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New Businesses Bringing Life to 15th Ave

Several new businesses have moved into the Heritage neighbourhood throughout the winter months, including new spots on 11th Avenue and 15th Avenue. One such venture that is creating a lot of buzz in the neighbourhood is the shared business space of Malty National Brewing, 33 1/3 Coffee Roasters and T & A Vinyl. Located on 1100 block 15th Avenue, the once abandoned building is now home to three thriving businesses, featuring locally brewed beer (Malty National Brewing), locally roasted coffee (33 1/3 Coffee Roasters) and a treasure trove of vintage goods and records (T & A Vinyl).

The whole thing came together when Heritage residents Adam Smith and Kelsey Beach wanted to find a location for their proposed microbrewery. They wanted to stay in the neighbourhood, but also have a space that could become a community hub. Through discussions, 33 1/3 Coffee Roasters and T & A Vinyl soon came on board. The latter two opened in December, with Malty National opening at the end of March.

“We are overwhelmed with the support we have had from the community,” said Kelsey Beach, co-owner of Malty National Brewing. “Our opening week greatly exceeded our



*Above: Street signage at 1130 15th Avenue
Above Right: Kelsey Beach of Malty National Brewing and Eric Galbraith of 33 1/3 Coffee Roasters
Right: Malty National Brewing*

expectations - we are so thankful for the support that has made this all happen.”

All three businesses are now in full operation. Check them out online to see hours of operation. And make sure this spring to take a wander down 15th Avenue and pop into the space.



A Day in the life of a Regina Parking Enforcement Officer

By Ward 3 City Councillor Shawn Fraser



New parking meters on 11th Ave run on solar power and accept credit cards.

While it takes literally thousands of hardworking people to make the City of Regina run, there is one civic job that has always struck me as particularly hard and thankless: Parking Enforcement.

With that in mind, I got in touch with Linda Brailean, the head of Regina’s Parking Services, to arrange a walk along and try to learn more about what being a Parking Enforcement Officer is like.

Parking Services is on the 13th floor of City Hall. I arrived on a Monday morning and the boardroom table was covered in Tim Horton’s cups and radios.

“Welcome!” said Linda, shaking my hand.

“Do any of you know who this is?” she asked, turning to crew in florescent vests sitting around the table.

13 legitimately stumped faces stared back at me. No one raised a hand.

“Well, this is Councillor Fraser. He’s here today to do a walk along and learn more about Parking Services.”

Awkward silence.

“Like Undercover Boss?” asked one of the Enforcers, whose name I eventually learned was Mark.

They were in the middle of a daily meeting. It was part motivational speech, part parking bylaw lesson. Some Enforcers had questions. Others had experiences to share.

All and all the mood was upbeat and the meeting ended with Linda saying, ‘Alright, you guys go out and make some friends.’

I was partnered with Ric Monohan. Ric has been with Parking Enforcement for 17 years.

We went to the main floor, did up our coats, and headed South from City Hall. The second car we came across had parked pretty far from the meter. We walked right by.

‘Aren’t you going to ticket that?’ I ask Ric.

“It’s allowed to be 2 m from the parking meter. That one’s maybe only 4 ft.”

Parking too far from a meter has always seemed to me like a petty thing for the City to ticket for, but I realized 6 ft is actually a long ways. You’d have to pretty distracted to park farther than the height of Kevin Bacon from a meter.

We move along.

It’s about 15 minutes into our walk before we come across the first infraction. We are on 14th Avenue, just behind First Presbyterian Church. A blue Hyundai is parked too close to the alley. The bylaw states that you have to leave 2 m, enough room for cars coming out of the alley to see what is about to hit them. The rear fender of the Hyundai in question is -1.5 ft into the alley. This car would definitely make it hard for someone to safely turn.

Humans of Heritage -

Profiles of residents of the Heritage neighbourhood

Photos and Stories By Nichole Huck



Meet Hamdi Diriye

Hamdi is 13 years old and is in Gr. 8 at Thomson School. Her family fled conflict in Somalia before she was born and she was born and raised in a refugee camp in Kenya. She came to Regina when she was nine years old and her first memory of arriving in Canada in February was being afraid of the white stuff on the ground.

"I had never seen snow before, I told my mom I don't want to go outside."

Hamdi has been paying attention to the news and knows there are hundreds of refugees from Syria coming to Regina.

