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FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS, WE WISH YOU A SEASON FILLED WITH LOVE,  
LAUGHTER, AND THE TRUE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!



***Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a season filled with warmth, kindness, and moments of peace. We are deeply grateful for our community and the care, support, and generosity you show throughout the year.***

***As the holiday season unfolds, we extend our deepest gratitude to the healthcare professionals, EMS, law enforcement officers, retail workers, road crews, and all essential workers who continue to serve in our province. Your commitment, resilience, and hard work keep our communities safe, cared for, and functioning. Whether you're responding to emergencies, providing comfort, keeping shelves stocked, or ensuring safe travel, your efforts truly matter. Thank you for the sacrifices you make and the dedication you show every day. You are deeply appreciated.***

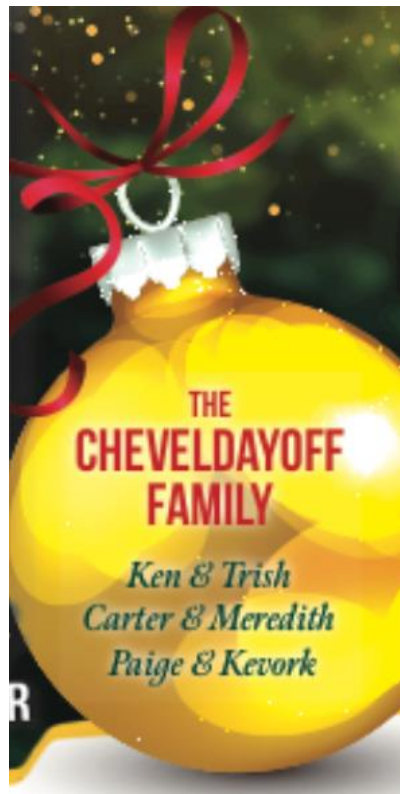
*We also hold in our thoughts those who may be finding this time difficult. May compassion guide us, and may small acts of understanding and hope bring comfort where it's needed most.*



*Thank you for being part of our journey.*



*With gratitude and heartfelt Christmas wishes to you and your loved ones.*



**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BERNADETTE McINTYRE 2025 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**



**Hello! Bonjour! Tansay! Happy holidays!**

**As our Monarch's representative in Saskatchewan, it is my pleasure to extend season's greetings on behalf of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada. And I offer my own best wishes as well, to you and yours at this *most wonderful time of the year.***

**Looking back over 2025 - it certainly has been a momentous year for me and my family!**

**I was installed as the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on January 31st, in our province's Legislative Building. It was an amazing experience.**

**Over the years, I had often said that being the Lieutenant Governor must be the best job ever. I am happy to report that I was right!**

**In my role, I am fortunate to play a part in recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding individuals. I present our province's highest honours - the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, and the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal - to people who have excelled in numerous ways to the benefit of our province and beyond. Hearing their stories is inspiring.**

**I also present exemplary service medals to police, fire fighters, paramedics and other emergency personnel. It is important to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of those who ensure our health and safety.**

In addition, I was delighted to recognize numerous remarkable people in His Majesty's name by bestowing King Charles the Third Coronation Medals.

In May, I had the incredible honour of visiting His Majesty in person. My husband Rich and I were thrilled to travel to London, England to visit with The King in the spectacular surroundings of Buckingham Palace! It was an unbelievable experience. The King gave us a warm welcome, and we were struck by his interest in, and knowledge of, our province.

Rich and I met the King again less than two weeks later! During the Royal Couple's visit to Ottawa, we chatted with them at their tree planting ceremony, and again at the reception for Viceregal representatives from across the country.

His Majesty was in our national capital to perform the highly significant and symbolic act of reading the *Speech from the Throne*. Usually, the speech is delivered by the Governor General. Last May was the first time our sovereign had read a Throne Speech in Canada in 48 years!

I was honoured to sit in the Chamber with other dignitaries to witness that momentous occasion. The highlight was the end of the Speech when King Charles said those memorable words: *The True North is indeed Strong and Free*.

