

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



DAFFODIL MONTH



As the first flower to bloom in the spring, daffodils are resilient. In Canada, April is known as Daffodil Month and is the [Canadian Cancer Society's](#) annual fundraising campaign. The daffodil is a symbol of hope for those affected by cancer. Daffodil Month raises funds for cancer research, support programs, and advocacy initiatives.

With 2 in 5 Saskatchewan residents expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime, cancer impacts all of us.

COMMUNITY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL HELD TO HONOUR AND REMEMBER THE VICTIMS OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT UNFOLDING DURING THE LAPU-LAPU FESTIVAL



It was with a heavy heart that I brought greetings to the Filipino community and community leaders across Saskatoon at City Hall Square last evening.

We gathered together in the shadow of a tragedy that has shaken us all to our core. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow we feel for the lives lost and the pain the community is feeling.



The Government of Saskatchewan stands with the Filipino Community in their time of sorrow and grief.

The strength, resilience, and unity of the Filipino community has always been a source of inspiration to us.

Our Provincial Motto, “From Many People Strength” rings true.

WILLISTON BASIN CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON BOOSTING SASKATCHEWAN OIL PRODUCTION



Attending the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Regina was a genuine pleasure Tuesday morning, with top-tier CEOs from the industry presenting their thoughts and innovations. Premier Moe delivered the morning keynote speech. As the conference alternates between Canada and the US, it attracts attendees from across North America. Saskatchewan is leading the way in boosting oil production while emphasizing sustainability.

"The Williston Basin Petroleum Conference has returned to Regina, showcasing Saskatchewan's world-class oil and gas sector. During the three-day event from April 28 to 30, 2025, Premier Scott Moe participated in a fireside chat focusing on energy production and Energy and Resources Minister Colleen Young engaged in a panel discussion with industry leaders." "

See the news release below:



"This conference brings together key partners from the Williston Basin oil producing region who are focused on the responsible and sustainable development of our abundant resources," Young said. "Events like this accelerate innovation, which is critical for our province as we pursue our 2030 oil production goal of 600,000 barrels per day. Unleashing Saskatchewan's massive energy potential will create jobs, bring investment and grow the economy, allowing us to continue delivering for the people of our province."

[Williston Basin Petroleum Conference Focuses on Boosting Saskatchewan Oil Production | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

AIM ABILITY IN ME GROUP VISITS THE LEGISLATURE



I was delighted to welcome the AIM Ability in Me group to the Legislature last week, where I had the opportunity to meet with Chair of the Board Brittany Caffé and Co-Chair Eric Olauson, a former MLA and good friend, and other group members.



Thank you everyone participating in the AIM Program. This nonprofit organization does incredible work as they provide Saskatchewan with specialized educational programming that will enable and support inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome.

STUDY FOR HEALTH CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

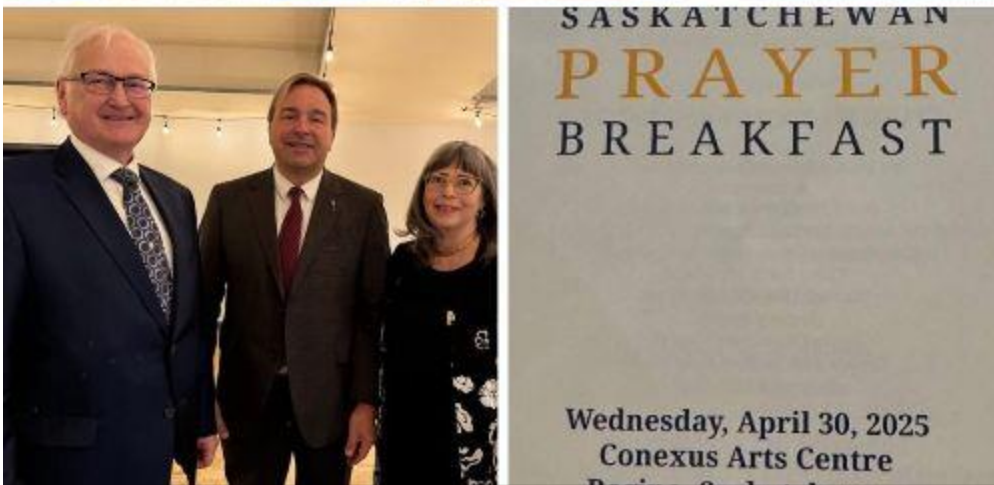


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SASKATCHEWAN PRAYER BREAKFAST

