

Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



## Provincial Point of View

April 23, 2015

**LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR PROVINCE AND OUR  
CONSTITUENCY OF SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS!**

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

### **ERINDALE ARBOR CREEK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN**



With spring in the air it is time to think about Erindale Arbor Creek's Community Garden

*"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece" – Claude Monet*

It's been 3 years since gardeners began growing in the Erindale Arbor Creek Community Garden, located on Berini Drive between Kerr Road and Rogers Road. The garden started out with approximately 28 plots in the Spring of 2011. Last year it was expanded to meet the demand in the community. Now, there are approximately 44 individual plots, a donation plot, raised herb beds, a rhubarb patch and "help yourself" beds. We are heading into our fourth growing season this Spring, and we are looking forward to another fruitful and fun year!

If you would like to get involved in the garden by putting your name on the waiting list for a plot or if you would like to help out by becoming a friend of the garden or making a donation to it, or if

you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Karen at 306-955-5653 or by email at [eacgarden@hotmail.ca](mailto:eacgarden@hotmail.ca).

**SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES EARTH DAY**  
**OUR CONSTITUENCY HAD HUNDREDS MEET IN**  
**WILLOWGROVE SQUARE TO PARTICIPATE!**



Saskatchewan has much to be grateful for on Earth Day, including smog-free cities, healthy and productive forests, and an abundance of fertile soils – some of the key findings contained in the Government of Saskatchewan's 2015 State of the Environment Report.

"Earth Day is a chance for the people of Saskatchewan to recognize and appreciate the province's natural environment including the healthy air, land, water and ecosystems we are so fortunate to have," Environment Minister Scott Moe said. "Earth Day is an opportunity for government and residents alike to consider ways we can further enhance and protect both the local and global environment."

*What an incredible community we live in! Thank you to everyone involved for helping make our green spaces safe and clean for the summer ahead!*

*Hundreds of volunteers showed up at Willowgrove Square for the Earth Day clean up yesterday, April 22. The group helped collect trash from parks and around the community.*

*Following their hard work, volunteers were treated to coffee and hot chocolate provided by Pink Cadillac's. Thanks as well to Point Optical and TCU for their support.*

[Click here to read Government News Release](#)

## **SASKATCHEWAN TAX CREDITS HELP KEEP TAXES LOW**

The personal tax filing deadline for the 2014 tax year is quickly approaching and Saskatchewan people are encouraged to take advantage of the various provincial tax credits, including:

### **First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit**

A non-refundable income tax credit of up to \$1,100, based on the first \$10,000 of an eligible home purchase (a similar federal credit of up to \$750 is also available).

### **Graduate Retention Program**

Income tax credits that refund up to \$20,000 of tuition fees paid by eligible post-secondary graduates who live in Saskatchewan and file a Saskatchewan tax return.

### **Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit**

A refundable income tax credit paid quarterly to assist lower-income Saskatchewan people. The credit is paid in conjunction with the federal Goods and Services Tax Credit.

### **Active Families Benefit**

A refundable income tax credit of up to \$150 per child 18 years of age or younger that helps families with the cost of children's participation in cultural, recreational and sports activities.

### **Employees' Tool Tax Credit**

A non-refundable income tax credit that helps with the cost of purchasing, replacing or upgrading eligible tools by qualifying employees as a condition of their employment.

Our government has delivered the largest income tax and education property tax cuts in Saskatchewan history. For the 2015 tax year, the personal income tax reductions we've introduced are expected to save people more than \$485 million. Since 2007, as a result of these income tax measures, Saskatchewan people have saved more than \$3.3 billion.

**CHOC'LA CURE FASHION SHOW IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SASKATOON CANCER CENTRE**



Trish and Paige had a great time last week modelling at the 2015 Choc'la Cure Spring Fashion Show held at Dutch Growers in support of the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

Since 2007, more than \$1,620,000 has been raised, with 100% of the money directly funding equipment used in the treatment of men, women and children receiving care at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

Choc'la Cure 2015 will continue to support the new Provincial Molecular Genetics Laboratory that will perform tests on specimens from patients fighting Leukemia, Breast, Lung, Colorectal, Lymphoma, Melanoma and most pediatric cancers.

