

# YOUR PARKLAND

2024 FALL

Keeping you connected with your County

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December 23: Regular hours  
Closed December 24, 2024 at noon until January 2, 2025



COMMUNITY ROUND DANCE



PRODUCERS DINNER



LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

You can now receive monthly County updates directly to your inbox! Be sure to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter by visiting [www.parklandcounty.com/eNewsletter](http://www.parklandcounty.com/eNewsletter)



### REACH OUT OR FOLLOW US:

Find out more on what's happening in Parkland County, follow us or visit [parklandcounty.com](http://parklandcounty.com)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday; 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
T: 780-968-8888  
E: [hello@parklandcounty.com](mailto:hello@parklandcounty.com)

53109A HWY 779  
Parkland County, AB T7Z 1R1

## PROCLAMATIONS

[www.parklandcounty.com/Proclamations](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Proclamations)



Parkland County Mayor and Council (L – R back) Councillor Rob Wiedeman, Councillor Sally Kucher Johnson, Mayor Allan Gamble, (L – R front) Councillor Phyllis Kobasiuk, Councillor Natalie Birnie, not pictured: Councillor Kristina Kowalski

# MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe we are already in December and approaching a new year. We extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyful holiday season filled with peace and love. We hope that this season brings you moments of joy and relaxation, and that the New Year is filled with health and happiness.**

As we look forward to the holidays, we know that it can be a challenging time for families. Through our FCSS program and partners, there are supports available in our community to help those in need. Find more about these on page five.

As the year comes to a close, it's a great time to reflect on 2024 and all we've accomplished as a County over the past 12 months. We are quite proud of the year behind us and invite you to read more about the year's successes

on the next page. And although the year is coming to an end, projects and initiatives are still progressing along at the County — find more information on page 19.

One initiative we are particularly excited about is the Wireless Internet Rebate Program (WIRP). Delivering access to quality internet service for all residents is one of our key priorities. That's why we are very pleased to launch the WIRP to assist our rural residents by subsidizing equipment and installation fees for new wireless internet connections. For further detail, read more on page six.

Winter can seem long and cold, and we encourage you to get outside and enjoy all the winter delights our beautiful region has to offer. If you're looking for suggestions on what to do, be sure to check out [www.exploreparkland.com](http://www.exploreparkland.com) or follow @parklandcounty on Instagram.

As we conclude 2024, we continue to remember our beloved friend, Division 6 Councillor Allan Hoefsloot who passed away earlier this year. We continue to miss his presence each day but hold him dearly in our hearts.

With a new year also comes a time of renewal. A new municipal election season will officially get underway when nominations for October's election open up on January 1, 2025.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for a challenging and rewarding 2024. We look forward to a busy but exciting year ahead and appreciate your support as we work to ensure that Parkland County remains a wonderful community to live, work and play. Cheers to 2025!

*Parkland County Mayor and Council*

We acknowledge that we are located on the lands of Treaty 6 which is the traditional home of the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux nations, members of the Métis nations of Alberta, Inuit and all First Nations sharing this land for generations. We recognize the long history and contributions of Indigenous peoples who've cared for this land from time immemorial to the present. We acknowledge that we are all treaty people bound to one another by the spirit and intent of treaty as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the river flows.



# 2024] HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF MILESTONES WE'RE PROUD TO SHARE, FROM SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TO REMARKABLE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS.

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ACRES  
ENROLLED IN



A NEW TOURISM WEBSITE

EXPLORE  
PARKLAND

WAS LAUNCHED —  
AND WON AN AWARD!



FILLED  
1,300  
POTHoles



APPROXIMATELY

1000  
PEOPLE

PARTICIPATED IN  
LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE  
BLOCK PARTY EVENTS

ONE OF THE  
**LOWEST**  
ANNUAL PROPERTY  
**TAX**  
INCREASES IN THE  
EDMONTON  
REGION



ALBERTA  
**FireSmart™**  
PROGRAM SAW OVER  
**75% INCREASE**  
IN FIRESMART ASSESSMENTS



Alberta's  
**TOP  
80  
EMPLOYERS  
2024**

SELECTED  
AS ONE OF  
ALBERTA'S  
**TOP  
EMPLOYERS**

SUBSTANTIAL WORK ON OUR  
**MUNICIPAL  
BYLAW UPDATE**

COMPLETED  
**100+** HOURS  
OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

CLEAN GLASS  
COLLECTION PROGRAM AT  
THE PARKLAND COUNTY  
TRANSFER STATION  
COLLECTED

**4 TONNES  
OF GLASS**

MATERIAL (EQUAL TO  
16,000 BEER BOTTLES)



PLANTED OVER  
**28,000  
TREES**   
AT 13 DIFFERENT SITES

EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS  
CENTRE  
**ANSWERED  
OVER 80,000  
CALLS**

AND DISPATCHED FOR  
58 FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
IN ALBERTA

NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
GRANT PROVIDED  
**\$93K TO 15  
NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS**



**\$35 MILLION**  
ALLOCATED FOR  
**37 CAPITAL**  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



## CHRISTMASTIME IN THE COUNTY

Need a little support this holiday season? There are a variety of supports and opportunities available to you as a Parkland County resident throughout the winter and Christmas season.