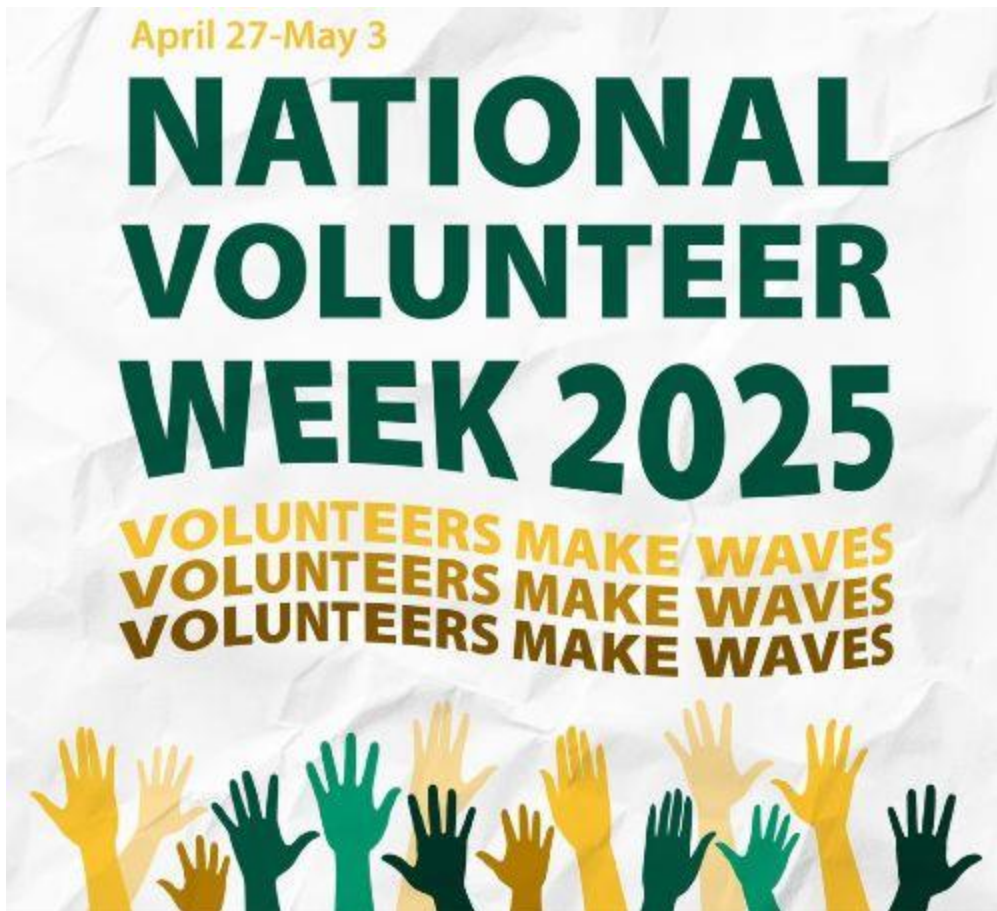


It was indeed a pleasure April 30 to be in attendance with Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre, Premier Scott Moe, Opposition Leader Carla Beck, and several colleagues at the 53rd annual Saskatchewan Prayer Breakfast at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina.

The Saskatchewan Prayer Breakfast brings community members together for a morning of prayer, reflection, faith and community.

Special thanks to the Prayer Breakfast Committee, the excellent speakers and the wonderful musicians.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



Our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove is certainly known for volunteerism! I sincerely thank the many volunteers for their spirit and commitment that has such an impact in making our communities vibrant places to live, work and raise families. Whether it is participating and supporting our local community groups, connecting with seniors, organizing food drives or garage sales, coaching teams, maintaining community rinks, it is the grassroots community groups that are examples of the importance of working together. Every volunteer should be recognized and celebrated for their contribution to the strength and well-being of our communities right here and throughout our province!

