



# EARCA

EVERGREEN & ASPEN RIDGE  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## REGISTER NOW FOR INDOOR SOCCER

### Registration Closes August 19!

Fall indoor soccer registration is currently underway until August 19. The indoor soccer season will run from October 19, 2024, to March 15, 2025.

The community association is always in need of soccer coaches. Coach certification requirements and clinic dates are available on the Saskatoon Youth Soccer website.

EARCA will fully refund fees for any required coach courses.



For more information, visit [www.earca.ca](http://www.earca.ca) or email [soccer@earca.ca](mailto:soccer@earca.ca).

Check out the EARCA outdoor soccer report on page 4.

## REGISTER FOR EARCA BASKETBALL

### Register Before September 1!



Fall community basketball registration is now open until September 1.

EARCA basketball runs in partnership with the Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association. For detailed information and to register, visit [smbayxe.ca](http://smbayxe.ca).

For highlights from the last season, check out the EARCA basketball report on page 4.

# EARCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Melissa Tysowski, EARCA President

The winter and spring seasons seemed to speed by and fall will be here before we know it.

We are thankful to our 2023-24 season rink volunteers who had a tricky season and put in a lot of extra time to maintain our community rink. This year also saw the introduction of our new building next to the rink and we hope to use it more in future winters. The City of Saskatoon is now utilizing the building for their summer programming.

Spring 2024 we had our annual community clean up, and sadly less than five people participated. We are hopeful for a better turnout next year. We also held our community wide garage sale with 27 homes adding addresses to the community map and the beautiful weather made for a great day.

Each year, our greatest struggle is finding volunteers, specifically for the rink and soccer coaches. We are always searching for neighbours who are able to give their time in these areas.

I would also like to send a gentle reminder that we on the executive are volunteers with families and jobs outside of the hours we put in for our community. Please be kind; we are doing the best we can.

If you are interested in helping us in the future or have any questions related to the community association, please message me at [president@earca.ca](mailto:president@earca.ca).

Melissa Tysowski  
EARCA President



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# NEW GROCERY STORE DONATES \$1,500 TO EARCA

On March 21, MacNeil's Your Independent Grocer presented EARCA Treasurer Dave Foth (pictured left) with a cheque for \$1,500 for the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association.



The Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association (EARCA) wants to thank MacNeil's Your Independent Grocer for its recent donation to the community association.

“We cannot express how happy we were to have Steve and Christine MacNeil reach out to us before their store opening to introduce themselves and learn about our group,” said EARCA President Melissa Tysowski. “As a small, volunteer executive we have found their gesture not only impressive but an indication of their understanding of the importance of community.”

The MacNeils have demonstrated not only an interest in our community association and what we do to try and improve the lives of our neighbours, but also a desire and commitment to be involved.

Visit MacNeil's Your Independent Grocer at 335 Horner Crescent, and help us welcome this new local business to the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods.



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# EARCA COMMUNITY BASKETBALL REPORT

by Melissa Tysowski, EARCA Basketball Coordinator

This year's EARCA Fall 2023/Winter 2024 EARCA basketball season included 10 teams with over 100+ children from grade 3 through grade 12 registering to play in community basketball in Evergreen and Aspen Ridge. Even more EARCA players could be found playing Dunkeroos or in the NLDL (Next Level Development League).

Congratulations to all our players and teams on their seasons. We hope you have had a positive experience and will continue to play. I want to give a shout out to our EARCA Bantam Worobec/Parobec team that went undefeated in regular season play and won the championship game. Great job!

I also want to say a special thank you to all the coaches who volunteered and shared their experience and time.



Registration for Fall 2024/Winter 2025 is now open until September 1. For season information, junior/senior registration deadlines and to register, visit [smbayxe.ca](http://smbayxe.ca).

For basketball inquiries, please contact us at [basketball@earca.ca](mailto:basketball@earca.ca).

# EARCA SOCCER REPORT

by Laura Schwartz, EARCA Soccer Coordinator

Greetings from the EARCA's new soccer coordinator! My family and I have lived in Evergreen for 10 years, and I have two daughters, aged 6 and 9, who play soccer.

We are so thankful for the volunteer coaches who make community soccer possible. Without you, our children would not have the opportunity to play. As always, we are always looking for more coaches this season. If you are interested in volunteering or are a high school student in need of volunteer hours, please reach out! No previous soccer experience is necessary.

Indoor Fall 2024/Winter 2025 community soccer now open until August 19. Please visit our website for more information. (Find indoor soccer information under the "Program" tab.)

An advertisement for LM Properties. The top part features the 'LM Properties' logo in a large, serif font, with 'A Division of LaRoche McDonald Insurance &amp; Property Management' underneath. Below that, it says 'A Professional Property Management Company'. The middle section lists services: 'Discover our unparalleled solutions tailored to your needs' followed by a bulleted list: '24/7 Maintenance', 'Inspections', 'Accounting and Finance', 'Strategic Communications', 'Bylaw Enforcement', and 'Reserve Study Facilitation'. Below the list are categories: 'CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS • COMMERCIAL CONDO BUILDINGS', 'COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL SPACE • STORAGE FACILITIES', and 'CONTACT US FOR MORE'. A circular inset image shows a person's hands holding a small house model. The bottom section has a dark background with 'CONTACT US TODAY!' in white, followed by contact information: '+1-306-244-7955', 'admin@LMproperties.ca', 'https://LMproperties.ca', and 'www.LMbrokers.ca'. On the right side of this section is the 'LaRoche McDonald Agencies Limited' logo and address: '202A 22nd ST W, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0R2'. There is also a shield icon with a checkmark.



