



Newsletter

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Photo: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

End of School Year Pow Wow

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education along with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools hosted a Pow Wow in Thornton Park on June 17. Dancers and drummers from around Saskatchewan participated in this spectacular ceremony. From the Grand Entry to the final competitions, the pride in culture could be felt by all who attended.



To all QEXCA Grads!
Best of luck wherever
the future takes you.
We are confident that
you will make your
school and Your
Community proud!

QEXCA Fall Programs

Are you ready to Zumba? Maybe you're yearning for Yoga? Or have you a Tiny Tot looking to play Soccer?

Look no further than Your Community Fall Programming calendar! It's full of ideas to help you get active and have fun!

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Library Boxes

An important resource to every city and community, private book exchange boxes (library boxes or mini libraries) add value to public libraries by encouraging reading, making books more available and building community. Where's the nearest to you?

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Please note: The 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm on Tue., Oct. 4, 2022. Location TBD..



Fall Programs for 2022

Fall program registration for QEXCA will be held Wed., Sept. 7, in Queen Elizabeth School gym (1905 Eastlake Ave.), from 7-8pm.

The full, up-to-date schedule, descriptions and registration information, plus the registration form, are available online at qexca.ca/qexca-programs/.

A non-refundable annual membership fee of \$10 per individual or family is required to participate and must be presented or purchased at the time of registration. Please note that a \$10 fee will apply to late registrations.

QEXCA offers Cost-as-a-Barrier Assistance to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please email info@qexca.ca. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

For more information about Fall Programs or to register, email programs@qexca.ca.

Mondays

7-8pm – **Fortnite Dance**; Instructor: TBA, Cost: \$20, Ages 10-12

For boys and girls who want to dance like characters in the video game Fortnite! Popular moves such as “the floss”, “orange justice” or “the hype” come from this game, along with more than 40 other moves. No dance experience necessary.

8-9pm – **Latin or Ballroom Dance**; Instructor: TBA, Cost: TBD, Age 18+

Tuesdays

6-7pm – **Tiny Tots Soccer**; Instructor: TBA, Cost: \$20, Ages 4-5. Instructor: TBA

An activity to get your children more active, have fun, interact with others the same age, and learn some soccer skills! Tiny Tots Soccer offers a variety of age-appropriate games and drills designed to develop their soccer skills, all while having fun and learning to be part of a team.

7:15-8:15pm – **Low Impact Aerobics**, Instructor: Val Kirk, Cost: \$50, Age 16+

A non-stop class with creative choreography that is sure to raise your heart rate and keep you alert and interested. This class offers a fun group class setting featuring great music and great moves. Some strength training will be included.

Wednesdays

7-8pm – **Zumba**, Instructor: Jo James, Cost: \$50, Age 16+

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That’s exactly what Zumba is all about. It’s an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party.

8-10pm – **Drop-in Badminton**, Supervisor: Wesley Wizniuk, Cost: TBA, Age 16+

This is a drop-in session and you must provide your own racket. If you are new to the sport, brush up on how to play, including the rules, prior to participating. The supervisor can help with some basics, but this is meant to be independent play.

Thursdays

7-8pm – **Beginner Yoga**, Instructor: Courtney Hilkewich, Cost: \$55, Age 16+

These yoga classes will be a great stepping stone for the beginner yoga enthusiast or someone looking to deepen their foundation in the asanas (postures) and pranayama (breath work). Practicing yoga increases inner peace and flexibility not only in the body but also in the mind.

8-9pm – **STRONG by Zumba**, Instructor: Jo James, Cost: \$50, Age 16+

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

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QEXCA meets quarterly, at 7pm, usually on the first Tuesday of September, December, March and June. Unless otherwise indicated, the meetings are open to all local residents.

The next QEXCA Community Meeting is set for 7pm on Sept. 6, 2022. Location TBD.

Your City Councillors

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(includes Haultain)

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(includes QE and Exhibition)

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Library Boxes in QEXCA



Text and photo: Bob McNaughton

The public library is an important resource to every city and community. Private book exchange boxes (or mini libraries) add value to public libraries by encouraging reading, making books more available and building community. Patrons may take a book and return it, keep and /or leave one in its place.

