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2026 SPRING

Keeping you connected with your County

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## PROCLAMATIONS

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Parkland County Mayor and Council (L – R): Mayor – Rod Shaigec, Division 1 Councillor – Sally Kucher Johnson, Division 2 Councillor – Jason Doucette, Division 3 Councillor – Ben Jespersen, Division 4 Councillor – Corey Kyle, Division 5 Councillor – Kristine Olson, Division 6 Councillor – John McNab.

# MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

As we welcome the spring season in Parkland County, we're pleased to share an update on the important work your Council has been undertaking on your behalf.

In December 2025, Council provisionally approved the 2026 Budget, a responsible plan that keeps the residential tax increase to just 0.8% — amongst the lowest in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region — while continuing to invest in the roads, quality core services, and infrastructure you rely on every day. We're proud to put forward a budget that strikes the right balance between fiscal responsibility and the priorities of our community. You can read all about it, including a breakdown of where your tax dollars go and why you pay what you do, on pages 4 – 7.

Throughout this issue, you'll also find timely information about the importance of proper drainage as we head into the spring thaw, the reactivation of our Senior's Shuttle transit service, a feature on the chair of our Agricultural Services Board, Susan Schafers, a host of great local community events, and much more.

Finally, we wish to share the progress we are making on important forward planning, looking beyond the year ahead. Council is currently undertaking the development of a new four-year Strategic Plan for Parkland County — our roadmap for the priorities, actions, and investments that will guide our community forward. This plan will be shaped by the values and aspirations of both the Council and the people we serve. Your voice will play a central role in this process. In the weeks ahead, you'll see opportunities to share your ideas, provide your feedback, and tell us what matters most to you. So, stay tuned!

On behalf of Council and the Administration, we look forward to hearing from you and working together to chart Parkland County's path ahead.

Sincerely,  
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.

# PARKLAND COUNTY'S 2026 BUDGET

**WANT MORE DETAIL?**  
Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/budget](http://www.parklandcounty.com/budget) to review the budget in full.

## LOW TAXES, SMART INVESTMENTS, STRONG FUTURE

Parkland County is stepping confidently into 2026 with a budget that keeps taxes low, strengthens essential services, and invests strategically in the community's long-term success. With a residential tax rate increase of just 0.8% — one of the lowest in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region — the County continues its commitment to balancing affordability with the high-quality services residents rely on every day.

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2026



**0.8%**  
Residential Tax Rate Increase\*



**2.75%**  
Non-residential Tax Rate Increase\*



**33%**  
Utilized Allowable Debt Limit  
(the amount of debt Parkland County is legally allowed to carry)



**\$1.50**  
Monthly municipal tax increase for every \$500,000 assessed value



**\$116M**  
Projected Net Financial Assets  
(Financial assets after deducting the County's liabilities)



**\$24M**  
Capital Investment Planned for 2026

#### Strategic Capital Investment

- Road Rehabilitation & Construction
- Stormwater Rehabilitation
- Water & Wastewater Infrastructure

#### Dealing with Budget Pressures

- Inflation
- Increase in Cost Shares
- Federal/Provincial Legislation

#### Sustainable Tax Increase for Residents and Businesses

- Minimizes impact on residents
- Recognizes the challenges faced by Parkland County businesses
- Remains fiscally sustainable

\*The actual impact differs for each property based on the combined effect of inflation, growth, and changes in assessment. This rate does not include requisitions collected by the County on behalf of others and over which the County has no control, including Education Tax requisitions (which are set by the Provincial Government) and Senior's Lodge Services requisitions (which the County is required to collect under the Alberta Housing Act).

Please note: Budget figures are valid as of the Budget's provisional approval in December 2025 and may be subject to change pending approval of the final budget on March 24, 2026.



We know that every dollar matters to our residents and businesses."

— Mayor Rod Shaigec

## A BUDGET THAT REFLECTS COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

"We know that every dollar matters to our residents and businesses," said Mayor Rod Shaigec. "That's why we worked hard to keep the residential increase to just 0.8% and the non-residential increase to just 2.75% while still delivering the services and infrastructure our community depends on. This budget reflects what we've heard from our community in

surveys and on the campaign trail. We're focused on maintaining our road network, protecting our agricultural industry, and creating strong economic growth with a focus on industrial and commercial development. We're proud to deliver a plan that balances fiscal responsibility with community priorities."

## BUDGET SURVEY — WHAT YOU TOLD US, AND WHAT WE'RE DOING



### MEETING YOUR SPENDING PRIORITIES

Between May and July 2025 we conducted a public survey asking our residents where they would like us to prioritize spending in the 2026 budget.

We're listening! Here is what you told us and what we're doing in response.



62% told us they want more roadway maintenance.

- The County has boosted service levels in the **Graded Aggregate Seal Coat Program** and increased funding for gravel and cold mix asphalt to improve road safety and surface conditions.



### MORE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE



62%

### COST SHARING WITH NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

70% told us they support cost-sharing with neighbouring municipalities for services like emergency response, recreation, and libraries.

- We've committed \$6M to the cost-effective delivery of a wide range of shared services for residents across Parkland County and neighbouring municipalities.

70%



### RECREATION

### LIBRARIES

**\$6M**  
COMMITMENT



### EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### MORE FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

57%

57% told us they support more funding for emergency response

- We've boosted regional collaboration with a 2-day **Tri-Regional** major emergency exercise, prepping us to swiftly tackle real emergencies across boundaries with our neighbours, and the 2026 budget continues strong support for emergency preparedness.



55% told us they back stronger promotion and protection of agriculture.

55%

- We're developing **Agricultural Impact Assessment** guidelines to help guide land use decisions and protect prime farmland.

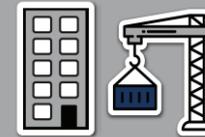
### STRONG PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURE



52% told us they support attracting new industrial and commercial development.

- We're bringing on a new **Senior Planner, Liaison Services** to provide personalized support and streamlined processes for industrial and commercial applicants

- We're also developing a new **Economic Growth Strategy** to expand industrial and commercial business in Parkland County.

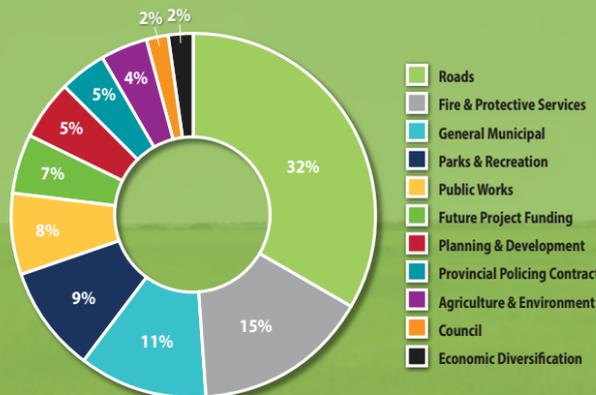


**52%**  
NEW INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

The chart below breaks down how much of your tax dollars contribute to the different everyday costs to run County services:

