives for indoor and outdoor use in all sectors, including residential; industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors; and the City itself. Get involved by filling out the survey:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/engage/water-conservation-strategy>

Here is the answer to the riddle: **Day 29. The pond will be half-full with lily pads, the day before it is full! When a danger is growing exponentially, everything looks fine until it doesn't.**

Exponential growth of Covid 19 is a grave concern, and I urge everyone to take additional precautions to reduce bubbles and postpone in-person celebrations. This will help to ensure those who require medical care, will receive it.

The worldwide pandemic is turning out to be a marathon; not a sprint– but there is renewed optimism as vaccines start to roll out in our province. The process will take many months, but the end is near. Let's not let this last stretch deter our resolve to flatten the curve. I'm hearing about virtual celebrations and drive-by gifting to keep our spirits bright this holiday season.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy holiday season, and may 2021 soon see us kick Covid 19 to the curb.

Warmest Regards,

Cynthia

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Checkout the Saskatoon public library website for lots of online events and programs to do at home.

I have been privileged in my Real Estate Career to have been serving Saskatoon and area for over 35 years.

We purchased a home in the area at 1322 8th St. East a couple of years back and then undertook a major office conversion to take this charming residential home to “commercial office.”

The area, as you each know is great and provides us all with many amenities (shopping, dining, parks, schools, public transit and ease of access to the University and City Center.

People whom visit our office appreciate the homey atmosphere we offer. We had planned on doing a grand opening this past summer, but now look forward to hosting an event in 2021.

If you are considering a move in your future I would appreciate the opportunity of assisting you with this.



Our Holliston Home Decorating contest was a success. Prizes were donated from BlueCross, Sobeys on 8th st, and Earthbound Bakery. Check out our FB page for the winning photo's!

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*Strong Leadership
 Strong Saskatchewan*