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SMALL TOWN FEELING IN THE COMMUNITIES OF OUR CONSTITUENCY OF SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS!

Growing up as many of you did, in small towns, we have benefited from a strong sense of community. I know that in my home town of Blaine Lake I felt that way. Well, this week I had the pleasure of attending a few annual meetings and registration nights of the Willowgrove University Heights Community Association, the Evergreen Community Association and the Erindale Arbor Creek Community Association.

I left the events feeling a great sense of community pride. At every gathering, one thing was evident ... the "small town" feeling right here in Saskatoon. It was incredible to see the many volunteers commit to work hard to make our communities a better place. Families came together to volunteer, register and visit with their friends and neighbours. This is our Saskatchewan...people caring about others.

I sincerely thank the ongoing efforts of our many community associations and the selfless volunteers throughout our community who provide families with the opportunity to participate in many activities and events. I am so proud to be part of the tradition of family, friends and community spirit in our growing multi-cultural and vibrant constituency. It is indeed humbling to serve you in the legislature. Together, we will build strong communities and keep Saskatchewan strong.

UNITED WAY KICK-OFF 2015



I was pleased to attend the United Way Kick-Off 2015 today with colleague Rob Norris. The kick off held at Civic Square in Saskatoon was well attended with hundreds of people showing their support for United Way. The festivities included a barbeque lunch proudly sponsored by the City of Saskatoon and Government of Saskatchewan employees. This year they "stuffed the bus" with items to help build a better life for people in our community.

Congratulations and thank you to the efforts of the organizers and supporters of this important campaign!

JULY BUILDING PERMITS SKYROCKET FOR A RECORD

Building permits in Saskatchewan took a huge jump in July 2015, up 59.8 per cent over June (seasonally adjusted), the highest percentage increase among the provinces. On the national front, permits dropped 0.6 per cent over the same period.

The total for building permits was \$336 million, the highest ever for the month of July.

"The monthly increase is definitely good news for the Saskatchewan economy," Economy Minister Bill Boyd said. "It shows we have a resilient and strong economy that is out performing what is happening in other provinces and nationally."

Click here to read more

LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN CANADA FOR 23 MONTHS



Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was 4.7 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in August 2015, down from 5.2 per cent in July.

For 23 straight months, Saskatchewan has had the lowest unemployment rate among the provinces. In August, the national unemployment rate was 7.0 per cent.

"Saskatchewan continues to lead the nation with the lowest unemployment rate in large part due to the private sector creating new jobs," Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Small businesses in the province are more optimistic according to a recent poll by the Canadian Federation of Business (CFIB), they are creating jobs for Saskatchewan people, as well as creating growth that will help keep Saskatchewan strong."

Click here to read the entire news release

"SMALL BUT MIGHTY" WALK FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER THIS WEEKEND



Every school day, 10 Canadian children are diagnosed with cancer - 1500 each year. Childhood cancers are in Saskatoon. There are kids fighting and families who struggle to cope with their children's illness.

You can help make a difference. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and the awareness color for childhood cancers is gold. There will be a "Small But Mighty" Gold Walk fundraiser in Saskatoon this Sunday, September 13 beginning at 1 pm at the River Landing Amphitheatre, Spadina Crescent East.

The goal of this walk is to raise local awareness of childhood cancers, to raise funds and to have the opportunity to hear local families share their stories of life with childhood cancer. There will be some fun activities to bring the community together and fundraise for this event. Please consider attending to support those facing the horrific journey that is childhood cancer. For more information please click here.

Immunizations Available for Saskatchewan Children

As children head back to school, the Government of Saskatchewan and all health officials would like to encourage parents to ensure their children's vaccinations are up to date, especially those just entering kindergarten. Free childhood immunizations are available for all infants and schoolage children.

"It is important that parents and families understand the benefits of vaccinating their children against preventable diseases," Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab said. "Saskatchewan's publicly-funded vaccine program plays an important role in keeping our province's youngest residents healthy."

Read who is eligible for free vaccinations here

SASKATOON EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION POTLUCK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



The Evergreen Community Garden is hosting a potluck lunch and informal meeting about the garden Saturday, September 12, at noon. The event will be held at the community garden site in Prebble Park on the south end of Sauer Crescent.

Everyone is welcome. You are asked to bring something to contribute to the potluck and a chair. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE! OILERS AND MINNESOTA WILD TO PLAY 2015 NHL PRE-SEASON GAME IN SASKATOON SEPTEMBER 26!



POST-SECONDARY A GOOD TIME TO GET EDUCATED ON CREDIT CARDS

Students should consider adding the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority's (FCAA) credit card tips to their fall reading list.

"Credit cards can be powerful financial tools when used properly, but when used improperly they can tie people down with debt for years," FCAA Consumer Credit Division Director Cory Peters said. "It's important for students to be proactive and learn how credit cards work so they can avoid the common mistakes."

When choosing their first credit card, students should carefully consider their options.

Interest rates, annual fees and rewards vary between cards. Figure out which card is right for you. It may be worth paying a fee for a lower interest rate or extra rewards if you expect to be carrying a balance or if the value of the rewards outweighs the fee.

After getting a credit card, students should keep the following tips in mind:

• Pay your balance on time and in full. If you always do this and don't take cash advances, you can avoid being charged interest altogether.

- Always make at least the minimum payment by the due date. Being late or skipping payments will seriously harm your credit rating.
- Avoid cash advances, as they usually have a higher interest rate than purchases made directly with the card and begin accumulating interest right away.
- Stay under your card's credit limit. The penalty for going over the limit can be expensive.
- Having a credit card does not mean you have more money. If you can't afford it without the card, you can't afford it with the card.

For more helpful information on how to use your first credit card, visit www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca/credittips2015/.

COMING EVENTS

Silverspring Community Association Fun in the Park When: September 12, 12 - 4 pm Where: Silverspring Park Click <u>here</u> for additional information

WUHCA Fun Day in the Park

When: September 12, 11 am - 3 pm Where: Willowgrove Square Click <u>here</u> for additional information

Saskatoon Everygreen Community Association Potluck When: September 12, noon Where: Community Garden site in Prebble Park

Erindale Alliance Church Fall Fun Fair When: September 13, noon - 3 pm Where: Erindale Alliance Church (310 Perehudoff Crescent) Click here for additional details

Small But Mighty Walk (Childhood Cancer Awareness Event) When: September 13, 1 - 4 pm Where: Amphitheatre @ River Landing, Spadina Crescent East Click here for details about the awareness walk, families sharing stories and entertainment

5th Annual Saskatoon Police Service Race Against Racism When: September 20, registration 9 am, entertainment 9:30 am, race 11 am Where: Victoria Park (near boathouse) Click here for additional information

NHL Pre-Season Game in Saskatoon When: September 26, 4 pm Where: SaskTel Centre Click<u>here</u> to get your tickets

Oktoberfest Dinner & Comedy Night - fundraiser for Jubilee Residences Foundation When: October 2 Featuring Comedian Dez Reed, Bavarian Oompah Band, Silent Auction Where: German Cultural Centre, 160 Cartwright Street Tickets - call 306.382.2626, ext. 221 or 306.373.5580, ext 221

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives. Some lessons are painful, some are painless. But, all are priceless. Unknown

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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 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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