

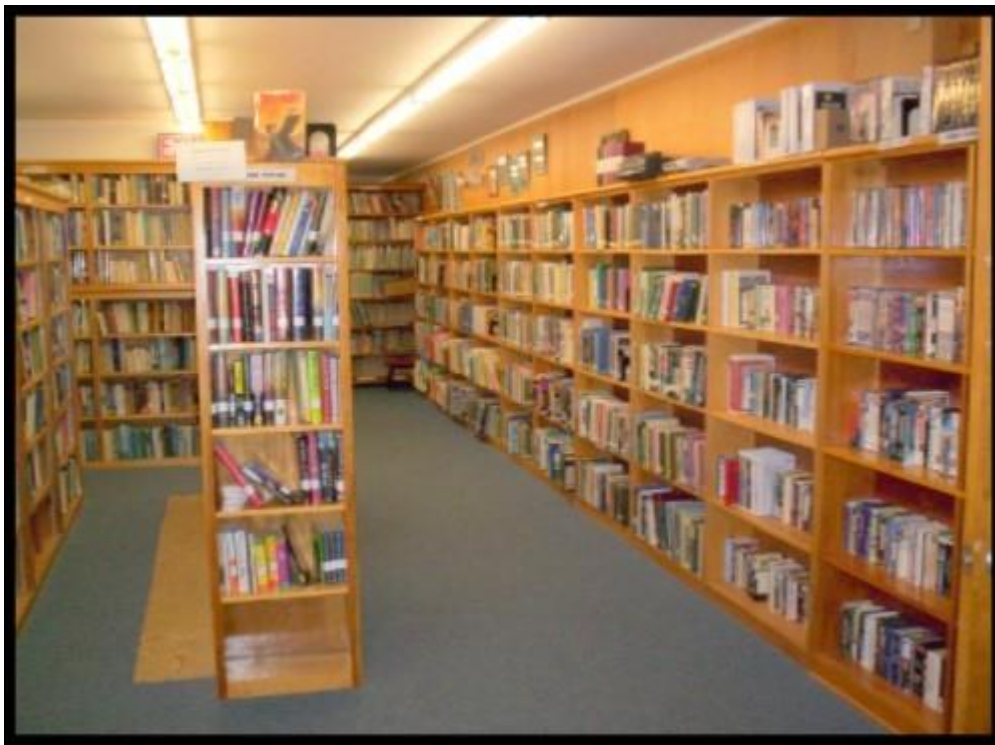
Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View

April 26
Funding for Saskatchewan
Libraries Restored

GOVERNMENT RESTORES FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES



Following the budget announcement, several constituents contacted me to express their support for public libraries and voice their concerns about the funding levels of the library system in Saskatchewan. I always appreciate constituents taking the time to share their views and make sure I know what matters to them. I have attached the news release below outlining our governments decision to restore the funding for Saskatchewan libraries. Several people have once again contacted me to express gratitude and thank our government for listening to their concerns. I sincerely thank

those people for showing their appreciation and letting me know how pleased they are.

The Government of Saskatchewan announced Monday, April 24 that it will be restoring funding for Saskatchewan libraries back to the 2016-17 funding levels to ensure that regional and municipal libraries and the interlibrary loan services remain operational. Today's announcement will provide \$4.8 million in addition to the \$3.5 million that was announced on budget day, March 22.

"Premier Wall has always said that we would be the kind of government that would admit its mistakes and then fix those mistakes," Education Minister Don Morgan said. "There were many necessary, difficult decisions taken in this budget, however the reductions in library funding without giving libraries the tools to meet the new challenge was a mistake. So today I am announcing restoration of library funding as well as a consultative review with the Saskatchewan libraries and municipalities to determine the way forward in terms of what is best for library users and communities as well as what is also financially responsible."

Funding for the Northern Saskatchewan library system in Northern Saskatchewan remains consistent with last year's funding level at \$974,000.

