



EAST CENTRAL NEWCOMER
WELCOME CENTRE

The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.

Are you interested in our virtual FORUMS?

The East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre has two upcoming forums that may interest you!

Career Loans on October 7th at 6PM

If you are an internationally trained professional and interested in continuing your career here in Canada this presentation is for you. Learn more about the career counselling they have available as well as the special loans they have available to immigrants!

Citizenship Test Tutorial on October 16th at 2pm

If you have applied for Canadian Citizenship and need help preparing for your Citizenship Test, this forum is for you! We will review the Discover Canada study guide and you will learn tips to help you succeed!

Deadline to register is October 13th as spots are limited.

To register for either forum please contact our office at (306)783-2777 or email sallard@ecnwc.ca.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

IRCC is beginning to offer some in-person services at a few offices in Canada. They will contact you to book an appointment if this affects you—only clients with scheduled appointments can visit an IRCC office. Health and safety remains a priority and measures will be put in place to ensure the safety of all their staff and clients.

Learn more at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/gradual-resumption-in-person-services-sep-2020.html>

FUN Fact about Canada!



Canada has two official languages, English and French but our Canadian Geese have their own language!

Canadian Geese have an intricate communication form. Scientists believe that a Canada Goose has as many as 13 different calls, from greetings and warnings to happiness. This time of year, you are sure to see many Canadian Geese as they have started their autumn migration south!

For more information and updates, please visit and like our East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Facebook Page.



We provide free settlement services to newcomers and their families within the East Central region.

It is our goal to provide you with the information, referrals and advice you may need to assist in your settlement in Canada and our community!

Call our office at (306) 783-2777 if you have ANY questions.

We are happy to help you!

This is HOME

Meet Muzaffar Ali
or as most know him, Ali!

In early 2016 Ali moved from Pakistan to Regina, Saskatchewan and then later that same year to Saltcoats, where he now calls home! Saltcoats had a great employment opportunity for him and he now manages a local business. Ali's wife and daughter also call Saltcoats home as they joined him here in Canada in 2019.

"This area is so peaceful, no traffic noise, nice people and everyone is so good to you! Neighbours are always helping, everything is peaceful, well, and it is comfortable with my family." – Ali



International Student Success Story!

We are very proud of our settlement advisor, Upamdeep Kaur for being highlighted recently with the Parkland College. Upamdeep moved from India to Canada in 2016 and joined our staff in 2018 after attending the Parkland College. She continues to be a valuable resource to our office!



Upamdeep Kaur relies on her own experiences to help newcomers settle in the Yorkton area.

In 2017, she completed the Human Resource Management post-grad program at Parkland College, which helped her secure a job as a settlement advisor with the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre.

In her role, Kaur regularly visits the College for drop-in student appointments and has played an important role in international student orientation.

EXPLORE our Community!

Yorkton has a very historic downtown and you can learn all about it! The City of Yorkton created "Broadway & Back", an interactive video walking tour that explores the history of Yorkton's old town centre. Simply load up the tour on your smartphone and set off to explore. Participants can watch as history comes to life through the merging of present day video and archival photographs. It closely follows and can further be enhanced by the Pioneer Ways and Bygone Days guide book, available through the City of Yorkton. The tour starts on the southwest side of the Baker Tilly building (located at the intersection of Broadway Street and Myrtle Avenue) and takes about 30-40 minutes. Access the interactive tour at <https://www.yorkton.ca/menucode/viewvideo2.asp?video=broadway-and-back> Thank you to the City and Sask Culture for the tour.





Community Activities & Event



Here is a list of some of the activities or events happening in our community this month!
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.

Fall Story Time in the Park

All Ages / Leisure

- WHAT?** Join the Yorkton Public Library for story time in the park!
- WHEN?** October 1, 2020 starting at 11 AM
- WHERE?** Logan Green Park, Yorkton
- COSTS?** FREE but must pre-register



The Yorkton Public Library will also have **Story Stroll set up at Logan Green Park from October 5th to October 9th**. You can take a stroll at your own pace through Logan Greens while ready a story! Fun for the whole family!

THANKSGIVING DAY

Canadian Holiday

- WHAT?** Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in Canada where Canadians give thanks for a successful year and harvest.
- WHEN?** Monday, October 12, 2020
- WHERE?** Celebrated in homes across the country by gathering loved ones and preparing a Thanksgiving Meal, which usually includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and many other dishes.



Provincial Election Day

Canadian Citizens (18+)

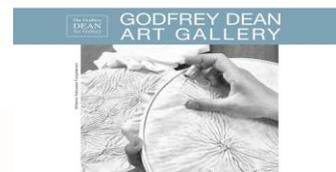
- WHAT?** Provincial Election Day
- WHEN?** October 26th, 2020 (Polls are open from 9 am to 8 pm)
Advanced Polls are October 20 to 24th
- WHERE?** You should have received a voter card in the mail with your voting location. If not, contact our office at 1(306) 783-2777 and we will help ensure you are a registered voter and help find that information for you!
- COSTS?** FREE to vote but must be a Canadian Citizen, 18+ and have lived in Saskatchewan for at least 6 months prior to the election date.



"Calling" Textile Art Exhibition

All Ages / Art & Culture

- WHAT?** Hanna Yokozawa Farquharson: Calling (First Solo Textile Exhibition)
- WHEN?** Now until October 31st (Mon to Fri from 11am-5pm or Sat from 1-4pm)
- WHERE?** Godfrey Dean Art Gallery in Yorkton
- COSTS?** FREE to enter the Gallery.



HALLOWEEN

Celebration

- WHAT?** Halloween is celebrated differently by each household. Some of the common activities in Canada include trick-or-treating, dressing in costumes, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns or visiting haunted attractions.
- WHEN?** Saturday, October 31, 2020



CULTURE DAYS are on now until October 25th! Culture Days is extending beyond the traditional Culture Days Weekend to a more inclusive and interactive 4-week schedule of activities. Kicking off September 25th and running until October 25th, Culture Days invites everyone to participate in and show appreciation for arts and culture in their own communities and nationwide!
For more details, information and events happening in your community, please head over to the website at <https://culturedays.ca/>

If you have spare time and looking to increase your skills, visit our website. We now have a list of FREE webinars, workshops or e-training you may be eligible and interested in attending!

