EARC EVERGREEN & ASPEN RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Photo by Julie Cortens

ADVERTISE IN AN **UPCOMING ISSUE**

FALL 2022 Deadline: Aug. 1 **WINTER 2022** Deadline: Nov. 1



REGISTER FOR SPRING SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL APRIL 30 AT EARCA.CA

Registration for Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association's spring softball is available online. The outdoor season runs from May 2-June 30.

Kinderball, for children born in contact Saskatoon Hustlers: 2018 or 2019, will be hosted in saskatoonhustlers.ca. Willowgrove by WUHCA. Registration should be completed through EARCA's CommuniBee Shop (EARCA.ca > Programs > Softball 2022) by April 30.

EARCA partners with the Saskatoon Hustlers to offer Timbits Softball for ages 7 to 11. Go to EARCA.ca >Programs > Softball 2022 for birth year, fees, day of play and format. Registration ends May 15.

EARCA will be looking for coaches for our Timbits teams, so please let us know if you are interested: softball@earca.ca.

If your child is older than U11,

EARCA is currently looking for a community softball coordinator. For more information, connect with EARCA online.

Website: EARCA.ca

EARCA Facebook page: asaskatoonevergreen

"Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association"

Email: info@earca.ca

Spring 2022

EARCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Todd Hardy, EARCA President & Website Coordinator

Hello and goodbye.

As my term comes to an end and I wrap up my presidential duties here at EARCA, I wanted to reflect on the last two years of wonderful people who make up this strong community. From the EARCA Board of Directors, program facilitators, volunteers and participants, we all played a role in keeping ourselves, our neighbours and, most importantly, our kids active and safe. I firmly believe that the tremendous support each of you were able to accomplish through a healthy balance of COVID protocols, mental health recognition and well-executed community programs has earned each of you a pat on the back for a job well done!

Volunteering is a funny thing when you think about it. It's a bunch of people that have no time that commit to things to make those things better for others while being paid in smiles. In that, I'd like to especially thank you, EARCA Directors and recurring board meeting guests, for being an unforgettable cohort of individuals that believe in bettering the community. Your dedication by being self starters, trying new ways to accomplish tasks and putting faith in your peers to let them succeed has created an exemplary group of leaders that will continue to perform amazing things!

COMMUNITY SPRING CLEAN



After the snow melts this Spring, watch the "Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association" page on Facebook for details about our annual community clean-up.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

-- Elizabeth Andrew

Evergreen and Aspen Ridge rock! Stay connected through Facebook (Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association), our website (**earca.ca**) or e-mail (**info@earca.ca**)!

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Todd Hardy, EARCA President



GET INVOLVED

ATTEND THE NEXT EARCA BOARD MEETING — APRIL 4, 7 PM

Attend a community association meeting to discover how you might join in EARCA's mission to create a sense of community and to improve the quality of life of all people in the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods. Contact info@earca.ca for more information.

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Evergreen and Aspen Ridge had four teams registered for the 2021/22 community indoor soccer season. The Mustangs, River Cats, Storm and

Vipers were led by an excellent group of parent volunteer coaches. Their time and commitment has been greatly appreciated.

The 2021/22 season ended March 20 with the Mini Sisco Tournament.

We now are looking forward to the 2022 outdoor soccer season starting up in May. Online registration took place between Feb. 7 and March 6, and outdoor registration numbers have exploded. Please be patient as we organize teams, coaches and equipment. Coaches are essential to community soccer and without volunteers we can not have teams.

Evergreen and Aspen If your business is interested in sponsoring Ridge had four teams our EARCA soccer program, please contact

THANK YOU, DQ!

The new DQ Grill & Chill, serving Evergreen & Aspen Ridge at 1228 Baltzan Blvd., made a generous donation of more than 100 blizzard

coupons for the kids participating in EARCA's community basketball and soccer teams this season.

EARCA COMMUNITY SOCCER REPORT



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the neighbourhood, and thank you for supporting the community, Dairy Queen!

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2022

An exciting Fall/Winter EARCA basketball season, run in conjunction with the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association (SMBA) is coming to a close later in March. Evergreen and Aspen Ridge had seven teams this season — our highest registration to date. Included in those teams was our first Spuds Girls Team (Grade 3/4) and Junior Boys (Grade 9/10). While the Spuds seasons ended in February, the older teams are participating in playoffs.

Thanks to all the volunteer coaches for their time commitment and passion! Thank you also to all parents/caregivers and players. We hope you enjoyed being back in the gym. Registration for Fall 2022/Winter 2023 will take place in later summer/early September. Please watch the EARCA Facebook page and website for updates or contact **basketball@earca.ca**.

Visit **www.smba.ca** for more information on SMBA spring programming.

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Stay tuned to the EARCA Facebook page for the Rattler's Family Day Community Challenge purchase link.

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

SYLVIA FEDORUK SCHOOL UPDATE by Miranda Low, Principal of Sylvia Fedoruk School

Hello from Sylvia Fedoruk School! We hope all of the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge community members are doing well and the worst of winter is behind us. It's such a great feeling knowing that spring is around the corner.

Thank you to EARCA and all the community volunteers for offering activities for our children. Our students love using the rink, and they love participating in all the evening events. We hope our gyms can continue to be used this spring and next fall for community activities.