"The decision by Minister Morgan and Premier Wall to restore funding will ensure the continuation of the best provincial library system in Canada," Regina Public Library Board Chair Sean Quinlan said. "Today's announcement will positively affect generations of Saskatchewan residents today and into the future. The Regina Public Library will work with government to ensure our library system is sustainable."

The government will be engaging with libraries, municipalities and the public to develop a long-term strategy for the future of libraries. This will include reviewing *The Public Libraries Act* to ensure libraries have modern legislation that reflects current needs. This will also involve working with libraries to find efficiencies, including options for transportation and co-location, to ensure the most effective use of available resources.

[HIGHEST RETAIL SALES GROWTH IN CANADA](#)



On a monthly basis, Saskatchewan's retail sales rose by 0.6 per cent in February when compared with January, the highest percentage increase among the provinces (seasonally adjusted). Nationally, there was a 0.6 per cent decrease.

Year-over-year, retail sales were up 4.8 per cent, slightly above the 4.7 per cent posted nationally and the fourth highest among the provinces.

“Saskatchewan consumers have been opening their wallets because they have confidence in our economy,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Our economy continues to show strength and resilience. Recent nation leading economic statistics in retail sales, wholesale trade and manufacturing are demonstrating this fact.”



Spring has sprung and with the appearance of good weather comes an increase in foot and bicycle traffic along roadways. Here are a few tips to help you navigate safely and avoid being injured.

As a pedestrian:

- Cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights, not in the middle of the block or between parked cars. Nobody wants to be hit by a car while crossing the street;
- Make eye contact and be sure drivers see you before you cross the street;
- Cross the street once traffic has come to a complete stop;
- Watch for vehicles turning at intersections or entering and leaving driveways;
- Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips, when walking in dusk or darkness.

As a cyclist:

- A bike is smaller, slower, lighter and has less protection than a car but it is still a vehicle;
- A cyclist needs enough space to avoid being hit by cars;
- If drivers SEE you riding your bike, then they can avoid hitting you;
- If drivers can PREDICT what you are going to do next, then they can avoid hitting you.

As a motorist:

- Be patient, especially with children and older pedestrians who need more time to cross the road;
- Always look for pedestrians, especially when turning;

- Remember, stay alert and slow down on residential streets and through school zones. Breaking the law can be costly. Fines for driving infractions are double in Community Safety Zones near schools and public areas.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES \$20.5 MILLION IN FUNDING ON 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF STARS IN SASKATCHEWAN



The Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service (STARS) is celebrating its 5th anniversary of saving lives in Saskatchewan.

Since 2012, STARS has carried out more than 4,000 missions to more than 500 locations across the province, and today Health Minister Jim Reiter, Rural and Remote Health Minister Greg Ottenbreit and Crown Investments Corporation Minister Joe Hargrave joined staff and patients to mark this occasion and to announce the renewal of funding from the Ministry of Health, SaskPower, SGI, SaskTel, SaskEnergy and Crown Investments Corporation.

“The provincial government is a proud partner of STARS and recognizes the significant role it plays in providing life-saving care for the people of Saskatchewan,” Reiter said. “I am pleased to confirm today that the Ministry of Health will provide \$10.5 million in funding in 2017-18.”

“The geography of Saskatchewan is part of what makes us who we are, but it comes with its own set of challenges,” Ottenbreit said. “STARS ensures that people facing traumatic injury in a rural or

remote location have access to emergency health care.”

Click [here](#) to read the entire news release.

WHOLESALE TRADE GROWTH RATE LEADS CANADA



Wholesale trade in February 2017 jumped 18.3 per cent (seasonally adjusted) over last year – the highest percentage increase among the provinces and almost three times the 6.6 per cent recorded nationally for the same period.

“February’s wholesale trade growth speaks to the strength and resilience of Saskatchewan’s economy,” Economy Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “Wholesale trade statistics are known as a leading indicator and definitely show reason for optimism as we move forward.”

