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# August 25, 2020

# **FALLIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ITS 14TH ANNUAL SHOW & SHINE**

#### Submitted by Fallis **Community Association**

On September 12th Fallis Community Association will present its 14th Annual Show and Shine. This long

running event is a major fund raiser for the small hall located at Range Road 52 and Highway 16 approximately 80 km west of Edmonton between the Villages of Wabamun and Seba

Beach. This year the annual event is even more important than ever given the impact of COVID-19.

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### THE WABAMUN MEDICAL **CLINIC IS OPEN!!**

Submitted by Shirley Munro, President of WPHCPRRC and WAMS

Location: 5116 - 53 Ave., Village of Wabamun

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 11 -7, Thursdays 8:30 - 4:30

Phone for Appointment: 780-892-4769

Presentation of the "Welcoming Gift Baskets" to the new Nurse Practitioner and the Medical Office Assistant on Aug.13, 2020, by some of the members of the Wabamun Physician and Health Care Professionals Recruitment and Retention Committee (WPHCPRRC) and the Wabamun and Area Medical Society (WAMS).

Thank-you to the local businesses and artisans that made donations for the

welcoming baskets. Funding for the gift baskets was also provided in part by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan grant.

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### Fallis Community Association Presents its 14th Annual Show & Shine

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It has been difficult to run traditional fund raising events and this may be the only fund raiser for the year.

One of the challenges will be to run the event in compliance with AHS guidelines. For the event to be a success, participant and volunteer safety is first and foremost. As in past years, car enthusiasts will

be there with their custom and classic cars on display with registration starting at 10:00 AM. There will be prizes awarded based on vintage (pre-1940, 1940 to 1949, 1950 to 1959, 1960-1969, and 1970 to present) and Peoples' Choice. The car enthusiasts will vote for their favourite for each vintage and the public can vote for the Peoples' Choice. Winners will be announced at 3:00.



🔀 Gerald Soroka c1@parl.gc.ca 780-723-6068

What will be different this year will be a streamlined registration (with social distancing). Entry for into the Show and Shine is by donation.

The program will be more compact. Registration starts at 10:00 AM with voting starting at 12:00 and continue to 2:30. There will be a "King and Queen" contest 11:30. There will be a 50/50 and meat draw as well. The winners of the 50/50 and meat draw will be announced at 2:30. There will be live music starting at 12:00 by 2 Boots. There will be a concession from 11:00 to 3:30. To reduce crowding, we will be using an order/pick-up sys-tem. You can place your order and be given a time to come and pick it up.

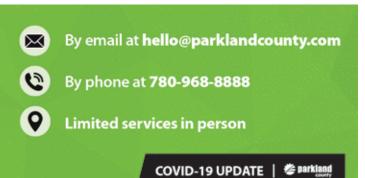
It has been a tough year but we hope that this will provide an opportunity for car enthusiasts to get out and enjoy their hobby. It will also be a great opportunity to help support our community hall.

# We're here to serve you!

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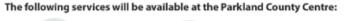
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Parkland County administration buildings will be open to the public for limited service as of August 10, 2020. With health and safety as our top priority, we ask that you only visit our buildings if you require service that cannot be completed over the phone or through email.

Services not included below may be available by appointment only. If you have questions, please give us a call at 780-968-8888.





#### The following services will be available at the County Services Building:



When you arrive, you will be asked to use hand sanitizer and encouraged to wear a face mask. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and dedication to maintaining the health and safety of our community and staff.

#### August 25, 2020



#### Submitted by Tipple Park Museum

Tipple Park Museum is interested in your stories, traditions, or items that are connected to your family's heritage and culture. Do you have items or traditions that were brought to Canada by yourself or an ancestor? The museum is interested in showcasing these things that were brought whether tangible or intangible.

Do you have a Ukrainian shirt? A Christmas recipe from Norway? A connection to a language other than English? Do you have photos of your ancestors with a pich on their homestead, or with those ancestors sporting traditional clothing? Do you celebrate holidays with traditional foods and customs? We want to know more about the connections that our community might have with an ancestral, or recent home.

If you have stories, photos, or items that you would like to share with the museum, and the community, please contact the museum via e-mail: tippleparkmuseum@gmail. com or phone: 780-727-2240.





When Mia comes home from her first. day back to school her mom asks her how her day was. She responds "I think we need a new teacher." Her mom, puzzled asks "Why is that?" Mia states "Our teacher doesn't know anything, she keeps asking us for the answers."



