

# Bronte Creek community set to open new outdoor skating rink

The Bronte Creek Community Residents' Association (BCCRA) invites people to enjoy winter fun Saturday as it opens its new community skating rink at Valleyridge Park, 2524 Valleyridge Dr.

The opening, which will be at 1 p.m., features hot chocolate donated by Tim Hortons (while supplies last).

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“So we arranged to have the Town put boards up for us to make an outdoor skating rink so the kids can go and skate there.”

Pottruff said volunteer Zdenko Domancic keeps up the rink by adding water when appropriate and shovelling snow off it so it can be used.

The idea behind the rink is to give youths something to do and keep them from skating on area ponds, which can be dangerous.

Pottruff said the BCCRA has spoken with the principals of two nearby elementary schools to ensure local children and parents are aware of the new rink. The group is also hopeful lots of people will come to a second skating event, on Family Day, Monday, Feb. 17.

The new rink is on the soccer field next to Valleyridge Park.

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