



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.

Fall Programs 2021

All classes will be held in the Queen Elizabeth School gym and are open to adults 18 & older.

Aerobics	TBD	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Mon. 09/27 to 12/06 (no class 10/11 or 11/22)
Yoga	\$55	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Tue. 09/28 to 12/07 (no class 11/09)
Zumba	\$55	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Wed. 08/29 to 12/01
Adele's Bolly Moves	\$50	6:45 to 7:45 p.m.	Thu. 09/30 to 12/09 (no class 10/28 or 11/11)
STRONG by Zumba	\$50	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Thu. 09/30 to 12/09 (no class 10/28 & 11/11)

Registration will take place online from Sep. 13 to 22, 2021. Participants can complete and email a fillable registration form. Payment can be accepted by e-transfer or credit card.

Detailed information is available on our website: qexca.ca/qexca-programs/.

If you have questions, ask the Indoor Programs Team at programs@qexca.ca.

In an effort to ensure that everyone, who wants to participate in a program, can do so, QEXCA offers Cost-as-a-Barrier assistance to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please contact us by email at info@qexca.ca.

All enquiries are kept confidential.

If you are interested in volunteering to lead a walking and/or running group in our community this fall, email us at programs@qexca.ca. If you are interested in joining, stay tuned to our website for further details.

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A number of volunteers, who are not Board members, provide valuable services to Your Community.

Audrey Adele-Rose – Liaison, Pavillion Monique Rousseau

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Andrea Koh – Indoor Programs

Monique Lischka – SUM Theatre Liaison

Rink Crews at Achs and Queen Elizabeth rinks

Many more good folks!

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June Community Meeting Highlights

St. Frances School Update

Superintendent of Education for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School, Gord Martell, provided a PowerPoint presentation with statistics regarding this campus. He discussed the current situation and proposed relocation plans. A copy of the presentation is available on our website: gexca.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Martell-St.-Frances-June-1-2021.pdf. There are 502 students in grade 1 - 6 bused in from 57 neighbourhoods to the McPherson campus, with another 231 grade 7 - 9 students to the Bateman Ave. campus. The new school will be built at Grosvenor Ave. and 7th St., on the site of the Sion Middle School. The opening is planned for September 2023.

There have been no decisions made regarding the future of the existing St. Frances school building. That will be decided by the GSCS Board at a later date. QEXCA is concerned that the potential loss of the building could result in there being no publicly owned facility in the Exhibition neighbourhood. You can view the full presentation [here](#).

Theatre in the Park

Our Theatre in the Park Liaison, Monique Lischka introduced Krystle Pederson, from SUM Theatre, who gave us a summer update. The production would be a rock opera addressing race relations. There were to be two half-hour shows (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.) in the Queen Elizabeth School grounds. QEXCA agreed to a partnership with SUM Theatre which would provide volunteers, promotion and a donation for the production. The date was set for Friday, July 1. Unfortunately, the forecast high temperature for the day caused the presentation to be moved to only one 10:00 a.m. performance. Fortunately, a good crowd enjoyed a wonderful presentation of "The Other Side of the River". More photos at: gexca.ca/titp/.



Volunteer Your Skills and Talents...

Community Association volunteers make friends, share their knowledge and expertise, get exercise or build their resume with positive work experience. The QEXCA offers an opportunity to join together to plan and provide programs and events and to get to know your neighbours. Take part in Your Community Association and help make Your Community an even better place to live!

There are many ways you can volunteer:

- help serve refreshments at an event
- help connect with schools or churches
- help put on a special event
- help improve our communication methods
- help maintain one of our rinks
- help develop recreation programs for children or seniors
- help develop partnerships with local businesses
- help clean a park or back lane

Specifically, we are looking for:

- a Treasurer to ensure that our financial affairs are conducted correctly and efficiently.
- Directors, for the Board, to support and promote our purpose and objectives
- a Website Coordinator to maintain and improve our WordPress website
- a Civics Coordinator to learn, and inform residents, about issues in our neighbourhoods
- a Social Coordinator to organise activities that promote our values while entertaining and educating residents.

Contact us at volunteers@gexca.ca to find out how you can take action to improve life in Your Community!



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Your Community at Work

General

During the first half of 2021 the QEXCA Board has been communicating electronically, including the March and June Community Association meetings, to prepare for the summer and fall programs and events.

Programs

As restrictions ease, we are cautiously optimistic that we can offer in-person classes, in Queen Elizabeth School gym, this fall. Check the details in this newsletter and watch the for updates through our social media.

