# White City in Sight 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

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# Back to School Safety Reminder: Drive with Care!

As the summer comes to a close, our community is gearing up for the start of the new school year on September 3. With children returning to classrooms, it's essential that everyone – drivers and pedestrians alike – stays alert and cautious, especially around school zones and residential streets.

### For Drivers:

Slow down and obey posted speed limits, particularly in school zones.

Watch for children at crosswalks and intersections, especially during morning and afternoon hours.

Avoid distractions and always be prepared for sudden stops.

### For Pedestrians:

Use marked crosswalks and sidewalks whenever possible.

Look both ways before crossing the street, even at crosswalks.

Stay visible to drivers by wearing bright clothing, especially during early morning or evening hours.

Let's work together to ensure a safe and successful school year for everyone in our community.

# Councillor Blog

Welcome back fellow residents of White City (and those reading from the surrounding area) for the September 2024 edition of the White City Councillor Blog. This month's blog topic is all about the Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Activity Centre.

As a member of the White City Council, I am thrilled to share some exciting developments from our Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Our community has always valued the voices of its residents, and now more than ever, we are making sure our youth are heard, engaged, and empowered. The YAC is a vital initiative that encourages youth participation in municipal matters, helping to shape the future of White City.

# Youth Advisory Committee: Shaping the Future

The White City Youth Advisory Committee was created with the purpose of stimulating and promoting youth interest in local governance and community issues. Our mission is to educate and empower our young residents, ensuring they have a platform to provide insights, recommendations, and innovative ideas that directly impact them. Through the YAC, youth can voice their thoughts on what makes White City a great place to live and how we can continue to grow and improve.

Applications are now open for the 2024–2025 Youth Advisory Committee, and we invite all interested youth to apply. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to become more involved in their community, gain valuable experience, and make a real difference. During the previous term, our dedicated youth members developed a Youth Strategic Plan and laid the groundwork for an exciting new project: the Youth Activity Centre.



### Youth Activity Centre: A Place to Connect and Play

The Youth Activity Centre (YAC) is an ambitious project that emerged from the ideas and efforts of our first Youth Advisory Committee. This project is all about creating a fun, safe, and engaging space for the youth of White City to connect, socialize, and stay active. The proposed centre will feature mini golf as its main attraction, alongside a canteen (affectionately dubbed "The YAC Shack"), picnic tables, and a versatile sport court. Additional features will include rentals for lawn games like cornhole, bocce ball, and spike ball.

But this project is more than just a place to hang out. It's about fostering community spirit, encouraging outdoor activities, and providing meaningful opportunities for our youth, such as part-time jobs. The Youth Activity Centre will be a unique addition to our region, offering something truly special for our older youth demographic.

### Building Our Youth's Future, One Step at a Time

The Youth Advisory Committee has carefully considered the timeline for the Youth Activity Centre. The first phase of the project will focus on constructing the mini golf course, canteen, and rental facilities, along with picnic tables for gatherings. Following that, we plan to develop the sport court, which will support activities like volleyball, basketball, and soccer. In the long term, there's even potential for a second sport court to be added, depending on community interest and usage. As for the location, we're exploring options on the east side of White City. While the Town Centre was considered, we believe it's important to spread out recreational spaces across our community.

### **Funding the Future**

Of course, a project of this scale requires financial support. We are committed to exploring various funding avenues, including fundraising, sponsorships, and grants. The involvement of the community will be crucial, and we hope to see everyone come together to bring this vision to life. Stay tuned for future fundraising opportunities including raffles and events.

The Youth Activity Centre is more than just a project; it's a testament to what can happen when our young residents are given a voice and the resources to make their ideas a reality. I'm excited to see what the future holds for White City's youth and how this project will contribute to the vibrant community we all cherish.

If you know a young person age 12-18 who would be interested in joining the Youth Advisory Committee, or if you'd like to get involved in supporting the Youth Activity Centre, I encourage you to reach out. Together, we can make White City an even better place for our youth to grow, learn, and thrive. Our first meeting is Monday September 9, 2024 at 4PM!



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!