Congratulations and thank you to Dutch Growers, White Dhalia, sponsors and volunteers of another successful event!

## **PROVINCE SUPPORTS SASKATOON PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE**

The Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$2.6 million to support Saskatoon programs that assist victims of interpersonal violence and abuse.

“The work these organizations do to help Saskatoon citizens in their time of crisis is truly remarkable,” Saskatoon Meewasin MLA Roger Parent said on behalf of Justice Minister and

Attorney General Gordon Wyant. “I’m proud that we’re able to provide them with the means to continue offering that support in this city.”

[Click here to see the organizations the funding will support](#)

## **SASKALERT LAUNCHES PROVINCE-WIDE**

Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter announced that SaskAlert, the province’s new emergency public alerting program, has successfully completed its testing phase and is being implemented across Saskatchewan.

“SaskAlert can provide critical information about emergency situations as they are developing so residents of the affected area will be able to take action to protect themselves, their families and property,” Reiter said. “Residents will also be able to receive updates on evolving emergency situations directly from their local television and radio stations, as well as online.”

[Read more about what events trigger an alert](#)

**RESULTS LIKE THIS SHOW THAT SASKATCHEWAN REMAINS STRONG!**



Saskatchewan's wholesale trade hit an all-time record for February 2015 reaching \$2.5 billion, up 25.9 per cent over last February, the largest percentage increase among the provinces according to Statistics Canada. On the national front, wholesale trade was up only 5.5 per cent.

"Saskatchewan is in a unique position because our economy has a broad base," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "Hitting record wholesale trade and exceeding what is happening in other provinces is important and will help us continue to build a strong Saskatchewan."

[Read full news release here](#)

## **QUINN STEVENSON 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Quinn Stevenson Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at The Willows. This tournament will contribute to the trust account Bonny and Craig Stevenson have set up to give back to the community they love in Quinn's name.

The group is currently seeking out businesses and organizations to consider sponsorship to make this day a success. This day is about having fun, sharing memories and stories about Quinn, and in turn raising some money to do good deeds in Quinn's memory

To participate by golfing, donating to their silent auction or sponsoring, email [gs16golf@gmail.com](mailto:gs16golf@gmail.com). For additional information you can contact Darrin or Shelley at 306 934 9157 or Bonny or Crag at 306 955 0353.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SASKATOON ..DID YOU KNOW?



- Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon touched the lives of more than 3500 of Saskatoon's children and youth in the past year in the following programs:
- Their Confederation Park, Pleasant Hill, White Buffalo and Core Neighbourhood Clubhouse programs and their Mini Club Programs are open at no cost for the children and youth who participate.
- They keep their fees as low as they can for their Before & After School Programs, Preschools, Early Learning Centre and their Summer Day Camps so that as many families as possible can use them.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Saskatoon employed more than 200 full and part time staff in 2014 and had 34 regular volunteers, 45 parent volunteers and 53 practicum students helping out in their programs.

[Check our coming events to learn more about the "Race for Kids" on June 6!](#)

## 2ND ANNUAL BUST A MOVE





April 18, the second annual Bust a Move for Breast Health was held at the Saskatoon Field House and was again a tremendous success! From zumba to yoga, participants at this year's event had their work cut out for them but it was for a great cause.

Trish had a fantastic time joining hundreds of participants for a fun filled day of fitness and friendship. Bust A Move is a movement that is all about being healthy, being happy and making a difference.

Funds raised benefit the Breast Health Centre at Saskatoon City Hospital and support clinical research using the PET-CT scanner at Royal University Hospital.

Congratulations to the organizers, participants and everyone that supported this tremendous cause.