On October 22nd, I read a throne speech for the first time as a part of my constitutional duties. The speech outlined the provincial government's plans for the coming session; the opening of the legislature and the throne speech are important to our parliamentary procedure. Serving as the Lieutenant Governor is an immense honour, which I take very seriously and also thoroughly enjoy!

The majority of my time is spent at community celebrations such as sports competitions, pow wows, exhibition openings, plays, concerts, festivals, teas and galas. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in local events, meet friendly people and learn more about our province.

I also have the pleasure of hosting events at Government House in Regina. By far the largest of those is the *Lieutenant Governor's Canada Day Celebration*. On July first, my husband and I hosted thousands of guests, sporting red and white attire, and big smiles, as they had fun taking in the activities and the entertainment.

These community events would not be possible without hard-working volunteers. When you give from the heart, good things happen. In this season of giving, I am especially grateful to everyone who gives their time, energy and funds to worthy causes.

And, I am grateful for opportunities the holidays provide to gather with family and friends. However, the festive season is not joyous for everyone. Thank you for remembering those who are in need of care and attention.

**I am eager to see what the new year has in store. I invite you to join me on January first to kick off 2026 at the annual *Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee* in Government House, all decked out in Yuletide splendor.**

**On behalf of my family and staff, I wish you health, happiness, and prosperity throughout the holidays and into the new year.**

**Joyeux Noël! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!**

#### **PREMIER MOE'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**



**On the night of Jesus' birth, a light shone in the sky...**

**"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Matthew 2:10)**

**The three wise men followed that light. To find the newborn to bring him gifts and worship.**

**They followed that star to find the light of Christ.**

**Lights continue to shine at Christmas.**

**The lights on our trees that illuminate our families gathering together.**

**We watch our children's eyes light up on Christmas day as they wait to open gifts.**

**We see the light and hope that volunteers bring to others throughout the year but in particular during this Christmas season.**

**In a world that - at times - feels dark, we all have the opportunity to be that light for others.**

**Gather friends and sing carols at a nursing home... light up the lives of those who might be alone this season.**

**Bring a meal to a neighbour.**

**Donate toys to children who might not have gifts this year.**

**Drop off socks and mittens at a shelter.**

**We all know someone whose family can't make it home for Christmas... invite them over for dinner.**

**Being a light doesn't require large public displays.**

**The smallest light brightens the night.**

**If you are feeling blessed this holiday season, be a blessing - a light - to someone else.**

**My wife Krista and I - along with our family - wish you and your family a very merry Christmas.**

**May it be filled with light. We wish you a very merry Christmas... and bright, hopeful new year.**

**Be sure to watch Premier Moe's Christmas Q & A's [here](#): [\(6\) Facebook](#) /**

**CARLA BECK'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**



**Hi, I am Carla Beck, leader of the official opposition. Author Nora Roberts once said, nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree in the living room. And that pretty much sums up how I feel about Christmas.**

**It's my favorite time of the year when families gather, when we're able to slow down a bit and enjoy each other's company for a little while, the troubles of the world fade and we celebrate what brings us together. It's a time to take down those dusty boxes that we store away all year, the ones that are filled with our better angels. Angels of kindness, angels of compassion.**

**Christmas is a time that reminds us to think of others, about doing something extra special for your neighbour, or giving a little more generously to a local charity, maybe phoning an old friend who's had a tough year. Because when we do these things, our hearts become fuller, our lives become richer, and we move closer to the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Whether this is your first Saskatchewan Christmas, or your hundredth, no matter how you celebrate or who you celebrate with, let's all open our hearts and work**

