

## Semi-Annual Community clean up

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for volunteering!

On Saturday September 23rd the North Central Community Association held its Semi-Annual Community Clean Up, in which more than 30 volunteers took part. This time we were pleased to see many kids from the neighbourhood helping out; "I liked it because I got to sit on the back of a truck and help clean up the streets" said 13-year old Freddy Fox about his first experience helping on the clean up. City Council Wade Murray joined us again, as he has been doing for over 10 years now, and every year there is something new to remember, whether it's something funny or just the good feeling from the community spirit.



*1-800-GOT-JUNK?*

*Volunteer with our community clean up*

This Community Clean up became special because of the Rolling Stones concert. Not only did we put our best face forward to the people visiting for the event, but we were honoured to receive 10 tickets for the concert, donated by the **Leader Post**. These were given to the volunteers on a



*Office Manager Crystal LaRose & Kerry Bennett, from NCCA*

draw made by Rob Deglau, the Community Coordinator. Lunch was provided to the volunteers, just like the past clean-up by Red Lobster.



*Hot dogs being served by staff from Red Lobster*

North Central Community Association would like to thank all the volunteers who came out and helped make their neighbourhood a safer and better place to live in.

Thanks to the generosity of the **Leader Post**, these were the volunteers who got the opportunity to be at the Rolling Stones concert:

- Lorne Shiplack    - Monte Clements
- Claudette Frei    - Carol Burns
- Britney Murray

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Twice a year residents of North Central come out and hold a neighbourhood clean up. Tons of alley garbage is hauled away at each event. No sooner than we clean it up it seems to come back with a vengeance. Residents have continually called in and stated that they have seen commercial trucks and people not from this neighbourhood stop in our alleys and toss things into our dumpsters and on the ground and then drive away. As residents are you tired of having your neighbourhood used as a dumping zone? We need your help in coming up with a strategy to stop this invasion. We are not a dumping ground for the rest of this city. We care about our community and we proudly take care of neighbourhood. North Central Community Association would like to hear your opinion on this matter, how do we stop this illegal dumping?

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# Rental Housing

## From the Coordinator



Homeowners throughout the city have struggled with the effects of rental housing within their neighbourhood especially when rentals become run down. For decades inner city homeowners have on average seen their property prices stay stagnant and even declined due to the amount of slum housing within their community. Even today with the efforts by government to build new housing in North Central the same issue remains. The finished home costs more to build than what is spent building it. Poorer properties continue to devalue our housing prices. Government continues to struggle with solutions on how to turn this trend around.

Recently the community association did a study on the regulations that surround rental housing. What they found out was that throughout North America and around the world many municipalities have done some interesting and innovative things to improve the quality of housing. In England to become a landlord you have to go to school and become licensed, the same way a realtor is licensed to sell a house or an electrician is licensed to run wiring. In this scenario landlords have to prove that they understand the law and can maintain a standard of housing as laid out in their legislation. In some jurisdictions in North America if a landlord does not fix his property up, the rental money is withheld by the municipality and put towards the improvements.

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## 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       |
| 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,<br>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<br>Housing Enforcement Team               | 777-6399       |
| Rental Housing Supplement<br>Program                                | 787-4723       |
| Regina Inner City Community<br>Partnership                          | 777-6771       |
| RQ Health Region  | 766-7755       |
| Rentalsman  | 787-2699       |
| SaskPower (electrical & natural<br>gas related inspections)         | 566-2500       |
| SCAN's number for receiving<br>complaints                           | 1-866-51-SAFER |

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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

### OUR VALUES:

- \* All people
- \* Respect
- \* Caring
- \* Pride

# 30th Anniversary a big success!



*Brenda Mercer,  
President  
North Central  
Community  
Association*

Hello Neighbours,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who came out to volunteer for the NCCA 30th Anniversary!!! We really do have a great sense of community pride by working together as a team to make the many events this year happen. Thank you to all the sponsors who made donations which enabled us to dream big and make plans to engage all ages of residents.



*Come & go tearoom*

It is an honour to work with other board members of the NCCA and the office staff to help create a positive change in our community. Our office staff are some of the most hard working and dedicated people around and we really are thankful to have them. Lil Wright is also part of our staff and she continues to work very hard and takes great pride as our Community Nurse.



*Multipurpose room  
Albert Scott Community Centre*

The YEP (Youth Employment Program) group is doing an awesome job in the inner city and really is a wonderful group of role models. A big thank you to Murray Geisbrecht and staff for working together as a team and providing support and encouragement to the YEP.



*Crafts room was  
non-stop fun for the kids!*

Last but not least thank you to Jan Morier for all the countless hours you have contributed to the newsletter and any project that may involve your much needed desktop publishing skills.

Overall it has been a great year with the North Central Community Association and I am looking forward to 2007.

## Volunteer cook needed!

To plan, purchase and prepare a hot lunch for seniors every Tuesday.