## **SASKATOON PRAYER BREAKFAST 2015**

I was pleased to join over 800 people at the Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast held last weekend at Prairieland Park. Trish had the pleasure of emceeding the event that featured Lorna Dueck as guest speaker and musical guests Brian Doerksen & The Shiyr Poets.

The Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast is a non-profit project. Profits from the event are donated to local charities. Congratulations and thank you to the organizers and sponsors of this special breakfast.



## **NOMINATION OPEN FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEER AWARDS CELEBRATING SENIORS**



There are so many seniors in our community that are worthy of volunteer awards. This is your opportunity to nominate a senior for the 6th annual Saskatchewan Senior volunteer Awards.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is excited to prepare for the 2015 Celebrating Seniors Volunteer Awards. If you know a senior (55 plus) in your community, who is a committed volunteer, please consider nominating them.

The deadline for nominations is noon June 1, 2015. [Click here for additional information, qualifications & requirements.](#)

## **CROWNS HELPING SASKATCHEWAN GROW**

Saskatchewan's Crown Corporations had consolidated net earnings of \$163 million in 2015, with total revenues increased to \$5.2 billion.

Crowns recognize the need for capital improvements and the increase in demand for their services.

"The Crown corporations are investing to meet the demands of growth in our province," Crown Investments Minister Don McMorris said. "Infrastructure investment continues, at record levels, enabling the Crowns to provide high quality services that Saskatchewan residents and businesses have come to expect, while keeping rates among the lowest in Canada."

[Click here to see some of the projects included](#)

## **PROVINCE ENHANCES PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

***The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*** will soon update protections and expand the ability of police to help victims of violence and abuse.

“A lot has changed since Saskatchewan was the first province to introduce such legislation,” Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. “This update was necessary to ensure police and the justice system continue to have the tools needed to protect those living with interpersonal violence.”

[Click here to read the full news release](#)

## **PLEASE CHECK OUT SOME EXCITING COMING EVENTS**

**100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge Speaker Series**

**Date:** Today, April 23

**When:** 6:30 pm

**Where:** Saskatoon Golf & Country Club

[For event details click here](#)

**15th Annual Huskies Football Foundation Dogs' Breakfast**

**Date:** April 30

**When:** doors open 6:45 am, breakfast at 7:30 am

**Where:** Prairieland Park

[Click here for tickets and additional information](#)



**City Wide Food Drive**

**Date:** May 2

**Where:** throughout the city

**When:** 11 am - 1 pm

**Note:** There will be a barbeque at 1 pm on May 2 for all volunteers at the Circle Drive Alliance Church

[Click here for additional information](#)



**Teen Aid Saskatoon - Fundraising & Silent Auction**

**Protecting Our Children In A Digital Age**

**Date:** May 3

**Where:** Smiley's Buffet & Event Centre, 702 Circle Drive East

**When:** 5 pm

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Child Find Charity Breakfast**

**Date:** May 6

**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn

**When:** 7:15 am - 8:30 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Women's Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan 2015 Business Conference**

**Date:** May 7 & 8

**Where:** TCU Place

[Click here for additional information](#)

**WUHCA Community Garage Sale**

**Date:** May 7, 8 & 9

**Watch for further details!**

**SABEX Awards - Celebrate Success**

**Date:** May 14

**Where:** Saskatoon Prairieland Park

[Click here for additional information](#)

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Saskatoon Race for Kids**

**Date:** June 6

**Where:** River Landing

**When:** Registration 10 am, Race 11 am

[Click here for additional information](#)

**MLA Ken Cheveldayoff's Annual Picnic in the Park**

**Date:** To be announced

**Where:** Forestry Farm

**When:** 4 pm

**Watch for details!**

**ZOOGALA**

**Date:** June 19

**When:** 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

**Where:** Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo - Lions Event Pavilion

[Click here for additional information](#)

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**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**“Challenges is what makes life interesting and overcoming them**

is what makes life meaningful.” – Joshua J. Marine

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### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my 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.

**"From a Provincial Point of View"** is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.

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