

Your Community Association

# QEXCA

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Block Parties are a great way  
to build social connections,  
meet your neighbours, know  
and improve your community.  
Ask us how QEXCA can help.



To learn more about events in our community,  
see [www.qexca.ca](http://www.qexca.ca) or [facebook.com/qexca.saskatoon](https://facebook.com/qexca.saskatoon)

We welcome your questions,  
suggestions and concerns!

Get in touch with us by email at [qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com), by mail  
c/o Queen Elizabeth School, 1905 Eastlake Ave., Saskatoon SK S7J 0W9





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm glad to see that so many of you have attended our community events over the last year, including our Annual Winter Fest and Shiny Tournament in February at Achs Park, and the recent presentation of Sum Theatre's *The Woodcutter* and *The Lion* in Exhibition Park. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers within our community who have made these events possible, and who have helped coordinate programs and operate our rinks over the last year. Without our volunteers and their hard work, our programs and events would not be as successful as they are.

We will be holding our AGM in October at Sports on Tap and I would encourage all residents to attend to learn about our Community Association and meet other members of our community. If you are interested in joining the board or otherwise volunteering in our community, this is an opportunity to find out more information. We are an active Community Association and we rely on volunteers to donate their ideas, effort and time to help build a strong and vibrant community.

**Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you at our AGM in October!**

Adam Touet

**curbside swap**  
 Giving used items a new home  
 keeps them out of our landfill  
 and swapping helps to build a  
 sense of community.  
 It's a fun and environmentally friendly  
 way to get rid of unwanted (but  
 usable) items and to find free stuff!

Saturday,  
September 9

Want free stuff?  
 Got useable stuff  
 to give away?

**SWAP IT!**



SASKATOON  
**CURBSIDE  
 SWAP**  
 City of  
 Saskatoon

SUM Theatre *The Woodcutter and the Lion* - Exhibition Park - July 17, 2017



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## Share Your Skills and Talents, Volunteer Today!

We are an active community association dedicated to promoting community spirit and enriching the quality of life in our neighbourhoods; Exhibition, Queen Elizabeth and West Haultain. Volunteers donate their ideas, effort and time to make the programs happen. We encourage the involvement of our community! A helping hand is always welcome.

The QEXCA offers residents a chance to join together, plan and provide programs and events, and get to know your neighbours. Take part in your Community Association and help make your community an even better place to live!

### There are many ways you can volunteer:

- help develop children's recreation programs
- assist with fundraising
- help arrange an adult recreation program
- coach a sports team
- write a newsletter article
- flood an outdoor rink
- take meeting minutes
- clean up your park
- chair a meeting
- help organize a special event
- coordinate youth activities

Community Association volunteers make friends, share their knowledge and expertise, get exercise or build their resume with positive work experience.

**Contact us** to find out how you can take action and improve life in your community!



## QUEEN ELIZABETH RINK

Queen Elizabeth rink has been empty long enough! Let's get our neighbourhood rink operational this winter. To do that we need volunteers to help flood it.

A few of your hours will provide weeks of enjoyment. Email [qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:qexca.saskatoon@gmail.com) to offer your time.

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# COUNCILLORS, MLAS AND MP COMMUNITY UPDATES

Thanks for reading.

After a busy legislative session, the summer months provide a great opportunity to get back home and reconnect with constituents while enjoying everything Saskatoon has to offer.

In addition to Canada 150 celebrations, I'm always amazed at the variety of events, festivals and attractions, as well as programs and services, that keep us busy all summer long.

Wherever your summer travels take you, be safe and enjoy!

**COREY TOCHOR**  
MLA, SASKATOON EASTVIEW

I hope you are all enjoying a fantastic and safe summer! I have been busy since getting home. I enjoy getting out and about and meeting the residents of our community and the riding of Saskatoon-Grasswood.

I was amazed by the performance of the drummers and dancers at the GSCS 6th Annual Powwow held at Thornton Park. The Sunnyside Care Centre's 6th Annual Golf Tournament was enjoyed by my staff and me. Thank you for including us Tom.

**KEVIN WAUGH**  
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, SASKATOON-GRASSWOOD

With so much to see and do, I'm reminded of those who are working hard behind the scenes. I want to acknowledge their efforts to make life a little better for all of us.

I want to congratulate the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon on receiving 2017 Premier's Service Club Award for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the people of Saskatchewan.

There is no doubt that our community is better because of the programs, services and campaigns they and other clubs and organizations have carried out over the years.

I enjoyed the Canada Day celebrations in our diverse community. It truly is the fabric that Canada is made up of. My first stop was the Optimist celebration at Diefenbaker Park and then on to Ahmadiyya Canada 150 celebrations. Finally, I attended the Canada Day and Eid Festival with the Islamic Association of Saskatoon. What a great experience!

