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

Provincial Point of View August 9, 2017 Enjoy the many events happenning around the city! KEEPING SASKATCHEWAN STRONG



- Tax reductions have saved Saskatchewan people \$5.9 billion
- 112,000 people have been removed from provincial tax rolls
- A family of four in Saskatchewan pays NO income tax on their first \$50,495 of income the highest tax-free threshold in Canada
- Revenue Sharing to municipalities has more than doubled since we became government

I APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU!



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 me at ken.cheveldayoff.mla@sasktel.net. I appreciate your feedback.

As your MLA, I would be pleased to attend functions and events in our constituency.

2017 SASKATOON EXHIBITION PARADE!



It was a beautiful day Tuesday for the Saskatoon Exhibition Day Parade. It was so much fun waving at the hundreds of spectators of all ages eagerly watching the many floats pass by. This is always a special fun filled time in our city. The kids love riding on Ken Sawatsky's vintage fire truck which has been in the parade every year for as long as I can remember! The Saskatoon Exhibition still remains a highlight of our summer activities. I encourage everyone to take in the great entertainment at the Exhibition which runs this week.

Special thanks to the enthusiastic children that rode with me on the firetruck in the Saskatoon Exhibition Day Parade. Thanks as well to the parents for bringing the kids out and an extra special thank you to the Sawatsky's for providing and driving the fire truck.

RESIDENTS REMINDED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST WEST NILE VIRUS



Health officials are reminding Saskatchewan residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites, as we approach peak season for West Nile virus (WNV).

The risk of contracting WNV infection is usually greatest in late July and in August when the mosquitoes (Culex tarsalis) that carry the virus are most active and present in higher numbers. So far this season, there have been two positive West Nile virus lab tests. A positive lab test does not necessarily indicate a current WNV infection.

are advised to take precautions when outside in areas with mosquitoes:

- Cover up and use insect repellent;
- Reduce the time spent outside between dusk and dawn when Culex tarsalis are most likely to bite;
- Clear yards of items that can collect water;
- Regularly clean and empty bird baths and eavestroughs;
- Ensure rain barrels are covered with mosquito screen or are tightly sealed around the downspout;
- Keep bushes, shrubs and lawns clear of overgrowth and debris; and
- Make sure door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes.

More information about West Nile Virus, including symptoms, prevention measures and weekly surveillance reports is available at www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/diseases-and-conditions/west-nile-virus.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS LEADING TO PROVINCIAL PARKS UNDERWAY



The Government of Saskatchewan is spending more than \$28 million to make the drive to provincial parks smoother this August long weekend.

"The August long weekend is a great time for family and friends to enjoy our province's many beautiful parks and lakes," Highways and Infrastructure Minister David Marit said. "With highway improvement projects going on around a number of our provincial parks, drivers should plan ahead, be patient and follow the posted signage when entering work zones." "Saskatchewan's provincial parks and recreation sites are consistently seeing record numbers of visits," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "These investments in roads near provincial parks will help improve access for years to come and helps ensure that everyone can enjoy the incredible destinations our province has to offer."

Click here to see the locations scheduled for updates and read the rest of the news release.

SOUTHEAST SASKATCHEWAN LEADS WAY IN AUGUST PUBLIC OFFERING

The province's southeast region was the focus of activity in August's public offering of Crown petroleum and natural gas rights in Saskatchewan on Tuesday, representing more than \$6 million of the \$8 million in total revenue. This was the third sale of the current fiscal year, bringing the total to date for 2017-18 to \$32 million.

On August 1, the Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) released its third update to its 2017 Canadian Drilling Activity Forecast, increasing its original forecasted number of 1,940 wells to be drilled in Saskatchewan to 2,794 wells drilled—a significant increase of 44 per cent.

"These figures, along with positive expectations by industry, suggest our oil and gas sector is regaining momentum after a prolonged period of transition," Energy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan said. "There's no doubt that this kind of renewed activity in Saskatchewan's oil patch bodes well not only for our communities that rely on this industry for jobs and growth, but also for our economy at large."

Read more here.

DON'T MISS THE FUN AT THE SASKATOON EX!



