# White City inSight.Q



A monthly newsletter providing residents of White City with need-to-know information regarding Town events, programs, and service reminders. White City, SK 14 Ramm Ave East Box 220 Station Main 306 781 2355

Visit our website whitecity.ca

# Registration is now open for Summer Play Program 2024!

See Page 12 for more information on how to register.

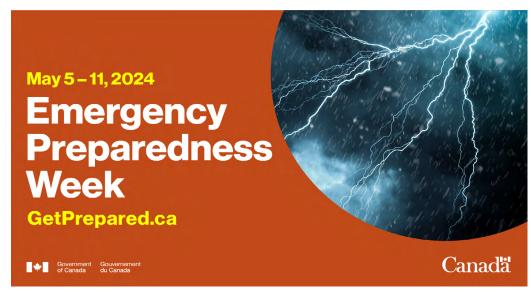
PLUS: Check out our job postings for Summer Play Coordinators and Leaders!

# **Councillor Blog**

Welcome back fellow residents of White City (and those reading from the surrounding area) for the May 2024 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog will focus on Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5 to 11, 2024), what types of emergencies our community is vulnerable to, and provide you with some tips on how you can prepare for an emergency.

From blizzards and severe storms to wildfires and floods, our landscape presents unique challenges that require proactive preparedness and swift response. Let's take a moment to explore some of the potential emergencies we may encounter:

- 1. Severe Weather Events: We know Saskatchewan weather conditions can quickly become extreme, including blizzards, thunderstorms, and high winds or tornadoes. These events can cause widespread damage, power outages, and transportation disruptions that would warrant an emergency response.
- 2. Floods: Heavy rainfall or rapid snowmelt can lead to localized flooding, affecting homes, roads, and infrastructure.
- **3. Pandemics and Epidemics:** If there's one thing the COVID-19 pandemic taught us, it's that being prepared is an essential part of managing an emergency. Epidemics and pandemics call for isolation orders that may require individuals to self-sustain themselves for days at a time.
- **4. Human-Made Disasters:** While less common, incidents such as chemical spills, bomb threats, transportation accidents, or industrial incidents can pose significant risks to public safety and the environment.



As we prepare for Emergency Preparedness Week, it's essential to recognize the potential hazards we face and take proactive measures to mitigate risks and ensure our community's safety. This includes having a comprehensive emergency plan in place, assembling emergency kits, and staying informed about local emergency protocols and resources.

## **Utilizing Technology in Emergencies**

In today's digital age, technology plays a crucial role in keeping us connected. During emergencies, these tools become even more vital in helping us communicate and stay informed. Here are some tips to maximize the use of technology during such times:

- Opt for non-voice channels like text messaging, email, or social media as they consume less bandwidth and may remain functional when voice communications fail.
- Sign up for our Voyent Alert! System to receive emergency alerts via text message or phone call.
- If using a phone, keep conversations brief and convey only essential information to conserve battery and reduce network congestion.

- Keep a charger for your mobile device in your emergency kit and consider alternative power sources like solar-powered or crank chargers.
- Maintain updated contacts on your phone and other channels for easy communication with important contacts.
- Conserve your smartphone's battery by adjusting settings and closing unnecessary apps.

Remember, to report an emergency, call 9-1-1 for help. Our first responders in the community work around the clock to assist residents and save lives. For non-emergencies, contact the White Butte RCMP by calling 306-781-5050, or the Town Office at 306-781-2355.

#### Preparing Your 72-Hour Kit

In an emergency, being self-sufficient for at least 72 hours is crucial. Here's what you'll need:

- Basic supplies such as food, water, and a batteryoperated flashlight should be organized and easily accessible.
- Store your emergency kit in a portable container like a backpack or suitcase with wheels for easy transport.
- Consider personalizing grab-and-go kits for each household member to ensure everyone's needs are met.
- Keep your emergency kit in a readily accessible location, such as your front-hall closet.

To further support our community's preparedness efforts, we'll be giving away a 72-hour emergency kit on our social media platforms! Stay tuned on our Instagram and Facebook pages for details on how to participate.

#### **Community Preparedness**

While the Town of White City's Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) Committee is continuously training and preparing for disasters, we need our residents to be equally prepared. By taking proactive steps to assemble emergency kits and staying informed about technology usage during emergencies, we can ensure our community's resilience in the face of adversity.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the Government of Canada's Emergency Preparedness website: https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/ index-en.aspx

Let's work together to prioritize safety and preparedness in our town. Remember, being ready today can make all the difference tomorrow.

Stay safe, stay prepared, and stay connected.

