

**NORTH CENTRAL INNER CITY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

*Murray Giesbrecht, Co-ordinator*

If you see several youth in the North Central and Core area of Regina wearing bright red and yellow vests, cutting grass, trimming weeds, cleaning up garbage, and assisting residents in making a visible improvement in their communities, they are not city workers. They are this year's participants in the North Central Inner City Youth Employment Program. We are currently in the second year of the program building on the success of last year's North Central Employment Enhancement Project. Our program has been expanded considerably, and this year we are including the Core Community as part of our Community Work initiative.

The North Central Inner City Youth Employment Program began on May 8, 2006, and will run until April 30, 2007. This year we will have two intakes of twenty youth, ages 18-29. The first started on May 8, 2006, and the second intake will be July 4, 2006. The youth will be working in the community from May 15 to August 30 with two work crews, one in North Central, and one in Core. Each crew will consist of one supervisor and five participants. After the second intake, the work crew will number fifteen participants. The types of services and activities that we will be providing this year include

grass cutting, weed trimming, demolition of small buildings, yard clean-up, cutting tree branches, garden work, painting (fences, garages, small buildings), minor exterior repair (fences, steps), maintenance of vacant lots, setting up/assisting for community events, and needle cleanup.



**Youth Employment Field Supervisors  
Elvie Stonechild and Candace Olsen**

The participants will also be developing communication skills, job readiness, and career exploration in our Personal Development Classes. The program offers training components in an Introduction to Trades, and Introduction to Computers. After completing the training components, the participants will gain valuable on the job experience through work placements. This year we will also include a Health and Wellness component that will be ongoing throughout the program. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in

fitness activities and seminars promoting positive life choices, in order to improve their health, well-being, and employment opportunities. Participants will be touring several organizations and businesses throughout Regina to broaden their view of employment possibilities, and to gain an understanding of the nature of employment positions.

We are very excited to embark on our program for the second year. We would like to welcome back to our staff from last year, Cecelia Rockel, our Assistant Co-ordinator & Personal Development Coach, Ray Van Dusen, Regina City Police Consultant, Christina Phipps, Community Worker from the Department of Community Resources, and Corey Matthews assisting in Community Activities

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and Outreach. We are pleased to welcome our newest members of the staff, Elvie Stonechild and Candace Olson as our Community Activities Supervisors. George Favel will be our Assistant Classroom Facilitator, and First Nations Cultural Consultant. The North Central Community Association will be administering the program again this year, we are very grateful to the Board for their support, and special thanks to Executive Director Rob Deglau and his staff for assisting us in the planning and administration of the program under tight deadlines. Thank you to Leila Francis, and the Core Community Association for being part of the program this year. We would also like to thank CanSask and Department of Community Resources for providing the funding required for this program, and special thanks for supporting our vision. I would personally like to thank all of our partners, and all the individuals putting in their time, sitting on our various committees.

We are looking forward to a successful year, and best wishes to our participants and their families.



**OUR LOGO** represents the strong vision of working together with the community of North Central to enhance the quality of life by representing, promoting, developing partnerships and unifying our community and its image through effective communication, programs and services.

## North Central Phone Numbers

### *Schools*

Albert	791-8539
Herchmer	791-8448
Kitchener	791-8516
Sacred Heart	791-7290
Scott Collegiate	791-8415
St. Luke	791-7248
Wascana	791-8528

### *Organizations & Agencies*

AIDS Programs South SK	924-8420
Albert Library	777-6076
Boys & Girls Club	565-6213
Bylaw Enforcement	777-7000
Chili for Children	359-7919
Community Assoc.	791-9888
Community Centre	777-7033
Community Mobile R Store	347-3224
Fire Safety (storage of materials, safe exits & smoke detectors)	777-7830
Four Directions	766-7540
Gathering Place	522-7494
IMCF	359-1096
Police	777-6450
Rainbow Youth Centre	757-9743
Regina Police Substandard Housing Enforcement Team	777-6399
Rental Housing Supplement Program	787-4723
Regina Inner City Community Partnership	777-6771
RQ Health Region	766-7755
Rentalsman	787-2699
SaskPower (electrical & natural gas related inspections)	566-2500
SCAN's number for receiving complaints	1-866-51-SAFER

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### **North Central Community Connection**

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The NCCA is an elected group of volunteers whose goal is to improve the neighbourhood in every way. The Board meets regularly in the Albert-Scott Community Centre.

