

Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



## REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATURE



The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) held its annual convention on April 16-19. Premier Scott Moe, Government of Saskatchewan Cabinet Ministers, along with several Government Members of the Legislative Assembly, attended the convention to discuss the 2023-24 Provincial Budget and connect with municipal leaders. Our government greatly values the partnership with SUMA and the province's urban communities.

Saskatchewan is growing at a rate we haven't seen in over 100 years. In 2022, the population increased by more than 29,000 people. This growth is supported by our strong economy, which has created over 20,000 new jobs in 2022.

Our strong economy is fueled by strong commodity prices and increased private-sector investment. This allows our government to invest in programs and services that make Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and raise a family.

This year's budget provides \$503 million in direct support for Saskatchewan's growing municipalities, an increase of 12.1 per cent from last year. This includes Municipal Revenue Sharing, which will reach a

record \$297.9 million this year, up 13.4 per cent from last year's budget. Municipal Revenue Sharing provides predictable, no-strings-attached funding to use as local leaders see fit as they grow and build strong communities.

A total of \$152.7 million will be invested in municipal infrastructure in this year's budget. This includes the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), which provides grants for community-based projects. It also consists of the New Building Canada Fund. These grants allow communities to invest in projects that will strengthen and grow Saskatchewan communities for years to come.

Communities across the province will benefit from 21 new infrastructure projects through a joint provincial and federal investment of \$42.1 million. The City of Lloydminster will benefit from a new arena and the Town of Balgonie will see a new aquatic centre, which will provide new opportunities for recreation and gathering places. In addition, several rural municipalities will see bridge replacements which will support the transportation systems of these communities. For more information on other investments, visit [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

First Nations and Métis communities across the province will receive targeted funding totaling \$249.1 million. A record \$92.4 million investment will support Indigenous-led social and economic initiatives. The First Nations and Métis Consultation Participation Fund, which supports communities to engage in consultations related to the duty to consult, will receive continued investment. An additional continued investment of \$800,000 will support community-led Indigenous initiatives to address issues raised in *Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*.

Additional investments will target Indigenous career training, post-secondary institutions, and initiatives to ensure students have the learning opportunities they need for bright futures. Enhanced support for on-reserve policing will help keep First Nations and Métis communities safe, and funding for the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. and the Community Justice Alternative Measures Program will also provide valuable community-based supports. Investments in our strong and growing First Nations and Métis communities are investments in a strong Saskatchewan.

Investing in strong and growing communities in our province is growth that works for everyone. To learn more about the 2023-24 Provincial Budget, visit [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca).

## **NEW SARCAN DEPOT SHINES IN SASKATOON**



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April 24, the Minister of Environment joined SARCAN employees for the grand opening of their new depot in Saskatoon.

"We applaud SARCAN's efforts to make recycling easier and more convenient for their customers," Environment Minister Dana Skoropad said. "Effective waste management is essential to responsible growth, and they continue to be an important partner in our province's work in waste reduction."

Although the new depot is twice the size of the facility it has replaced, it uses a fraction of the energy thanks to an innovative design. There is also more parking and additional conveyor belts for faster service.



[New SARCAN depot shines in Saskatoon | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## PROVINCE EXPANDS POLICE AND CRISIS TEAM IN REGINA AND SASKATOON



The Government of Saskatchewan is providing \$468,800 in the 2023-24 Budget to the Saskatoon Police Service and Regina Police Service to expand the Police and Crisis Team (PACT) program in the communities.

"Our province continues to look for innovative ways to better support individuals experiencing a mental health crisis," Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell said. "The PACT program expansion will ensure that more clients are connected to the community supports they need, creating better outcomes for them and reducing emergency health care and police service requests."

## Police and Crisis Teams

Supporting Individuals During a Mental Health Crisis

### \$2.833 million

to fund the Police and Crisis Team (PACT)  
program in Saskatchewan in 2023-24

In 2021-22, PACT teams contributed to:

**4,676**

police calls  
for service

**>5,000**

PACT  
assessments  
were performed

**>1,300**

clients were  
diverted from  
local ERs

[saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca)

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PACT is a collaborative effort between government, police and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to change the way mental health emergencies are handled in the community. PACT pairs a mental health professional with a police officer, creating a team that is mobile and can help stabilize people experiencing a mental health crisis.

