

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

My mom's favourite colour was purple.

I dedicate this newsletter to two incredible women—my mom and my wife—whose love, strength, and devotion inspire me every day.

To all the mothers and mother figures who nurture, guide, and give so selflessly: thank you. Your presence makes the world a better place. Whether you are a mother yourself, or you have a mother who has touched your life in some way, take the time to show them how much you care.

Sending special wishes for the mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, wives, partners, sisters, friends, mentors and women who love with a mother's heart!

May this Mother's Day bring you the joy, happiness, and appreciation that you so rightly deserve.

Happy Mother's Day!

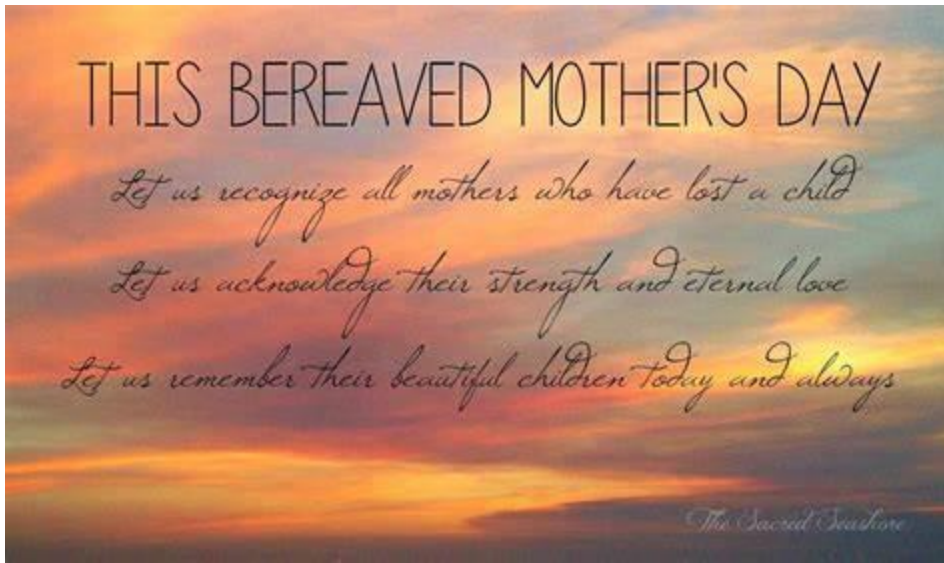
"There is no one perfect way to be a good mother. Each situation is unique. Each mother has different challenges, different skills and abilities, and certainly different

children. What matters is that a mother loves her children deeply." - Elder M. Russel Ballard



Mother's hold a special place in our hearts. Many have lost their mom and this special day is difficult. Cherish your memories.

I will be thinking of the many wonderful times shared with my mother, Lucy Cheveldayoff



For those who have lost a child, I cannot even begin to imagine the pain and heartache that you are going through. This Mother's Day, let us recognize all mothers who have lost a child.

SASKATCHEWAN TO HOST PRIME MINISTER AND PREMIERS IN JUNE

Message below from Prime Minister Mark Carney

The premiers and I spoke today. In the face of our immediate trade pressures, we're focused on building strength at home.

That means launching big nation-building projects, removing internal trade barriers, and building one Canadian economy.

We agreed to meet in Saskatoon on June 2 to keep that work going — and keep building Canada strong.

Story credit CTV News - see link below

Prime Minister Mark Carney will be travelling to Saskatchewan this June to meet with Canada's provincial leaders at a time when the issue of western alienation is top of mind.

Saskatoon is set to host the First Ministers Meeting on June 2. Following question period on Wednesday, Premier Scott Moe told reporters that he's looking forward to the discussions that are sure to take place at the event.

[Saskatchewan to host First Ministers Meeting in June](#)

SASKATCHEWAN LAUNCHES NEW OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES WEBSITE



Saskatchewan students can now access free textbooks and academic resources in one convenient location. The Government of Saskatchewan has partnered with Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the University of Regina and the University of

Saskatchewan to launch a new website to host open education resources (OERs) through one central website.