**North Central Residents**

- Attended Community events, local churches and gathering places, state the issues that affect them and their community.

**Community Association** – in conjunction with the community, take those concerns and;

- Developed a community Vision and Action Plan
- Participated in a community wide Crime Prevention Audit
- Engaged the community through committees, events, and interviews for updates

**North Central Board**

- Elected by the residents of the community at an annual general meeting

**Sub-Committees of the Association**

- *Executive Committee* - Oversees the business of the board
- *Audit Committee* - Reviews the financial workings of the organization
- *Rental Registry* - A working group of residents and stakeholders addressing housing regulation issues.
- *Regina Inner City Community Partnership* – An intergovernmental working group dealing with legislative barriers to help the community achieve its vision
  - Housing Sub-Committee - A working group of residents and stakeholders in housing specifically dealing with barriers in housing development
  - Crime and Safety - A working group of residents and enforcement agencies dealing with specific issues in the community.
    - Housing inspection Task Force
    - Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods
  - Education - a Working group of residents and stakeholders in housing and how it relates to awareness of housing related programming,
    - RRAP, Tennant Rights, Centenary Affordable Housing Program, the Neighbourhood Home Ownership Program
  - Employment Development Strategy (EDS)
    - Working with skills development agencies and government develop a strategy to employ residents from the inner city
- *Inner City Youth Employment Program* - an initiative through the work of the EDS that hires up to 40 youth to work on the CPTED recommendations and take on the physical work of changing the environment as it relates to crime. Cleaning graffiti, cutting weeds, mowing lawns in common areas and cleaning up of vacant and abandoned properties. The result is on the job training with the goal of being fully employed at the end of the program
- *Employment Centre* - through recommendations of the EDS committee, begin to work with government, skills development groups and local business to develop a comprehensive employment centre for North Central.
- *Albert Library* - a self-sustainable committee of NCCA that oversees and manages the community library. One of the first locally run libraries in the province of Saskatchewan
- *Community Clean Up* - works with residents and community agencies to clean up neighbourhood bi-annually
- *CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)* A community strategy to reduce the incidence of crime
- *Hire Your Neighbour Program* - an offshoot of the CPTED work in getting neighbours to help neighbours with home repairs, maintenance etc.
- *Together Now Inter-Agency Forum* - over 30 agencies working in North Central to share ideas and resources; meets 4 times a year throughout the community
- *Social Enterprise* - an initiative to bring together NC businesses and begin to develop economic and development policy and programs
- *Care and Share* - a committee supported by the association that deals with seniors' health and welfare and offers weekly luncheons

## Governor General Visits North Central



Canada's Governor General pictured with NCCA President Brenda Mercer

*Brad Deacon, Business Project Developer*

The Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency, Michaëlle Jean, took a walking tour of North Central on May 9, 2006. After meeting at City Hall, His Honour, Mayor Pat Fiocco led Her Excellency on a walking tour, discussing the both the needs and aspirations of the community. Mayor Fiocco took pride in showing her a number of new developments, and showing her ways in which our community is taking charge of itself – including the number of fine agencies as well as a number of houses being built and renovated.

Her Excellency was impressed by the community spirit she witnessed, and approved of the many positive changes happening within North Central. Speaking to a crowd gathered at North Central Family Centre, she was reminded of her own childhood and humble beginnings, living in cramped housing. Because she could relate to our community members, she was even more impressed by the measures we have taken as a community in improving the living situations, and in increasing the number of services available to our families and children.

Michaëlle Jean was Installed as the Governor General of Canada on September 27, 2005. Jean came to Canada as a refugee from Haiti in 1968. She obtained both a B.A. and Master of Arts Degrees at the University of Montreal. After spending more than seven years working in shelters for battered women, she became involved in journalism through a number of shows on Radio Canada, and later on CBC Newsworld and a number of shows since.

