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**SASKATCHEWAN POSTS LOWEST NUMBER OF ROAD  
FATALITIES IN RECORDED HISTORY**



*Drivers Encouraged To Help Bring That Number Even Lower In 2020*

Fewer people were killed on Saskatchewan roads in 2019 than in any single year since records started being kept in the 1950s. SGI's preliminary statistics indicate 71\* people were killed in collisions in 2019.

Over the preceding 10 years (2009-2018) Saskatchewan averaged nearly 140 road fatalities per year. Previously, the record low was 73, which occurred in 1951 when there was about a quarter the number of registered vehicles on the roads as there is today.

"This number makes it clear that many Saskatchewan people have decided that it is no longer acceptable for this province to hold a different record, and one that we held not that many years ago, where we had the highest number of road fatalities in Canada," Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said. "I want to thank all Saskatchewan residents who are working to make our roads safer, and I'd like to particularly acknowledge the work by law enforcement, media, and families affected by distracted or impaired driving."

“However, collisions are preventable and even one traffic death is too many. We can’t celebrate when people are still being killed and injured on our roads.”

As SGI reported in August (<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/news?title=progress-report--fewer-road-injuries-and-fatalities-in-2018-compared-to-10-year-average>) of last year when releasing preliminary 2018 numbers, fatalities and injuries caused by traffic collisions continue to decrease in Saskatchewan, particularly those caused by impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and improper seatbelt use. More enforcement, targeted legislation and powerful awareness efforts contribute to this, but it ultimately comes down to drivers making good decisions.

“When people make the decision to drive safely, it literally saves lives,” SGI President and CEO Andrew Cartmell said. “If you are one of the drivers who still chooses to take risks like texting while you’re driving, driving when you’re impaired or driving at unsafe speeds, you are now in the minority. We ask you change your habits and become part of making this the province with the safest roads in Canada.”

The Government of Saskatchewan, SGI and law enforcement ask everyone to keep one thing in mind throughout 2020, and beyond: Take care out there. *\*The 2019 number is considered preliminary, based on data available from police forces in Saskatchewan, and may be adjusted.*

## WE REMEMBER THE VICTIMS AND HONOUR THE SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST



Today marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the infamous Nazi death camp, Auschwitz-Birkenau, where nearly a quarter of the 6 million Jews killed in Holocaust were mass murdered. On this sombre day, people across the world remember the innocent victims of one of the greatest crimes in human history and mourn the loss of innocent Jews that were murdered along with so many others by the Nazi regime.



*Premier Scott Moe, "Today, we remember the six million Jewish victims who suffered and perished in the Holocaust. We cannot change history - only learn from it. We have an obligation to teach future generations of these horrific crimes, so we never forget."*

## **SASKATCHEWAN MODERNIZES PIPELINE REGULATIONS**



*Province Introduces The First Electronic Pipeline Registry In Canada*

The Government of Saskatchewan is modernizing and strengthening its regulatory oversight of oil and gas pipeline infrastructure in the province, with the proclamation of the *Pipelines Amendment Act, 2019* (the Act).

“This is the culmination of several years work and delivers on our promise, made in 2017, to ensure that Saskatchewan citizens and our environment are protected to the highest standard,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “The introduction of substantial enhancements to our pipeline licensing system will also provide more efficiency and regulatory certainty for our oil and gas sector.”

In recent years, the province has enhanced regulatory systems to monitor and review pipeline construction and operations, with more stringent inspection, investigation, penalty and audit powers.

Click [here](#) to read more about the new act.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**





It was an honour to attend the Chinese New Year Celebration January 25th held at the Mandarin Restaurant in Saskatoon. On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, it was a great opportunity to bring greetings to the special people attending.

Chinese New Year is one of the most important traditional holidays in Chinese culture. The New Year brings new beginnings and renewal in every culture. With Chinese New Year we welcome the Year of the Rat – an animal that is resourceful, clever, quick thinking and inquisitive. May these traits offer wealth, resilience and vitality for all of us in the year ahead.