If you have any questions, have a comment, want more information, or want to suggest a topic for a future blog please email townoffice@whitecity.ca or call 306-781-2355 – we look forward to hearing from you!





-Mayor Brian Fergusson

May 2024

# **Event Calendar** May 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Branch Chipping Begins		1 Toddler & Me 9 AM	2 Forever in Motion 10 AM Running & Strength 7:30 PM	3	4
5	6	7 Forever in Motion 10 AM	8 Toddler & Me 9 AM	9 Forever in Motion 10 AM Running & Strength 7:30 PM	10 Branch Chipping Ends	11
12	13 Leaf Bag Pick Up Begins Committee of the Whole Meeting	14 Forever in Motion 10 AM	15 Toddler & Me 9 AM	16 Forever in Motion 10 AM Running & Strength 7:30 PM	17	18
19	20	21 Forever in Motion 10 AM	22 Clean Up Bins Open Toddler & Me 9 AM Ceramics Class 6:30 PM	23 Forever in Motion 10 AM Running & Strength 7:30 PM	24 Leaf Bag Pick Up Ends	25
26	27 Council & Committee of the Whole Meeting	28 Forever in Motion 10 AM	29 Toddler & Me 9 AM	30 Clean Up Bins Close Forever in Motion 10 AM Running & Strength 7:30 PM	at the W	happening /hite City ee Page 13.

All events are held at the White City Community Centre - 12 Ramm Avenue East unless otherwise posted in Program Information.



# **Program Information**

# Toddler & Me

A space for parents and caregivers to connect and unwind while children enjoy self-directed play. Toys and mats will be available for use. FREE. Last day of program May 29, 2024. 9:00 AM - Noon Wednesdays

# **Forever in Motion**

For older adults who want to keep fit and have fun – without worrying about a body "break"! FREE. Extended to May 30, 2024. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Tuesdays & Thursdays

# **Running & Strength Class**

Designed for beginner and intermediate levels but is open to anyone and everyone! Each class will incorporate running (or walking) and strength training into one fun class per week. \$15 Drop-In. 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM Thursdays

## **Committee & Council Meetings**

All meetings are open to the public and held in Council Chambers at 14 Ramm Ave East. Please note there is no Committee of the Whole meeting on April 15.

May 13: Committee of the Whole Meeting - 7 PM

May 27: Committee of the Whole Meeting - 4 PM

May 27: Regular Council Meeting – 7 PM

## **Ceramics Workshop**

Participants will create 10 to 15 handmade ceramic garden markers using clay and underglaze. The items created will be taken to Buffalo Beans Studio for drying and glaze firing. Art created will be available for pick-up 2 weeks later. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM \$40.00/ class Wednesday, May 22 (FULL) & June 19, 2024



## **Upcoming Programs**

## SUMMER PLAY PROGRAM

Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Half Day)

Registration opens for White City residents on Wednesday **May 1 at 9 AM**.

Registration opens for non-residents on Wednesday **May 15 at 9 AM**.

For more information and for the registration QR code,



check out Page 12!

ZUMBA CLASS

More details coming soon!

Weeks of program:

- July 8th to 12th
- July 15th to 19th
- July 22nd to 26th
- July 29th to August 2nd
- August 6th to 9th
- August 12th to 16th
- August 19th to 23rd



**Crocus** Art Show & Sale Saturday May 18, 10 - 5 Sunday May 19, 12 - 4 Featuring Talented Artists Exciting Vendors

Pilot Butte Arena (East Entrance - 2nd Door)

Admission is FREE!

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May 2024

# **Council Summaries**

## April 2, 2024 - Committee of the Whole

The Consent Agenda, comprising of Committee Meeting Minutes and Payroll and Accounts Ratification, was approved without discussion. Department Reports were presented, covering Business Operations, Public Works and Parks, Recreation and Culture activities. Notable points included plans for tree planting along the TransGas pipeline, completion of Splash Park upgrades, and considerations for the Summer Sizzle event based on public feedback. The Violence Prevention Policy was discussed, with focus on insurance coverage, and reporting procedures. The Committee requested to amend the policy have two positions added to the list of persons protected by this policy and for additional information on how it applies to first responders. The policy, including amendments, was recommended to Council for approval. The meeting then moved into a closed session to discuss Department Reports, concluding with no further resolutions or discussions.