[Province Expands Police and Crisis Team in Regina and Saskatoon](#) | [News and Media](#) | [Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**SASKATCHEWAN NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING APRIL 28**





Each year, on April 28 is **Saskatchewan** National Day of Mourning. Canada recognizes the National Day of Mourning as a day for employers and employees to remember those who have died, and those injured or stricken by illness on the job.

On this day, Saskatchewan renews its commitment to improve occupational health and safety in the workplace. The Saskatchewan Legislature will read the names of those who lost their lives to their work into the provincial record. The Canadian Labour Congress inscribes the names in the National Registry in Ottawa.

## **HIGHEST LEVEL EVER IN MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING**

*Growth That Works For Everyone*

*Highest Level Ever*

**\$297.9 million  
in Municipal  
Revenue Sharing**

↑ up 13.4 per cent from last year.



Municipal Revenue Sharing provides Saskatoon and other leaders across our province the flexibility to use the funds as they see fit to grow and build strong communities that work for everyone. Learn more at [Saskatchewan.ca](https://Saskatchewan.ca)

**SASKATCHEWAN'S COMMITMENT TO SENIORS CONTINUES IN**

**2023-24**





The Government of Saskatchewan continues its focus on improving the health and well-being of seniors.

Seniors Minister Everett Hindley will meet Wednesday with counterparts at the Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) Ministers Responsible for Seniors Forum in Toronto to discuss issues related to seniors and ways they can be supported.

"Our government is committed to meeting the needs of seniors and helping them live safely in their communities longer," Hindley said. "I look forward to working with my provincial and territorial counterparts, sharing best practices and learning about innovative ideas in other jurisdictions."

[Saskatchewan's Commitment To Seniors Continues In 2023-24 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

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**SASKATCHEWAN - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!**

