

QEXCA

Your Community Association

Queen Elizabeth • Exhibition • Haultain



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.

Fall 2023

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Your Community Association meets quarterly, at 7:00 p.m.,

usually on the first Tuesday of September, December, March and June.

These meetings are open to all residents of Your Community. (qexca.ca/governance/)

The next [Community Meeting](#) is scheduled for Tue. September 5, 2023, at Queen Elizabeth School

The 2023 QEXCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 3 at 7:00 p.m.



Lemonade and ice cream on the brownfield

As mentioned in the Spring Newsletter, the realtor, has an agreement to use the property, at Broadway and Taylor, for food trucks until October. These are the first two – ice cream and lemonade.

Read more about the brownfield on the website – search "[brownfield](#)"



Where In Your Community?

Have you seen this fence? Can you tell us where it is? Do you know of other points of interest in your neighbourhood?

Let us know: info@qexca.ca.



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Fall Programs 2023

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

Fall Program Registration will be Wednesday, September 13, in the Queen Elizabeth School gym, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Classes will begin the following week.

Details on the [website](https://qexca.ca/qexca-programs/) (qexca.ca/qexca-programs/)

Adults 16 yr. +

Drop-in Pickleball	Mon. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Zumba	Tue. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Yoga	Wed. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Drop-in Badminton	Wed. 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Strong By Zumba	Thu. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Adults 18 yr. +

Drop-in Dodgeball	Thu. 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.
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Youth 9 – 13 yr.

Fortnite Dance	Tue. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
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Children 5 – 7 yr.

Tiny Tots Soccer	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@qexca.ca). **All enquiries are kept confidential.**



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Sod Turning For New St. Frances School

On June 26, 2023, after inflationary pressures caused delays in construction, the start of construction of the new school was announced.



Since 2007 the St. Frances Cree Bilingual school has been educating students in the Exhibition area and beyond. Its current location in the community is just temporary while they worked towards funding and designing their permanent building. This new three-story school, in the Holliston neighbourhood, will support 600 students from pre-school to grade 9, with 70 additional spots dedicated to childcare. The timeline for this new school's completion is Fall of 2025.

While it is disappointing to see this school leave the community, the new building will provide a better learning environment for a larger number of students.



Learn more on the [website](https://qexca.ca/newsletter): search "[Breaking Ground](https://qexca.ca/newsletter)"

Weaver Park Update

The City has expanded the scope of the project to include irrigation upgrades on the south side of the park, which was fenced and closed for construction beginning in late-July

During the dry storm pond project engagement process, the City had committed to keeping the playground open. However, this recent change in scope means construction is now taking place on all four sides of the playground. The playground will also be affected by the irrigation upgrades.

It is the City's aim to keep the playground open for as long as possible, but it has been fenced and temporarily closed. It will reopen this fall or possibly earlier, depending on adjacent construction progress.

Details on the [website](https://qexca.ca/2nddig/) (qexca.ca/2nddig/)

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.



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.

Three more volunteers have stepped forward to maintain our relationship with the schools: **Lauren Wakelam** and **Lisa Kozmyk** as School Liaison with Queen Elizabeth School and **Mike Pearce** as School Liaison with St. Frances School.

As well, **Janet Pearce** is our new Secretary, a vital role, which we have been without for too long.

Welcome Janet, Lauren, Lisa and Mike and thank you all!

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:

Newsletter Coordinator to produce and distribute the Community Newsletter three times each year.

Liaisons to maintain our relationship with three of our schools – Aden Bowman, Riverside, and Pavillion Monique Rousseau.

To volunteer to make Your Community an even better place to live, email volunteers@gexca.ca.

It's Your Community

Indoor Programs

The Programs Team is looking for suggestions. If there are programs you would like included in the Winter 2024 session, for preschoolers, children, youth, adults or seniors – fitness, arts, STEM or sports, especially if you can recommend an instructor, let them know at programs@gexca.ca.

Theatre in the Park Your Community hosted this year's SUM Theatre's production on Thursday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m., in the newly created "amphitheatre" at W.W. Ashley Park.

We gained some new additions to our mailing list, some donations to help our contribution to SUM Theatre and a great deal of recognition and goodwill, especially through Facebook.

Rinks

The rinks are available daily from mid-December to mid-March – weather permitting. The lights will be on from dusk until 11:00 p.m.

Supervised Public Skating times will be posted early in December.

Ski Trail

With construction around Weaver Park complete by the fall, we will apply to have the trail around there groomed again this winter. Alternatively, we will consider W.W. Ashley Park.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to:

- help produce and distribute Your Community Newsletter
- help maintain our relationship with one of these schools: Aden Bowman, Riverside or Pavillon Monique Rousseau
- help to plan and organise our indoor programs (sports, fitness, arts)
- help to maintain our social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and
- help to maintain our rinks and supervise public skating times.

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(includes Haultain neighbourhood)

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We welcome your questions and suggestions

To subscribe to our newsletter mailing list, contact us at newsletter@gexca.ca



It's Your Community (Cont'd)

Schools:

Aden Bowman Enrolment as of May was 823 students. 161 grade 12 students will be leaving and 289 grade 9 students will be arriving in September.

The dramatic presentation of "OZ" was extremely successful, including a show for some elementary school students.

The SCC is planning an Open House in conjunction with its AGM in September.

Monique Rousseau Students 13 and under participated in [MaraFun](#), a program in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Marathon.

An apiarist visited the school, with a hive, to demonstrate his hobby to the young students.

The official unveiling of the school's Garden of Reconciliation took place on June 21.

Queen Elizabeth 7 kindergarten students have registered for fall.

The band students enjoyed playing with the other schools at Sutherland School.

Pizza Lunches were quite successful, raising funds to replenish outside recess supplies, some things for the gym and the K-4/5 Playday.

The SCC organised a year-end Family BBQ on June 16th.

Riverside A Mother's Day Tea & Art Fair was held on the evening of May 4th.

Students have been taking swimming classes at the university pool for April, May and June.

St. Frances Enrolment, in the Cree program at the McPherson campus of for May, was 375 plus 52 in English and Preschool.

The GSCS Powwow was held on June 16 at Merlis Belsher Place this year, rather than in Thornton Park.

Churches

Sherry Gore, our Church Liaison, is looking forward to connecting with the churches as the fall season begins. Church attendance seems to be growing and church activities are being planned.

Members of Sherry's church, St Paul's Lutheran, are anticipating ice cream treats after church at the Brownfield site this summer.

Community Gardens:

Queen Elizabeth School All eight garden plots have been topped up with compost and are currently being tended by various gardeners from the community, including the Open Door Society. All manner of herbs and vegetables have been planted and a good harvest is anticipated. A small patch of fireweed was planted to begin the perennial pollinator plant collection.

Aden Bowman There is some rhubarb at the garden now and some strawberries thanks to one gardener who brought a whole bunch of strawberry runners.

Library:

Wednesday night and Saturday morning family Storytimes will continue. Code Club for kids 8 to 12 yr. and Discovery Club will start up again. All events are listed on the [Events](#) pages of the [website](#) (saskatoonlibrary.ca).

Through the summer Library staff has been reading to children in Thornton Park.

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The Musical Ride performed at Prairieland Park, July 15 and 16, for the 150th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



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Let the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.