### OUR VALUES:

- All People
- Respect
- Caring
- Pride

## ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS



**Fire can  
happen  
anywhere,  
anytime.**



**Check your  
smoke alarms  
once a month.**

**IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO TENANTS

Did you know ...

As of January 1, 2006 all landlords were required to install hard-wired smoke alarms in all rental properties?

Do you have yours?

If not, contact your landlord ... or the Regina Fire Department at 777-7830





## A North Central Bouquet to... **Tom Wright**

Our very own Tom Wright, Past President of the North Central Community Association Board, was selected as a recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. There was a ceremony honouring Tom and about 70 others at a gala on March 22nd at the Ramada Inn.

Tom's many years of hard work for North Central and Rainbow Youth Centre, plus his being "always positive and promoting North Central," were given as reasons the Regina Police Service nominated him.

The medals were presented by the Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, who was unable to attend.

Congratulations Tom; we're very proud of you!



Deb Zerr

### **It's Finally Here! Community Clean Up**

To start things off this year, we are having a large community garage sale. We want everyone to have a Garage Sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. The weekend following the Garage Sale we are hosting a "Free For All" (swap meet) that will be held in the Scott Collegiate field. That same day we will be holding our Annual Community Clean Up.

Our goal is to pick up large items that do not fit in the alley dumpsters, usually left by people who do not have the means to dispose of them. We would like to encourage all residents to participate by placing large items alongside the dumpsters on that morning.

We are also looking for and welcoming anyone who would like to volunteer - the more support, the more successful the Clean Up will be!

The Clean Up starts at 9:00 <sup>a.m.</sup> and lunch will be provided to all those who volunteer their time to help make North Central a cleaner and safer place to live!



Watch the next issue of *Community Connection* for announcements about NCCA's 30<sup>th</sup> **30 YEARS** Anniversary Celebrations!

### **Income Tax Program a Huge Success!**

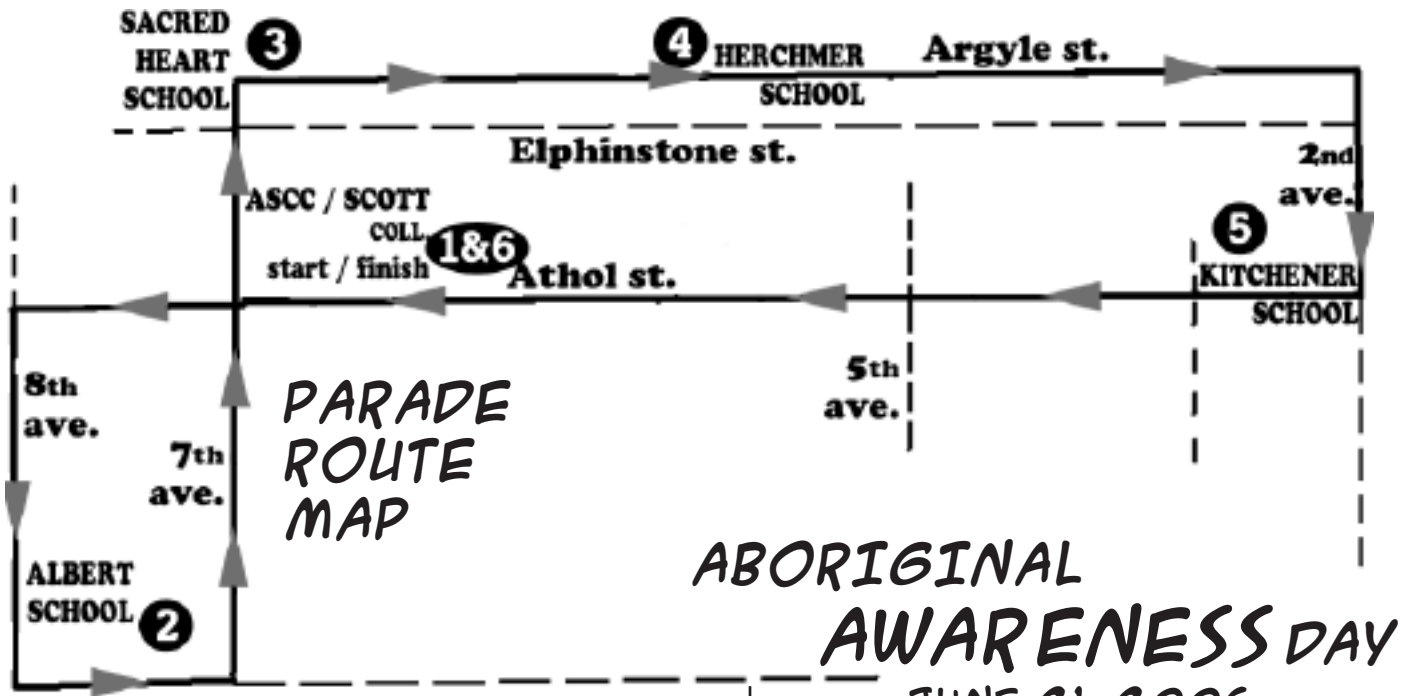
Another income tax season has gone by. On behalf of the North Central Community Association we'd like to thank all of the Volunteers: Lyle, Barry, Carol, Joyce, Henry, Malcolm, Bill, Mukesh for giving their time and services.

