Check out what's happening in Saskatoon Willowgrove and throughout the Province!



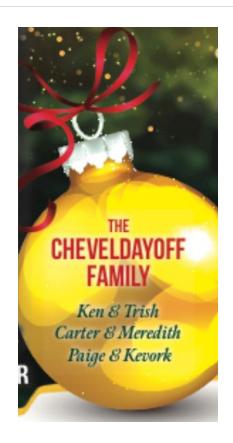
FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!



As the Christmas season surrounds us with beautiful lights in our communities, familiar carols, and the warmth of cherished traditions, let us take a moment to truly embrace the spirit of this special time of year. Whether it's gathering with loved ones, sharing heartfelt gifts, or simply enjoying the quiet beauty of a winter's night, may we all find moments of peace and gratitude.

Christmas is more than just a day on the calendar—it's a feeling, a reminder of kindness, generosity, and the joy found in making lasting memories.

Trish, Carter, Meredith, Paige, Kevork and I send our warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Christmas this week.

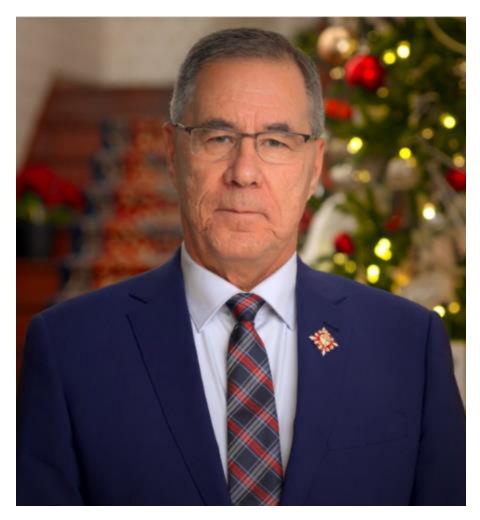


From our hearts to yours, we wish you a season filled with love, laughter, and the true joy of Christmas.



From my family to yours, I wish you a Merry Christmas!

2024 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RUSS MIRASTY



Hello! Bonjour! Tansi! Happy Holidays!

This season of celebration and goodwill is also a time for reflection. As the festive season arrives, 2024 is on its way out, and it has been an eventful year.

Representing our Sovereign is an extraordinary privilege. As Donna and I have travelled throughout our beautiful province, in addition to enjoying the magnificent forests, lakes and rivers of the north, and the grasslands and rolling hills of the south - we have experienced the kindness and strength of the people of Saskatchewan.

I would like to thank every community and organization that has invited us to attend a tea, banquet, concert, pow wow, festival, parade - whatever the event - we have enjoyed it! We are truly grateful for the heartwarming welcome we received everywhere we visited. It has been a wonderful gift to attend such a wide range of events and to meet so many people.

None of those special occasions would have been possible without tremendous community support and committed volunteers. In Saskatchewan we can be proud of the quantity and quality of our volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who donates their time, talents and funds to food banks, shelters, charities, service groups and wherever there is need. Giving reflects the true spirit of the holidays.

For many of us everything is "merry and bright" as we make memories with our loved ones, but what is a joyous time for some, can be lonely for others. I applaud all of you who look out for your neighbours and offer a helping hand.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my role is acknowledging those who make significant contributions in their communities. It is particularly gratifying to reward the sacrifice and service of our emergency personnel, through Exemplary Service Medals and other awards.

Last year, on May 6th, our new monarch was crowned at Westminster Abbey. This May, on the one-year anniversary of the coronation, the *King Charles the Third Coronation Medal* program was launched. This national program honours Canadians for their exceptional contributions and accomplishments. It has been a great pleasure to present Coronation Medals to outstanding recipients from right here in our province.

Another highlight this year was hosting our largest public event - the annual *Canada Day Celebration*. Once again thousands of people joined us on the grounds of Government House for a fun-filled afternoon featuring multicultural entertainment.

I invite you and yours to our next major occasion - the 2025 *Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Day Levee* on January first from 1 to 4 p.m. Join us to celebrate in Government House, all decked out in Yuletide splendour!

As 2024 comes to a close, I would like to thank the dedicated team at the Lieutenant Governor's Office. As well, I would not be able to do my work without the constant support of my wife Donna and our family.

In closing, I am pleased to extend seasons greetings on behalf of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada, and to share greetings with you in my first language of Woodland Cree.

Nitha ikwa Donna ni-cawasimisinanak, nosisiminanak.

Nipakosithitinan kahkithaw

Kita mitho makosikisikanisik

ekwa kita mitho ocimikisikansik.

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



Faith... Hope... Love!

In a world that seems ever more chaotic, these are the things that we should seek... first in ourselves... and in others.