Saskatchewan is a welcoming place, one that offers opportunities to celebrate the culture and diversity of our people. Our province has had a long relationship with China – one that is greatly valued. It is a relationship that is strong in many areas, including trade, research and post-secondary education. Since 2007, we have welcomed over 14,000 people from China as permanent residents. We are happy to have newcomers call Saskatchewan home and have them help build our future together.

China remains an incredibly important trading partner to Saskatchewan – our second-largest export market and our second-largest source of imports. Our exports to China primarily consist of agri-food products, potash and forestry products. In addition, we import industrial and electronics machinery, as well as articles made of steel. We greatly value these economic and cultural exchanges.

We have vibrant arts and culture scene, safe communities and provide high-quality schools and post-secondary education, all of which contribute to an excellent quality of life for Saskatchewan families. Saskatchewan is fortunate to have so many people from different cultures living here.

It allows us to experience unique cultural traditions and customs, like Chinese New Year. It also brings prosperity to our communities.

It was an honour to be invited to this special event. Also in attendance were Mayor Charlie Clark, Chief of Police, Troy Cooper, MLA, David Forbes and Public School Board Chair, Colleen MacPherson.

On behalf of Premier Scott Moe and our government, I hope everyone is blessed with health and prosperity with the celebration of the Chinese New Year. I wish you all, in the Year of the Rat, Da Jee Da Lee *(a lot of good things and prosperity to come)*.

**FOLLOWING THEIR VOICES IMPROVES GRADUATION RATES  
AND CREDIT ATTAINMENT FOR FIRST NATIONS, METIS AND  
INUIT STUDENTS**



Over the past five years, the Following Their Voices initiative has been successful in improving First Nations, Métis and Inuit student credit attainment and grad rates. The Government of Saskatchewan is encouraged by the positive results it is seeing at the 34 Saskatchewan schools that are participating in initiative.

Since FTV has been put into place in these classrooms, positive outcomes of the initiative include:

- a 20 per cent increase in credit attainment; and
- an 11.8 per cent increase in three-year graduation rates.

“It is great to see the positive impact Following Their Voices has had on the students of our province,” Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. “There are now more First Nations, Métis and Inuit students attaining more credits and graduating from high school than ever before.”

Read the entire news release [here](#).



## **FAMILY LITERACY DAY AND WEEK PROMOTE TAKING 20 MINUTES EACH DAY FOR LEARNING TOGETHER**



The Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Literacy Network are partnering to proclaim January 27 as Family Literacy Day in Saskatchewan and January 26 to February 1, 2020 as Family Literacy Week. This year's theme is Take 20 in 2020, a reminder to take 20 minutes everyday to make learning together a part of every family's daily routine.

"Literacy is key to development at all ages and can be part of our everyday activities," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "As a father I enjoyed playing games and reading with my children and now I enjoy doing many of the same activities with my granddaughter."

Literacy is important to children's development, with studies showing that up to 90 per cent of a child's brain is developed by age five. A child's primary caregiver is one of the first teachers in a child's life and everyday activities like talking, reading, playing games, cooking and so much more can be opportunities to grow together. To find tips on how to incorporate learning into your everyday routine, check out the Government of Saskatchewan's Play. Learn. Grow. Together! videos and resources at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/early-years-learning>.

Read more [here](#).