The **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** - which ran from March 1 to May 1 - was a success! The wonderful volunteers and staff, altogether did 940 taxes this year! We hope to see the volunteers next year.

### **GARAGE SALE!** **Healing Hearts**

**1453 Garnet Street  
Friday & Saturday  
the 16th & 17th of June  
from 9:00 <sup>a.m.</sup> - 5:00 <sup>p.m.</sup>**

**Donations Welcome  
proceeds to Mexican orphanage**



# ABORIGINAL AWARENESS DAY

## JUNE 21, 2006

Another new house being built in North Central. The list is close to 30 new housing starts in the area in the last year.



The partners are Albert Scott Recreation Centre, North Central Community Assoc. NC Community Police, Chili for Children, RAMP (Regina Alternative Measures), Canadian Armed Forces, Scott Collegiate, Herchmer, Kitchener, Sacred Heart, Albert Schools will be hosting their annual parade and Round Dance again this year. The parade will start at 9:00 a.m. and lunch will begin at about 11:30 a.m.

We start with a group here at the Rec Centre and continue picking up students as we go along. All of the elementary schools here in the community are involved. Along with students there will be Elders and volunteers who will be participating in the walk. By the end of the parade we will have close to 1,000 people in the parade which ends at the Scott. There will be a mini Round Dance and a lunch to follow.



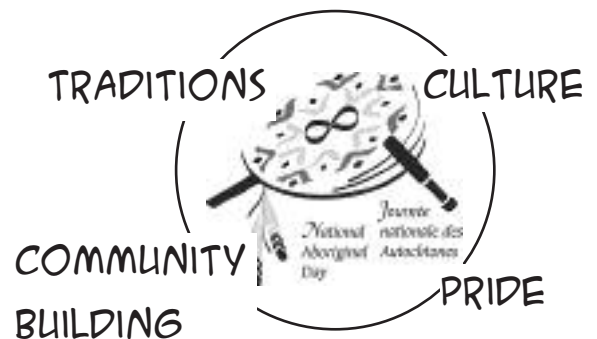
**Where?**  
Albert Scott  
Community Centre Park  
1264 Athol Street