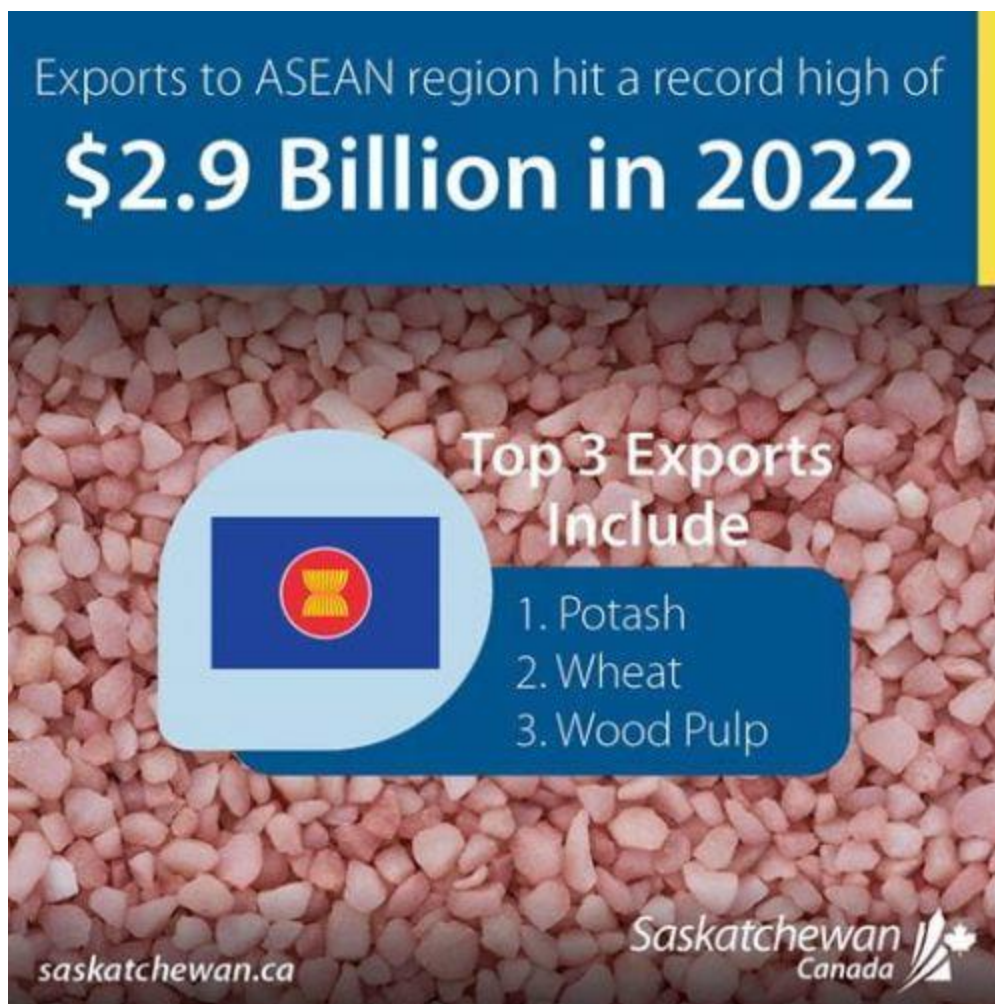


Premier Scott Moe, "More and more people are deciding that Saskatchewan is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Saskatchewan's population topped 1,220,000 people for the first time ever!

Our government's goal is to ensure that growth continues and that it's growth that works for everyone."

## **SASKATCHEWAN'S EXPORTS TO ASEAN MARKET HIT RECORD \$2.9 BILLION**



Saskatchewan's international engagement drives outcomes with merchandise exports to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) increasing by 91.3 per cent in 2022.

Saskatchewan is Canada's leading exporter to the ASEAN region. In 2022, our exports were more than \$2.9 billion - up from \$1.5 billion in 2021 and greater than any other Canadian province. The top products were potash (\$2.4 billion), wheat (\$431.2 million), and semi-chemical wood pulp (\$44.7 million).

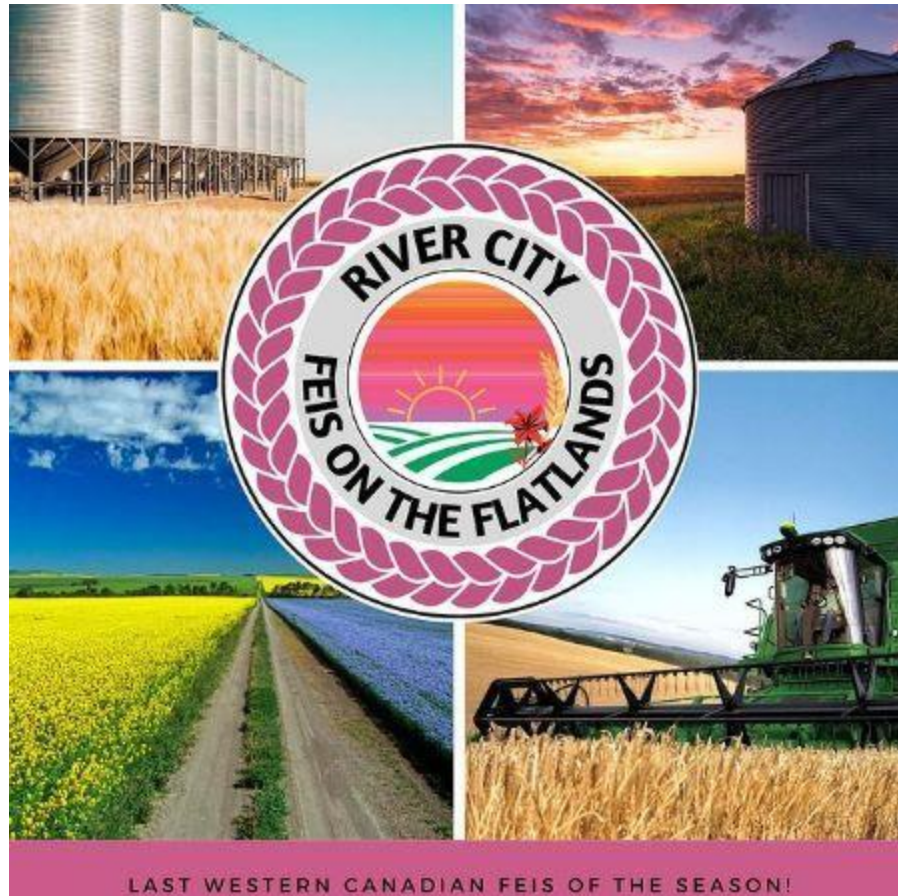
"The quality and sustainability of Saskatchewan commodities and products are key advantages being highlighted in the ASEAN market," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