64x24 SHOP & kitchen/offc/bathrm Waterfront BOAT HSE w/roof deck 110ft LAKE front DOUBLE LOT Walk out STONE bung & double GARAGE Bsmt with KITCHEN in law suite Lake Wabamum Seba Beach



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# Page 4 Community**VOICE**COVID-19 INFORMATION

# PARENTS' GUIDE: 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

### Return to near normal daily in-school classes with health measures

### Learning in the new school year

Students will return to school daily at the beginning of the new school year. There are health measures that everyone has to follow to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and help stay safe. While your school will develop a plan to meet the government's health recommendations, everyone will have a role to play.

### PARENTS' ROLE IN KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

# Screen for symptoms every morning

Check every morning to see if your child has any of these symptoms. If yes, they must stay home:

• Fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills, painful swallowing

 Runny nose/nasal congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite

 Loss of sense of taste or smell, muscle/joint aches, headache, Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

# Use the <u>Self-Assessment tool</u> to check if your child should be tested for COVID-19.

### Stay home when sick or if in contact with someone who is sick

Students, parents or family members must not enter school if they:

 Feel sick or have symptoms of COVID-19

 Had close contact with someone who is ill with a cough and/or fever

 Have anyone in the household who has been in close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to have COVID-19

 Have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days

 Had close contact with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and who is ill

### Keep a safe distance

Keep 2 metres between you and others when possible:

During drop-off and pick-up

 During interactions with a teacher, school staff or other parents and students

### Pick up students promptly if they show symptoms at school

You will be asked to pick up your child from school immediately if they show symptoms. Please ensure the school has your most up-to-date contact information so they may reach you if your child needs to be picked up.

### Taking your child to school

If your child normally takes the bus, consider taking them directly to school if your personal situation allows for it. This would help with physical distancing on the bus for students who do not have other options besides taking the bus.

### WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

### Cohort

A cohort—or bubble—is a group of students and staff who remain together. The size of the cohort will depend on the physical space of the classroom.

The risk of COVID-19 is reduced by limiting exposure to others. Staying in a cohort also makes contact tracing easier and faster if there is a suspected case of COVID-19. Talk to your child about some of the new health measures to help them prepare for the first day of school:

- Sanitize hands before entering school and classrooms
- Keep a distance between others and follow marks in hallways
- Do not share food or personal items
- · Cover coughs and sneezes
- Tell staff if feeling sick at school

 Lunch and recess time may change to allow for more physical distancing

 Students may be asked to stay in their own cohort to decrease contact with others

 Students who take the bus will have to sit in the same seat every day.

Your child may feel nervous about what school will be like. While there will be changes, the key school experience will be the same as before—they will learn in class with their teacher and see friends.





### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

# **Screening Questionnaire**

# PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

#### **Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions**

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Cough	YES	NO
	<ul> <li>Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing</li> </ul>	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	<ul> <li>Unexplained loss of appetite</li> </ul>	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the person attending the activity/facility travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you/your child had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <u>and who is ill**?</u>	YES	NO
4.	Have you/your child attending the program or activity had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters/6 feet) in the last 14 days with someone who is ill**?	YES	NO
5.	Have you/your child or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected*</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\* "unprotected" means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

\*\* "ill means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above"

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the <u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool</u> to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

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# COUNTY INSPECTORS TO SCOUT CANOLA FIELDS FOR DISEASE

#### Submitted by Yellowhead County

As our local producers begin harvesting, Yellowhead County would like to remind all residents to keep an eye out for clubroot. Clubroot is a soil-borne disease that reduces yields of cruciferous crops such as canola, mustards, and some vegetables.

The disease causes galls or clubs to form on the root systems of infected plants which restrict nutrient and water uptake, leading to reduced crop yields. Higher rates of clubroot infection in soil lead to more severe crop yield loss. In 2015, new clubroot pathotypes were identified in the Edmonton region that are able to overcome resistant varieties of seed.

Please note that Yellowhead County Pest Inspectors will be scouting for this disease in canola and other Brassicaceae fields throughout the county from approximately August 24th to September 30th. Scouts will be taking all possible preventative measures to limit the spread of the disease.