# EARCA COMMUNITY RINK REPORT

by Cinthya Wiersma, EARCA Rink Coordinator

Our 2023-24 rink season had a late start due to warmer than usual fall weather. However, our volunteers got busy as soon as they could and were able to open the rink on December 21 for the 2023-24 winter season.

**We have an amazing group of rink maintenance and rink flooding volunteers.** I can't say enough good things about them as they give up many hours to make sure the rink is scraped and flooded regularly. There are four main volunteers that regularly flood with a few others that help out here and there.

**It is wonderful to see the rink being used all the time.** I am fortunate to have a front-seat view of the rink and often get to watch shinny games. The rink is mostly used for shinny by all ages but it's important for everyone to remember that the rink is multi-use and must be safe for those users that don't use it for hockey. This is why there are scheduled supervised skates. Outside of those times, we ask that everyone be respectful and considerate while using the rink.

**The rink is in need of repairs.** The chain link needs upgrading and we need to add a protective mesh on the north side to prevent pucks from flying to the street. The committee is also looking to adding puck board to the inside of the rink but this will need to be fundraised.

**If you are interested in helping to fundraise for the rink or making a monetary donation please email [rink@earca.ca](mailto:rink@earca.ca).**

The new building near the rink was handed over to EARCA mid-November 2023, and it was only able to be open to the public a handful of times.

EARCA is responsible for the condition of the rink building during the winter, therefore the warm-up room will not be able to be opened this winter without consistent, committed volunteers who can supervise.

For access to City of Saskatoon grants, the city requires supervised skate times should be for a minimum of six hours a week. For our community, those hours have been Thursdays 6-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10-12 (family skate, no pucks or sticks). It would be beneficial if the warm up shack could be open during all other skating hours, but for that we need more volunteers.

**We are still offering an honorarium for supervision** during our required time slots but volunteers for all other times would be beneficial. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating please contact Cinthya Wiersma at [rink@earca.ca](mailto:rink@earca.ca).

The rink committee would like to thank the community for their respect and support during the 2023-24 skating season. We look forward to next season, which will be here before we know it!





## **SYLVIA FEDORUK SCHOOL UPDATE** *by Dulcie Puobi, Principal of Sylvia Fedoruk School*

Sylvia Fedoruk School, located at 628 Manek Road, is a public school named after the physicist Sylvia Fedoruk. She was the first female lieutenant-governor and was also a nationally recognized athlete, competing in track and field, golf, softball, and curling.

The school has over 1,000 students and 90 staff. We are currently accepting Kindergarten registrations for the fall of 2024. If your child will be five years old before January 31, 2025, you are welcome to register. Please see the school's registration page for more information.

Pre-K and preschool programs are offered by Sutherland and Silverspring schools respectively. The daycare and

Before & After Care programs located in the Community section of Sylvia Fedoruk are operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Canada. If you are interested in renting our facility, you can contact the school board office and ask for the rentals department.

Due to the dramatic increase in enrolment at Sylvia Fedoruk School, the boundaries for those eligible to register have been closed to include Evergreen only. Families living in Aspen Ridge can register at Silverspring and will be bussed there.

Families who are currently attending Sylvia Fedoruk, or those who have siblings attending, are still welcome to register for the fall.

## **REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

*by Robyn Flaman, Principal of St. Nicholas Catholic School*

We are so blessed to be located in and part of such an amazing community!

Are you interested in your children accessing a faith-based education? St. Nicholas School is now accepting Kindergarten registrations!

If you live in the Evergreen area or have children currently attending St. Nicholas,

register now for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old on or before January 31, 2025, can register by contacting the school or by visiting [www.gscs.ca/kindergarten](http://www.gscs.ca/kindergarten).

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7360 or [st.nicholas@gscs.ca](mailto:st.nicholas@gscs.ca).

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### An Exercise and Education Program at Cathedral of the Holy Family

Classes are **One hour per week** with ½ hour of education and ½ hour of exercise – all participants must be able to attend all sessions to the best of their ability

Please pre-register for this 12 week program which will start Thursday September 19 thru December 5, 2023  
10:00 – 11:00 am  
Space is limited to 20 registrants

If interested please contact Cheryl Lehne at 306-655-3418  
This program will be led by a Community Physical Therapist and a Health Educator with SHA



# Menstrual Health Matters

The Family Health Lab at the University of Saskatchewan is conducting a research study focused on understanding and improving menstrual pain in youth.

To learn more about this study or participate use the QR code below or visit:  
<https://familyhealthlab.com/teenperiods>



We are seeking **youth ages 10–13, who have not yet had their period, and a parent/caregiver to participate in this important research!**

Participation involves completing a series of online surveys.

Families will be compensated each time they complete a survey!

This study has been approved by the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics Board (BEH 2777).





# FALL 2024 INDOOR PROGRAMMING

## Registration Runs September 3-8, 2024!

EARCA participates in shared indoor programming for fall and winter sessions with nearby community associations including Erindale Arbor Creek (EAACA), Silverspring (SCA), Sutherland-Forest Grove (SFG), and Willowgrove/University Heights (WUHCA).

Shared programming is offered in an effort to offer variety of activities and fill programs. While EARCA may not host a specific program in Evergreen, our community members will have the opportunity to register via our Communibee and participate.

Please visit [www.earca.ca](http://www.earca.ca) and look for offerings under Program > Programs-Fall later in August.

If a program fills during registration, please message [president@earca.ca](mailto:president@earca.ca) for your name to be added to the waitlist.

## COMMUNIBEE UPDATES:

Due to upgrades to the Communibee platform, all members will need to re-register to log in, purchase memberships and register/pay for soccer and other community programming. Please visit <https://communibee.ca> to get started. If you have difficulty, please find instructions on the EARCA website, or contact [president@earca.ca](mailto:president@earca.ca).

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