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



WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!

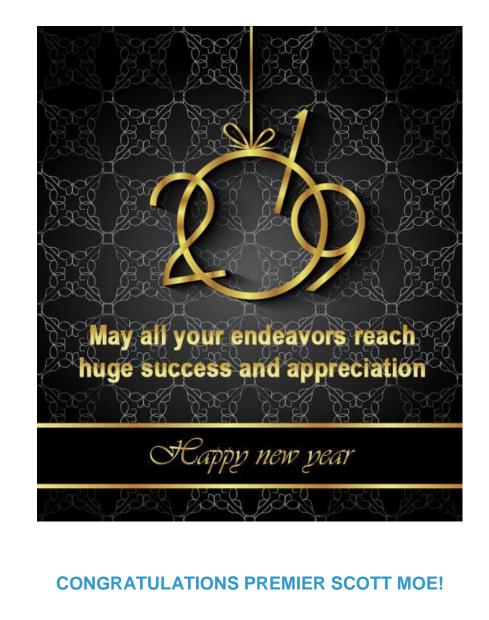


2018 brought 15,212 more people home to Saskatchewan. We are proud to live in this province and are looking forward to building on our 11 years of strong growth. We will continue to see Saskatchewan as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The New Year is a great time to reflect on the past year and set goals for 2019. May you face your challenges with courage and confidence, and find immense happiness in all you do. Trish, Carter, Paige and I wish you everlasting happiness and peace in the new year.

New hopes, new plans, a new commitment Let's welcome 2019 with a whole heart Happy New Year! Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope you had a holiday season filled with joy and happiness.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." - Albert Einstien





Premier approval ratings are out, and Premier Scott Moe's approval is up from last round! Go to http://angusreid.org/premier-approval-dec2018/ for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING



GIVE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE A PROPER GOODBYE!

Every year the City of Saskatoon provides temporary drop-off sites for natural Christmas trees so they can be recycled at the City's Compost Depot. Residents are encouraged to drop off live Christmas trees from **December 26, 2018 to January 31, 2019:**

Drop-off Locations

- Lawson Heights Recycling Depot Primrose Drive by the Lawson Civic Centre
- University Heights Recycling Depot Lowe Road
- Meadowgreen Recycling Depot <u>corner of 22nd Street West and Witney Avenue</u>
- George Ward Pool parking lot <u>5th St & Grosvenor Avenue</u>
- Wildwood Golf Course parking lot <u>4050 8th Street East</u>
- Doukhobor Society parking lot 525 Avenue I South at 17th Street

What you can expect from us

- Christmas tree drop-off sites will accept natural trees from December 26 January 31.
- The trees, while they may not deserve such a fate, will be chipped (*Ouch!*) and composted or used as mulch.
- The City will not pick up Christmas trees from back lanes, street fronts, or garbage and recycling carts.

How you can help us

- Please drop off your trees unwrapped and unbound.
- Remove all decorations, ornaments, and plastic bags before dropping off your tree. Even small bits of tinsel or plastic can impact the quality of the wood chips.
- Don't add to waste. Sell or donate your artificial tree instead of throwing it in the garbage.

For more information about Christmas tree recycling, visit saskatoon.ca/christmastree.

BE A GOOD WINGMAN, MAKE A SAFE CHOICE & RIDE THE BUS FREE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE



Photo credit Global News - A collaboration is back to help people celebrate the beginning of 2019 responsibly by take advantage of free transit rides on New Year's Eve in Saskatoon. Read the Global story <u>here.</u>

For the past 30 years, SGI and Saskatoon Transit have partnered to offer free late night transit service on New Year's Eve, ensuring everyone has a safe ride home. This year the service is back! SGI is once again sponsoring free rides in the evening and Saskatoon Transit has extended the free service to all day.

"Having free Transit service on New Year's Eve removes a barrier when making decisions on how to get home after a night out," says Jim McDonald, Director, Saskatoon Transit. "We encourage everyone to plan their route before heading out using the app called <u>Transit</u>."

Saskatoon Transit and the local taxi companies will be working together to get everyone home safe, in the most efficient way possible. Citizens are encouraged to think about using a variety of transportation modes on busy nights like New Year's Eve. Take the bus out of the downtown or busy areas and arrange for a cab to take you the short distance home. "Riide, Comfort and United are all proud to be a part of this collaboration, connecting public and private modes of transportation to help complete first/last mile multimodal trips," Says Carlo Triolo, General Manager, Ride.

"This collaboration helps residents celebrate the New Year responsibly by taking advantage of free transit in Saskatoon," says Mayor Charlie Clark. "We all owe it to each other—to our family,

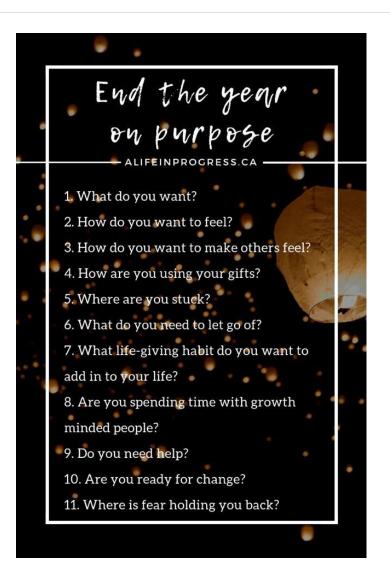
friends, and drivers on the road—to plan a safe ride home. This service helps to make this planning easier so that we can start the New Year in a positive way."

"Police officers will be out in full force taking advantage of new enhanced impaired driving laws to detect impaired drivers. Making safe choices involves making a solid plan," says Saskatoon Police Service Staff Sergeant Patrick Barbar. "Saskatoon transit is an excellent part of a plan to get home safely."