## **THE NEXT DECADE - ACTIONS FOR THE 2020s**



In our last newsletter, we featured Saskatchewan's growth plan. *Premier Scott Moe, "The purpose of growth is to build a better quality of life for Saskatchewan people - to build strong communities and strong families - and grow a stronger Saskatchewan now, and for the next decade."*

I will feature some the first 10 of the 20 actions for the 2020s in this edition:

- Growing our population by keeping more young people in Saskatchewan and increasing immigration to the province.
- Maintaining a competitive tax environment and undertaking SaskFirst new growth tax incentives.
- Growing Saskatchewan exports and core exporting sectors, such as manufacturing.
- Engaging internationally to secure access and expand international markets for Saskatchewan products.
- Growing Saskatchewan's agricultural economy.
- Adding value and increasing Saskatchewan-based processing of the province's agricultural products.
- Growing Saskatchewan's oil, gas and natural resource economy.
- Promoting the quality and sustainability of Saskatchewan's agricultural and natural resource exports.
- Creating opportunities by reducing interprovincial barriers to trade.

- Growing Indigenous participation in the economy through the growth of Saskatchewan's natural resource industries and labour market development.

Watch next week for the other 10 actions!

## ANOTHER GREAT TIP FROM SGI!



With all this melting and freezing and melting and freezing and melting and freezing and melting and freezing, it's probably a good idea to go over how-far-behind-the-car-in-front-of-you-should-you-stop.

In ideal situations? You should be far enough back that you see their rear tires touching the road.

In melting and freezing and melting and freezing and melting and freezing and melting and freezing conditions? Further back than that.

**SASKATCHEWAN RECEIVES "A" FOR REDUCING RED TAPE  
FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR**



The province has proclaimed January 20 to 24, as Red Tape Awareness Week. The week highlights the importance of government ministries, agencies and Crown corporations' efforts to reduce red tape and modernize regulations in order to help businesses grow and be more successful and to encourage further investment in the province's economy.

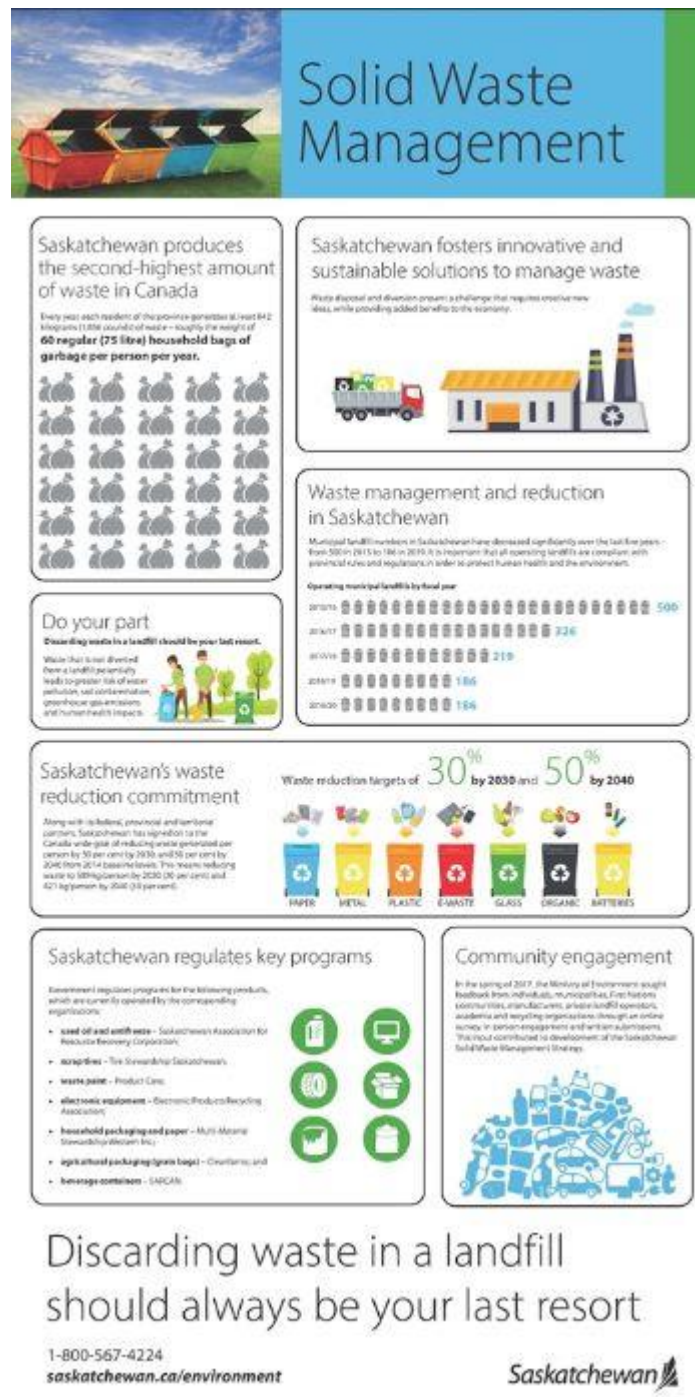
"The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes that reducing red tape and regulatory burdens for our province's businesses is imperative for their growth and competitiveness in the economy," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The province's Growth Plan has outlined numerous action items that illustrate our government's commitment to supporting the citizens and businesses of Saskatchewan by reducing red tape."