This disease spreads primarily by soil movement from infected fields to non-infected fields through farm machinery, vehicles, and off-highway vehicles. It may also be spread by wind and water erosion. Equipment sanitation is essential to preventing establishment of clubroot.

Rotation of crops is highly recommended to prevent the severity of clubroot in one's fields. Continuous cropping of canola may increase the likelihood and severity of infection. There are no treatments currently available for clubroot infected fields/plants so prevention practices are highly recommended. Some things you can do to prevent establishment of clubroot include:

• Check fields regularly and look for abnormalities such as galls and/or clubs on roots,



premature ripening and/or wilting plants.

• Sanitize machinery, vehicles and equipment before moving in to a new area with a solution of 1% bleach and 99% water.

• Use clubroot resistant varieties of seed for planting.

Please see www.clubroot.ca for more details or contact the Yellowhead County Agricultural Department in the Wildwood County Office at: 53404 Rge Rd 92A or call toll free: 1 800 814-3935

### The Wabamun Medical Clinic Is Open!!

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The Nurse Practitioner can order and interpret diagnostic tests, treat and manage acute and chronic conditions, prescribe medications, refer to specialists, etc. Book a "meet and greet" if you need a health care

provider to manage your primary health care needs.

The opening and continued operation of the Clinic is a collaboration between the Village of Wabamun, Westview Primary Care Network, Parkland County, and the WPHCPRRC and WAMS.



# JOIN OUR TEAM

AT THE ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

Construction of Entwistle Community Recreation Centre is well underway and we are looking for a dynamic individual to work at the new facility!

### **CURRENT OPENING:**

 Facilities Attendant permanent full-time Closing date: September 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Are you a problem solver who has the ability to effectively multi-task in a fast paced, customer-centric environment? Then this is the job for you!

The Facility Attendant is responsible for enhancing the customer experience by providing general support to customers through prompt and courteous service as a first point of contact to the public at the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre.

Rate of Pay: \$39,972 - \$49,965 per annum plus extensive benefits Hours of Work: 7 hours/day (35 hours/week)\* \*Please note This is a hands on position may require flexible hours.

### **APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**

www.parklandcounty.com/currentopenings

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# **Recycling Roundup** STARTS NOW!



PLEASE BRING YOUR RECYCLABLE ITEMS TO:

### EVANSBURG RECYCLING CENTRE September 12, 2020 from 10:00am - 2:00 pm

Evansburg Recycling Centre (Pembina Arena) 4712 - 52 Avenue, Evansburg, AB QUESTIONS? Call 780-723-4002 For more information on recycling in Alberta Visit www.albertarecycling.ca or phone Toll free 1-888-999-8762

# TRUDEAU PROROGUES PARLIAMENT AMID WE SCANDAL

#### Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government are wrapped up in a scandal once again; this time they needed to prorogue Parliament. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is under investigation by the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner for the third time since 2015. First, he was under investigation for illegally accepting a vacation to the Aga Khan's private island in 2016. Last year he was under investigation for the SNC Lavalin scandal. Now, Trudeau is dealing with his latest ethical lapse, the WE scandal

Back in April, Trudeau announced the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG). This was one of many programs the government had announced to help Canadians get through the COVID-19 pandemic. The stated objective of the program was to deliver financial compensation to students volunteering over the summer. These funds would have helped many youths finance their education upon returning to school in the fall. Instead, the money for this program ended up in the hands of Trudeau's friends at WE Charity. The government repeatedly claimed that WE was the only organization capable of running this program despite the fact that WE Charity had no experience running a program of this size ever before. When the \$900,000,000 contract was awarded it did not even go to WE Charity, it was sent to a shell corporation setup by WE with no financial history.

In July, WE Charity backed out of the deal after Conservatives discovered that Trudeau did not recuse himself from the decision to award WE this contract. Additionally, it was discovered that Trudeau's family had received \$500,000 in compensation from WE since he had been elected Prime Minister. Conservatives have been using the tools at our dis-

posal and working hard to get answers for Canadians. Since the news initially broke, the Finance Committee and the Ethics Committee have been tirelessly attempting to get to the bottom of all of this. Conservatives have made huge headway on this fact-finding mission. In fact, within 24 hours of MP Pierre Poilievre receiving 5000 pages of redacted documents regarding the WE scandal, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau resigned, and Trudeau asked the Governor General to prorogue parliament.