Faith in the people around us... faith that the people we encounter are fundamentally good.

I know we are all so very busy this holiday season...

But let us all take a minute... and pause to see the good in those that we meet.

Let us have faith that by helping others we can make a positive difference... in our own lives... in their lives, or in our communities.

Hope...

Hope for the people around us...

Hope for a more peaceful world...

Hope for a bright future for our neighbours... for our coworkers... and for our children... and grandchildren.

And love...

Love for... yes... our family and friends... but also for those who are struggling and need a helping hand.

Showing that love doesn't require grand gestures...

It can be small acts of kindness...

Take a meal to a neighbour that you know is alone this Christmas season...

Stop to help push someone's car that is stuck in the snow...

Donate toys to a local charity so a child can have a happy Christmas...

It was love that sent Jesus to us as a baby... the reason that we celebrate Christmas.

It is that love shown to us that allows us to have faith and hope for a bright future.

As we gather with friends and family this Christmas season, let us focus on these...

Faith... Hope... Love.

From my wife, Krista, and myself... and from our family to yours...

We wish you a very merry Christmas... and bright, hopeful new year.

CARLA BECK'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



I wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone here at the Saskatchewan NDP caucus. Now, no matter how you celebrate this holiday season, I do hope you get to spend time with your loved ones and those close friends. As 2024 comes to an end, like many of you, this is my very favorite time of the year.

What makes it special to me are the traditions that we've built, and that we look forward to every year. Our family will be heading back home to Lang. We've got a big family. We always look forward to things like lacing up the skates and hitting the local rink. Who doesn't love a good cheesy Christmas movie, some of which were filmed right here in our beautiful province with our talented film crews.

This really is a season of hope, of generosity and a season of gratitude. And it's a season that reminds us of what we should all strive for all year long. I do want to take a moment to pay special recognition to those front-line workers who will continue to work right through the holidays. Those who have dedicated themselves to public service.

I know that they'll be sacrificing time with their own families this holiday season to keep us all safe. And I want to say thank you for all you do. Oh, this is the year that has flown by. Blink of an eye. But it really has been incredible on so many fronts over the last few months. I've had the absolute privilege of traveling right across this province, and while I've always been very proud to call Saskatchewan home, I find myself filled with an even deeper admiration and respect for the hard working people right across this province.

People in Saskatchewan are kind, we're known for taking care of each other and for getting things done. And I think that's never more true than during the holiday season. This really is a season of giving. So with that in mind, I encourage all of you to do what you can to donate to a local food bank, shovel your neighbours walk, or even consider volunteering for a local charity.

Let's really come together this holiday season and give back to a community that has given us so much in 2024. Now we know that there are people for whom the holidays can be a struggle, and if we can all help out where we can, a little goes a long way. Remember, our provincial motto is from many people's strength and Saskatchewan has always been stronger together.

As we look forward to the new year in 2025, we know there's still more work to do, but we also know that we can build something better. And I truly believe this because I've seen what's possible when Saskatchewan people come together and I'm more hopeful than I ever have been before. And that hope feels good. So, no matter where you live, who's at your table from all of us at the Saskatchewan NDP caucus, from our families to yours, I wish you a very merry Christmas and all the best in 2025.

HAPPY HANUKKAH



Wishing everyone celebrating, a Happy Hanukkah!

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, celebrates the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days in the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. It's a time to reflect on resilience, faith, and hope, as well as to celebrate with loved ones through lighting the menorah, enjoying traditional foods like latkes, and sharing meaningful moments together.

May this season bring light, joy, and peace to your home. Chag Sameach!

REMEMBERING THOSE NOT WITH US



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 honor 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.



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.

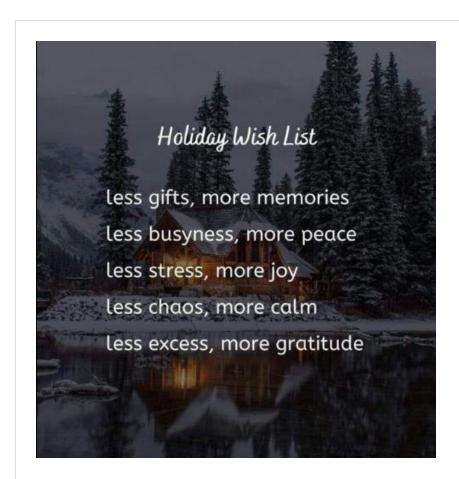


This Christmas, we extend our deepest gratitude to the brave men and women of our military who sacrifice so much to protect our freedom. While many of us are surrounded by family and friends, many stand watch, often far from home, ensuring our safety and peace.

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.