Below is just one example from one of our outstanding community groups:



A grateful shoutout to our wonderful EACCA Rink Coordinator Bret and his crew of volunteers for all their hard work during the 2024-2025 winter season at our beloved Quinn Stevenson Memorial Rink.

The Government of Saskatchewan, along with Sask Sport, SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association would like to recognize our province's volunteers and thank them for the incredible contributions they make to our quality of life.

Across the country, April 27 to May 3 is being celebrated as National Volunteer Week.

"Volunteers are hard-working and humble individuals who come from diverse backgrounds, motivated by the simple desire to make our communities better," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "In the sport, culture and recreation world, we know them as coaches, instructors, leaders, board members, event planners, teachers, officials, caretakers and so much more."

[Celebrating Our Volunteers During National Volunteer Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

USASK APPOINTS SCOTT BANDA AS 17TH CHANCELLOR



I personally congratulate Scott Banda as the University of Saskatchewan has appointed him as it's 17th Chancellor, an appointment recently confirmed by the University Senate.

"I am honoured and humbled to be stepping into this role," said Banda. "It will be a privilege to represent and champion USask."

As chancellor, Banda, who is currently serving as the 40th chair of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Football League, will preside at university convocation ceremonies, confer degrees, chair University Senate and serve on the USask Board of Governors.

"USask is a cornerstone of our community, and a critical institution in the city, province, country and world," said Banda who earned degrees from USask Colleges of Arts and Science and Law. "The opportunity to be involved and contribute to the success of the institution is what really excites me. A guiding principle for me has been to contribute to my community and to leave things better than I found them."

[USask appoints Scott Banda as 17th chancellor - News | University of Saskatchewan](#)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FOUNDATION DOGS' BREAKFAST



It was a pleasure to be in attendance alongside 1,400 Huskie Football supporters at the 2025 Dogs' Breakfast! It was especially great to share this experience with my son Carter, and friends Curtis, Brad, and Darren.

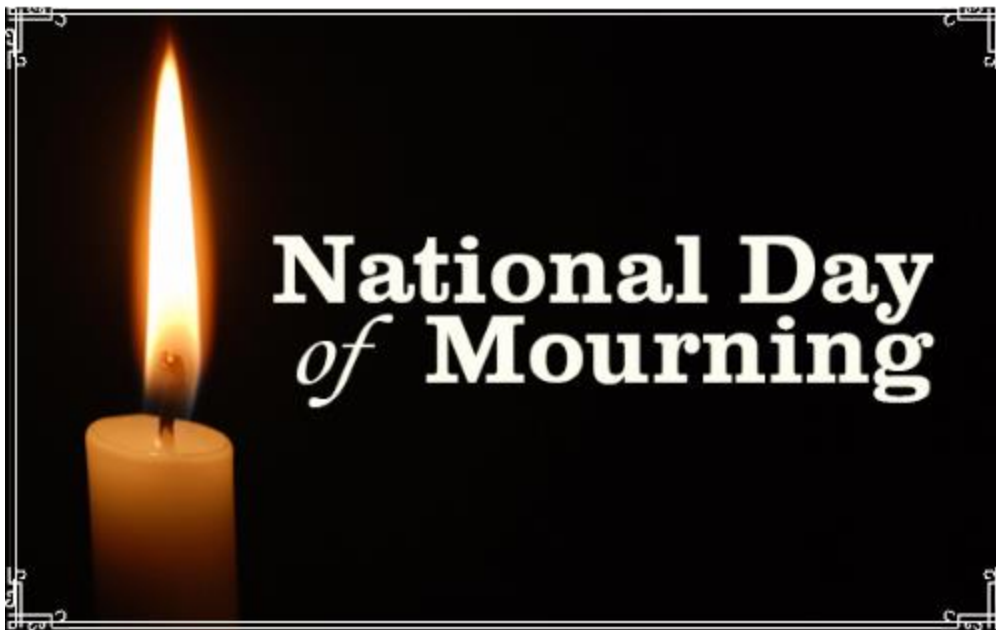


The Huskie Football Foundation and everyone attending had the pleasure of hearing special guest Luke Willson, a Super Bowl champion and seasoned NFL veteran with eight years in the league. Also recognized as the face of NFL Canada and lead analyst on TSN, Luke graced the green and white stage at the Staybridge Suites & Holiday Inn Express University Dogs' Breakfast XXIII, at Prairieland Park.