What does it really mean to prorogue Parliament? Many people have reached out asking questions as to what this means and why Trudeau can prorogue Parliament without holding a vote on it. The answer is that a sitting Prime Minister reserves the right to request that the Governor General prorogue the House of Commons. Trudeau requested a prorogation and his handpicked Governor General Julie Payette complied. Proroguing the House of Commons effectively resets it to a post-election state without having an election. This means there is now no business on the docket and no committees formed. Already, during the COVID Committee, our ability to hold the Liberals to account was limited. Now, it is non-existent. A new throne speech will be delivered on September 23rd and following that there will be a vote of no confidence and if passed, would trigger an election.

If Trudeau wanted to introduce a throne speech and test the confidence of the House, he could have simply allowed these important committees to continue their work and then prorogue Parliament in the days before his proposed date for a Speech from the Throne (September 23rd). Instead he chose to shut down the Opposition's last avenue for accountability so that he can avoid the tough questions.



### The Parkland County Centre is open as of August 10, 2020 for in person payments.

If you have any questions regarding your tax payments, please call 780-968-8888 or email assessment&tax@parklandcounty.com

### 2020 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT METHODS

### Did you know Parkland County offers convenient options for you to pay your property taxes?

🥛 You can sign up for a Monthly Tax Payment Plan

- Pay via online banking or at your financial institution
- Send a cheque in the mail,
- Or even use our After Hours Drop-off slot (located at the south end of the main entrance).

### Choose the option that works best for you!

#### Property taxes were due on June 30.

Penalties have been eliminated for July and August, so if you missed the deadline due to COVID-19, not to worry.

You can avoid penalties by paying before August 31.

To learn more, please visit www.parklandcounty.com/paymentoptions

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# DON'T LET GOLFING PAIN BE PAR FOR THE COURSE

A little know-how can help golfers avoid unnecessary injury. Considering the number of times a swing is repeated during a game, it's not surprising that the season often ends early for those who are not physically prepared.

Below are a few simple stretching techniques that can help prevent or reduce the impact of injuries:

Side bending stretch 1. Stand with feet shoul-

der-width apart. 2. Hold the golf club above your head with your arms

straight. 3. Slowly bend to one side,

without rotating, until you

feel a stretch in the side of your back.

4. Hold for 15 seconds and repeat twice for each side. Shoulder stretch

1. Hold the shaft of a golf club vertically behind your back.

2. Gently pull the club up with your top hand until you

feel a slight stretch in the shoulder of your lower arm. Hold for 15 seconds.

3. Gently pull the club down with your bottom hand until you feel a stretch in the top shoulder and arm.

4. Hold for 15 seconds.

5. Reverse hand positions and repeat.

# INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GOLF

Colf is played all over the globe. Golf is one of the world's oldest sports, boasting a rich history. Golf is a sport of skill, that can involve not only athletic prowess, but also brain power. Here are some interesting facts about the game.

• To this date, golf is only one of two games to be played on the moon. The other is a javelin throw.

• Long before the advent of tees, golfers played off of hand-built sand piles.

• In 1889, Ab Smith inadvertently coined the phrase "birdie," when he hit a shot he defined as a "bird of a shot."

• Making a hole-in-one during a round of golf is quite a challenge. However, the odds of making two are incredibly low, at one in 64 million.

• Only around 20 percent of golfers have a handicap below 18. The United States Colf Teachers Federation defines handicap as "a measure of a player's current ability over an entire round of golf, signified by a number. The lower the number, the better the golfer is."

· The word "caddy" comes

from "cadet," the French word for "student." • A regulation golf ball contains 336 dimples.







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### AUGUST 29 AUCTION FOR: 4 RETIRING SENIORS

LOCATED: Barrhead Rodeo Grounds

### Saturday Afternoon, August 29th at 1:00PM

VEHICLES: \* 2005 Dodge 1500 Quad Cab w 4WD, 6 cyl, auto, flat deck, grey, (218kkm), new tires \* 2006 Ford Explorer w 4x4, gold, (170k km), good \* Nice 1990 Mercury Grand Marquis 4dr car, black, (148 k km) \* 2003 Ford F150 XLT Crew Cab w(160 k km) \*1959 Ford 4 dr Sedan in Parts & ReBuild

