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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT DEVON GENERAL HOSPITAL TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Emergency patients to be diverted to other Edmonton Zone hospitals

**Submitted by Alberta
Health Services**

Effective 7 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2020, the Emergency Department at the Devon General Hospital will be closed and no longer accepting patients.

This temporary closure

will help protect the 14 long-term-care residents at the DGH, who are at heightened risk for severe illness if exposed to COVID-19. As well, 10 additional acute care beds at the DGH will be converted to long-term care beds at this time, providing additional temporary long-

term care capacity within the Edmonton Zone.

The ED closure and bed conversion will remain in place for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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TO HELP LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PARKS CANADA SUSPENDS CAMPING, GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS UNTIL AT LEAST MAY 31, 2020

**Submitted by Parks
Canada**

Parks Canada is committed to protecting the health and safety of Canadians, visitors, and its employees. The Agency is calling on Canadians to stay home

and help limit the spread of COVID-19. Camping, group activities and events at all national parks, national historic sites, heritage canals and national marine conservation areas are suspended until at least May 31, 2020. The current suspen-

sion of visitor services and vehicle access by visitors, as well as the temporary closure of visitor facilities, will remain in place until further notice.

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LEDUC COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2020 TAX PAYMENT POSTPONEMENT

Submitted by Leduc County

On March 27, 2020, Leduc County council announced a postponement of 2020 tax payments and the cancellation of tax and utility payment penalties.

The 2020 property tax payment deadline has been postponed from June 30, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2020. Property tax notices will be mailed out in May.

As well, penalties for tax

payments, water, wastewater and solid waste utility payments, and bulk water accounts payments have been cancelled. These changes are in effect from March 27 to Sept. 30, 2020.

"We are all being impacted by COVID-19. Things are changing daily and we are facing new challenges. Worrying about taxes and utility payments should not be one of these challenges. We are here to support our residents and business-

es however we can during this unprecedented time." - Mayor Tanni Doblanko

On March 11, Leduc County activated its Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) to coordinate resources and information, and ensure that essential services continue to operate.

Operational updates from Leduc County are available online at www.leduc-county.com/COVID-19.

Emergency Department at Devon General Hospital To Temporarily Close During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Individuals who would normally seek emergency care at the DGH are advised to instead visit the Leduc Community Hospital, West-View Health Centre in Stony

Plain, or the Misericordia Community Hospital in west Edmonton.

As always, all patients requiring immediate medical care should phone 911.

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A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

For many, this last weekend was an important time to observe religious traditions for Easter and Passover. These traditions bring us comfort and community in challenging times. From virtual Easter dinner and online Sunday services, to Easter egg hunts conducted from the car, many people successfully celebrated while maintaining appropriate social distance. I know that my family connected by having a Zoom Easter supper where we ate and visited over the computer. I hope that, despite everything that is going on, you were able to connect with loved ones and celebrate the Easter season in new and innovative ways.

I am happy to report that our government is taking strong, immediate action to get Albertans back to work. This week, our government announced \$2 billion in accelerated capital invest-

ment from the 2020 Capital Plan. The accelerated projects will resurface roads, repair bridges, restore schools, and fill potholes, all to get thousands of Albertans working through the COVID-19 recession. This doubles the planned capital maintenance for 2020-21, allowing our government to work with companies province-wide and help to keep workers employed.

The COVID-19 response has created serious challenges and uncertainty for small business owners in the past few weeks. Business Link is now available to help small businesses learn about and connect to available COVID-19 supports based on their unique business needs. The platform is offering free programming through June, including one-to-one guidance and expert sessions with specialists to help small businesses survive this extremely difficult period.

This week, Alberta Health released its modelling projections outlining possible

timelines of the COVID-19 pandemic. These projections highlight the importance of continuing aggressive countermeasures to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans in order to stop the pandemic and restart the economy. This modelling will help us prepare for the demands on Alberta's health care system and province-wide response to COVID-19, and provides transparent information to Albertans on this pandemic. As we continue to fight COVID-19, our province will keep Albertans informed on what we can reasonably expect in the weeks to come.