**We will pay an honorarium for services**

For more information call the office at: 791-9888

## Care & Share

### Seniors Lunch every Tuesday only \$4.00

We welcome all seniors to come and join us and enjoy a nutritious meal and card bingo served up with a lot of friendship. There will be a nurse on hand at all times. Lunch starts at 11:45 a.m. at the Albert Scott Community Centre, for more information you can call: 791-9888.

## Walking Club

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 a.m.**



The program is designed to provide a safe place for adults to get together and exercise in a quiet comfortable setting and improve their physical fitness.

In case any problems occur, there is a staff member on hand at all times.



## Do you need help with general house cleaning?

We now have the services of a homemaker for your convenience, at a reasonable rate. Give us a call here at North Central Community Association and we'll be happy to help you. *Part of our Hire A Neighbour Program*

## Hire A Neighbour



### Looking for extra-money?

#### Follow these steps:

1. Look for the signs
2. Knock on the door
3. Ask what work they need to have done
4. Agree on the price
5. Do a great job!

This are some of the places where you can pick up a sign:

Palayga Medi-Drugs  
Sea Spray Laundry  
Dewdney Drugs  
Edward's Convenience Store  
Albert Library  
North Central Family Centre  
Stapleford Pharmacy  
Four Directions Health  
Grab Bag Confectionery

## Do you have good carpentry skills?

North Central Community Association could use your help, on building a podium. For more information call the office at: 791-9888

## Giving away \$19,500!

If you work in North Central you are eligible to receive \$19,500 to own your home in your community.

Centenary Affordable Housing Program (CAHP) Homeownership, offers a forgivable equity loan of up to \$19,500 based on household income and unit price.

Families with dependants, including single parent households, with gross household income of less than \$44,500 are eligible for the loan.

The program is open to new, existing and previous homeowners

Housing may be single family and semi-detached dwellings. Only homes that qualify are from Regina Housing current stock in North Central.

For more information call: toll free **1-888-338-3317** or **565-4483**

## Red Ribbon Place

The Red Ribbon Place project is a housing related centre that will serve the vulnerable people of Regina and specifically those of North Central.

The centre will have 12 apartments for affordable or transitional living; the other half of the centre will consist of a services & programs area that will create a supportive environment that will address addictions, crisis, self-esteem, health & social services and traditional cultural values, as well as house AIDS Programs South Saskatchewan and All Nations Hope AIDS Network.

Red Ribbon Place will be a community health & social centre built on 2700 block 5th Avenue.



**Warren McCall,**  
MLA

Hello my name is Warren McCall, and it is my privilege to serve as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

I was born and raised in North Central, and my wife and I are proud to call North Central our home. It is my aim to work with you and for you as we build a better North Central.

If you require any assistance with a provincial government matter, please contact my office

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**warren.mccall@sasktel.net**



**Wade Murray**  
Councillor,  
Ward 6

Hello everyone, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for your confidence during the election. I will continue to serve our community to the best of my ability.

If I can be of service please don't hesitate to call me

City of Regina 777-7000 Fax 777-6406  
E-mail: [wmurray@regina.ca](mailto:wmurray@regina.ca)



**is back!**

At the Grassick rink on Thursday nights! Contact Sport Venture at 751-2411 or come and see us Monday through Friday (1-5 pm) at 2730 5th Avenue to register or for more details.

## COMPUTERS FOR SALE!

Computers for kids is selling computers for less than ever before!

**You can buy now a starting computer for as low as \$50.00** All systems include a monitor, keyboard, CD drive, and mouse



with Windows 98 or later, Microsoft Office, virus and spyware checkers,

and network cards for immediate Internet access.

All standard systems are sold with 100% warranty for 6 months. Quantities may be limited. For more information and to get an application contact the North Central Community Association. -1264 Athol Street- 791-9888.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

**FREE Hot-Dogs**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 16  
1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

There will be warm-up tents provided by the Canadian Army

**Pictures with Santa!**



Coffee and tea room  
Card games, bridge, crib, bingo.  
Music, sports, crafts room  
Door prizes



**at the Albert Scott  
Community Centre**

**Want to go to church? No way to get there? No problem!**  
We can **PROVIDE - A - RIDE**

If you call by 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, one of our vans will pick you up, bring you to church, and deliver you back to your doorstep afterward.



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Website: [www.gatewayonline.ca](http://www.gatewayonline.ca)

**Sunday Morning Service / Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**

**Join us Dec. 24 for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

## Rental housing From the Coordinator (continued from page 2)

In Vancouver houses that become rental properties stop being taxed as homes and are classified as businesses since they use up more services than homeowner occupied dwellings.

