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SHERIFFS SHUT DOWN WHITECOURT DRUG HOUSE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of the Alberta Sheriffs obtained a court order against the owners of 20 Baly Rd. in Whitecourt, banning anyone from the premises for 90 days and placing conditions on the property until December 2022.

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LAC STE. ANNE MINOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

Are you interested in a 2021 Softball Season? The

Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League is looking to confirm interest in a 2021 Softball Season*. This league offers a co-ed program with an emphasis on fun, fairplay and sportsmanship.

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CANADA AND ALBERTA INVEST IN PROJECTS SUPPORTING AND IMPROVING QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the Department of Infrastructure and Communities along with Alberta's Ministry of Transportation and Municipal Affairs announced funding for the damaged sections of the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre's roof through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada plan. The stream of funding dedicated to the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre is part of a 5.9-million-dollar package to be split between three projects, the other two being in Edmonton and Lethbridge.





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8TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR ART IN THE GARDEN AT GEORGE PEGG BOTANIC GARDEN



Submitted by George Pegg Botanic Garden

An invitation to artists! After taking a break in in 2020, our Art Show committee has reconvened and we are excited to be planning for a show on Father's Day, June 20, 2021.

We know artists are ready to show off their work and visitors are eager for outdoor events. Pegg Garden is a beautiful setting to make this happen.

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JOKE of the week

Mrs Lewis, a Sunday school teacher

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the church service. 'And why is it

necessary to be quiet in church?'

Rebecca, a bright little girl piped up,

'Because people are sleeping?'

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Our participating artisans exhibit a wide variety of fine art forms such pottery, sculpture, glass, fibre art, jewellery, photography, woodwork, literature, and more. The outdoor setting has ample space for artists to showcase their talents.

This Art Festival celebrates Father's Day and National Garden Day with tours of Lac Ste. Anne County's historic garden site and a family-friendly art project.

We understand there are

still uncertainties about COVID restrictions. Assuming special events are allowed this summer, we are confident we can host a show following all the required protocols.

Pegg Garden is just north of Glenevis. Artists- to register for the show please contact us at PeggBotanic-Garden@gmail.com. Check out our website to learn more about the Garden www.PeggGarden.org.



townhall to discuss the issues that matter to you. Please register Please register at 780-967-0760.

> Date: April 14th 2021 Time: 7:00PM-8:00PM Location: Greencourt, Mayerthorpe and Areas Constituency Office: #18, 4708 Lac Ste, Anne Trail North P.O. Box 248 'Onoway PO' Onoway, AB TOE 1V0 780.967.0760 lacsteanne.parkland Bassembly.ab.ca

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Visit LSAC.ca to explore the latest County news and events in greater detail.

County News Highlights

MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE MANAGEMENT

County offers protection for your high-value pine trees

Small pouches of Beetle Block Verbenone can protect mature pine trees from attack by MPB.

Verbenone orders are available for pickup at the County Administration Office starting Monday, May 17 and continuing until supplies are gone.

- \$10/pouch, payable by credit card in advance
- Typically, one pouch is needed for single trees. For stands of multiple trees, pouches are placed every 10 to 15 meters throughout the stand of pine

To consult with the County about Verbenone, or to book a pick-up time, please contact Lac Ste. Anne County Horticulturist Lorraine Taylor at 780.203.2968 or LTaylor@LSAC.ca.

Please call ahead to reserve and pay for your order. Visit LSAC.ca/ horticulture for further details and resources on Verbenone use.

WEED SPRAYING TO BEGIN Program scheduled May-Sept.

Ag Services will soon begin targeted roadside spraying of noxious weeds, prohibited noxious weeds, and woody vegetation (brush) Countywide. If you do **NOT** wish to have roadside right of ways adjacent to your property sprayed, you can opt out by registering for the County's **No-Spray Program**.

Already in the No-Spray Program? Remember to renew annually!

To register or renew, download the **No-Spray Agreement** from the document library at <u>LSAC.ca/forms</u>. Call 780.785.3411to discuss how the County's Ag Services team can help you this season.

CALL FOR RIPARIAN STEWARDSHIP STORIES

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cross@cowsandfish.org.

SEEKING SUMMER LEADERS Applications open until April 23

The Community Services department

is looking for fun and enthusiastic Summer Leaders to deliver popular

summer programs to children and youth (in anticipation that COVID-19 restrictions may allow for such programming this summer).

