

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



**SASKATCHEWAN'S SURGICAL INVESTMENT DELIVERS MORE SURGERIES AND
REDUCES WAIT TIMES**



There were 100,406 surgeries and procedures performed between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025. The health system also exceeded its target of completing 90 per cent of surgeries within eight months, with nearly 92 per cent completed within that timeframe.



“Saskatchewan’s health care system is delivering on the commitment to improve access to surgical care through investments and setting aggressive targets,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “Annual budget investments have helped to stabilize system capacity and lay the groundwork for even greater progress in the years ahead. The surgical program is now well-positioned to achieve a six-month wait time target for most surgeries set for 2025–26. We are thankful to our surgical teams for their hard work and dedication to benefit patients.”



[Saskatchewan's Surgical Investment Delivers More Surgeries and Reduces Wait Times | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND



***Happy Father's day to all dads, grandpas and "father figures" this weekend.
There is no greater gift in life than being called "Dad".***

I hope everyone has a wonderful Father's Day weekend.

A Father means so many things...

An understanding heart,

A source of strength and of support

Right from the very start....

A constant readiness to help

In a kind and thoughtful way.

With encouragement and forgiveness

No matter what comes your way.

**A special generosity and always affection, too
that will never be forgotten**

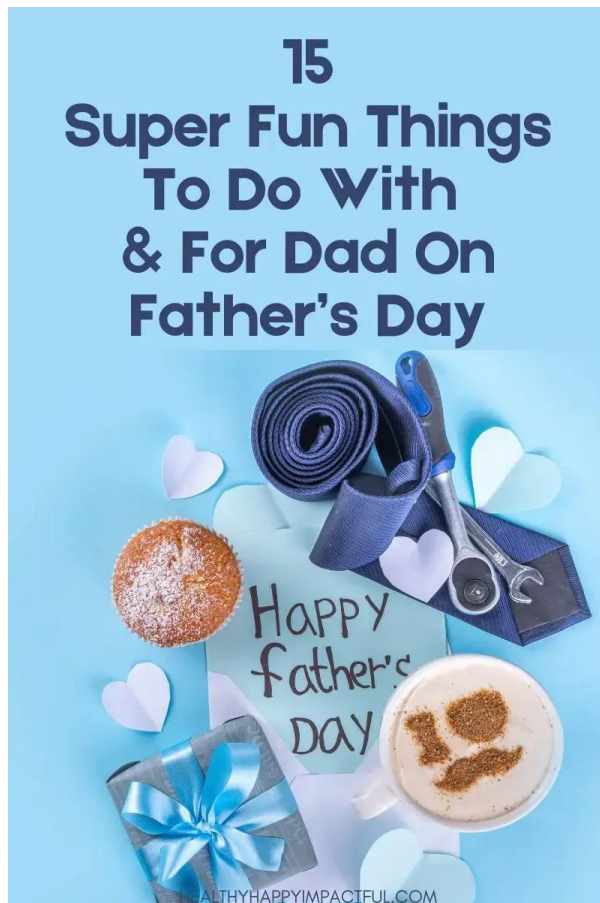
The inspiration for a day dedicated to Dad dates back to the early 1900s. After a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd's mother died during childbirth, she and her siblings were raised by her father, a Civil War veteran named William Smart.

**To express her gratitude for all her father did for her, Dodd initiated a day designated to “instill the same love and reverence for the father as is the mother's portion,”
Dodd wrote about the day in a 1910 newspaper article.**

This weekend is an opportunity to honour and acknowledge the incredible influence and significance of dads. We celebrate the profound impact they have had on our lives, shaping us into the individuals we are today.

To all the dads who are present in our lives, we express our deepest gratitude and appreciation. You are the pillars of strength, the guiding lights, and the unwavering support that we rely on. You tirelessly provide for us, protect us, and offer unconditional love. Your presence and involvement in our lives are invaluable, and we cherish the memories we create with you.

To the father figures who have stepped into many lives and filled the role of a dad, we are grateful for the love and care you have shown the children. I know your presence and influence have made a significant difference, and we acknowledge the role you play in shaping their lives. Your support and guidance have been a source of inspiration, and we thank you for your unwavering commitment.