**When?**  
Saturday August 19  
1 - 4 p.m.

**What?**  
FREE  
Food, Prizes,  
Giveaways & Fun!



**Regina Humane Society**

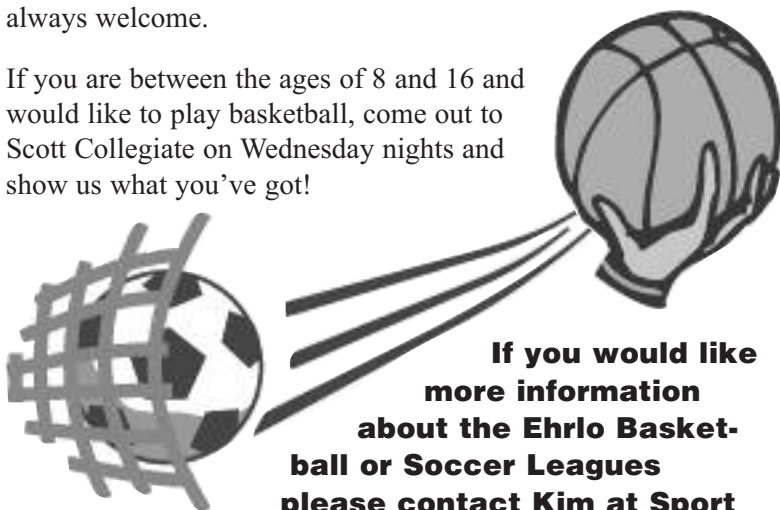


## Ehrlo BASKETBALL League in its 3rd Season

Ehrlo Basketball is back in North Central for the third year in a row! Operating out of Scott Collegiate, the Eastview Community Centre, and the Glencairn Neighbourhood Recreation Centre, the North Central Zone (Scott) is the largest of the three with over 50 youth participating only two weeks into the season!

The league offers pick-up type games at no cost, one night per week at each facility, in two age divisions: junior (youth aged 8 – 12) and senior (youth aged 13 – 16). At Scott Collegiate the junior division plays for the first half of the evening from 6:00 – 7:30<sup>pm</sup>, and the seniors for the second half from 7:30 – 9:00<sup>pm</sup>. Games are run by volunteers who do the scorekeeping and refereeing, and more volunteers from the community and beyond are always welcome.

If you are between the ages of 8 and 16 and would like to play basketball, come out to Scott Collegiate on Wednesday nights and show us what you've got!



**If you would like  
more information  
about the Ehrlo Basket-  
ball or Soccer Leagues  
please contact Kim at Sport  
Venture, 751-2411.**

## Ehrlo Community Services Pilots SOCCER League in North Central

If you're between the ages of 8 and 14 (grades 4 through 8), live in North Central or the Core Community, and are interested in playing soccer in July and August, come check out the Ehrlo Soccer League Skills Camp and Registration Day on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

The league is a partnership between Ehrlo Community Services, Sport Venture Program and the Regina Soccer Association (RSA) Zone Organizations and Clubs, to bring soccer to the inner-city during the summer months. The Skills Camp and Registration Day on June 17<sup>th</sup> will feature skills stations run by RSA members and will finish up with a BBQ in the late afternoon.

League play will take place the last two weeks of July and the first three weeks in August (after the week of Buffalo Days, August 2 – 6) from 6 – 8:00<sup>pm</sup> on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Parkdale Park and the Core Park (Pepsi Park) respectively.

## North Central Community



Be a part of the City's largest Garage Sale! As part of our community clean up this year we want to kick off the week by having the **largest community garage sale** ever! If you plan to have a garage sale or flea market on the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> we will advertise it and develop a map.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

A week later what you can't sell bring down to Scott Collegiate on June 24<sup>th</sup> and we are going to host the largest "free for all" (swap meet) in the city with our partners Regina Free Cycle. 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.



**that same day...**



## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

**put large items  
out beside your  
dumpster  
the night before**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO:**

- ✿ **volunteer**
- ✿ **help with the clean up**
- ✿ **sit on a committee**
- ✿ **cook hot dogs**
- ✿ **or just register your garage sale**

**GIVE US A CALL 791-9888**

## ALLEY ARTWORK PROJECT

The Regina Police Department, Regina Firefighters and volunteers in the community were out bright and early in the morning on Thursday, June 8. They participated in painting garbage bins in North Central with the students of Kitchener School. The garbage bin painting which ran throughout the day was divided into two sessions starting from 9:00 a.m. sharp to 12:00 p.m., with the second session starting at 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## EHRLO FAMILY PROGRAM

Available Immediately on Selected Suites

11 - one and two bedroom suites available at 1074 Retallack St. (Preference will be given to young mothers and their children).

A program designed for young single women who require a stable, safe and affordable housing and supports. There will be group activities and tenant meetings held regularly. On-site support staff and 24-hour emergency contacts. Referrals to community programs and services can be arranged. The building has security doors and a secured parking lot. There is a recreation area with a BBQ and a wide, open green space.