The number of positions and work hours will be determined by what formats (if any) Community Services ill be able to deliver its programs.

Visit LSAC.ca/summer for details.

UTILITY BILL NOTICE Solid waste fee due upon receipt

A friendly reminder that Solid Waste Utility bills for the 2021 calendar year were mailed out at the end of March. If you fail to receive your bill by late April, please contact the County at 780.785.3411 (toll-free 1.866.880.5722) or LSAC@LSAC.ca.

Any unpaid amounts as of July 1 will be subject to a 3.5% penalty. Amounts outstanding beyond the payable period will be transferred to standard utility collections.

COMING SOON: ONLINE BURN PERMIT REQUESTS Launch planned for April 19

Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services is pleased to announce that Fire Burn Permit requests will soon be available online at <u>LSAC.ca</u>. Stay tuned for details!

FIREWORKS BYLAW UPDATE

Retail permits discontinued

Please be advised that *Bylaw 29-2020 Fire Services Bylaw* has eliminated the requirement to obtain a sale and discharge permit for consumer and family fireworks (retail).

Despite this bylaw change, caution when discharging fireworks during high risk fire season is still highly recommended. Always adhere to manufacturer's recommendations for safe discharge requirements.

Visit nationalfireworks.ca for some great information on the safe and responsible use of retail fireworks.

FULL-TIME AND SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a great summer gig, or a more permanent career move? The County is recruiting for a variety of roles. Opportunities will remain open until filled. For detailed job descriptions and qualifications, please visit LSAC.ca/careers.

Records Management File Clerks (2 seasonal roles)

These roles are for summer students in term positions up to 4 months.

Transfer Station Attendant (full-time Permanent position)

Applicants must hold a valid driver's license and be willing to travel to different Transfer Station sites. CSAapproved footwear required.

Property Taxation Administrator (full-time Permanent position)

Position requires a background in accounting, including post-secondary education in a related field such as Accounting or Taxation. Accounting designation considered an asset. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Full benefit package including Earned Days Off program. Page 4

2020 TAX GUIDE INFORMATION

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to provide his constituents with a 'Tax Guide' to assist them in preparing their 2020 tax return. "During tax time it is imperative that you receive all the benefits you qualify for," concluded MP Soroka.

Take a look through the Tax Guide to find some of

the tax savings you may claim at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NOFt4jkI-UNdz6D-r3TiKp_dOPUH-0vXFl/view?usp=sharing

Sheriffs Shut Down Whitecourt Drug House

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The community safety order granted in Court of Queen's Bench took effect at noon on March 29, giving sheriffs the authority to board up the house, change the locks and erect a fence around the property. Nobody is allowed on the property without permission from the sheriffs until the closure ends on June 27.

"When criminals endanger the safety and well-being of law-abiding Albertans, we must act to end these dangerous activities. This case is a good example of how police and the Alberta Sheriffs can work together in communities throughout Alberta to stop criminal activity and ensure people feel safe in their homes and their neighbourhoods." - Kaycee Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

SCAN's investigation began in response to multiple complaints about drug activity received from the community between October and December 2020.

During that time, the property was the subject of two police investigations. Search warrants carried out by the RCMP in October and Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) in December resulted in police seizing quantities of methamphetamine, crack cocaine, GHB and drug paraphernalia.

After SCAN's investigation substantiated the complaints about drug activity at the property, investigators successfully applied for a community safety order, which was granted by a Court of Queen's Bench justice on March 15.

After the property is handed back to the property owners, they are prohibited from having any additional tenants or visitors without prior approval from SCAN for the duration of the community safety order, which expires on Dec. 27, 2022. The SCAN unit works with other law enforcement agencies to shut down properties being used for illegal activities. The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act gives sheriffs the authority to target problem properties through civil enforcement.

Since its inception in 2008, Alberta's SCAN unit has investigated more than 5,800 problem properties and issued more than 90 community safety orders. The majority of complaints are resolved by working with property owners to keep criminal activity out of the community.

Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League

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If you are interested in registering your child (no payment will be collected at this time), please connect with your local contact (based on local elementary school boundaries) at the number/email listed below: • Alberta Beach

Amy Warren | 780.940.9716 abcommunityleague1@



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Please note – your community's minor ball program may also be found on social media, if you prefer to connect that way.