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) has given the Government of Saskatchewan the highest 'A' grade ranking for the second year in a row, in their 2020 national Red Tape Report Card, for efforts in reducing red tape and modernizing regulations.

"We are pleased the Government of Saskatchewan has maintained its 'A' grade in 2020," CFIB Vice-President Western Canada and Agri-business Marilyn Braun-Pollon said. "The grade is the result of the provincial government exceeding its clear targets for red tape reduction. As of 2018-19, Saskatchewan has publicly reported more than \$450 million in cumulative, forecasted red tape savings over the next 10 years. The government's 'Help Cut Red Tape' webpage also continues to be useful at identifying and addressing red tape headaches for entrepreneurs. Clearly, red tape reduction remains a top priority for the Government of Saskatchewan."

Read the entire news release [here](#).

# SASKATCHEWAN DEVELOPS NEW STRATEGY TO MANAGE AND REDUCE WASTE



Environment Minister Dustin Duncan released a new Solid Waste Management Strategy for the province today. This strategy is a starting point to providing a practical and sustainable solid waste management system to achieve specific goals over the next 20 years.

Used packaging, food scraps, electronics, plastic, paper and scrap materials are a few examples of solid waste.

Saskatchewan produces the second-highest amount of waste per capita in Canada – an amount equivalent to each resident of the province generating about 842 kilograms of waste. This is roughly the weight of 60 regular household bags of garbage per person per year. The strategy was developed in an effort to change that statistic and move toward more responsible waste management.

“This strategy is about working together to address the ongoing challenges of waste management and to identify potential new economic opportunities for industry,” Duncan said. “This is important because the status quo is unsustainable and the province needs a comprehensive and strategic action plan to address the unique challenges posed by solid waste management.”

Read more about the six goals [here](#).

## **WUHCA HAVE EXCELLENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE IN!**

The hard-working volunteers on the Willowgrove University Heights Community Association continue to offer great activities in our community. Check their facebook page [here](#).



