

# QEXCA

Your Community Association

Queen Elizabeth • Exhibition • Haultain



## Your Community Newsletter Volume 10 Issue 2 Spring 2022

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.

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#### Volunteers:

Audrey Adele-Rose	Liaison PMR
Matt Gorman	Ski Trail
Kelsey Olson	Social Media
Jorden Whitenect	Website
Wesley Wizniuk	Programs

### Your Community Association meets quarterly,

at 7:00 p.m., usually on the first Tuesday of September, December, March and June.

Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings are open to all residents of Your Community.

The next [Community Meeting](#) is scheduled for Tue. June 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Location TBD

### Share Your Skills and Talents

The QEXCA offers opportunities to join together to plan and provide programs and events and to get to know your neighbours. [Volunteer](#) for 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 clean a park or back lane
- 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 connect with schools or churches
- help develop partnerships with local businesses

Specifically, we are looking for:

a **Treasurer** to ensure that our financial affairs are conducted correctly and efficiently. (View the [job description](#)) and

a **Newsletter Coordinator** to compile, edit and distribute two online and one printed issues each year. (View the [job description](#))

Contact Ashley at [volunteers@gexca.ca](mailto:volunteers@gexca.ca) to find out how you can help to improve life in Your Community

### Community Business Helps Ukraine

[Draganfly](#), an Exhibition neighbourhood business, is donating 3 drones to "Revived Soldiers Ukraine"

[Laura Sciarpetti](#) - [CBC News](#) - Posted: Mar 26, 2022 8:00 AM CT

Last Updated: March 26.

Saskatoon company donates drones to deliver medical supplies to Ukrainians in Russian-occupied cities

"One of the drones donated by Draganfly will deliver medical supplies to Russian occupied territories in Ukraine. The drone can fly for 40 minutes." (Draganfly)



Your Community Association wishes you a bright, warm and beautiful Spring!



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## Volunteer of the Month – May

**Jorden Whitenect** has been our [Website](#) Coordinator since September. He contacted us, through our [Volunteers email](#), in response to a post. Apart from his classroom learning about websites, Jorden has learned the ins and outs of WordPress and is now using his skills to maintain and enhance our website. His favourite part of volunteering is learning. “Before starting I had a very small amount of website experience but now, I have learned enough to consider myself to have decent understanding of websites.”



Currently, he is a student taking Interactive Systems Design at the U of S.

In his spare time, Jorden likes to work on projects like creating games or other small programs. This summer he hopes to take his dog, Jack, out for as many walks as he can handle.

Thank you, Jorden, for volunteering with QEXCA and for all your hard work and effort!

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## Your Representatives on City Council



**Cynthia Block, City Councillor Ward 6**

*(includes Haultain neighbourhood)*

Visit her website [cynthiablockward6.com](http://cynthiablockward6.com)



**Mairin Loewen City Councillor Ward 7**

*(includes QE and Exhibition neighbourhoods)*

Visit her website [mairinloewen.ca](http://mairinloewen.ca)

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## Another Big Dig – Weaver Park!

Saskatoon Water is beginning to plan the third Flood Control project: potential construction of a dry storm pond on the north side of [Weaver Park](#) in 2023. If approved by City Council, the project will help mitigate flooding near the intersections at Dufferin Ave. and Cascade St. and at Dufferin Ave. and Bute St.

For questions or concerns related to this project, please, contact:

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*Your Community is always looking for photos and stories for its website, newsletter and social media. If you have a story or pictures to share, please, send them to us by email [info@gexca.ca](mailto:info@gexca.ca), or from Facebook [gexca.saskatoon](https://www.facebook.com/gexca.saskatoon) or Instagram [@gexca\\_yxe](https://www.instagram.com/gexca_yxe).*

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## Your Community At Work

Well, COVID dashed our optimism again – This time it was Omicron! We were looking forward to in-person classes and meetings. With restrictions lifting but 20 deaths a week in Saskatchewan, it's understandable that confidence might be low for things to improve soon. However, Your Community Association is eternally hopeful! and will persevere to provide information and activities to improve life in our neighbourhoods.