**together during this season to build a better province that brings peace and joy to everyone.**

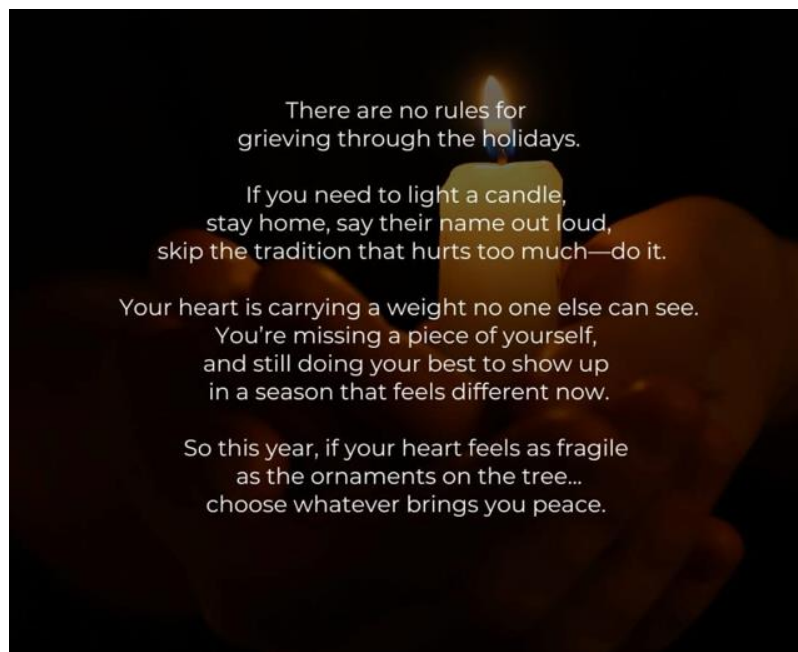
**On behalf of myself, my family, and the entire Saskatchewan New Democrat official opposition, we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2026.**

### **REMEMBERING THOSE NOT WITH US**

***Somewhere between the laughter and the noise, we feel the quiet pull of someone who should be here.***

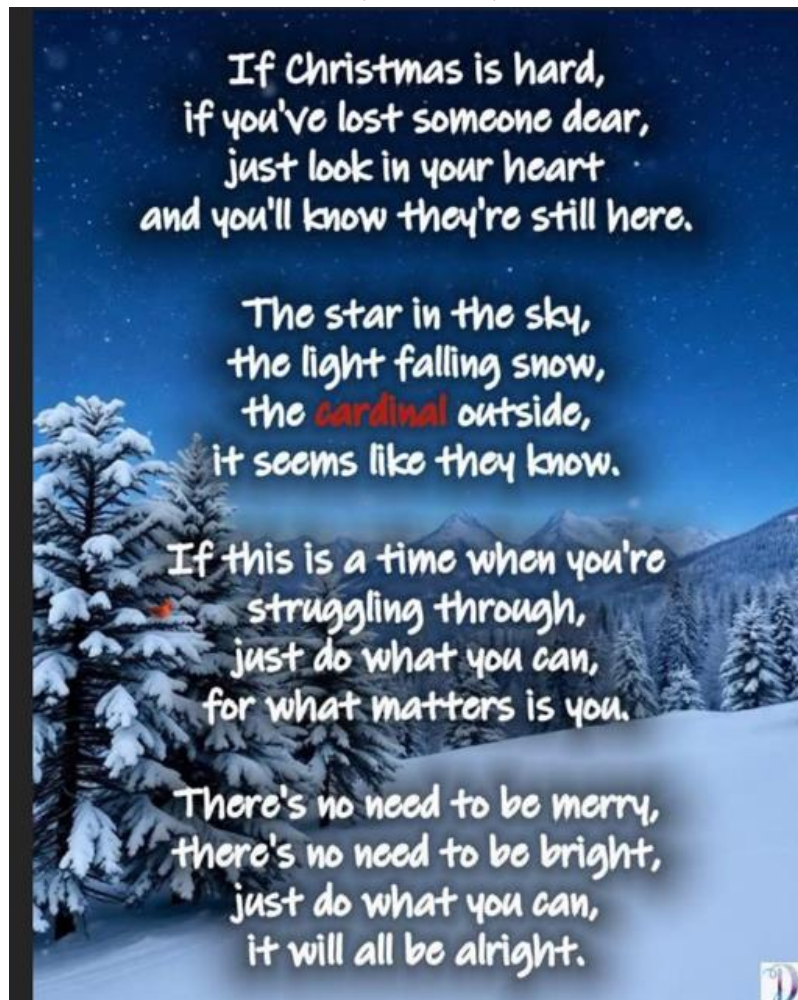
***This season reminds us that love doesn't disappear it simply changes how it shows up.***