[15 Fun Things To Do On Father's Day to Celebrate Dad \(2025\) - Healthy Happy Impactful](#)



On this special day, we think of those who have lost their dad, it is a day of fond memories. My brother and I were so fortunate to have a wonderful father that taught us so much about values. Father's Day growing up was a happy day, as seeding was complete and there was lots to celebrate.

Let us all take a moment to remember and honor the dads who are no longer with us. Although they may not physically be present, their love and memories continue to live on in our hearts. We reflect on the moments we shared, the lessons we learned, and the lasting impact they made. They may be gone, but their spirit remains with us, guiding us as we navigate life's journey.

On this Father's Day, let us come together to express our love, gratitude, and appreciation for all the dads, step dads, big brother dads, father figures, and those dads who are no longer with us. May we cherish the time we have with them, value the lessons they teach us, and continue to carry their legacy forward.

FATHERS DAY QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. *What's your favorite thing to do with Dad?*
2. *What's the funniest thing Dad has ever done?*
3. *What's the best adventure you've had with Dad?*
4. *What's something you've learned from Dad?*
5. *What's Dad's favorite food or snack?*
6. *What's the coolest thing about Dad?*
7. *If Dad were a superhero, what would his superpower be?*
8. *What's your favorite memory with Dad?*
9. *What's one thing Dad always says that makes you smile?*
10. *What's something special you want to do for Dad on Father's Day?*
11. *What's something you think Dad is really good at?*
12. *If Dad were an animal, which one would he be?*
13. *What's a funny joke or story Dad tells?*
14. *What's the best advice Dad has ever given you?*
15. *What's one thing you'd like to teach Dad?*
16. *What's something you and Dad do together that makes you feel happy?*
17. *What's something you love doing for Dad?*
18. *What's your favorite place to go with Dad?*
19. *What's something Dad does that always makes you feel loved?*
20. *What's one word you would use to describe Dad, and why?*

**GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN INCREASES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
THOSE AFFECTED BY WILDFIRE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Evacuation Information



Saskatchewan Wildfire Inquiry Line

1-855-559-5502

Available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily



Canadian Red Cross

1-800-863-6582

Available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

saskpublicsafety.ca



Due to the wildfires affecting communities across Saskatchewan, today, Minister Tim McLeod, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA), has increased financial assistance for those registered with the SPSA, raising the amount provided to the head of household to \$40 per day, up from \$20, and the additional members of a household would increase to \$20 per day, up from \$10. Bringing the daily maximum of \$200 per day.

As of yesterday, there were 24 active wildfires in Saskatchewan and 33 communities have evacuated. To date this year, there have been 251 wildfires, well above the five-year average of 141.

"While we are hoping to soon have some individuals and families repatriated back to their communities, we know that some will have to continue to be evacuated as we deal with ensuring safe cleanup of these devastating wildfires," Saskatchewan Public Safety Minister Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "Frontline crews and multiple agencies are working as quickly as possible to do so."

[Government of Saskatchewan Increases Financial Assistance for Those Affected by Wildfire State of Emergency | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

MADD EVENTS HELD IN SASKATOON



It was a heart-wrenching day last Saturday attending the SK MADD Memorial Monument Ceremony for Victims of Impaired Driving. Witnessing the devastation of numerous individuals who lost loved ones due to impaired driving was an emotional experience.

I had the privilege of speaking to honour those tragically killed by impaired drivers. Saskatoon Willowgrove constituents Bonny and Craig Stevenson, along with many others, work tirelessly to educate others about the importance of making better, safer choices. The efforts of MADD participants continue to create awareness. Please don't drive impaired!



June 6, I attended the MADD Crashed Car campaign launch in Saskatoon - a powerful visual reminder of what can happen when someone chooses to drive impaired.

Make a plan before you party - call a cab, a friend, or a rideshare. Just don't drive impaired.

Our extend our heartfelt thanks to Craig and Bonny Stevenson, who continue to share their son Quinn's story with courage and purpose. Their message is clear: Drive sober. Save lives.

For an eye-opening look at the persistent problem that is impaired driving, visit MADD Saskatoon's website. Their impaired driving log lists every instance a driver has been charged - by date, time and location - proving it's not just happening at 2 or 3 a.m. It's happening everywhere and it needs to stop

<https://maddchapters.ca/saskatoon/>

FUNDING FOR 40 MOBILE WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT SPACES IN SASKATOON



Funding announced for 40 mobile withdrawal management spaces in Saskatoon.