There are countless examples of how these clubs and their members have led by example, emphasizing community services, selflessness and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

You can learn more about eligibility requirements and how to recognize outstanding individuals or groups with provincial honours and awards online at [Saskatchewan.ca](http://Saskatchewan.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns about government programs or services, please call or visit my constituency office.

I look forward to meeting many of you this summer and hope to see you at Folkfest, the Exhibition and Rib Fest; just a few of the many wonderful events in Saskatoon this summer.

Great news for the Optimist Hill project in Diefenbaker Park! Recently, the Optimist Club received a generous donation to kick off the fundraising campaign.

I would like you to know that if you need help with a federal government issue, don't hesitate to contact my office for assistance.

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## Councillors, MLAs and MP Community updates continued

Hi Everyone—I hope you are enjoying a fabulous summer in Saskatoon! City Council has been busy on a variety of fronts. Here are a few highlights:

- Basic services are a big focus this summer, as the City continues the most aggressive program for construction, repairs and maintenance in its history. If your street hasn't seen improvements yet, a plan is in place to get there. For more information go to [Building Better Roads](#).
- Sidewalk improvements are also being accelerated in conjunction with road repairs
- You may notice Victoria Avenue getting a big overhaul this summer, from 8th Street to the new Traffic Bridge. This multi-modal corridor will be a showcase for the City's Active Transportation Plan.
- Flooding is an issue in many neighbourhoods and the recent storm has highlighted again, a need to find better long-term solutions. We need to ensure that our majestic communities aren't left out as Saskatoon grows. Gaps need to be closed where wide discrepancies in infrastructure exist between neighbours and neighbourhoods.
- You may have heard about the garbage debate. While this hasn't reached the City Council level yet, there seems to be some misunderstandings about what may be considered. Saskatoon needs to divert 70% of its waste in order to avoid a new landfill and decommissioning the old one, which would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Any decision by Council will be focused on avoiding tax increases and reducing waste. If this results in taking garbage services out of general revenue, it would also be taken off your property tax bill.

I wanted to give a shout out to the Community Association volunteers who play such a pivotal role in helping our neighbourhoods thrive. They are also essential conduits to Council, keeping us informed and on top of issues. Thank you!

One final note, I'd like to invite you to meet with me in person to discuss any ideas or issues you may have:

### COFFEE WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

Thursday Sept 7, 2017

7am–9am

Good Earth Cafe

475 2nd Ave. S.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

**CYNTHIA BLOCK**  
CITY COUNCILLOR

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SEPTEMBER QEXCA DIRECTORS' MEETING

Tue., Sep. 5 7:00 p.m. Amigo's Cantina, 806 Dufferin Ave.

The meeting will be open to all residents of the Community.

### 2017 QEXCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tue., Oct. 3 7:00 p.m. QEXCA AGM, Sports on Tap

The meeting will be open to all residents of the Community.

The Directors offices to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Directors-at-large. If you, or someone you know, is willing and able to help the Association, please, [contact us](#).

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# FALL PROGRAMS

QEXCA offers [registered programs](#) for a variety of ages, skill levels and interests. See our [program descriptions](#) today!

Registered programs provide the members with the opportunity to participate in a pre-defined set of activities, most of which are instructor-led.

A non-refundable [membership fee](#) of \$10 per individual or family per year is required to participate in programs and must be presented or purchased at the time of registration.

QEXCA honours memberships of other Saskatoon community associations.

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](#). All enquiries are kept confidential.

**NEW! \$50.00 QEXCA FlexPass!** At the registration you can purchase a FlexPass that will allow you to attend any 10 classes of your choosing. This is a great way to try the variety of programs being offered by your Community Association.

Fall Registration: Wednesday September 6, 2017  
St. Frances School 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## ADULT (18+)

Aerobics	Mon.	Sep. 11-Nov. 27	7:15-8:15 p.m.	\$40.00	St. Frances gym
		<b>** No class Oct. 9 and Nov. 13 **</b>			
	Wed.	Sep. 13-Nov. 15	6:00-7:00 p.m.	\$40.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
Beginner Yoga	Tue.	Sep. 12-Nov. 14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	Queen Elizabeth gym
BollyFit®	Wed.	Sep. 13-Nov. 15	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
Zumba®	Thu.	Sep. 14-Nov. 23	7:00-8:00 p.m.	\$55.00	St. Frances gym
		<b>** No class Nov. 16 **</b>			

## YOUTH (8-12)

Drop-in Youth Night	Thu.	Sep. 14-Nov. 23	7:00-8:00 p.m.	No charge	Queen Elizabeth gym
		<b>** No class Nov. 16 **</b>			

## CHILDREN (4 & 5)

Tiny Tots Soccer	Tue.	Sep. 12-Nov. 14	6:00-7:00 p.m.	No charge	Queen Elizabeth gym
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*We are still looking for an instructor for Tiny Tots Soccer and leaders for the Drop-In Youth Night. If anyone is interested, please [contact us by email](#).*

**NOTE:** watch our website and Facebook for updates or changes.

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