



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

ECNWC OFFICE UPDATE

We are now open for walk-ins and in-person appointments.

We will continue to provide service through phone calls, emails and other media. We're allowing a limited number of clients in the office at once, therefore you are encouraged to book appointments. Preventative measures including sanitizing, masking and physical distancing will be strictly followed.

To book an appointment, please call (306) 783-2777 or email ecnwcinfo@ecnwc.ca. Our service hours are Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The office will be CLOSED on September 6, 2021.

Upcoming Satellite Office Schedule:

**September 14 – Melville September 21 – Esterhazy
October 12 – Churchbridge October 26 - Invermay**

Please call (306)783-2777 if you would like to meet with our staff in these communities on the above dates

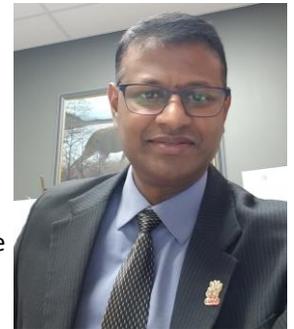
We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region. It's our goal to provide the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement!

*Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions.
We are happy to help you!*

This is HOME

Meet (Amba) Jeganaden Thungavelu

Amba comes from Mauritius island in the Indian Ocean, known to be a tourist destination. Amba, along with his wife Vimi, daughter Lorvina and son Karthik landed in Regina, Canada in January 2017. They have called Yorkton HOME for almost 3½ years. Amba is currently working as a Regional Food and Beverage Manager at the Painted Hand Casino (Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority)



"Canada is a very peaceful and harmonious place to live in and it offers wide opportunities for the young generation to build up their dream careers. Saskatchewan is my home sweet home, as the people are so wonderful and friendly. No traffic and pollution!

The biggest advantage in Canada is that at any point in time you could re-skill yourself and find new opportunities to fit your needs, nobody will even have judgment on you. Being a globe trotter for all my life, finally I have decided to settle down in this beautiful country." - Amba

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada News

On August 13th, Ministers Mendicino, Sajjan, Garneau and Monsef announced that the Government of Canada will resettle 20,000 vulnerable Afghans threatened by the Taliban and forced to flee Afghanistan. The new resettlement efforts will include vulnerable groups: women and children; human rights defenders; journalists; persecuted religious minorities; LGBTI individuals; family members of previously resettled interpreters.

Canada will continue to implement the special immigration program for Afghans who contributed to Canada's efforts in Afghanistan. Canada will welcome 20,000 vulnerable Afghans through government-supported and privately sponsored refugee programs along with those sponsored by family already in Canada

To learn more, please click [HERE!](#)

FUN Fact about Canada (Saskatchewan)!

Saskatchewan farmers produce 2.26 million kgs of fruit annually! Fruit probably isn't the first thing you think of when you hear the words "Saskatchewan" and "farming."



That said, the province produces 2.26 million kgs of it every year. From fruits that are native to the province (such as Saskatoon berries) to those that have been bred to thrive in our environmental conditions (like apples), the variety provided by our growers is incredible. Moving forward, Saskatchewan continues to diversify its fruit offerings. Haskap (an edible honeysuckle enjoyed in Japan and Russia) and dwarf sour cherries are just two increasingly popular fruits that are being produced in the province.

For more information and updates, please visit and like our [East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page.](#)



Culture Days Yorkton is a celebration of art and culture in our community. An exciting selection of art and culture events and activities will take place indoors, outdoors and online for 4 weeks starting September 24th through October 24th.

Some of the In-Person Activities in September include:

- Sept 25 (1 – 4 PM)– Learn to Crochet (Yorkton Public Library)
- Sept 25 (11 - 12 PM) – Wheat Weaving (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 25 (2 – 3 PM) – Groovy Grain Games (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 25 (2 - 5 PM) – Heritage Stories (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)
- Sept 25 (4 -5 PM) – Tipi Teachings (Yorkton Brick Flour Mill)

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the events happening and visit the **Yorkton Culture Days website!**



Community Activities & Event

Here is a list of some of the upcoming activities or events happening in our community!
If you are interested in any of these please call our office at (306) 783-2777 and we can help you register and /or attend with you.



BACK to School

Students / Education

WHAT? Students return to classes! We hope everyone has a great school year. Stay safe!
WHEN? September 1st, 2021
WHERE? Schools in the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Schools. If you require assistance regarding school, please contact our office and our SWIS workers can assist you!



CRA – International Students Webinar

College Students / Education

WHAT? We have partnered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Outreach to learn what credits or benefits you may be entitled to as an International Student.
WHEN? Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5PM – 6PM
WHERE? Online through ZOOM
COST? FREE but must pre-register. Contact sallard@ecnwc.ca to register.



Western Development Museum Virtual Coffee Club (School Days)

All ages / Education

WHAT? A virtual program where participants will take a look back and compare how schools have changed in Saskatchewan since the early 1900s.
WHEN? Tuesday September 28th 10:00am - 11:00am
WHERE? ONLINE through Zoom (Western Development Museum)
COST? FREE but you must pre-register. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to register.



CRA – Newcomer Webinar

Adults / Education

WHAT? We have partnered with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Outreach Program to learn what credits or benefits newcomers may be entitled to.
WHEN? September 29, 2021, 4:30PM – 6 PM
WHERE? Online through ZOOM
COST? FREE but you must pre-register. Please email sallard@ecnwc.ca to register.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

NEW Statutory Holiday

WHAT? Beginning 2021 a new statutory holiday for federally regulated organizations is being held to commemorate the legacy of residential schools fulfilling one of the many recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Also, in collaboration with Orange Shirt Day. The day is not a statutory holiday in Saskatchewan for employees who are not federally regulated.
WHEN? September 30, 2021



Multifaith Festivals in September

Baha'i Faith	7 – 'Izzat 26 - Mashiyat	Judaism	7-8 – Rosh Hashanah 16 – Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
Buddhism	7 – Birthdate of H.H. Sakya Trizin 12 –Tatsunokuchi Persecution Anniversary. 19-25 – Higan-e 22 – Anniversary of the death of Eihei Dogen Kigen.	Scientology	21-26 – Sukkot 28 – Shmini Atzeret 29 – Simhat Torah 12 – Auditor's Day
Hinduism	10 – Ganesh Chaturthi 21 – Pitru (Pitri) Paska	Shinto	22 – Shubun-no-hi
Jainism	4 – 11 – Paryushana-parva 11 – Samvatsari 11 - 20 – Dashalakshani-parva 20 – Ksamavan	Sikhism	1 – First Parkash
		Wicca	22 – Mabon (Harvest Home)
		Zoroastrianism	12-16 – Ghambar Paitishem
		Aboriginal Spirituality	Cenqlewu (Dog Salmon returns to Earth)

These dates were highlighted in the Multifaith Calendar which is distributed by the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan.



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