The Saskatoon Exhibition is one of the largest events of the season in the Bridge City and runs the remainder of this week. Celebrate Canada 150 at the Saskatoon Exhibition at Prairieland Park. Entrance is open at noon daily, rain or shine and runs through to August 13th. To see the great list of entertainers at the Grandstand or to find out about attractions, admissions, food, exhibitors and exhibition information, click <u>here.</u> There is always something new each year and it is so much fun to attend the midway, taste all the great food and just have fun! From the thrill of the midway rides to the chuck wagon races to the excellent line up of entertainment at the grandstand, there are attractions for all ages.

The Saskatoon Ex is a summer tradition that is definitely worth attending. Congratulations and a big thank you to Mark Regier and the organizers and volunteers that make the week so enjoyable for everyone attending.

WISHING FARMERS A SAFE HARVEST



Harvest is underway for some producers in the south but many areas remain very dry and will need significant rain to fill crops and replenish topsoil moisture, according to <u>Saskatchewan Agriculture</u>'s Weekly Crop Report: <u>https://goo.gl/AG34cZ</u>

Less than 1% of the provincial crop has been combined, while slightly more than 1% is ready to straight-cut. Crops are ripening quickly in many areas and most range from poor to good condition.

Most of the province received little to no rain this past week, For some producers in the south, crops are rapidly drying down and any rainfall now will come too late to be of benefit.

Haying is wrapping up for many livestock producers and yields remain significantly lower than normal. <u>See More</u>

MANY ARE ENJOYING BEACH-FRIENDLY WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE AT SOME SASKATCHEWAN PARKS THIS SUMMER!



As Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, one of the most rewarding purchases were the beach-friendly wheelchairs to be used in five Saskatchewan Provincial Parks. These chairs provide those with mobility issues or who use a wheelchair an opportunity to use the chairs in the sand as well as the water. The beach wheelchairs are currently kept at Moose Mountain, Saskatchewan Landing, Candle Lake, Meadow Lake and Good Spirit Lake Provincial Parks. The chair's large wheels are buoyant and east to move on sand. To make sure one of the wheelchairs is available people are asked to call one week before their visit to reserve it.

The province purchased five chairs to test the initiative and each one is housed at a different park but can be transported to other beaches as people need them. If there is a demand in other locations, our government will look at adding extra chairs next summer.

BE SURE TO MEET THE ANIMALS AT THE SASKATOON FORESTRY FARM PARK AND ZOO!



There are over 300 animals at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo! The Komodo Island Exhibit features Komodo dragons Thorn and Shruikan (Shrew-Khan) currently on loan from the Calgary Zoo for the 2017 season. Visit the Komodo Island Exhibit to learn more about this unique species and to get an up-close look at these larger than life lizards.

If you catch them on the right day, you may see grizzly bears Koda and Mistaya wrestling, digging or playing in their pond at the Kinsmen Bear Exhibit. The large enclosure has been home to the pair since 2008. These massive mammals are a species at risk, and their home at the Zoo is thanks to the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon.

Mistaya is the sole surviving cub from Bear 66 who died in Banff National Park in 2005. He stayed in the wild until it became clear that he could not survive without intervention. Koda was an orphaned cub from the Jasper area who was rescued and nurtured by zookeepers at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. The cubs were paired at the Calgary Zoo and later transferred to their permanent home in Saskatoon.

You never know what Capuchin monkeys (and talented acrobats) Tarzan and Ma might be up to, but it is usually something pretty entertaining! The Kinsmen's Children's Zoo is also home to pygmy goats, rabbits, lizards, corn snakes, a white-knee tarantula, seba bats and more. This exhibit gives visitors an up-close look at a variety of small animals and is a big hit with visitors young and old.

I encourage you to click here to check out numerous attractions at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.



SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to mark August 26th on your calendar! Click here for additional information.

KNOW AN EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER? NOMINATE THEM!



Nominations Are Now Open for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal

Individuals will have until October 18 to put forward names for the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal.

"Our richest resource is our people, and we can recognize their outstanding contributions through the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal program," Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield said. "We celebrate their generous and hard-working spirits. We all know people in our communities worthy of this recognition, and I urge everyone to nominate a local leader."

The Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal recognizes those whose personal volunteerism helps others, and makes daily life in Saskatchewan better for everyone.

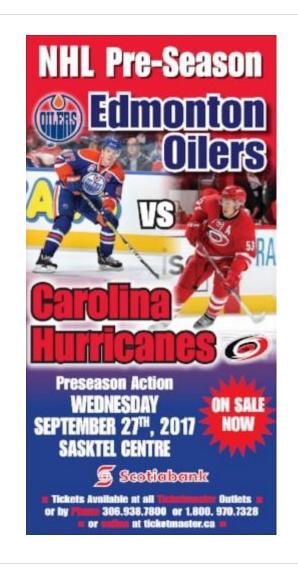
Nominees must be current or former long-term residents of the province and Canadian citizens. Nominations are not accepted posthumously. Groups and organizations, along with members of Parliament, the Legislature or the judiciary are ineligible to be nominated.