OERs are free digital resources such as textbooks, manuals and audio/visual files that students and faculty can access for learning, teaching and research purposes. Over the past ten years, Saskatchewan has invested \$2.3 million in the development of OERs.

"Open education resources are important tools that help make post-secondary education more accessible and affordable," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "We appreciate the hard work of faculty members at Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions who continue to develop important resources to help students learn, succeed and save money during their studies."

[Saskatchewan Launches New Open Education Resources Website | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

FOURTH ELMWOOD GROUP HOME IN SASKATOON SUPPORTS ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES



Social Services Minister Terry Jenson joined Elmwood Residences Inc. to celebrate the official opening of a group home for four former residents of Kinsmen Manor. The Ministry of Social Services provided \$1.4 million in capital funding to support the development of the home and is providing \$608,000 in annual operating funding.

"The Government of Saskatchewan works with its partners to develop inclusive, person-centred services that empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to live as independently as possible," Jenson said. "I thank Elmwood Residences for their dedication to providing quality, sustainable services that support the needs of Saskatchewan people with intellectual disabilities."

[Fourth Elmwood Group Home in Saskatoon Supports Adults with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
[| News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MAY PROCLAMATIONS



PROVINCE PROCLAIMS MAY AS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH IN SASKATCHEWAN

"Jewish Heritage month is a time to honour the many ways Jewish Canadians have enriched our communities," Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Alana Ross said. "It is also a time to promote understanding and inclusion while recognizing the strength

found in unity."



[Province Proclaims May as Jewish Heritage Month in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAIMED IN SASKATCHEWAN

"We are proud to continue partnering with Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan on this important initiative," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod said. "As a government we are committed to addressing and raising awareness about sexual violence as part of our ongoing work to build a healthy, vibrant Saskatchewan

where everyone can live safely and free from violence."



A Project of HCWC

[Sexual Violence Prevention Month Proclaimed in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN PROCLAIMS CORRECTIONAL SERVICES APPRECIATION DAY

"Correctional services staff carry out challenging and demanding work every day," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod, K.C., said. "Their hard work often goes unnoticed but plays a significant role in helping to keep our communities safe. Today, we take this opportunity to honour these everyday heroes and thank them for their service to the people of Saskatchewan."



MEASLES SYMPTOMS



Measles symptoms include:

- fever,
- cough,
- runny nose,
- red eyes,
- fatigue,
- irritability (feeling cranky or in a bad mood),
- small, white spots (known as Koplik spots) inside the mouth and throat, and

- red blotchy rash, which develops on the face and spreads down the body about three to seven days after symptoms begin and can last four to seven days.

Measles is prevented by vaccination. The measles vaccine is safe, effective and free. With two doses, measles vaccination is almost 100 per cent effective. Please review your vaccination status (if you were immunized in Saskatchewan, check your MySaskHealthRecord) or discuss with your health practitioner to ensure all you and your family's immunizations are up to date.

Due to the highly contagious nature of measles, if you exhibit any of the above symptoms AND were at the identified location during the specified times, please call HealthLine 811 for symptom assessment and care advice. You may also contact your physician or nurse practitioner and inform them that you may have been exposed to measles. Do not attend a clinic in person if you are symptomatic—call HealthLine 811 for care advice. Anyone potentially exposed may be eligible for preventative treatment for up to six days after exposure. If you are in medical distress, please call BEFORE presenting to the emergency department or call 911, ensuring you identify that you may have been exposed to measles.

Measles is a highly contagious. It can spread very easily to others through the air. The virus can live up to two hours in the air or on surfaces in a space where a person coughed or sneezed. It can spread from four days before a rash appears until four days after a rash develops. Through this period, a person needs to stay in strict isolation to avoid spreading the infection to others.