[www.parklandcounty.com/Christmas](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Christmas)

### Christmas Hampers

#### KINETTE CLUB OF SPRUCE GROVE

Christmas Hampers provided to Spruce Grove and Parkland County east of Boundary Road. Applications can be made by phone to the Parkland Food Bank: 780-962-4565 ext. 1.

Application Deadline: December 14  
Hamper Pickup: December 20

#### LAC STE. ANNE FOOD BANK

Christmas hampers available.  
Apply by phone: 780-271-3131

Application Deadline: December 13  
Hamper Pickup: December 18  
(from Onoway Baptist Church)

#### PARKLAND FOOD BANK

All hamper applications can be made by phone:

780-962-4565 ext. 1. For more information, visit their website.

Closed: December 22 to January 2  
(reopens January 3, 2025)

[www.parklandfoodbank.org](http://www.parklandfoodbank.org)



### Winter Clothing

#### COATS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Winter clothing for children, families and adults: coats, mitts, toques, scarves, snow pants and winter boots, including adult insulated work boots.

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

Located at the Family  
Connection Centre:  
5600-50 Street, Stony Plain.

Call 780-963-0549 for more information.

#### STONY PLAIN KINSMEN

Christmas Hampers provided to Stony Plain and Parkland County from Boundary Road west to Range Road 34. Applications can be made by phone to the Parkland Food Bank: 780-962-4565 ext. 1

Application Deadline: December 14  
Hamper Pickup: December 20

#### WEE FOOD BANK

Supplying food to those in need in Evansburg, Entwistle and Wildwood.

Call Tuesdays before 2:00 pm to arrange hamper pick up: 780-727-4043.

### 2-1-1 Support

2-1-1 is here to help you find the right community and social services. It is confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day across many parts of Alberta, including Parkland County. Don't feel stuck this holiday season. Call, text or live chat 2-1-1 to get connected with the resources you need to get ahead.



#### PARKLAND COUNTY OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Parkland County offices will be closed  
December 24 at noon until January 2, 2025.  
Offices reopen January 2, 2025, at 8:30 am.

#### Transfer Station holiday hours:

December 23: Regular hours  
December 24: Closed  
December 25: Closed  
December 26: Closed  
December 27 – 31: Regular hours  
January 1: Closed

View individual transfer station locations  
and hours at [www.parklandcounty.com/TransferStations](http://www.parklandcounty.com/TransferStations)

#### Animal Shelter holiday hours:

Closed for walk ins December 24, 2024 to  
January 2, 2025. Available by appointment  
at 780-968-8400.

*\*Only urgent matters will be responded to on  
December 25.*



# WHAT'S NEW IN PARKLAND COUNTY

## Wireless Internet Rebate Program

In response to ongoing demand for wireless internet services, the County is subsidizing equipment and installation fees to remove barriers to quality internet service for qualified residents. Effective December 2, 2024, residents may submit an application to receive a rebate of up to \$1,000 for the hardware and installation costs for a new wireless internet connection.

To be eligible for the rebate, residents must supply proof of a series of CIRA speed tests demonstrating speeds consistently below 50 mbps download/10mbps upload or declare an inability to establish a wired connection.

Funding is currently available for approximately 100 applicants and the program will conclude on or before February 28, 2025 — after which the program will be reviewed. The project team will continually monitor the trial program noting administrative demand, technical issues and opportunities for improvement.

To learn more and apply, please visit [yourparkland.ca/WIRP](https://yourparkland.ca/WIRP)



## Traffic lights coming soon at two Acheson intersections on Highway 16A

As you travel along Highway 16A in Parkland County, you'll notice some changes to traffic flow in the Acheson area. Funded through Prairies Economic Development Canada, the County has been working on improvements to the intersections at Spruce Valley Road and at Bevington/ Pinchbeck Road. These intersections, once fully completed, will include traffic lights, streetlights, additional turning lanes, acceleration lanes and deceleration lanes along with new road connections north and south of Highway 16A. The improved intersections will also be coupled with speed limit reductions from 100km/h down to 80 km/h along the surrounding stretches of highway.

The improvements will encourage new investment opportunities by opening access to approximately 2,600 acres of developable land in Acheson. The changes are also in alignment with the transitions being introduced at the easterly edges of Spruce Grove and the westerly edges of the City of Edmonton to provide efficient movements while balancing growth pressures within the region.

