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Provincial Point of View

December 2, 2015

PREMIER BRAD WALL, GUEST SPEAKER AT DON MORGAN'S CHRISTMAS RECEPTION



There is still time to get your tickets to *Don Morgan's* Christmas Reception featuring special guest, *Premier Brad Wall*.

Tickets are \$75.00 each

To reserve your ticket call 306.652.8833, extension 1 or email r.neil.mackay@gmail.com.

This event is being held at Prairieland Park from 5 pm - 7:30 pm, December 15

Don't miss it!

NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WAITS TARGET ANNOUNCED

The provincial government has affirmed its commitment to significantly reduce wait times in hospital emergency departments, establishing a new target of a 60 per cent reduction in wait times by 2019.

“The new target is aggressive and will make Saskatchewan a leader in meeting national guidelines for safe, appropriate and timely care in hospitals and emergency departments,” Health Minister Dustin Duncan said. “The issues that affect emergency department waits are complex and this effort will involve co-ordination across the health system. I am confident we will be able to achieve this new, ambitious target.”

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

ARTSVEST™ TO CONTINUE BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Business for the Arts, Canada’s only national charitable organization of business members who support the arts, announced the fifth cycle of its successful artsVest™ program in Saskatchewan.

The program will again be delivered with funding support from Canadian Heritage in partnership with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport with a provincial investment of \$250,000.

“Saskatchewan has a vibrant arts, culture and heritage sector made up of talented and creative individuals and organizations committed to building strategic alliances with Saskatchewan businesses,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “With Saskatchewan’s renewed investment in artsVest™, these partnerships will continue to strengthen the provincial sectors, helping organizations realize their full potential while contributing to our growing economy and our enviable quality of life.”

Read more about this exciting program [here](#)

**SAVE THE DATE - KEN CHEVELDAYOFF, MLA SASKATOON
SILVER SPRINGS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 18**



Trish, Carter, Paige and I look forward to hosting you at our home Friday, December 18. Please save the date! Watch for further details.

**MOBILE APP AND WEBSITE LAUNCHED TO PREVENT
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE AGAINST CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

EGADZ (Saskatoon Downtown Youth Centre) unveiled its Cyber Outreach initiative “I Am Not for Sale”, as a means of addressing violence and abuse against women and youth. A new website, www.IAmNot4Sale.ca, and app were developed by youth to help vulnerable individuals who are sexually exploited and trafficked through social media.

The free app provides immediate access to 24 hour resources with confidential, appropriate supports that offer safe and positive solutions and, when necessary, access to an immediate community agency response.

“For people experiencing violence and abuse, it can be daunting to reach out for help without fear of repercussions,” Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for the Status of Women Donna Harpauer said. “This website and app will allow those who reach out for help to be anonymous as they access supports and services. Our government is proud to partner with EGADZ and other organizations to help prevent sexual exploitation and violence against vulnerable women and youth.”

Click [here](#) to read more about this initiative

SUNDOG ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT FAIRE THIS WEEKEND!



Sundog Arts & Entertainment Faire is being held at the SaskTel Centre this weekend. Sundog is known to be a fun and exciting outing for the whole family. The show features over 200 amazing Artisans and Specialty Food Producers from across Canada. There are many attractions including an Ethnic Food Court, a Children's Stage and much more. For more information, check out our coming events in this newsletter.

NEW GROUP HOME OPENS IN SASKATOON

Four people with intellectual disabilities will have a new place to call home thanks to today's official opening of a LutherCare Communities group home in Saskatoon.

The Government of Saskatchewan contributed \$250,000 toward the construction of the project, while LutherCare Communities contributed the cost of the land, an in-kind contribution totalling \$195,000.

“Our investment means that one person from Saskatoon and three individuals from Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw will have a new place to call home,” Saskatoon Sutherland MLA Paul Merriman said on behalf of Social Services Minister Donna Harpauer. “The promise of a better life for people with intellectual and physical disabilities is the reason we partner with great organizations like LutherCare Communities, and we are excited to see this happening again at this new home.”

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

HOMEOWNERSHIP DREAM COMES TRUE FOR FOUR SASKATOON FAMILIES

Four local Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) partner families received keys to their new homes at a special ceremony held November 27. Habitat and Prairie Spirit School Division partnered together to engage and train students from Walter W. Brown School in Langham in various construction trades. The four homes were built in Langham and moved to the Saskatoon site at 119 Avenue S South, where each home was finished.

The Government of Saskatchewan, through Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, contributed a total of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each home) in financial assistance to support the project. Additional funding was provided by the City of Saskatoon and Mosaic Potash Corporation.

“These four homes demonstrate what can be achieved when we work together as a team,” Saskatoon Greystone MLA Rob Norris said on behalf of Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Donna Harpauer. “Initiatives like Habitat for Humanity support the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth and our commitment to providing safe and affordable housing to those who need it.”

Read more about Habitat for Humanity and our province's funding [here](#)

GOVERNMENT REMINDS RINKS TO APPLY FOR THE 2015 COMMUNITY AFFORDABILITY GRANT

Applications for the Community Rink Affordability Grant are being accepted until December 15, 2015. The Community Rink Affordability Grant provides funding to Saskatchewan's community-owned indoor skating and curling rinks.

"The Community Rink Affordability Grant has financial impact beyond the \$2,500 payment per ice surface," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. "Many of the communities across the province use the funding to offset operational costs and are able to provide free or reduced cost programming to the community's citizens as a result. Other rinks have used the funding toward energy-efficient investments which create utility savings into the future.

Click [here](#) for additional information

COMING EVENTS - SO MANY ACTIVITIES IN OUR CITY ... ITS A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND TO CHECK OUT THE NEW ATTRACTIONS AT THE ENCHANTED FOREST!



**DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO INCLUDE IN THIS E-
NEWLETTER? CONTACT KEN.CHEVELDAYOFF.MLA@SASKTEL.NET WITH DETAILS!**

SUNDOG Arts and Entertainment Faire

When: December 4 - December 6

Where: SaskTel Centre

Click [here](#) to additional details, times and admission costs

BHP Enchanted Forest Light Show

When: November 21, 2015 - January 09, 2016, 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. nightly

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo, 1903 Forest Drive

Click [here](#) for additional information



Saskatoon Menorah Lighting Ceremony

When: December 6, 5 pm

Where: Former Mendel Art Gallery

For additional information email info@JewishSask.com

Jingle Bell Lunch Supporting Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan

When: December 9, 11:45 am

Where: Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel

Tickets: www.picatic.com/JBLSaskatoon

Children's Wish Luncheon featuring Lisa Dutton and Kevin Stanfield as MC's

When: December 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where: Travelodge Hotel, Galaxy A

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Fundraiser Benefit for Kayden Kot

When: January 23, 5 pm - 10 pm

Where: Cathedral of the holy Family Hall, 123 Nelson Road

For tickets or information contact: smfortier@hotmail.com or ps.kot@sasktel.net or call/text 306-381-8873

Watch for further details in this e-newsletter

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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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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