



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

Hello JUNE

ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are closed to the public but still booking individual client appointments. Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Canada's Immigration Minister recently outlined steps the IRCC is taking towards a modern immigration system. Currently, Canada's outdated immigration system is bogged down by paper. All applicants will eventually be able to make submissions online and track IRCC's progress. For instance, international students will only need to complete one single online application. New Canadian citizens will be able to take their oaths online. The minister said that some 50,000 new Canadians have participated in about 9,000 virtual citizenship ceremonies over the past year. Mendicino stressed the importance of moving away from the aging Global Case Management System (GCMS). Last month, the Canadian government proposed a nearly \$430 million investment to modernize its information technology infrastructure. The investment will allow IRCC to process applications much more quickly. The state-of-the-art platform will be the cornerstone of Canada's modernized immigration system. Mendicino said a major goal of the new platform is to inspire the confidence of Canada's immigration applicants.

FUN Fact about Canada!

Canada is well known world-wide for our Maple Syrup! Sometimes referred to as liquid gold, this sweet tree sap based syrup is loved across the world. Canada produced over 62 million litres in 2020 alone, and over 70% of that came just from Quebec. Considering that per season each tree produces enough sap to make about 0.5-1.5L of maple syrup, that's a whole lot of maple trees!



Did you know that the most valuable heist in Canadian history is the Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist. Over a series of months in 2011-12 the group of thieves took almost 10,000 barrels of maple syrup, which had a value of over 18 million Canadian dollars. Liquid gold indeed!

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



We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region. It's our goal to provide the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement!

Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions.
We are happy to help you!

This is HOME

Meet Anshu Raina

Anshu and her family moved from the city of Dehradun, India to Yorkton in 2016. Anshu works as a Newcomer Liaison Worker with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc and also, as a Homecare Scheduler for the Sunrise Health Region.



"Canada/ Saskatchewan is beautiful and apart from the natural beauty that God has bestowed on this land, what I like most about here, is it's people. It makes your day, when unknown people who cross paths with you, smile at you and say Hi and ask how was your day? Or, even just a simple wave from your vehicle to acknowledge you, that feeling is amazing! There is a saying, 'Home is where the heart is' and Yorkton is that for me!

I have made some very precious friends here, who made things easier when I moved here in 2016. When I came here, I did not know anything about Saskatchewan winters or winter driving. But people here made it easier. I asked innumerable questions to friends, strangers, sometimes even to people shopping in stores, and I always got my answer with a smile. Thank you to all those people who helped in making Canada Home for me and my family."

- Anshu

EXPLORE OUR AREA!

Have you ever planned a day trip to explore our area? If not, you are missing out! There is so much history and beautiful scenery to see, so why not load your car and set out to explore! You can plan your general route but keep your eyes open for "Point of Interest" signs. These signs indicate a location that may have historic, scenic or scientific significance. The location will typically have a marker present where you can read and learn about that Point of Interest!

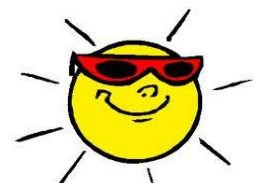


A couple of things to note when planning such a day trip, make sure your vehicle is full of gas and you have a printed road map in case you need it. You shouldn't depend on your cell phone just in case you wander outside of the service area. You should also pack some food in case you don't come across a restaurant or choose to have an outdoor picnic. You should have a general plan on the area you want to explore but be open to changes along the way! And most of all, take in the natural beauty and scenery along the way!



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.



Local Artist Show 2021

All Ages / Art

- WHAT?** The Godfrey Dean Art Gallery's annual Local Artist Show is returning again this year. Local artists will have their work displayed at the Gallery for the month of June!
- WHEN?** June 1 to 30th, 2021 (Art can be viewed during gallery hours which are shown below)
Monday – Friday 11am – 5pm and Saturdays from 1pm – 4pm
- WHERE?** Godfrey Dean Art Gallery
- COST?** There is not cost to visit the Godfrey Dean Art Gallery.



ECNWC Annual General Meeting

Adults

- WHAT?** Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of the ECNWC Board of Directors.
- WHEN?** Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- WHERE?** Online through ZOOM.
- COST?** FREE. Please RSVP by June 18, 2021 by email to emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777



Western Development Museum Virtual Coffee Club

All Ages / Education

- WHAT?** Participants will learn about the struggles and challenges faced by people in Saskatchewan during the Great Depression. Join the Western Development Museum to learn why the 1930s were one of the most pivotal times in our province's history.
- WHEN?** Wednesday June 30th 10:00am - 11:00am
- WHERE?** Virtual sessions will take place via Zoom. Visit the [WDM website](#) for more information.
- COST?** Free but must register on their website.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

We are seeking applications from individuals who share our values and mission to help our clients achieve their settlement and integration goals.

The Board of Directors provides strategic planning and support, fiscal oversight and policy development to our organization

For more information please visit our website at www.eastcentralnewcomercentre.ca

Multifaith Festivals in June

- Baha'i Faith** June 4 – Nur
June 23 – Rahmat
- Buddhism** June 18 – Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary
June 24 – Posen
- Christianity** June 10 – Ascension
June 20 – Pentecost
June 27 – All Saints Day
- Sikhism** June 16 – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji
- Wicca** June 21 – Litha (Midsummer's Eve)
- Zoroastrianism** June 29 – Ghambar Maidyoshem begins
- Aboriginal Spirituality**
June - Centeki (The Sockeye Moon)
- Aboriginal History Month
June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Supplemental**
June 10 – Annular Solar Eclipse
June 19 - Juneteenth

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



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