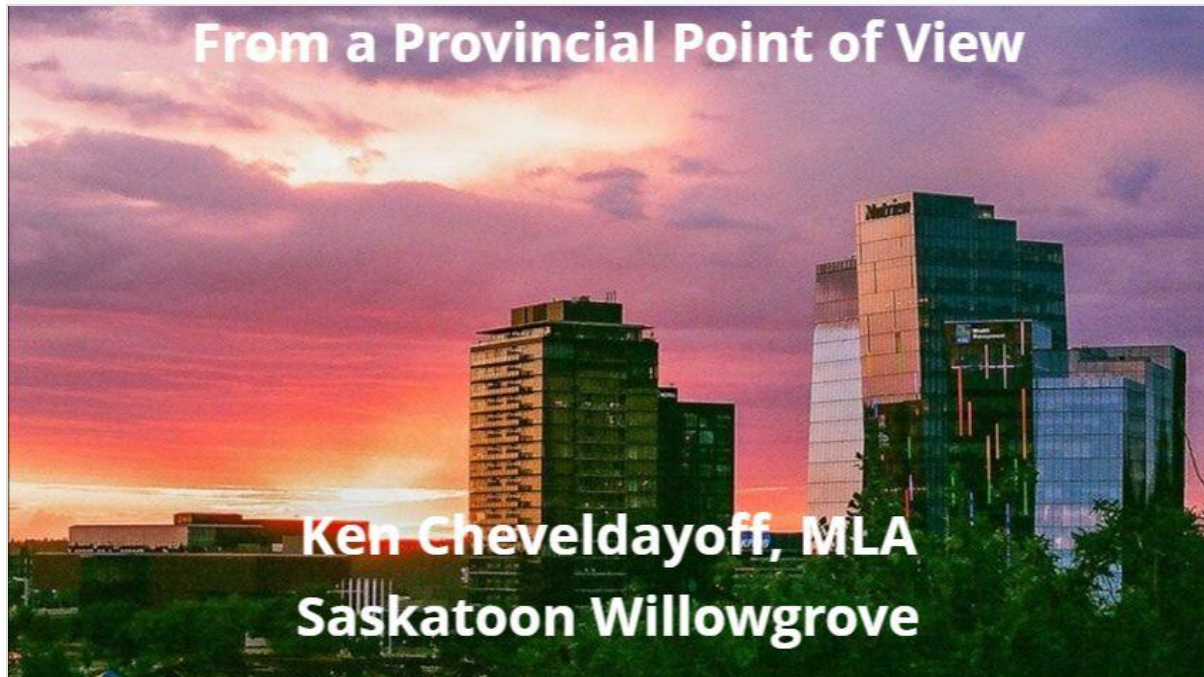


Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



SASKATCHEWAN BUILDS FUTURE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WORKFORCE



Photo credit Saskatchewan Students Facebook

What a pleasure this past week to welcome the first students to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program. It is indeed a proud moment for Saskatchewan. As Minister of Advanced Education, this program reflects our governments commitment to expanding high-quality, locally delivered education that meets the evolving needs of our communities and creates rewarding career pathways for Saskatchewan students.

Saskatchewan is taking another step forward in strengthening its health care workforce with the launch of a new training program for Physician Assistants (PAs). Twenty new students have joined the University of Saskatchewan's (USask) College of Medicine in the first cohort of the new Master of Physician Assistant

Studies (MPAS) program. This milestone is a bold step in Saskatchewan's plan to train and recruit PAs right here at home.

PAs are health professionals who have taken advanced training to practise medicine under the supervision of a licensed physician, often within a multidisciplinary health team.

"Welcoming the first students to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is a proud moment for Saskatchewan," Advanced Education Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "This program reflects our commitment to expanding high-quality, locally delivered education that meets the evolving needs of our communities and creates rewarding career pathways for Saskatchewan students."

[Saskatchewan Builds Future Physician Assistant Workforce | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

NORTH SASKATOON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



The NSBA hosted an excellent evening at Mosaic in Regina for Popcorn and Entrepreneurs II.

The evening was a first for Regina. It was an incredible evening celebrating Paul and Carol Hill. It was wonderful that several colleagues were in attendance.

