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PICNIC IN THE PARK 2014



Special thanks to everyone who joined us at our annual "Picnic in the Park" yesterday at the Forestry Farm.

Premier Wall's attendance made the day extra special. I'm glad so many people had the opportunity to visit with our Premier. Thanks as well to Mayor Atchison, the Honourable Don Morgan and MLA Rob Norris, Councillors Zach Jeffries and Randy Donauer for attending.

The picnic is definitely a highlight of my year. I appreciate the opportunity to host this special event in our constituency. It was just fantastic to see so many people come out and enjoy the afternoon.

A very special thank you to our Picnic Coordinator, Megan Sylvester who did an incredible job organizing the picnic.

To each and every volunteer, thank you for your help. We couldn't have the picnic without your outstanding support and hard work. I am fortunate and grateful to have such a fantastic team of volunteers. Thanks as well to the performers, face painters and Balloon Fun for your talent and contribution to the success of the day. Thank you to Ken Sawatsky for the fire truck rides for the youngsters. They absolutely love getting on the old fire truck! We were fortunate to have many businesses participate in this community celebration with sponsorship. Thank you!

Everyone involved and all those that attended really helped to make the Picnic so entertaining and fun. Your enthusiasm and volunteer spirit made the 2014 Picnic in the Park an outstanding success.

Once again, thank you for your attendance. It was wonderful to see people of all ages enjoy the great entertainment, good food and fellowship visiting with people in our community.

See you next year!

(see next week's Provincial Point of View for more great photos from the 2014 Picnic in the Park!)

SASKATCHEWAN GROWS BY ANOTHER 5,000 PEOPLE IN THE FIRST QUARTER
OF 2014



Saskatchewan’s population continues to grow, increasing by just more than 5,000 people in the first quarter of 2014, according to new figures released by Statistics Canada.

There were 1,122,588 people living in Saskatchewan as of April 1, 2014 – an increase of 5,085 people since January 1, 2014, and an increase of 21,180 people in the past year. Saskatchewan’s quarterly and annual growth rates are both second-highest among the provinces, behind only Alberta.

Economy Minister Bill Boyd said the steady growth is a sign of a strong and diversified economy.

“Saskatchewan is now starting its eighth consecutive year of strong population growth, a far cry from the years when we were actually losing people,” Boyd said. “There are more jobs and opportunities in Saskatchewan than ever before and that’s why today, more people than ever before call Saskatchewan home.”

[Saskatchewan Grows by Another 5,000 People in the First Quarter of 2014](#)

MORE PHYSICIANS BEGIN PRACTICING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Twenty-four new doctors are practicing in Saskatchewan, thanks to the most recent results of the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program. Since the program began in 2011, a total of 134 new family physicians have completed the assessment and are practicing in communities all across the province. SIPPA assesses International Medical Graduates (IMGs) on their medical education and clinical ability before allowing them to practice medicine in Saskatchewan.

“Patients in communities all over Saskatchewan have better access to physician services because of this program,” Minister responsible for Rural and Remote Health Tim McMillan said. “SIPPA is one of many initiatives helping us meet the health care needs of our growing population. In total, there are more than 400 doctors practicing in the province than there were seven years ago.”

[More Physicians Begin Practicing in Saskatchewan](#)

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES ALLOCATION OF MORE THAN 500 CHILD CARE SPACES

On June 17, at Awasis Child Care Co-op Ltd. in Regina, Education Minister Don Morgan announced that more than 500 new spaces are being allocated in eleven communities across Saskatchewan.

“Our government recognizes that access to high quality child care is a necessity for many of our citizens,” Morgan said. “These new spaces will alleviate some of the pressures in our growing communities and allow parents to work, return to work, or study after starting a family.”

[Government of Saskatchewan Announces Allocation of More than 500 Child Care Spaces](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

... Saskatchewan has had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for seventeen consecutive months.

... Nearly 30 major highway projects are currently underway in Saskatchewan.

... As of June 12, 93% of seeding in Saskatchewan is completed.

... 5 paint trucks will repaint nearly 50,000km of lines on paved roads - driving the equivalent of more than 5 round trips between Regina and Mexico City.

... Motorists are reminded that the latest information about highway construction activity is available on the Highway Hotline.

JUST THE LINKS

June 20, 2014 - [Premier Announces Public Service Excellence Award Recipients](#)

June 20, 2014 - [National Aboriginal Day - June 21](#)

June 18, 2014 - [Blakeney Memorial Dedicated Today](#)

June 18, 2014 - [New Headstart on a Home Condominium Project Underway in Regina](#)

June 17, 2014 - [Adult Basic Education Funding Increases](#)

June 16, 2014 - [Government Invests More Than \\$8.2 Million in Community-Based Organizations](#)

June 16, 2014 - [Government Celebrates Tourism in Saskatchewan](#)

COMING EVENTS

SaskTel Jazz Festival

Date: June 20 - 29

Where: Various Locations in Saskatoon

When: [View Here](#)

PotashCorp Wanuskewin Days Cultural Celebrations and Powwow

Date: June 20 - 22

Where: Wanuskewin Heritage Park

When: [View Here](#)

First Day of Summer

Date: June 21

Where: Everywhere

When: All Day

Coffee with City Council Zach Jeffries

Date: June 28

Where: Starbucks in Safeway on McOrmond

When: 10 am - 12 pm

Optimist Canada Day Celebration

Date: July 1

Where: Diefenbaker Park

When: 8 am - 11 pm [View Events](#)

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget
that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them.”**

~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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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.

***"From a Provincial Point of View"* is a weekly message from Ken Cheveldayoff, MLA Saskatoon Silver Springs. Your opinions are important and your letters, emails, and phone calls on any issues relating to the provincial government are welcomed.**

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