### OPERATING PROGRAM



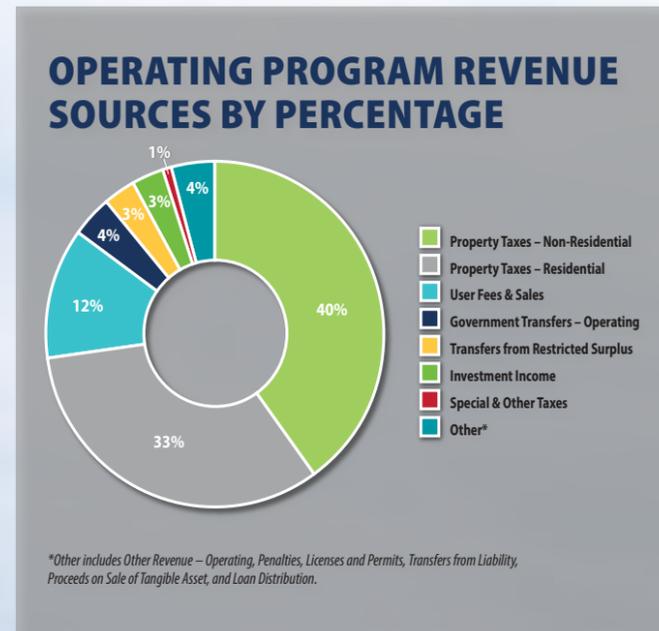
Note: Enabling Services, including Technology & Digital Services, Finance, Governance & Engagement, Employee Services, Assessment and Taxation Services, Communications & Customer Services, Executive Administration and Strategic Growth, have been allocated to functions noted above to reflect their support of each operating program.

Your tax dollars go towards funding a variety of **crucial services** that the community relies on, from **roads and infrastructure, to parks, recreation, agriculture, and more.**

## HOW THE BUDGET IS FUNDED

Parkland County's operating program budget — totalling \$107.8 million — is funded through a revenue mix designed to keep taxes stable and predictable. 40% of the budget comes from non-residential property taxes, 33% from residential property taxes, and 27% comes from lots of different places, including fees, government transfers, investment income, and more.

This balanced approach reduces pressure on residents while ensuring stable funding for essential services.



## HOW IS MY PROPERTY TAX CALCULATED?

Your property tax is calculated using two main factors:

1. The assessed value of your property
2. The tax rate

To determine your municipal residential property tax, the assessed value of your property is multiplied by the tax rate.

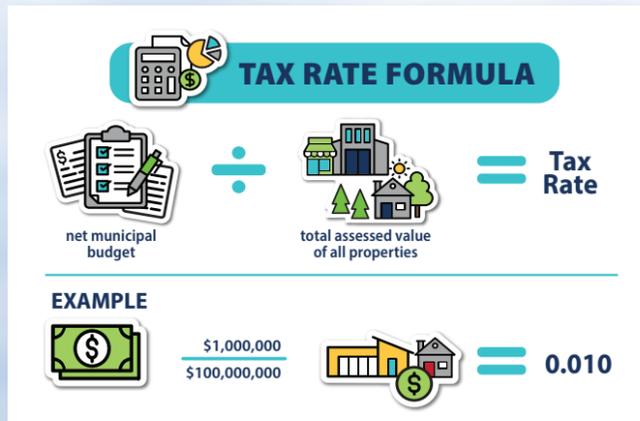
### EXAMPLE:

If the tax rate is **0.0044964\*** and your property's assessed value is **\$500,000**, your property tax would be calculated as follows:

$$\$500,000 \times 0.0044964 = \$2,248.20$$

### HOW IS THE MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE SET?

The County sets the municipal residential tax rate using a straightforward and objective formula. The tax rate is calculated by dividing the **net municipal budget** (total revenue minus expenses) by the **total assessed value of all properties** within the municipality.



This method ensures that the amount of tax collected aligns with the funding required to deliver municipal services.

\*Tax rate current as of provisional budget approval in December 2025. The final rate may be subject to change pending final approval of the budget in late March 2026.

## A COUNTY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Parkland County's 2026 budget is more than numbers on a page — it's a roadmap for a growing, thriving region. With its low tax increase, strong financial health, and well-planned infrastructure priorities, Parkland County is delivering exactly what its residents expect: smart spending, responsive services, and a bright future.

## DID YOU KNOW? NOT EVERYTHING ON YOUR TAX BILL GOES TO THE COUNTY

It's true! Your property tax bill also includes taxes that the County is required to collect on behalf of the Provincial Government for education and policing services, as well as on behalf of seniors' living facilities.

The amounts you pay for these services are not set by the County, and the County does not receive the funds collected for these purposes.

### EDUCATION TAXES

Provincial Government legislation requires that education receives funding through property taxes, and all property owners are required to contribute whether or not they have children attending school. The Government of Alberta sets the required contribution amounts for taxpayers, and the County has no control over or input over the rate.

### POLICING SERVICES (INCLUDING RCMP)

The province invoices the County for policing services (the RCMP). And, just like the education tax component, the amount to be collected is set by the provincial government with no control or input from the County.

### RISING COSTS

Beginning April 1, 2026, municipalities will see their share of policing service costs rise due to changes the Government of Alberta has made to its Police Funding Model. As a result, municipal contributions will increase from 19% to 22% in 2026 and gradually reach 30% over five years. As a direct impact, you will see an increase in the amount you are required to contribute, and this will be reflected on your property tax bill. The RCMP amount is being finalized and will be brought forward with final budget March 24, 2026.

### SENIORS' LIVING FACILITIES

The City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County are all required to collect taxes for seniors' living facilities. The funds collected are passed directly to seniors' lodges. All taxpayers are required to pay these amounts, whether or not they use the services. In Parkland County, taxes are collected on behalf of the Meridian and Evergreen Foundations.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR TAX BILL?

All of the above means that you may experience an increase in your overall tax bill, despite a minimal increase in the County-set municipal property tax rate.

## LOSS OF OIL AND GAS REVENUE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Property taxes from local industries — including oil and gas — are essential for maintaining core services our community depends on. However, recent Government of Alberta policy changes meant to support the industry have had an unintended impact: rural municipalities are losing significant tax revenue.

### HOW SIGNIFICANT?

The loss in municipal tax revenue was estimated at \$332 million loss across Alberta between 2021 and 2023.

That's a big challenge for rural municipalities, because we have limited ways to replace this funding, and shrinking provincial grants are making it even harder.

While Parkland County has been less affected than some communities, it remains a concern. That's why Parkland County supports the Rural Municipalities of Alberta in calling for long-term, fair solutions.

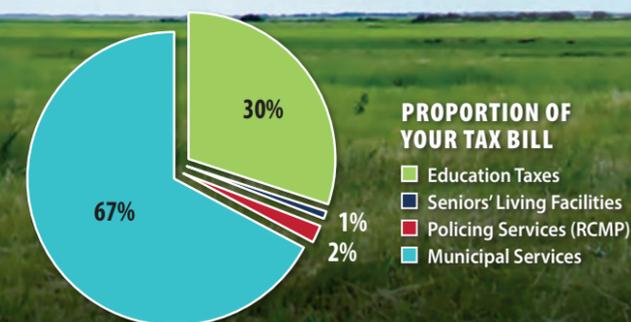
Learn more: <https://rmalberta.com/advocacy/below-the-drill>

## LOW TAX INCREASE, HIGH VALUE FOR RESIDENTS

Despite economic pressures like inflation and increased regional service costs, the County held the residential tax increase to just 0.8%, with non-residential rates held to 2.75%.