In order to keep vulnerable Albertans safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has ordered a province-wide ban on visitors to continuing care facilities. This ban on visits, except for in cases when a resident is dying, builds on restrictions implemented last week to ensure that all facilities in Alberta follow strict stan-

dards and prevent the risk of COVID-19 to vulnerable patients. These measures are not taken lightly, but they are critical to saving the lives of our loved ones from this pandemic.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Albertans have stepped up to support frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. In order to coordinate the hundreds of offers of medical supplies and other essential equipment from businesses and nonprofits, our government has launched the Alberta Bits and Pieces Program. This program will accept offers of materials that are needed by frontline workers and make sure that they get where these materials are needed most. If you have any services or equipment to donate to Alberta's COVID-19 response, I encourage you to visit Alberta.ca/bitsandpieces.

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ALBERTA AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY EXPEDITE GRANT PROCESSING FOR ALBERTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

(Grant funding allocations will be processed as soon as possible)

Submitted by Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

April 9, 2020

Edmonton, Alberta – Alberta Agriculture and Forestry will be instituting an expedited grant funding process to the Alberta Agricultural Societies membership as soon as possible.

This was confirmed this week in an email to Tim Carson, CEO of the Alberta

Association of Agricultural Societies (AAAS) from Deputy Minister Andre Tremblay of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry.

The Deputy Minister's response is to a letter that was sent to the Agriculture and Forestry office of Minister Dreeshan last week and plus media release stating the significant financial revenue challenges that the Alberta Ag Societies are facing with the situation of

Covid 19.

In a joint statement this morning, AAAS President Rick McCarthy and AAAS CEO Tim Carson stated "on behalf of the AAAS Board of Directors and the AAAS membership, we appreciate the immediate action of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry of our request to advance the grant processing for our Ag Societies. Instead of receiving the grant monies in early summer, the Ag

Societies will receive their funding as early as May now. This advancement of funding can primarily assist in expenses to maintain facilities in this time of shutdown. We will continue to work with the Alberta Agriculture and Forestry to further alleviate any additional situations that may arise during this time of crisis."

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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CITY OF LEDUC COUNCIL ACTS TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES DURING PANDEMIC

– Property Taxes Reduced and Business Taxes Delayed

Submitted by City of Leduc

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Leduc Council has approved a number of measures aimed at mitigating the pandemic's financial impacts on residents and businesses. Specifically, the following measures have been enacted, effective immediately:

- Previously approved tax increase has been eliminated;
- Utility payment penalties will not be applied for the remainder of 2020, for both residential and non-residential account holders;
- Tax penalties will not be applied for the remainder of 2020, for residential and non-residential ratepayers;

and

• Non-residential ratepayers are now able to defer tax payments under December 31, 2020 upon request.

"Council has clearly heard that residents and businesses in our community are suffering financial difficulties as a result of the ongoing pandemic," said Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "As an organization, we are fortunate to be in a position where we are able to support our community and alleviate some of the hardship. We will continue to look for ways that we can help residents and businesses to navigate this time of uncertainty – and thrive when we come out of it."

The municipality is projecting that it will need to use reserve funds and lines

of credit to cover the costs associated with COVID-19. These include direct costs, such as overtime for essential services areas, materials and supplies, and capital costs, as well as indirect costs resulting from deferred utility payments, reduced fines, utility and tax penalty elimination, among others.

"We have taken a number of measures to ensure that we are as sustainable as possible while maintaining the services on which our residents and businesses rely," said Acting City Manager Michael Pieters. "Thanks to ongoing initiatives to ensure we are fiscally responsible as an organization, we have a good foundation to continue to work with Council to address COVID-19 impacts in

the short and long term. We are acting prudently to ensure that we are able to cover short-term costs associated with managing and mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and supporting our community during this time. I want to thank our staff, who continue to look for alternatives to maintain services while remaining financially and socially responsible."