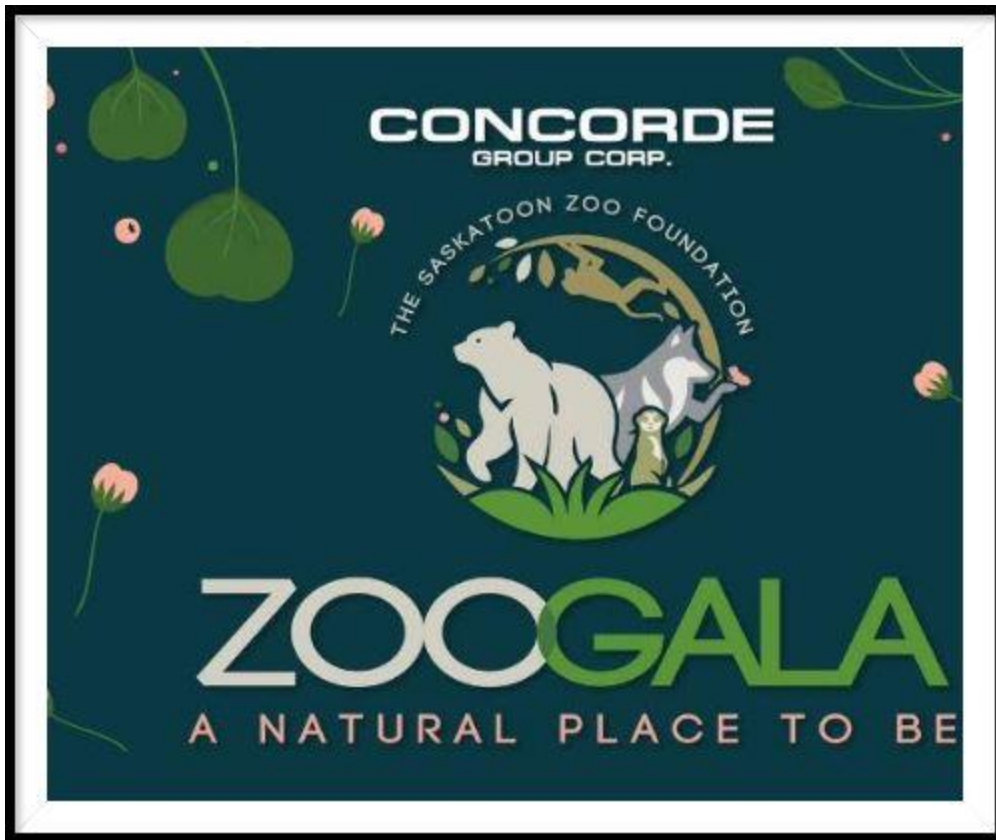
Mobile withdrawal services are designed to help individuals safely detox in the community.



Home-based and mobile services supports people experiencing substance use withdrawal in a setting that is more comfortable and familiar to them.

Medavie Health Services developed the program, in consultation with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), to be integrated with the existing mental health and addiction services. [Government of Saskatchewan](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../government-sha-fund-40...) Learn more: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/.../government-sha-fund-40...>

ZOOGALA A HUGE SUCCESS!



Each year, Zoogala never fails to impress—it truly stands out as one of Saskatoon’s most unique and memorable fundraising experiences!

I’m proud to have this gem right here in our constituency of Saskatoon Willowgrove. It’s a true treasure. Once again, I was delighted to attend this one-of-a-kind evening set against the unforgettable backdrop of the Saskatoon Zoo.

Zoogala is a dream event for food lovers, where some of the city’s top chefs come together to create a culinary experience like no other.

This incredible event boasted a sold-out attendance and outstanding culinary delights. I had the opportunity to sample celebrated Chef Anthony McCarthy’s succulent creations at the Sask Polytechnic station.



Special thanks to Dawn Woronuik, staff, sponsors and all those that contributed to a great night celebrating friendship, gourmet cuisine, fantastic performances and of course the opportunity to see the zoo animals..

STAY SAFE WHEN WILDFIRE SMOKE IS IN THE AIR

Know how to **stay safe**
when **wildfire smoke** is in the air.

- Check air quality.
- Stay hydrated.
- Keep windows & doors closed.
- Set A/C to recirculate & close fresh air intake.
- Avoid fans that pull outdoor air in.
- Close fireplace dampers.
- Keep car windows shut & use recirculate mode.
- Limit outdoor activity.
- Use HEPA air purifiers if available.



