

## SATURDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 9AM-1PM

Where: Meet at the southwest corner of Optimist Park for a safe needle pickup talk. Bins will be next to the park between Ave K & L.

### What to Bring:

Gloves (we'll have extras!)

Closed toe shoes/boots

Tongs/rake

We will provide garbage bags!



LAST YEAR WE SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED OVER 8,300KGS OF TRASH FROM OUR BACK ALLEYS AND STREETS. COME ON OUT AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND TIDY THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

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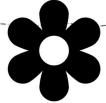
### President's Message

Firstly, thank you to everyone for helping make King George a great community!

It has been a crazy year, who would have expected a pandemic would change the way we live in the twenty first century? Hopefully by the time this newsletter is out things are getting back to normal. Maybe the experience has taught us to **enjoy** family, friends, and life so much more! Oh, ... and the valuable commodity of toilet paper.

Come out and meet everyone at the **Community Clean Up!** 

Ken Ollenberg, KGCA President









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### Update on KG School Amalgamation

#### Three Schools Into One

In March 2020, the Saskatoon School Board announced that King George, Princess Alexandra, and Pleasant Hill schools would be replaced by a new school built at the Princess Alexandra site. This came as a surprise to community members as absolutely ZERO community consultation was done before this announcement. The school board continues to stall on impactful community consultation with the affected areas (King George, Pleasant Hill, Riversdale). The KGCA has been working and doing community consultation for them and we have made progress with relaying the community's concerns to them. They have become open to more school replacement options but we still need more information!

### Loss of Community Space

The schoolboard says they are now only considering two options: their original plan of a new school at the Princess Alexandra site -or- a new site at Optimist Park. The Princess Alexandra site continues to have numerous safety concerns that the School Board ignores: railway tracks, busy  $20^{\text{th}}$  &  $22^{\text{nd}}$  street traffic and poorly maintained pedestrian footpaths. Check out **Cliff Germain – YouTube** for video perspectives of the site!

Optimist Park is a beautiful location, but the community would lose valuable park space with it. As well, walking routes to the park are still through industrial areas, unpaved, busy with heavy traffic, and students from outside KG would have to cross rail lines.

### Loss of Heritage Building

The School Board continues to want to dump the King George site and will not entertain any plans to build a new school alongside the old. We have had community members draw up plans that would integrate a beautiful new building in with the beautiful castle school, but it seems the School Board does not want the hassle. So, questions remain, what will happen to the King George School building and site? Will it be sold and knocked down? Will it get heritage designation? Will it become a community building and serve some use? Will it be 'promised' and then left to rot? These are all questions and anxieties that have not been addressed. We refuse to lose the heart of the King George Community, so we need to keep pressing.

### What's Next?

We still need consultation, we still need answers, and we still need to fight for what the community wants. If you have concerns about the School Board's plans, contact us **@kgcask on Facebook** or at **kgcasak@gmail.com**.

But more importantly, CONTACT THEM! Tell them your opinion!



### **Your Community Association**

President: Ken Ollenberg

Vice-President: Rachelle Hall Secretary: Lauren Achtemichuk

Treasurer: Kevin Koerting

Communications Coordinator: Tammy Ollenberg

Outdoor Coordinator: Karen Jensen Indoor Coordinator: Anita Shumanski

Safety & Civics Coordinator: Donna Leszko

Members at Large: Tor Lokken

### Come to our AGM!

### October 17th @ 7pm

It will most likely be on Zoom, so keep an eye out on our Facebook for more details & how to attend. We love to meet our community members and you do not need to wait for the AGM to get involved. Contact us today!

### KGCA MEETINGS

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. We currently meet over Zoom. To get the Zoom link to attend, reach out to us on Facebook @kgcask or email us at kgcasask@gmail.com

You do not need to take on a position or volunteer regularly to attend meetings. All members of the community are members of the KGCA. Come on out and meet your neighbours!