The municipality has already undertaken a number of cost-cutting measures, including the temporary layoff of approximately 100 casual staff and a hiring freeze, which will result in approximately \$150,000 in savings until April 30, 2020. Continued reviews are underway to identify other cost-cutting measures.

SUDOKU of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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MESSAGE TO MY CONSTITUENTS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

I would like to thank you for continuing to do your part in the fight against COVID-19. I realize that as this goes on, some people will be tempted to ignore social distancing, but it is very important that we don't let up until the time is right.

I understand that there is confusion around some of the programs being implemented to support Canadians. With new measures and changes being announced frequently, it can be difficult to keep up with. My team and I are here to help. We have been getting a lot of questions on the Canada Emer-

gency Response Benefit (CERB), so I have some info on that.

This week, the government announced new changes to the CERB. Workers earning less than \$1,000 a month, or who have seasonal employment and can't find a job due to COVID-19, as well as those who are running out of employment insurance, are now eligible to apply for the CERB.

If you applied for the CERB last week, just a re-

minder that you must reapply for subsequent periods if you continue to qualify.

That said, if you were transferred from Employment Insurance to the CERB, you will still need to do bi-weekly reports for EI as you did in the past to remain on the CERB but will not need to reapply monthly like those who apply directly for the CERB must do. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to my consti-

tution office in Edson. As always, keep well stay safe and healthy.

Do you need assistance with getting groceries? Did you know some stores are offering pick-up or delivery services? Please check to see if your local grocery stores are offering these services. You can order your groceries from home and pick them up when you get to the store or have them delivered to your residence.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) UPDATE

New eligibility:

- ✦ workers earning \$1,000 or less per month
- ✦ seasonal workers with no job to return to
- ✦ workers who recently exhausted their regular EI benefits

Find out more at canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan

28 CANADA SUMMER JOBS UPDATE

Program changes this year:

- ✓ wage subsidy increase to 100%
- ✓ extending employment end date to Feb 28, 2021
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CITY OF LEDUC'S COVID-19 STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY TO LAPSE

– Emergency Coordination Centre to remain active in response to viral pandemic

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc's State of Local Emergency will lapse on Monday, April 13, 2020, following a nearly month-long activation. The city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be coordinat-

ed by the Leduc Emergency Management Agency in collaboration with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Province of Alberta.

"It's important for our residents to understand that just because our declaration of a state of local emergency will not be renewed on April 13, it does not mean the risk

is gone," says Leduc Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management George Clancy. "While we continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Leduc, the public health orders implemented by AHS and the province have given us the tools we need to enforce as well as to protect our com-

munity throughout this pandemic. This is simply a decision aimed at avoiding redundancy with provincial measures already in place."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Leduc is still taking the following measures:

- Ongoing activation of the City of Leduc Emergency Coordination Centre
 - Closure of all public city-owned buildings and facilities until further notice
 - Closure of all playgrounds within city limits until further notice
 - Local enforcement of and adherence to all provincially mandated public health orders
 - Enhanced cleaning protocols in all city facilities and public vehicles (including Leduc Transit)
 - Virtualization of council chambers for upcoming Council and Committee-of-the-Whole meetings
- "The protection of our residents and staff is still, and will always be, our highest priority," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "The City of Leduc will continue to monitor the situation and make any changes necessary to adapt to this fluid situation."

For more information regarding the City of Leduc's ongoing pandemic response, please visit www.leduc.ca/COVID-19.

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A photograph of a person painting a wall. The person is wearing a blue shirt and jeans, and is using a roller to apply blue paint to a white wall. The wall is partially painted, showing a mix of blue and white. In the foreground, there is a wooden surface with a red tray, a blue paint can, and a small blue lid. A ladder is visible on the left side of the image.