This low increase helps:

- Keep Parkland among the **most affordable municipalities** in the region
- **Ease cost-of-living** pressures
- **Support local businesses** navigating economic uncertainty



At time of printing, the County has not been provided provincial amounts for 2026, so 2025 percentages are shown for reference.



We're proud to deliver a plan that balances fiscal responsibility with community priorities."

– Mayor Rod Shaigec



# Life in Parkland County: What You Told Us in the 'Caring for the County' Survey 2025



## WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND

### FEEDBACK

### WHAT WE DID

#### INTERNET COVERAGE

Residents in rural parts of the County want better internet coverage. Some said it's hard to connect, even during emergencies.

Parkland County recognizes the need for reliable and affordable high-speed broadband connectivity for our residents and businesses. In 2025, several fibre installation projects progressed throughout the County, including in the Spring Lake and Glory Lake areas (part of XPLORE's expansion of nearly 300km of fibre by 2027), 3km by ROHL around RR20 between Hwy 16 and TWP RD 534, and Missing Link installation of approximately 20km of fibre lines in the Gainford area and along Isle Lake.

The County continues to advocate for affordable broadband access with service providers and all levels of government. We're pursuing a long-term strategy to improve connectivity, including potential funding opportunities to bring better internet to more residents at a reasonable cost.



#### TAXES AND SPENDING

Despite general community sentiment that Parkland County offers good value for taxes, rising taxes remains a concern for residents.

Thanks to careful budgeting, Parkland County kept the 2026 residential municipal tax increase to just 0.8% — and we're consistently one of the lowest in the Edmonton region. But did you know that there are parts of your overall tax bill that are not set by the County? It's true!

Your bill includes taxes that the County is required to collect on behalf of the Provincial Government for education and policing services, as well as seniors' living facilities. The amounts you must pay for these aren't set by the County and we don't keep the money collected for these services. This can sometimes mean that despite a minimal increase in the County-set municipal property tax rate, you may still see increases in your overall tax bill.

Council strives to keep residential taxes lower so Parkland County remains a place where everyone can prosper. For more information on the County budget and taxes, see pages 6 – 9.



#### ROAD ISSUES

While many respondents were satisfied with snow clearing and winter maintenance, road conditions remain a key concern, with frequent requests for fewer potholes and improved service.

To enhance our service delivery, the County has added a hot patching unit to its road maintenance fleet. This unit improves the durability of each repair, reducing the need for repetitive work and increasing overall efficiency across nearly 900 kilometers of paved surfaces. Over time, a decrease in pothole severity and frequency is expected — resulting in a stronger, more reliable road network that better serves our community.



#### CRIME AND SAFETY

People are feeling there should be more patrols in rural areas.

Parkland County Enforcement Services and the RCMP are committed to collaborating to deter crime. This includes establishing a satellite office in Wabamun which allows greater information sharing between the departments, leading to more coordinated and effective patrols.



#### INCREASED SPRAWL

Some residents are worried that too many houses are being built and we're losing the 'country feel' of Parkland County.

Parkland County's Municipal Development Plan, adopted in February 2025, presents policies to manage growth and development in the County for the next 30 years. This includes policies to balance the needs of farmers and their families while limiting the loss of farmland caused by subdivisions for non-agricultural purposes. To learn more about our Municipal Development Plan, please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/MDP](http://www.parklandcounty.com/MDP).



#### TRANSPARENCY

A few respondents mentioned wanting the County to share more information and listen more when changes are being made.

To combat the challenge of postal delivery interruptions and sporadic newspaper delivery, we've launched a monthly e-newsletter to keep residents informed of issues happening in the County. Sign up to receive yours at [www.parklandcounty.com/eNewsletter](http://www.parklandcounty.com/eNewsletter).



## WHAT YOU LIKE

### PEACE AND NATURE

Residents love the peace and quiet. Many say Parkland County is a great place to relax while enjoying the lakes, trees, wildlife, and fresh air.



### GOOD LOCATION

The proximity to Edmonton, Spruce Grove, and Stony Plain is a big plus for living in the County. You can enjoy country life but still get to the city quickly.



### STRONG COMMUNITY

Neighbours are friendly and look out for each other. Many people feel safe and proud to live here and enjoy the sense of community.



### ROAD AND SNOW WORK

Many respondents said they are happy with snow clearing and how the roads are taken care of in winter.



### VALUE FOR TAXES

Even though some respondents want lower taxes, many feel they get good services for what they pay.



### SERVICE LEVELS

The majority of respondents rated their experience with our Customer Service team as 'excellent' or 'very good'.



### SAVING LIVES, ONE CALL AT A TIME

The Parkland County Emergency Communication Centre serves 60 Fire Departments and 180,000 Albertans!

In 2025, the Emergency Operators answered over 87,000 calls and dispatched the fire departments to 11,374 emergencies; 1,088 of those calls were in Parkland County.



### KAREN

Emergency Communications Team and Parkland County Resident for 25 years.

### CARING FOR THE COUNTY, TOGETHER

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions for how we can improve Parkland County. This info has been shared with the relevant County departments and we're continuously working to ensure every tax dollar is spent efficiently to meet the needs of our community.

# SAFE COMMUNITIES THROUGH PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP

Parkland County is fortunate to have access to both its own School Resource Officer and the RCMP's Community Engagement Officer to build positive relationships with local youth through educational outreach programs. Recently, students in the grade 1 – 3 class of the MyPath\* program had the opportunity to explore the difference between the role of a Peace Officer and Police Officer and how the two work together for the benefit of Parkland County.

After touring the Parkland County Animal Shelter, the students discussed how Peace Officers handle stray animals in the community, what tools are used to contain them, and how the animal shelter keeps lost pets comfortable until they can be reunited with their owners or transferred to a rescue agency. "These visits are great - the kids are full of questions and it's an opportunity to make those connections with the

community!" said Parkland County School Resource Officer, Jesse Lutz.

Meanwhile at the RCMP detachment, the discussion was around how RCMP members keep the public safe, what tools they use in their daily work, and how they view Peace Officers as partners. Constable Bobby Hinman, a Community Engagement Officer for the RCMP, has worked with the Parkland County enforcement team in various ways such as special events, joint operations, and community checkstops.

"There's a really healthy working relationship between the RCMP and Peace Officers; we complement each other well and that support goes both ways," said Constable Hinman.

"Peace officers have a separate skill set, and we can rely on them to handle calls that utilize these skills. This allows the RCMP to respond when our expertise is needed and, together, we keep the community as strong as possible."

An important part of this relationship is collaboration and communication. By working together, the two agencies can share resources, expertise, and information - leading to more effective traffic enforcement, coordinated patrols, crime prevention and resolution. This teamwork ensures a unified approach to law enforcement, enhancing community trust and providing a safer environment for all Parkland County residents.

