



The Connection

"Keeping our community connected"

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Monthly Newsletter of the East Central Newcomer Welcome Centre Inc.



We would like to wish our clients a safe and happy holiday season!

ECNWC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

We have adjusted our office hours to align with the holidays.

Our adjusted hours are as follows:

December 24th – 8 am to 12pm

December 25th - CLOSED

December 28th – CLOSED

December 31st – 8 am to 12 pm

January 1st - CLOSED

Otherwise, our staff are available Monday to Friday from 8am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 3:45pm.

Call (306)783-2777 to book an appointment.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Did you know?

- Roughly, 1 in 4 workers in Canada are immigrants?
- As of 2016, 600,000+ self-employed immigrants were employing 260,000 Canadians?
- In 2016, over 1/3 of nurse aids, orderlies, and patient service associates were immigrants?

FUN Fact about Canada!

When you say "The North Pole" most people think that's where Santa Claus lives! But did you know, the North Pole is not located on land but is actually an ice sheet about three meters thick which is floating over the Arctic Ocean. It is the most northerly point on earth, lies directly opposite the South Pole and is the point at which all lines of longitude meet. No country officially owns the North Pole but geographically, the closest countries are Canada and Denmark (via Greenland). It is considered to belong to international waters.

However, the North Pole is the mythical home of Santa Claus. As a public service, Canada Post provides mail service to Santa. Your child (or you!) can write a letter Addressed to Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada, HOH OHO before December 10th and you will receive a letter back!



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!

"HO HO HO!"

Meet SANTA CLAUS!

Santa Claus, also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa, is a legendary character originating in Western Christian culture who is said to bring gifts to the homes of well behaved children on the night of Christmas Eve or during the early morning hours of Christmas Day.



The modern character of Santa Claus was based on traditions surrounding the historical Saint Nicholas, the British figure of Father Christmas, and the Dutch figure of Sinterklaas. Some maintain Santa Claus also absorbed elements of the Germanic deity Wodan, who was associated with the pagan midwinter event of Yule and led the Wild Hunt, a ghostly procession through the sky. (Source Wikipedia)

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!



Show us your love for East Central Saskatchewan by contributing a photo (taken by you) that highlights the beauty of our area!

If your photo is selected, it will be highlighted in our Newsletter and you will **WIN an ECNWC prize!** Email photos to sallard@ecnwc.ca.

EXPLORE our Community!

Have you tried this new game called Crockicurl? Crockicurl takes two classic Canadian pastimes – crokinole (played with wooden checker-like pieces) and curling (played with rocks with handle) – and combines them into a popular new game that every Canadian can love.



In crokicurl, the game is played on an ice surface by sliding wooden curling rocks with handles attempting to remove the opponents' pieces, and scoring points by placing pieces closest to the centre, or in the "button". Yorkton has Crockicurl rinks and the equipment needed to play at the Silver Heights Park and Heritage Heights Parks. Why not get out and give it a try!



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.



The CP Holiday Train at Home

Entertainment /All Ages

- WHAT?** The Canadian Pacific (CP) Holiday Train Celebration is a virtual concert to get you in the holiday spirit! Fun for the whole family to view!
- WHEN?** December 12 at 7 PM
- WHERE?** ONLINE. Streamed LIVE on CP's Facebook Page at [facebook.com/canadian.pacific](https://www.facebook.com/canadian.pacific)
- COST?** FREE but recommended to donate to a local food bank if you are able to!



Project SCAR – Support for Covid-19 Adaptability & Recovery Program

- WHAT?** Community Future Ventures is hosting a series of webinars to help small businesses face the unexpected issues due to the pandemic.
- WHEN?** There are a number of sessions. Register for whichever interest you.
December 3 (9am – 12pm) – Excel
December 15 (9am – 11am) – Online Marketing Webinar by Media Growth
December 17 (9am – 11am) – Email Etiquette by Parkland College,
- WHERE?** ONLINE
- COST?** FREE but you need to preregister for the sessions you are interested in. Contact sallard@ecnwc.ca or our office for help registering.



Christmas

Holiday / All Ages

- WHAT?** Christmas, according to Christianity, is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ but this holiday is widely celebrated by people all over the world as well. In Canada, Christmas Day is a federal statutory holiday in every province and territory.
- WHEN?** December 25th (Boxing Day is December 26th)
- WHERE?** Celebrated in many households across the world. Many families have their own, unique, traditions that they follow each year. Some people put up a Christmas tree, exchange gifts, await the arrival of Santa Claus and/or cooks the same meal.



Multifaith Festivals in December

Buddhism	Dec. 8 - Awakening Day Dec 29 - Sanghamitta Day	Shinto	Dec 21 – Tohji-taisai (Grand Ceremony of Winter Solstice)
Christianity	Dec 25 – Christmas Day	Wicca	Dec 21 - Yule
Jainism	Dec 25 – Maunajiyaras (Day of Silence)	Zoroastrianism	Dec 26 – Death of Prophet Zarathustra
Judaism	Dec 11 to Dec 18 - Hanukkah		Dec 31 to Jan 4 – Ghambar Maidyarem

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

RECIPES

from
Around the World!



KUTIA Kutia is the ritual first dish of the twelve-course traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve Supper.

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| 2 Cups | Wheat | 2/3 Cup | Sugar |
| 3 Qts. | Water | 1/3 Cup | Honey, dissolved in 3/4 cup hot water |
| 1 Cup | Poppy Seed | 1/2 Cup | Chopped walnuts, almonds, or pecans |



Dry wheat in 250° F oven for 1 hour, stir occasionally. Wash, soak in cold water overnight. Next morning, bring wheat to a boil, simmer 3-4 hours, until kernels burst open.

Scald poppy seed, simmer 3-5 minutes. Drain, grind twice using the finest blade of food chopper. Set aside. Combine honey and sugar in hot water. Set aside. Before serving, add sweetened mixture, poppy seed and nuts to cooled, boiled wheat.

- Recipe contributed from "Ukrainian Daughter Cookbook"

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! What's your favourite recipe from your home country? Please email your recipe to sallard@ecnwc.ca. Selected recipes will be featured in our newsletter and you will win a prize from ECNWCI.

