



Your Community Newsletter

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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Congratulations to **Carlton Brockhoff** QEXCA [Volunteer of the Month](#) for **November**! Carlton has been volunteering for two years with QEXCA. The grass at the QEXCA community rinks was well taken care of this past year by Carlton and his team. He and his wife, Leona, own a local property maintenance business. Not only does he like to give back to the community with his volunteering but through his company as well. Every year they clear snow or lend a hand with yard work for an elderly person's home. They've also volunteered in other ways in the past few years that have included organizing winter gear donations and an adopt-a-family program. Carlton's time spent volunteering at QEXCA is greatly appreciated!



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 will be open to all residents of Your Community**. The next [Community Meeting](#) is scheduled for Tue. March 7, 2023, Location TBD.

Where In Your Community?

Have you seen this sign? Can you tell us where it is? Who lives there? Why the music?



For Elyse, the homeowner, music has been a lifelong passion, since performing with the Fireside Singers.

She is a singer, music teacher and vocal coach, who has recently opened her studio in Your Community. She studied and worked in Toronto for several years and has now returned home to begin her own business.

Lately, and particularly with the pandemic, Elyse has worked primarily online with her clients. Although she is looking forward to more in-person classes, the online format serves her remote clients well. Her very creative father built the address signs for her. He cut each of the notes and symbols, assembled and installed the signs – yes, there are two of them – himself.

Do you know of other points of interest in your neighbourhood? Let us know: info@gexca.ca.



Winter Programs 2023

All programs will be held in the gym at Queen Elizabeth School (1905 Eastlake Ave.).

Winter Program Registration will be Wednesday, January 11, in the Queen Elizabeth School gym, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin the following week.

More information is available on the [website](#).

Adults 16 yr. +

Zumba	Tue. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Aerobics – low impact	Tue. 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Drop-in Badminton	Wed. 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Yoga	Thu. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Strong By Zumba	Thu. 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Youth 7 – 12 yr.

Fortnite Dance	Thu. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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In an effort to ensure everyone, who wants to participate in a program, can participate, QEXCA offers **Cost-as-a-Barrier Assistance** to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please, contact us by email (info@gexca.ca). All enquiries are kept confidential.

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Remembrance Ceremony at Aden Bowman

Kevin Waugh, (right) MP for Saskatoon Grasswoods, was honoured to attend the Remembrance Day Assembly at Aden Bowman Collegiate. He expressed his thanks to Principal, Marnie Ross (centre) and the students for taking the time to remember those who served and those who continue to serve. He gave special thanks to Major Kevin Barry (right), who has 35 years of service in Cypress, Bosnia, Croatia and Afghanistan.



Kevin emphasised the value of our youth being involved in and understanding Remembrance Day. Lest we forget.



From Kevin Waugh's [November 2022 newsletter](#)

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 our way.

It's Your Community

Programs: Although registration was disappointing, having to cancel two of the programs, the remainder of the Fall session was successful. Plans are in place for the Winter 2023 session.

Rinks: Flooding at both rinks was off to an early start. If the weather cooperates, the ice will be ready for skates for the holidays and beyond.

Ski Trail: Weaver Park will not be available for a ski trail this season because of the construction of the storm pond. Unfortunately, the QEXCA has not been able to secure funding of a ski trail in any of its other neighbourhood parks, either. Therefore, we recommend residents enjoy the Diefenbaker Park Trail, which is maintained by the City.

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WinterFest

After a 3-year absence, **WinterFest is back!** For 2023, all the activities will be held at [Achs Park](#)

On Friday February 24th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., join us for some fun games of shinny for adults!

On Saturday February 25th from noon to 3:00 p.m., share the fun of:

- ❖ family-focused games,
- ❖ skating,
- ❖ sledding,
- ❖ refreshments and
- ❖ a fire to warm you!



Share 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 opportunities 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!

Specifically, we are looking for:

- **Secretary** to record the proceedings of our meetings and administer our documentation.
- **Liaison** to establish and maintain our relationship with leaders in all nine of our churches.
- **Liaisons** to maintain our relationship with each of our five schools.

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

Your Representatives on City Council



Cynthia Block, Ward 6

(includes Haultain neighbourhood)

Visit her website cynthiablockward6.com



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(includes QE and Exhibition neighbourhoods)

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We welcome your questions and suggestions

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It's Your Community (Cont'd)

Events

WinterFest For 2023, all the activities will be held at Achs Park, Friday Feb. 24th and Saturday, the 25th.

Theatre in the Park We continue to maintain and grow our partnership and plan to host the 2023 production in the spring.

Schools:

Aden Bowman The drama club's production of "Clue" was very successful and noted on CTV. [Watch the interview.](#)

Monique Rousseau Students who graduated from grade 8 at Haultain School, as the school was then, in 1986 came, to visit Pavillon Monique Rousseau and reproduce their graduation photo. In 36 years, the school has changed a lot!

Queen Elizabeth Staff and students arranged a gently used winter clothing drive to ensure everyone had warm clothes for the weather ahead.

Riverside Unfortunately, I have not met with Principal Savenye since September.

St. Frances The students have been excited with the House Team Leagues starting again. The Teams are Earth, Wind, Fire, Water.

Churches:

We're still hoping to find an enthusiastic volunteer to be our Liaison with the churches. Know anyone?

We welcome a new faith organisation, Pathways Ministries, to the Haultain neighbourhood, at 701 1st St. E. We look forward to getting to know them.

Community Gardens:

After successful seasons, the gardeners are taking a break and will soon be planning for the spring.

Library:

The Library returned to regular programming in the fall, opening 7 days a week.

Rod has provided a link to a digital copy of the latest [Program Guide](#).

City of Saskatoon:

Our good relationship with our two City Councillors: Cynthia Block, Ward 6 and Mairin Loewen, Ward 7 is greatly appreciated. Dustin keeps us connected to the City's activities.

The Weaver Park public engagement opportunity, in October, was well received by those who attended.

There was a virtual public meeting, in October, to provide information and feedback about proposed [soccer stadium at Prairieland Park](#).

More opportunities to offer your observations are available at the [City's website](#).



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Your Community Association wishes you a **very happy holiday season**
and a **peaceful and prosperous New Year!**