For a complete list of locations of potential exposures across the province, symptoms or measles, and more visit: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/measles>

CONGRATULATIONS TEAM CANADA!



It is such a pleasure to congratulate Saskatoon's soccer players, Erica Hindmarsh, Jaden Steinhauer, Jude Houmphanh and Person Barandica-Hamilton (Assistant Coach).

All are from our great city of Saskatoon and are members of a Futsal team which is a soccer game. They play for Saskatoon Impact. They won gold at Canadian Championships recently and are also members of Team Canada that traveled to Guatemala and won gold again, representing Canada at the Concalf Tournament.

The win the end of April qualifies them for a spot in the World Championships for Women's Futsal Soccer in the Phillipines in November, 2025!

Way to go team Canada! You certainly make our city and province proud.

HINDU SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN GATHERING



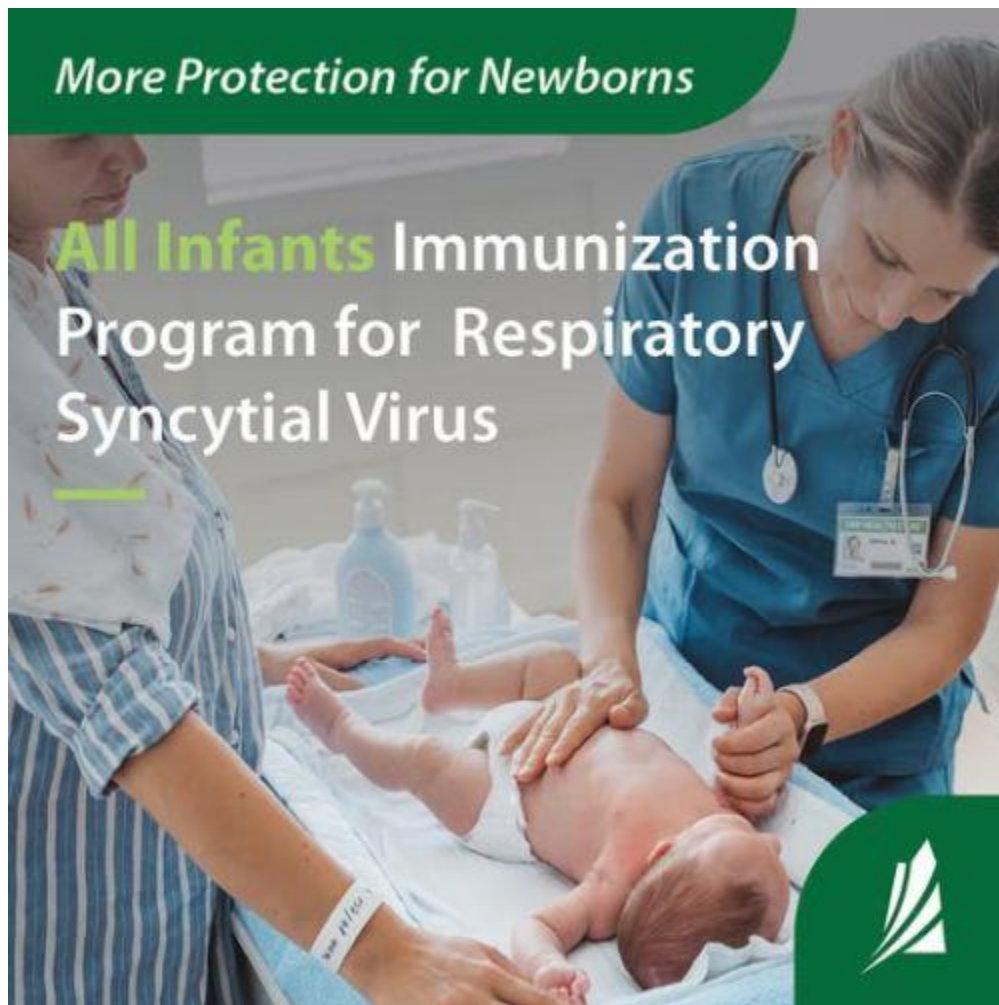
This past Saturday, I joined a large crowd assembled, deeply saddened by the tragic events in Pahalgam, India. I thank the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan for bringing us together in reflection and solidarity.