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EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS THAT CAN IMPROVE HOME VALUE

Renovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

Landscaping

Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71 percent of prospective home buyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream homes, there's no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can en-

tice buyers to click and read more about a house.

Address insects and minor repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before home buyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

Improve the entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home's exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking color to add appeal. Remodeling magazine's

"Cost vs. Value Report 2019" indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9 percent ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security - things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish, and decorative plants.

Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, uplighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve visibility, and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the

property.

Repaint (or reside) the exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9 percent ROI, says Remodeling. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI of all exterior projects listed on the "Cost vs. Value Report 2019." This improvement returns 97.5 percent when selling.

Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.

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WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A BATHROOM REMODEL

There are many reasons to renovate a home. Some homeowners purchase fixer-uppers and commit to making major renovations before they even move in, while others may renovate their homes with an eye on resale value. But many homeowners also take on renovation projects to make the homes more livable for themselves.

Bathroom renovations are popular projects. In fact, a 2018 survey from the National Association of Home Builders found that bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects. But just because bathroom remodeling projects are popular doesn't mean they're easy to endure. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom remodel can help homeowners get through the renovation process.

Cost

Bathroom remodeling projects can be expensive. According to Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value 2019" report, a mid-range bathroom remodeling project cost an average of \$20,420 in 2019, while an upscale remodel cost just under \$64,000. Homeowners should develop budgets for their bathroom renovation projects to determine which type of project they can afford. In addition, setting aside a little extra money for overruns is a wise move that can help homeowners handle any unforeseen expenses that arise during the project.

Noise

Few home renovation projects can be undertaken quietly, and bathroom renovations tend to generate a lot of noise. The noise can be difficult to overcome for professionals who work from

home full-time, and it also can be hard on parents of young children who still nap and don't yet go to school. Parents of young children may find it best to delay bathroom renovation projects until their children are school-aged and out of the house for most of the day on weekdays.

Mess

The debris generated by bathroom renovation projects is another thing homeowners must prepare for. In addition to preparing for the waste generated by the project, first-time renovators must realize that dust might be a big issue once the project begins. Dust can pose a threat to residents' overall health, particularly the health of youngsters whose bodies haven't yet fully developed. As a result, parents of young children may want to schedule renovations during

family vacations so their children are exposed to as little dust as possible.

Changes

Few renovations go off without a hitch. Once a project begins, contractors often uncover issues that weren't noticeable to the naked eye. These issues may increase the cost of completing a project or force homeowners to change their plans to make the project stay as close to their budgets as possible. Recognizing that these decisions may have to be made on the fly can help homeowners feel more prepared when unexpected issues arise.

Bathroom renovation projects are worthwhile investments. Knowing what to expect during a bathroom renovation project can help homeowners handle all the twists and turns that may arise.



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Even the most durable driveways can suffer from cracks and pits over time. As cracks form, they pave the way for more deterioration if they are not addressed. Water infiltration can break down the integrity of the driveway during freeze and thaw periods, and any little hole or crack can promote weed growth. Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

Asphalt

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman says it is key to first repair cracks and pits in an asphalt driveway before planning to topcoat it, which is generally done every year or so to maintain its appearance and durability. A variety of topcoat products are available at various price points. Experts recommend investing in a quality product that will not shrink and crack. A melt-in material that is similar to products used by highway crews can be purchased for around \$100. This product also will require use of a propane torch. Caulk-style crack repair products may not require as many tools, and are much easier to apply. They may not last as long, however. Homeowners must weigh the

pros and cons to each before beginning.

The experts at Popular Mechanics say that there also are other asphalt patch mixes available at home supply retailers. Serious holes, rather than cracks, can be addressed with a coarse-aggregate filler commonly referred to as cold patch.

After cracks and holes are filled, use a sealer to lock everything in place and create a smooth topcoat appearance. Speak with a store employee if you are unsure which product is needed for your application.

