



EARCA

EVERGREEN & ASPEN RIDGE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Photos by Julie Cortens

WINTER PROGRAMMING COMING SOON!

REGISTRATION OPEN JANUARY 3-8 AT EARCA.CA

Registration for Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association's winter programs will be available through earca.ca January 3-8, 2023.

EARCA participates in shared programming with nearby community associations, meaning a number of programs are available, but some are hosted and take place in neighbouring communities. This is done in an effort to fill classes and provide variety.

Regardless of the host community, all registration will take place through the EARCA CommuniBee link found under the "Programs" tab at earca.ca. If spots fill after registration opening, please message indoor.coordinator@earca.ca to be placed on a waitlist.

A preview of classes will be posted on our website later this month.

STAY INFORMED!

Website: EARCA.ca

EARCA Facebook page:
[@saskatoonevergreen](https://www.facebook.com/@saskatoonevergreen)
"Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association"

Email: info@earca.ca

EARCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Melissa Tysowski, EARCA President & Basketball Coordinator

Hello, Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Neighbours!

During the Evergreen Aspen Ridge Community Association Annual General Meeting this Fall, we welcomed some new members, while saying goodbye to others. We would like to thank all those who are moving on, including our outgoing president, Todd Hardy.

We continue to have openings in several areas including programming, fundraising, and members at large. We are also starting the search for a new soccer coordinator.

Our executive is small, but we are busy behind the scenes trying to bring opportunities to our area. I have taken over as President and will continue my duties as basketball coordinator and filling in any vacant areas. Volunteering on the board is a great way to meet new friends and neighbours.

If you are interested in joining us, please message me at president@earca.ca.

Fall programming, youth soccer and basketball are in full swing and it is wonderful to see everyone using our facilities here in Evergreen and in our nearby communities whom we share programs. We continue to try to bring new events and experiences to our neighbourhood. Interested in teaching a class or bringing a program to EARCA? Let us know!

With the snow, comes rink time! Please see the rink coordinator update below, but I will reiterate we are looking for donations for improvements and equipment.

Winter programming registration will also open in the first week of January 2023.

Please follow us on Facebook and on our website for the latest news on community events and registrations.

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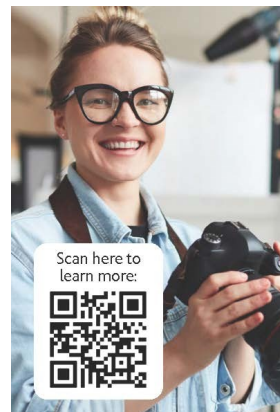
[Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association](#)) and on our website (earca.ca) for the-latest news, community events and registrations.

Melissa Tysowski, EARCA President



EARCA'S MISSION:

To create a sense of community and to improve the quality of life of all people in the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods. Attend a community association meeting to get involved! Contact info@earca.ca for more information.



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COMMUNITY RINK IN NEED OF MORE TIME & RESOURCES

by Cinthya Wiersma, EARCA Rink Coordinator



Important rink information, including the public skate schedule, is available at www.earca.ca under the “Seasonal” tab in the menu.

Rink season is officially underway! The Evergreen Aspen Ridge Community Rink’s season opening was on November 19, 2022, and it has been very busy since then.

Our volunteers have put in many hours of shoveling, scraping, and flooding to get the rink up and running this early. Volunteers are at the core of many community activities, and we are grateful for their time and effort.

NOW HIRING!

The Rink Committee is hiring family/public skate supervisors this season. This position is about 9 hours per week. Applicants must be 16+ and be able to work on their own during each shift. Duties include but are not limited to making sure sticks or pucks are not used for the duration of family skate times, plus possibly some shoveling and light rink upkeep.

SEEKING DONATIONS!

The rink was built on donations from the community. Operation expenses are high, and we welcome donations all year round. Is your business or family interested in making a donation to the community rink, please let us know at rink@earca.ca.

If you have ideas for rink activities or fundraising for necessary rink upgrades and maintenance, please email us.

RINK WISH LIST!

This year we were able to purchase a much-needed rink snowblower, as the one used in the past was owned by a volunteer.

Items on our 2023 rink wish list include a snow sweeper, nets, cameras, puckboard, and asphalt or a similar hard surfacing. Community donations are needed and appreciated.

KEEP IT CLEAN!

We thank everyone for respecting our community spaces, like the rink, and keeping them free of garbage.

Please be respectful of all rink signage, especially at times when we’re asked to stay off the rink.

The rink is available to all members of the community. May you have a winter full of fun and safe activities!



EARCA COMMUNITY SOCCER REPORT

by Dave Plamondon, EARCA Soccer Coordinator

Soccer is booming in Evergreen and Aspen Ridge. We have lots of kids enjoying the indoor soccer season.