Provincial honours, such as the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, are designed to acknowledge citizens for their hard work, generosity and continued dedication to the people of Saskatchewan. If you know someone in your community who should be recognized, nominate them today!

Selected recipients will receive the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal from the Lieutenant Governor in Regina in the late spring of 2018.

To nominate a deserving individual, or to learn more, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/honoursawards.

<u>REMEMBER ... THE NHL WILL BE IN SASKATOON SEPTEMBER</u> <u>27TH!</u>





ART NOW, the Saskatchewan Fine Art Fair will be held at SASK GALLERIES September 15, 16 & 17th in Regina at the Sound Stage, 1831 College Avenue. Be part of a world-class event and a new Saskatchewan tradition. See it. Love it. Buy it. Saskatchewan Art!

SaskGalleries will present the second annual *Art Now, the Saskatchewan Fine Art Fair*, featuring premiere commercial art galleries throughout Saskatchewan, and beyond. Come and wander the 17,000 square feet of original fine art, all in one location. Art lovers of all ages are welcome. Food and beverage service will be available throughout the show. Click <u>here</u> for information.



PotashCorp Fringe Theatre and Street Festival

When: August 3 - 12

Where Broadway

Click here for additional information



Quinn Stevenson Memorial Golf Tournament

When: August 12 Where: Willows Golf & Country Club For information contact: Darrin or Shelley Johnson 934-9157, or email: qs16golf@gmail.com.



Saskatoon Exhibition

When: August 8 - 13 Where: Saskatoon Exhibition Grounds Click<u>here</u>for information



<u>Folkfest</u>

<u>When: August 17 - 19</u>

Where: Various venues throughout the city

<u>Click here</u> for details



Rock 102 Show & Shine Weekend

When: August 18 - 20

Where Downtown Saskatoon

Click<u>here</u> for additional information



<u>Rock the River</u> When: August 18 – 20 Where: Delta Bessborough Click here for information



Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan

When: now through August 20 Where: Big white tents off Spadina Crescent



<u>Ukrainian Day in the Park</u> When: August 26 from 11:30 - 7:30 Where: Kiwanis Park, Downtown Saskatoon



Original 16 Country Concert Series at Rock Creek





Broadway Street Fair

When: September 9, 10 am – 5 pm Where: Broadway Avenue Click <u>here</u> for information



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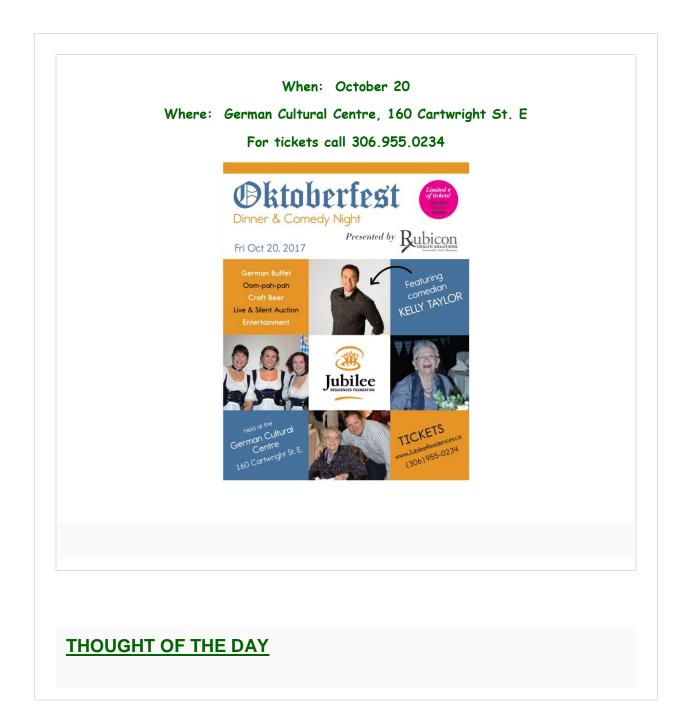
When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click <u>here</u> for details



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Octoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night





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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 Willowgrove. 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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