-Councillor Andrew Boschman

# Town Calendar SEPTEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Office Closed Labour Day	3 7:00 pm CofW Meeting	4	5 7:30 pm Running & Strength Class	6	7
8	9	10 10:00 am Forever in Motion	9:00 am Toddler & Me 1:30 pm Seniors Social Club	10:00 am Forever in Motion 7:30 pm Running & Strength Class	13	14
15	4:00 pm CotW Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	17 10:00 am Forever in Motion	9:00 am Toddler & Me  1:30 pm Seniors Social Club	19 10:00 am Forever in Motion 7:30 pm Running & Strength Class	20	21  1:00 pm  Art Workshop: Diamond Willow Walking  Sticks
22 WHITE CITY FUN RUN	23  Branch Chipping Program Begins	10:00 am Forever in Motion	9:00 am Toddler & Me  1:30 pm Seniors Social Club	26 10:00 am Forever in Motion	27	28
29	30 Office Closed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				For events happ White City Librar	



# RUNNING

& STRENGTH CLASS

This class is designed for Beginner / Intermediate runners but all levels and physical abilities are welcome. Each class will begin with a warm-up, followed by running (or walking) intervals, finishing with strength training indoors.



# Forever in Motion

Forever... in motion is back this Fall at the White City Community Centre. Drop in and join our instructor every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am–11am beginning September 10, 2024. No registration is required! Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own equipment, masks are optional. Want to learn more? Contact Meaghann White at mwhite@whitecity.ca or 306–781–2355 ext. 237

> Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

# White City Fun Run

An inclusive walk/run for all skills and abilities dedicated to bringing the community together to have fun and be active. Registration fees cover the costs of running the event including official time tracking for all participants, post-race nutrition, a run bag filled with swag and a finisher token.

September 22 9:00 AM

Register online at:



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# 2024 Municipal Election

### **KEY ELECTION DATES**

### **Nominations Opens**

Tuesday September 24, 2024

### **Nominations Close**

Wednesday October 9, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

### Withdrawal Deadline

Thursday October 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Advance Polls**

Sunday November 3, 2024

### **Election Day**

Wednesday November 13, 2024

### Inaugural Meeting (Swearing In)

Monday November 25, 2024

# **Senior Social Club**

Seniors Social Club meets every Wednesday beginning September 11 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the White City Community Centre. There is free coffee and board games provided, but the fun times won't start until you're there!

> Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

# Toddler & Me

Come try out our Toddler and Me Drop-In program; it's completely FREE! A program that provides a space for parents and caregivers to connect, unwind and enjoy time together while your children enjoy self-directed play. Toys and mats will be available for use. Infants are also welcome to attend. Adult Supervision is required as the Town of White City does not provide supervision services during this program time.

Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 am



# MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOMINATIONS OPEN SEPTEMBER 24 to OCTOBER 9

# Why Serve on Council?

Serving on Council is not just about attending meetings and making decisions. It's about representing your neighbours, addressing community concerns, and working towards a better future for everyone. It's an opportunity to bring your ideas, skills, and perspectives to the table and collaborate with others to achieve common goals. You'll gain a deeper understanding of municipal governance, develop leadership skills, and make lasting contributions to our community.

Running for municipal office is a significant decision, but it's also a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the future of White City. Serving on a Council allows you to directly influence policies and projects that impact our community. If you have a passion for our town and a desire to make a positive difference, consider filing your nomination papers.

For more information visit: www.whitecity.ca/p/2024-municipal-election



# **Council Summaries**

# July 22, 2024 - Committee of the Whole

The July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting in White City included several key agenda items. The Consent Agenda was approved, covering minutes, financial statements, and an update on rental equipment costs, with a request to differentiate between new and ongoing financial variances in future reports. Department reports featured discussions on long-term borrowing plans for the Wastewater Authority, ongoing development of the 10-year capital plan, and updates on policy reviews, protective services bicycle patrols, and planning progress in the Town Centre Development. Highlights included the SGI Traffic Safety Grant for the Motherwell Drive Multi-Use Pathway. A mid-year review of the strategic plan was presented with amendments recommended for Council approval. The committee also discussed a new Statutory Holiday Policy, referring the policy back for further research on recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and recommended amendments to the Municipal Donation, Grant, and Sponsorship Policy to clarify ineligible travel or team sponsorship costs. The meeting concluded after a closed session on municipal operations.

