

Check out What's happening in Saskatoon Silver Springs and throughout the Province!



Provincial Point of View

November 13, 2014

SASKATOON SANTA CLAUSE PARADE



November 16, marks the start of the Christmas Season in Saskatoon with Santa Claus coming to town! The 24th Annual Santa Claus Parade begins downtown at 1:00 pm.

I encourage you to bundle up your family and head downtown Sunday to celebrate the excitement of the beginning of the Christmas Season!

For more information about the 24th Annual Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade click [here](#).

SASKATCHEWAN STAYING STRONG: FASTEST JOB GROWTH AND LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA

Saskatchewan's strong economy has again produced the fastest rate of employment growth and lowest unemployment rate in Canada, according to new figures released today by Statistics

Canada.

“Our strong economy continues to give confidence to employers who, in turn, are deciding to expand their workforce,” Minister responsible for Immigration, Jobs, Skills and Training Jeremy Harrison said. “Thanks to the hard work of Saskatchewan people, there are 71,700 more people employed today than there were in 2007.”

The latest report from Statistics Canada shows that employment in October 2014 was up by 3.5 per cent over last October with Saskatchewan employers creating 19,700 more jobs. In total, there were 576,200 people employed in the province, the highest ever for the month.

The province’s unemployment remained unchanged at a low of 3.5 per cent (seasonally adjusted), the lowest among the provinces and well below the national rate of 6.5 per cent.

“We have maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the country for the past 23 months,” Harrison said.

On a month-over-month comparison, there were 2,300 more jobs (seasonally adjusted) in October over September.

[Saskatchewan Staying Strong: Fastest Job Growth and Lowest Unemployment in Canada](#)

WINTER SAFE DRIVING TIPS



Last Saturday was the first major snowfall of 2014 and although many of us are well versed in winter driving, it still takes us by surprise ever year!

The following are reminders about safe winter driving:

- **Prepare your vehicle:** check your windshield wipers to make sure they are operating correctly, make sure your coolant/anti-freeze is at the right protection level, keep your fuel tank at at least half, make sure your tires are properly inflated and have the proper tread.
- **Check road conditions:** listen to the radio, watch the weather channel, and check the [Saskatchewan Highway Hotline](#).
- **Plan your route ahead of time.**
- **Leave lots of travel time.**
- **Keep at least four seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you.**
- **Have an emergency plan.**
- **Keep your vehicle stocked with simple emergency items:** blanket or extra clothes, candles, matches, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, flares, cell-phone charger, small shovel, flashlight, windshield scraper, tow rope, bag of sand/cat litter for traction, long jumper/booster cables, etc.

Please keep these tips in mind before you head out on the road this winter and stay safe on the roads.

HIGHWAY HOTLINE INTRODUCES SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

A series of improvements are being made to Saskatchewan's Highway Hotline including a new travel planning route locator for frequently travelled highways, as well as an updated version of the mobile website.

"We want to make sure motorists get the information they need as easily and conveniently as possible when making their travel plans," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Nancy Heppner said. **"More and more people are using handheld devices to access road information."**

A travel planning locator tool has been added making travel planning easier and more efficient. Motorists will now be able to view live snapshots of the road conditions along the top 16 frequently travelled highways.

The new version of the mobile website will offer motorists a more convenient way to check highway conditions. When you go to www.saskatchewan.ca/highwayhotline, the site recognizes you are on a smart phone or tablet and will automatically take you to the mobile version. It allows motorists to select interactive maps of Saskatchewan areas and click on specific highway segments for conditions.

[Highway Hotline Introduces Service Improvements](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014



November 11, the largest crowd ever, over 10,000 people, gathered to show their support and respect at the annual Remembrance Day service held at the SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon.

Over the course of our province's long and storied military history, men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the values and beliefs that we all share.

Remembrance Day provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude, respect and admiration.

With 2014 marking 100 years since the beginning of World War 1, it was wonderful to see so many people of all ages attend the meaningful service as we remembered and gave thanks to those that

have served and continue to serve to protect the freedom we enjoy today.

I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of Saskatoon Silver Springs during the ceremonies.

REGIONAL PARKS RECEIVE \$1.023 MILLION IN FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN

Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty, today, confirmed that Saskatchewan Regional Parks will receive a grant for \$1.023 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

In 2008, the government committed \$2.4 million over four years to Saskatchewan Regional Parks. This commitment was exceeded with \$3.15 million being granted over the four-year period. The government has continued its investment in the regional park system and the total investment since 2008 is now \$6.22 million.