## April 2, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting

The Consent Agenda, including minutes and accounts, was approved without discussion. The Town Manager report was presented and Council approved the report with no discussion. New Business included two items: The Fire Training Grounds and Council Renumeration. Having generated \$10.0K in rental revenues, the Fire Training Grounds was discussed and Council considered reinvesting these earnings into infrastructure updates, this was approved due to its positive revenue generation and potential for growth. Council members also discussed and ultimately denied a raise in Council Remuneration. Two bylaws were addressed and approved: Bylaw No. 703-24 for long-term borrowing related to the WCRM158 Wastewater Authority's project and Chuka Ponds development, and Bylaw No. 704-24, replacing an old Curfew Bylaw, which was passed unanimously. During the roundtable, councillors provided updates from various community meetings. The closed session resulted in two resolutions: awarding Waste Disposal Services RFP to Loraas Disposal South for five years and accepting a Confidential Business Case, directing administration to proceed with a project with a budget of \$7.5K.

> The next Committee of the Whole meeting is on May 13, 2024 at 7 PM. The next Regular Council meeting is on May 27, 2024 at 7 PM.



## Want more information?

Read past summaries and full summaries of Council and Committee meetings by visiting our website whitecity.ca/p/meeting-summaries or scan this QR Code: Plus check out our Event Calendar on the next page for dates and times of meetings and attend in-person!



# **Public Works**

Spring clean up bins are scheduled for May 22-30, 2024 and will be located near the Splash Park on Lipsett Street.

Please do not overfill the bins, if the bin is full please hold on to your items. Public Works will be monitoring the bins and calling Loraas to arrange for pick up as soon as they're full. Overloading the bins causes delays in pick up and pulls our Public Works crew from other jobs to empty the overfilled bin before Loraas will empty the bins.

Prohibited items include:

- Concrete, shingles dirt and gravel
- Bulbs and light ballasts (These can be taken to K-Light Recycling in Regina)
- Hazardous materials
- Tires
- Propane tanks
- Car batteries
- Paint
- Oil or chemicals
- Items longer than 7 feet (wood or metal)
- Railway ties, telephone poles or creosote treated wood
- Coils of wire or banding
- Appliances containing Freon
- Box spring and mattresses



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# Spring Leaf Bag Pick Up May 13 - 24, 2024

All bags must be paper bag only. Absolutely no plastic bags will be collected, including those that labeled biodegradable and compostable.

Please have bags neatly <mark>pi</mark>led at the edge of the property by Monday, May 20.

30-minute limit per property.

Please keep bags under 50 lbs.

There is no set route - Public Works will note all locations with leaf bags and ensure all bags set out by May 20th have been collected.

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# REMINDER

Leaf Bag Pickup begins May 13, 2024. All bags must be paper yard waste bags only. No plastic will be accepted even those that are labeled biodegradable or compostable.

Please have your bags piled at the edge of the property by May 20, 2024.

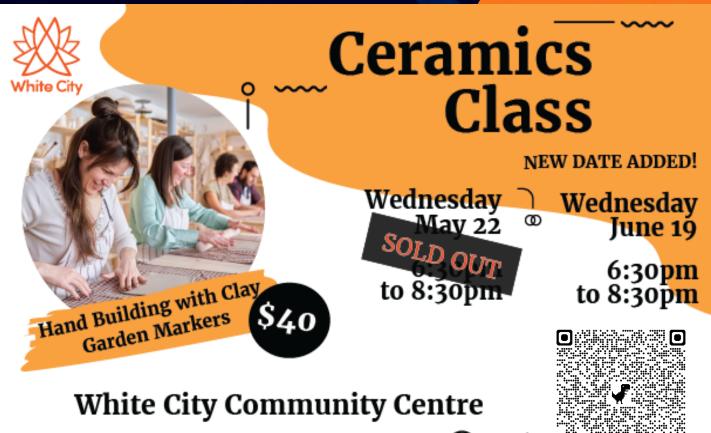
# The Curfew Bylaw

A new Curfew Bylaw has been recently passed by Council to replace the old one.

Here's what's changed:

- The bylaw now only applies to children under 16;
- Adjustment of the curfew times between June and August (11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) and September and May (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) of each year; and
  - Clarification that enforcement of the bylaw is at the discretion of the Community Safety Officer.





Register by scanning this QR Code

# REGISTER YOUR OUTDOOR SECURITY CAMERA

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The Outdoor Security Camera Registry Program allows residents and business owners in the Town of White City to voluntarily disclose the location of their existing surveillance cameras to assist law enforcement with investigations when they occur in your neighbourhood.

# REGISTER HERE:



# **Community Safety**

## Drive Safely, or Pay the Price Starting May 1, 2024, if you're caught stunting, racing,

Starting May 1, 2024, if you're caught stunting, racing, or speeding excessively (50km/h or more over, or more than double the posted limit), you'll face a 30-day vehicle impoundment and an immediate 7-day licence suspension.