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I offered sincere condolences to the families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with those recovering—we wish them strength and healing.

To our Indo-Canadian community in Saskatchewan, we recognize this tragedy's profound impact. You are not alone in your grief. We strongly condemn this act of terror. No justification exists for such violence. In these moments, we must unite—

against hate, for peace, and in pursuit of justice. "From Many Peoples Strength"—in moments of loss, let's care for one another, honouring the victims by standing together against hate, wherever it appears.

MORE PROTECTION FOR NEWBORNS



Saskatchewan is expanding the RSV Immunization Program. This new 'all-infant' approach provides publicly funded immunizations for every baby born in the province during their first RSV season.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/4jA8Cd9>

EIGHT INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE 2025 SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT



Saskatchewan Order of Merit

2025 Recipients:

- Dr. Ernest Barber, Saskatoon
- Janet Carriere, Prince Albert
- Brent Cotter, K.C., Saskatoon
- Dr. Haissam Haddad, O.C., Saskatoon
- Ann Phillips, K.C., Regina
- Ellen Remai, M.S.C., LL. D., Saskatoon
- Robert Stromberg, K.C., Saskatoon
- Senapan Thunder, Thunderchild First Nation



Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre announced the eight outstanding individuals who will become the next recipients of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the province's highest honour. These recipients will be invested with the medal of the Order at a special ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Order in Saskatoon, in early June.

"It is a privilege to present the Saskatchewan Order of Merit to these eight people who have made such meaningful contributions to our province," McIntyre said. "Like previous recipients of the medal over the past 40 years, their accomplishments are an inspiration to us all."

[Eight Individuals to Receive 2025 Saskatchewan Order of Merit | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CAA SAFETY PATROL MONTH



Thanking those who keep
our kids safe in school zones

The CAA School Safety Patrol program has over 70 years experience in Saskatchewan.

Patrollers stand out in their bright neon reflector vests, equipped with STOP paddles that serve as beacons of safety.

They are an additional set of eyes, ears, and helping hands, embodying the values of responsibility, teamwork, and pedestrian safety.

FUNDING FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



Our government recognizes that every child deserves a place to play, which is why we are investing \$3.75 million annually to deliver a new program to help fund school playground equipment in communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Parent groups are working hard alongside local school councils to build safe, accessible playgrounds for their kids and this funding will help make their job a little easier, while ensuring projects are completed sooner.

CELEBRATING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MONTH BY SUPPORTING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Early Childhood Education Month



Thanking those who help
prepare our youngest learners
for their educational journey.

The month of May has been proclaimed as Early Childhood Education Month in Saskatchewan and May 14th has been proclaimed as Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Appreciation Day.

The month provides an opportunity to celebrate and thank the thousands of dedicated professionals who play a significant role in creating and implementing programs that support the physical, social-emotional and intellectual development of children in Saskatchewan.

"I am proud to proclaim May as Early Childhood Education month and May 14th as Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Day to celebrate and recognize all that they do for Saskatchewan families," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "We have heard from the sector that there is limited time for staff to carry out planning and learning together. In support of our ECE's, these additional two days for professional development will further provide Saskatchewan ECEs opportunities to build their

