

YOUR PARKLAND

2023 FALL

Keeping you connected with your County

Oh My Gourd — It's Fall!

**What's new in
Parkland County**

**FIREFIGHTER
RECRUITMENT**

Cover photo: Wagner Natural Area

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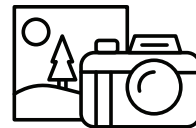
Our offices will be closed on the following dates:

OCTOBER 9 – Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER 13 – In lieu of Remembrance Day

PROCLAMATIONS

View the various proclamations for September, October and November at www.parklandcounty.com/Proclamations



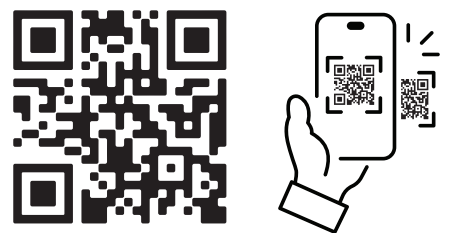
Share Your Feedback and Photos

If you're out exploring the County and snap a beautiful photo, be sure to share it with us and you might see it featured in one of our future editions! Email your photos, and your thoughts on this publication, to communications@parklandcounty.com.

You can also share your photos by tagging us on social media.

Concerns

If you notice a concern or have a question within Parkland County, you can use our County Concerns tool to send it in right from your smartphone or computer.



REACH OUT OR FOLLOW US:

Find out more on what's happening in Parkland County, follow us or visit parklandcounty.com

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(L – R): Councillor Natalie Birnie, Councillor Allan Hoefsloot, Councillor Sally Kucher Johnson, Mayor Allan Gamble, Councillor Phyllis Kobasiuk, Councillor Kristina Kowalski, Councillor Rob Wiedeman.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Welcome to the third edition of *Your Parkland*. There is a lot happening in our vibrant community! In this edition you'll see updates on County news and events and learn about opportunities to provide your feedback on various projects at yourparkland.ca. We'd like to encourage you to visit the site and have your say!

After a very busy spring spent battling the Range Road 70 Wildfire, Parkland County Fire Services and many other staff were able to take a deep breath and settle into a calmer summer season. We continue to appreciate all their efforts in keeping our community safe every single day. As a resident of Parkland County, you can receive a free FireSmart™ assessment to help you learn about important changes you can make around your property that will help reduce the impacts of wildfire. Learn more on page 6.

If you're interested in becoming a firefighter and joining our amazing Fire Services team, apply to be a paid-on-call firefighter! Find recruitment information on page 7.

This summer we hope each of you were able to spend some time relaxing with friends and family, whether by visiting one of our many lakes, parks, or natural areas, or otherwise soaking in the sun and enjoying Parkland County's natural beauty. After all, Alberta's summers are far too short.

As we move into the fall, we know that farmers all throughout our region are busy harvesting. It's a great time to appreciate all the hard-working producers who bring food to our tables. Fall is a season of thanksgiving, and we appreciate our amazing farming community.

Looking ahead to winter (and, of course, hockey!), we are eager to continue serving you to the best of our ability, and we look forward to all that we will accomplish as we finish off 2023.

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 Metis 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.

WHAT'S NEW IN PARKLAND COUNTY



Tee-time

Over the summer, several Council members were able to hit the greens in support of important organizations that continuously work to improve the community.

The Tri-Region Mayors' Golf Classic brought together Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Parkland County to raise \$25,000 for the WestView Medical Clinic. (Right photo)

Parkland County hosted the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board 2023 Golf Tournament that raised \$10,000 in support of NeighbourLink Parkland. (Left photo)

Upcoming TriCALA Courses

TRI-COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING & LITERACY ASSOCIATION

Do you need help with reading, writing, or math? Are you interested in learning something new? TriCALA can help! They have over 60 classes, including a variety of computer and smart phone classes, and also offer a GED and trades readiness program. Classes include:

Confront Your Discomfort

September 20

7 – 8pm

Entwistle Community
Recreation Centre

Anxiety is a normal reaction to uncertainty, but too much anxiety can take a toll on our daily lives and overall well-being. In this course, you will learn a variety of tools to recognize and react to important warning signs and confront your discomfort in a positive and healthy way.