Saskatchewan
Health Authority

Take precautions as forest fire smoke is creating poor air quality affecting many parts of the province.

Smoke concentrations can vary widely as winds, fire behavior and temperatures change. Children, seniors, and those with heart or lung diseases, are potentially at risk.



Thank You

to everyone working tirelessly
fighting the SK wildfires and
supporting evacuees.

saskpublicsafety.ca

Saskatchewan
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN SASKATOON



I was privileged to represent Premier Scott Moe, Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross, and the Government of Saskatchewan last weekend in Saskatoon at the Filipino Community's celebration of Philippine Independence Day. This occasion marked the 127th anniversary of Philippine independence on June 12th.

As I have mentioned previously, I feel fortunate to reside in a province and country that values multiculturalism.



Every culture contributes unique knowledge and experiences, and sharing cultural practices and traditions fosters closer community ties, acceptance, understanding, and inclusivity.

Saskatchewan is home to over 43,000 Filipino individuals, who enrich our multicultural fabric and strengthen our province. We share in the sorrow of the tragic incident in Vancouver in April and extend our heartfelt condolences to those affected.

It was indeed a special commemorative event enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Saskatchewan joins in celebrating Philippine Independence Day.

MEETING EMERGING NEEDS IN SASKATOON



It was a pleasure to join the Honourable Terry Jenson, Minister of Social Services at the opening of the new seasonal drop-in service in Saskatoon to support youth and individuals experiencing homelessness. The Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Tribal Council and the City of Saskatoon are moving forward on this new community service to meet emerging needs in Saskatoon.

SASKATCHEWAN BUILDING PERMIT GROWTH UP 31.5 PER CENT, LEADING THE NATION



Statistics Canada's latest figures indicate a 31.5 per cent increase from April 2024 to April 2025 (seasonally adjusted) in the value of building permits issued in Saskatchewan. The value reached \$290 million (seasonally adjusted) in April 2025.

"The continued rise in building permits demonstrates how our strong economy is delivering for Saskatchewan people," Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding said. "Our stable business environment and competitive incentives are bringing jobs, investments and opportunities to everyone who calls this province home."

[Saskatchewan Building Permit Growth Up 31.5 Per Cent, Leading the Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

HINDU SOCIETY DINNER



I had the pleasure of attending my first Hindu Society Vegetarian Dinner in 2003, courtesy of Dr. Tandon.

Over the years, the dinner has grown in tandem with the expanding Hindu community in Saskatchewan. Today, we proudly celebrate the 39th banquet. It was an honour to extend greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan, and to participate in a panel discussion alongside Health Minister, the Honourable Jeremy Cockrill and Opposition Leader Carla Beck, moderated by Hon. Rob Norris. Several colleagues were also in attendance.

The evening served as a vibrant celebration of the Hindu community's rich cultural heritage, coupled with delectable vegetarian cuisine that plays a pivotal role in fostering connections and community growth. The cultural landscape of our

province has been significantly enriched by organizations like the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan, whose invaluable contributions to our community's fabric help reaffirm our provincial motto: 'From Many Peoples Strength.'

I take immense pride in living in a province and country where multiculturalism flourishes.

Furthermore, India remains a highly valued trading partner for Saskatchewan, as evidenced by our 2024 exports totalling \$1.5 billion. It was a privilege to celebrate the community's contributions to the cultural, social, and economic tapestry of our province.

SASKATCHEWAN ADDS OVER 15,000 FULL TIME JOBS IN MAY AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS LOWEST IN THE NATION



Statistics Canada latest labour force numbers show that Saskatchewan has maintained a strong labour market and steady growth throughout the year.

Saskatchewan has the lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 4.2 per cent. This is well below the national average which has now increased to 7.0 per cent.

"There are more people working in Saskatchewan than ever before," Deputy Premier and Minister of Immigration and Career Training Jim Reiter said. "We are experiencing record job growth and our province continues to be an economic leader in Canada. Our government is working to ensure this growth continues and that our province remains attractive for businesses to invest while continuing to be the best place to live and work in Canada."

[Saskatchewan Adds Over 15,000 Full Time Jobs in May and Unemployment Rate Remains Lowest in the Nation | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN FIRE UPDATE



As of 11:00 hours on Thursday, June 12, there were 23 active wildfires in Saskatchewan. Of those active fires, three are categorized as contained, six are not contained, 12 are ongoing assessment and two are listed as protecting values.