## **Softball Registration has a new process!**

**Kinderball** (Ages 3-4) register at:  
[registration.wuhca.ca](http://registration.wuhca.ca) ONLY

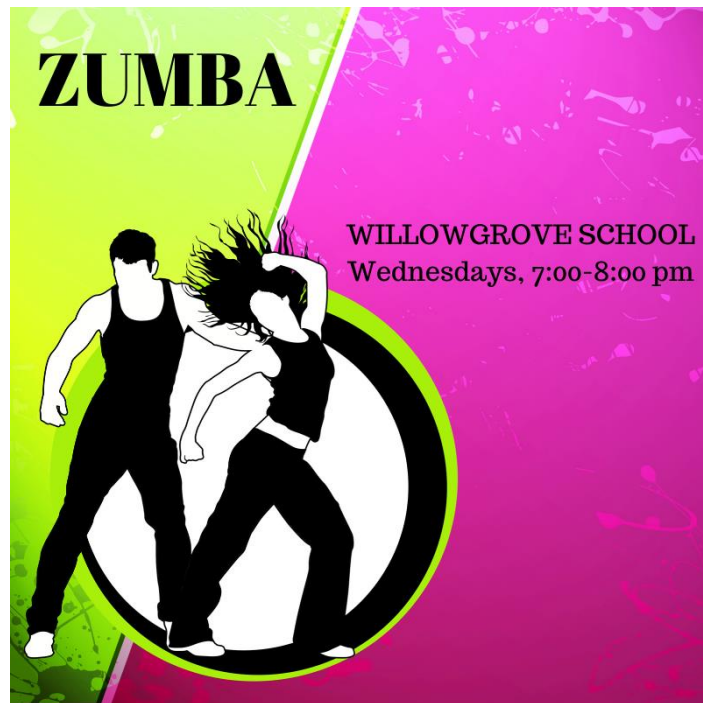
### **U6-U10 Softball: NEW 2 step registration**

1. Register for \$0 U6/U8/U10 Softball at [registration.wuhca.ca](http://registration.wuhca.ca) to confirm WUHCA membership
2. Pay softball fees with link received in confirmation email from WUHCA

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Willowgrove University Heights Community Association

**Softball registration is open! There is a new registration process this year. Register at:  
[registration.wuhca.ca](http://registration.wuhca.ca)**



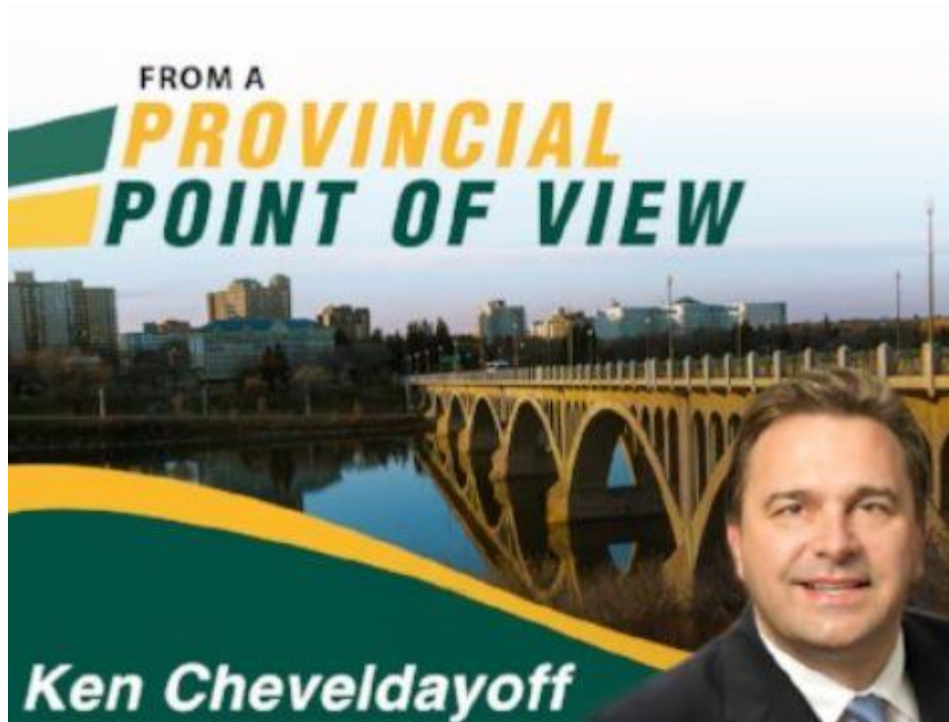
Warm up with Zumba! Limited space available! [registration.wuhca.ca](http://registration.wuhca.ca)