*Should COVID-19 restrictions allow.



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JOINT SECONDER ON MOTION M-61, A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to advise that he is a joint seconder on Conservative MP Ziad Aboultaif's Motion M-61, 'Motion to Support the Oil and Gas Sector'.

The Motion reads " (a) in the opinion of the House, the government should recognize that,

(i) replacing oil and gas with more environmentally sustainable options is not technologically or economically feasible,

(ii) Canada's energy needs require the use of oil and gas to heat Canadian homes, schools and hospitals, to propel vehicles, to bring food to Canadian tables, and to produce elec-



tricity,

(iii) Canadian oil and natural gas are produced with the highest environmental standards in the world, and domestic producers are global environmental leaders and responsible corporate citizens,

(iv) using Canadian resources creates Canadian jobs,

(v) First Nations involved in Canada's oil and gas industry experience significant and profound positive economic effects, including higher rates of employment, higher incomes, and improved health and educational attainments,

(vi) tax revenue from the fossil fuel industry is an important contributor to the national treasury, facilitating transfer payments benefitting all Canadians and allowing Canada to afford the social programs all Canadians depend on; and

(b) the House recognize that,

(i) Canada's oil and gas industry from Western to Atlantic Canada is essential to the well-being of the nation and should be celebrated,

(ii) tax and regulatory barriers limiting the responsible growth of Canada's oil and gas industry should be removed."

MP Soroka stated "The passing of this motion will mean that the House officially recognizes the truths of Canada's Oil and Gas sector, and that is something I am proud to support".





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Spring cleaning is a great way for homeowners to clear their homes of clutter. As people spend extra time indoors in winter, items can quickly pile up around the house. Spring is a great time to clean up such clutter, but interior spaces are not the only areas of a home that



can benefit from some extra attention once the weather warms up.

Harsh winters can take a toll on home exteriors. Dirt and grime can build up on exterior home surfaces over the course of the winter, affecting the appearance of the siding of a home as well as outdoor entertaining areas.

Power washing is a great way to give a home a fresh, clean look in spring. But there's more to power than simply renting the right equipment and getting to work. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that there are many risks associated with using power washers. For instance, the CDC says strong spray from power washers can cause serious wounds that initially seem minor. However, such wounds can lead to infection or disability if left untreated. In addition, if manufacturer safety instructions are not followed, electric shock can occur due to improper use.

Homeowners who are intending to power wash their own homes this spring should first determine if they're physically capable of doing so. Power washers can be difficult for some people to control, so it's imperative that homeowners honestly assess their physical abilities before renting a unit. The CDC urges homeowners who determine they can safely handle power washers to take these additional safety steps to make sure the pro-



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Safety First When Power Washing Your Home This Spring

cess of cleaning their home exteriors goes smoothly.

• Never point a pressure washer at yourself or others.

• Do not attempt to push or move objects with spray from the washer. If anything is in your way, turn the power washer off and then move the obstruction.

• Never use a gasoline powered washer in an enclosed space, which can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

• Always test the ground fault circuit interrupter (circuit breaker or outlet) before using a pressure washer.

Always plug a properly grounded pressure washer into a properly grounded receptacle.

· If an extension cord must

be used, keep the pressure washer's power cord connection out of and away from any standing water, and use a heavy duty extension cord with components rated for use in wet locations. Keep both the power cord and extension cord connections as far away as possible from the item being washed and away from any water runoff. While power washing, periodically take note of the location of the extension cord connections to ensure they are not in a puddle.

· Wear rubber-soled shoes that provide some insulation when using the pressure washer.

• Never cut or splice the pressure washer's power cord or extension cords.

• Never remove the grounding prong from the pressure washer's power cord plug or the extension cord.

• Pause the project if a circuit breaker is tripped. Always have a qualified electrician check the pressure washer for electrical problems after it has tripped a circuit breaker.

• Never allow children to operate a pressure washer. Keep children at a safe distance when an adult is using a pressure washer.

Power washing can give a home a whole new look after a winter's worth of dirt and grime builds up on the home's exterior. Safety must remain the utmost priority when operating a power washer on your own.

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Parents go to great lengths to protect their children. Much of those efforts may be directed at potential threats outside the home, but it's equally important that parents prioritize safety inside their homes as well.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a child in the United States is injured in a television or furniture tip-over incident about 43 minutes. Tip-over incidents are preventable, and the CPSC offers the following tips to protect children.