Merry Christmas, and may you find moments of peace and joy.

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





- Be 1. BUY PRESENTS
- 2. WRAP GIFTS someone in a hug
- 3. SEND GIFTS love Donate
- 4. SHOP FOR FOOD
- 5. MAKE COOKIES memories

Be 6. SEE THE LIGHTS

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SASK PARKS OFFERS FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR VISITORS TO ENJOY



Saskatchewan residents can enjoy an exciting winter season in provincial parks with a wide range of winter events and activities. From snowshoeing to ice skating to cross-country skiing, Sask Parks has so much to offer in this magical season.

"Winter is a big part of our life in Saskatchewan and our goal is to make this season one to remember," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Alana Ross said. "There are many unique experiences and fun outdoor adventures that will make our Provincial Parks a thrilling destination this winter."

Sask Parks Offers Fun Winter Activities for Visitors to Enjoy | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan

CHECK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE ALL 12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY









Each home should have a:

- · carbon monoxide alarm
- · smoke alarm
- · fire extinguisher
- · first-aid kit



12 Days of Holiday Safety

Day 1 - Holiday preparedness

saskpublicsafety.ca



The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) encourages residents to stay safe and prepared this holiday season. Participate in the 12 Days of Holiday Safety campaign throughout the festive season.

Kick off the 12 Days of Holiday Safety with us! From now until December 23, we'll share tips to help you stay safe this holiday season.

Day 1: Holiday Preparedness.

The holidays are a time for celebration, but they also come with increased fire risks. Be prepared by:

🌑 Test your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm.

Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Stock your first-aid kit.

Learn more about how to safely prepare for the holidays by

visiting: https://bit.ly/4gjPWgr

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FAMILY FUN IN SASKATOON!





SKI TRAILS

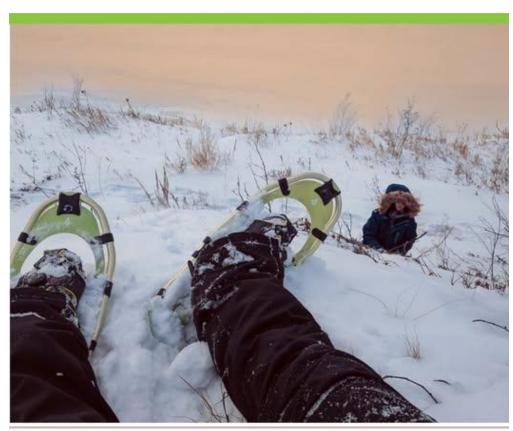
Does your family love cross-country skiing? We've got the snow-down on where to find the best trails in Saskatoon. Whether you're new or experienced, there are plenty of amazing places to enjoy the season with your kids. You can find out guide

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../best-places-to-cross.../



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GUIDE | Do you have a favourite light display in Saskatoon? See if it's on our list! (If not, let us know so we can add it.) We've been adding to our Christmas lights list and hope we can create a nice holiday break for you. All you need to do is take time and enjoy the lights. Find our guide

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/christmas-lights/





SNOWSHOEING

WHERE TO SNOWSHOE | We are looking forward to our time off over Christmas and one of our goals is to get out and snowshoe. Last year, we had no snow over the holidays so we are planning to take advantage. If you're looking for a great place to snowshoe, we've got a list of our favourite spots. If you have any to add, please let us know. You can find our list

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/snowshoeing/

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY FEATURED

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST



Event November 16, 2024-January 5, 2025

The BHP Enchanted Forest, a special holiday event of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park. Open November 16, 2024- January 5, 2025. This unique partnership has provided the citizens of Saskatoon and visitors from throughout Saskatchewan and beyond with the spirit of the Holiday Season for over 25 years. Saskatoon is proud of the BHP Enchanted Forest, one of the longest-running and best Christmas light shows in Canada. The Foundations and our Sponsors invite you to enjoy the light show from the comfort and safety of your own vehicle again this special holiday season.

GLOW SASKATOON



Don't miss this incredible event!

YOUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SASKATOON'S HOLIDAY MARKETS



Check out the many holiday markets in our city! Your Ultimate Guide to Saskatoon's Holiday Market Magic | Discover Saskatoon

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AND SHOWS IN SASKATOON





CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Fa la la let's get the season rolling with some fabulous Christmas Concerts and Shows in Saskatoon! It's Christmas time in the city! There's something for every artistic taste in Saskatoon so bundle up and get your Christmas-on at these fantastic shows. We've got a list ready for you to check out

here: https://www.familyfuncanada.com/.../christmas-concerts.../

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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.

JUST THE LINKS



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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

This Christmas end a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonder of Earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it yet Once again.

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

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