Well done NSBA! Congratulations again Paul and Carol.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT



I had the pleasure of representing our government to announce the launch of the province's new School Playground Equipment Grant program, which has begun accepting applications. The program aims to support the creation of safe, accessible playgrounds on school-operated property throughout Saskatchewan. Eligible projects can receive up to \$50,000 in matching funds to build a new playground or use funds to add new equipment or replace existing components.



Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Alana Ross held a similar event in Regina.

The application period for the School Playground Equipment Grant program is now open.

With a \$3.75M annual investment over the next four years, this program will support the creation of safe, accessible playgrounds on school property throughout Saskatchewan.

Eligible projects can receive up to \$50,000 in matching funds, available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be administered in partnership with the [Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association \(SPRA\)](#).

The online grant application and supporting guidelines will be available through the SPRA Online Grant Platform at <https://www.spra.sk.ca/funding/spra-grants/>.

PROVINCE OFFERS GRANTS TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION



As part of *Pillars for Life: The Saskatchewan Suicide Prevention Plan*, the provincial government is providing \$250,000 in grants to support suicide prevention initiatives across the province.

The Suicide Prevention Grant Program encourages community partners to develop creative ways to support suicide prevention, with a focus on developing leadership, reducing risks of suicide, increasing awareness of resources, reducing stigma and promoting healthy lifestyles. Funding will support at least 25 grants, each receiving up to \$10,000.

"The tragic loss of a person by suicide is felt by family members, friends, and the entire community," Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr said.

"Addressing self-harm and suicide is a priority for our government. Providing these grants is an important way to work with partners to support the mental health of our residents across the province."

[Province Offers Grants to Support Suicide Prevention | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

AS MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, IT IS A PLEASURE MEETING STUDENTS THAT ARE FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION



It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet students studying at SaskPolytech. Eagle Dubois is studying to be a Primary Care Paramedic!



Madis McCullough is a first-year student at Saskpolytech enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program. Here's to a productive and fulfilling year for all post-secondary students.

JOHN ATHANASOPOULOS RECEIVES MEDAL OF ARCHON



Last week, I had the great honour of attending a deeply meaningful service at Saint Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Regina.

The service was led by the Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church of Canada, who recognized individuals for their exceptional service to both the Church and their communities.

Among those honoured was John Athanasopoulos, widely known for his unwavering dedication to his community and the Church. Congratulations, John, on receiving the honorary title and medal of Archon—a truly well-deserved recognition.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE - TRAFFIC TIP



Watch for flashing lights and stop signs around school buses.

If you approach a school bus with its flashing red lights activated, come to a complete stop. ● Passing is prohibited until lights are deactivated and the stop sign is retracted.

Also, remember, there's a lot going on in school zones: students walking to and from the building, getting off the bus, being dropped off by a parent, playing in the school yard and crossing at the crosswalk.