Most of the work is expected to be complete with both intersections operating by mid-December.

Learn more about this project at [yourparkland.ca/Acheson](https://yourparkland.ca/Acheson)



Photo credit: CIMA+ Engineering

## A MESSAGE FROM PARKLAND COUNTY FIRE SERVICES



### COST RECOVERY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Starting **January 1, 2025**, Parkland County Fire Services may issue invoices to recover costs from certain types of Emergency Response including:

- Motor Vehicle Collisions and Vehicle Fires on Parkland County roads
- Structure Fires
- Outdoor Fires
- Public Assist
- False Alarms

Large complex fires and preventable responses increase our costs to operate.

For most scenarios, the costs will be recouped from insurance policies that already cover these incidents. That means we can fund the response without having to pass the costs on to all residents through higher tax rates.

This is a cost recovery system, meaning the County doesn't profit from emergency responses and similar policies are in place in municipalities across Alberta.

Does your insurance policy cover fire department response costs? It's important to check your policy to see if you have appropriate coverage.

For more on the policy, [www.parklandcounty.com/FireCost](https://www.parklandcounty.com/FireCost)



## TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN PROGRAM

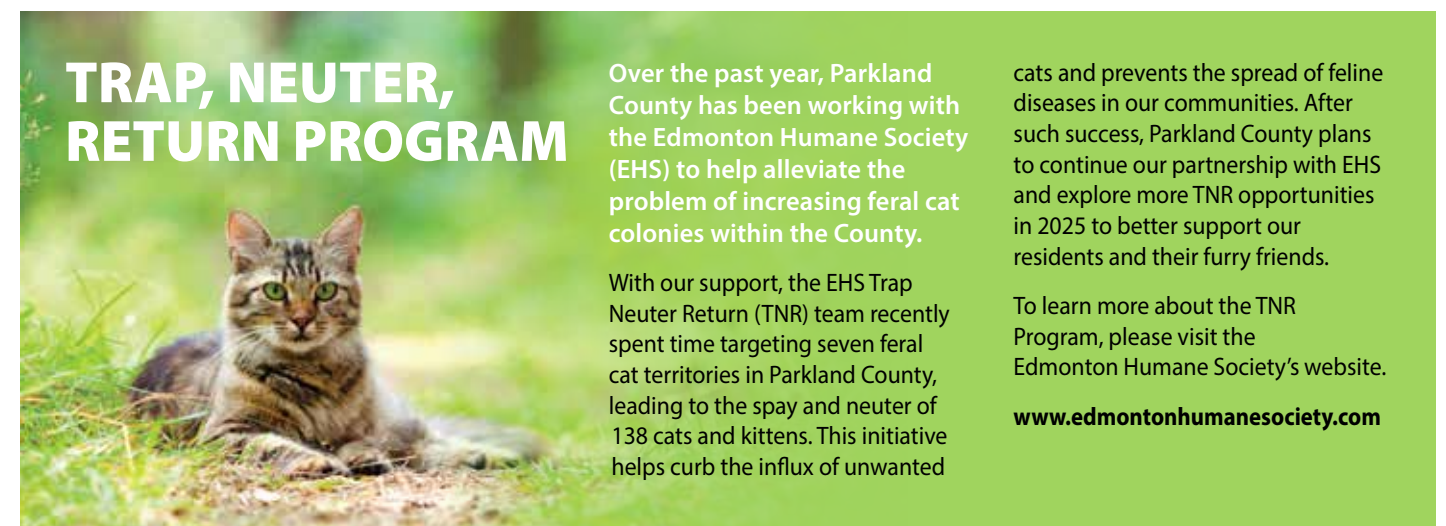
Over the past year, Parkland County has been working with the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) to help alleviate the problem of increasing feral cat colonies within the County.

With our support, the EHS Trap Neuter Return (TNR) team recently spent time targeting seven feral cat territories in Parkland County, leading to the spay and neuter of 138 cats and kittens. This initiative helps curb the influx of unwanted

cats and prevents the spread of feline diseases in our communities. After such success, Parkland County plans to continue our partnership with EHS and explore more TNR opportunities in 2025 to better support our residents and their furry friends.

To learn more about the TNR Program, please visit the Edmonton Humane Society's website.

[www.edmontonhumanesociety.com](https://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com)





# SNOW REMOVAL IN PARKLAND COUNTY

We can expect to see various snowfall and weather events during the winter season. Parkland County works hard to address road conditions to ensure the overall safety of the road network.

[www.parklandcounty.com/SnowRemoval](http://www.parklandcounty.com/SnowRemoval)

## How does the County prioritize snow and ice control?

There is over 2000 km of roadways that require clearing. It is important to have a plan to ensure that plowing is efficient and fair. Parkland County utilizes nine plow trucks and ten graders for snow removal in the County, including subdivisions and hamlets.