If your child missed out on indoor soccer this season, a reminder that outdoor soccer registration will start in the new year. Watch our Facebook page and website, www.earca.ca, for registration dates.

If your business is interested in sponsoring our EARCA soccer program, please contact soccer@earca.ca.

There are 12 community teams: two under 5, four under 7 and three under 9 teams. A huge thank you to all our volunteer coaches!

EARCA BASKETBALL REPORT

by Melissa Tysowski, EARCA Basketball Coordinator

In 2022-23, EARCA community basketball registration numbers were the highest yet, with more than 120 players registering!

Additionally, 12 community players mini or bantam age participated in tryouts and were selected for the Next Level Development League, which was introduced this year by the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association.

Our community courts are busy nightly, and it is exciting to see so many players from EARCA participating.

As the current season continues into the new year, we want to thank our volunteer coaches, parents and players.



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COMMUNITY POLICE LIAISON OFFERS TIPS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY & REPORTING

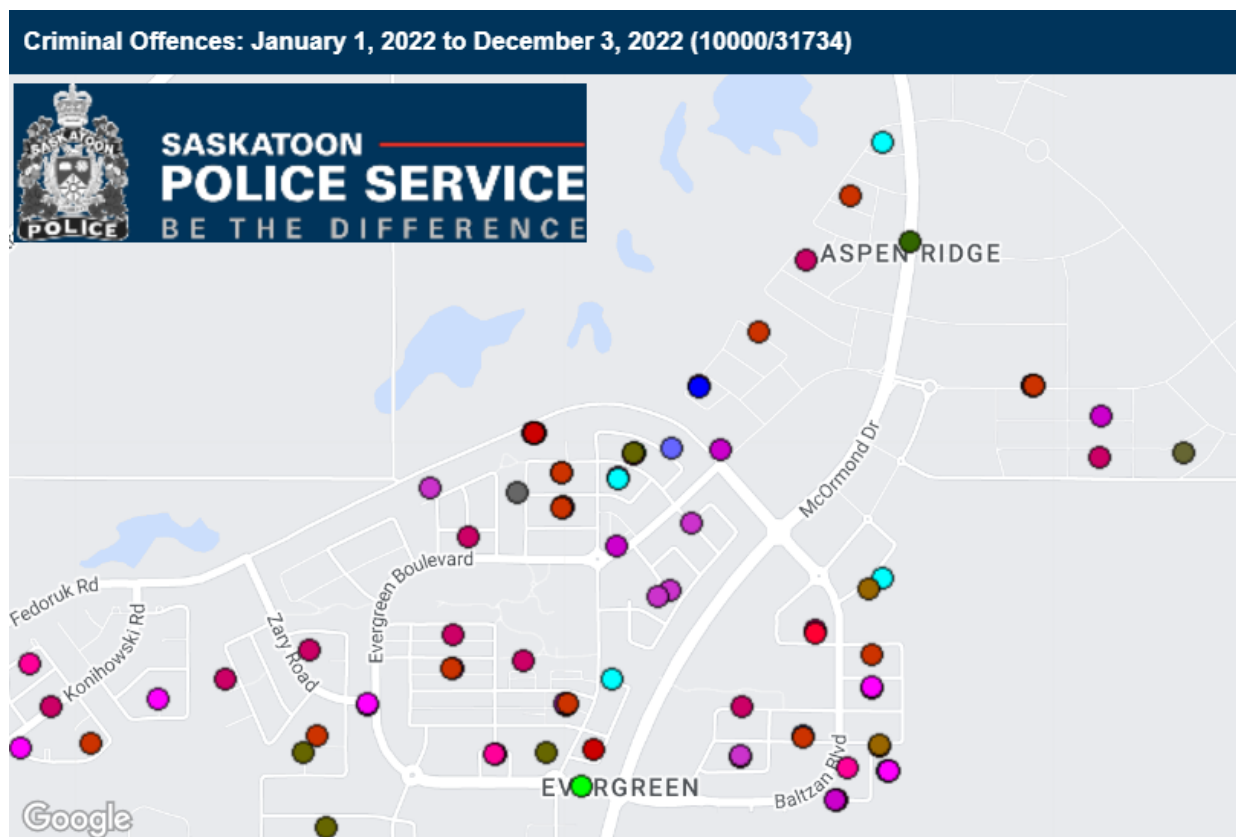
On November 17, Cst. Jason Tomaz from the Saskatoon Police Service held an informational meeting for residents of Evergreen and Aspen Ridge.