# July 22, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

The July 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting in White City addressed several key matters. The Consent Agenda, which included minutes of the previous meeting and ratification of accounts and payroll, was approved without discussion. The Town Manager's report was accepted as presented. Under new business, Council approved the 2023 Annual Report, the Harassment Prevention Policy, Hiring Policy, and Purchasing Policy, all recommended by the Committee of the Whole, with no further discussion required. During the roundtable, Council provided updates on the White City Museum's new storage shed for artifacts, which was delivered and will be constructed when possible. Council expressed their appreciation for the successful Bronco Park Grand Opening and showed interest in hosting more community events throughout the summer. A request was made to update the lighting timers at the pickleball courts to ensure the lights automatically shut off after a certain period instead of staying on until 10 PM. Council also discussed tree planting policies, reaffirming that planting on municipal property is prohibited per the Urban Forest Management Strategy. Further topics included Council's participation in the Greenall High School modernization and engagement sessions, with Councillor Boschman attending on behalf of Council, and a discussion on community feedback regarding the proposed Parcel Y development, emphasizing that no decision will be made until a formal application is submitted.

## August 19, 2024 - Committee of the Whole

The August 19, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting in White City covered various updates and discussions. The Consent Agenda, including minutes, accounts, and the July financial statements, was approved without further discussion. Administration presented department updates from Parks, Recreation, and Culture, focusing on plans for the Council BBQ and Theatre in the Park event, joint use agreements with Prairie Valley School Division for École White City School field, potential upgrades to the Emerald Ridge Elementary School field, allocation of SaskLotteries grants to community groups, and the status of the Recreation Advisory Committee. Three corporate items—the Statutory Holiday Policy Addendum, Leave of Absence Policy, and Corporate Risk Philosophy and Framework Project Proposal—were deferred to the September 3, 2024 meeting. The Committee entered a closed session to discuss department reports on municipal operations, after which the meeting concluded with no further discussions.

# August 19, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

The August 19, 2024 Regular Council Meeting in White City featured a delegation from the White City Emerald Park Pickleball Club, which discussed the club's formation, court improvements at Fernwood Park, and their position on proposed court rental fees, along with a potential grant opportunity for court resurfacing. The Consent Agenda, including minutes and payroll, was approved. The Town Manager's report covered a recent delegation to the RM of Edenwold regarding a third-party review of the WCRM158 Wastewater Expansion Project, which the RM declined, and plans for the upcoming 2024 Municipal Election. Under Old Business, Council discussed court rental fees, emphasizing cost recovery rather than revenue generation, and deferred the decision for further review. New Business items, including the Strategic Plan Mid-Year Review and policy amendments, were approved. During the roundtable, updates were shared on RCMP and CSO patrol efforts in the community. A closed session was held regarding joint funding for lights on White City Drive with the RM of Edenwold, resulting in an agreement to include the Town's share in the 2025 budget. The meeting concluded after these discussions.



Want more information?

Read past summaries and full summaries of
Council and Committee meetings by visiting our website

whitecity.ca or scan this QR Code:
Plus check out our the information above for dates and
times of meetings and attend in-person!



# **Public Works**

# Fall is Coming!

Our Public Works Team will be busy wrapping up projects as fall approaches and we say goodbye to our Summer Student Team. Please keep an eye out as they work on the following projects, we ask you always use caution around our team and equipment.

- Vegetation management is still ongoing around the detention pond areas in Bower West III.
- Urban Forest Management in parks and along the pathways and alleys.
- Asphalt turning radius improvements is ongoing.
- Garden Of Eden drainage improvements.
- Crack sealing roads and pathways.



# White City Fun Run

Sunday September 22, 2024 at the White City Community Center

# 3 KM, 5 KM, AND 10 KM OPTIONS

DESIGNED FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND ABILITIES.
RUN OR WALK, IT'S UP TO YOU!

PRE-RUN WARM UP AT 8:40 AM RACE START AT 9:00 AM PLUS...