***So many are remembering , missing, and loving quietly right now.***



***This holiday season, many are feeling the absence of loved ones who are no longer with us. I know their absence might make moments feel quieter, traditions feel different, and memories bittersweet. But in those quiet spaces,***

*love remains—a love that time, distance, or even loss cannot erase.*



*Take a moment to honour them, whether it's through a favorite tradition, sharing stories, or simply holding them close in your heart. Their light still shines in the warmth of your memories and in the love you share with others.*

It'll be a little different this year. ❤️



Sending love to anyone whose  
greatest wish this holiday season  
is that someone they've lost  
could be here to share it.  
May your heart find a little joy  
to hold alongside the pain.

Lori Deschene / tinybuddha.com

***Know that it's okay to grieve, to remember, and to celebrate all at once. They are with you—in every cherished memory, in every heartfelt smile, and in the love that carries on.***

**SPECIAL THANKS!**



*This Christmas, we extend our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women of our military who sacrifice so much to protect our freedom. While many of us are surrounded by family and friends, many stand watch, often far from home, ensuring our safety and peace.*

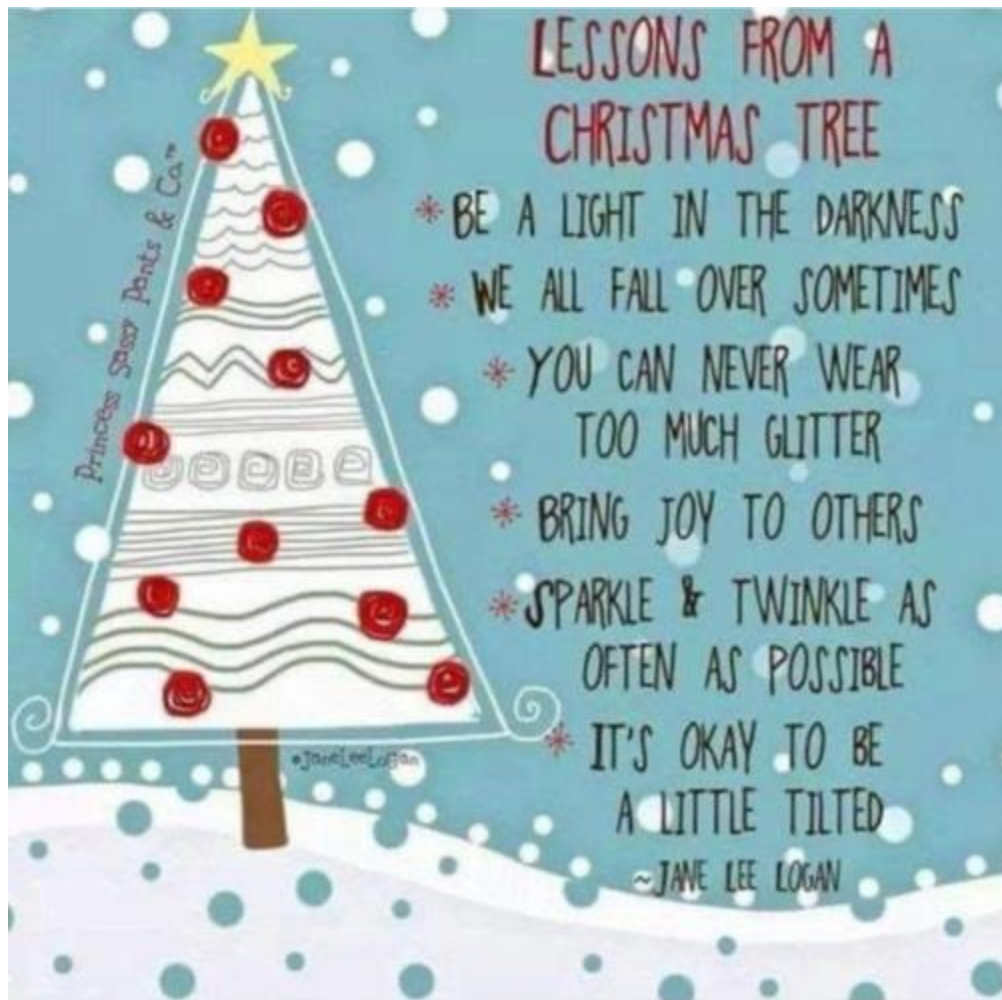
*To you and your families, thank you for your courage, dedication, and sacrifice. May you feel the warmth of our gratitude and the love of those you serve, no matter where you are this holiday season.*