On a monthly basis, wholesale trade increased by 3.1 per cent between January and February 2017, the highest rise among the provinces and well ahead of the 0.2 per cent decline posted nationally. Wholesale trade totalled \$2.2 billion in February.

**THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS IN OUR
CONSTITUENCY!**



Volunteering is a great way to meet your neighbours and get involved in the community. We have several community associations and volunteer groups throughout our city and province. Thank you to each and every person who volunteers their time to improve the quality of life for many.

"Volunteers are not paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!"

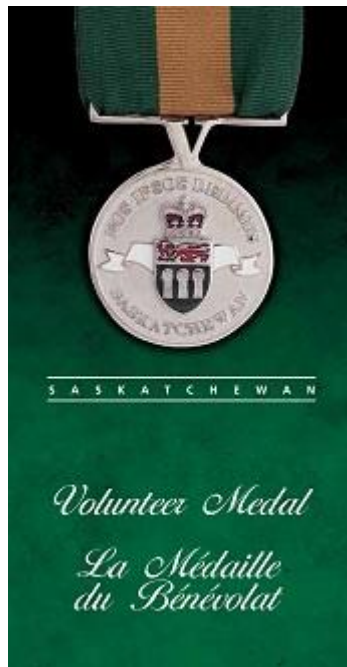
As Minister of Parks Culture and Sport I received the Western Development Museum's news release that celebrates National Volunteer Week. Statistics for the volunteer hours donated by their very

dedicated volunteer core in 2016. 55,724 hours of volunteer service were donated at the WDM locations in Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Yorkton, and at the Curatorial Centre. Volunteers donating their time range in age from 10 to 97.

Volunteers have a huge impact on the programs the WDM offers. They are involved in activities ranging from vintage aircraft restoration, quilting, telegraphing, acting as tour guides, steam traction engine operation, restoration projects, working with schools and helping wherever necessary. These dedicated individuals bring the Museum to life with their energy, stories and passion for Saskatchewan history.

"Thank you again to all our volunteers for their incredible commitment in helping making our communities, cities and province a vibrant place!"

SASKATOON'S PETER ZAKRESKI AMONG THE OUTSTANDING CITIZENS HONOURED WITH THE SASKATCHEWAN VOLUNTEER MEDAL



April 24th Lieutenant Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield presented the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal to 10 outstanding citizens from across the province. The ceremony, which took place in Regina, acknowledged the tremendous impact the volunteers have made on their communities.

"During her 2002 visit to Canada, our Queen reflected on the uncommon service of our citizens,

commenting that ‘it means something to be a Canadian,’” Solomon Schofield said. “Those we celebrate today have made service a way of life. I thank them, most sincerely, for their remarkable contributions. Truly, they are what makes Canada great.”

Click [here](#) to read more and see all the 2016 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal recipients.

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY APRIL 29



Evergreen Community Association will hold its third annual “Spring Clean” event on Saturday, April 29.

Meet at 2 p.m. at [Evergreen Square](#) to divide into teams for a one-hour community clean-up. We will meet back at this space at 3 p.m. for a quick snack and 10-minute composting presentation from the [Waste Reduction Council](#).

Garbage bags will be provided by [Tim Horton's Pitch-In Canada](#) campaign. Please bring working gloves.

This is a great way to meet neighbours and pitch in to keep our community looking lovely. Contact us at webmaster@evergreencommunity.ca to let us know you're in!

DID YOU KNOW? Every house in Evergreen is eligible to vouchers for a free compost bin, rain barrel and two Saskatoon berry bushes? For more information, contact the Saskatoon Land Branch at 306-975-3278.

WUHCA EARTH DAY CLEAN UP A SUCCESS!



The cool weather last weekend didn't stop families from getting out to help with "Clean up the Earth Day". Another earth day clean up in the bag! The Willowgrove University Heights Community Association thanks everyone who cleaned up in their own area and parks in the neighbourhood. About 50 people participated to make the day a huge success.