KEEP IN TOUCH

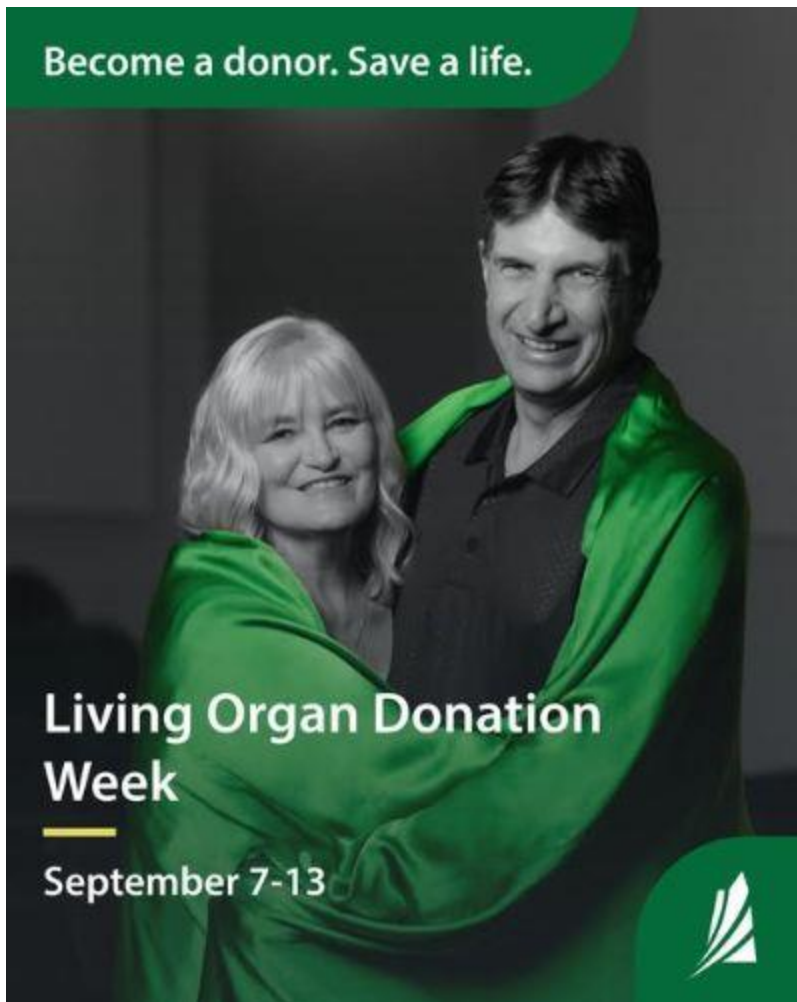


Your feedback is important. If you have any suggestions or ideas to make our newsletter better, please contact our office at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net

I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping 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.

SASKATCHEWAN RECOGNIZES LIVING ORGAN DONATION WEEK



The Government of Saskatchewan has designated the week of September 7-13 to be Living Organ Donation Week in Saskatchewan to celebrate living donors and recipients and inspire more people to consider becoming donors.



"Saskatchewan's commitment to organ and tissue donation reflects our dedication to enhancing and extending the lives of those who are in dire need of a donation," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "We are proud to showcase these incredibly selfless acts of generosity that have transformed the lives of residents in our province."

UPGRADED SASKATCHEWAN AIR AMBULANCE AIRCRAFT IMPROVES PATIENT CARE AND SAFETY



The Government of Saskatchewan has upgraded one of its Saskatchewan Air Ambulance (SAA) aircraft to better serve patients with complex and urgent medical needs.

The King Air B200 aircraft now has a larger entry door, a bigger stretcher with a new support system and an electronic lift. The interior of the plane has also been upgraded to accommodate these changes. These improvements make it safer and easier for emergency responders to move patients on and off the aircraft, supporting

faster and more efficient emergency transport across the province. The upgraded stretcher also allows for safe and timely care for patients who may not be adequately supported with conventional stretchers.

"Upgrading this aircraft reflects our continued commitment to investing in infrastructure that supports the health and wellbeing of all residents, no matter where patients live - whether in the far north or in the south," SaskBuilds and Procurement Minister David Marit said. "This investment highlights our promise to support communities across Saskatchewan."

"The upgrade to the air ambulance is an important factor in improving access to emergency health services, particularly for patients in northern and rural areas of the province," Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr said. "Not only will it improve access, but providers will be able to safely provide advanced care to more critical care patients, saving lives."

[Upgraded Saskatchewan Air Ambulance Aircraft Improves Patient Care and Safety | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

RECORD HIGH LABOUR FORCE NUMBERS

Labour Force Numbers *Hit Record High*

16,500 full-time jobs were added
year-over-year in August



At 4.7 per cent, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate is well below the national average of 7.1 per cent. Once again, we have proven why we are the best place to live, work and raise a family in Canada.

No matter how educated,
talented, rich or cool you believe
you are, how you treat people
ultimately tells all. Integrity
is everything.



**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMORIAL FOR FALLEN PROTECTIVE
SERVICES PERSONNEL**



September 8th, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) announced a meaningful memorial for families and friends of protective services personnel who lost their lives while in the line of duty.