# **HAPPY SPRING!**

### Hello King George!

Thank you for putting your trust in me to be your representative for another four years. This winter has been a challenging time for all of us and I couldn't be happier to be seeing signs of spring all around. Our community has been at the center of the school board's school amalgamation project and your Community Association and I have been leading the call for better consultation with affected communities and proactive thinking about the future of the school site and it's ongoing service to the neighbourhood. We hope you'll stay tuned and take every opportunity to have your priorities heard.

If you aren't already getting my monthly updates by email, check them out and subscribe at hilaryyxe.com. I hope to connect soon!

Hilary Gough

For monthly updates: www.hilaryyxe.com

Get in touch:

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### Pick a Plot for the Summer!

Are you dreaming of what you'd like to plant in your **King George & Riversdale Community Garden** plot this summer? We are too!

We had a very successful gardening season last year, and hope many of you will join us this year.

To learn what plots are still available contact Karen at 306 260-6678 or email CommunityGardenKGR@gmail.com.

### **Garden Events:**

Seed Exchange & Work Bee: Thurs. May 27 7-8pm

Plant empty plots: Thurs. June 3, 8-9pm

Composting workshop: TBD

Woodchips: Tues. July 13, 7-8pm

Weeding: Sun. Aug. 8, 11-12pm

Happy Harvest Potluck Party \$10 return! Wed. Sept. 22, 6-8pm

If you would like to improve the garden and connect better with other gardeners, please let us know. You are welcome to help improve our garden - we could use a hand.





## Plant some pollinator friendly flowers this year:

A low maintenance Clover lawn mix

Sunflowers

Monarda

Blue Flax

Prairie Smoke

Short's Aster

Milkweed

Purple Prairie Clover

Hollyhocks

Bergamot





### Crime Prevention

The warm weather is with us again, and unfortunately, it means thieves will be checking out yards and sheds again. Theft and B&Es continue to be the main crimes occurring in King George. To see a map of reported crimes in Saskatoon & King George check out <a href="https://map.saskatoonpolice.ca/">https://map.saskatoonpolice.ca/</a>.



#### Vehicle Break-Ins

- Remove all valuables from the vehicle
- Close and lock all windows and doors
- Try to park in well-lit areas
- If possible, have exterior and/or motion lights on your residence or lighting up your driveway/parking area
- Remove spare sets of keys from the vehicle
- Secure tool boxes with locks
- Remove any identification cards and/or registrations from the vehicle

### Residential and Business Break-Ins

- Before leaving, check to see if all doors and windows on your property are locked and secured.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles.
- Install exterior and/or motion lights to illuminate the area if possible.
- If financially able to, install an alarm system and/or exterior cameras for both garage and house doors and windows.
- Keep a record of information for bicycles, tools, electronics, etc. Register your bike at Saskatoonpolice.ca/obr or Project529.com
- Consider marking tools and equipment with permanent initials or engravings.

• If away for a significant period of time, ask someone that you know to come by and check the property, gather any front door mail and to shovel the snow/cut the grass.



Have you heard of SCAN? If you suspect drug sales or illegal activity at an address, report it anonymously!

Toll Free

1-855-933-6411

Or

### Report Online

https://www.saskatche wan.ca/residents/justic e-crime-and-thelaw/your-rights-andthe-law/keeping-yourneighbourhood-safe

Remember to report any suspicious vehicles or persons in your neighborhood to Police! Without any interaction, attempt to provide the police with a description or license plate numbers.

### Health and Wellness

### Instructions on Not Giving Up by Ada Limón

More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees that really gets to me. When all the shock of white and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath, the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin growing over whatever winter did to us, a return to the strange idea of continuous living despite the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then, I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.





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### Laugh a bit!

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay they'd be called BAGELS!

What do you call a pig that does karate? A Pork Chop!

What has more lives that a cat? A frog, it croaks every single night!