The County puts a high importance on getting out to clear the roads for our residents. The County prioritizes roadways as per our Snow and Ice Control Policy. After a major weather event, the County uses the following order for snow removal:

1. Arterial roads (highly used roads)
2. Collector roads (roadways connecting arterial and subdivision roads)
3. Local, subdivision and hamlet roads
4. Parking lots and rear lanes (Parkland County facilities and Community Halls)



## PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

The Province is responsible for clearing all provincial highways. Parkland County takes care of range roads, township roads and subdivision roads. Please contact Alberta Transportation with concerns on Provincial Highways or view [511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca) for updated highway conditions.

## How long does snow removal take?

Under normal operations, the County will provide snow and ice control to Priority 1 and 2 roads within 36 hours after the end of a major weather event. All other areas will receive snow and ice control within 72 hours after the end of the weather event.

## What can I do to help?

- Move cars off the street during snow clearing operations.
- Clear your sidewalk.
- Avoid pushing snow on or across County roadways. This creates a safety hazard and contravenes municipal bylaws.
- When clearing your approach, clear the snow to the left of your driveway to minimize residual snow that can be pushed through your driveway. (see graphic on next page)

## Sandboxes

There are several Community Halls throughout the County where residents can get sand:

- The Woodbend Community Society
- Carvel Hall
- Blueberry Community Hall
- Muir Lake Community Hall
- Brightbank Community Centre
- Manly Goodwill Community Hall
- Garden Valley Community Centre
- Duffield Community Hall
- Holborn Hall
- Westland Park Community League

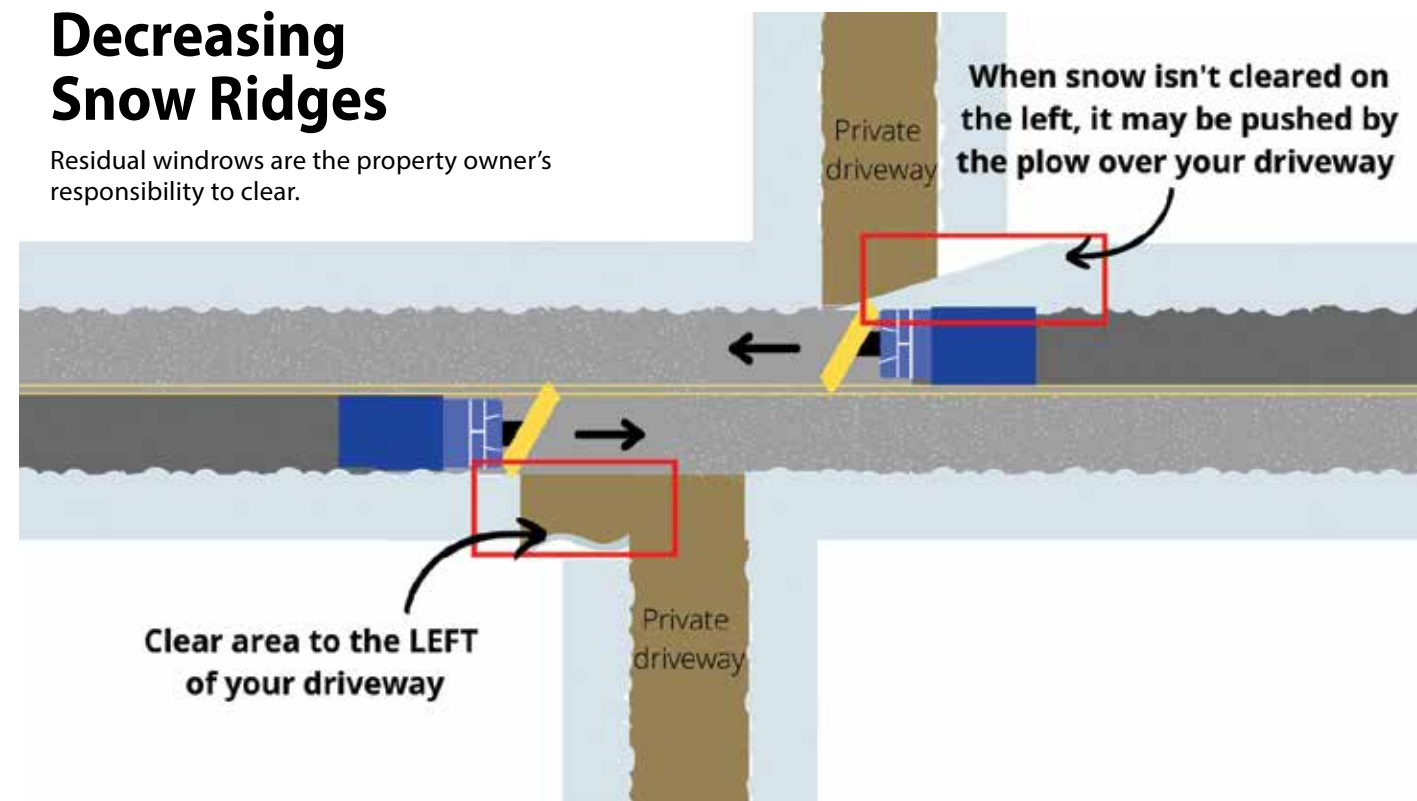
### DID YOU KNOW?