**GOOD/NICE RECREATION:** \* 1992 Corsair 5th Wheel Holiday Trailer w A/C, Awning, Clean, Nice \* 2012 Polaris Ranger 800 Side by side with Recent Service and Repairs \* Like New Red 12' x 6.5' Quad Trailer w Side Ramps \* 16' x 5' Red Quad Trailer w 2 Axles \* 2 Gold Sluices 1" and 2" \* 11ft Alum Boat \* 4hp Mercury O/B Motor

YARD ITEMS: \* Stihl Rototiller \* YM Weed Eater \* 4' Danville Weed Applicator \* Lots of Other Yard & Winter Tools \* BBQ \* Lots More \* Husq Compact Garden Tiller

PLUS COMPLETE AND LARGE OILFIELD MAINTENANCE: \* 45 ft SeaCan \* PLUS CONTENTS – Welders, Compressors, 4 Red Tool Boxes and Contents, HD Pres Washers \* 2 of 100gl Slip Tanks w 12V \* Oxy Ac Torch & Bottles \* Many Other Interesting Tools \* Good Clothing, Boxes of Good Usable misc, and Lots More. SOLD IN BIGGER QUANTITIES.

### SEPTEMBER 10 AUCTION FOR: MARCEL SERVANT

LOCATED: From Fallis Corner Store on Hwy 16 Walk 1 Block West. FALLIS STORE IS LOCATED (From Junction Hwy 16 and Hwy 43 – 17 mi W on Hwy 16 to RR52) (From ENTWISTLE – 14 mi E on Hwy 16 to RR 52)

### Thursday Evening, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30рм

### PROPERTY SOLD/LOTS OF INTERESTING ITEMS

**TRAILERS:** \* 18ft Rain Bow Car Hauler w 2 axles, tilt deck, winch \* 20ft Trail Tech Trailer w 2 axles \* 40 ft BH Trailer w 3 axles, beaver tail, ramps \* 16 ft Alum Trailer for Quads \* Single & Dble Ski-Doo Trailers \* 16 ft Cube Van Trailer w/ Axle, hyd/eltc power tail gate

OLDER EQUIP AND VEHICLES: \* Champion Ind Fork Lift \* Ford V-601 Tractor w Fork Lift \*H/M Snow Blade \* 2 Truck Van Boxes for Storage \* 2 New Hyd Motor Rads \* Large Variety of Tires \* Tidy Tank, Tow Bars, Chev Bench Seat \* 97 Tracker Hunting Vehicle w 4WD, 4 Seats \* 78 GMC Sierra Classis w auto, 454 propane

**YARD ITEMS:** \* 4 New Water Pumps w gas motors \* New Water and Fire Hose 1/1.5/2 inch \* Alum Ladders \* Yard Lite \* Pipe and Chain Link Fencing \* O/H Garage Door, Metal Siding, Steel 1 Beam, Pallet of Brick \* 9 of 8'x1'x ½ ft Thick Cement Pads \* Yard Benches, Picnic Tables \* Lawn Mowers \* 6ft HD Metal Pea Separator

SHOP EQ AND TOOLS: \* Large Shop Comp \* Rolling Tool Box \* Press Drill \* 3 Table Saws \* Lots of Other Tools \* Motor Lift

ANTIQUES AND MISC: \* BA Lunch Cooler \* 4D Cash Register \* White Wood Cook Stove \* 2 Wood Heaters \* PLUS – 3 Unity SS Fridge, H/W Tank, F/A Furnace \* Oil Furnace

**RECREATION:** \* 2006 30ft B/H Holiday Trailer \* Honda 7500 W Gen \* Unique 60's Dodge Motorhome \* Lots of RV Windows

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August 25, 2020 THE RCMP WANTS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOUTH

#### Submitted by Royal Canadian Mounted Police

To best support young people, we need to listen to them. That's exactly why the RCMP has a National Youth Advisory Committee (NYAC).

Help us find the young leaders who will make up the 2020-2021 NYAC! Applicants must be:

- Canadian residents

- Between the ages of 13 and 21

- Ready to engage for two to four hours per month on an online forum, from October to June

The deadline to submit an application is September 11, 2020.

What's in it for them? There are many reasons youth should get involved, including:

• Help shape RCMP youth programs and strategies

• Connect with youth from coast to coast to coast

• Hear from and interact with RCMP officers and experts

• Get a reference letter and volunteer hours

NYAC members discuss important issues they face in their communities. Their insight can help create positive change. Help us spread the word. For all the details, visit the RCMP website.