"Continued engagement with ASEAN markets is critical to export growth, growing our population and ensuring quality of life for the people of Saskatchewan."

[Saskatchewan's Exports to ASEAN Market Hit Record \\$2.9 Billion | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



## RIVER CITY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE WILL HOST FEIS IN SASKATOON



The River City School of Irish Dance Parents' Association is thrilled to host the Feis on the flatlands right here in Saskatoon June 17 & 18. This exciting and competitive Irish Dance event is the only one of its kind in Saskatchewan.

This Irish Dance group is a community of talented and passionate Irish dancers who are eager to showcase their skills in this upcoming event. There will be approximately 300 athletes competing which be a great opportunity for the dancers to demonstrate their talent and for the community to come together and celebrate Irish culture.



Feis will attract a large and diverse audience of over 500 people, providing an excellent opportunity for you to reach potential customers and promote your business. Your contribution would not only help fund the event but also support the growth and development of the club, ensuring they can continue to provide high-quality training and performance opportunities for their members. However, to make this event a success, your support would be appreciated.

Sponsorship could come in the form of a monetary donation or an in-kind donation such as promotional coupons or items with your company logo. Your support will go towards making this event successful for years to come. We would be delighted to include your logo and other branding materials in our marketing efforts, including our website, social media, and event promotions.

If you have any questions or if you require more information about the club or sponsorship of the event, please contact Feis Chair, Megan Martin at 306.715.2452.

**BE MINDFUL OF HANTAVIRUS WHILE CLEANING THIS SPRING**





Saskatchewan residents are being reminded to take precautions against hantavirus as they start spring cleanup of enclosed buildings or vehicles.

Hantavirus infection is caused by breathing in contaminated airborne particles from the droppings, urine and saliva of infected deer mice. It can cause a rare, but potentially fatal lung disease known as hantavirus pulmonary syndrome.

"Exposure most often occurs when cleaning up sheds, barns, garages, cabins, or vehicles after winter," Saskatchewan's Deputy Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Julie Kryzanowski said. "Particles can become airborne after sweeping, but it's also possible to get the virus by touching something that has been contaminated, and then touching your nose, mouth or eyes."

[Be Mindful Of Hantavirus While Cleaning This Spring | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **ENHANCING EMS SERVICES**



31 communities across our province will benefit from enhanced Emergency Medical Services as part of the 2023-24 Budget.

Including funding for 33 additional full time positions, these enhancements will also support additional ambulances and other essential resources.

More doctors, more nurses and more healthcare professionals.

That's growth that works for everyone.

**SASKPARKS LAUNCHES NEW CUSTOM APPAREL**



Saskatchewan Provincial Parks has officially launched its new apparel consisting of custom-designed bunny hugs and t-shirts.

"With camping season around the corner, we are excited to announce the release of our highly anticipated Sask Parks apparel," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "The design is a tribute to the beauty and diversity of Saskatchewan's provincial parks and celebrates the natural wonders visitors can discover."

[Sask Parks Launches New Custom Apparel | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

**CELEBRATE SASKATCHEWAN TOURISM WEEK - APRIL 24-30**



The Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed April 24-30 as Saskatchewan Tourism Week. The week coincides with the national celebration of Tourism Week in Canada.