The Huskie Football Foundations primary mission extends beyond mere football celebrations; it's a relentless pursuit to kindle a fire of positive change among the dynamic student-athletes within our community! With unwavering determination, our goal is straightforward yet electrifying – to elevate our aspirations by generating funds for scholarships, propelling the dreams of the exceptional athletes affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan Huskie Football team to unprecedented heights.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this outstanding organization.

DAY OF MOURNING REMEMBERS 27 WORKERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES



Every year on April 28, Canada marks the National Day of Mourning. Provincially, flags at all government buildings were lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

April 28 was first declared as the National Day of Mourning by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984. The day is now annually observed across Canada as a way to pay tribute to individuals killed, injured or stricken with illness in the workplace.

In 2024, 27 workplace fatality claims were accepted by the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board.

"Our condolences are with the friends, families and colleagues of those who lost their life to a workplace injury or illness," Deputy Premier and Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Jim Reiter said. "Safety must be a priority in everything we do."

[Day of Mourning Remembers 27 Workers Who Lost Their Lives | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

FUNDING FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMING IN FALL 2025



Launching Fall 2025

School Playground Equipment Grant Program.

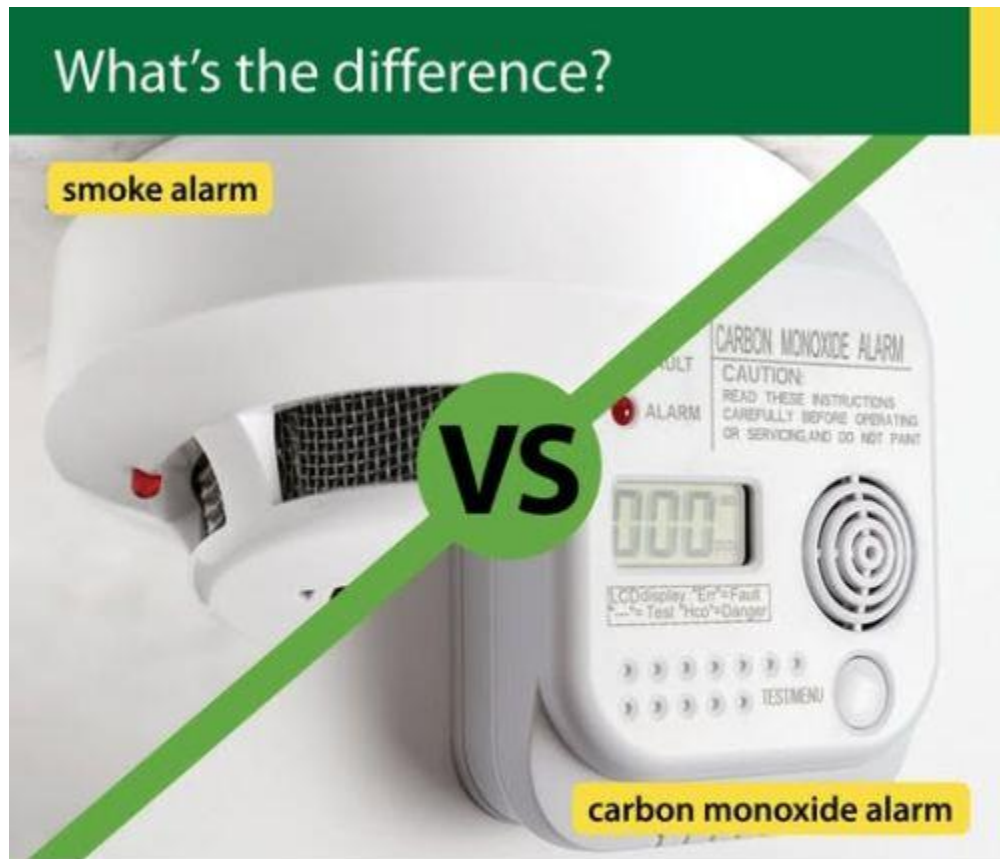
The Government of Saskatchewan will invest \$3.75 million annually to deliver a new program to help fund school playground equipment in communities throughout the province.