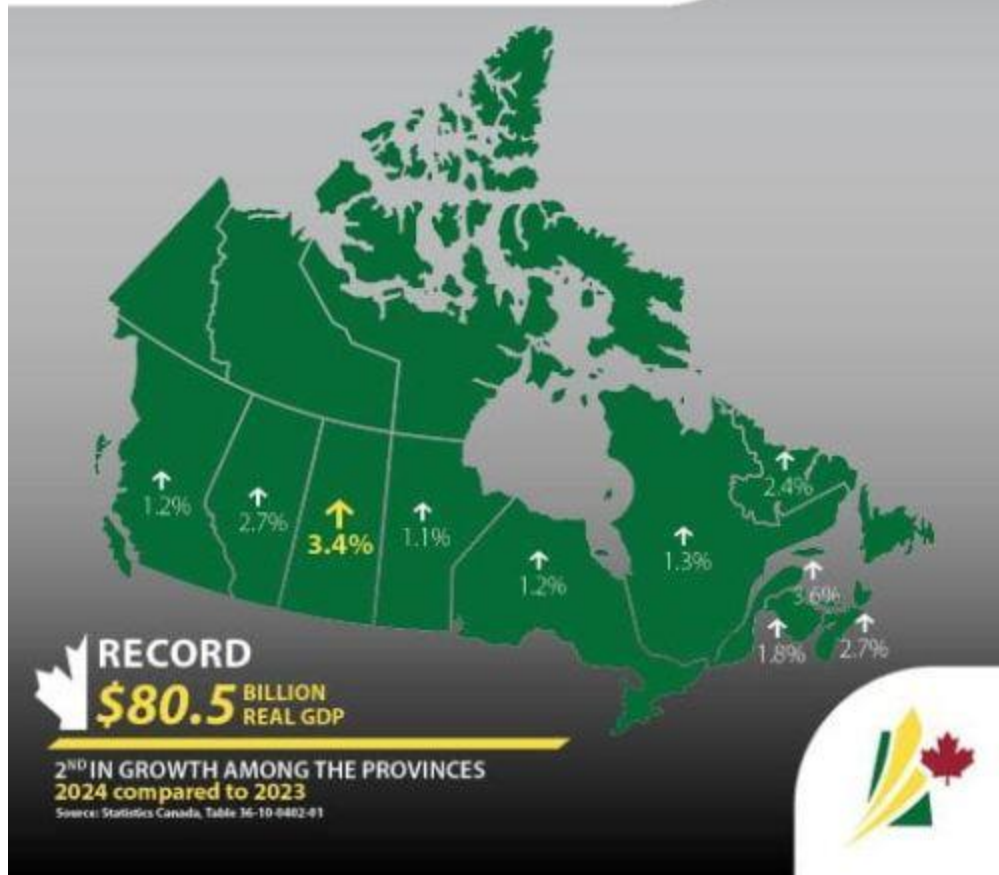
knowledge and to stay on top of best practices that support children's growth and development."



[Celebrating Early Childhood Education Month by Supporting Early Childhood Educators | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN'S GDP REACHES RECORD HIGH \$80.5 BILLION IN 2024

Gross Domestic Product



New figures from Statistics Canada show that Saskatchewan remains a national leader in economic growth. Real GDP data shows Saskatchewan is second among Canadian provinces for growth in 2024.



Real GDP rose by 3.4 per cent from 2023 to 2024, well over the national average increase of 1.6 per cent. Saskatchewan's real GDP value remains at an all-time high of \$80.5 billion, beating 2023's record of \$77.9 billion. This is a provincial record.

"Saskatchewan continues to see record growth within our provincial economy and today's Statistics Canada data shows more people are choosing to live, work and raise families in our province," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Saskatchewan exports bring food and energy security not only to North America, but around the world. The result of this is more high-paying jobs for Saskatchewan residents, more services and a high quality of life for all who call our province home."

[Saskatchewan's Real GDP Reaches Record High \\$80.5 Billion in 2024 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

RECOGNIZING MAY 5-10 FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

Building a safer Saskatchewan

Safety and Health Week

May 5 - 10, 2025



The Government of Saskatchewan is recognizing May 5-10 as Safety and Health Week in Saskatchewan.

"This week is a time to focus on the role each of us can play in creating safe, healthy workplaces and communities," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Jim Reiter said. "There is always more work to be done in building a safer

Saskatchewan."