THE JOYS OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON...  
SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, EXPERIENCES, TIME, MAKING  
MEMORIES



*As the year unfolds, it's easy to measure our days by what we hoped would happen and what still feels out of reach. But maybe this season isn't about chasing every goal or checking every box. Maybe it's an invitation to pause, look around, and notice what's already here ...the challenges we've faced, the people who've shown up for us, the small moments that quietly carry us forward. Gratitude doesn't mean giving up on dreams; it means honouring the present while we continue to work toward our goals.*

*As your MLA, I will always work to ensure Saskatoon Willowgrove and our province remain great places to live, work, and raise a family. Together with my colleagues, we will continue addressing the issues that matter most to you in the year ahead.*



**SASKATOON WINTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN - WARMING LOCATIONS**



## Saskatoon Winter Emergency Response Plan

### WARMING LOCATIONS

For questions about the strategy,  
please email [emo.eoc@saskatoon.ca](mailto:emo.eoc@saskatoon.ca)



### PARTNERS

#### DAYTIME

- **Canadian Mental Health Association**  
1301 Avenue P North  
306-384-9333  
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm
- **EGADZ**  
485 1st Avenue North  
306-931-6644  
Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm  
Sat 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Youth (Ages 12-19)  
Closed for Statutory Holidays
- **Prairie Harm Reduction Drop-In**  
1516 20th Street West  
306-242-5005  
Mon-Fri 10:00am-4:30pm
- **Saskatoon Friendship Inn**  
619 20th Street West  
306-242-5122  
Warm Up: 10:15am-11:30am  
Dine-in Meals: 8:00am-9:00am & 11:30am-1:00pm  
Take Away Meals: 8:00am-9:30am & 11:30am-1:30pm  
Open Daily
- **Station 20 West**  
1120 20th Street West  
306-343-9378  
Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm
- **Former STC Bus Depot Building (Operated by Saskatoon Tribal Council)**  
50 23rd Street East  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Women (18+)
- **The Bridge on 20th Fellowship Centre**  
1008 20th Street West  
Mon-Fri 8:05am-11:30am & 12:00pm-2:00pm  
Closed Dec 25-Jan 5  
Closed for Statutory Holidays

#### EVENING

- **EGADZ**  
485 1st Avenue North  
306-931-6644  
Mon-Sat 5:00pm-9:00pm  
Youth (Ages 12-19)  
Closed for Statutory Holidays
- **Former STC Bus Depot Building (Operated by Saskatoon Tribal Council)**  
50 23rd Street East  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Women (18+)
- **St. Mary's (Operated by Salvation Army)**  
211 Avenue O South (Entrance on 20th Street)  
306-244-6280  
Every day 6:00pm-9:00pm  
Men (18+)