"I really enjoyed being a part of the NYAC. I have a lot to say, and it feels great knowing that my perspective is reaching a larger audience who will use it to help others!" - Ariel, 15 years old, 2018 NYAC member from British Columbia

Quick facts

• Youth are a priority for the RCMP. The NYAC helps the RCMP create relevant youth programs.

• The deadline to apply for the 2020-21 NYAC is September 11, 2020.

• To request an application form, send an email to RCMP. Youth-Jeunesse.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

### August 25, 2020 Community VOICE Page 11 A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH: CANADIAN ENERGY CENTRE

#### Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

One of our mandates as a provincial government is to promote Canada as the supplier of choice on an international platform. In Alberta we truly understand the value of investing in our own oil and gas sector, not only for the benefit of our provincial economy but also for the individuals who rely on our resource industry to provide for their families. That is why the creation of The Canadian Energy Centre (CEC) will help play a key role in our pursuit of global recogni-tion while helping Albertans meet their bottom line. Also known as Alberta's "Energy War Room", our government is making an investment in the future of our natural resource industry.

The Canadian Energy Centre's mandate is to promote Canada as the supplier of choice for the world's growing demand for responsibly produced energy. It is an independent provincial corporation that is primarily supported by the Government of Alberta's industry-funded Technology, Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) Fund. Of the \$30 million allocated for the Canadian Energy Centre, \$20 million will be generated by the upcoming Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction system.

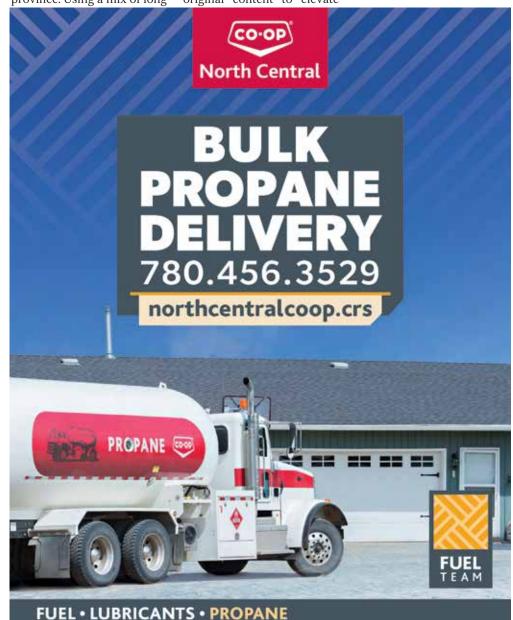
The Canadian Energy Centre is also standing up for the 533,000 Canadian jobs supported by the energy sector and continuing to fight for ethically sourced products. As Albertans we know that we have some of the best labour standards in the world, combined with sustainably produced resources. It is important that we work to emphasize these successes on an international level.

The CEC will push back against the coordinated campaign to discredit the Ca-

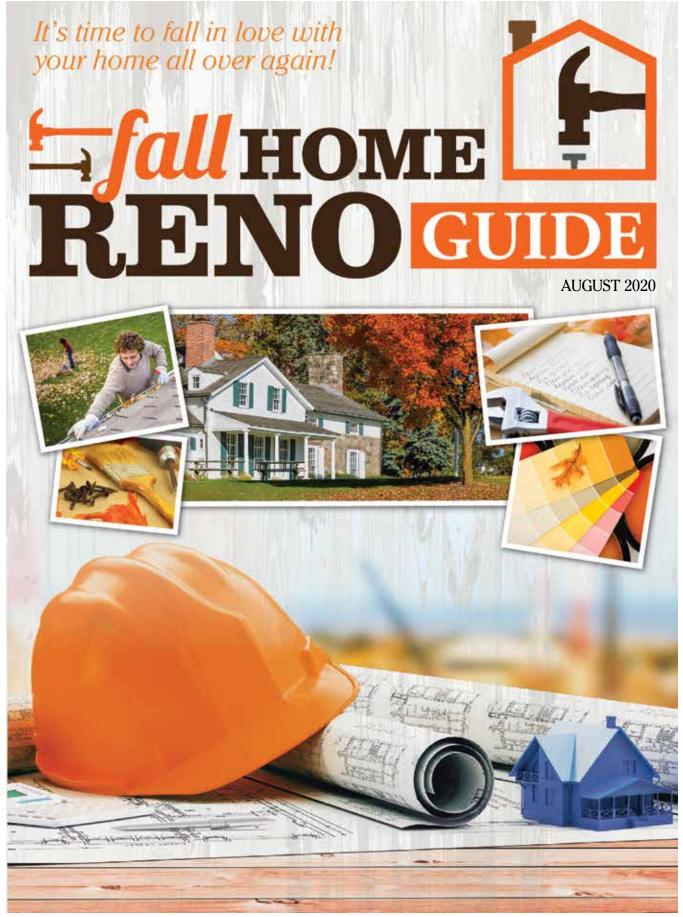
nadian energy sector in real time and unapologetically defend our energy industry, our workers and our high environmental, social and governance standards. Whether it was a result of fly in fly out celebrity virtue signalers or american funded NGOs like Tides, misinformation campaigns have contributed to millions-if not billions-of lost investment, jobs, royalties and revenues for our province. Using a mix of long form narratives, social media, proactive reporting and paid advertising campaigns the CEC will deliver the real story of Canadian energy on a national and international level. The CEC has three units that will work together to tell Canada's energy story: A rapid response unit to issue swift responses to misinformation about Canadian oil and natural gas. A pro-active energy literacy unit that creates original content to elevate