JOIN US FOR A POST-EVENT COOL DOWN WITH REWARDS, SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS.

### **REGISTER ONLINE!**



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# Fire Department

Thank you Chief Schulz

After 19 years of dedicated service with the White City Fire Department, including the last 9 years as Fire Chief, Randy Schulz has announced his retirement. Chief Schulz has been an integral part of our community, leading with professionalism, dedication, and a passion for keeping White City safe. The Town thanks him for his years of commitment to the department and to the residents of White City.

To honor Chief Schulz and his contributions, the Town will be hosting an afternoon come-and-go event for the public this September. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join us in celebrating Chief Schulz's remarkable career and wishing him well in his retirement.



Pictured: Chief Schulz receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal from His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, S.O.M., M.S.M., Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan









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# **Pilot Butte Artist Retreat**

# Public Viewing & Sale

Talk to 15 talented artists

# & watch them create!

Pilot Butte Rec Centre Corner of 2nd Ave & 3rd St.

# Sept 20 - 22, 2024

Fri & Sat 1pm - 4pm

Sunday 12pm – 3pm





# September 2024



# White City Public Library Program & Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
l:	<sup>2</sup> Closed for Labour Day	3 Library Board Meeting 8:00pm	4	5 Makerspace kits this Month: K'Nex building Sphero	6 Preschool Storytime I 0:00am Drop-in	7 K'Nex Building I:00 pm Drop-In	
8 International Literacy Day	9	10 Sphero Makerspace Kit 6:00pm Drop-in	11	12	13 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Drop-In	14 K'Nex Building 1:00pm Drop-in	
15	Closed for Staff Training	17 Sphero Makerspace Kit 6:00pm Drop-in	18 Gong Bath Therapy 6:30pm Please register	19	20 Preschool Storytime 10:00am Culture Days Begins	21 Coding Workshop Nanan Stem Academy I-3pm Please Register Ages 7 to 13	
22	23 Adult Book Club 6:30pm The Paragon Hotel By Lyndsay Faye	24 Author Talk Stacey Olson 6:30pm Your Balanced and Bold Life	25	26	27 Preschool Storytime I 0:00am	28	
29	30  Closed for  National Day for  Truth and  Reconciliation						





# Author Talk With Stacey Olson

White City Public Library Branch

Tuesday, September 24th 6:30pm

Do you feel overwhelmed and spread thin most days? Do you want to be more present with your family and excel in your work? Do you worry that you're missing out on your life?

Stacey Olson will share her newly released book – Your Balance and Bold Life: Work Less, Live More, and Be your Best.

Join us for a great discussion.



PLEASE REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY 781-2118







# This month at the library: Gong Bath Therapy

White City Public Library Branch

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

IT'S A NATURAL WAY TO HELP RELAX THE BODY AND CALM A BUSY MIND, USING SINGING BOWLS AND GONGS.

GONG BATHS ARE ABLE TO REDUCE STRESS AND TENSION AND IN TURN INCREASE BLOOD CIRCULATION. THIS HELP'S BRING DOWN OUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND IMPROVE OUR OVERALL MOOD. WHEN WE FEEL CALMER AND HAPPIER, OUR MOOD IMPROVES, STRESS LEVELS LOWER AND WE CAN ALSO SLEEP BETTER.

PLEASE BRING A YOGA MAT, PILLOW OR BLANKET TO BE COMFORTABLE.



Lead by Jodi Deschambault

Register at the library or call 781-2118



# **Community Safety**



CSO Roundup

July CSO Statistics:

- 16 parking reminders issued
- 4 traffic stops conducted:
  - 1 Traffic Safety Act Summary Offence Ticket issued for failure to obey a stop sign
  - 3 warnings issued for speeding
  - 1 attempted traffic stop for an ATV
- 9 nuisance abatement casefiles for unkept vegetation, 9 written reminders/notices delivered, all properties brought into compliance
- 1 notice of violation ticket issued for an animal found at large
- 1 incident involving an off-road vehicle evading a traffic stop
- 1 incident with a youth operating a golf cart without a graduated Class 7 license; youth was informed and complied with bylaw requirements
- 9 public interaction cases

# Bylaw Reminder – Dogs on Leash

A reminder to residents – dogs are required to be on leash and owners must be in physical control of their animal at all times. This includes alleys, parks, municipal reserves, buffers and any other public area in the Town.