Here are a few tips from that discussion:

- Don't confront individuals committing a crime, even if it seems to be low risk. Call Police at 911 if crime is actively occurring and for all emergencies.
- If crime is discovered later, complete an online reporting form at: [SaskatoonPolice.ca/onlinereporting](https://saskatoonpolice.ca/onlinereporting) or call the non-emergent line: **306-975-8300**. While this might seem unnecessary, it does help in establishing trends and with planning for more police members in the area, if needed.

- Be a good neighbour. Be aware of anything that seems outside the norm, and report as appropriate. Inform trusted neighbours when you're away.
- Lock your garages and car doors, being aware to not leave anything visible as even inexpensive items can be inviting.
- Graffiti on public property should be reported to the City of Saskatoon's online reporting tool [Saskatoon.ca/webform/report-graffiti](https://saskatoon.ca/webform/report-graffiti). This reports the graffiti to the police and someone will be sent out to clean it up. Graffiti on private property should be cleaned up by the property owner within 24 hours to reduce the chance of reoccurrence.

Working together, we can keep our neighbourhood safe and clean!



Wonder how many crimes were reported in Evergreen and Aspen Ridge?
Visit map.saskatoonpolice.ca/ for a detailed neighbourhood crime map.



Join Us

EVERGREEN AND ASPEN RIDGE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

EARCA is established for the benefit of our Evergreen and Aspen Ridge residents. We develop programs and services to enhance our communities' needs and interests. Here are the positions we need help with in the coming year:

Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator promotes the Association by preparing and arranging for distribution of the Association's newsletter, facilitating social media and website communications and assisting with revenue generating advertising opportunities.

Soccer Coordinator

The Soccer Coordinator organizes and coordinates the indoor and outdoor soccer programs for EARCA in cooperation with Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

Members at Large

Members at Large are voting members of the Board of Directors with no specific responsibilities unless assigned on an ad-hoc basis. This is a great board entry position to learn about the operations of the Board and Community Associations.

IS YOUR EARCA MEMBERSHIP UP TO DATE?

Membership in the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association is \$15 per year and all memberships expire July 1. Be aware that memberships are on autorenewal unless you unclick the toggle on the online form.

Your membership goes towards developing programs, activities, and administrative costs to run the association. Paid membership is required to register for community programs.

The annual membership fee covers all members of a household. EARCA membership is not only recognized in Evergreen and Aspen Ridge, but also when registering for community programming in other Saskatoon neighbourhoods.

Membership may be paid online via the EARCA CommuniBee link at earca.ca.

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES



SYLVIA FEDORUK SCHOOL UPDATE *by Principal Miranda Low*

As you know, the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge communities are growing and so is our school! To date, we have 870 students as part of our Fusion Family. We are incredibly proud to be the second largest public school in Saskatoon.

If you have a child who is 5 years of age by January 31, 2024, you can begin registering for Kindergarten on January 9, 2023. SFS will host an open house in early February where you can meet the staff and take a peek of the school. Feel free to begin registering anytime in January by calling the main office at 306-683-7520, stopping in, or visiting our website, spsd.sk.ca.

Thank you for taking time and concern when driving around our school. We all have a part in keeping our little people safe.

Thank you the community association for offering programs to our families, including everyone involved with operating the rink.

If you ever have questions or wonders, please reach out.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays on behalf of the SFS staff!

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPDATE *by Principal Robyn Flaman*

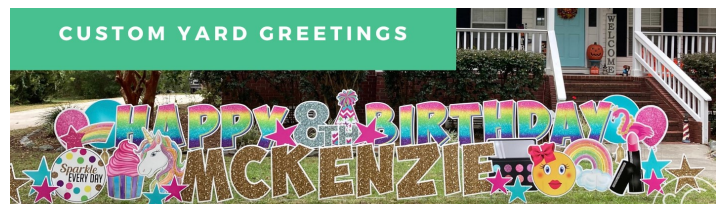
The 2022-2023 school year has seen us welcome many new families to St. Nicholas School. Welcome to our school community!

Advent has arrived and our St. Nicholas School community is working hard on our school service projects. We are so blessed to have such a kind and giving community.

We have had a very busy fall with many events hosted by our Catholic School Community Council. Our first Northstar Market on November 19 was a huge success, along with our school movie night, Little Caesar's pizza fundraiser, Scholastic Book Fair and Schools Win Twice. Thanks for your generosity with these initiatives.

As we look towards 2023 we are hopeful

that our students and families enjoy their Christmas break and return rested and rejuvenated in the New Year!



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association hosted a holiday centerpiece arrangement class with Michelle's Flowers on November 24.

Watch for upcoming community activities on the EARCA Facebook page, @saskatoonevergreen, "Saskatoon Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association."



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