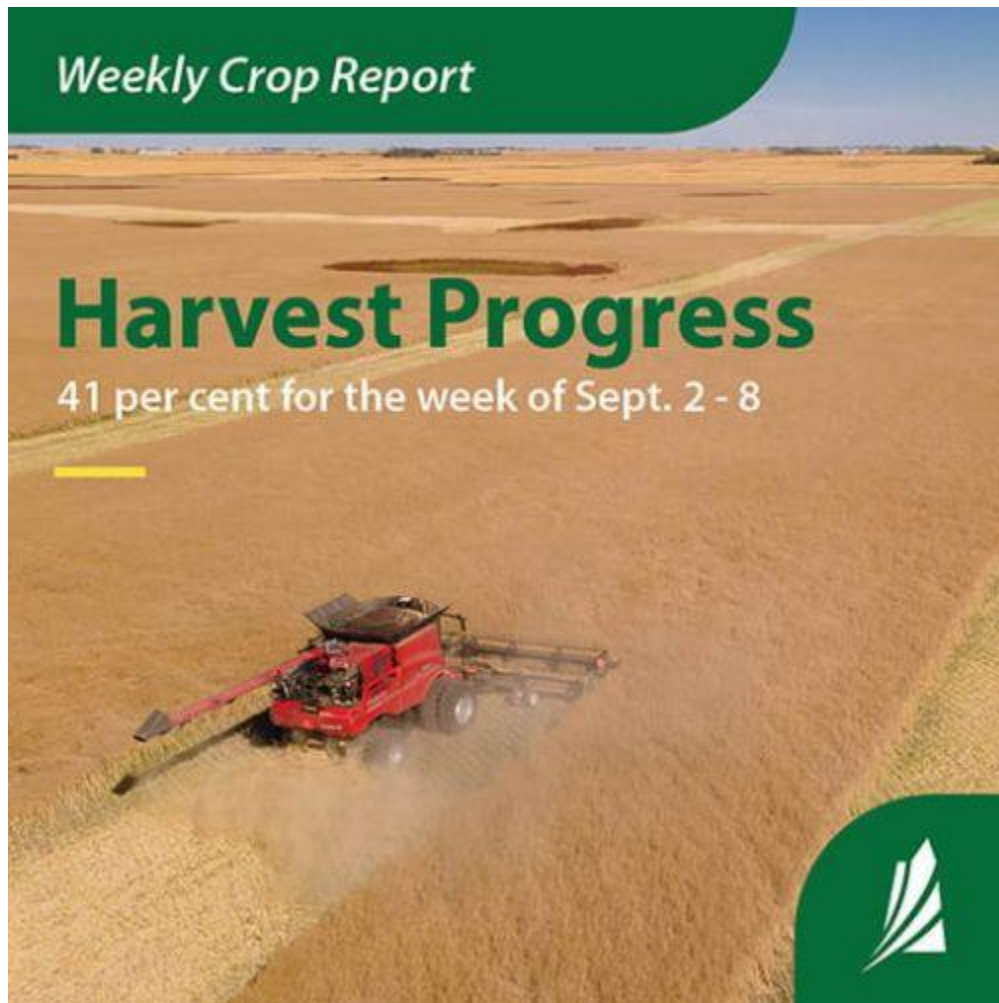
Located on Memorial Way southwest of the Legislature Building, the Saskatchewan Protective Services Memorial will be a permanent reminder that sacrifice must never be forgotten.



“The monument will provide a meaningful gathering place for families, friends, colleagues and the public to honour and remember lives lost, as well as organizations to hold their own ceremonies,” Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod said. “The Government of Saskatchewan is proud to support this monument and the sacrifices it represents.”

[Groundbreaking Ceremony For New Memorial For Fallen Protective Services Personnel | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2025



Producers were able to make significant harvest progress over the past week, although some areas experienced rain delays. Currently, 41 per cent of this year's crop is in the bin, up from 23 per cent reported last week. This is behind the five-year average of 58 per cent and the 10-year average of 49 per cent. Although the mostly dry weather has allowed harvest to progress, combine and equipment fires are a significant risk. Producers are also monitoring stored grain closely as there are concerns for bin heating given the high temperatures that occurred at the time of combining.

[Crop Report for the Period September 2 to September 8, 2025 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



A new semester can bring new challenges, but you don't have to face them alone. Campus and community mental health supports are available, including counselling support, help lines and more. Ask your institution about services available on campus.

You can also find a list of community support services at:
saskatchewan.ca/mental-health.

DO YOU NEED TO FILL POSITIONS WITHIN YOUR BUSINESS?



Need to fill positions within your business? [#SaskJobs](#) helps Saskatchewan employers connect with qualified employees who are ready to work.

Contact: saskjobsworkforce@gov.sk.ca

REMINDER - WILLOWGROVE FAMILY FUN DAY THIS WEEKEND!