Saskatchewan Tourism Week brings attention to the significance of tourism, which generates over \$2 billion in annual travel spending and employs almost 70,000 Saskatchewan residents in full- and part-time positions. It is a time to acknowledge tourism businesses and operators, whose efforts drive a vibrant visitor economy, create jobs and enhance quality of life.



[Celebrate Saskatchewan Tourism Week - April 24-30 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY RESERVE**





The Government of Saskatchewan is celebrating and proclaiming 2023 as the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve. Established in 1923, the Naval Reserve has played an important role to Canada's safety, security and overall recruitment efforts for the Royal Canadian Navy for one hundred years.

The Naval Reserve has 24 divisions across Canada, with two in Saskatchewan: His Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) *Unicorn* based in Saskatoon and HMCS *Queen* based in Regina. *Unicorn* was founded on April 27, 1923, with *Queen* established two months later, June 26.

"Our Saskatchewan units were essential in helping recruit navy reservists to defend Canada's freedom at home and abroad over the past century," Saskatchewan's Military Liaison and Moose Jaw Wakamow MLA Greg Lawrence said. "Saskatchewan is proud to acknowledge and recognize the service and sacrifice of all our naval reservists over the past one hundred years as we mark this milestone."

[Government Of Saskatchewan Celebrates Centennial Of The Royal Canadian Navy Reserve | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

## **NEW SCHOLORSHIP TO REVITALIZE AND PRESERVE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES IN SASKATCHEWAN**



Minister of Advanced Education Gord Wyant and MLA for Athabasca Jim Lemaigre joined officials from the First Nations University of Canada to announce a new scholarship to revitalize and preserve Indigenous languages in Saskatchewan.

Three new scholarships will support increasing the number of Saskatchewan students pursuing Indigenous language programming through one of Canada's leaders in Indigenous languages education.

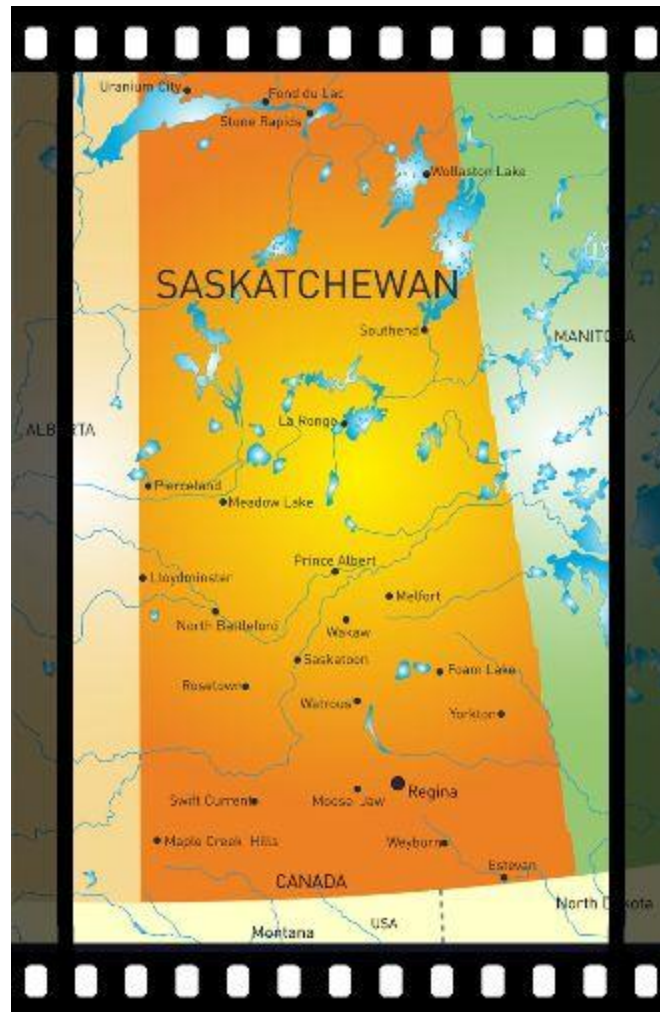
Learn more about the scholarships and how to apply by visiting <http://www.fnuiv.ca>



[Supporting Indigenous Languages Education in Saskatchewan | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



## THIS WEEKS FACTS ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN



Watch this newsletter each week for another interesting and fun fact about Saskatchewan.