Here are some informational items and FAQ's about our school:

1. What is the SFS enrollment?

We currently have 690 students at SFS, and we are projected to have 750 students next year. Class sizes always remain between 24-30 students, we just have more of them. SFS will receive two portable classrooms this summer.

2. How do I register for kindergarten?

Please visit our website for more information or contact our front office at 306-683-7520. We currently have 58 students registered for kindergarten in the fall. If your child is 5 years old by Jan. 31, 2023, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten. We will have an inperson Sneak Peek in the spring for all registered K students.

3. What is happening with the traffic and parking around Sylvia Fedoruk School?

In 2014, City of Saskatoon officials knew that having two crosswalks on either side of a parking lot, where both staff and parents parked, would not be an ideal situation. However, the design was approved and we have inherited a very unique parking situation. School division officials and the City of Saskatoon representatives are meeting this spring to discuss options for future growth and traffic. We understand that parents are blocking traffic on Evergreen Boulevard and parking in front of neighbours' homes. We are doing our best to inform and educate parents about better options. If you would like to help us remove the snow piles, you can contact the Service Saskatoon Customer Care Centre at (306) 975-2476.

4. When do I register my child for the fall if we are joining Sylvia Fedoruk School?

We are accepting all NEW registrations anytime. The sooner a family informs their new school and existing school, the better prepared we are for the fall. Our first two days of school are Sept. 1 and 2. We will offer tours for new families in late August. Please call the main office at 306-683-7520 to register.

Learn more about Sylvia Fedoruk School on our website: spsd.sk.ca.

REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

by Robyn Flaman, Principal of St. Nicholas Catholic School

St. Nicholas Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. Families with children who will be 5 years old by January 31, 2023, can complete a registration form for Kindergarten online at: gscs.ca/nic. You may also take a virtual Kindergarten tour on our school website.

Email st.nicholas@gscs.ca or phone 306-659-7960 if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you!



DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS KEEP UP THE COMMUNITY RINK

Thanks to a willing group of volunteers who kept it in good condition, the community outdoor rink was a very busy place this season. It is well-used by children and adults alike.

It is not an easy task to keep up with shoveling and flooding. At times, there were no volunteers who could make it and other community members stepped in to help with shoveling. In addition to their time, other community members have donated tools and financial resources toward the upkeep of the rink

A huge thank you to all volunteers for the time and energy put into the maintenance of the rink this season. You are all greatly appreciated!

If you wish to volunteer or have ideas for rink activities or fundraising for necessary rink upgrades and maintenance, please email the EARCA rink coordinator, rink@earca.ca.



BGC SASKATOON UPDATES by Jennifer Draper, Boys & Girls Club of Saskatoon

The waitlist for the Evergreen Early Learning Centre is currently sitting at two to three years. To join the waitlist, visit: https:// app.waitlistplus.com/EvergreenELC/Portal/ Signup.

Summer camp registration for BCC will be opening soon, as well as before and after school care for the 2022-2023 school year. Watch the BGC social media pages for updates.





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ASPEN RIDGE: 'ECOLOGICAL PRESERVATION AT ITS CORE'

Article and photos by Samantha Roberts, Aspen Ridge community member, @swalelife on Instagram

Our family of four moved on to Fast Crescent in Aspen Ridge in mid-2019, and we have loved every minute of it so far. We were looking for a forever home that backed onto green space such as a park or a playground, and we fell in love with the Northeast Swale as soon as we saw it.



Living in Aspen Ridge makes you feel like you live in the country while still being close to city amenities. There are many trails both in and around the Swale where you can go walking, snowshoeing, geo-caching or even tobogganing.

On a personal note, I am a biology/photography teacher and living by the Northeast Swale has been a dream for both of my passions. I have spent many days photographing storms, sunsets, deer, porcupines, coyotes, owls and sharp-tailed grouse. I have also enjoyed witnessing many interactions amongst the wildlife including a bald eagle hunting Canada Geese and a momma harrier dive-bombing a baby deer who got too close to her nest.

Aspen Ridge is described as a "community designed with ecological preservation at its core" and it is a little slice of paradise in the Northeast end of Saskatoon. I strongly recommend you stop by and experience our wonderful community, and I hope you will stay to enjoy a gorgeous Aspen Ridge sunset.





EVERGREEN AND ASPEN RIDGE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

President

The President strives to have EARCA's objectives realized through program delivery, activities and communications.

Secretary

The Secretary provides administrative and clerical support to the board through the timely and accurate collection and sharing of information directly related to its activities. The Secretary ensures that the Board is well informed and that its activities are well documented for the use of Board members, the Governance Committee and relevant government bodies.

Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator promotes the Association by preparing and arranging for distribution of the Association's newsletter, facilitating social media and website communications and assisting with revenue generating advertising opportunities.

Website Coordinator

The Website Coordinator works cooperatively

with the Executive Board to understand functional requirements and make technology recommendations to help the Executive Board and Members be more efficient and effective.



Softball Coordinator

The Softball Coordinator is responsible for the organization and management of Community Softball. Working in conjunction with Hustlers Softball Association, the Softball Coordinator will facilitate registration, team creation and equipment management.

Members at Large

Members at Large are voting members of the Board of Directors with no specific responsibilities unless assigned on an ad-hoc basis. This is a great board entry position to learn about the operations of the Board and Community Associations.

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