The poster features a dark blue background with yellow geometric shapes in the top right corner. At the top left is the W.U.H.C.A. logo with a stylized sun and waves. Below it is the text "WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)". The main title "FAMILY FUN DAY" is in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title, a paragraph describes the event: "Join us at Wallace Park (behind Willowgrove School) for horse drawn carriage rides, balloon animals, face painting, and much more!". A yellow box contains the date "September 13, 2025" and the time "11:00 AM - 03:00 PM", each preceded by a calendar and clock icon. At the bottom left is a globe icon and the website "www.wuhca.ca". On the right side, there are two circular inset photos: the top one shows a family of four smiling, and the bottom one shows a family of five posing outdoors.

W.U.H.C.A.

WALLACE PARK (BEHIND WILLOWGROVE SCHOOL)

FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us at Wallace Park (behind Willowgrove School) for horse drawn carriage rides, balloon animals, face painting, and much more!

 **September 13, 2025**

 **11:00 AM - 03:00 PM**

 OUR WEBSITE
www.wuhca.ca

Saturday, September 13 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Wallace Park for lots of family fun!!

CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER



FAMILY FUN BIRTHDAY FREEBIES



BIRTHDAY FREEBIES

It's MY BIRTHDAY! To celebrate, I wanted to share our guide for Freebies on your birthday! Some of these require memberships or cards, but they are all meant to make your day just a little bit better. Have we missed any? Let us know!
You can find it here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../birthday-freebies-in.../>

SASKATOON PLAYGROUNDS



PLAYGROUNDS

We are sure to have a few more nice days this fall, so we wanted to add a few favourites to our list of playgrounds in Saskatoon! What's your go-to playground? Check out our guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../parks-and-playgrounds/>

PARADE OF HOMES

2025
parade
of **HOMES**

paradeofhomesonline.ca

SEPTEMBER 13 - OCTOBER 19

Parade of Homes 2025

- 📍 Saskatoon & Surrounding Area
- 📅 Saturday, September 13 - Sunday, October 19
- 🕒 Various Times

FALL CAMPING



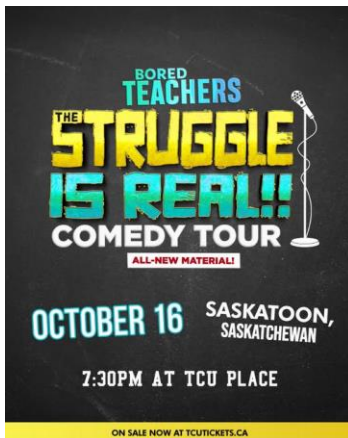
Ready for fall camping magic right here in Saskatoon? 🍂🍁

Whether you're pitching a tent, rolling in your RV, or going full-on glamp mode, discover why crisp air, fewer bugs, early sunsets, and dark, star-studded skies make autumn the perfect season to camp!

Get all the insider tips in our latest blog!

Read here: <https://www.discover Saskatoon.com/.../saskatoon-fall..>

COMEDY TOUR



Bored Teachers “The Struggle is Real” will be a win-win with a night out and a night of laughter. The hilarious comedy tour, brought to you by Outback Presents, is coming to Saskatoon in October. If you have an educator in your life or want to get BIG brownie points with your child’s teacher, make sure to grab them tickets now! Find out how to get tickets here:

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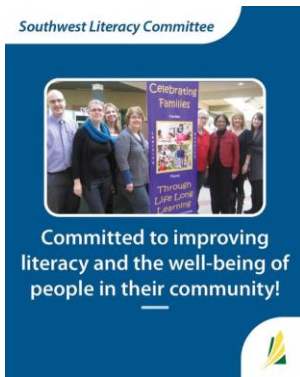
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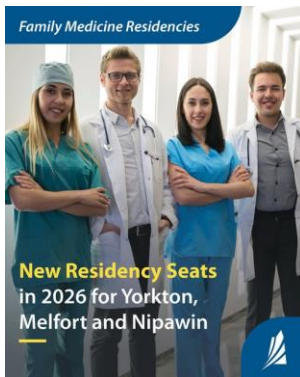
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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Life is meant

to be more than dreams and aspirations and busy days. Life is meant to be noticed, to be absorbed, to be treasured. Notice when the sun catches the glass of your window, when the birds call out in the trees, when the waves crash into the shore. More than that, notice the person who lets you cut in line, the delivery driver who asks about your day, the friend who calls to see how you are, the wish you made late at night upon the brightest star. Life is meant to be noticed, not wasted away.

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