• Use sturdy furniture. When choosing furniture to hold a television, be sure to read product descriptions to ensure you're only buying furniture designed to hold a television. Items described as "television stands" or "media centers" are designed to hold televisions, but size and weight restrictions also must be considered when buying such products. TV stands and media centers are only safe if they are designed to hold televisions that are the size of your TV.

Secure the television. The CPSC recommends that all televisions be secured by mounting or anchoring them to the wall. Properly mounted televisions likely won't come off the wall no matter how curious kids are, but no item should be lower than 27 inches from the ground. Parents who can't or don't want to mount their televisions can purchases anchoring kits, which the CPSC notes cost as little as \$5 and take as few as five minutes to install. Parents hesitant to do the job themselves can have televisions mounted or anchored by professional installers for a nominal fee. Many electronics retailers offer installation services as well.

• Secure top-heavy furniture. Top-heavy furniture also should be secured to prevent tip-overs. Anti-tip brackets are inexpensive and can be used to secure dressers, bookshelves and other pieces that pose a threat to curious youngsters. Anchoring furniture secures items to the wall, and the CPSC notes that a lot of newly built furniture is sold with anti-tip devices. These devices should be installed immediately so children are safe from the moment a new piece is brought into the home.

• Remove tempting objects. Curious kids may try to climb furniture if they see toys, remote controls or other enticing items on top of televisions, dressers or bookshelves. Keep such items low or stored in low drawers to remove the temptation to climb.

Tip-over incidents are deadly but preventable. Parents who recognize this threat to their youngsters' safety can ensure that their homes remain safe environments for curious kids.





The term "home theater" once made homeowners who love movies and sports dream of the day when they could dedicate a large area in their home to watching the big game or their favorite films. Such rooms are now widely referred to as "media rooms." Though the terminology may have changed, media rooms are not all that different from home theaters.

Before choosing an area of their home as their designated media room, homeowners must consider a host of variables to ensure they get as much out of the room as possible.

· Location and shape: Of course the location of the room is of the utmost importance. Media rooms tend to be more social settings than traditional home theaters, which were often designed to be isolated from the rest of the home so noise and natural light did not adversely affect the film-watching experience. Homeowners may not want their media rooms to be in high traffic areas of their homes. but they needn't be completely secluded, either. The renovation experts at the DIY Network note that the shape of a room should be considered before designating it as the media room. In general, square rooms are not ideal, as such rooms can produce harmonic distortions. A rectangular room likely won't produce such distortions, especially when homeowners place their screens and primary speakers on short walls. It's important that homeowners do not downplay the importance of sound, as media rooms, unlike traditional home theaters, may be used for listening to music just as much

as they are for watching films or sports. Viewers may not recognize distortions when watching something, but homeowners may notice these abnormalities when listening to music.

· Windows: Media rooms are multi-purpose rooms, so homeowners don't need to remove rooms with windows from consideration. But the experts at the DIY Network note that windows are hard surfaces that can reflect sound and distort audio, and the light that gets in through windows can produce reflections on the viewing surface. Each of those factors can adversely affect your listening and viewing experience. A room with windows can still make for a good media room, but you may want to invest in some blackout curtains to mitigate some of the disadvantages of having windows

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in the room.

· Wall colors: The colors of the walls in the room is another variable homeowners will have to consider. Homeowners won't want to host quests for the big game in rooms with darkened walls, as that can create a dreary atmosphere and potentially make people tired. But especially bright colors will reflect light and adversely affect the viewing experience. Neutral colors should not affect the colors on the screen, making them the ideal color choice for media room walls.

Media rooms are high on many homeowners' renovation lists. Considering a host of variables prior to designating an area for a media room can ensure the finished product is as enjoyable as possible.





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Home is where the heart is, and it's also where homeowners express their style. Though interior design may come naturally to some homeowners, many more can benefit from a little help defining their style and translating that style into a beautiful home. In such instances, interior designers can be the most valuable investments homeowners make in their homes. Homeowners may hear "interior designer" and immediately hear the sound of cash registers ringing in their heads. However, many interior designers offer various services, including hourly consultations, that can make them cost-effective, especially for homeowners who are still trying to define their style and decide just how they want their homes to look. That's just one of the many benefits of working with interior design professionals.