Free bus service will be available on Monday, December 31 until 3:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1. (Times may vary slightly by route).

"There is no reason for impaired driving, especially on New Year's Eve," says McDonald, "We are thankful to have SGI as a partner in providing free transit service to citizens on New Year's Eve and for the partnership with Riide, Comfort and United to provide the first/last mile parts of the journey."

"SGI is a proud sponsor of Wing in the New Year," said Minister responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave. "There is always a better option than driving impaired. With Wing in the New Year, the people of Saskatoon have yet another great – and free – way to get home safely on New Year's Eve."



SWIMMING LESSONS - A WINTER ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES!



A New Year's resolution may have you wondering about ways to stay active during the cold winter **months or have you looking to kick the winter blues.**

Despite the cold weather, the City of Saskatoon Leisure Centres offer a wide range of activities for a winter escape - from Red Cross swimming lessons to preschool and youth recreation programs and adult fitness and specialized wellness programs - there is something to keep the whole family active this winter.

Registration for Winter 2019 programs opened at the beginning of December 2018, and there is still room to register in many programs of your choice.

Swimming lessons are an activity for all ages and have benefits far beyond developing basic life skills and water safety. Studies have shown regular exercise in the cold winter months will help build your children's immune system and maintain energy levels.

There are many class options for you and your family's busy life - weekday, weekend, and evening sessions.

In addition to the Red Cross Swim Program with classes for babies to adults, there are other options designed for your convenience. Find your fit!

Block Swim Lessons are available at Lawson Civic Centre for families with multiple children wanting Red Cross swim lessons at the same time. When registering, tell us the swim levels your children should be in, and we will ensure they all receive instruction during the same time. Register by phoning or visiting any Leisure Centre (not available through Leisure Online).

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

This January start the year with an empty jar. Each week add a note with a good thing that happened.

On New Year's Eve empty the jar and read about the amazing year you had.

"GIVE US A BIT OF ROOM, SNOWPLOW DRIVERS SAY"



Premier Scott Moe, "If you're travelling during the holidays, please drive safe around our snowplows, and give them room to do their work and keep our highways clear.During snowy conditions, plows will pull over every 10-15 km to let drivers pass."

Photo and story credit to CBC News posted Dec. 20, 2018:

Plows can create mini-blizzards behind them; don't pass when this happens, Ministry of Highways warns. If you see the flashing blue and yellow lights of a snowplow on the highway — slow down and be careful.

That's the warning from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways, which held a press conference Thursday reminding the public about the rules of the road around plows. In the past five years there have been 23 collisions between plows and cars, according to the government.

Read the entire CBC article here.

SWINGING WITH THE STARS JANUARY 26TH



Swinging With the Stars is a high energy, action packed evening of Saskatoon's finest celebrities coming together to compete for charity. Are you interested in volunteering for Swinging with the Stars Saskatoon?Email swtsevents@gmail.com for information.

New Year's Resolutions for the Bereaved By Tanya Lord

This year I resolve to:

- Not put a time limit on my grief. Loving someone means loving them for my life time whether they are physically present or not.
- Tell their stories, the happy and the sad, they will live on through me.
- ♥ Encourage others to share memories.
- Teach others that they cannot "make" me cry, tears are only an external expression of how I am feeling all the time.
- Understand that crying or otherwise expressing my pain is healthy and normal. "Doing well" means expressing my feelings
- Understand that others will not understand my pain and it isn't fair to expect them to do anything but listen.
- Recognize that asking for help from those that love us is a really a gift that we give to them.
- Help others, reaching out to others in pain will help me to heal.
- Do something nice for myself every day.
- Know that if today I can not do everything that needs to be done, tomorrow is another chance to get it done.
- Cry when I need to, laugh when I can and to not feel guilty about either one.
- Let go, bit by bit, of the guilt, regret and anger because I know holding on to these emotions can be so damaging.

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- Take a risk and let others into my life and heart.
- Take care of my physical, emotional and spiritual health.
- Reinvest in life a little bit each day...

A FEW OF THE 2018 TOP LOCAL NEWS STORIES



SASKATOON CELEBRATES LARGEST PROJECT IN BRIDGE HISTORY GRANT KOOK NAMED 2018 ABEX BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR BHP ENCHANTED FOREST CELEBRASTES THE 20TH SPARKLING SEASON SASKATOON CITY COUNCILLORS BACK DOWNTOWN ARENA FULL ROUTE MAPPED OUT FOR PROPOSED \$2B SASKATOON FREEWAY RIDE SHARING LEGISLATION PASSED IN SASKATOON WHITECAP DAKOTA SIGNS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR TREATY WITH CANADA

SREDA WINS PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATION AWARD

THE SASKATCHEWANDERER, KEVIN DUNN HAS SHOWN US A LOT OF SASKATCHEWAN THIS YEAR



Photo credit: Chad Reynolds @Chadpr The Golden Media Company

Tourism Saskatchewan: Kevin Dunn has shown us a lot of Saskatchewan this year as the Saskatchewanderrer with a unique perspective a lust for adventure.

Kevin's post:

As the year comes to a close, so does my time filling the role as the 2018 Saskatchewanderer. To all who have supported me, and to everyone I've met along the way, I truly cannot thank you enough. In one short video, I've tried my best to highlight an entire year's worth of adventures across the province.

So, this is it... my final video filling the role as your 2018 Saskatchewanderer. Every experience I shared, helped me realize that life in Saskatchewan is truly the greatest gift!

Hope you enjoy my video! (Watch Kevin's video<u>here</u>) If you enjoyed following along on Kevin's adventures this year, search @kevinjamesdunn on instagram to see what he has planned next in 2019!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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 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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