Parkland County is responsible for 1,250 km of graveled roads and 800 km of asphalt surface roads.



## Decreasing Snow Ridges

Residual windrows are the property owner's responsibility to clear.



## SNOW REMOVAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Our Snow Removal Subsidy Program provides funding support to residents with disabilities for snow removal from their private driveways. To qualify, you must provide a doctor's note stating that you and adult members of your household are physically unable to remove snow from your driveway. Up to \$500 per winter season is available per household.

Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/snowremovalprogram](http://www.parklandcounty.com/snowremovalprogram)







# 2025 ELECTION

Interested in running in the 2025 municipal election? The Nomination period is open January 1, 2025, through to September 22, 2025, with the deadline to submit papers being September 22, 2025, by 12:00 pm.

Nomination Day is Monday, September 22, 2025, 10 am to 12 pm. Applications will be accepted during this time at Parkland County Centre (53109A Highway 779, Parkland County). Prior to Nomination Day, you must book an appointment with the Returning Officer to submit your completed nomination form. Parkland County accepts the nominations for Parkland County Council and Parkland School Division.

Being a member of Council is a challenging and rewarding experience. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard and represent the best interests of the residents of Parkland County!

If elected as a member of Council, you will have the opportunity to shape the future of your municipality.

Learn more at [www.parklandcounty.com/Election](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Election)



# CORPORATE REPORTING

As an essential component of the overall strategic planning process, performance reporting monitors the organization's progress to determine if Parkland County is successfully achieving the County's goals or if adjustments need to be made. Regular Reporting is used by Administration to keep Council informed about the County's progress and results achieved.

Effective performance monitoring is the County's feedback loop that links strategy, planning and continuous improvement together into an integrated system — it aligns direction, action and results. The 2025 Corporate Plan is now available online at [www.parklandcounty.com/CorporatePlan](http://www.parklandcounty.com/CorporatePlan)

# UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Stay up to date with Council meeting agendas, recaps and more by subscribing to receive email updates at [www.parklandcounty.com/Meetings](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Meetings)

## DECEMBER

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## FEBRUARY

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- COUNCIL MEETINGS
- GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEEMEETINGS



The holidays are a season of joy, but often bring a significant amount of waste. Choosing eco-friendly options when celebrating can make your holidays more environmentally sustainable!

Want to do your part to reduce waste? Here are some tips for reducing, reusing or repurposing items in your household this holiday season:

- Shop at local markets and stores where products are made close to home and have less packaging.
- Recycle holiday cards.
- Thrift and upcycle.
- Help eliminate food waste by using your leftovers to create new meals or freeze them.

- Reuse gift bags for wrapping presents, or use a basket, cookie tin or tea towels.
- Plan a trip to one of Parkland County's recycle centers or "Take It or Leave It" at a Transfer Station if you are doing a holiday clean out! Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/TransferStations](http://www.parklandcounty.com/TransferStations) to view locations.





# PROTECTING PARKLAND

## PEACE OFFICER PROFILE

Brian Blatz is celebrating 5 years as a Peace Officer with Parkland County's Enforcement Services team. We caught up with him recently to find out what the job is really like.

### WHAT INTERESTED YOU ABOUT BECOMING A PEACE OFFICER?

Being a Peace Officer is great because I have always enjoyed chatting with people and being able to learn what makes them "tick". I'm also a person who will stand up and say something when no one else will — so combining those two traits really suits the role.

### WHAT ARE SOME COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PEACE OFFICERS?

People think all we do is write tickets... well, we do, but that's not our only role! People think we are mean and want to enforce the laws to the fullest when actually, we are very approachable and willing to chat. I would much rather have a conversation on how to fix an issue than be heavy-handed and issue tickets.

### WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT PEACE OFFICERS?

We look to try and fix the problem, not just band-aid it. I do want people to know that, now more than ever, we are extremely busy and most of us are running 30 or more case files. My message to them is 'we will address your problem, but we are just asking for some time.'

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE JOB?

The best thing about being a Peace Officer is being able to go into schools and interacting with the kids. Whether I am reading to the younger grades or presenting about safety issues in high school, the kids make it the best part of the day. They are engaged and always come up with the craziest questions that make me laugh, no matter how prepared I am.