*\*MyPath is a community partnership program offered by Parkland County School Division that offers students a blend of health and wellness activities to complement core academics. A part-time program is available for students registered in Graminia School. For more info, visit [mypath.schoolsites.ca](http://mypath.schoolsites.ca)*



# DON'T LET YOUR WINTER FIRE SPRING BACK TO LIFE!

Did you know the spring is a critical period for the spread of wildfires in Alberta? If you burned piles this winter, be sure to check on those piles and extinguish any hot spots immediately. Outdoor winter fires can smoulder underground, even beneath snow and ice. With a warm and windy spring forecasted, dry grass can ignite into what's known as a 'holdover fire' and spread quickly. To prevent holdover fires on your property, spread and soak any remaining material from winter burn piles, confirm the site is cool with no heat or smoke, and re-check the area over the following weeks. Please note that property owners may be held legally responsible for damages and firefighting costs of a holdover fire.

## Be on Guard in the Yard

While landscaping near your home, reduce your risk by selecting fire resistant plants and materials to help your home survive a wildfire. Instead of bark mulch, consider using

gravel or rock mulch to reduce the risk. Clear eaves of leaves or debris and keep grasses cut shorter than 10 cm, as they are less likely to burn intensely in case of wildfire.

## Want More Expert Tips?

Book a free FireSmart™ Advanced Home Assessment and our trained team will tour the outside of your house and yard, identifying areas of increased risk and provide a personalized plan with action items for you

to complete. These simple steps could reduce the risk of wildfire damage on your land.

Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/FireSmart](http://www.parklandcounty.com/FireSmart) to book your assessment online today!

## ALBERTA FireSmart™ Workshop

### Reducing Wildfire Risk Around Your Home

Join us online or in-person for an engaging FireSmart workshop to learn how wildfire threatens homes and communities in Parkland County — and what you can do to reduce your risk. The session will cover how wildfires spread, why homes ignite, and simple, proven steps you can take around your property to improve safety.

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

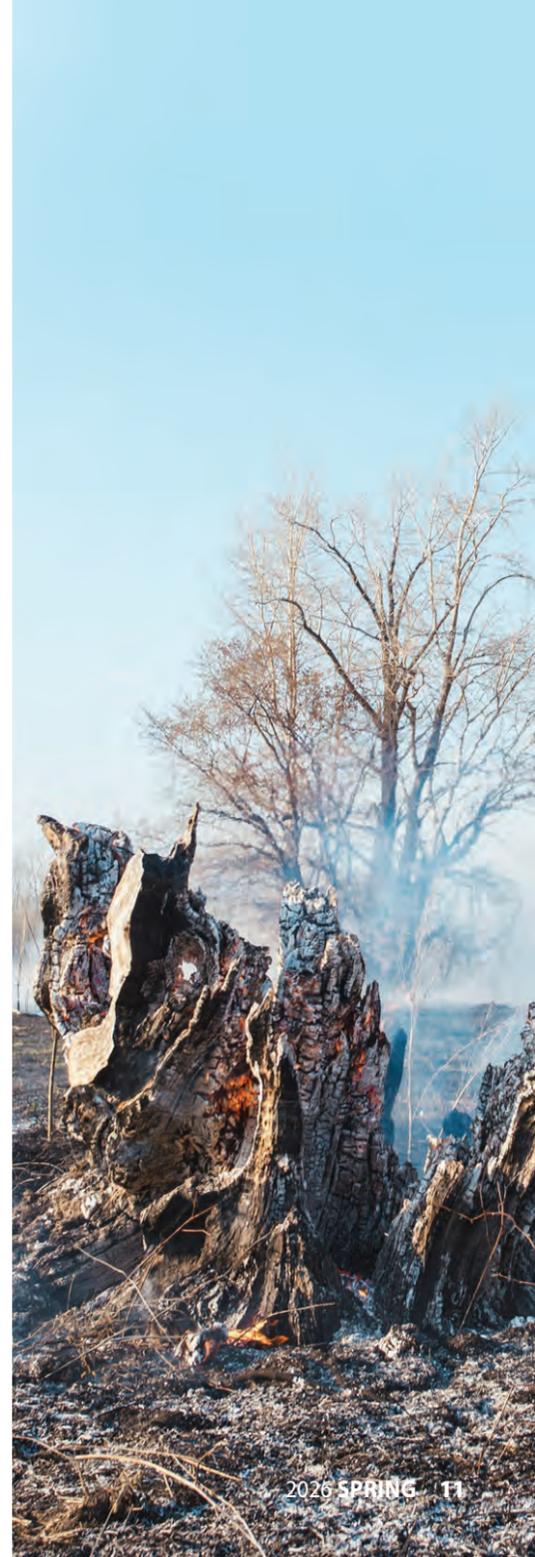
**March 20** – 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (online)

**March 21** – 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Garden Valley Community Hall

**March 28** – 10:00 am - 11:30 am at Entwistle Community Recreation Centre

**March 28** – 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (online)

Visit [events.parklandcounty.com](http://events.parklandcounty.com) for workshop details and to register.



# RECOGNIZING THE STAFF STARS OF PARKLAND COUNTY!

STARS represents Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect and Safety — Parkland County's guiding values. We proudly recognize team members who go above and beyond to bring these values to those around them.



## Congratulations to two of our latest STARS Award Winners:

### SARAH: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR – Community Services

Sarah exemplifies the STARS values through her unwavering commitment to community and collaboration. She prioritizes residents' needs by fostering inclusive, culturally respectful spaces and building strong partnerships to deliver essential services. Her positive attitude turns challenges into opportunities that inspire others.



### NATASHA: MANAGER, PLANNING COORDINATION – Planning & Development Services

Natasha embodies the STARS values through her exceptional leadership, collaboration, and commitment to community service. She approaches complex planning challenges with optimism and a solutions-focused mindset, ensuring residents feel informed and respected throughout the process. Her dedication to relationship-building, customer service, and sustainable growth makes her an outstanding leader whose impact benefits her team, the County, and the community.

Recent surveys tell us that most respondents rated their experience with our Customer Service team as 'excellent' or 'very good'.

If you've received great service from a Parkland County employee — we want to hear about it! Nominate a Parkland County staff member for a STARS award. Your feedback will be sent to the employee and their supervisor in recognition of their excellent work.

Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/stars](http://www.parklandcounty.com/stars) to fill out a nomination today!

# ENSURING PROPER DRAINAGE ON YOUR PROPERTY

When rain falls or snow melts, that water needs somewhere to go. Without proper drainage, when the springtime thaw arrives, water can pool on properties, cause flooding, or even damage to homes and the environment.

### QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

If you experience a spring thaw drainage issue that could cause potential flooding, please call 780-968-8888.

## Here are some tips to help you out:

- Inspect your property for drainage issues.
- Ensure culverts are clear to avoid potential flooding.
- Stay off the ice and stay safe!
- Make sure eaves and downspouts are extended away from your home.
- Double check that sump pump!
- Ensure your property is properly graded to help prevent water from entering your home and other buildings on your property.