Get help with computers, phones, and tablets

6 – 8pm

September 20

Keephills Public Library

October 4

Wabamun Public Library

October 18

Tomahawk Public Library

November 8

Duffield Public Library

Sexual Violence Bystander Intervention Training

6 – 9pm (\$10)

October 4

Parkland Village
Community Centre

You don't have to be a hero or make a big scene to make a difference in someone's life. Learn how to spot when someone is in need of help and what to do.

Speaking of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board...

The EMRB is a growth management board and forum for regional collaboration and planning among 13 municipalities in the Edmonton region. The organization coordinates responsible land-use planning and regional infrastructure investment. Mayor Allan Gamble was selected as the new incoming Chair and will be commencing this role in November. He will be the first ever rural Chair!

"Our buzzing economy, filled with welcoming communities and rich talent, has continued to create endless opportunities for our region's residents, and speaks to our healthy shared future," said Mayor Gamble. "When our urban and rural communities partner together, we can work to achieve common goals that matter for all residents."

Visit tricala.ca to view the entire catalogue of upcoming classes and to register.

OH, MY GOURD — IT'S FALL

Events hosted by Parkland County Libraries — www.pclibraries.ca

Culture Days Movie Night (Adult)

September 22

Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7:30pm
Wabamun Village Office

Movie — Belfast

A cozy space for a movie with added cultural flare, accompanied with tasty samplers that reflect the movies cultural flavour. This is a FREE event with limited seating. Tickets available at any of the five Parkland Library locations.

Culture Days Movie Matinee (Children)

September 23

Doors open at 1pm, movie starts at 2pm
Wabamun Village Office

Movie — Ainbo: Spirit of the Amazon

Come for a cultural experience wrapped around Peruvian culture. A learning exhibit, with refreshments and theatre popcorn. Tasty Peruvian treats will be available for this children's event. This is a FREE event with limited seating. Tickets available at any of the 5 Parkland Library locations.

Creative Oasis

October 14

10am – 4pm
Keephills Public Library, in partnership with TriCALA

\$50/person

An open time for artists to bring their projects and have an inspiring space to create with like-minded individuals. Participants to bring their own supplies. Lunch and refreshments provided. Call Keephills Public Library to register at 780-731-0000 or TriCALA at 780-591-3355.

Carving pumpkins this fall?

Here's how you can minimize waste:

- Toast the seeds for a yummy snack.
- Save scraps for future meals (roasted pumpkin and pumpkin soup are a few ideas).
- Compost leftover pieces!
- Donate for animal feed — pumpkins are a great source of calories and nutrients for livestock.
- Feed the wildlife in your yard (cut them in fourths for deer, rabbits and other animals).



In partnership with:

**Alberta Parenting
for the
Future Association**



Parent and Tot group



**Youth group –
grades 5, 6, 7
and 8**

Tomahawk

Wednesdays until
December 20
(no group November 15)

Details: Tomahawk Agra Centre
10:00 – 11:30am

Entwistle

Fridays until December 15
Details: Entwistle Community
Recreation Centre
10:00 – 11:30am

Parkland Village

Tuesdays until December 19
(no group November 14)
Details: Parkland Village
Community Centre
10:00 – 11:30am

Parkland Village

Wednesdays –
September 20 until November 29
(no group November 15)
Details: Parkland Village Community Centre
4:30 – 6:00pm

ARE YOU READY?

**The threat of wildfire is a reality
we face in Parkland County.**

Sign up for a free FireSmart™ Home Assessment and learn about simple changes you can make on your property to reduce the risk of wildfire damage.

Visit www.ParklandCounty.com/FireSmart to learn more and book your free home assessment today!



SCAN ME



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IGNITE THE FIRE IN YOU



IF YOU ARE...