Contact:  
Shelly Sayer  
Ehrlo Community Services  
2910 - 5th Avenue  
Regina, SK  
(306) 751-5666



**Saturday, June 24**  
**NORTH CENTRAL**  
**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**  
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**Saturday, June 24**  
**NORTH CENTRAL**  
**COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
**791-9888 NEEDED!**

North Central Community Centre 1264 Athol St.  
For more information, contact the office at 791-9888

**Care & Share** Seniors Lunch \$4.00  
every Tuesday

will be off for the summer months of July & August and will resume September 5, 2006.

Care & Share serves up a lot of friendship, a nutritious meal and card bingo. There is a nurse on duty at all times, Tuesday 11:45 a.m.

There will be a special Father's Day lunch, August 1 at 12:00 noon here at the centre in the multi-purpose room



**Senior's**  
**Walking**  
**Club**

Monday,  
Wednesday  
& Friday  
8:00 to  
9:00 a.m.

here at the centre in  
the multi-purpose room.

Everyone is welcome to come on  
out and keep fit for free!



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**on purchasing**  
**THIS BIKE!**  
**PROTECT**  
**your investment.**

*Brad Deacon, Business Project Developer*

NCCA is happy to announce that we are rolling out an improved Bicycle Licensing program! As of August, 2004, NCCA has been administering the program for the City of Regina.

**Why should you license your Bike?**

**THEFT PREVENTION & RECOVERY** – having a bike license increases the chances of having your bike returned to you, if it is stolen

**ACCIDENT VICTIM**

**IDENTIFICATION** – Provides a means of identifying accident victims, especially children, who usually carry no form of identification

**MONEY FOR BIKE PROGRAMS** – license revenue is reinvested into the community to support a comprehensive bicycle recovery program

**IT'S INEXPENSIVE** – new licenses cost only \$5, and there is no annual renewal fee. Licenses are valid for as long as you own the bike – and the license can be transferred to a new owner for only \$2!

**IT'S EASY** – licenses are available at City Hall, and right here at North Central Community Association at Albert Scott. We've also partnered with several Regina retailers – you can buy your license at the same time that you buy a bike!

**IT'S THE LAW!** – every bike in Regina is required by law to be licensed. Period.

For more information on the licensing program, please call NCCA at 791-9888.



Make the **Connection**

**PLACE YOUR AD** in North Central's paper

**Reasonable Rates!**

**Call: 791-9888**



**Do you own a pet?**  
**Are you thinking of getting a pet?**  
**Are you interested in helping pets in your area?**

**... then stop by Pet S.T.O.P**  
**(Pet Supply and Training Outreach Program)**

Join the Regina Humane Society in collaboration with the North Central Community Society for a summer of learning and loads of fun! Directed primarily for youth aged 5-12, this program includes:

- Activities and games based on Animal Welfare and Pet Healthcare Topics
- Guest Speakers and demonstrations to help you care for your pet
- Storytelling, skits, crafts, and many more activities

**PLUS**

- Prizes and giveaways for you and your pet!

For more information contact Jennifer or Lisa at 543-6363 (ext. 224) or e-mail [pet\\_S.T.O.P.@hotmail.com](mailto:pet_S.T.O.P.@hotmail.com)



**Regina Humane Society**

**JOIN US**  
 at the  
**Albert Scott Community Centre**  
 1264 Athol Street

**Thursdays**  
**July 6, 13, 20 & 27**  
**August 7, 10, 17**  
**1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

**For an hour of fun and learning about our four-legged furry friends!**

**We welcome two-legged participants only. No pets please.**

# Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (Homeowner RRAP)

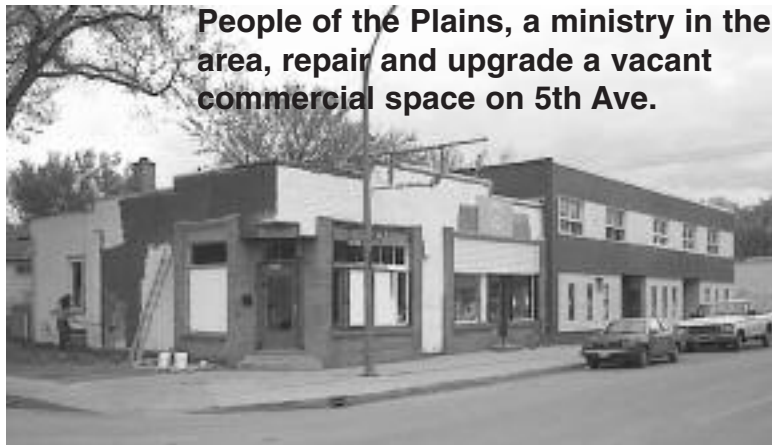
Homeowner RRAP is a repair program funded by the federal and provincial governments that assists low-income homeowners to upgrade their properties to minimum health and safety standards.

