

The Connection

"Keeping our Community Connected"

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



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:

CLOSED ON SEP 1

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).....

Saskatchewan receives increased immigration quota

Saskatchewan has received an increase of 1,136 nominations under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) for 2025. This brings the total allocation for the year under the SINP to 4,761. These are sectors that reached their 25% nomination cap in June, after which the SINP began returning applications in these sectors. With the increase in allocations, processing for some applications in these sectors will begin again.

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION



This is HOME

Meet *Marites Sarafincian*

Worker - The Bentley Senior Retirement

Marites T. Sarafianian is a proud Filipino immigrant who brings with her a wealth of experience in business, hospitality, and accounting. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Commerce from Saint Mary's University in Bayombong, Philippines in 1991, and has since built a career marked by resilience, leadership, and service.



She has extensive experience in both business management and accounting. She worked as the Owner/Manager of Maritez Restaurant from 2016 to 2025, and as an Accounting Clerk at Regan Industrial Sales, Inc. from 1995 to 2016.

"In May 2023, I made the life-changing move to Canada, becoming a permanent resident and settling in Yorkton. Yorkton is a wonderful place to live, a place where everything you need is close by, and neighbors greet you with a smile".

Starting over in a new country came with challenges, but Marites found strength in the support of others. Now employed at The Bentley in Yorkton, Marites is building a meaningful life in Canada alongside her husband.

Marites's story is a powerful reminder to all newcomers. She encourages fellow newcomers to stay hopeful, seek support, and believe in their ability to thrive. Her journey proves that with determination and kindness, building a new life in Canada is not only possible it can be deeply fulfilling.

"Don't be afraid to start over, Canada is a land of opportunity, and with patience, hard work, and the support of good people, you can build a beautiful life here."

EXPLORE OUR COMMUNITY

HERITAGE HEIGHTS PARK PICKLEBALL COURT GRAND OPENING



September 6, 2025
from 1-3PM



McBurney Drive, Yorkton



Community Activities & Events September 2025

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.

Pickleball Court Expansion Grand Opening

What: Heritage Heights Park Pickleball Court Expansion

When: **September 6: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Where: McBurney Drive, Yorkton



Welcoming Week

What: Celebrating communities striving to be more welcoming places for all

When: **September 12-21**

Where: All Cities/Towns



Language Camp

What: English Conversation and Coffee

When: **September 19 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Where: At the Yorkton Public Library

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Bring in the Harvest

What: Pickling techniques & Recipes

When: **September 20 11:00 AM**

Where: At the Prairie Harvest Church

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Home Buyers Workshop

What: Key information for first-time home buyers

When: **September 24 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

Where: At the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre

Cost: FREE Contact: rguthrie@ecnwc.ca or call (306)-783-2777 to register



Language Camp

What: English Conversation and Coffee

When: **September 26 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Where: At the Yorkton Public Library

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MULTIFAITH FESTIVALS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Buddhism - September 7 - Birth Date of H.H. Sakya Trizin

Islam - September 3 - Mawlid al-Nabiy*

Judaism - September 23-24 - Rosh Hashanah*

Sikhi - September 1 - First Parkash Guru Granth Sahib Ji

Indigenous Spiritually - September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Hinduism - September 8 - Pitru Paksha

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



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