It also sounds cliché but having the ability to help people on some of their worst days makes it all worthwhile.

“ The few interactions I have had with Officer Blatz have left a lasting positive impression. His commitment to his duties and his ability to connect with the community make him an outstanding peace officer.

*Parkland County Resident*

“ Brian continually makes a positive impact in the community and we're fortunate to have him on our team of Peace Officers that are dedicated to the safety and quality of life of our residents.

*— Geoff Heritage  
Director, Parkland County  
Enforcement Services*

## EVANSBURG RCMP UPDATE

The RCMP aids Albertans at the federal, provincial and municipal level by working to:

- Prevent crime
- Enforce the law
- Investigate offences
- Keep Canadians, and their interests, safe and secure
- Assist Canadians in emergency situations/incidents

Due to its vast size, Parkland County receives policing from the RCMP and is served by three detachments — Drayton Valley, Evansburg, and Parkland County.

Evansburg RCMP has continued this year to focus on rural crime and enhancing patrols in smaller communities, along with targeting prolific offenders, drug awareness and educating youth. The public were asked to watch after their neighbours and call in anything they deemed suspicious.

There has been a large increase in calls for suspicious persons and vehicles, and with this help from the public, the RCMP have been able to locate, arrest, charge and remove those individuals looking to target and cause harm within the community.

We ask that all Parkland County residents continue to remain vigilant and work with your neighbours. Do not to hesitate to call the police if you see anything suspicious.

### NEED HELP?

For Emergencies, dial 9-1-1

For Non-Emergency Peace Officer assistance, dial 780-968-8400

For the latest news on crime prevention, criminal activity and what our Peace Officers have been doing to make Parkland County a safer place, visit [YourParkland.ca](https://www.yourparkland.ca)

### EVANSBURG RCMP DETACHMENT

January to August 2023 vs January to August 2024



Persons crime (assaults, sex assaults, threats, etc.)

**42 %  
DROP**



Theft of Motor Vehicles

**38 %  
DROP**



Break and Enters

**16 %  
DROP**



Property Crime

**15 %  
DROP**







## ICE FISHING ADVENTURES AT WABAMUN LAKE: YOUR ULTIMATE WINTER ESCAPE

As winter blankets Alberta in snow, Wabamun Lake transforms into a sparkling playground for outdoor enthusiasts. Among the many activities you can enjoy, ice fishing stands out as a thrilling way to embrace the season. If you're looking to experience this unique pastime, Wabamun Lake offers not only stunning views but also excellent rental options to make your ice fishing adventure a breeze.

### WHY CHOOSE WABAMUN LAKE?

Located just an hour west of Edmonton, Wabamun Lake is one of Alberta's premier fishing destinations. Known for its abundance of perch and northern pike, the lake provides ample opportunities for both novice anglers and seasoned pros. The picturesque surroundings and tranquil atmosphere create the perfect backdrop for a day spent on the ice.

### ICE FISHING RENTALS WITH DOKCYDE

For a truly unforgettable experience, consider renting from Dokcyde. They offer a fantastic ice fishing package that combines comfort and convenience. Here's what you can expect:

- **Fully Equipped Ice Fishing Huts:** Dokcyde provides cozy huts that keep you warm while you fish. Each hut is stocked with everything you need, so you can focus on enjoying your time on the ice.
- **Top-Notch Fishing Gear:** No need to worry about bringing your own equipment! Dokcyde offers high-quality fishing gear rentals, including rods, reels, and bait, ensuring you have the best tools for success.

- **Guidance from Experienced Staff:** If you're new to ice fishing or just want to improve your skills, the knowledgeable staff at Dokcyde are there to help. They'll share tips and techniques to enhance your fishing experience.

Whether you're spending the day with family, friends, or even going solo, ice fishing at Wabamun Lake promises fun and relaxation. Plus, after a day on the ice, you can warm up in your hut, enjoy some hot drinks and share stories of the day's catches.

### Tips for a Successful Ice Fishing Trip:

- **Dress Warm:** Layer your clothing and don't forget insulated boots, gloves and a hat to keep comfortable.
- **Plan Ahead:** Check ice conditions before heading out and always follow safety guidelines for ice fishing.
- **Stay Hydrated and Fueled:** Bring snacks and drinks to keep your energy up while you fish!

Ice fishing at Wabamun Lake is not just about the thrill of the catch; it's about enjoying the beauty of nature and spending quality time with loved ones. With the fantastic rental options offered by Dokcyde, you can dive into this winter activity without any hassle. Grab your gear, bundle up and get ready for a day of fun on the ice! Visit [www.dokcyde.ca](http://www.dokcyde.ca)



## BUSINESS SUPPORTS

Are you a small business owner looking for ways to boost your success? Parkland County's website is packed with easy-to-use resources to help your business grow and thrive!