Over the past two years, I have found more library boxes popping up in our community. There are now at least six, with one or more in each neighbourhood: in Exhibition, on Lorne Ave. and on Hilliard St. E; in Queen Elizabeth, on Maple St., on Adelaide St. E and on York Ave.; and, in Haultain, on 4th St. E.

The "Librarians" are retirees, working folk, professionals, all of whom are interested in reading and encouraging others to read. They are all involved in the community. Their motivation to erect a book box is as varied as the books in them: For Rick, it was a winter woodworking project; Natasha's was a gift from a friend, who built it from an old cupboard – she had appreciated the ones she had used while living in Kenya; Adrian was inspired by one he had seen that was created by an artist; Andrew made a few additions to a Christmas gift from a family member to reflect his family's interests; another received hers as a Mother's Day gift from her children.

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For the full text of Bob's article, including full-colour photos, please check out the [QEXCA website!](http://www.qexca.ca)



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It's Your Community

Theatre in the Park

Sum Theatre chose an earlier date for this year's presentation to avoid the heat of the July 2021 event. Weaver Park proved to be an excellent venue as many folks enjoyed it, and lots of children participated. Thanks to the volunteers who made it a success!

Rinks

We look forward to another successful season on our rinks. We expect the ice to be ready by mid-December. Watch for the Supervised Public Skating schedule closer to then.

Schools

Aden Bowman Collegiate: Transition was a theme, as restrictions relaxed and extracurricular activities resumed. Class schedules will return to the 2-semester system in September. Sports teams were back on the courts, fields and courses. This spring's drama presentation was very successful and cultural programs were well received.

Pavillion Monique Rousseau: We have lost Audrey as our Liaison, at least temporarily, while she is taking care of business in France.

Queen Elizabeth School: In the fall, the school will welcome a new principal, Ms. Janna Leel. Ms. Simpson will be moving to Wildwood School. Also, the SCC sponsored a lunch for the end of the school year, and some new playground equipment is planned for the near future.

Riverside Christian School: The school needs to expand and is planning two new portable classrooms.

St. Frances School: Despite the absence of some students due to illness, enrolment is returning to pre-pandemic levels. And after a two-year absence, the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools held it's "annual" Pow Wow in Thornton Park on June 17.

Churches

The Director has not been able to maintain contact with the churches in the absence of a Church Liaison volunteer. We continue to send newsletters to most of the churches. St. Paul's Lutheran still shares its newsletter with us.

Community Gardens

As plots were still plots available at the start of the season at Queen Elizabeth, organizers planted root vegetables in the unclaimed plots to provide for families in need. Aden Bowman had three new community gardeners this season. The shrubs and trees were pruned, and rhubarb and raspberry bushes were planted this year.

Saskatoon Public Library

J.S. Wood branch and all other Saskatoon Public Library locations are now back to their regular hours, including Sundays. Regular in-person programming started again as of May and school groups returned for visits. Room rentals have resumed as well.

City of Saskatoon

The City has provided timely information about projects in QEXCA neighbourhoods, such as the Ruth Street Infrastructure Improvement and the Weaver Park Storm Pond proposal. More community interaction with City Hall has been provided through QEXCA's new Civic Affairs portfolio, with Dustin Harrison as Director.

Volunteers Needed!

QEXCA offers opportunities to join with us 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 to volunteer:

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

Specifically, we are looking for:

Treasurer to ensure our financial affairs are handled correctly and efficiently.

Secretary to record the proceedings of our meetings and administer our documentation.

Social Media Coordinator to manage our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Church Liaison to establish and maintain our relationship with leaders in all nine of our churches.

School Liaisons to maintain relations with each of our five schools.

Contact Ashley at volunteers@qexca.ca to find out how you can take action to improve life in your community.

Welcome our latest volunteers: **Paul Miazga** (Newsletter Coordinator) and **Dwight Doering** (Treasurer).



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