#### OVERNIGHT

- **Former STC Bus Depot Building (Operated by Saskatoon Tribal Council)**  
50 23rd Street East  
306-956-6100  
Every day, 24 hours  
Women (18+)
- **St. Mary's (Operated by Salvation Army)**  
211 Avenue O South (Entrance on 20th Street)  
306-244-6280  
Every day 9:00pm-8:00am  
Men (18+)
- **White Buffalo Youth Lodge**  
602 20th Street West  
306-653-7676  
Every day 10:00pm-8:00am  
Youth (25 or younger)

### SASKATOON TRANSIT

#### SAFE BUS



Saskatoon Transit offers the Safe Bus Program designed to assist anyone, of any age, that needs immediate shelter or needs to contact emergency services. If you need help, simply and safely flag down a bus or go to a parked bus. Transit operators can contact emergency services directly through the on-bus radio system and will give the person in need a safe place to wait.

**WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATION - PROUD TO BE CANADIAN!**



**CHECK OUT THE 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY ON THE SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC  
SAFETY [AGENCY SITE](#)**

## 12 Days of Holiday Safety




### Day 7: Candle Fire Safety

[saskpublicsafety.ca](http://saskpublicsafety.ca)

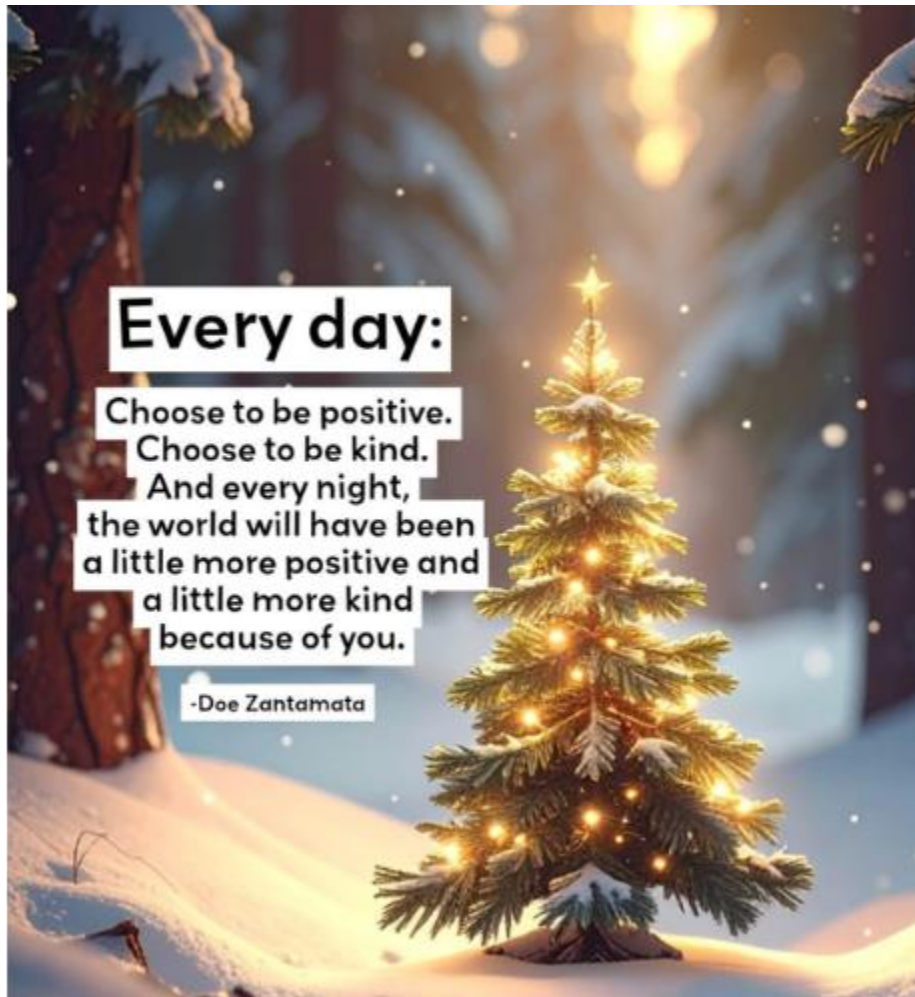
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PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY

#### Candle Fire Safety

'Tis the season for sparkle, not smoke! December is the busiest month for candle-related home fires. Stay safe when using candles:

-  Keep candles well away from anything that can burn.
-  Avoid placing them in high-traffic spots where kids or pets might bump into them.
-  Always blow them out before leaving the room or heading to bed.