Safety and Health Week, formerly known as North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, began in 1997 and is observed annually in Canada, the United States and Mexico. The purpose of the day is to focus employers, employees, partners and the public on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace, at home and in the community.

[Recognizing May 5-10 For Safety and Health Week | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN STUDENT AID REMINDER

Saskatchewan Student Aid

**Reminder: 2024-25 Spring/
Summer applications are open**



Reminder that Saskatchewan Student Aid applications are open for spring/summer classes! Take advantage of the financial supports that are available to help fund your education.

Learn more at www.saskatchewan.ca/student-aid.

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 29 TO MAY 5, 2025

Weekly Crop Report

Seeding Progress

18% complete for the week of
April 29 - May 5



Spring seeding is well underway across Saskatchewan, with 18 per cent of the 2025 crop now planted.

The current provincial seeding progress of 18 per cent is ahead of the five-year average (2020-2024) of 10 per cent and the 10-year average (2015-2024) of 12 per cent. Despite multiple storms throughout the province in April, producers were able to get into their fields and make rapid progress over the last couple of weeks.

[Crop Report for the Period of April 29 to May 5, 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



Farm safety is a priority in Saskatchewan. Our government wishes everyone in the agriculture industry another safe and successful growing season.

You can find helpful tips and resources at saskatchewan.ca/farmsafety.

ITS GREENHOUSE SEASON!



GREENHOUSES

Are you dreaming of getting your garden and yard ready for the season?

A great time of year to plan your flowers, starting our veggies and of course, Visiting the many greenhouses throughout our city and province to make your gardening dreams come true!

If you're looking for some greenhouses in Saskatoon (or a short drive away), check out the Family Fun Saskatoon guide on the website. <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../saskatoon-greenhouses/>

www.rishikajain.com



M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the Million things she gave me
"O" means Only that she's growing Old,
"T" is for the Tears she shed to save
me,
"H" is for her Heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her Eyes, with love-light
shining,
"R" means Right, and Right she'll always
be,
Put them all together, they spell
"MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.



EACCA CGARAGE SALE THIS SATURDAY!



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

MAP IS LIVE

Plan your Route for Saturday!

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS



Mother's Day Guide: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/mothers-day/>

WEEKEND GUIDE



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There is so much to look forward to this weekend from Mother's Day to Community Garage Sales to Markets!

But also:

* [Persephone Theatre](#) Youth Series is on until May 11th. *G'zaagiin Maleńki I Promise You a Forest* is recommended for ages 18 months to 5 years.

* [Mitchinson Flight Centre](#) invites you to an unforgettable experience. *Girls Take Flights* will have free flights for all girls aged 8-18!

Find out all the details on our website! Just click on the

link: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

SUPPORT THIS GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR MENTAL HEALTH - ORDER OF EASTERN STAR FASHION SHOW

The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
Order of the Eastern Star
In conjunction with

LAURA CANADA
and
London Drugs Cosmetics
(The Mall at Lawson Heights, Saskatoon)

Invites you to a

SPRING FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
7:00 P.M.


TICKETS: \$25.00

REFRESHMENTS/DOOR
PRIZES/ATTENDANCE GIFTS

Tickets, call: 306.220.5802

Proceeds will go to OSI-Can, a program of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Saskatchewan Division to inspire hope and contribute to the continuous well-being of currently serving and former Military, RCMP, First Responders, and Public Safety Personnel dealing with job-related PTSD and Operational Stress Injuries

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS




Wednesday, May 14th
Luncheon
11:15 am - 1:30 pm
TCU PLACE
Upper Salon Level
Members: \$50
Non-Members: \$65

**POWERHOUSE
SERIES**





STATE OF THE CITY

with her Worship Mayor
Cynthia Block

PRESENTED BY
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Mayor Block will touch on the challenges and opportunities facing Saskatoon, her perspective on current business and economic issues, and her priorities in the year ahead.