### Here's what you can tap into:

#### 1. MONEY MATTERS:

Check out various grants and funding programs designed to give your business startup or established business a financial boost.

#### 2. EXPERT GUIDANCE

Get friendly advice on everything from business plans to marketing strategies — think of it as your personal business coach.

#### 3. SKILL UP AND NETWORK

Join fun events to connect with other entrepreneurs and local leaders. Dive into workshops and training sessions that'll equip you and your team with the latest skills to stay ahead in the game.

#### 4. STREAMLINING REGULATIONS

Need help with regulations, utilities and information on a parcel of land for your business? We've got your back to make the process smooth and stress-free.

#### 5. TOURISM SUPPORTS

If you have a tourism business, discover exciting resources to draw in visitors and make their experiences unforgettable.

These resources are here to help you thrive and keep the entrepreneurial spirit alive in Parkland County. Check out the County's business support page for more details and get started on your growth journey!

Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/Business](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Business)

Working on projects for your business, your home or your land? PLANit Parkland is an online tool used to submit applications, book inspections, check developments happening nearby and more.



[www.parklandcounty.com/PLANit](http://www.parklandcounty.com/PLANit)





# COMMUNITY LEAGUE EVENTS

## HOLBORN HALL

### Family Bingo

**December 14, January 18 and February 22**

**Time:** Doors open 6:15 pm  
Bingo starts at 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome! Prizes are meat/food or gift baskets. Tickets are \$5 for a strip of 3, \$7 for a double strip and \$10 for a triple strip.

### Holborn Hall AGM

**January 26**

**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Holborn Hall could use your input. Come share new ideas for events and activities!

### Self Defense Course

**February 8**

Visit [www.holbornhall.com](http://www.holbornhall.com) for more information

Holborn Hall contact: 780-963-7077

Email: [Bingo@holbornhall.com](mailto:Bingo@holbornhall.com) or [events@holbornhall.com](mailto:events@holbornhall.com)

## PARKLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Seniors Connect

**Time:** Wednesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm

### Chair Yoga

**Time:** Fridays at 4:00 pm

Register for \$5 a class or drop-in for \$8 a class

### Restorative Yoga

**Time:** Mondays at 7:00 pm

[www.parklandvillagehall.ca](http://www.parklandvillagehall.ca)

### New Year's Family Dance

**December 31**

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 1:00 am

Karaoke, DJ, door prizes and games! \$20/person

To learn more, visit

[www.parklandvillagehall.ca](http://www.parklandvillagehall.ca)

## SANDHILLS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

### Annual Handmade Holiday Hurrah

**December 14**

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

[www.sandhillscommunityleague.com](http://www.sandhillscommunityleague.com)

# COMMUNITY LEAGUES

Community Leagues are vital in creating and sustaining vibrant communities. Parkland County's 26 Community Leagues have a diverse group of volunteers who provide community recreation and culture opportunities through a variety of programs, events and amenities — each one unique to the immediate community they serve.

Want to get involved? Please contact your local community league if you are interested in joining, volunteering or participating in one of the wonderful events that they host!

For more info on Community Leagues near you, visit [parklandcounty.com/CommunityLeagues](http://parklandcounty.com/CommunityLeagues)

## Community Events



If you're looking to connect with your community or want to advertise a community event, be sure to check out our Community Events Calendar at [events.parklandcounty.com](http://events.parklandcounty.com)



# PARKLAND COUNTY LIBRARIES

During the winter months, most evenings you just want to keep warm inside curled up — maybe with a good book or a good movie. Your local library feels the same and they've got you covered! With your library card you can access a variety of things from the comfort of your home, without having to brave the cold.

Thanks to "Overdrive", the "Libby" app, and "CloudLibrary", you can borrow e-Books or audiobooks directly to your personal devices. If you're a comics buff, you can enjoy unlimited, immediate access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga — no holds, no wait lists — with "Comics Plus

Full Collection". And who needs a monthly bill for streaming services? With "Hoopla", you can stream any of the available film titles, music titles, and television shows all for FREE with your library card.

These services, and much more, are accessed through your library's website, [www.pclibraries.ca](http://www.pclibraries.ca) or from the app on your phone.

You can always request titles and place holds for pick-up at your local library at a future date, but next time there is a blizzard and you just can't make it to the library, try out some of these cool eResources. You may be amazed at the benefits you receive without even stepping foot outside!

## Local author spotlight

**Cassandra Troughton**, author of *The Tree Spot*

The Tree Spot is a beautifully illustrated children's picture book that explores the deep connection between nature and humanity through the eyes of a little girl named Willow.