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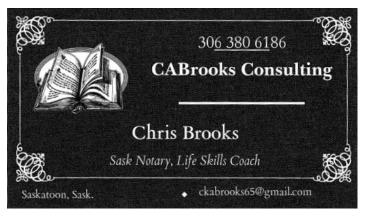
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THE 5 W'S OF LIFE - WHO you are is what makes you special, do not change for anyone. WHAT lies ahead will always be a mystery, don't be afraid to explore. WHEN life pushes you over, you push back harder. WHERE there are choices to make, make the one that you won't regret. WHY things happen will never be certain, take it in stride and move forward.



1009 Avenue P South Phone 306 934 2887 info@lazerautobody.ca





radiance cohousing

### Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

If you haven't noticed, we have two new developments on Ave L, **Radiance Co-Housing** and **Optimist View.** 



We'd love to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbours who have moved in. We hope you enjoy the King George area!



### Dear King George Community,

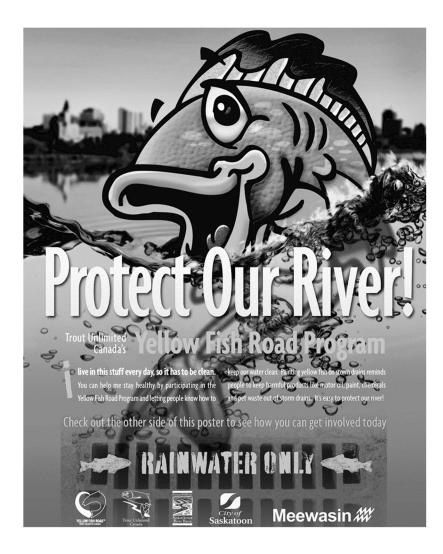
I want to send a hello to the community members of King George and the members of our school community! It has definitely been a different year in teaching and learning, however, the pandemic has brought us closer as a school community. We want to thank the community association once again for our good relations between community and school. As the saying goes, "It takes a community to raise a child" and the King George Community live this everyday with their continued support to the school. At King George Community School we pride ourselves in being culturally responsive and hold the belief that any child can succeed given the right supports! We value the strengths and gifts each family brings to our school and honor their voices. We want to thank the Community Association for their continued efforts on supporting the community with programming.

King George Community School is pleased to offer a **Full Day PreK** program for 4year olds (Monday to Thursday), **a Full Day K program** (Monday to Friday) and a **half day PreK** program for 3year olds for the 2021-2022 school year. Please look on our King George School Website for applications or call Miss Jen at the front office at (306) 683-7310.

Kind Regards,

Tammy Wuttunee Principal King George Community School

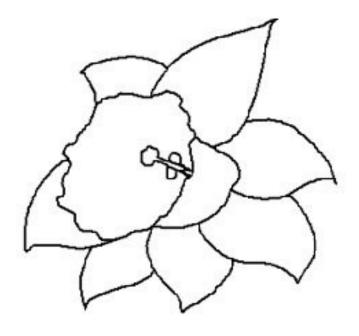




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## \*FREE\* Spring 2021 Programming

To register, go to our website **kgcommunity.org/programs** and fill out the form. These will be small, outdoor classes that will comply with COVID safety protocols, so sign up soon to get a spot!

CLASS	AGES	DATE	TIME
YOGA	All ages	May 17-July 5	Mondays 7:00-7:45pm
DRAWING	10-16yrs	May 16- July 4	Sundays 1:00-1:45pm
ZUMBA	All ages	May 21-July 9	Fridays 7:00-7:45pm
SPORTS MISH-MASH	3-4yrs 5-7yrs 8-10yrs 11-14yrs	May 15- July 3 May 15- July 3 May 16- July 4 May 15- July 3	Saturdays 10:00-10:45am Saturdays 11:00-11:45am Sundays 1:00-1:45pm Saturdays 1:00-1:45pm
NATURE WALKS	5-14yrs	May 16- July 4	Sundays 11:00am-Noon

*If you do not have access to email/internet, fill out this form to register. *			
Name:			
Contact Info (phone#):			
Program(s):			
Drop off this form at our <b>drop box at King George School</b> and we'll get in touch with			
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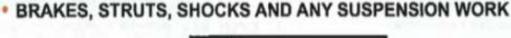
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