REGISTER TODAY: <https://bit.ly/4lqpULj>

SASKATOONING THIS MAY

New Blog!

Saskatooning this May

Written by: Bailie Knowles



#saskatooning

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>

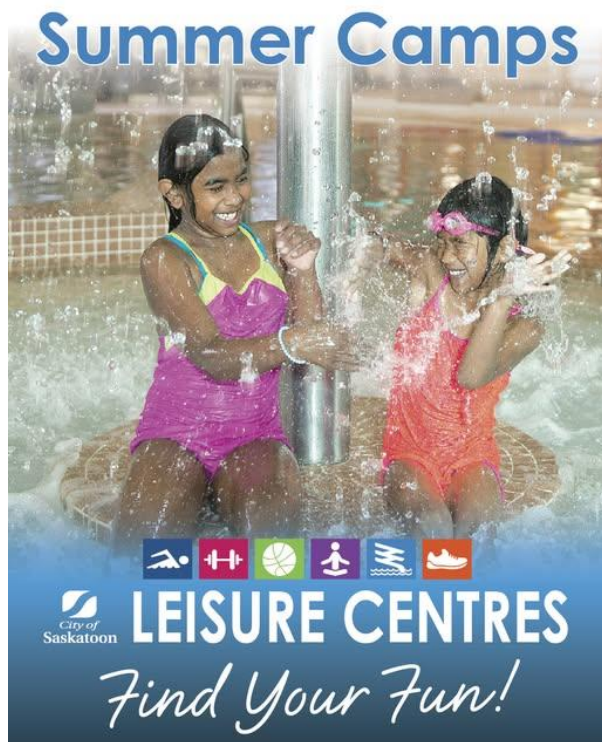
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Saturday, June 7th - 9 am to 3 pm

To have your garage sale listed on our master listing of sales which will be available on the WUHCA website and Facebook page, email events@wuhca.ca.

SUMMER CAMPS WILLOWGROVE



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



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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.familfuncanada.com/.../community-arage-sales/> or

READ ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES

NEWS RELEASES

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[Government of Saskatchewan Provides Increased Funding to Support Persons with Disabilities | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Province Increases Monthly Benefits for Income Assistance Clients | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Critical Epilepsy Drug Now Covered in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Launches Online Wellbeing Course for New and Expecting Parents | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

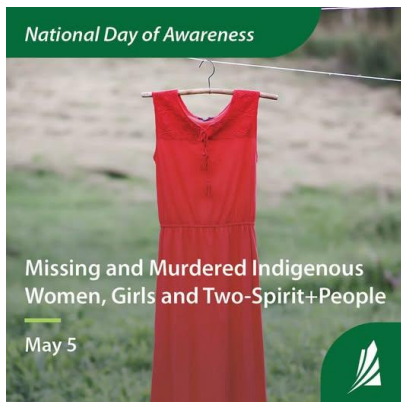
[Northern Saskatchewan to see Record Investment to Improve Highways and Airports | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Agriculture Student Scholarship Recipients Announced in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Innovation Saskatchewan Making an Impact at Uniting the Prairies Tech Conference | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[May 5 is Red Dress Day in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Emergency Preparedness Week Recognized in Saskatchewan; SaskAlert Test Scheduled for May 7 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Saskatchewan Research Council Celebrates New Indigenous Workforce Program | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Irrigation Development Program Intake Closing | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SPECIAL THOUGHT OF THE DAY FOR KIDS!

Dear big kids, when your mom says she doesn't want "anything" for Mother's Day, what she means is that she just wants...

A hug. 🤗

A text. 💬

A phone call. 📞

A conversation 😊

A meal together. 🍽️

A "thanks, mom." 😊

To hear your voice.

To look at your face. 😎

A "how are you, mom?" 🌸

An update (without her asking). 😍

An "I love you" via any method. 😘

To know you're happy and healthy. 😊

Because you mean everything to her. ❤️

Canadian's Heart and Soul MOM



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