## Making Changes to Your Property? You May Need a Lot Grading Plan

The County's **Surface Drainage and Lot Grading Bylaw 2023-02** provides direction for how surface drainage and grading on private and public lands are managed. Under this bylaw, you may be required to supply a Lot Grading Plan as part of your planning application submission to either build or subdivide your property. These plans are prepared by qualified professionals and are designed to



protect you and your neighbours from costly water problems. Find out if you need a Lot Grading Plan for your next project and how to get started! Visit our website for details at: [www.parklandcounty.com/lotgrading](http://www.parklandcounty.com/lotgrading).

## Road Ban Season – Coming Soon

As we come into spring and the frost comes out of the ground, roads can become soft under the top surface and are more likely to sustain damage. That's why road bans restricting the maximum permitted weight of vehicles are typically put in place from mid-March to the end of May: to protect roads and minimize damage.

All oiled and hard surface roads in the County will be banned with the majority having an axle weight percentage restriction of 75% on them, while some may be restricted to 50%.

For full details, please visit our website at [www.parklandcounty.com/roadbans](http://www.parklandcounty.com/roadbans).



## Report a Pothole

If you notice a pothole that needs attention, report it online with County Concerns! This handy online form allows you to share issues with us right from the convenience of your smartphone or computer. Please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/countyconcerns](http://www.parklandcounty.com/countyconcerns) or call 780-968-8888 to contact our Customer Service team.



## Rain Barrel Sale | April 25 RONA Spruce Grove

### CONSERVE WATER THIS SUMMER WITH A RAIN BARREL!

Pick one up for just \$89.99 at the Tri-Municipal Rain Barrel Sale on April 25th at RONA in Spruce Grove.

The sale starts at 7:00 am, and there will be a limit of two rain barrels per person while quantities last.

Presented by Parkland County, the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain, Village of Spring Lake and RONA.



Use rainwater on your garden to conserve water, reduce energy use and save money!



## The 14th Annual Community Shred Event COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 30  
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

PARKLAND COUNTY CENTRE – 53109A HWY 779,  
PARKLAND COUNTY (front parking lot)

### JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT THIS SATURDAY, MAY 30!

This free event provides you with the opportunity to securely destroy and recycle your documents.

#### WHAT IS ACCEPTED:

- Documents (including staples, paper clips)
- File folders
- Small soft covered books
- CD's and DVD's

#### NOT ACCEPTED:

- 2 pronged shannon files
- Banker boxes and other corrugated cardboard
- Hard cover textbooks
- VHS or other types of reel tapes



### WHAT CAN YOU SHRED?

Please visit the County's events calendar at [events.parklandcounty.com](http://events.parklandcounty.com) for a full listing.

# AGRICULTURAL GRANT FUNDING

Agricultural Grants are programs funded by the provincial and federal governments to provide financial support to farmers, agri-food businesses and community organizations to undertake specific agriculture projects. By investing in innovation, efficiency, sustainability, value-added processing and more, the grants aim to ensure producers are supported in their long-term growth. Whether by cost share, tax incentive, rebate, loan or non-repayable funding source, there are many ways Parkland County's producers can benefit by accessing funding.

If you need a little extra support for your agriculture operation, or have a specific project or improvement in mind, visit our website at [www.parklandcounty.com/agriculturalgrants](http://www.parklandcounty.com/agriculturalgrants) for a detailed list of grants you may qualify for.

Please note that some grant funding opportunities require an Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) to apply. Our ALUS Parkland Program also has a certified EFP Technician available to help support those that need help with their EFP. Call 780-968-8888 ext. 8286 or email [alus@parklandcounty.com](mailto:alus@parklandcounty.com) for assistance.



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DELIVERS LOCAL SOLUTIONS**

SUSTAINING AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL SPACES  
FOR COMMUNITIES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

ALUS helps cost-share the establishment of beneficial management projects and practices, providing an annual payment for the management and maintenance of the project.

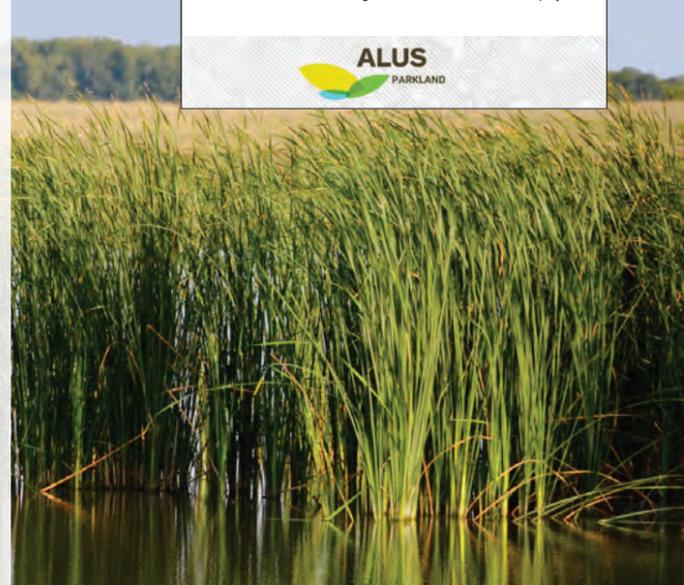


## WETLAND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Wetlands are highly productive ecosystems that are essential for protecting water quality, providing habitat for wildlife, and reducing the impacts of flood and drought by providing increased water storage.

Parkland County has lost approximately 56% of our previous wetland area since the 1950s. We now have a unique opportunity to re-establish wetlands in our area through the provincial Wetland Replacement Program. Funds that have been collected to compensate for wetland loss can now be accessed and used for wetland construction and restoration projects.

If you own agricultural or vacant land with a drained wetland you want to restore, or if you would like to see a wetland in your area, email [sustainability@parklandcounty.com](mailto:sustainability@parklandcounty.com) or call Agriculture and Environment Services at 780-968-8888, ext. 8236.



# WEED INSPECTIONS AND CONTROL

Not all plants are good for our environment. There are types of weeds which are harmful and they can't be left unmanaged. These weeds are listed as "prohibited noxious" and "noxious" under Alberta's Weed Control Act. They spread quickly, damage crops and pastures, and harm natural ecosystems. Invasive species in general are linked to the loss of biodiversity worldwide and have played a role in 60% of global plant and animal extinctions. That's why weed control is so important.