Check out our safety tips before you light that  
wick. <https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/.../12-days-of-holiday...>



**SASKATCHEWAN PEOPLE ARE KNOWN FOR KINDNESS - A GENTLE REMINDER**



grieving a  
loved one



struggling with  
their mental health



spending the  
holidays alone



trying to hold  
it together



finding it hard  
to feel joy



struggling to make  
magic for the kids



navigating difficult  
relationships



working through  
the holidays



worried about  
the future

**A gentle reminder, someone you know is preparing for their first Christmas without someone they love ... a husband, wife, parent, sibling, child, friend. Someone else is preparing for their last. For others, it is another year they're trying to get through with a smile that doesn't quite reach the eyes.**

**The holidays highlight love but they also highlight absence. So if some seems quieter, more tired, or a bit distant, don't assume they're ok. Just because we are surrounded by bright lights and cheerful music, struggles don't pause for Christmas.**

**Be gentle. Check in. Show Up. Offer patience where words fall short. A little kindness goes further than you can imagine.**

## A FEW FUN JOKES FOR THE KIDS!



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS



**Christmas is more than decorations, gifts, and festive celebrations. At its heart, Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ and the incredible gift of God's love to the world. May your heart be filled with the peace, joy, and hope of this holiday season.**

**CHECK THE HIGHWAY HOTLINE BEFORE TRAVELLING**



**Crews are often out before, during and after a snow fall. Typically, the busiest highways are cleared first before tackling less travelled roads.**

**Within 6 hrs – Our busiest/major highways**

**Within 12 hrs – About 300 - 1,500 vehicles daily**

**Within 24 hrs - Our least travelled highways**

**Check the Highway Hotline before you head out and Stay Safe! For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3YbVum0> and [Saskatchewan Highway Hotline](#)**

# Drive Safe This Holiday Season

Weather can change fast.  
**Check the *Highway Hotline*** for  
road conditions and remember  
to give snow plows plenty  
of room.

Download the app or access the provincial road information service online  
at <https://hotline.gov.sk.ca/map> or by calling 511 to select the highway and hear the  
latest available road conditions.

**SOME OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN AND AROUND OUR SASKATOON  
WILLOWGROVE CONSTITUENCY - THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS  
EFFORTS**



## EVERGREEN



**455 Mahabir Crescent** | This is up from dusk to 2 AM, the lights will be on 24/7 starting mid-December.

## ERINDALE



**Erindale Lake** | A collection of beautifully-lit houses around Erindale Lake make for a lovely sight for passersby!

**Forsyth Crescent** | You might want to take a drive down Forsyth Crescent! A number of residents have outdone themselves with festive fun!

**Bornstein Crescent** | If you love the themed blocks, make sure to check out Bornstein Crescent! They have Christmas displays with a Berenstain Bear theme!

**2215 Kenderdine Road** | This home is all decked out with sugary goodness.

## FOREST GROVE



115th Street West | It sounds like this is a pretty cool display to get you into the spirit.

**FAMILY FUN SASKATOON HAS DONE A GREAT JOB HIGHLIGHTING AREAS AROUND THE CITY. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT:** [Christmas Lights in Saskatoon 2025 | Family Fun Saskatoon](#)

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT THESE OTHER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS!**



## OPTIMIST HILL IS OPEN!






Check their website for hours of operation: [Optimist Hill – Go Play Outside!](#)  
Stay tuned to [our socials](#) and websites for updates, and everything else happening at the hill.

