

December 2016 E-Update

Happy Holidays!

The Rivers West District Board of Directors and staff wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2016! All Rivers West offices will be closed December 23 through January 2. Regular office hours will resume January 3.



Expression of Interest—All Workshops

Rivers West District wants to know what workshop you would like to hold in your community! We offer a variety of workshops and want to provide exactly what your community needs to succeed. A list of workshops available can be found in the Expression of Interest found on our website: <http://www.riverswestdistrict.ca/index.php/173-expression-of-interest-we-want-to-hear-from-you>

To let us know you are interested in hosting a workshop in your community, please fill out the Expression of Interest and return it to Bonnie Mills Midgley by:

- Mail: P.O. Box 717, St. Walburg, SK, S0M 2T0
- Email: rwdscri.lloyd@sasktel.net
- Fax: 306-248-3484

Government's Plan to Reduce Deficit Impacts Parks, Culture, Sport and Recreation

On November 22, the Government of Saskatchewan released its measures to address a forecasted deficit of \$806 million. It includes major restraint measures and savings of up to \$217 million that will impact almost all government ministries and agencies, including the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

According to the government report entitled Restraint Measures, Parks, Culture and Sport will see \$4.7 million in reductions as follows:

- \$2.0 million from various arts, culture and heritage grants, including: \$200,000 from the suspension of granting through the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, \$800,000 from other heritage and culture grants including \$400,000 from Culture on the Go program (impacting both Creative Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Arts Board); and \$1.0 million decrease to various arts and culture organizations;
- \$1.67 million as a result of the suspension of the Community Rink Affordability Grant program;
- \$776,000 in reduced operating subsidy for provincial parks;
- Administrative savings within the ministry of \$250,000.

The government's restraint measures were across the board, resulting in reductions to the budgets of many different areas including health, education, justice, highways, social services and more. You can find more information on the government's announcement here: http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2016/november/22/mid-year-report?utm_source=E-Update+November+23%2C+2016&utm_campaign=E-Update&utm_medium=email

Seeking Sport, Cultural and Recreation Contact Information

The District is currently updating its contact lists. We are looking to include your local sport groups or associations, community dance clubs, drama clubs, local artists of all mediums, cultural clubs, museums, libraries, cadets, Boys and Girls Clubs, 4-H councils, seniors groups, school contacts, physical education programs, etc. in our contacts. Being included in our list would ensure that you are up to date with funding and training opportunities, as well as events going on in the district. To submit your contact information please contact rwdscri.admin@sasktel.net.

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2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games in North Battleford

Stay up to date on all the latest details for the 2018 Saskatchewan Winter Games (SWG) liking us on [Facebook](#), following us on [Twitter](#) and by checking our website: <http://www.riverswestdistrict.ca/index.php/games/2018-saskatchewan-winter-games>

Creative Kids

The Creative Kids program is an initiative to reduce financial barriers for children participating in the areas of arts and culture. SaskCulture Inc. and the Saskatchewan Arts Board have been working with members of the community to develop a provincial initiative designed to reduce financial barriers for children who want to participate in organized arts and cultural activities. For more information go to <http://www.creativekidssask.ca/>.

Active Toy Guide

Saskatchewan *in motion* has taken the guess work out of this holiday season! Give the gift of activity with the help of the Active Toy Guide! <http://cdn.flipsnack.com/widget/flipsnackwidget.html?hash=ftun0uhu4&bgcolor=EEEEEE&t=1478707756>

Creative Kids Holiday Gift Guide

Creative Kids is launching the 2016 Holiday Gift Catalogue, it's a great way to share the gift of giving with those who inspire your children and youth through music, dance, art and culture.

Please consider giving through our online site which can be found here: <https://creative-kids-saskatchewan.myshopify.com/>

Human Resources Boot Camp

Human Resource Boot Camp will be presented by Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and Knibbs Associates. HR Boot Camp is a four-session learning event to make you better at the people-side of your business. <http://www.spra.sk.ca/news-events/top-stories/hr-boot-camp/>

Saskatchewan After School Resource Portal

Support for your after school program planning, promotion, evaluation and parent engagement.

Resources are drawn from the national Active After School website, and from colleagues across the country. New content will be added throughout the school year so keep checking back! <http://activeafterschool.ca/saskatchewan>

Call for Adjudication Committee Members

The Community Initiatives Fund is inviting applications from individuals throughout Saskatchewan who are interested in serving on one of its four Adjudication Committees, to review applications to its Community Grant Program and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Applications must be received by **December 2, 2016**. http://www.cifsask.org/uploads/CIF%20CGP%20Adjudication%20Call%20for%20Interest%202016.pdf?utm_source=E-Update+November+23%2C+2016&utm_campaign=E-Update&utm_medium=email

News

[Kindersley Keeps Four Bloom Rating with Communities in Bloom](#)—West Central Online

[Eston Wins Communities in Bloom Award](#)—West Central Online

[Dinsmore Raises Funds for Rink Renovations](#)—West Central Online

[D'Arcy School Celebrates New Playground Equipment](#)—West Central Online

[Express Your Wellness at the West Central Events Centre](#)—West Central Online

[Canada's Farmers Grow Communities](#)—West Central Online

[Special Olympics recognizes local fitness outlet](#) – The Battlefords News Optimist

Would be interested in a Community Visitation where Rivers West representative will go through exactly what Rivers West DSCR has to offer?

If so, please contact Donna at (306) 882-3030 or by email to rwdscri.donna@sasktel.net.

Upcoming Workshops and Clinics

Prairie North Health Region Webinar:

[December 13, 2016 - Attachment and Trauma](#)
[January 10, 2017 - Positive Discipline](#)
[February 14, 2017 - Foster Parents/Adoptive Parents Attachment](#)
[March 14, 2016 - Grief and Young Children](#)

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Certification Modules:

December 28, 2016 – [SPRA Group Cycle Course – Regina](#)

KidSport

KidSport™ is a **Children's Charity** dedicated to assisting children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs. The KidSport™ goal is to provide these children with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of teamwork, dedication and responsibility through participation in sport. For more information go to <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/saskatchewan/>

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Rivers West District Funding Opportunities

Grants available through Rivers West District include the [Sport, Culture & Recreation Community Event and Partnerships Building Grant](#), [Aboriginal Community Sport Grant](#), [Facility Operator Support Program](#) and the [Coaching Assistance Program](#). Check out the funding documents which outline grants from other organizations as well.

For more information on our grants, visit our [website](#) or contact Donna at (306) 882-3030 or by [email](#).

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For more information on other programs visit:
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