



The Connection

“Keeping our community connected”

February 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

Happy Valentines Day!

The ECNWC office is open for in-person appointments. We also provide service to our clients through phone calls, emails and other media. We encourage you to book appointments ahead of time as we are only allowing a limited number of clients in the office at one time. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing will be strictly followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca.

Our service hours are

Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Canada welcomes the most immigrants in a single year in its history

The story of immigration fills many chapters in the history of Canada—including the most recent one. To support Canada’s post-pandemic recovery and chart a more prosperous future, the Government of Canada set a target of welcoming 401,000 new permanent residents in 2021, as part of the 2021–2023 Immigration Levels Plan. The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced on December 23rd, 2021 that Canada had reached its target and welcomed more than 401,000 new permanent residents in 2021. Surpassing the previous record from 1913, this is the most newcomers in a year in Canadian history.

FUN Fact about Canada!

Get the shovels ready! The greatest single-day snowfall recorded in Canada was on February 11, 1999, when Tahtsa, British Columbia, was blanketed with nearly a metre and a half (145cm) of the white stuff in ONE DAY! That’s about 56 inches or 4.7 feet of snow in 24 hours! And here we thought we had some pretty large snowfalls this winter!



For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).



This is HOME

Meet Poonam Kaur

Poonam moved from Amritsar, India to Canada in 2018 and she now calls Melville HOME! Poonam is currently our Settlement Advisor at East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



“Canada is a great place to live, to grow and to explore nature. Saskatchewan gave me an opportunity to get closer to nature and to understand the Canadian culture.”

I came to Canada as an International Student and Saskatchewan has been my first home here in Canada. I have so many beautiful memories here that I will remember till my last breath. I’ve made friends, I’ve had bad experiences as well but overall, I learned and earned so much. Apart from the beautiful sceneries, another huge benefit is the cost-of-living in Saskatchewan as it’s quite affordable by Canadian standards.” - Poonam

Explore Our Community

Love is in the air (or snow!) at Patrick Park

There is something very romantic about this snow sculpture that was created by a Yorkton family in honour of their grandparents, Abe and Ruth Lefever. They were married for over 70 years, which is a remarkable achievement and can now be seen ice dancing in Patrick Park!



While checking out the snow sculpture, you could also take your own pair of skates to enjoy skating (or dancing!) on the Patrick Park ice skating path. Thanks to the family that shared their talents and this wonderful tribute to their grandparents.

Click [here](#) to read more about how the sculpture was made.

We are now on **INSTAGRAM!!**

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Community Activities & Event

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) Info Session Education / 18+

WHAT? We have partnered with the Government of Saskatchewan's Immigration, Employment and Career Development Division to help our clients learn more about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)
WHEN? **February 7th, 2022 from 11am to 1PM.** (Deadline to register February 3rd by 4pm)
WHERE? Online through ZOOM
COST? FREE. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to attend.



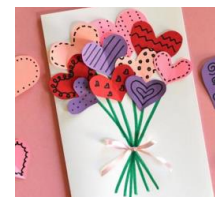
Filing Taxes as a New Canadian (Achev) Education / 18+

WHAT? Did you miss out on our Income Tax Webinar in January? If so, Achev is hosting a similar webinar featuring Tim Eremondi, Regional Outreach Programs Officer with Canada Revenue Agency. Tim will discuss how newcomers can apply for Benefits and Credits, plus the necessary steps to keep receiving the benefits.
WHEN? **February 9, 2022 from 1:00PM to 2:00 PM**
WHERE? Online. Achev webinars are aimed at Internationally Trained Newcomers.
COST? FREE but must pre-register. Email Shanley at sallard@ecnwc.ca for the registration link.



Caring with Cards: Valentine's Day Activity / SWIS Students

WHAT? Join our SWIS team for a fun evening of crafting and creating Valentine's Day themed cards!
WHEN? **February 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**
WHERE? Online through ZOOM
COST? FREE. Please email Leah at lmceill@ecnwc.ca to register.
MUST PRE-REGISTER as supplies will be delivered the week prior to the activity.



Curling for Newcomers Recreation

WHAT? We have partnered with the Yorkton Curling Club and will be offering an activity to learn the popular Canadian game of curling! We will be hosting two sessions, one for our older SWIS students and one for our Settlement adult clients.
WHEN? **March 4th, 2022 at 7pm – Settlement Adult Clients**
March 11th, 2022 at 7pm – SWIS Students in grades 9 to 12.
WHERE? Yorkton Curling Rink (Gallagher Centre in Yorkton)
COST? **FREE but must PRE- REGISTER to confirm your spot. Please register by Feb 28th!**
To register for March 4 (Settlement Clients), email sallard@ecnwc.ca.
To register for March 11 (SWIS), email lmceill@ecnwc.ca or jtolentino@ecnwc.ca.
You can also call our office at 1(306) 783-2777 to register for either session.



Thanks to the Parkland Valley Sports, Culture and Recreation Outreach Grant for the funding to make this activity possible!



Multifaith Festivals in February

Baha'i Faith	Feb 6 – Mulk (Dominion) Feb 25-Mar 1 – Ayyam-i-Ha	Shinto	Feb 3 – Setsubun-sai
Buddhism	Feb 1 – Lunar New Year Feb 15 - Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) Feb 16 – Magha (Sangha Day)	Wicca	Feb 2 - Imboloc
Hinduism	Feb 5 – Vasanta Panchami	Aboriginal Spirituality	Feb – Aboriginal Storytelling Month - Wexes (Moon of the frog)
Islam	Feb 26 – Laylat al Mi raj	Supplemental	Feb 14 – Valentine's Day Feb 21 -Family Day (Saskatchewan) Feb 23 – Anti Bullying (Pink Shirt) Day

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.



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