the general understanding of Canada's energy sector and help the country take control of its energy story, and a data and research unit that centralizes and analyses data targeting investors, researchers, and policy makers.

For ridings like Drayton Valley-Devon this will hopefully signal renewed vigor in our local industries and business on a wide spectrum and across many areas.



August 25, 2020



# SIGNS YOUR GUTTERS **ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR**

Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not

behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

· Gutters hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install qutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this

inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

· Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

· Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that

water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessarv.

· Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

Fall is an ideal time to inspect gutters and have any issues fixed before leaves begin to fall or harsh winter weather arrives.



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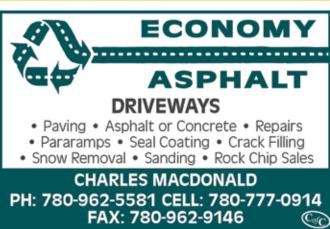
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## AUNDRY ROOM RENOVATI

Does it seem like your hamper is always full and the washing machine is running constantly? You may not be imagining it. Laundry Butler for You, a wash, dry and fold service, says the average household washes 50 pounds of laundry a week and 6,000 articles of clothing every year. Families with children at home are doing laundry most often, and those with pets may find there is ample laundry to wash as well. With so much laundry

being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

Assess your equipment

If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing front-loading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units, saving room for other items like drying racks.

Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not

be limited to laundry only. Many homeowners make large laundry rooms catchall spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs. Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall,

but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements. Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants, accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Updating laundry rooms can be a great way to make doing laundry more enjoyable and efficient.





# **TYPES OF HOME INSULATION AND WHERE TO INSTALL THEM**

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamourous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made

from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIVers who need only small applications can use canned products . Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels Ideal for unfinished walls,

such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.





# GET AHEAD OF CHIMNEY REPAIR THIS SEASON

Woodburning fireplaces or fuel stoves can add warmth and ambiance to a home. These appliances are particularly coveted in the cooler months when people spend more time indoors. Maintenance is necessary in order for fireplaces and stoves to function safely, and that upkeep must include paying close attention to the functionality of the chimney.

Chimneys are designed to last for decades. Cracks and spalling in brick chimneys are common concerns that can cause significant damage if left unchecked.

Chimney maintenance involves more than cleaning the flue. Rather than running the risk of costly repairs, which can cost several thousand dollars, homeowners can take some simple steps to keep their chimneys in tip-top shape. Certain components of chimney maintenance are do-it-yourself tasks, while others may be better left to the professionals.

Start from the inside and ensure that dampers are working properly. When using fireplaces and other appliances, dampers need to be open to allow smoke to vent outside; otherwise, smoke will be trapped in the home and could lead to carbon monoxide buildup. Dampers need to be fixed or replaced if they are not operational. Replacement fireplace dampers should be snug and not have any gaps, states Vertical Chimney Care.

Conduct a visual inspection of the chimney to check for any cracks or spalling. Spalling is the wearing away of masonry due to water, weather and time. If enough of the material erodes, that erosion can adversely affect the structural integrity of the chimney. Some repairs can be made by patching up cracks or replacing missing bricks. Chimney tuckpointing is the process of repairing mortar.