MEEWASIN ANNUAL CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN



Meewasin is hoping to make Saskatoon shine by cleaning up its riverbanks, parks and city streets. With the support of Loraas Disposal and the City of Saskatoon, Meewasin is promoting the Meewasin Spring Clean-up Campaign April 22 - May 19, 2017.

Last year's Clean-up Campaign counted more than 30,000 Saskatonians who donated their time and effort to this annual event to keep Saskatoon beautiful. Individuals, families, schools, community groups, companies and corporations are invited to participate. Choose an area of the river valley to clean, or have one assigned to you.

For the past 36 years, Meewasin benefited from major corporate sponsorship, however, such is not the case this year. Garbage bags will not be supplied. The public are asked to bring their own.

To read more and find out how you can get involved, click [here](#).



Saskatoon Prayer Breakfast

When: Saturday, April 29

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for details



Huskie Dogs' Breakfast

When: May 4

Where: Prairieland Park

Click [here](#) for Ticket Information



Holy Family 2nd Annual Bingo

When: Friday, May 5

Where: Holy Family School Gym

Please email hfsfundraising@hotmail.com for more information.



City Wide Food Drive

When: Saturday, May 6th

Where: all across the city

Click [here](#) to volunteer or for additional details



WUHCA Yard Sale

When: May 11, 12 & 13

For information or to participate, click [here](#)

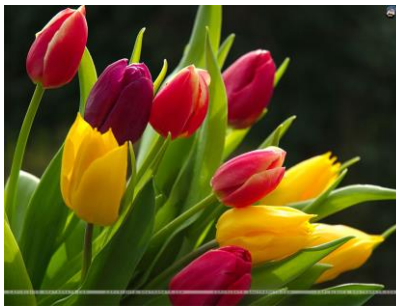


Evergreen Community Association Spring Trade Show

When: Saturday, May 13

Evergreen Community Association is seeking vendors, volunteer and entertainment

For more information contact Helen at hel_125@hotmail.com



The Edwards School of Business Leadership Conference

When: May 18

Where: TCU Place

Click [here](#) for information



Race for Kids

When: Saturday, May 27

Where: Rotary Park, 10 am start

"Support of Boys and Girls Clubs"

Click [here](#) for details



The Teddy Bear Picnic 2017

When: May 27

Where: Deifenbaker Park

Click [here](#) for details



Team Naomi Get Well Now 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

When: June 3

Where: *Greenbryre Golf and Country Club*

For information contact teamnaomigetwellnow@gmail.com and watch this newsletter
for more details



20th Annual Zoogala - Save the Date

When: June 16

Where: *Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo*

Click [here](#) for information on sponsorship and tickets



Canadian Country Music Association Awards

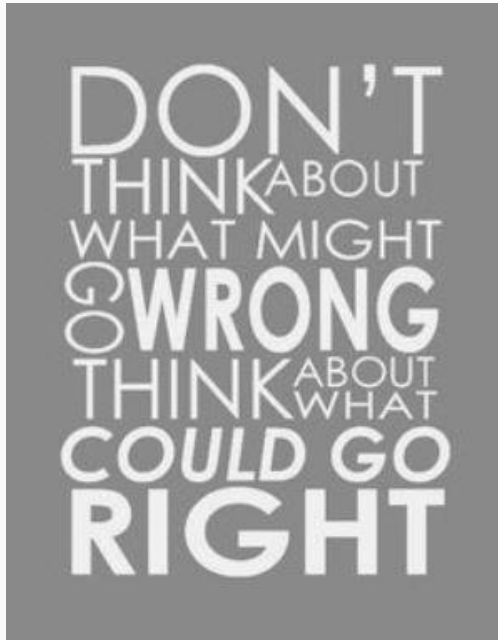
When: September 10

Tickets on Sale Now, click [here](#) for details



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THOUGHT OF THE DAY



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KEEP IN TOUCH

I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

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