Cassandra's book was inspired by her time living in the County. Every day after work, she would spend time outside recharging amidst the trees, often with a book or music. Other times, watching the sunset with her cats and dogs. This safe space where she connected with nature became her tree spot. The book is a heartfelt story about the healing power of nature and the special spots that leave a lasting impact in our hearts. You can get a copy of her book on Amazon!

## INDOOR WALKING GROUPS

- For all mobility levels!
- Tomahawk Agra, Entwistle Library, Duffield Library and Wabamun Jubilee Hall.
- Contact your library for dates and times.

## BOOK CLUBS

**Tomahawk Library:**

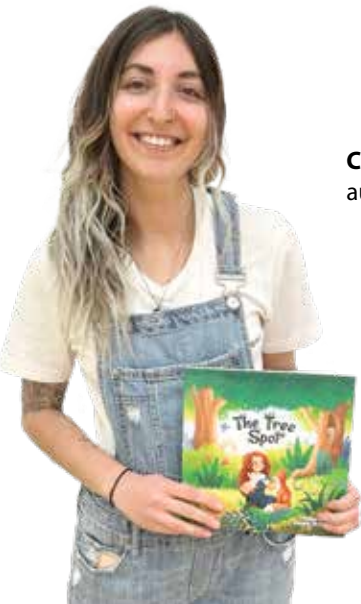
Third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am

**Entwistle Library:** Fourth Wednesday

of every month at 2:00 pm

**Keephills Library:** Second Tuesday of every

month at 1:30 pm



**Cassandra Troughton**, author of *The Tree Spot*



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES



## Seniors' Shuttle

Offers weekly transportation from Entwistle for Parkland County seniors (65+) and those with disabilities.

**Tuesdays cover West-East area**  
**Thursdays cover West-South area**  
 Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/Shuttle](http://www.parklandcounty.com/Shuttle)

Book your seat by calling  
 780-727-3947



## Parent and Tot Groups

A space to socialize with other parents while your children play in a cheerful, relaxed environment.

**Parkland Village Community Centre**  
 Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

**Entwistle Community Recreation Centre**  
 Fridays, 10:00 – 11:30 am

View the full calendar at [albertaparenting.ca](http://albertaparenting.ca)



## Red Cross Youth Programs

We are proud to offer Canadian Red Cross programs to help educate youth on important safety situations; from learning how to Stay Safe when home alone to caring for younger children in the babysitting course.

Programs and courses will be available at various county community league halls throughout the year. A full list of available locations, dates and times can be found at [www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms](http://www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms)

Is someone using social media to harass, stalk, or manipulate you?

**SAiF Society**  
 Piece Together

[www.saifsociety.ca](http://www.saifsociety.ca)

## Bridging Connections

This program operates in person Wednesdays from 9 am – 12 pm at the Wabamun Community Centre. Meet with a community Social Worker who will offer compassionate and confidential support. Assistance will be provided in identifying solutions, connecting residents to resources and navigating many of life's challenges.

Bridging Connections also offers short-term counselling sessions the first Wednesday of every month for residents aged 16+.

Call 780-962-7618 to book an appointment or drop in.

# MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECT

The MDP Project is now in the Approvals phase. To stay up to date on the adoption of the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw, subscribe for project updates at [yourparkland.ca/MDP](http://yourparkland.ca/MDP).

On behalf of Project Team, thank you to everyone who attended public engagement events over the past two years and had their say.

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a high-level plan that establishes a vision for the County's growth over the next 30 years. It sets future direction by identifying where different types of growth and development will occur, including residential, employment, recreation, and community service development. In addition to future land use, the MDP sets out policies to guide infrastructure, transportation, and environmental protection.

# LAND USE BYLAW REDESIGN PROJECT

As part of a regular and ongoing process, Parkland County is updating the County's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) in an effort to streamline regulations and create clear and transparent decision-making processes for development in the County.

## Project Updates and Next Steps

The LUB Redesign Project consists of three phases.

### PHASE 1 — FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH [COMPLETED]



### PHASE 2: DRAFT LAND USE BYLAW AND ENGAGE [WE ARE HERE]



The project team has completed the Draft LUB and engagement opportunities are currently underway. Check out the project website for opportunities to provide your feedback.



### PHASE 3: FINAL LAND USE BYLAW AND APPROVALS [Q1 2025]

The final phase of the project will include showcasing the final proposed LUB and providing an opportunity for the community to submit feedback prior to final approval. The Municipal Government Act (MGA) requires the adoption of the LUB through a formal process. This process will involve three readings at Parkland County Centre and one Public Hearing.

To stay up to date on events and opportunities to participate, you can subscribe to project updates at [yourparkland.ca/LUB](http://yourparkland.ca/LUB)

### UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE:

**January 15, 2025**

**When:** Drop in anytime between 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Where:** Entwistle Community Recreation Centre, 4916 51 St





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