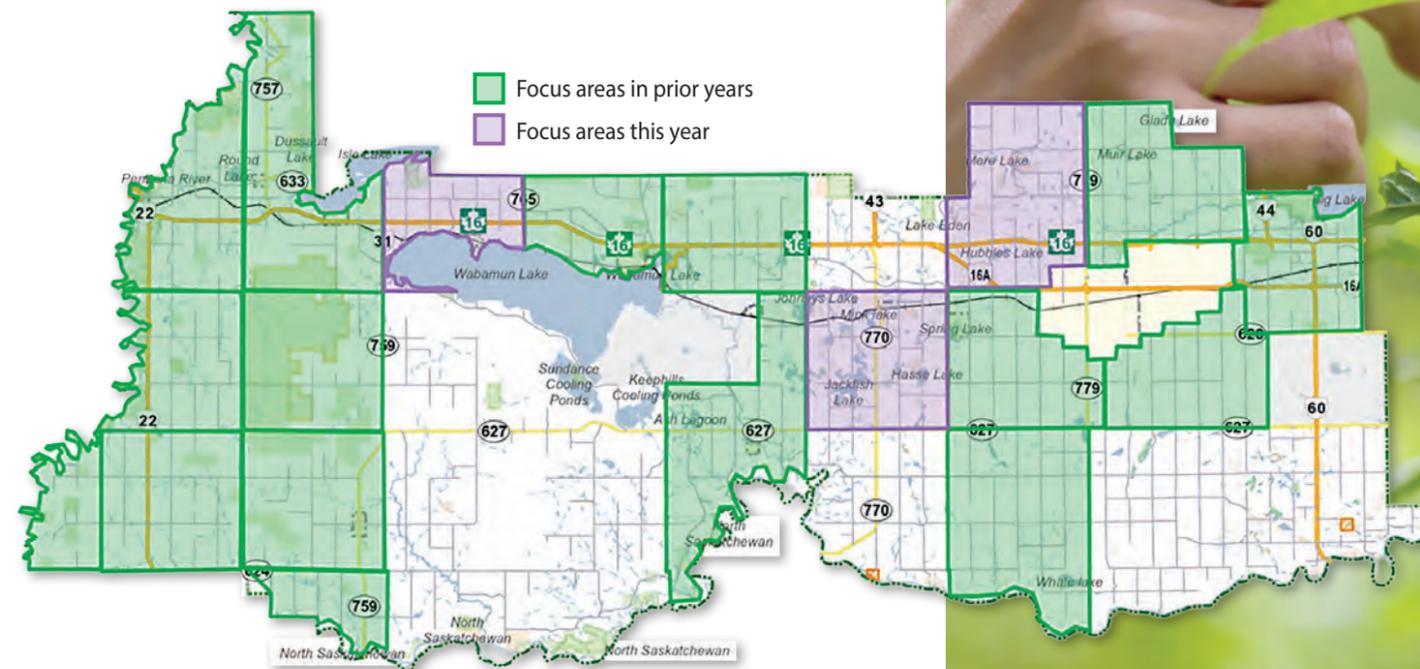
## Vegetation Control Program

Parkland County runs a weed inspection and control program every year. Weed inspectors check properties during the growing season. If they find problem weeds, they provide information on identification and control of those plants. On County land, crews use mechanical control or herbicide spraying in addition to mowing over 4,000 km of roadsides to help stop weeds from spreading.

## How You Can Help

- Check your property for these weeds.
- **Act early:** Pull them out or use approved herbicides.
- **Stay informed:** Watch for County updates about 2026 focus areas.
- **Use County resources:** Equipment rentals and information are available through Agriculture and Environment Services.

Together, we can protect farmland, ecosystems, and the beauty of Parkland County.



Find more information online at [parklandcounty.com/weeds](http://parklandcounty.com/weeds)



# YOUR AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Agricultural Service Boards (ASB) play a vital role in supporting agriculture and rural life in Alberta. In Parkland County, our ASB is a trusted resource for farmers, acreage owners, and the community. Established under the Agricultural Service Board Act, the ASB provides advice and programs that protect and enhance agriculture while promoting sustainable land management.

## WHY IS THE ASB IMPORTANT?

Our ASB helps ensure that agriculture remains strong and resilient. Their focus includes:

- Advising Council on agricultural policies and programs.
- Supporting weed and pest control under provincial legislation.
- Promoting soil and water conservation.
- Delivering education and outreach to landowners.
- Advocating for agriculture at the local and provincial level.

In short, the County's ASB is the link between government and the agricultural community, making sure local voices are heard and local needs are met.



## PARKLAND COUNTY ASB MEMBERS

Our Board includes two County Councillors and five public members who bring experience and passion for agriculture. Together, they provide guidance on programs and priorities that matter most to our rural community.

## UPCOMING VACANCIES

There will be five public member vacancies commencing on April 25, 2026 (our Chair, Susan Schafers will remain). If you are passionate about agriculture and want to make a difference in your community, consider applying to join the ASB. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge, represent local interests, and help shape agricultural programs in Parkland County. Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/boardvacancies](http://www.parklandcounty.com/boardvacancies) for more information and to apply online.

# DEEPLY ROOTED

## The Lifelong Commitment of Susan Schafers as a Local Farmer and ASB Veteran



As a proud resident of Parkland County, Susan Schafers' family has been farming in the Holborn area for over 60 years. For the past 10, Susan's served on the County's Agricultural Services Board (ASB), sharing her experience and expertise for the benefit of the County's agricultural sector and community.

Susan's parents immigrated from Germany to Canada in the 1950s and she currently operates a farm on the same property they started on.

As a second-generation pullet and cattle farmer, Susan has a B.Sc. in Agriculture and Food Business Management from the University of Alberta (U of A). In addition to her nearly 10 years with our ASB, her extensive experience includes the Frank Robinson Youth Academy at the U of A, and the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council.

Susan says, "I'm proud to be a farmer. Agriculture is one of the most important jobs you can have. We feed everyone, and everyone needs to eat."

Serving her fifth term with the ASB as a public member, Susan's experience, education and personal passion for agriculture is an important asset to the board and the County.

The ASB "is an advisory body" says Susan, "and we have legislated work to do on a day-to-day basis...The County's Council respects advice from the ASB and there is a strong focus on

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— Susan Schafers

wanting to hear what's important to the farmers in our community and how it affects agriculture to ensure we are able to work together strategically."

Susan says that she really enjoys working with the staff in the County and is impressed with the dedication, enthusiasm and efficiency she sees.

Parkland County appreciates the immense support that Susan offers to our Agricultural Services Board – and agricultural community in general – and looks forward to continuing to work with her and her fellow committee members to advocate for the best interests of our agricultural community.

To learn more about agriculture in Parkland County and the work of the ASB, please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/agriculture](http://www.parklandcounty.com/agriculture).

# SHARE THE ROAD

During the spring, please be patient when sharing the road with agricultural equipment. Agricultural equipment travels slowly, often between 20-40 km/hour, and they may make wide turns or pull into fields, not always onto side roads. Please slow down immediately when you come across farm equipment and ensure there is enough space and visibility before cautiously passing.

When sharing rural roads with cyclists, it is important to slow down and wait for a safe opportunity to pass – especially on narrow or high-speed roads.

Sharing the road safely prevents crashes and preserves life. It is critical for motorists to remain aware of their surroundings and to practice utmost care and caution for others.



# SENIORS' SHUTTLE SERVICE



## PARKLAND COUNTY'S Seniors' Shuttle



Weekly transportation for seniors (65+) and those with disabilities in Parkland County

Our Seniors' Shuttle offers weekly transportation for seniors (65+) and those with disabilities in Parkland County.\* The shuttle operates on Tuesdays only, travelling west to east from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Travel punch cards may be purchased from the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre, the Wabamun Community Centre (former Village Office), or Parkland County Centre.



Check out our website for updates regarding monthly field trips for seniors. These field trips offer seniors more chances to get out, socialize, and enjoy local events.

\*The service may be used by anyone; however, priority and subsidized fares are given to seniors and people with disabilities.

Scan the QR code or visit [www.parklandcounty.com/shuttle](http://www.parklandcounty.com/shuttle) for full details and booking information.