As a result, up to \$50,000 in matched funding will be available for schools to build a new playground or update existing equipment.

"Our government recognizes that every child deserves a place to play," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "Parent groups are working hard alongside local school councils to build safe, accessible playgrounds for their kids. This funding will help make their job a little easier, while ensuring projects are completed sooner."

[Funding for Playground Equipment Coming in Fall 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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2025-26 BUDGET DELIVERS AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS



The 2025-26 Budget delivers affordable housing and housing supports for Saskatchewan residents.

With more than \$150 million for housing initiatives, the investments in this year's provincial budget will help address barriers to home ownership and rental supply. It prioritizes affordability for entry-level homes and the development of affordable rental housing.

"This year's budget recognizes the challenges of a growing province and has incorporated measures to help address the affordability of home ownership and increase the supply of affordable rentals," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Jim Reiter said. "Affordability measures such as these will continue to support a strong and steady Saskatchewan."

Read more about the Home Renovation Tax Credit, First-time Homebuyers' Tax Credit and Provincial Sales Tax Rebate for New Home Construction here: [2025-26](#)

GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AND RECREATION THROUGH THE COMMUNITY RINK AFFORDABILITY GRANT PROGRAM



The Community Rink Affordability Grant program had another strong year with preliminary figures showing that 577 indoor ice surfaces across the province received funding.

The program awarded grants of \$2,500 per ice surface in 2024-25, this included 378 skating surfaces and 199 curling surfaces.

"Our province's rinks play such an important role bringing residents together and serving as hubs for their communities," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "Whether it is hockey, figure skating, curling or other activities, these facilities allow people to stay active year-round. In 2025-26, our government will double the program funding to \$3.2 million, increasing the grant to \$5,000 per indoor ice surface."

DON'T MISS YOUR SHOT: SASKATCHEWAN'S 2025 BIG GAME DRAW OPENS MAY 1



Hunters, the countdown is on! Starting May 1, Saskatchewan residents can apply for the 2025 Big Game Draw for limited opportunities to hunt mule deer, elk, moose and pronghorn across the province.

"The Big Game Draw is your opportunity to experience Saskatchewan's world-class hunting firsthand," Environment Minister Travis Keisig said. "We want every hunter to have a fair chance at success and that starts with applying early and being prepared."

Applications must be submitted online through the Hunting, Angling and Trapping License (HAL) system by 4:00 p.m. on May 29, 2025 - unfortunately, there are no extensions and no exceptions.

[Don't Miss Your Shot: Saskatchewan's 2025 Big Game Draw Opens May 1 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL PRESENTED TO 15 RECIPIENTS

Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Congratulations to the 15
award recipients.



April 29, in recognition of National Volunteer Week, Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre presented 15 dedicated individuals with the 2024 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal during a ceremony at Government House.

"It is an honour to recognize these recipients who tirelessly donate their time and talents to so many worthy causes in our province," McIntyre said. "Their generous spirit and wholehearted participation are an inspiration for us all."

Click on the link below to see the 2024 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal:



[Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal Presented to 15 Recipients by Lieutenant Governor | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ARE YOUR ROOMATES DRIVING YOU BATTY



The Ministry of Environment is reminding Saskatchewan residents that May is a good time to most effectively exclude or evict bats from buildings.

Bats can be very difficult to find inside buildings and removal is not always feasible or cost-effective. Installing one-way exits (also called exclusion devices or bat cones) at the appropriate time of year works with the biology of the bats - it lets them leave and does not allow re-entry.

It is possible for bats and humans to co-exist in a building. However, exclusion may be the best option if:

- **Bat hazards and/or issues cannot be rectified;**
- **Living areas cannot be sealed to prevent bat access; or**
- **Major repairs, renovations or a demolition is planned.**

[Are Your Roommates Driving You Batty | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

COOKING WITH CANADIAN INGREDIENTS!



Do you love cooking?

Are you looking for new recipes?

Do you want to use more Canadian ingredients and learn where your food comes from?

Visit Canada Food Focus's website for recipes and information on Canadian-grown food! #SaskAg <https://canadianfoodfocus.org/recipes/>

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR SMILE COOKIE!