"I'm happy people want to help them. Here there is enough food and there is peace. I come from a country with war, I know what it's like. I hope there is a girl my age who comes so I can help her."

Hamdi very outgoing and has made a lot of friends in Regina, she offers this advice to newcomers.

"Don't be shy, don't put yourself in a corner, go out there and meet people."

Meet Megan Desjardins

Megan moved to Regina from Toronto last spring. She and her husband moved into the Heritage Neighbourhood and on her first day in Regina, City Council approved a new brewery (Malty National) at the end of her street.

"There are lots of things I like about living here: the friendly people I've met, the great local businesses, the HCA, and the location - I can walk, bike, or bus to everything I need, and don't need to own a car."

Megan joined the board within a few months of moving to Regina.

"Feeling connected to the community I live in is very important to me and I thought joining the Heritage Community Association would be a good way to meet others in the community and be directly involved in what's happening in the neighbourhood."

Megan will soon be in charge of updating the community signs. If this is something you think you'd like to help with contact the Heritage Community Association. Or if you would like more information about being a member of the Heritage Community Association Board please contact heritage.director@sasktel.net or phone (306) 757-9952.



A Day in the life of a Regina Parking Enforcement Officer - Cont'd From Page 1

Ric writes the ticket and I wait for the car’s owner, presumably some fuming-mad, muscle-man to come charging out of one of the neighbouring apartments.

But no one comes and we move on.

‘So what happens when someone comes up just as you are writing a ticket?’ I ask.

‘If we can get cooperation, get them to move, then we have accomplished our job. But once a ticket is written, it’s in the system and there is nothing the Enforcement Officer can do.’

We come up to the corner of Rae and 12th Ave. A van is about to park right on the corner, completely blocking the well-marked wheel chair ramp. A man opens the door, steps out, sees us, and in one motion steps back in the van and starts it up.

‘Hi men. Can’t park there I guess hey?’

No, I guess you can’t park there.

He’s off down the street and everybody stays cool.

‘We try to talk to as many as possible,’ Ric says. ‘Most cooperate.’

Ric tells me that Parking Enforcement has

pretty high turn over. Generally people last for a year or two and then move on. The job pays a little less than what a City Councillor makes. It has benefits but no pension plan.

I asked Ric if he ever has to deal with grouchy people.

He says absolutely but that the attitude is improving.

‘When I started people threw stuff at us.’ But things have changed over the years. He figures only about 1% of people are disrespectful. Most people realize that Parking Enforcers are just doing their job.

We wonder down 11th Ave. Past the new heated bus shelters, past the new parking meters that accept credit cards.

We walk into Heritage, past the LB, up Halifax Street, barely make it around a Huuuge mud puddle covering the sidewalk across from the Marian Centre, then head back down 11th.

We are just in front of Flip on Hamilton when we run into Mark, the enforcer who thinks I’m playing Undercover Boss. Today Mark’s a Parking Ambassador. Instead of ticketing, he walks around downtown and hands out pamphlets to people on Regina’s parking rules.

Parking Ambassadors is a program that Regina started last summer. On days he is a Parking Ambassador Mark interacts with dozens of people. He says that many of them first presume the ‘Understanding Parking’ pamphlet he is handing them is actually a ticket, but are grateful once they understand what he is doing.

While ticketing itself can curb behavior, Mark points out that it can be hard for people to learn when they are angry or defensive because they’ve just gotten a ticket.

And the approach seems to be working. Regina has seen a marked decrease in repeat offenders since the launch of the program.

Ric and I head back to City Hall. It’s been a nice morning. The weather was beautiful, no one was rude to us, and we were able to help more people than we ticketed.

It turns out being a Parking Enforcer isn’t as bad as I thought it would be.

If you’d like to know Regina’s Parking rules there is an easy to follow pamphlet. It is available at the Heritage Community Centre, the Cathedral Community Centre, main floor of City Hall, or by visiting my website www.shawnfraser.ca



How To Throw A Block Party

By Nichole Huck

Throwing a block parties is a terrific way to get to know your neighbours. While nothing is stopping you from just opening your backyard to strangers, the City of Regina has special rules in place if you actually want to shut down your street for a period of time.

First off, you need to get a permit from the City. It costs \$30 to apply and that covers the cost of someone from the city dropping off/picking up official block party barricades.

