

# The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

# **JULY 2021**

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



#### **ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE**

Our office hours are Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> our office will be reopening to the public. We will continue the use of masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing and be limiting the number of clients in the office to 3 at a time. We strongly encourage clients to plan ahead by calling our office at (306) 783-2777 to book an appointment. Thanks!

Our Office will be CLOSED on July 1st for Canada Day

# Changes to CANADA's OATH OF CITIZENSHIP

Honouring the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 94

The new Oath refers to the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. New Canadians recite the Oath before receiving their citizenship. With the changes to the Oath, they will acknowledge the importance of Indigenous and treaty rights in Canada.

Learn more: http://ow.ly/bcLd50FfruM

#### **FUN Fact about Canada!**

Many Canadians proudly display the Canadian Flag, but did you know the National Flag of Canada has a list of rules on how it should be displayed?



The National Flag of Canada should always be flown on its own flag pole; flag protocol states that it is improper to fly two or more flags on the same flag pole (ex. one beneath the other). When the Flag is raised, lowered, or carried in a parade, everyone present should face the Flag, remain silent and remove their hats. Those in uniform should salute.

The National Flag of Canada, whether it be a cloth, paper or made of some other fabric or material, should never:

- Be used as a tablecloth or seat cover;
- Be used as masking for boxes, covering a podium, draping a platform, as a barrier on a stage, or in general for any decoration;
- Be used to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony;
- Have anything pinned to or sewn onto it;
- Be signed or marked in any way
- Be used as wearing apparel;
- Be flown in a discoloured or tattered condition;
- Be burned in effigy;
- Touch the ground;
- Be stepped on;
- Be flown upside down
- Be dipped or lowered to the ground as a means of paying a salute or compliment to any person or thing.

There is definitely a lot to know about the Canadian Flag! Learn more....

For more information and updates, please visit and like our <u>East Central Newcomer Welcome</u> <u>Centre Facebook Page</u>.



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 Freda Balan**

Freda moved from Baguio City, Philippines to Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 2014. She came to Canada to join her husband and start a family. Freda's husband was working in Canada for 3 years before she came so she now treasures her time with him and their beautiful daughter. She currently works as an Administrative Assistant at East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



"What I like most about Canada, and Saskatchewan in particular, is its people. People here are very friendly. There is nothing more heartening than a warm welcome to a newcomer in the province. There are also lots of national and local programs which help and support the needs of people.

It is not that easy to settle in a different country. However, we were able to make it through the help of friends and other organizations in the community. Saskatchewan enabled us to live a simple and quiet life. The beauty of nature can be seen everywhere. It is so much refreshing to walk along the numerous parks inside and outside the city — even within our own neighborhood! With Saskatchewan's vibrant sunsets and sunrises, and amazing cloud formations, it is indeed the Land of the Living Skies!" - Freda

#### **EXPLORE OUR AREA!**

East Central Saskatchewan is rich in history and home to approximately 24 museums and a couple National Historical Sites! It's definitely worth a road trip this summer to visit them and learn about our areas history!







A visit to the museum makes for an educational trip! Museums play an important role in educating the public in how things were done in the past. Some museums host days where you can try making butter, baking bread, take a ride on an old tractor, beat a hand-made drum or learn to bead.

All of the museums are members of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) and you can learn more or plan your museum trip by clicking <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. If you need assistance finding information on a certain museum, do not hesitate to contact our office and we can help you out!

We encourage you to contact our office at (306) 783-2777 or our Community Connections Worker, Shanley at <a href="mailto:sallard@ecnwc.ca">sallard@ecnwc.ca</a> to receive a FREE ticket to visit the Western Development Museum in Yorkton.



WHAT?

# **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.



**CANADA DAY** Statutory Holiday

WHAT? Canada Day is the national day of Canada. A federal statutory holiday, it celebrates the

anniversary of Canadian confederation which occurred on July 1, 1867.

WHEN? July 1, 2021

WHERE? Celebrated differently among households across Canada.

There are many celebrations and events across the country.



# Prairie Toyota Dealers Reels on Wheels: Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon

WHAT? Show up in your car, tune into our FM and watch a movie under the stars on a big screen.

WHEN? Saturday July 3rd 7:30pm - 11:30pm

WHERE? Gallagher Centre, 455 Broadway St W, Yorkton SK

COST? MUST REGISTER. This is a "by donation" event with the suggested amount as \$20 per vehicle

but please only donate if you can. There is a minimum donation fee of \$1 to secure a ticket.

100% of all donations collected will go to The Boys and Girls Club of Yorkton.



## **SGI Distracted Driving Presentation**

16 + / Education We partnered with SGI to learn about Distracted Driving and the related laws.

WHEN? Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 1-2 pm

WHERE? Online through ZOOM.

COST? FREE. Please Register by July 5, 2021 by email to sallard@ecnwc.ca or call (306) 783-2777



## **Gardening In Saskatchewan Workshop**

Families/ Kid Ages 8-12 / Education

Participants will explore plants native to Saskatchewan and some of the insects that visit WHAT?

> our gardens like butterflies, dragonflies, and fireflies. Will also make insect-inspired crafts, including a dragonfly napkin holder, firefly lantern, butterfly bracelet, butterfly feeder and a

take-home fairy garden.

WHEN? July 14, 2021, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WHERE? Western Development Museum in Yorkton.

COST? \$35 per person.



## Multifaith Festivals in July

**Jainism** July 24 - Guru Purnima Baha'i Faith July 9 – Martyrdom of The Bab

> July 24 - Chaturmas July 12 - Kalimat

July 18 - Tish a B'Av **Judaism** July 31 - Kamal

**Shinto** July 30 - Oh-harai-taisai **Buddhism** July 6 - Birth date of H.H. Dalai Lama

Zoroastrianism July 3 - Ghambar Maidyoshem ends Tenzin Gyatso

July 23 -Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day) **Aboriginal Spirituality** July 23 - Vassa (Rains Retreat) begins

June - Cenhenen (Humpack Salmon Return to Earth) Islam July 19 - Day of Hajj / Day at 'Arafat

July 20 - Id al-Adha

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



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