



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

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### What's Happening At Lathey Pool?

The current work at Lathey Pool involves the removal of the existing water slide, which has reached the end of its useful life, to be replaced with a new slide as part of our Facilities Department's asset management.

The work is on track to be completed by the end of April. This will allow proper time for landscaping of the area prior to opening in early June.

The new slide will include a new run out section that will provide a more enjoyable and safer experience for all pool users.

Recreation and Community Development for the City of Saskatoon.

### It's Your Community

Your QEXCA volunteers continue to work hard to bring you programs, events and information of interest to you. To learn what has been happening, you can read more online at It's Your Community.

Email Us: [info@gexca.ca](mailto:info@gexca.ca)

### The "Brownfield" at Broadway and Taylor

What is a "Brownfield"?

Brownfields can include sites previously used as gas stations, rail yards, dry cleaners, warehouses, and storage areas for toxic substances as well as riverbanks, waterfronts, and any other sites where there was a history of commercial or industrial activity. While often associated with environmental contamination, brownfields are not necessarily contaminated. Some brownfield sites may remain underdeveloped because of stigma associated with previous commercial or industrial activity on the site.

From the City of Saskatoon's Brownfield Renewal Strategy & Incentive Program Recommendations Report 2018.

The lot on the south-west corner of Broadway Ave. and Taylor St. was the site of a gas station until the 90s.

From 1952, this lot held a radio studio for CFNS, which apparently was the Radio- Prairies Nord Ltee. Station, and was in operation until 1966-67. In 1968 the Broadway Texaco service station began operations. This service station was in business until the late 1990s. In the early 1990s it switched from a Texaco to an Esso service station.

Now it is owned by a former Queen Elizabeth School student, who is conducting environmental remediation processes on the soil. That will take a couple of years to complete and obtain Provincial approval. Until then, the realtor, who is the son-in-law of the owner, has an agreement to use the property, May to October, for food trucks – maybe ice cream and lemonade.

*Many thanks to Ken Dahl, City of Saskatoon Archives, for the history of the location.*



## Green Cart Collection Program

The City of Saskatoon has moved to a city-wide [green cart program](#). Green carts and kitchen pails have been delivered to every household with black and blue carts. Year-round biweekly collection will begin in May.

*Residents who use large communal garbage and recycling bins (typically those living in condos and apartments) are not affected by these changes. A program is being developed by the City for these residents.*

Check your [collection calendar](#) and sign up for reminders or download the [Saskatoon Waste Wizard app](#). Note that **black cart collection will continue as biweekly**, even in the summer months.

## Why We Need a Green Cart Program

Food and yard waste disposed of in black carts and at the landfill does not become soil. Landfills bury waste without oxygen, so when it is broken down, it turns into leachate (garbage juice) and methane. Leachate pollutes our land and water, and methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that can escape into the atmosphere. Leachate and methane are expensive for the City to manage.

**More than half** of what we throw in the garbage can go into the green cart. Instead of putting food and yard waste into your black cart, it can be put in the green cart and turned into something useful – compost!

By diverting organic waste away from the landfill, we can delay or even avoid the expense of building a second landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce environmental pollution.

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## Zero Gravity

[Theatre in the Park](#) enters its 11th season with Zero Gravity, a Sci-Fi exploration of climate breakdown and what will happen if we don't start changing the way we live on Mother Earth. There is "No Planet B" and, if we continue to use up her resources, what will be left for future generations? Come take a journey with Dr Einstein Reez, who carries the weight of the world on his shoulders, as he searches for a solution to save his children and the rest of the world.

Theatre in the Park is an original play, offered free of charge, in neighbourhood parks around Saskatchewan in May and June. As always, the production is created in response to current issues. It's a fun and thought-provoking performance for people of all ages. Catchy original music and colourful sets, props and costumes bring these stories to life.

This year's SUM Theatre presentation will be in

**W. W. Ashley Park at 7:00 p.m. on  
Friday, May 26th.**

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**Congratulations** to the QEXCA [March Volunteer of the Month](#), Tara Bryant.

Tara has lived in the Queen Elizabeth neighbourhood all her life! She grew up attending Queen Elizabeth School. Her dad worked there for 27 years. Now, she teaches preschool there and her two girls attend the school.

Tara organised and supervised the children's activities for WinterFest this year. She also does a lot for the school, over and above her preschool responsibilities. We hope she will continue to help us with Community events.

In her spare time, she can be found spending time with her husband, Jon, who is on the QE Rink crew, two girls, Ellie and Anna and their dog, Bo-dog! Tara loves to read; LOVES CrossFit and loves to cook. Many thanks for all you do for Your Community!

## Your City Councillors

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### Brothers Learn To Skate

This past winter, brothers Sened, Aman and Natnael, learned how to skate over the course of several weekend afternoons at the Queen Elizabeth rink.

Sened and Natnael arrived in Saskatoon, from Eritrea, last fall, so this was their first Canadian winter.

They had so much fun learning to skate—there was lots of falling down, laughing, and getting back up again.

After they skated for a while, they'd often head over to the hill next to the rink to spend the rest of the afternoon sledding with other neighbourhood kids.

The boys also love playing soccer. They're now playing on a local team, and they're looking forward to playing, outdoors, this summer.

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### Fall Programs 2023

Is there a class, sport or activity you would like to see in the [Fall 2023](#) line-up? The Programs Team is preparing the schedule, now. So, let them know what you would like to have included – Email [programs@gexca.ca](mailto:programs@gexca.ca). If you can lead a program, they will be delighted to hear from you, too.

QEXCA offers Cost-as-a-Barrier assistance to those facing financial hardships. To enquire or apply, please, contact us by email at [info@gexca.ca](mailto:info@gexca.ca).

All enquiries are kept confidential.

For more information about our QEXCA Programs, please, contact the Programs Team ([programs@gexca.ca](mailto:programs@gexca.ca)).

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