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

## STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPCOMING FCSS EVENTS

Visit [events.parklandcounty.com](https://www.parklandcounty.com/events) for details of upcoming events, including:

- **Community Hall Garage Sale:** April 25, May 9
- **Missing & Murdered Indigenous People commemorative event:** May 5

## SUMMER CAMPS

Registration will be opening soon! Camps will take place at various dates and locations throughout the summer. Visit [www.parklandcounty.com/summercamps](https://www.parklandcounty.com/summercamps) to learn more and get the kids signed up for summer activities, games, challenges and crafts.



### 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 while babysitting. The 'Stay Safe' Program and Babysitting Courses are available at various times and County locations throughout the year. For more information, please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms](https://www.parklandcounty.com/redcrossprograms).

## ENTWISTLE PARENT & TOT GROUP

Parents/caregivers and their children, ages 0 - 5 years, are invited to play and socialize in a cheerful, relaxed environment. Meet up with old friends or make new ones!

*Free!*

**ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE**  
**Days:** Fridays, starting April 10, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
**Phone:** 780-963-0549  
**Email:** info@apfa.ca

Funded by:



## PARKLAND VILLAGE YOUTH GROUP

**Days:** Wednesdays, starting April 8, 2026  
**Time:** 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Parkland Village Community Centre  
 #60 53222 RR 272, Spruce Grove, AB  
**Email:** infor@apfa.ca  
**Phone:** 780-963-0549

Each week the group will look at how to make healthy lifestyle choices in a fun and engaging environment. Youth will participate in physical activity and a cooking activity meant to support lifelong health. The spring program begins on April 8th.

**FREE!**  
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## Parkland Village YOUTH GROUP



Youth in grades 4 to 7 can join us each week for awesome activities that help you stay healthy and feel great! Play exciting games that get you moving, learn to make yummy, healthy snacks you can try at home, and have fun while making new friends! Healthy habits start here!

**Wednesdays**  
**Jan 14 - Mar 25**  
**4:30 - 6:00pm**

## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Get the support you need this tax season! The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, in partnership with the Canada Revenue Agency, helps eligible individuals and families file online tax returns at no cost. Visit our website to learn more at [www.parklandcounty.com/taxsupport](https://www.parklandcounty.com/taxsupport)



## SNOW REMOVAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM DEADLINE – APRIL 30

Approved snow removal subsidy applicants are reminded that the deadline to submit your snow removal proof of work completion for reimbursement is April 30, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted. For more information, please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/snowremovalsubsidy](https://www.parklandcounty.com/snowremovalsubsidy).



# COMMUNITY LEAGUE EVENTS

## 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)

### HANSEN'S CORNER HALL

51216 HWY 770

#### CRIB NIGHTS

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Doors open at 7 pm, Crib starts at 7:30 pm  
Cost: \$2.50 admission

#### GARAGE SALE

May 9

10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$5.00 per table  
Concession lunch available

#### WOODWORKING SESSION

May 9

10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Cost: n/a

Drop by to build a birdhouse or toolbox. For more information, contact [hansenscornerhall@gmail.com](mailto:hansenscornerhall@gmail.com)

### HOLBURN HALL

51132 RGE RD 13

#### PI DAY

March 14

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Join us for coffee and pie social.

Bring a pie for all to try (free admission) or join us to taste the yummy pies (\$5 per person).

Everyone is welcome.

#### FAMILY BINGO

March 21

Doors open: 6:00 pm  
Bingo starts at: 7:00 pm

This event is fun for all ages. Prizes are meat, other food prizes, or gift baskets. Tickets are \$5 for a strip of 3, \$7 for a double strip or \$10 for a triple strip.

### FAMILY BINGO

April 11

Doors open: 6:00 pm  
Bingo starts at: 7:00 pm

This event is fun for all ages.

Prizes are meat, other food prizes, or gift baskets. Tickets are \$5 for a strip of 3, \$7 for a double strip or \$10 for a triple strip.

#### GARAGE SALE AND SPRING MARKET

April 25

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

If you've got an itch for some shopping, come down and support local vendors — or become a vendor! If you've done some spring cleaning and have some things you would like to rehome, get a table! If you've got the goods, we have the tables!

#### COMMUNITY WORK BEE

May 2

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lend a hand at our Community Work Bee and help keep Holburn Hall in tip-top shape while catching up with neighbours and friends!

#### FAMILY BINGO

May 9

Doors open: 6:00 pm  
Bingo starts at: 7:00 pm

This event is fun for all ages. Prizes are meat and other food prizes or gift baskets. Tickets are \$5 for a strip of 3, \$7 for a double strip or \$10 for a triple strip.

### MOON LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

7302 TOWNSHIP RD 520, ENTWISTLE

#### CRAFT RETREAT

March 26 – 28

#### EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 4

#### CRIB TOURNAMENT

April 11

#### GARAGE SALE

April 25

#### MOTHER'S DAY TEA

May 9

### MUIR LAKE COMMUNITY HALL

53424 HWY 779

#### BINGO

March 22

Doors open: 12:30 pm  
Bingo starts at: 1:30 pm

#### SPRING MARKET

April 18

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

#### GARAGE SALE

April 25

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

*Note: These events and details are subject to change. Please check with each community provider for info. before planning to attend.*



## LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE?

### Help shape its future — join your local community league!

Our rural communities thrive when we work together. Community leagues across our County are seeking volunteers. This is your chance to support local events, respond to community needs, put your talents to work, and carry forward the legacy of rural connection and care.

No experience needed — just heart, commitment, and rural pride. To volunteer, please contact a local community league in Parkland County. Visit our list of local leagues online at [www.parklandcounty.com/communityleagues](http://www.parklandcounty.com/communityleagues)

# ENTWISTLE OUTDOOR POOL

## Swim season is just around the corner!

### THE ENTWISTLE OUTDOOR POOL HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:

- Four lane pool
- Beach area with spray toys
- Diving board
- Water slide

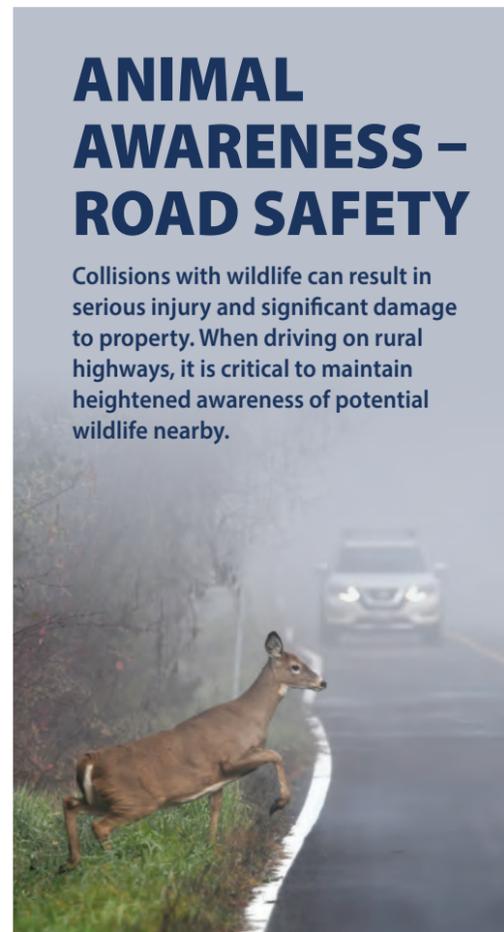
Swim lesson registration opens in early May, ahead of the pool's scheduled opening on the May Long weekend (weather permitting).