· Interior designers can save homeowners money. Much like it's best for homeowners with no DIY experience to hire professional contractors when renovating their homes, paying an interior designer when you have little experience with design can help you avoid potentially costly mistakes. Interior designers are skilled at transforming homeowners' visions into finished products, and that's a valuable skill homeowners don't necessarily have. Trial and error when designing a home's interior can be costly, even if you're not knocking down any walls or swinging any hammers. For example, after renovating on their own, homeowners may find they need to replace a new couch or dining table that they realize contradicts their design scheme. Interior designers can help homeowners avoid such

costly mistakes and get it right the first time.

· Interior designers can help you coordinate your style. Each and every component of a home's interior says something about its owner. Whether it's their choice of lighting fixtures, furniture or even appliances, homeowners make a statement any time they choose a design component for their homes. Interior designers can help homeowners coordinate their styles so each room seamlessly transitions to the next one. An ultra-modern living room may stick out like a sore thumb in a home that's predominantly rustic, and interior designers can help homeowners avoid such mistakes.

 Interior designers recognize what's trending. Interior designers tend to be up-to-date on the latest trends. That can be incredibly valuable, especially for homeowners who are anticipating putting their homes on the market in the near future. In such instances, designers can help homeowners invest in updates or renovations that will appeal to today's buyers, increasing the likelihood that their homes will sell more quickly, and potentially for more money.

Interior designers are well-connected. Interior designers often collaborate with contractors. Those professional relationships can help homeowners avoid the headaches of finding the right professionals to work with when renovating their homes.

Many a homeowner has benefitted from working with interior designers. Such partnerships can help homeowners transform their residences into the home of their dreams.





BACKYARD STRUCTURES

Designing an ideal backyard space requires forethought and an eye for style. Knowing which features to include in a yard often boils down to what homeowners want to achieve in the space. Will it be a relaxing oasis or a central entertaining focal point?

People often look to various structures to add height and visual interest to outdoor spaces. Homeowners will likely come across structures like arbors, gazebos, pergolas, and even trellises as they wade through the variety of features they can incorporate into backyard plans. Each of these structures can add appeal, but they also can offer shelter from the sun and privacy when enjoying the yard. There are significant differences between each structure, so here's an in-depth look at what sets them apart.

Arbor: An arbor is one of the more simple garden structures. It is usually a frame that is arched or square-cornered. Most homeowners use it as an entryway to a garden or even the front of the home. Those with green thumbs may cover the arbor with climbing and trailing plants. The Spruce says arbors date back to early Egyptian and Roman gardens and were used throughout Europe by the late 16th century.

· Pergola: The words arbor and pergola are often used interchangeably, but to suggest the two structures are the same would not be accurate. Pergola comes from the Italian word "pergula," which means "projection." Pergolas were once projected from exterior walls and supported on one side by pillars or columns. Today, arbors are usually freestanding units with two or four posts. Pergolas may be connected on one side to a home or another structure. Some are freestanding units supported by four posts. Pergolas tend to be larger and offer more privacy and shade than arbors.

 \cdot Gazebo: Gazebos are more defined garden buildings, states

the contractor referral site Network. Gazebos are freestanding units that can be built in various shapes. Some are octagonal, others are square. Like a pergola, a gazebo is supported by columns and may have low railings or built-in benches. Gazebos also may have a more solid roof than arbors or pergolas, providing sun and other weather protection. The roof may have added architectural appeal, like a cupola.

• Trellis: A trellis is a simple, geometrically-shaped structure that provides a surface for climbing plants. A trellis also may support fruit-bearing trees. Trellis work may be used in conjunction with an arbor or pergola, or be installed on fencing.

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PHASE 2B VACCINE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGH AHS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As part of Phase 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout, anyone born in 1963 or earlier with eligible health conditions can now book appointments with Alberta Health Services (AHS) online or by calling 811.

Anyone with eligible health conditions born in 1963 or earlier can also continue booking at participating pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. In the coming weeks, as more vaccine supply is available, pharmacies across Alberta will begin to offer bookings.