**IDEAS FOR CAREGIVERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**



**As a caregiver of a young child, you may not have a lot of spare time for extra activities. But did you know that your home can be one of the best places for a child to develop? Helping with chores can teach your children critical motor skills, social skills, how to problem solve and more!**

**Find more ideas at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/early-years-learning>.**



**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO HIGHLIGHT IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

Provincial Point of View is a great way to connect with our community. We appreciate the opportunity to share the successes we see in our constituency and highlight the many events happening in our community. If you have a suggestion for items you would like highlighted in this newsletter, please email: [ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net](mailto:ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net)



**Nutrien Wintershines**

***When: January 25 - February 2***

***Where: Saskatoon Market building, Market Square***

For additional information, click [here](#)

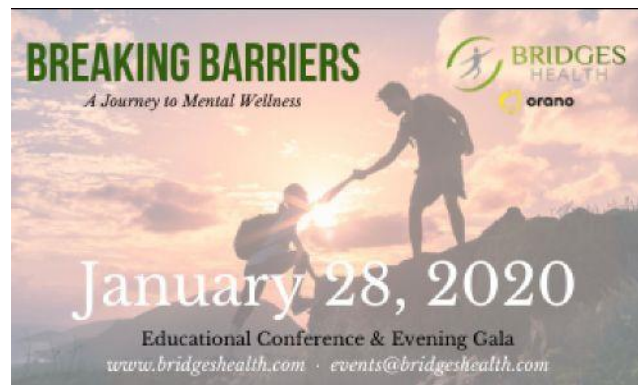


**Breaking Barriers, A Journey to Mental Wellness**

**When: January 28, registration at 12 noon**

**Where: World Trade Center, Prairieland Park, Hall A**

Click [here](#) for information



**Swinging With The Stars**

**When: Saturday, February 1**

**Where: TCU Place**

Click [here](#) for tickets and information

**ONLINE VOTING IS NOW OPEN!!!**

<http://swtsevents.com/saskatoon/online-voting/>



### **Fundraiser for Kayden Kot**

**When: Friday, February 7th, 5:30, dinner 6:15**

**Where: Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Dr. W**

**For tickets or information contact Sylvie Fortier-Kot at [smfortier@hotmail.com](mailto:smfortier@hotmail.com) or [kdeibert@gscs.ca](mailto:kdeibert@gscs.ca) or [hmcnairn@gscs.ca](mailto:hmcnairn@gscs.ca)**



## KISSES FOR KAYDEN

Please join us for Kayden Kot's annual fundraiser.

Kayden has had challenging and complex medical issues from birth. Kayden was recently diagnosed with a very rare genetic disorder (C-F-C) that caused his digestive issues and global development delays. There is no cure or treatment for this disorder so the prognosis for Kayden's future is still unknown. At this stage, the family needs help the following priorities: ADM therapy for neuro movement, continued appointments with a pediatric neurologist/dietician who has experience with CFC syndrome, but mostly his specialized formula and equipment. He will also need to travel to Montreal this year for surgery.

Peter, Sylvie and Edyn are extremely grateful to family, friends and the community for the amazing generosity that has been shown to them in the past. We hope that you can continue to support Kayden's family to provide him with the best quality of life possible.

All the Details:

Family Friendly Evening - Kids Welcome!!

Build Your Own Burger (3 options)

Includes Fries and Salad

Chicken Fingers for Child's meal

When? Friday Feb. 7 2020, 5:30 pm (Dinner 6:15)

Where? Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Dr W

Cost? \$20 per adult  
\$10 per child (10 and under)



For tickets or more information please contact:

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If you would like to donate but cannot attend the event, donations can also be made on the following website (no tax receipt issued):  
<https://www.gotundme.com/steak-night-for-kayden>

You Make All the Difference.

Thank-you!

### **Canadiens Alumni Game**

**When: February 27, 7 pm start**

**Where: Merlis Belsher Place**



For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#)

*Watch for additional information in our next newsletter*



### THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

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