



# The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

## AUGUST 2021

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

### ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

**We are now open for walk-ins and in-person appointments.** We will continue to provide service through phone calls, emails and other media. We're allowing a limited number of clients in the office at once, therefore you are encouraged to book appointments. 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](mailto: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.

**The office will be CLOSED on August 2, 2021.**

#### Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

**August 10 - Foam Lake      August 24 - Moosomin**  
**September 14 - Melville      September 21 - Esterhazy**

*\*Please call (306)783-2777 if you would like to meet with our staff in these communities on the above dates\**

*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 Prianka Deb

Prianka moved to Canada in 2009 from the city of Shylet, Bangladesh. She currently resides in Yorkton where she works as an Educational Assistant in the Good Spirit School Division.



*"The best thing about Canada and Saskatchewan is that everyone is treated as equal despite their cultural or any kind of background differences.*

*When I moved here from Montreal in 2018, I immediately noticed the friendliness of the people in Yorkton. People are always available and eager to help. I was also able to find a job in my field and that's what made me to fall more in love with Yorkton, as now I can give back to the community, by taking care of the children I work with."* - Prianka

### Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News

Beginning July 26, 2021 individuals who applied for the recently opened pathway to permanent residence will be eligible for a new open work permit while awaiting the results of their application. This is a one-time open work permit, valid until December 31, 2022. An applicant's spouse or common-law partner and dependent children 18 years or older may also be eligible to apply for an open work permit under this policy. Applications for the new permit should be submitted online. Further details on how to apply will be added to IRCC's website on July 26, 2021. To learn more click [HERE](#).

### FUN Fact about Canada!

Canada is well known for its' cold winters, but it has been one hot summer so far! The previous record high temperature in Canada was 45 C, set in Saskatchewan in July 1937. According to Environment Canada, a new record was set in Lytton, British Columbia on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 where a temperature of 46.6 C was recorded. Lytton BC now holds the record for Canada's all time maximum high. The coldest temperature ever recorded is -63 C in Snag, Yukon. That's quite the temperature range!



## Help Build a Welcoming Community!



## Join the Local Immigration Partnership Advisory Council



### What is a Local Immigration Partnership?

A Local Immigration Partnership brings together service providers, settlement agencies, community groups, municipal representatives, employers and other key organizations across the municipalities in East Central Saskatchewan to create a welcoming and inclusive community for newcomers to Canada.

The main priorities of the LIP are to:

- Identify and eliminate gaps in programs and services.
- Consolidate community resources and coordinate the delivery of services and programs.
- Help address current labour shortages through recruitment and by preparing employers to hire newcomers.
- Develop a community-based action plan to guide attraction, settlement and integration of newcomers.
- Increase the community's readiness for newcomers by promoting awareness about the benefits of diversity.
- Provide opportunities for locals and newcomers to learn about and share with each other.



Advocate and be the voice for newcomers to Canada in East Central Saskatchewan as a member of the LIP Advisory Council!

Contact Edith at [emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca](mailto:emontesclaros@ecnwc.ca) or call 1(306) 783-2777 if you are interested in becoming a member of the LIP Advisory Council.

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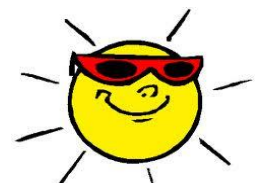


To learn more about the Local Immigration Partnership click [HERE](#)



# 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.



## Parkland Valley Summer Tour

Children aged 6 to 12

**WHAT?** The SCR Summer Tour is 2-hour summer play program for children ages 6-12 and this year's theme is Leisure Activities!!

**WHEN/WHERE?** The program runs from 1pm-3pm in each community on the dates below:

<b>August 3 – Melville</b>	<b>August 4 – Calder</b>	<b>August 6 – Killaly</b>
<b>August 10 - Norquay</b>	<b>August 11 -Kamsack</b>	<b>August 12 – Grayson</b>
<b>August 16 – Preeceville</b>	<b>August 17 – Sturgis</b>	<b>August 18 - Pelly</b>

**COST?** FREE but you must pre-register. Contact [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) for help registering.



## Rally Round the Mill

All Ages

**WHAT?** There will be two separate rally flights, with a classic car segment on pavement and a different course for pickups and off-road vehicles. The day will also include a pancake breakfast, barbeque, beer garden, a cruise of cars down Broadway, a show-and-shine, and a drive-in movie later in the evening.

**WHEN?** Sat Aug 7, 2021 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**WHERE?** Starting at the Yorkton Brick Mill

**COST?** Cost varies depending on the activity you are attending.

Information about the day's activities can be found at [www.yorktonflourmill.ca](http://www.yorktonflourmill.ca).



## SGI – New to Driving in Saskatchewan Presentation

16 + / Education

**WHAT?** We have partnered with SGI to learn about driving and licensing here in Saskatchewan and the related laws. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions to SGI.

**WHEN?** Monday, August 30, 2021, 1– 2 pm

**WHERE?** Online through ZOOM.

**COST?** FREE. Please register by August 27, 2021 to [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) or call (306) 783-2777



## Western Development Museum Virtual Coffee Club (Weather)

All ages / Education

**WHAT?** Grab a cup of coffee and settle in as we explore the WDM collection while you connect and reflect with others on experiences from the past. There's a saying in Saskatchewan that goes, "If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes!" With our four-season climate, weather has always been important to the people of our province. In this presentation, participants will learn about how the weather played an important role in the life of a settler over 100 years ago.

**WHEN?** Tuesday August 31st 10:00am - 11:00am

**WHERE?** ONLINE through Zoom (Western Development Museum)

**COST?** FREE but you must pre-register. Please email [sallard@ecnwc.ca](mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca) if you are interested in registering.



## Multifaith Festivals in August

<b>Baha'i Faith</b>	<b>August 19 – Asma</b>
<b>Buddhism</b>	<b>August 26 – Festival of Ksitigarbha</b>
<b>Christianity</b>	<b>August 6 (Western Calendar)</b> - Transfiguration <b>August 10 (Eastern Calendar)</b> - Transfiguration <b>August 15 – Assumption</b>
<b>Hinduism</b>	<b>August 22 – Raksha Bandhan</b> <b>August 30 – Sri Krishna Jayanti</b>

<b>Islam</b>	<b>August 10 – First of Muharram</b> <b>August 19 – Ashura</b>
<b>Wicca</b>	<b>August 1 – Lammas (Lughnasad)</b>
<b>Zoroastrianism</b>	<b>August 8-17 – Fravardeghan Days</b> <b>August 18 – Nowruz</b> <b>August 24 – Birth of Prophet Zarathustra</b>
<b>Aboriginal Spirituality</b>	<b>August – Centawen (The Coho Salmon Return to Earth)</b>

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



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