### **Provincial bird**

The sharp-tailed grouse was selected as the provincial bird emblem in 1945. It is Saskatchewan's most popular game bird.



### **Provincial animal**

The white-tailed deer was designated as the official animal of Saskatchewan in 2001 (although it first appeared on Saskatchewan's coat of arms in 1986).



### **Provincial flower**

The western red lily was made the official flower of Saskatchewan in 1941. This flower is known for its vibrant red color, which often makes it easy to spot. These lilies are common in meadows and semi-wooded areas.



**EARTH DAY WAS LAST WEEK BUT PLEASE NOTE HOW YOU  
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

# April 22 is Earth Day

Here's how you can make a difference:



**Take care of your waste!** Don't litter, reuse and recycle when you can and learn to compost.

**Leave some leaves on your lawn.** Don't rake until it's warm enough for hibernating insects and other small animals who use the layer for warmth and shelter to survive.



**Create spaces in your yard for pollinators** to enjoy early spring food. Leave your dandelions' bright yellow blooms and remove before they seed (the bees will thank you!).

**Research what native plants you can add** to your garden, especially those that attract bees and butterflies.



[saskatchewan.ca/environment](http://saskatchewan.ca/environment) **Saskatchewan!**

Earth Day was celebrated last week and was a big day around the globe to raise awareness and show support for the ecological sustainability of our planet.

By just doing these few small things, you can make a big impact on the world around you

Let's step up and make a difference.

## **SMILE COOKIE CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN WILL KICK OFF THIS SPRING!**



For the first time, the iconic Tim Hortons Smile Cookie charitable campaign will kick off in the spring, launching in Tims restaurants across Canada and the United States starting on May 1 and running through May 7. Every year, the week-long campaign sees Tims guests purchase millions of hand-decorated Smile Cookies and 100 per cent of the proceeds from each cookie are donated to support over 600 local charities and community groups that are handpicked by Tim Hortons restaurant owners.

Guests can support a local charity or community group by purchasing a Smile Cookie for \$1.50 plus tax, or by purchasing Smile Cookie personality pins – Zany, Sweetie, Chippy or Grumpy – at participating restaurants for \$2 plus tax.



**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES SASKATCHEWAN -  
SAVE THE DATE AND CELEBRATE McHAPPY DAY MAY 10!**



Save the date! Join us in celebrating McHappy Day Wednesday, May 10, 2023!

A portion of each purchase across Canada will be donated to RMHC-SK

McDonald's, helps RMHC-SK help families when it's needed most.

**SWING INTO SPRING!**



**New Blog!**

# Swing Into Spring

Written by: Aviva Kohen



Hey everyone in Saskatoon! With the warmer weather on the horizon (even though it may not seem like it), it's time to dust off those golf clubs and get ready for the upcoming golf season. 🌞🏌️👤

Our latest blog post is all about preparing for golf season in Saskatoon, including some golf courses to check out in the area.

<https://www.tourismsaskatoon.com/.../post/swing-into-spring/>

[Ramada Golf Dome](#) [Mar's Minigolf Market Mall](#) [Mini Golf Market Mall](#) [City of Saskatoon - Your Local Government](#)

**CHECK OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND  
SASKATOON!**



**FARM IN THE DELL DINNER THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH!**

The perfect date night  
**Winemaker's  
 Dinner** on 1910 Boomtown Street

**5 course meal  
 6 different wine pairings**  
 (incl. reception)










If you are looking to support all the amazing residents at Farm in the Dell check out the Top of the Hops Winemakers Dinner on April 27th!