Concrete

The process is similar with concrete driveways, yet the products differ. Small driveway cracks can be repaired by scrubbing out the crack to remove debris and then filling

using a mortar repair compound, suggests the repair advice site Home Guides. Larger cracks and potholes should be cleaned. Once that's done, apply a painted-in bonder to the crack or hole, followed by a dry concrete patching product mixed with water. The material can be worked into the damaged area with a trowel, and then leveled using a wood board. Afterward, a liquid concrete sealer can be applied to help prevent future cracks and holes.

Homeowners who are hesitant to fix their driveways can contact masons or asphalt specialists to perform the job. Keeping up on driveway repair can prolong the life of the surface and help delay a complete driveway replacement for several years.



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ALBERTA RCMP WARN CITIZENS OF SPIKE IN COVID-19 SCAMS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Since the beginning of the month, there has been a spike in COVID-19 related scams in Canada. The most common reports are fraudulent merchandise sales and phishing emails.

The fraudulent merchandise sales frequently involve the sale and/or giveaway of health-related products such as facemasks and COVID-19 tests. There are also "free" products being advertised where the victim must pay a fake shipping fee.

The phishing emails im-

personate agencies such as the Red Cross, the World Health Organization, the Ministry of Health, Public Health Canada, the Canada Revenue Agency, and more. Typically, individuals are contacted through email or SMS and provided a link which prompts them to fill out personal and banking information. In some cases, the link contains suspected malware.

Other scams that occur involve individuals being advised of fake positive test results, donation campaigns, door-to-door decontamination services, and self-assessment sur-

veys.

Here are some tips to remember if you are contacted:

- Never give out personal or financial details if you didn't initiate the call.
- If you didn't initiate the contact, you don't know who you're talking to.
- Don't click on suspicious links or attachments.
- Install anti-virus software.
- Be skeptical of emails even if they look legitimate.
- Check the "from" address by hovering over the name.
- Check the Canadian Anti-Fraud website for a list of reported scams.

We encourage anyone who receives these texts or emails to go online and report them to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signal-eng.htm>

If you have been the victim of a fraud, report it to your local police service and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at: www.antifraudcentre.ca. You should also contact your bank and credit card company if you believe your personal or financial information has been compromised.

To Help Limit The Spread Of COVID-19, Parks Canada Suspends Camping, Group Activities, and Events Until At Least May 31, 2020

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This means:

- All visitor services, including reception, information, lockage and mooring are suspended until further notice;
- All visitor facilities, including parking lots, washrooms, day use areas and visitor centres are closed until further notice;
- All camping facilities including backcountry camping, oTENTiks, and other roofed accommodations remain closed until further notice;
- All events, group and in-

terpretive activities are cancelled until at least May 31, 2020;

• Parks Canada will not be taking new reservations until at least June 1, 2020. All existing reservations set to take place prior to May 31, 2020, will be automatically cancelled and refunded in full.

"The Government of Canada is asking Canadians to stay home and help limit the spread of COVID-19. Parks Canada is taking these additional measures to help keep people safe. Like all Canadians, I love our national parks and historic sites, but at this

time we must all continue to do our part to flatten the curve, look out for one another, and make choices that will help reduce the pressure on our health care system."

- The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada

These measures are necessary to support the national effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce health and safety risks to all Canadians. While the Agency looks forward to resuming services, anyone planning a visit should be aware that

these measures may extend beyond May 2020 and any resumption of services will take time or be incremental in nature.

Parks Canada will continue to deliver services critical for Canadians, including highway maintenance, fire response, dam operations and water management on historic waterways, avalanche control, among others.

Detailed information on Parks Canada places and the measures the Agency is taking to limit the spread of COVID-19 can be found at pc.gc.ca. Please check regularly for updates.





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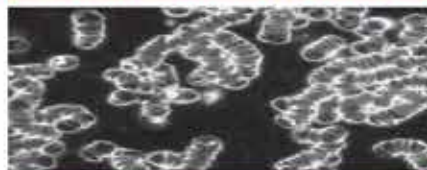
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