The most practical solution is that in places throughout the United States houses that become rentals have to be inspected and a permit issued before they can legally be rented. These progressive municipalities have come to realize that to maintain the health of their communities, rental housing must meet an enforceable minimum standard. Here in Regina, rental housing regulations fall under numerous legislative acts and enforcement agencies. The City is in charge of the outside building, Health Dept. is in charge of the inside, Fire department is in charge of 4 suites and over and so on. In jurisdictions that have Rental Unit Licensing, only one group is needed to handle inspections and any house that does not meet code does not get rented. Here we see compliance at close to 100% with property prices in tune with suburban neighbourhoods.

The next step is to develop a strong advocacy team on rental housing to work with landlords, tenants and government to review our current practices and see if we can become more progressive in our legislation. If you are interested in becoming part of the Housing Legislative Review Team, please give me a call.

*Rob Deglau  
Community Coordinator*

## North Central Inner City Youth Employment Program

The North Central Inner City Youth Employment Program has had an exciting past few weeks. Half of our participants are currently involved in a basic carpentry course offered through Construction Careers Regina. The participants are really enjoying their experience in this course so far, and are learning many practical skills that they may apply in their future jobs and personal lives. The other half of our participants are involved in work placements.

We have participants placed at Conexus, Ipsco Place, Street Culture Kids, and, Partners In Employment. The work placements give our participants the opportunity to gain valuable employment experience, and the opportunity to be hired on after they complete their work placements. On November 8, 2006 the program had the opportunity to have dinner with Premier Lorne Calvert and the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety Warren McCall at the Legislative Building. We also toured the Legislative Building, observed the question and answer period, and we also had the opportunity to have a very personal and interactive session with the Premier. The Premier took the time to get to know our participants, and let our participants get to know him. This was a very exciting day for our program, and we would like to thank Premier Lorne Calvert and Minister Warren McCall for taking the time to spend with our program. We would also like to thank Corporal Ray Van Dusen of the Regina City Police for organizing this special event.

*Program Coordinator  
Murray Giesbrecht*



*Andrew, Jill, Thomas and Tori Scheer*

## M.P. Report

**Andrew Scheer, M.P.  
Regina Qu'Appelle**

Warmest wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday season filled with faith, hope and love, and a New Year filled with everlasting blessings.

On behalf of my wife Jill and son Thomas we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Andrew Scheer M.P. Regina-Qu'Appelle  
Office - 984A Albert Street Ph. 790-4727



# MY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## **Tuesday Dec. 12**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Thursday Dec. 14**

Family Winter Festival  
6:30 p.m.,  
Wascana School

## **Saturday Dec. 16**

Family Fun Day  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Dec. 19**

Care & Share Christmas lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Dec. 19**

Christmas Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
Herchmer Community School

## **Monday Dec. 25**

Christmas day  
Merry Christmas to Everyone!!

## **Monday Jan. 01**

2007 begins!  
May this year be a prosperous  
one for all of our North  
Central Neighbours

## **Thursday Jan. 04 2007**

Contemporary women's outreach  
program  
Orientation 1:30 p.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Jan. 09 2007**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Jan. 16 2007**

Contemporary women's outreach  
program  
Course beginning  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Jan. 19 2007**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Monday Jan. 22 2007**

North Central Board Meeting  
North Central Community  
Association  
7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday Jan. 23 2007**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Tuesday Feb. 06 2007**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Thursday Feb. 22 2007**

Contemporary women's outreach  
program  
Course ending  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Monday Feb. 26 2007**

North Central Board Meeting  
North Central Community  
Association  
7:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday Feb. 27 2007**

Care & Share lunch  
11:45 a.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

## **Coming in February from Ehrlo Sport Venture and the North Central Community Association...**

Girls-only drop-in hip-hop dance classes  
in North Central.  
More details to follow in the New Year.

## CONTEMPORARY WOMEN'S OUT- REACH PROGRAM

This program is designed to help women take more effective control of their lives and feel more confident in themselves.

### **Topics Include:**

How to identify needs and wants  
How to build self-esteem  
Free or low cost community resources  
Work interests, skills, values

### **Information on issues that will be discussed:**

Relationships  
Family Violence  
Addictions and codependency

### **Orientation:**

Thursday January 4 2007  
1:30 p.m.  
at the Albert Scott Community Centre

### **Course dates:**

January 16 - February 22, 2007  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Albert Scott Community Centre

**For more information call:  
Tracey or Arlene 757-9096**



MLA, Warren McCall joined the Community Leaders' Forum on Gang Violence, held at the Rec centre on December 02.



## NORTH CENTRAL SERVICE CANADA CENTRE

# Service Canada

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

**CLICK:** [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca) **CALL:** 1 800 O-Canada **VISIT:** 3115 5th Avenue

**We've Moved to 3115 5th Avenue!**  
**Monday - Friday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **What do we do?**

We are here to help you understand and find information on federal programs, benefits and services. 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
- Child Tax Benefit
- Employment Insurance
- Social Insurance Numbers (SIN)
- Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security

And much more...

### **Other services include:**

- Computers with internet access for job searches
- Online applications for various identification
- Help for community organizations



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du Canada

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