Not only does this help protect your pup from unexpected dangers, but it also ensures we respect the comfort and safety of others in our community. Let's work together to keep White City a safe and enjoyable place for everyone!



Advertisement: Advertisement:



ACTIVE START

3 and 4 year olds 45 minutes / week Fall Session: Sept to Dec Winter Session: Jan thru Apr

# RECREATION & CLASSES

Ages 5+ Recreation: 1 hr / week Performance: 1.5 hrs / week Sept to April/May

### PRE-PERFORMANCE | COMPETITIVE

ages 7+ 2 hours / week Sept to May Must meet pre-requisite

\$220 PER SESSION

\$490-\$540 PER SEASON









OPEN HOUSE SEPT 6, 2024 | 6:30 TO 7:30 PM LIVING HOPE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Regina Balgonie White City Pilot Butte



# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish 302 King Street, Balgonie

# **Sacrament Preparation** for children in Grade 2 or older

- First Reconciliation
- First Communion
- Confirmation

Classes on selected Sundays at 9:15 a.m. prior to the 10:30 a.m. mass. Beginning Fall of 2024.

Contact: Bill Rieger 306-539-8781 or st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com for more information.



## COMMUNISKATE

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**

# WHITE CITY - FALL CLEAN UP DATES

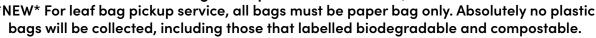
Clean Up Programs are returning this fall.

Do you have branches, leaves and/or household materials to get rid of? Are you decluttering and cleaning up? Use the following services provided by the Town to help you out:

## Branch Chipping - September 23 to October 4, 2024

The branch chipping service is community-wide, please have branches neatly piled at the curb area. Town Staff is limited to a 30-minute time limit per property. All residents who wish to use the service must have branches out at the front property road edge no later than September 30, 2024.

# Leaf Bag Pick Up - October 14 to 25, 2024



The leaf bag pick up service is community-wide, please have bags neatly piled at the curb area. Town Staff is limited to a 30-minute time limit per property. Please keep bags under 50 lbs. All residents who wish to use the service must have paper leaf bags out at the front property road edge no later than October 21, 2024.



Bins for the community fall cleaning will be at the Splash Park on Lipsett Street for Spring and Fall Clean Up. Depending on the weather, these dates may be subject to change. Please separate your items into the appropriate bins for waste, metal, and recycling. If the bins are full, we ask that you hold on to your items and dispose of them the following business day rather than piling items beside the bins. If you are unsure which bin to use please use the household/mixed waste bins.







IMPORTANT: DO NOT dispose of the following items in ANY of the bins or on the side of any of the bins.

- Concrete, shingles dirt and gravel
- Bulbs and light ballasts
- Hazardous materials
- Tires
- Propane tanks
- Car batteries
- No items longer than 7 feet (wood or metal)
- Railway ties, telephone poles or creosote treated wood is allowed.

Notice to residents: Please do not overfill the bins, if the bin is full please hold on to your items. Public Works is monitoring the bins and calling Loraas to arrange for pick up as soon as they're full. Overloading the bins, as seen in the photo, 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. That means delays for you and your fellow residents.

Paint

- Oil or chemicals
- Coils of wire or banding
- Appliances containing Freon
- Box spring and mattresses





# **REMINDER!**

The deadline to submit your inspection request is September 30, 2024.

## Remember:

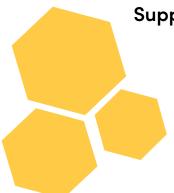
The Town requires landscaping permits to ensure all requirements are met before residents begin their landscaping projects.

Submit a landscaping permit here:

https://www.whitecity.ca/p/driveways-landscaping-fences

Make sure your landscaping is completely finished before requesting an inspection.
This includes grass seed having time to grow, sod fully established, trees planted and a hard surface driveway installed!





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