1. **Indoor Programs** We hope to offer more classes in partnership with the Avalon Community Association in the fall.  
If there are programs you would like us to offer, or classes you would like to lead, please, let us know by email to [programs@gexca.ca](mailto:programs@gexca.ca).
2. **Rinks** Both of our rinks were open and well used until there was no more ice. The "Rink Crew" were sporting their toques as they worked hard to keep ahead of some heavy snowfalls.
3. **Ski Trail** The Weaver Park Trail was open again, this year. The City offered to groom the neighbourhood trails at no charge to the Communities. However, we do not feel that this was a satisfactory arrangement. The Weaver Park trail was groomed only once in three months; that was in mid-January. We have expressed our disappointment to the City.
4. **Events**
  - 4.1. **WinterFest** for the third year, unfortunately, did not go ahead.
  - 4.2. **SUM Theatre**, in partnership with QEXCA, will present this year's production Friday May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Weaver Park. More below.
5. **Volunteers**
  - 5.1. We have a small but strong team of volunteers and are always looking for more willing workers: [volunteers@gexca.ca](mailto:volunteers@gexca.ca).  
We are in need of a few dedicated folks to take on some of our important roles:
  - 5.2. The **Treasurer** is a vital member of our Board. A volunteer with accounting or bookkeeping skills is needed to maintain our financial records and procedures.
  - 5.3. We are looking for a **Newsletter Coordinator** to compile, edit and distribute three newsletters each year.
  - 5.4. **Liaison** to establish and maintain our relationship with leaders in all nine of our churches.
  - 5.5. **Liaisons** to maintain our relationship with each of our five schools.
6. **Communication**
  - 6.1. **Web Site** Jordan has "broken through the learning curve" of our WordPress site and has been working to maintain and enhance it.  
As always, we welcome suggestions or observations to improve the site.
  - 6.2. **Newsletter** Our Spring 2022 issue will be published online, shortly.
  - 6.3. **Social Media** Thanks to Kelsey and Dustin, our media presence is slowly expanding.
    - 6.3.1. **Instagram**: has 88 Followers
    - 6.3.2. **Facebook**: has 598 Followers.
    - 6.3.3. **Twitter**: The latest social media site, which Dustin has launched, is mostly sharing civic news of interest to our three neighbourhoods. It has 14 Followers (*and counting*).
  - 6.4. **Mailing List** Communication from the mailing list, which remains at just over 400 addresses, has been this Newsletter and the announcement of the March Community Meeting.  
To subscribe, send an email to [info@gexca.ca](mailto:info@gexca.ca).
  - 6.5. **The Sign** We have continued to work with the staff and students at Queen Elizabeth School to revise the message once a month, at least during the school year.
7. **Schools**
  - 7.1. **Aden Bowman** students and staff happy to be able to be participating in extracurriculars again.
  - 7.2. **Monique Rousseau** has been coping well with restrictions. The skating rink was well used.
  - 7.3. **Queen Elizabeth** enrolment has increased since this time last year, to more than 130.
  - 7.4. **Riverside** is looking to expand with two new portable classrooms
  - 7.5. **St. Frances** continues to enjoy partnerships with the College of Education (ITEP), College of Nursing, Sitskatowin, Costco and Early's Farm and Garden.
8. **Churches** With the loss of our Church Liaison, we are missing the contact with the churches.

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9. **Community Gardens** Organisers of both gardens are hopeful to offer more opportunities to more gardeners this season.

10. **Library**

JS Wood is open 1:00 to -9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to -6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and now 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

There are many [online programs](#), offered. Unfortunately, there is no in-person programming, for the time-being, but watch for the Summer Program Guide.



**[wâhkôhtowin](#)**

This year's [SUM Theatre](#) Theatre in the Park presentation is an original play offered *free of charge* in **Weaver Park at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27th.**

The story focuses on finding greater connection to others through trust, empathy, and wahkotowin. The Cree word wahkotowin means honouring and respecting the relationship and kinship between all things.

As COVID precautions, audience members will be seated at least 3 metres apart and masks will be required.

**Come early and enjoy the activities** that Your Community Association has planned **before the play.**

We are looking for a few volunteers to help distribute posters leading up to the event and to help on the 27<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer, email Ashley at [volunteers@gexca.ca](mailto:volunteers@gexca.ca).

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