“Regional parks reflect community pride and contribute to the strong quality of life we enjoy in Saskatchewan,” Docherty said. “Our government is proud to support the great work that regional park volunteers do on behalf of their members.”

[Regional Parks Receive \\$1.023 Million in Funding from Government of Saskatchewan](#)

ENCHANTED FOREST



This holiday season marks the 16th anniversary of the Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. The spectacular light display has attracted about 60,000 visitors annually, 40% of which are tourists, making it Saskatchewan's top winter tourist attraction.

The Enchanted Forest opens Saturday, November 22 and runs until Saturday, January 10 from 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm every night. Gate prices are \$10 per person or \$30 per vehicle (max. 7 people), children 5 and under are free.

To mark the opening of the Enchanted Forest, Saskatchewan Blue Cross presents the "Light Walk!" on November 21 from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm. This is a great chance to walk through and see the light displays up close. The "Light Walk!" is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. There will be no drive-thru traffic and you will be able to warm up at the Forestry Farm House with Tim Horton's hot chocolate.

We are so fortunate to have this incredible attraction in our constituency of Saskatoon Silver Springs. I hope you are all able to make it through this fantastic light display at least once this holiday season! It is a great Saskatoon tradition and right in our backyard!

NEW WEST PREMIERS AND INDUSTRY WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT GROWTH

New West Partnership (NWP) Premiers Brad Wall (Saskatchewan), Christy Clark (British Columbia) and Jim Prentice (Alberta) met with industry leaders November 6, to explore ways to improve the long-term efficiency, reliability, and competitiveness of western Canada's transportation system.

"We had a really good, constructive discussion," noted Wall. "The difficulty we had last winter in moving our products to market was a wake-up call. The current transportation system has served us well but is nearing its limit. What we heard today was a commitment from transporters and everyone who depends on the supply chain to work together and build capacity for long-term growth."

[New West Premiers and Industry Work Together to Support Growth](#)

THE PRINCESS SHOP PRESENTS "LADIES NIGHT"

O'Brian's Events Centre heats up on Saturday, November 15, with Ladies Night hosted by Canadian bachelor Tim Warmels in support of The Princess Shop.

The event will feature a meet and greet, autographs, photos, and roses with Canadian bachelor Tim Warmels, a champagne, wine, and cheese reception, a photobooth, prizes, and entertainment by Men Without Shame and DJ Conrad Devine.

If you want to have an extra special night with the girls, there are also VIP Packages available. The VIP Package includes a private booth and bottle service for a maximum of ten ladies, a rose presentation to each member of the booth from Tim Warmels, a group photo, a complimentary bottle of champagne or wine, and a complimentary appetizer. The cost of the VIP Package is \$700, with only four VIP Booths available.

Tickets are just \$40 or \$30 for students and can be purchased in advance from [O'Brian's Events Centre](#), by contacting [The Princess Shop](#), or at the door if there are tickets still available. Proceeds from the event will go to directly benefit The Princess Shop.

Please consider attending Ladies Night hosted by Canadian Bachelor Tim Warmels to support The Princess Shop. It is a great way to have a night out with the girls and heat up a cold fall night!

JUST THE LINKS

- **November 10, 2014 - [Saskatchewan History Publishes First World War Commemorative Issue](#)**
- **November 10, 2014 - [Move to One Professional Organization For Accountants Takes Effect](#)**

- **November 12, 2014** - [Premier Honours Public Servants](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Full time employment increased by 14,000 in October 2014**
- **Part time employment increased by 5,700 in October 2014**
- **Saskatchewan's average weekly earnings is 3rd in the country at \$986.22**
- **Saskatoon has the 2nd lowest unemployment rate at 4.4% among Canadian cities**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cabaret For Play

Date: November 15

Where: St. Joseph High School

When: 8 pm

The Princess Shop Ladies Night

Date: November 15

Where: O'Brian's Event Centre

When: 7:30 pm

Saskatoon Santa Claus Parade

Date: November 16

Where: Downtown Saskatoon

When: 1:00 pm

Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour Presented by BHP Billiton

Date: November 21 - January 11

Where: Saskatoon Forestry Farm and Zoo

When: 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Passport Clinic

Date: November 22

Where: Saskatoon-Humboldt MP, Brad Trost's Office (505B Nelson Rd)

When: By Appointment

Festival of Trees

Date: November 23 - 29

Where: Western Development Museum Saskatoon

When: 9 am to 9 pm

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 F. 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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