

The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE

Check out our WEBSITE!

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre website has recently been updated and loaded with new information and pictures! You can visit our website at <http://www.eastcentralnewcomercentre.ca/> to stay updated on what's happening in our office.



We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region.

It is our goal to provide you with the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement in Canada and our community!

Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions.

We are happy to help you!

This is HOME

Meet Ophelia Sabio Adane!

"Our family moved from Tagoloan, Philippines to Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada in May of 2018. A month after our arrival I started working as a Medical Office Assistant in one of the walk-in clinics which I was directly hired from the Philippines. Within a year of our stay we were given the chance to visit some tourist destinations and big cities outside Saskatchewan, which gave us the idea to settle here in Yorkton. We find it comfortable to live here due to its simplicity, peaceful neighborhoods and accessibility to the places we want to go. St. Gerard Church is also one of the many factors why we choose to stay here for it enables us to continue the apostolate we started back home. Business Centers are made available to provide the basic needs of the community. Green and beautiful parks that allows our children to play safely. Cultural Centers that leads us to showcase our hidden talents. Schools that develops our children to become a person of their dreams. A strong healthcare provisions that the government ensures to the people. Friendly individuals that makes our transition feels more at home. Yorkton is a perfect place for people who are starting a new life in a new country. The community is warm and welcoming and that will inspire you to stay and make a place for dwelling."



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

are unable to provide accurate processing timelines as a result of the Covid-19 service disruptions. They continue to process applications but delays are expected.

If you have an application in progress you can check the status of your application online by visiting the Government of Canada website.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-status.html>

You can check your application status ONLY once they start processing your application. When they start, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt letter or email with an application number.

FUN Fact about Canada!



Canada is the second largest country in the world by total area at 9.985 million square kilometers! Russia is the largest.

Interestingly, with such a large area, most of Canada is actually uninhabited (unoccupied by humans). If we were to spread out evenly across our country, there would only be 3.7 people per square km. Now that would be social distancing!

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



EXPLORE our Community!

East Central Saskatchewan has both Provincial and Regional Parks that highlight the beauty of our area. September is a beautiful time of year to visit these parks as the leaves are starting to change colour, the temperatures are still warm and the parks have slowed down. These parks charge a daily admission fee, so be sure to stop by the Administration Office to purchase your daily pass before you stop to enjoy the beauty.



Provincial Parks in our area include: Good Spirit Provincial Park, Duck Mountain Provincial Park and Crooked Lake Provincial Park. You can visit the following website to learn more about each park

<https://www.tourismsaskatchewan.com/places-to-go/provincial-parks> before you visit.

Regional Parks in our area include: York Lake, Leslie Beach, Ituna & District, Carlton Trail, Esterhazy, Saltcoats, Whitesand, Sturgis & District, Moosomin & District and Welywyn Centennial. You can visit the following website to learn more about each park <http://saskregionalparks.ca> before you visit.



Community Activities & Event



Here is a list of some of the activities or events happening in our community this month! 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.

Re-opening of the Gallagher Centre/Access Waterpark

All Ages / Leisure

- WHAT?** The Gallagher Centre and Access Water Park are opening back up to the public with some new Covid-19 restrictions in place to keep everyone safe.
- WHEN?** September 1, 2020
- WHERE?** Gallagher Centre in Yorkton
- COSTS?** To view admission rates and hours you can visit their website at <http://www.gallaghercentre.com/> or the Access Water Parks Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/AccessCommunicationsWaterPark/?ref=br_tf



BACK to School

Students / Education

- WHAT?** Students return to classes!
- WHEN?** September 8th, 2020
- WHERE?** Schools in the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Schools. If you require assistance regarding school, please contact our office and our SWIS workers can assist you! We wish students all the best this coming year!



Bringing in the Harvest

All Ages / Leisure

- WHAT?** An "open air" market where vendors sell fresh produce and other items.
- WHEN?** September 12th (10 am to 5pm) and 13th (12pm to 4pm)
- WHERE?** SIGN on Broadway Street West (beside the A&W)
- COST?** Free to attend and browse but items will have to be purchased.



"Gentle Light" Textile Art Exhibition

All Ages / Art & Culture

- WHAT?** Hanna Yokozawa Farquharson's First Solo Textile Exhibition
- WHEN?** Set up from September 13th to October 31st and you can visit anytime Monday to Friday from 11am to 5pm or Saturdays 1pm to 4pm
- WHERE?** The Godfrey Dean Art Gallery in Yorkton
- COSTS?** FREE to enter the Gallery.



Friends for Life Dog Walk

All Ages / Leisure

- WHAT?** Yorkton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be hosting Dr. Brian's 25th Annual "Friends for Life Dog Walk". There will be a 6 km walk or a 2km walk.
- WHEN?** September 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30am
- WHERE?** Yorkton SPCA
- COST?** Participants need to register and are encouraged to receive pledges (donations) that will go towards the Yorkton SPCA.



The 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope is being celebrated with a Virtual Terry Fox Run on September 20th!

Fundraising for cancer research takes place every year in memory of Terry Fox, who attempted to run across Canada to raise awareness and money for cancer research! You can take part by running, walking or biking from wherever you are, around your neighborhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. You will have to register online at <https://terryfox.org/Run/> to start your fundraising effort!

If you have spare time and looking to increase your skills, visit our website. We now have a list of FREE webinars, workshops or e-training you may be eligible and interested in attending!

