



# The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

## JULY 2022

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



### HAPPY CANADA DAY!

#### ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

The ECNWC office is open for appointments. Please book appointments ahead of time. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing are 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.

**Our Office will be CLOSED on July 1<sup>st</sup> for Canada Day**

#### Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

July 12, 2022 – Canora     July 26, 2022 - Norquay

### This is HOME

#### Meet Loreben Bontao

Loreben is originally from the Philippines. She also lived in Sydney Australia for more than 7 years, then in the USA for 4 months prior to settling here in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Her and her family have called Yorkton HOME since February of this year. Loreben is currently the Settlement Advisor with East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



*"There is no doubt that Canada, Saskatchewan in particular, has one of the best landscapes I've ever seen, but I would have to say, the people are its greatest jewel! Everyone I've met and interacted with have been warm, accepting and genuine. Having lived in a very busy city for quite a long time, the laid-back life approach here in Yorkton is a very much welcome change for our whole family. We love that we are able to spend more time together and enjoy life in a pace of our choosing.*

*My work as a Settlement Advisor has been one of the best outcomes with our move here in Yorkton. I have always been passionate about immigration, so being able to put my skills into assisting and helping people who are also in the same immigration journey as me, is a dream come true! We are truly excited on what lies ahead of us in this beautiful city we now call home!*

- Loreben

#### Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News

##### Afghan newcomers continue to arrive in Canada

The Government of Canada is working hard to resettle at least 40,000 Afghan nationals as quickly and safely as possible. Canada has now welcomed over 16,000 Afghan refugees, including the arrival of a charter flight in Vancouver on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with 313 Afghans who supported Canada's mission in Afghanistan. For World Refugee Day on June 20, IRCC shared stories of the Afghan newcomers who have found safe haven and a new life in Canada.

Click [HERE](#) for more on this story.

#### FUN (Well, not so fun!?) Fact about Canada!

With Canada's vast labyrinth of rivers and lakes comprising 20 per cent of the world's fresh water (a vital ingredient for the reproduction of mosquitoes),

**Canada is a mosquito wonderland.** In fact, the oldest mosquito fossil on record, dating to about 80-100 million years ago, was unearthed in Canada. From the Arctic tundra to the Great Lakes, Canada is consumed by mosquitoes and it is sure evident this year!



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about mosquitoes and how to protect yourself from these little insects that bite.

### CELEBRATE CANADA!

Every year on July 1, just when summer is really starting to heat up, Canadians celebrate Canada Day. This national holiday was created in 1868 to commemorate the first anniversary of the formation of the Dominion of Canada. Originally known as "Dominion Day," the name was officially changed to "Canada Day" in 1982.



Canada Day is a day for Canadians to show pride in their nation's history, culture, and achievements. From coast to coast, the country's birthday is marked with parades, fireworks, and the singing of the national anthem, "O Canada!" To learn about what is happening in your community for Canada Day, you can visit your municipalities Facebook Page or call your Town or City Hall to find out what is planned! Enjoy celebrating Canada!

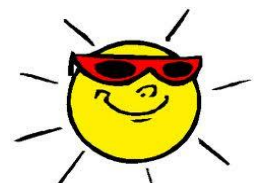
For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page](#).





# 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, 2022  
**WHERE?** Celebrated differently among households across Canada. There are many celebrations and events across the country.



## The Changing Face of Immigration Session (Melville)

Adults / Education

**WHAT?** The East Central Saskatchewan Immigration Partnership is hosting a session that includes: Stories from a local newcomer; Discussion on how immigration and diversity is good for the local community; and information on how you can help make Melville a more welcoming community for newcomers and locals.  
**WHEN?** Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>. There are two sessions scheduled so you can attend the one that works best for you! Either 1:30pm - 3:00pm or 7:00pm to 8:30pm.  
**WHERE?** Horizon Credit Union Center - Cardiac Care Center (Melville)  
**COST?** Free to attend. For more information and to RSVP please call or email Scott at ssharpe@ecnwc.ca or 306-641-4076



## Safe Swimming with SWIS

**WHAT?** Join our SWIS team and the Lifesaving Society and learn about water safety. We will review a few topics including Boating Safety, Importance of Swimming Lessons, Swim to Survive and General Water Safety.  
**WHEN?** July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30pm to 2:30pm  
**WHERE?** Online through Zoom  
**COST?** **MUST REGISTER.** To register and to receive the link to participate, Email: lmcneill@ecnwc.ca Or Phone: 306-783-2777. REGISTER BY: July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Monday).



## Yorkton Exhibition SUMMER FAIR

All Ages / Leisure

**WHAT?** The annual Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair is Back!!! There will be rides, food and activities set up for yourself or your family to enjoy!  
**WHEN?** July 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (All day)  
**WHERE?** Gallagher Centre Parking Lot (Exhibition Grounds)  
**COST?** Cost is dependent on the day and what you would like to do. To see a list of prices, Visit the following website: <https://yorktonexhibition.com/events/summer-fair/>



## Multifaith Festivals in July

<b>Baha'i Faith</b>	<b>July 10</b> – Martyrdom of The Bab <b>July 13</b> – Kalimat	<b>Jainism</b>	<b>July 13</b> – Guru Purnima <b>July 13</b> - Chaturmas
<b>Buddhism</b>	<b>July 6</b> – Birth date of H.H. Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso <b>July 13</b> –Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day) <b>July 13</b> – Vassa (Rains Retreat) begins	<b>Shinto</b>	<b>July 30</b> – Oh-harai-taisai
<b>Islam</b>	<b>July 8</b> – Day of Hajj / Day at 'Arafat <b>July 9</b> – Id al-Adha	<b>Zoroastrianism</b>	<b>July 3</b> – Ghambar Maidyoshem ends
		<b>Aboriginal Spirituality</b>	<b>June</b> - Cenhenen (Humpack Salmon Return to Earth)

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



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