The iconic Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign runs until May 4 with 100 per cent of the proceeds supporting over 600 charities and community groups in Canada, selected by local Tim Hortons restaurant owners.

"Every year, Tim Hortons restaurant owners across Canada come together with team members and guests to make an incredible impact in their local communities with the annual Smile Cookie campaign," says Axel Schwan, President of Tim Hortons.

From April 28 to May 4, 100 per cent of the proceeds from Smile Cookie sales will be donated to over 600 charities and community groups in Canada, selected by local Tim Hortons restaurant owners across the country. Community associations right here is Saskatoon Willowgrove benefit, so please consider supporting this initiative!

ANOTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

Automotive Learning Camps

Giving students a chance to explore career choices beyond high school.

Sask DLC offers online Mechanical & Automotive courses with work placements to high school students across the province.

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is open



saskDLC.ca



Sask DLC students rolled up their sleeves and got to work at a one-day Mechanical & Automotive Learning Camp hosted by [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#). Learning camps give high school students the chance to explore potential career paths and introduces them to the course selections they need to pursue them.

Thank you to the team at [Ens Lexus Toyota](#) for sharing their industry expertise and to the Saskatchewan Automobile Dealer's Association for facilitating valuable work placement opportunities for our students.

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is open.

SUMMER STUDENT JOBS AVAILABLE

Apply Now!

Summer student jobs are
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Thinking about getting off campus this summer? It's not too late to apply for a summer job with @SKGov!

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MLA for Saskatoon Willowgrove



Please reach out, we look forward to hearing from you.

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I appreciate any opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails help to keep me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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YOUR FAMILY FUN SASKATOON WEEKEND GUIDE



WEEKEND GUIDE

The sun should be out, and you can count on a lot of family fun this weekend. What

can you get up to? Here are a few things we have on our guide:

- * [Saskatchewan Aviation Museum](#) is holding the season opener for Friday BBQs!
- * If you LOVE FREE things, Free Comic Book Day is this Saturday!
- * [Pop Con YXE](#) is back this Saturday and Sunday at Prairieland!
- * This Saturday and Sunday, the Cinco De Mayo Children's Carnival will be held at [Topzpin](#).
- * Check out the [Saskatoon Canoe Club](#) Open House this Sunday to kick off another season on the water.

Find out more about these and MORE on our Family-Friendly weekend guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE EACCA SPRING GARAGE SALE



The Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale is happening Saturday, May 10, 9am-3pm – rain or shine!

If you want to have your garage sale listed, please send the following information to EACCAgaragesale@gmail.com

1. Your Name
2. EACCA Member ID
3. Address
4. General description of what you're selling

Don't have your EACCA membership?

Head to <https://registration.erindalearborcreek.org/> and SIGN UP!

The map, a list of items houses are selling, and a Google map link are below in this post. Please share this post or share the event page

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Wednesday, May 14th
 Luncheon
 11:15 am - 1:30 pm

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Members: \$50
 Non-Members: \$65

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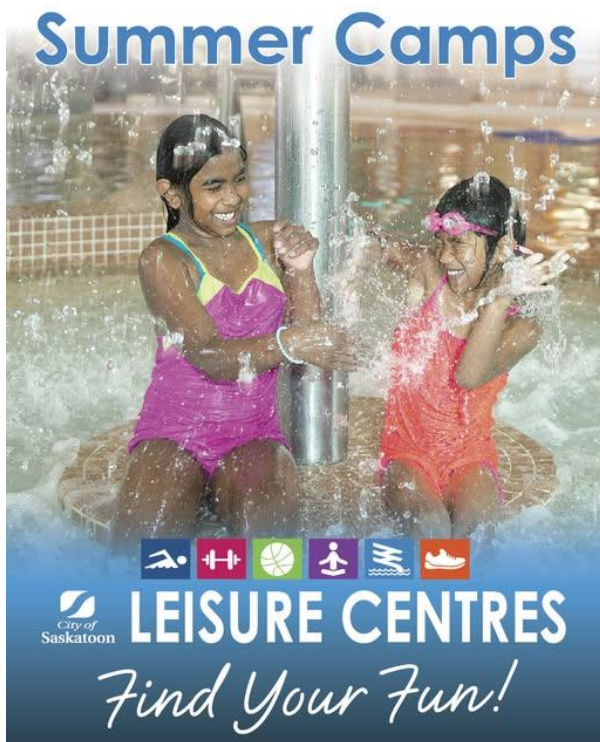
Goodbye April, Hello May! 🌸

The days are warmer, the air is fresh, and everything is turning green! It is the perfect time to get out and enjoy Saskatoon. ☀️

Our latest blog, Saskatooning this May, has everything you need to know for May!