Think about waterproofing the chimney to prevent damage. A water sealant applied to the outside of the chimney can prevent moisture from breaking down the masonry.

Inspect and replace the chimney cap if it is worn out. A chimney cap is a contraption that sits atop the chimney to allow the smoke to vent while also preventing critters and water from going inside the flue, helping to extend the flue life. The chimney cap attaches to the flue liner, so outside dimensions should be taken to ensure the cap is the right size for the chimney.

Have the chimney swept. Sweeping helps remove the soot and debris that clings to the inside of the flue, known as creosote. The amount of time the fireplace is used will determine how often the chimney must be cleaned. Generally speaking, the chimney liner needs to be cleaned if it has 1/8inch or more of soot.

Regular inspection and maintenance can help keep a chimney working safely for decades. For those who do not like working at such an elevation, leave exterior chimney repair to a certified professional.





# A BUYER'S GUIDE TO HOME AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

Few experiences provide as much relief as walking into a cool room on a hot summer day. Air conditioning systems make such experiences possible, and homeowners' decision in regard to which one to install in their homes is significant.

Homeowners may not know where to begin in regard to finding the right air conditioning system for their home. According to the Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute, the best systems provide steady, dependable performance for many years when sized correctly for the home. Correct installation and routine maintenance also can ensure homeowners' air conditioning systems withstand the test of time.

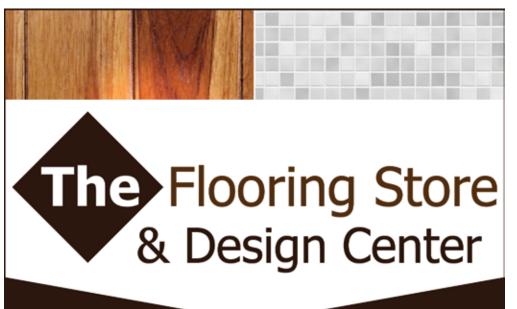
How do I know which size is best?

When shopping for new air conditioning systems, homeowners must consider a host of factors to ensure they get the best match. The AHRI notes that the home's age, the number and quality of its windows, how well it's insulated, the number of stories it has, and its square footage are among the factors to consider. Homeowners can benefit from working with trained technicians who can investigate each of these factors and recommend the correct system. The AHRI recommends homeowners ask their technicians to perform a Manual J analysis, which is a standardized formula that can help homeowners get the perfect system for their homes.

What about energy efficiency?

Energy efficiency is an important consideration when purchasing a new air conditioner for a home. Energy rates vary depending on where a person lives, but rates remain pretty high across the board. The Energy Information Association notes that residential electricity rates increased throughout the United States by about 15 percent between 2009 and 2019. An energy-efficient unit can help homeowners save considerable amounts of money, so homeowners can ask their technicians to recommend energy-efficient units that suit their homes. A unit that adequately cools a home without consuming a lot of costly electricity should be every homeowner's goal. The U.S. Department of Energy employs the Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating, or SEER, to inform consumers about the efficiency of each air conditioner. This rating is noted on the Energy Guide® label on each unit, and the higher the number, the more efficient the unit.

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# BLUE-GREEN ALGAE (CYANOBACTERIA) BLOOM ADVISORY ISSUED FOR CHICKAKOO LAKE

#### Submitted by Alberta Health Services

PARKLAND COUNTY – A blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) bloom has been identified in areas of Chickakoo Lake. Residents living near the shores of this lake, as well as visitors to this lake, are advised to take the following precautions: • Avoid all contact with blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.

• Do not swim or wade (or allow your pets to swim or wade) in any areas where blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is visible.

• Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from

this lake to your pets.

• Consider limiting human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from this lake, as it is known that fish may store toxins in their liver. (People can safely consume fish fillets from this lake).

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with un-



treated water directly from any recreational body of water, including Chickakoo Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by blue-green algae. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock, while this advisory is active.

Blue-green algae is naturally occurring, and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface of water, blue-green algae can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with visible blue-green algae or who ingest water containing blue-green algae may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms.

Exposure to blue-green algae may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Chickakoo Lake, until further notice.

Please note that areas of Chickakoo Lake in which the blue-green algae bloom is NOT visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this blue-green algae Health Advisory is in place.

If you suspect a problem related to blue-green algae or if you require further information on health concerns and blue-green algae, please call Health Link at 811. Additional information is also available online, at www.ahs.ca/bga.

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