As Phase 2B rolls out, additional birth years for Albertans with underlying health conditions will be added in the coming days, based on vaccine supply. By April 23, all Albertans born in 2005 or earlier with eligible high-risk underlying health conditions will be able to book an appointment through pharmacies and AHS. Eligible health conditions

Phase 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout focuses on those who have at least one of the following underlying health conditions:

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• Anyone who is currently pregnant

• Severe mental illness or substance use disorder requiring a hospital stay during the past year

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• Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay

• Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients

Additional information on eligible health conditions, including examples, is available at Alberta.ca/vaccine.

Individuals are not required to provide proof of health condition, such as a doctor's note. However, you may want to talk to your doctor or pharmacist to help you understand if your condition is on this list.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.

Quick facts

• Anyone eligible in Phase 1 and 2A of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't yet received the vaccine can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS.

• As of April 4, more than 690,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered to Albertans.

SPRING 2021

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Map out the best way to navigate spring driving with our guide that is fully loaded with helpful features for today's drivers. It's your one-stop resource for information, advice and valuable local advertising geared toward all things automotive!



WHEN WILL SELF-DRIVING CARS HIT THE ROAD?

Tech afficionados often know when the latest gizmos and gadgets are slated to hit the market and be made available to consumers. Anticipation tends to build around everything from the latest version of a popular smartphone to a new incarnation of a beloved gaming system. But perhaps





no advancement in technology is as highly anticipated as the self-driving car. Industry experts note that the hype around self-driving cars, sometimes referred to as autonomous vehicles, has existed since 2004, when United States military experiments involving self-driving vehicles in the Mojave Desert garnered both attention and excitement. That anticipation and excitement waned as 2004 was left further and further behind in the rearview mirror, but the race to become the first auto manufacturer to build and offer driverless vehicles is still very much on. For example, in 2018 General Motors indicated its intent to make a fleet of self-driving taxis available in San Francisco by 2020. That did not come to fruition, though

other auto manufacturers, notably Tesla, have indicated they have their eyes on potentially offering autonomous taxis in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic complicated, and likely delayed, the arrival of self-driving automobiles, though it remains to be seen just how much the pandemic affected the arrival of driverless vehicles. A recent report from Bloomberg New Energy Finance noted that many auto manufacturers who have worked on self-driving technology had initially set their sights on deployment in 2021. However, lab closures and social distancing measures enacted in response to the pandemic may have made it highly unlikely that 2021 will be the year the world sees its first fleet of self-driving taxis hit the road.



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Modern automobiles are technological marvels that rely on electrical components more than ever before. According to The Family Handyman, vehicles have 40 or more fuses grouped in two or more places. Just like fuses in a home's electrical panel, automotive fuses stop excessive current flow that can overheat circuits, damage equipment or cause fires. Any electrical component in a vehicle, such as the radio or headlights, are tied to a fuse.

When something goes awry with automotive electrical components, drivers may be quick to believe the components themselves or even the car's battery or alternator are to blame. Mechanics say that it's entirely possible that a blown fuse is the cause of the problem. Simply checking and/or replacing the fuse can alleviate the issue. Finding the fuses

The location of the fuse box depends on the make and model of the vehicle. Drivers should consult their owner's manual to learn where the fuse boxes are located. Some vehicles have two fuse boxes that serve different purposes. Engine compartment fuse boxes protect certain engine components, including the anti-lock brake pump. Fuses inside or beneath the dashboard may protect dome lights or the air conditioning system.

According to How a Car Works, the individual fuses in the box are typically numbered. That makes it easier for drivers to determine which vehicle components aren't working. If the fuses are not numbered, then it's a matter of removing fuses to see which circuits stop working to help narrow down the issue.

Replacing fuses

Vehicles may have different types of fuses. It's important to know which ones are in the car so you can get the right replacement.

"Blade" fuses are common and have a conductive horseshoe-shaped metal strip that runs through an outer plastic housing. If the metal strip appears broken, the fuse is no good.

Cylindrical glass fuses are found in some cars. They're also known as "Buss" fuses. If the metal strip that runs down the center is broken, the fuse needs to be replaced.

Older European cars have ceramic fuses built with an outer copper conductive surface. The narrow part of the copper piece breaks in the middle when the fuse blows. Regardless of their design, fuses will be clearly labeled with their ampere ratings, according to CarID. Physically remove the fuse using a small, specially shaped fuse puller tool that may be included inside the fuse box. Replace the fuse with one of the same amperage by gently pushing it into place.