This year, Saskatchewan has had 258 wildfires, which is well above the five-year average of 147 to date.

Read the entire update [here](#): [Saskatchewan Fire Update - June 12 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

SASKATCHEWAN ADVANCES INITIATIVE FOR PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO PROVIDE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH SERVICES



**MAKING IT EASIER FOR YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY TO SEE A
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**

The Government of Saskatchewan is asking for an expression of interest (EOI) from Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who want to deliver publicly funded primary care services.

This initiative will allow NPs to work to their full scope of practice, promote collaborative, team-based care, and increase access to primary care services for patients.

"We are committed to ensuring that every Saskatchewan resident has access to a primary care provider by 2028," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "This new initiative creates more opportunities for Nurse Practitioners throughout the health system and improves access to primary care services across our province."

[Saskatchewan Advances Initiative for Primary Care Nurse Practitioners to Provide Publicly Funded Health Services | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CANADIAN JUNIOR FEMALE WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN SASKATOON



It was a pleasure to attend and present medals at the Canadian Junior Female Weightlifting 🏋️ Championships held in Saskatoon at the Nutana Curling Club.

Etta Love, daughter of Saskatoon Eastview MLA Matt Love and his wife Emma did exceptionally well in competition. It was exciting to be part of her large cheering

section of family and friends. Etta Love won three gold medals and set a Saskatchewan and Canadian record in competition today. Congratulations Etta!

ATTENTION: RECENT GRADUATES



Congratulations 2025 graduates! 🎓

As you embark on your next adventure, remember to take advantage of the Graduate Retention Program. Grads may be eligible for up to \$24,000 in tax credits if they choose to live and work in Saskatchewan.

Learn more  <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/grp>

U OF R HONOURS HONOURARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS



It is a pleasure to join University of Regina President, Jeff Keshen at the Convocation ceremonies in Regina Wednesday evening. It was a great opportunity as Minister of Advanced Education to celebrate the 2440 degree recipients and the honorary degree recipients.

SEVENTEEN NEW ADDICTIONS SPACES OPEN AT PROVINCE'S LARGEST FAMILY TREATMENT CENTRE



Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr announced \$7.3 million in annual funding for 17 new adult addictions treatment spaces at The Carter House.

The Carter House is a family treatment centre in Saskatoon where parents and children participate in treatment activities together to address substance use and family stability together.



“I am pleased to announce new addictions treatment spaces that will provide those experiencing addictions with the right care at the right time, without separating them from their support system,” Carr said. “By enabling families to work together toward

a healthier, safer life in recovery, we can ensure better outcomes for those experiencing addictions.”

[Seventeen New Addictions Spaces Open at Province's Largest Family Treatment Centre | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

CROP REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 3 TO JUNE 9, 2025



Almost all Saskatchewan producers have completed their seeding operations with 100 per cent of the 2025 crop seeded. Rain was welcome in many parts of the province this week. However, in areas that did not receive as much rain, topsoil moisture is continuing to decline.

Rain fell in many areas of the province over the last week with the southeast and east-central regions receiving the highest amounts. The Calder area reported the highest rainfall amount at 36 millimeters (mm) followed by the Stockholm area at 35 mm and the Rocanville area at 34 mm. Regions that did not receive significant amounts of precipitation have noted that rainfall is needed soon to avoid serious crop damage.

[Crop Report for the Period June 3 to June 9, 2025](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO ADD



FAMILY FUN SASKATOON WEEKEND GUIDE



WEEKEND GUIDE

Saskatoon is full of events for your family and we've got some ready for you to check out.

- * Start Friday off with a BBQ lunch at The Saskatchewan Aviation Museum.
- * Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Society presents Bluegrass At The Barn! The lineup will feature mostly local acts.
- * Good Fun and Great Finds at the 33rd St. BID Second Sidewalk Sale! Visit 33rd Street this Saturday for our Kick-Off to Summer Sale!



*** Check out the Pride Events! This Sunday, cheer on the participants of Saskatoon's Rainbow Run from 8 AM to 11 AM and then join the Family Day in the Park at Victoria Park.**

*** We've got a great list of things you can do on Father's Day as well.**

Find our guide here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/weekend-guide/>

SO MANY SUMMER CAMPS!