For the latest updates, pool status, and lesson schedules, please visit [www.parklandcounty.com/pool](http://www.parklandcounty.com/pool)



## ANIMAL AWARENESS – ROAD SAFETY

Collisions with wildlife can result in serious injury and significant damage to property. When driving on rural highways, it is critical to maintain heightened awareness of potential wildlife nearby.



Animals, such as deer and moose, are most active during dawn and dusk hours. Rural, two-lane roads are important areas to actively scan for animals, as they are common locations for collisions with domestic animals and wildlife. Remember that the faster you drive, the greater the distance you'll need to be able to stop.

### UTILIZE DEFENSIVE DRIVING TECHNIQUES

- **Don't Assume:** Even if animals see you, they may not fear your vehicle. Animals are unpredictable.
- **Be Aware of 'Pack' Behavior:** When you see one animal, please be aware that more are often near, as deer often travel in groups.
- **Watch Your Speed:** Heed warning signs when driving and reduce speed especially in dark or foggy conditions.
- **Use High Beams:** When no cars are approaching, use high-beam headlights at night to increase visibility.
- **Keep Scanning Roadsides:** Ensure you are scanning the road and sides of the road or ditches for movement and potential reflection of animals' eyes.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER AN ANIMAL IN THE ROAD

- **Ensure You Do Not Swerve:** You can lose control if you swerve, which can cause you to hit other vehicles, ditches, or trees.
- **Apply Brakes Firmly:** Stay in your lane and apply the brakes immediately.
- **Sound Your Horn:** Use your horn in short bursts to scare animals off the road.
- **Is a Collision Possible?** If you can't avoid a collision, follow these techniques:
  - **small/medium animals** — brake firmly in a straight line
  - **large animals** (moose/elk) — if you can't stop, try to steer towards the animal's hindquarters, as they generally move forward; if you collide with a moose, duck down as much as possible

## Bridging Connections

The Bridging Connections program provides compassionate, confidential social support to Spruce Grove and Parkland County residents of all ages.

Delivered by a team of dedicated Community Social Workers, Bridging Connections support is provided in person, by phone or in community group settings to help individuals navigate challenging situations and connect them with local resources.

Drop-in support is available Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at The City of Spruce Grove Community Social Development (CSD) office, located at 414 King Street, Spruce Grove.

Additional drop-in and appointment options are also available at the Wabamun Community Centre (former Village of Wabamun office) and Entwistle Community Recreation Centre. Please call 780-962-7618 to book an appointment.

### NEW SERVICE — COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

Bridging Connections has recently expanded its services with the addition of a Community Navigator. This new service focuses on information, referral, and system navigation to help residents understand what support is available and to access the services that best suit individual needs.

The Community Navigator will be present in Parkland County four days per week, increasing access to support beyond the Spruce Grove CSD office.

Specific community locations are currently being finalized and will be shared on the County's website once confirmed. Existing Bridging Connections services remain unchanged.

Find out more on our website at [www.parklandcounty.com/bridgingconnections](http://www.parklandcounty.com/bridgingconnections)



## NEW! After School Programs

### KIDS IN ACTION

**Grades 2 – 6**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Time: 2:45 – 4:45  
Location: Jubilee Hall

### YOUTH IN ACTION

**Grades 7 – 12 (Youth)**  
Wednesdays  
Time: 6:30 – 8:30  
Location: Jubilee Hall/Entwistle Rec

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ games and fun!
- ✓ snack
- ✓ make new friends
- ✓ learn new skills

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Partnership with:

[bright.wood@hopemission.com](mailto:bright.wood@hopemission.com)



FREE

Save the date & register starting April 13/26

## 5th Annual Seniors Showcase

Where happiness and health is priority!

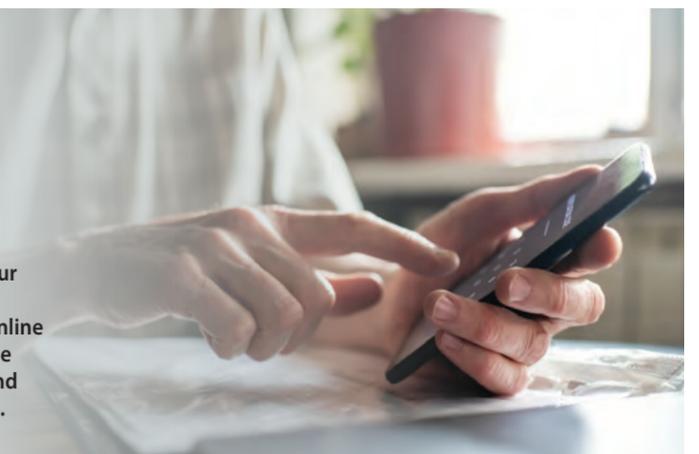
Tomahawk Agra – June 1, 10 am to 2 pm  
Call Chris to register: 780-339-3935

Speakers  
Vendors  
Activities  
Catered meal



## NEW ONLINE SERVICES SYSTEM COMING SOON

Parkland County is upgrading our Online Services to make paying your taxes, utilities and accounts receivable easier than ever. Planned to launch later this spring, residents will soon be able to access a new Online Services system that will offer a more user-friendly experience and the option to receive bills through paperless e-billing. Watch your mail and stay tuned to the County website and social media channels for more.



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Parkland County is committed to meaningful, transparent, and accountable public engagement that supports well-informed decision-making, builds trust, and strengthens relationships between the County, our residents and the business community.



To advance this commitment, the County is in the process of developing a Public Engagement Framework to establish consistent, accessible, and transparent engagement practices across all departments while ensuring alignment with legislative requirements and industry best practices.

To inform our Engagement Framework, we've been conducting community research and consultation, including a county-wide online survey (internal and external) throughout December 2025, and hosted a variety of focus groups including business sectors and County Council.

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our recent survey and engagement sessions! Collaboration together leads to stronger, more informed decisions. This process directly supports the County's current Public Engagement Policy and guiding principles to ensure accountability, inclusivity and continuous improvement. This spring, Council will begin holding further community discussions to gather more feedback directly from residents. Further updates will be provided on our website and social media channels, so please stay tuned.

## COUNTY SERVICES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Our team is bringing County services to you! We will be on site in Wabamun and Entwistle one day each month to provide you with easy local access to County services, including:

- Customer Service
- Planning and Development
- Enforcement Services
- Agriculture & Environment Services\*
- Economic Growth\*

\*On selected dates — visit website for details.

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Please stop by, ask questions, and get the help you need — right in your own community!

### Wabamun Community Centre

3rd Wednesday of each month,  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21

### Entwistle Community Recreation Centre

4th Wednesday of each month,  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28



### TAX SEASON

Our Customer Service team will be available extra weeks in June to assist residents with tax season, as follows:

#### Wabamun Community Centre

- June 8 – 12 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

#### Entwistle Community Recreation Centre

- June 1 – 5 (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)

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