- ✓ A team player.
- ✓ A quick thinker.
- ✓ A natural leader.
- ✓ An excellent communicator.
- ✓ Able to thrive in high stress situations.
- ✓ Ready for a challenge...

APPLY TO BECOME A PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER!

Responsibilities include weekly training and maintenance, fire prevention activities, public relations, tours and call outs. Join our fast-paced and ever-changing team-oriented organization. Applicants must...

- Be 18 years of age or older*.
- Live within 8 – 10 minutes of the Acheson or Parkland Village Fire Station or 12 – 15 minutes of the Wabamun or Tomahawk Fire Station.
- Attend weekly training.
- Possess a valid Alberta Driver's license and satisfactory driving record.
- Have a current criminal record check with vulnerable sector screening.

Apply online at careers.parklandcounty.com before the deadline October 10, 2023.

*Applicants between age 14 and 17 may be considered in a junior program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 780-968-8338

Fire Prevention Week

October 8 – 14 is National Fire Prevention Week™ and this year's campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. Here are a few reminders:

- Never leave your cooking unattended.
- Keep stove and burners clean.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of stove.
- Keep your outdoor grill in an open space, away from anything that could catch fire.



Staying Prepared!

Along with fire prevention, fire preparedness is also important. In Parkland County, we've seen firsthand how crucial it is to be ready for emergencies. You can stay prepared by:

- Creating a list of essential items for a quick grab and go.
- Having an emergency plan so you know where to go.
- Packing an emergency kit for your vehicle.
- Keeping fuel tanks more than half-full (if you don't have a vehicle, have a plan in place).
- Calling your insurance provider to learn if your policy offers emergency financial assistance, or short-term housing.



GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Business Revitalization Program

Is your business in need of some upgrades? Now is the time to do it! Our Business Revitalization program is designed to increase the visual look of business storefronts throughout Parkland County. The program will enable businesses to revitalize their properties by completing meaningful improvements.

Business owners can apply to receive matching funding of up to 50% of the total cost of the suggested project to a maximum of \$2,500. Suggested

projects must enhance the business's premises and contribute to the community and landscape beautification.

Apply before October 1, 2023.

To find out more about the program, visit www.parklandcounty.com/BRP

AGRI-BASED BUSINESS



Building a business with Alberta-based products

Parkland County is proud to be home to a variety of rich resources available for residents and businesses to utilize. Our vibrant farmland spans all throughout our county, and many local businesses are reaching success by leveraging agricultural and agri-business prowess through using Alberta-based products.

Take Anohka Distillery for example! Nestled right off Highway 770, Anohka is home to Alberta's newest farm-to-flask distillery that uses their own farmland to create their product. Since opening in December 2021,

Anohka Distillery has been redefining the Canadian spirits game by combining old distilling practices with progressive science and technology. Their motto to "colour outside the lines" has been proven by the extensive list of awards won in 2022 and 2023. The business is driven by the desire to showcase Alberta as one of the "Agri-kings of whiskey" on a global scale.

Gurpreet Ranu, the owner of Anohka Distillery, claims his most significant success has been the tremendous reception and support from Parkland County residents.

Their location is just minutes from Highway 16, making it an easy spot to check out on your way out to Wabamun or Entwistle, or on your way into the city. Last we heard, it'll be a few years before the whisky is ready, but in the meantime, the gin will be a great addition to your collection.

Try the signature HWY 770 cocktail, made up of gin, pineapple juice, chai and hibiscus.

What's your local business story? Let us know and you might find it featured in one of our newsletters. Email hello@parklandcounty.com

Preparing for CanadaGAP webinar series

Are you a fresh fruit and vegetable business interested in, or expanding into the retail, wholesale or food service markets? The Preparing for CanadaGAP webinar series will help to create an understanding of the application process and break down its requirements and process into clear steps.

Visit www.leduc-county.com/CanadaGAPseries2023

Preparing for CanadaGAP: webinar series



**Six week sessions:
Weeks of Nov. 1 to Dec. 6, 2023**

Travel On-Demand!