Read here: <https://www.discoversaskatoon.com/.../saskatooning-this-may>

SUMMER CAMPS



Find your fun! [City of Saskatoon](https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../city-of-saskatoon.../) Summer Camps will keep children active and happy as they meet new friends and discover new activities. If your child is between 7 and 12, they will love either joining a camp with swimming and sports or a new City of Saskatoon camp with a focus on sports and games. As a parent, you can drop off your kids at camp each day with the comfort of knowing they are in great hands. Find out more here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../city-of-saskatoon.../>

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES



COMMUNITY SALES

Community Garage Sales in Saskatoon! The warm months mean it is time for bargain hunting! It's the season for garage sales and Family Fun Saskatoon doesn't want you to miss a single one! That's why we've created a guide with all the Community events we've found! If we're missing any please let us know. Find our guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../community-garage-sales/>

MAIFEST 2025

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MAIFEST 2025

Sask Hall at the WDM

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THE SASKATOON ZOO FOUNDATION'S

ZOOGALA

Zoogala is a one of a kind Saskatoon fundraising event that takes place at the unbeatable setting of the Saskatoon Zoo.

ZOOGALA is every food lover's dream come true, featuring exquisite cuisine created by the best Saskatoon Chefs. The evening also promises amazing entertainment, wonderful prizes and the true stars of the show, the resident animals. We invite you to wander around the beautiful Saskatoon zoo grounds, visit with the animals and enjoy a truly unique evening. Tickets go fast so get yours early. **19+ event.**

Tickets: [ZOOGALA - Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo Tickets, Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 6:15 PM](#) | [Eventbrite](#)

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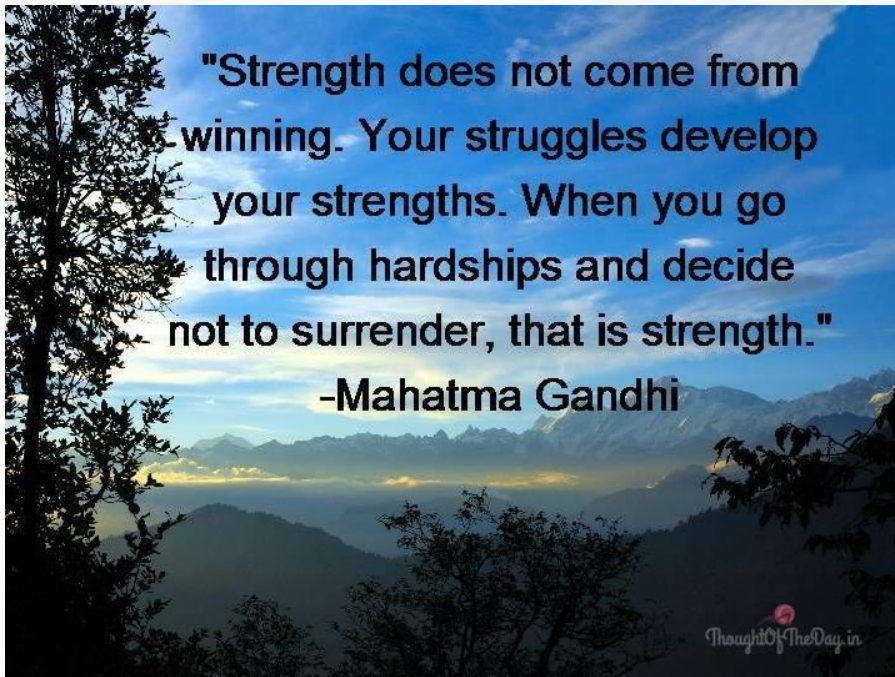
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