Unleash your inner Ninja this summer! Ninja training at Code Ninjas Summer Camps is no secret. With like-minded friends, campers will have a week filled with creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, and STEM skills. Summer camps are open to kids with all levels of coding experience! Stretch your child's mind and promote a love for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Find out how to register for a [Code Ninjas Summer Camp](#)

here: <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../code-ninjas-summer.../>

PET APPRECIATION MONTH IN BRIGHTON

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EVENTS

JUNE 2025

PET VALU BRIGHTON

EVERY SATURDAY IN JUNE FROM
07/14/21/28 12 PM - 4 PM



1-3 PM FACE PAINTING
 Pick from our fun colorful designs, including animals and superheroes



ADOPTABLE DOGS
 Check out some of the dogs from 12-4 PM. Pups will be switching out throughout event



FAMILY FUN
 Family games will be set up to play with. There will also be a kissing booth with professional pet photos by donation

[MORE INFORMATION ON OUR FACEBOOK](#)





Held every Saturday in June from 12–4 PM in the [Brighton Community](#) green space as they celebrate the incredible bond between people and pets — and support a great cause while we're at it! 💙

They are proud to be hosting [Saskatoon Dog Rescue](#) each Saturday with tons of fun for the whole family, including:

Kissing Booth – Snap a professional photo with your pup by donation by [Sauer Creative](#)

🍌 Face Painting – Fun for the kids (and kids at heart!)

🎯 Family Games – Bring your crew for some tail-wagging fun

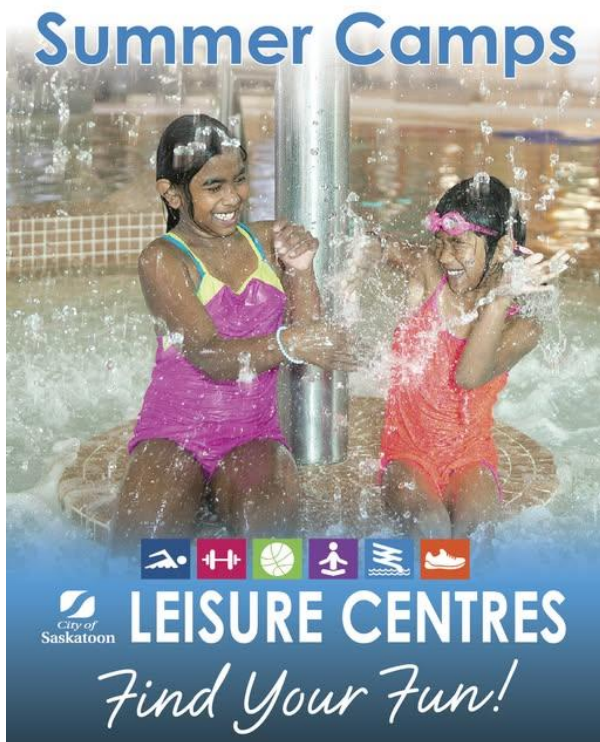
🐾 Adoptable Dogs – Come meet your new best friend!

🎫 Raffle Draw – Enter to win with a donation. Draws will take place on June 28th

💛 This is the one month of the year where we're able to accept BOTH product and monetary donations for our amazing local rescue — so let's fill their shelves and their hearts!

Mark your calendars, bring the whole family (furry members included!), and help us make a difference for dogs in need.

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.../>

WHATS NEW AT THE ZOO?



**Something new and exciting to see at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo!!!!
Make sure you stop in the Affinity Learning Centre to visit the new exhibit!**

ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[Government Provides Additional \\$500 in Financial Assistance to Northern Residents Displaced by Wildfires | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[SPSA Fire Ban Revised to Area Between Provincial Forest and Churchill River | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Don't Let Aquatic Invasive Species Hitch a Ride! | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Province Addressing Issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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

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[Saskatchewan Agriculture Industry Benefits from Funding for Research Demonstration Projects | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Celebrating National Indigenous History Month at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Funding to Support Francophone Artists and Promote French Language in Saskatchewan Continues | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A Father's Day Thought for The Day

A Father's Love

A father is respected because
He gives his children leadership...

Appreciated because
He gives his children care...

Valued because
He gives his children time...

Loved because
He gives his children the one thing
They treasure most - himself.

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