- The penalty for stunting in a motor vehicle is \$580\* (up from \$150\*).
- The penalties for street racing escalate for repeat offences within a one-year period:
  - 1. First offence: \$580\* (up from \$205\*)
  - 2. Second offence: \$1,400\*
  - Third and subsequent offences: \$2,100\*
    \*Ticket costs listed include base fine plus victims of crime surcharge.



Some of the things that could land you a ticket, licence suspension and impoundment under The Traffic Safety Act are:

- racing side by side with another vehicle while disobeying the speed limit
- chasing another vehicle
- speeding in and out of lanes to unsafely pass vehicles
- attempting to lift some or all tires from the roadway (including driving a motorcycle on one wheel)
- attempting to spin a vehicle to cause it to spin or circle
- driving a vehicle while not sitting in the driver's seat
- driving your vehicle in a way that prevents another vehicle from passing
- stopping or slowing down to interfere with the movement of another vehicle

When you drive faster than the speed limit, stunt, or race, you have less reaction time and are more likely to lose control of the vehicle you're driving. These high-risk behaviours increase your chance of getting into a collision. When you take part in these dangerous choices, you risk your own safety and the safety of other road users, including pedestrians and motorists. **Information provided by SGI.** 



**CSO Day in the Life** Last month you met our new Community Safety Officer (CSO), Keagan! Since then, he has been working hard to engage with the community, educate residents and enforce bylaws. The CSO works varying hours throughout the week; sometimes covering evenings and weekends while other times working during the day.

Keagan will usually begin his shift in the Town Office responding to emails and calls that have come in from residents or internal communications, allowing him to plan his patrols for the day and priortize tasks. After managing tasks in the office, he heads out on patrol to enforce provincial statutes and bylaws such as the Traffic Safety Act and the Town of White City's Traffic Bylaw/Community Standards Bylaw.

Recently, Keagan's most frequent task has been enforcing

parking violations. As always, there is no on-street parking in White City, but did you know it is also a bylaw violation to park any vehicle on your property space that is not a driveway? Keagan has issued many warnings for cars parked on grass property and will continue to do so in the coming weeks. The best way to avoid a ticket? Ensure your vehicles are parked in a garage or on a driveway.

The CSO also responds to concerns and questions from residents on a daily basis and tries to resolve situations with the most reasonable solution for everyone involved.

Near the end of his shift, he returns to the office to complete end-of-day reporting and liase with supervisors to continuously find the best methods for resolving any given situation.

To report a bylaw infraction, visit our website whitecity.ca. To contact the CSO for questions or concerns, please email cso@whitecity.ca.

# **Register Here**:



#### WEEKS OF PROGRAM:

July 8 to 12 July 15 to 19 July 22 to 26 July 29 to August 2 August 6 to 9 August 12 to 16 August 19 to 23

Monday to Thursday: 8 AM to 5 PM Fridays: 8 AM to NOON

Registration opens for White City residents on Wednesday May 1 at 9 AM. Registration opens for non-residents on Wednesday May 15 at 9 AM

The cost of registration is \$150 per child per week with the exception of August 6 – 9, 2024 which is \$112.50 per child due to the shortened week.

# **Now Hiring**

## **Summer Play Coordinator**

The primary responsibility is to plan, lead, instruct, and evaluate diverse and inclusive sport, culture and recreation activities for children.

#### Experience:

- One-year experience in long-term childcare or teaching along with some supervisory, program planning, and organizational experience preferred.
- HIGH FIVE Healthy Child Development Certification required before the commencement of the program or post-secondary education in a related field.
- Valid driver's license.
- Police record check.
- Certification in Standard First Aid / CPR is required.

#### Salary: \$17-\$20/hour

- Monday to Friday 8:00 am 5:00 pm with one hour lunch.
- Program runs July 8– August 23, 2024, and applicants must be available during this period.
- Planning hours July 2 5 is required and negotiated up to 20 hours based on availability.

## Summer Play Leader (2 Positions)

The primary responsibility is to assist the Summer Play Coordinator in planning, leading, instructing, and evaluate diverse and inclusive sport, culture and recreation activities for children. Specifically, 5-10 years of age. **Experience:** 

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- One-year experience in long-term childcare or teaching along with some supervisory, program planning, and organizational experience preferred.
- HIGH FIVE Healthy Child Development Certification required before the commencement of the program or post-secondary education in a related field.
- Valid driver's license.
- Police record check.
- Certification in Standard First Aid / CPR is required.