If the new fuse blows relatively quickly after replacement, or multiple fuses blow at one time, a larger current issue may be the problem. Consult a mechanic in this instance





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Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On March 29, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. a complainant attended the Parkland RCMP Detachment to report there was a person lying in the ditch of the eastbound lane of Hwy 16A near Rotary Park in Spruce Grove.

Parkland RCMP members attended and located a deceased 23-year-old female. Eastbound traffic on Hwv 16A between Veterans Blvd and Campsite Road was diverted so investigators could conduct an extensive investigation.

Investigation revealed that the death was not suspicious in nature. There are various factors that, as a whole, may have contributed to this tragedy.

Out of respect for the deceased and her family, no further details will be released.

PARKLAND RCMP ARREST TWO AFTER LOCATING STOLEN VEHICLE

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On March 19, 2021 at 3:00 a.m., Parkland RCMP were advised that Air One, from the Edmonton Police Service, was following a vehicle that had been stolen out of Edmonton. Parkland RCMP attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, however, the driver of the vehicle refused to stop for police.

Air One continued to follow and advised the suspect vehicle entered the hamlet of Wabamun. Using covert methods, the RCMP were able to successfully disable the vehicle. Two suspects fled the scene on foot and were apprehended after RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS) were deployed.

The female suspect, Taylor Robulak (34) from Iron Springs, Alta. and Royston Watson (37) from Golden, B.C. are charged with Flight from peace officer

· Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle

· Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000

Both are scheduled to appear in Stony Plain Provincial Court on May 12, 2021.

NEW CANADA EMERGENCY BUSINESS ACCOUNT EXTENDED

Gerald Soroka. Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the deadline for the new Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applications is being extended from March 31 to June 30, 2021.

This deadline extension applies to any new applications for CEBA loans of \$60,000 or to new applications from businesses that have already received the \$40,000 loan and intend to apply for the additional \$20,000.

The extension will allow more businesses to access the support they need as Canada's economy continues to deal with localized public health restrictions and, for a number of businesses, reduced opening hours or reduced

demand for services. Extending the application deadline to June 2021 also aligns CEBA with the timelines of other federal government support programs for business.

2021 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Anne County

The County offers an annual Calcium Dust Suppression Program to assist in the reduction of the impact of dust on residential rural properties adjacent to County roadways. If you wish

Submitted by Lac Ste. to participate in this program, download an application form at LSAC.ca/dust. Remember: the deadline to apply is April 30.

Two dust applications are available:

· Purchasing calcium with a gravel application: \$877 + GST per 100m min

· Purchasing calcium without

a gravel application: \$558 + GST per 100 m min

It is the Applicant's responsibility to notify the County's Public Works Department, via application, which option is preferable.

To reduce cost, calcium will be applied to all County-chosen locations (intersections most susceptible to washboard) without

an application.

To participate in the program, you must have your municipal address sign posted prior to submitting an application. Other conditions apply. For more information, please visit LSAC.ca/ dust

RCMP INVESTIGATE BREAK AND ENTER AND ARREST TWO SUSPECTS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On March 24, 2021 at 1:53 a.m. Parkland RCMP responded to a break and enter in progress at a business near the Mink Lake Campground. When RCMP officers arrived at the location they observed two suspects running from the business. RCMP officer's engaged in a foot chase. One suspect was captured and taken into custody. The second

suspect was later apprehended by RCMP Police Dog Services (PDS) and arrested without incident.

A loaded firearm and ammunition were located inside the suspect's vehicle. Both suspects were found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

- Shane Black (26) of Bluffton, Alta. was charged with:
- Break and enter with intent
- Resist/obstruct peace officer
- · Possess break-in instruments

Mischief under \$5000

· Possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) (x2)

• Weapons offences (x4)

· Fail to comply with release order condition (x7)

Jesse Herman (33) of Bluffton, Alta. was charged with:

- · Break and enter with intent
- Resist/obstruct peace officer
- · Possess break-in instruments
- Mischief under \$5000
- · Possession of a controlled

substance (methamphetamine) • Weapons offences (x4)

Both of the accused were held for judicial interim release hearings.

Shane Black was remanded into custody. His next appearance is scheduled for April 7, 2021 at Stony Plain Provincial Court. Jesse Herman was released. His next appearance is scheduled for April 28, 2021 at Stony Plain Provincial Court.

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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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