

QEXCA

Your Community Association

Queen Elizabeth * Exhibition * Haultain



Your Community Newsletter

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QEXCA is an active community association dedicated to promoting community spirit and enriching the quality of life in our neighbourhoods; Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth and West Haultain.

Board of Directors 2019 – 2020

President	Bob McNaughton (Communication)
Vice President	Josh Remail (Rinks)
Secretary	Lynn Adamson
Treasurer	Ileana Delgado
Volunteers	Ashley Goy
Social Media	Kelsey Olson
Indoor Programs	Crystal Touet
Director-at-Large	Shawn Volk

The **QEXCA Annual General Meeting** will be held online **Tue., Oct. 6 7:00 p.m.** To join, register by email to info@gexca.ca.

The positions of Vice President and Directors-at-Large will be open for nominations.

If you, or someone you know, is willing and able to help Your Community in this way, please, contact us at info@gexca.ca.



Your City Councillors

Ward 6 Cynthia Block



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Ward 7 Mairin Loewen



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Volunteer of the Month

Josh Remail Volunteer of the Month for July



Josh has been volunteering with QEXCA for about 5 years and began his volunteering journey by helping with the rinks. He has put in a lot of time and effort to ensure Your Community has a place to enjoy a game of hockey or ice skating in the winter months. Josh also sits on the QEXCA Board of Directors. Volunteering has given Josh an opportunity to meet those within the community and to place names with the familiar faces he sees in his neighbourhood. Outside of working and volunteering Josh keeps busy sailing, playing hockey and enjoying the outdoors.

Thanks Josh!

Crystal Touet Volunteer of the Month for August



Crystal has been volunteering with QEXCA since 2012 and has played a major role on the Board and Coordinating Programs for the past eight years. Her dedication and hard work provide the community with quality programs that give residents a place to join activities and classes close to home. For Crystal, volunteering has given her an opportunity to give back to her community while meeting members of the community. She also enjoys travelling, dancing and bikes rides with her family. Thank you for your commitment!

Volunteers

We're looking for people to help make Your Community an even better place to live! volunteers@gexca.ca
Maintain an outdoor rink, supervise public skating, keep us informed about civic affairs, help connect with local organisations, help organise a special event or serve refreshments, help clean a park or back lane.
If you have a skill or interest to offer and a commitment to your neighbours, we have a place for you.

Help Rebuild Queen Elizabeth Rink!

Our main project **this fall** (Sat. Sep. 19, Oct. 3 and 17) will be rebuilding QE rink!!

With your help, and thanks to a substantial grant from the City of Saskatoon, Your Community Association plans a major renovation to the rink at Queen Elizabeth School: replace the boards and whatever else we can do with the resources we have.

For more information, visit the [Rinks page](#) on our website.

To offer your skills, time or enthusiasm, email us at volunteers@gexca.ca.

If you would like to offer "in kind" or financial support, we will be happy to talk with you – info@gexca.ca.

Report to the Community

Since the June Community meeting, the Board of Directors has held an online session to discuss the plans for the QE Rink rebuild. Through many emails and phone conversations to remain physically distant, we have continued to interact socially to work for Your Community.

The AGM is scheduled for Tue. Oct. 6. 7:00 p.m., online. Vice President and Directors-at-large positions are open for election. We invite any residents and interested parties, who wish to attend, to let us know by email info@gexca.ca.

Schools

Our schools have been working hard to prepare for the students' return. Concern for their health and safety and that of the staff means everyone has many new procedures and protocols to develop and implement. We will connect more with them when the situation is more settled.

Churches:

Other than the exchange of a few newsletters, we have not communicated with the churches since the last Community meeting. We appreciate that they are encountering obstacles like the rest of us. We will continue to reach out.

Community Gardens:

Moving the Aden Bowman Garden closer to the school delayed the season somewhat. The supervised schedule, with its required precautions, has been successful because of a great deal of cooperation between the gardeners. Queen Elizabeth gardeners did not feel they could meet the expectations of the pandemic precautions. So, this season, a few volunteers maintained the plots in anticipation of a better year in 2021.

Events:

SUM Theatre did provide a production this season in the Exhibition neighbourhood. Your Community Association volunteers promoted "TURN, TURN, TURN... a travelling theatre experience", with sidewalk chalk.

Fall Programs 2020

Because of the additional safety measures being implemented to protect against the spread of COVID -19, the School Boards cancelled all rentals in their facilities until Dec 31, 2020.

So ... Our Fall Programs are going virtual!

Using Zoom, we will be offering: Aerobics, Zumba™, STRONG by Zumba™ and Adele's Bolly Moves. Registrations will be accepted online from Sep. 14 to 17, 2020.

QEXCA accepts payment by **e-transfer and credit card**.

Detailed Registration Information is available on the website.

In the meantime, take advantage of the many [parks in Your Community](#). Enjoy the beauty and fresh air.

For more information, contact the Indoor Programs Team at programs@gexca.ca.

*** Usually, we produce three newsletters each year: Winter, Spring/Summer and Fall. Because we are without a Newsletter Coordinator, this Fall issue is only our second. If this is a way you can contribute to Your Community, please, let us know – volunteers@gexca.ca**

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