#### Salary: \$16-\$17.50

Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with one hour lunch. Program runs July 8– August 23, 2024, and applicants must be available during this period.

Planning hours July 2 – 5 are required and negotiated up to 8 hours based on availability.





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Reserve your seats now for Supper in the Orchard. Every year, we collaborate with local chefs to curate a prairie dining experience like no other.

Immerse yourself in the season at Over the Hill Orchards and Winery, as we proudly present our celebrated Supper in the Orchard series, from May 3rd to October 13th, 2024. Enjoy an evening of unparalleled local cuisine, in-house wines, and captivating views from the best patio in Saskatchewan. **See you at the Orchard.** 



Scan for more details and to reserve your seats: www.overthehillorchards.ca 306-535-1278





Looking for Skate Sharpening stop in and visit our PROSHOP at 201 Great Plains Road Emerald Park, we are open 7 days a week for all your skate sharpening needs! We also carry a wide variety of items for your convenience such as hockey gloves, hockey pants, stick wax, sock tape, skate laces, skate guards, helmet repair kits, neck guards, water bottles, toiletry bags, anti-fog and so much more. Communiskate Pro Shop uses

SPARX sharpening technology! SINGLE SKATE SHARPEN \$8.00 Plus Tax **PUNCH PASS 5 CREDITS \$35.00 Plus Tax PUNCH PASS 11 CREDITS \$70 Plus Tax** 



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Greenall Students Quilting for a Cause As the Clothing, Textiles and Fashion 20 students delve into the world of quilting, students are not only honing their sewing skills, they are also applying principles of mathematics to create beautiful guilts for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Regina. Their attention to detail in measuring and sewing showcases their dedication to the craft. Each quilt made by the students was crafted with love and precision. As a teacher, it is truly heartwarming to witness students' enthusiasm for creating something meaningful for babies in the NICU.

If anyone in the surrounding community has some "washed out" yogurt, sour cream or ice cream pails that they would like to donate, the Commercial Cooking classes would be happy to accept them. Donations



Just a reminder to families that information updates are often shared via EDSBY, however; deeper information and content is also shared through our website. The website is a great place to look for updates for Graduation, Grade 9's entering the building as well as SLC content

Welcome to the Griffin Family We are pleased to announce the new Head Coach of the Greenall Griffin Football Team, Marco Ricci, We are also please to welcome assistant coaches Stephen Day and Scott Schultz, who will be joining our returning coaching staff next season. Go Griffins!



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April 29- Non-student Day May 20th- No School June 24-28- Fir Exams June 28th

UPCOMING DATES:



# May 2024

#### SOUTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

White City Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Canadian Children's Book Week continues: April 28-May 4	Closed for Staff Training	2	<sup>3</sup> Preschool Stay & Play I 0:00am Drop-in	4 Karaoke for teens I:00pm Drop-in
5	6	7 Will & Estates Presentation 6:30pm Please Register	8	9	<sup>10</sup> Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	II Kite Making I0:30am Advanced LEGO for teens/adults I:00pm
12	I3 Adult Book Club 6:30pm	14	15	16 Drop-in Advanced LEGO for Adults I:30pm	17 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	18 Karaoke for all ages I:00pm Drop-in
19	<sup>20</sup> <b>Closed</b> for Victoria Day	21	22	23 Adult Craft & Chat I:30pm Drop-in	24 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	25 Drop-in Advanced LEGO for teens/adults I:00pm
26	27	28	29	30	<sup>31</sup> Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-in	





Discover the design techniques, countless colour shades and the beautiful plants used to create a tranquil white garden in your landscape.

Join Master Gardener Sheila Bonneteau for a visually inspiring tour through the art of creating this ever popular, timeless garden style.

Wednesday May 8th, 2024, at 7:00 pm Ramada Emerald Park

#### **Everyone Welcome**

Visitors drop-in fee \$5.00 at the door

Info: https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/events/





## 2024 PLANT SALE 3 Emerald Dr., Emerald Park



Friday, May 24th: 10 am to 8 pm Saturday, MAY 25th - 9:00AM – Sellout or 2 pm Hardy perennial flowers locally grown & wintered outside. Excellent variety – Excellent value \$6 each, buy 10, get one free. Cash only please.

How to get there from #1 Hwy: take Emerald Park Rd. off-ramp, continue to 3-way stop Kingsmere Ave., left onto Kingsmere, right on Emerald Drive, #3 is first house on left. Please park responsibly.

\*Please bring any 5"- 7" diameter (1 gallon) pots you no longer need. Let us recycle them for you.

Info: https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/events/



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