Where: Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Ave

When: Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7

For tickets: <https://topofthehops.ca/winemakers-dinner/>



It is a fun night out, get your friends & family out for great food and fine wine at the WDM on Boomtown Street which supports the residents and provides programming for our greenhouse, woodworking shop, and more!

Get your friends together for a fun night out all in support of Farm in the Dell! Top of the Hops Winemaker's Dinner is on again this year on April 27th at the WDM.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



The Erindale Arbor Creek Annual Community Garage Sale is happening Saturday, May 13, 9am-3pm – rain or shine!

Details to Follow.

The map, a list of items houses are selling, and a Google map link will be made of any houses participating! To sign up, a community association membership is required!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE JAZZ FESTIVAL!**





# JUNE 30 - JULY 9

## FREE PROGRAM LINEUP

### #SASKJAZZ2023

**JOE RAINEY THE OSTARA PROJECT MAZACOTE MALIKA TIROLIEN**  
**GARRET T. WILLIE APOLLO SUNS BREKKY BOY BARBRA LICA**  
**KATE WYATT QUARTET LOWDOWN BRASS BAND CAITY GYORGY**  
**JOANNA DUDA & KSAWERY WOJCINSKI MARY ANCHETA QUARTET**  
**JEFFERY STRAKER CHARLY HUSTLE THE NORTHERN AIR**  
**LOST HIGHWAY NAVIGATORS BROCK FEHR WOLF WILLOW**  
**HEIDI MUNRO & THE REAL GROOVY BAND GRAHAM TILSLEY**  
**SASKATOON'S LEGENDARY RHYTHM & BLUES REVUE**  
**SASKATOON JAZZ ORCHESTRA FOOTNOTES BIG BAND**  
**SASKATOON YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA APOLLO CRUZ**  
**THE PRAIRIE ROOTS ENSEMBLE WITH PEACE AKINTADE**  
**HOT CLUB SASKATOON THE LOST KEYS WIRES & WOOD**  
**GILLIAN SNIDER TRIO CARTER POWLEY & THE CHOP SHOP TRIOJAZZ**  
**LEWIS & SALKELD STONE FRIGATE BIG BAND FIYIN OBAYAN**  
**RORY LYNCH QUARTET LEWIS & SALKELD TRIO JOEL GRUNDAHL TRIO**  
**LATIN CONNECTION THE WHISKEY JERKS SONS OF DJANGO**  
**LAST BIRDS BRIAN BAGGETT LYSSA & THE TRY-TONES WINSOME KIND**  
**FUNKJOINT NICK FAYE & THE DEPUTIES MATT REMENDA ENSEMBLE**

**FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE VISIT [SASKJAZZ.COM](https://www.saskjazz.com)**

Check out the free program lineup for the [SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival](https://www.saskjazz.com)! 🎵 This year's Free Program will run from June 30 - July 9 at multiple locations.

For the full program guide including festival schedule, artist details, and more, head to their website <https://www.saskjazz.com/lineup/program-guide/...>

**SUM THEATRE COMING SOON!**





Save the dates! Sum Theatre Saskatoon has released their Theatre in the Park tour dates. On Monday, June 19th, they'll be performing in Forest Grove's Les Kerr Park and on Thursday, June 22nd, they'll be performing in Silverspring Park - both at 7pm.

Theatre in the Park enters its 11th season with Zero Gravity, a Sci-Fi exploration of climate breakdown and what will happen if we don't start changing the way we live on Mother Earth. There is "No Planet B" and if we continue to use up her resources, what will be left for future generations? Come take a journey with Dr Einstein Reez who carries the weight of the world on his shoulders, as he searches for a solution to save his children and the rest of the world.

Theatre in the Park is an original play offered free of charge in neighbourhood parks around Saskatchewan. As always, Sum Theatre creates production in response to current issues. It's fun and thought-provoking performance for people of all ages. Catchy original music and colourful sets, props and costumes bring their stories to life.

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## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

# L I F E

isn't easy but  
every day you get  
a chance to make  
a difference. Be  
thankful for what  
you already have  
and work hard for  
the things you  
want because  
every breath you  
take is a blessing.



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