

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

OCTOBER 2023

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc. acknowledges that we are on Treaty 4 territory, the ancestral lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota and the Métis Nation.



We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

OCTOBER 9 - CLOSED

Otherwise, our staff is available

Mon to Fri from 8 am to 12 pm and 12:30 pm to 3:45 pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Information from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)...

Canada announces first-ever category-based selection invitations for newcomers with work experience in transport

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced that the first round of invitations for transport occupations through category-based selection in Express Entry will occur this week.

[CLICK HERE](#) For more information



This is HOME

Meet *Rentina Thomas*

Sales and Finance Specialist/Hair Stylist from Yorkton Saskatchewan



Rentina Thomas is a remarkable individual whose journey in Canada has been defined by her unique blend of talents and passions. As a Sales and Leasing Specialist, she has excelled in the competitive world of automotive sales. However, what truly sets Rentina apart is her expertise in braiding hair, a skill born from her deep passion for hair care and a keen eye for fulfilling unmet needs in her community.

Rentina's story begins with her journey from her home country Jamaica to Canada in 2019, initially in pursuit of education. She attended the Parkland College in Yorkton and studied Business Management. After completing her studies, it wasn't long before Rentina noticed something missing in Yorkton's landscape, the absence of a place to get those beautiful, intricate braided hairstyles she cherished. Her passion for hair care and styling led her down a different path, and she decided to fill the gap herself.

Rentina's reputation as a braiding expert grew, and her heart urged her to help her community. She began offering her braiding services, focusing on newcomers who longed for the familiar styles of their homeland.

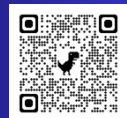
Rentina's journey serves as a reminder that our passions can lead us to unexpected places, and they can even intersect in surprising ways. Whether it's in the world of sales, the art of braiding, or any other pursuit, the key is to stay true to yourself and embrace the opportunities that come your way.

"Come see my work on Oct. 6, at the Parkland mall 10 am - 2 pm at Culture Days 2023"

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY Culture Days Celebration - OCT. 6

PJA CULTURE DAYS
Will be hosting
REN'S HAIR
Braiding Workshop

Celebrating Culture Days the Jamaican way
Learn the basics of hair braiding from the expert
Friday October 6 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Parkland Mall, 277 Broadway Street East
BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO BRAID THEIR HAIR!
TO REGISTER CONTACT RENTINA - rentinabritton92@gmail.com



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Community Activities & Events October 2023

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.

Explore Our Community

What: Celebration of arts and culture in our community
When: September 22 - October 15, 2023
Where: At various locations in Yorkton
Cost: FREE. Visit Culture Days event page: culturedays.ca/en/events



Music Workshop

What: A workshop for music teachers, music students, parents and music lovers
When: October 6, 2023 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: At the Land Titles Building, Yorkton
Cost: FREE. Contact Pastor Peter - peterlaniya@gmail.com



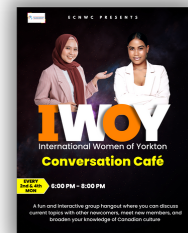
Archery for Newcomers Part 2

What: Learn how to Shoot (Bow and Arrow)
When: October 12, 2023 — 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: At the Saltcoats School - 301 YORK RD, Saltcoats, SK S0A 3R0
Cost: FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca / Bob - rbuhler@ecnwc.ca
or call (306)-783-2777 to register



IWOY Conversation Café

What: Coffee, Cake and a good conversation
When: October 16, 2023 — 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre
Cost: FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Home Buyers Information Session

What: Essential Home buying information for newcomers 1 month - 5 years
When: October 18, 2023 — 5:00 pm
Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre
Cost: FREE. Contact Ruel - rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Multifaith Festivals in October

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| Buddhism | - October 5 - Bodhidharma | Zarathushti. | - October 12 - 16 - Ghambar Ayathrem |
| Christianity | - October 1 - World Communion Day | Hinduism | - October 15 - Navaratri Begins |
| Sikhi | - October 24 - Diwali* | Judaism | - October 7 Shmini Atzeret |

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



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