Rinks

Both have had a very successful season; great volunteers and lots of skaters. We are looking for funds to improve the lighting at both Achs and Queen Elizabeth rinks.

Ski Trail

The Weaver Park Cross-country Ski Trail was a hit this winter. Plans are in the works to operate it again this winter and, perhaps, with some programming.

Social Media

Our [Facebook page](#) (@qexca.saskatoon) has more than 550 followers, most in the 35-44 age group. We are striving to reach the older and the younger residents. Our [Instagram account](#) (@qexca_yxe) is still growing. Please, check out our social media pages.

Schools

Each of the five schools had good success navigating the pandemic restrictions, with physically-distanced graduation ceremonies. With many restrictions lifted plans are in place to welcome students, safely, back into the classrooms.

Churches

We now have a Liaison, Dawn Kellington, who is beginning to develop relationships with the nine churches in the community.

Community Gardens

This season will be much the same as last year. The Queen Elizabeth committee will continue with its maintenance and limited planting. The Aden Bowman crew will work under much reduced limitations. All the plots were taken very quickly, with three new gardeners. Funding from CHEP paid to replace some plots.

Library

The J. S. Wood Branch is planning to be returning to our normal, pre-Covid hours as of September 7 –1:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mon. to Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sat. and 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sun. There will be some in-branch programming then as well, although they will continue offering virtual programming too. They have put back all of the furniture and the Library is open for studying and small group meetings.

W. W. Ashley Park Storm Pond

Our "Big Dig" – Many residents and businesses in low lying, older areas have been devastated multiple times by flooding where the storm water system does not have the capacity to adequately manage flash flooding. Streets in these higher-risk flood areas were not designed to convey storm water like they are now in newer neighbourhoods. The City of Saskatoon is upgrading the storm water system to improve flood protection to residential and business properties near the 1st Street/ Dufferin Avenue and Taylor Street/ Broadway Avenue intersections. Read more on our [website](#).

Ruth Street Water Main Rehabilitation Project

The City of Saskatoon has begun infrastructure improvements on Ruth Street from Idylwyld Dr. to Broadway Ave. The work this construction season will include Water Main Lining, Water and Sewer Service Connection and Sidewalk Rehabilitation and Road Resurfacing. The work will take approximately 3 or 4 months to complete, weather permitting and barring unforeseen circumstances. Learn more on our [website](#).



Where in Your Community is this Little Library?

Do you know of other Little Libraries in your neighbourhood? Let us know at info@qexca.ca.



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July 2021 Volunteer of the Month

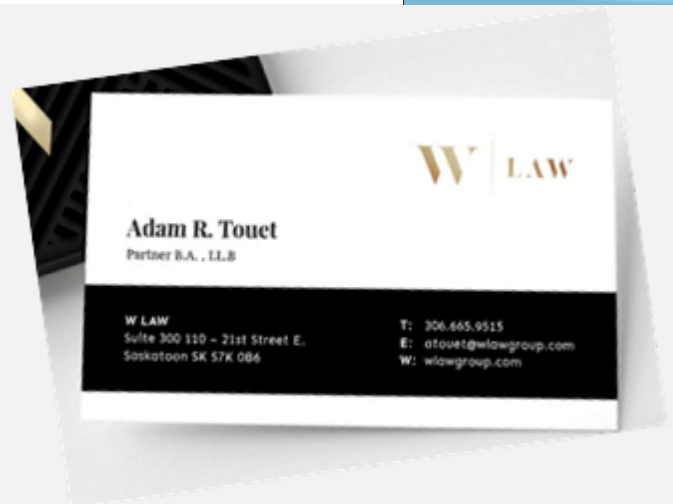
Congratulations to July Volunteer of the Month Audrey Adele-Rose! Audrey has been volunteering for the past 3 years with QEXCA, and has worn many hats as a volunteer. She joined the Board in 2018 and served for two years, she's worked at events such as WinterFest and the Broadway Street Fair, and more recently she took on the role of School Liaison with Pavillon Monique Rousseau. Not only does she volunteer for QEXCA but she also is the instructor for the BollyFit/Bolly Moves program! Audrey enjoys volunteering because it gives her the feeling that she is contributing a little harmony to our community. Audrey is an Accounting Technician and, when she is not working and volunteering, she loves to guide joyful interactive dances.

QEXCA appreciates the hard work you have done for your community!

Your Community would love to hear from you!

Do you a story about your community? A photo of your favourite spot in the neighbourhood?

Let us know at info@qexca.ca.





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