## ENCHANTED FOREST - A TREASURE IN SASKATOON



It's that time of year again, Saskatoon's most magical traditions, the [BHP Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour!](#) 🌲💡  
Bundle up, hop in the car, and take in over a million twinkling lights as you drive through one of Canada's most spectacular holiday displays. 🌲🚗  
Whether it's your first visit or an annual family tradition, the magic of the Enchanted Forest never gets old.

 **14** NOW - January 4, 2026  
 Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo  
 Tickets available now at the gate!

### SNOWSHOEING!



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**.Do you have a favourite place to snowshoe?**  
**We've got a list of some of the best spots to snowshoe in and around Saskatoon.**  
**Find it here:** <https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/snowshoeing/>

### GLOW SASKATOON



**503 Ruth St W, Saskatoon, Saskatoon, SK, Canada, Saskatchewan**  
**(306) 931-7149**  
**contactus@prairielandpark.com**  
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## THE HOLIDAY MAGIC OF GIVING MOMENTS, NOT THINGS

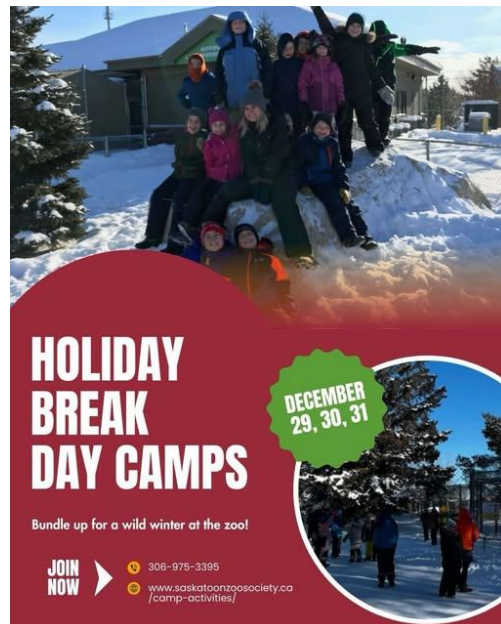


Still stuck on Christmas gifts? Experience-based gifts are a great way to surprise loved ones with something meaningful! 📺

These gifts create stories that last far longer than the holidays. Read our blog to explore experience-based gift ideas available right here in Saskatoon.

 : <http://discoversaskatoon.com/.../the-holiday-magic-of...>

## HOLIDAY BREAK DAY CAMPS AT THE ZOO



Do you still need to work while the kids are out of school during the holiday break?! No worries, we've got you covered! Camp days available December 29, 30 and 31. Sign up for all or just the one you need. We will stay busy playing games, crafting,

and meeting our animal ambassador friends. - bring all your snow gear as we will go outside for zoo walks and playground time! [\(3\) Facebook](#)

#### YOUR LATEST GOVERNMENT NEWS RELEASES



[All I Want for Christmas is you to Check the Highway Hotline and Give Snowplows Space | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Public Survey Open for Independent Review of 2025 Saskatchewan Wildfire Season | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

Share your experience



Participate in the Public Survey  
for the **2025 SK Wildfire Season**

All residents have an opportunity to be heard

**MNP**

[Saskatchewan Exports Continue to Support Food and Energy Security Worldwide | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)

[Skate the Park at Echo Valley Provincial Park Opens Boxing Day | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



[Illegal Outfitting Scheme Uncovered at Saskatchewan Game Farm | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#)



**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

**Cherish each moment  
this holiday season, for  
these are the memories  
that warm our hearts  
year after year.**

If this Christmas  
gives you nothing but  
time with the people  
you love, that's  
already a gift beyond  
measure.



.-Happy Soul-

***I hope you enjoy our newsletter. If you are no longer interested in receiving***

***this newsletter, please use the UNSUBSCRIBE button, located below.***

***I appreciate the opportunity to make a positive difference in our constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.***

***If you would like me to recognize anyone or have your event mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.***



***Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your MLA. I am committed to working for you and your family. Please reach out, I look forward to hearing from you.***

***Again, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.***

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