To get a permit you need to apply a minimum of 3 weeks before your party and have 2/3rd’s of the people on your block sign a petition saying they want to have the party.

While this may seem like a big pain in the butt, it’s really a great chance for to talk to people face to face, talk up the event, and even find out if your neighbours have any special skills ex. Do they play an instrument? Are they amazing at making pies? Do they have a huge collection of hula-hoops?

There are some rules: There’s no booze allowed on city property, you can’t block a street that has a bus route, and you need to turn the music off by 10pm, but other than that you have a lot of freedom to make it your own.

We are lucky in the Heritage neighbourhood because we have the Good Neighbour Community Grant Program available through the HCA where folks can apply for a grant up to \$500 to support projects that demonstrate innovative, unique and motivating ideas that show how good neighbour actions will help to accomplish HCA’s Mission. Throwing a block party falls into this category. More information on how to apply is available on the HCA website.

More information on block parties (including the application for a permit) can be found on the City of Regina website.

Central Zone Outdoor Soccer



May 16 - June 25, 2016

This co-ed, recreational, no-cut soccer league is open to all **ages 4-15** living in the Central Zone (Al Ritchie, Cathedral, Center Square, Heritage, Eastview, and North Central). All players will receive t-shirts and medals.

Under 6 teams will play once a week on Wednesdays (6:30pm). All other ages will play twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6:30pm & 7:30pm). A detailed schedule of games will be released after registration closes.

Location(s): Core Park, Parkdale Park, Gocki Park, and Les Sherman Park

Cost: Ages 4-5: \$35.00 | Ages 6+: \$55.00
Fee sponsorship may be available

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 29th, 2016

Please visit heritagecommunityassociation.com for more information.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Heritage Community Association Inc.
will be held on
Wednesday, June 15th, 2016
at the Heritage Community Association
#100 - 1654 11th Avenue
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

You must be a member of the Association to attend. Association memberships are available to Heritage residents for a minimum of **\$5** and to Heritage businesses for a minimum donation of **\$20**.

Memberships must be purchased in advance of the AGM
Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 12:00
Please RSVP your attendance to (306) 757-9952

Becoming a member of the Heritage Community Association is a great way to support the association and stay informed about HCA programs and events. All donations are tax deductible.
The minimum donation for residents is **\$5.00**; non-residents is **\$20.00**.
All memberships are valid for 1 year after purchase.

Membership Form

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2015 Harvest Moon Festival

Story by HCA Junior Reporter Mackenzie Saxby, Photos by Nichole Huck

The Harvest Moon Festival took place in September in the Heritage neighborhood. The Harvest Moon Festival takes place every year in Maple Leaf Park. Small businesses from around the neighborhood set up booths to participate in the festival and sell their product. There's music, dancing, and it's tons of fun!

This year, a man came with his snakes. There were 3 snakes: a large white pine snake, a smaller red and black one and a tiny rat snake that could fit in the palm of your hand. The snakes were one of my favorite parts of the festival. The man would let you hold the snakes and even put them around your neck!

Then there was the Air Band competition. Families and different groups went up and performed to all sorts of songs. I remember one of the silliest ones, a group performed to the "What Does the Fox Say" song. They dressed up as the different animals, too! The Air Bands were super cool; I think it was a good thing to do, to get different groups from all around the neighborhood to participate. There was a lot of hard work put into these performances and they were all great. Performances included a group of ladies in Painter's suits, a crazy 80's performance, the "Rawhide" song, and others among them. I think that choreography was really good, too.

There were also crafts and a Dino Bouncer. Lots of kids enjoyed jumping and making the craft, although I can't remember what it was. There were other things like a FadaDance performance and there was even a fire dance at the end, but I didn't get to see it.

And the booths; there were different booths lined up and down the sidewalk, selling all kinds of things from jewelry to clothing! It was fun to look at all of the different booths and see what they were selling. The booths were all local, and I think that it was a good chance to advertise their businesses.

Things like the Harvest Moon Festival are what make the Heritage Neighborhood a great place. Things where the community gets to all go to one place and have fun dancing, "air-banding" and other things like that.

Write for Heritage Happenings! Mackenzie is 13 years old and lives in the Heritage neighbourhood. You can be like Mackenzie and be a guest writer for the Heritage Happenings newspaper! Contact the HCA office at heritage.director@sasktel.net or by phone at (306) 757 9952 for more information.



Thanks to the continued support of the City of Regina!

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