Homeowner RRAP offers a forgivable loan of up to \$16,000 in southern Saskatchewan.

For further information contact the Regina Housing Authority at 525-2377.



Saskatchewan  
Housing  
Corporation  
An Agency of  
Community Resources



People of the Plains, a ministry in the area, repair and upgrade a vacant commercial space on 5th Ave.

## North Central Community



**GARAGE SALE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 17**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 18**

**791-9888**

Register your garage sale or flea market for the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> we will advertise it and develop a map.

## IF YOU FIND A NEEDLE



*aids programs  
south saskatchewan*

If you find a needle  
on the ground  
Please call AIDS Programs  
South Saskatchewan

**924-8420**

We would be glad to come out  
and pick it up.

### Hours of Operation

9:00<sup>am</sup> - 12:00 noon,  
& 12:30 - 5:00<sup>pm</sup>  
Monday to Friday



Warren McCall, MLA

Hello - my name is Warren McCall, and I am the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency Regina Elphinstone – Centre, the constituency which encompasses ALL of North Central. I am also your neighbour – North Central is where I was born and raised, and it is where I make my home.

**In my job, it is my aim to work both FOR and WITH the people of Regina Elphinstone-Centre. If you require assistance with a provincial government matter, please contact my office.**

Regina Elphinstone-Centre

2900 5th Avenue • Ph 352-2002 • Fax 352-2065

E-mail: warren.mccall@sasktel.net



# Hire YOUR Neighbour!

Project Workers:  
Brad Deacon, Denita Stonechild, Crystal LaRose and Rob Deglau

North Central is setting up a new program! We're immediately doing an inventory of our neighbours' skills! We want to match those who are ready & willing to work within their areas of expertise (carpentry, clerical, housekeeping, electrical, painting, sewing, yard work, etc.) for their neighbours who need that help. Hire A Neighbour is now filling requested work orders.

For more information about intake of workers and work orders please contact Denita or Crystal at North Central at 791-9888.

What a great opportunity for NC residents to work and get help within their neighbourhood for a modest cost!



Are there any odd jobs you could use help with around the house? Housekeeping? Lawn Mowing? Painting or general yard maintenance? Please call North Central Community Association and ask about the **Hire Your Neighbour** program. 791-9888.

Affordable rates!

Looking for extra money? Do you have skills in carpentry? Plumbing? Electrical? We have residents who are need of these services. Give us a call and let's see if we can get you some part-time work. Contact the **Hire Your Neighbour** program at 791-9888.





# Service Canada

1 800 O-Canada | [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca)

## NORTH CENTRAL SERVICE CANADA CENTRE

**CALL: 780-6528 CLICK: [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca) VISIT: 2901 5th Avenue**

### What do we do?

The North Central Service Canada Centre is here to help you understand and find information on federal programs, benefits and services.

Think of us as your gateway to the Government of Canada. No matter what information you are looking for, we are here to help you find it.

### How can we help you?

We can help you find information on a number of programs such as:

- GST Rebate
- Employment Insurance
- Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security
- Canada Education Savings Grant
- Pleasure Craft Licenses

And much more...

### Job Corner

- Computer with Internet access for job searches
- Assistance using the Internet to find employment information and opportunities
- Free use of phone, fax and photocopy services related to job searches

### I.D. Corner

- Assistance finding online applications for various identification
- Help determining where to go to obtain various identification and understanding the steps involved in the process

### Social Insurance Numbers (SIN) *Coming Soon!*

- SIN issued instantly with proper identification
- SIN card mailed within two weeks