Book trips for right now, or up to one week in advance, for travel between any two bus stops in Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, Parkland Village or Acheson. Download the Pick-Up On-Demand app and book your ride.

On-demand local transit services (Monday to Friday):

**Stony Plain and
Spruce Grove**
5am – 7pm

**Acheson and
Parkland Village**
5am – 9am and
2:15pm – 6:15pm

ON-DEMAND LOCAL TRANSIT

parklandcounty.com/transit





Municipal Development Plan Project

Parkland County is updating its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) — our long-term plan to guide County growth and services for the next 30 years. Phase 1 of public engagement for the MDP update will be happening this fall. We invite you to provide your feedback by participating in the following activities:

- Join us in-person at our open house on **October 26**. Drop in anytime from **6pm – 8pm** at the **Parkland County Centre**.
- Complete the online survey at **yourparkland.ca/mdp** from September 20 to October 29.
- Complete a written survey at Parkland County Centre or the Entwistle Recreation Centre from September 20 to October 29.

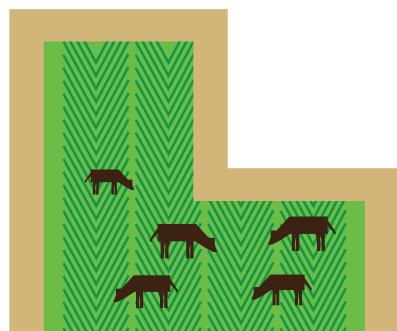
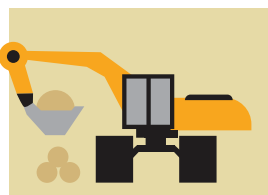
For all project updates on the Municipal Development Plan and future engagement opportunities, visit **yourparkland.ca/mdp**



Land Use Bylaw ReDesign

Regulates development within Parkland County with a goal of ensuring that neighbouring land uses are compatible. The goal of this redesign is to streamline regulations and create clear and transparent decision-making processes for development in the county.

[Yourparkland.ca/LUB](https://yourparkland.ca/LUB)



Upcoming Information Fairs

If you're looking to learn more about any of these projects and provide feedback, please attend one of our upcoming County Information Fairs! These Information Fairs will be held using a drop-in format, meaning you can drop-in any time during the hours listed below for a coffee and snack and chat with County staff.

Unable to attend in person? Stay up to date by entering your email and clicking **SUBSCRIBE** on each project webpage. Join the conversation, share your perspective on County projects, and help shape what's happening in your community.

Entwistle Community Recreation Centre

November 21, 2023

4921 51 St, Entwistle, AB
5pm – 7pm

Parkland County Centre

November 22, 2023

53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, AB
3pm – 7pm

Municipal Bylaw Review

This review includes updates to existing bylaws and the development of one new bylaw to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Bylaws being reviewed are Animal Control, Cats (new), Community Standards, Fire, Off-Highway Vehicles, Parks, Traffic Control & Regulation and Unauthorized Use of County Land.

The bylaws are undergoing a legal review. Proposed changes will be updated based on information received from public engagement sessions and the legal review. These proposed changes will be shared for public review before being presented to Council.

This project will not be at our upcoming information fair, however, residents can provide input at Council meetings. Visit yourparkland.ca/Municipal-Bylaw-Review for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will be taking place in-person at the County Council Chambers. All meetings commence at 9:00 a.m.

Residents are welcome to provide suggestions and/or raise concerns for 10 minutes at the beginning of the meetings or formal appointments can be made by contacting Legislative Services at 780-968-8471.

Stay up to date with Council meeting agendas, recaps and more by subscribing to "Receive Email Updates" at www.parklandcounty.com/Council

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are more formal. Council makes decisions on important matters in the County.

GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Governance and Priorities Committee meetings are less formal and allow administration to share information as well as discuss issues and ideas.

Surface Drainage and Lot Grading Bylaw

This new bylaw is intended to manage, direct, and provide guidance on surface drainage and lot grading within the County. The Bylaw will support residents and business owners who are currently impacted or creating an impact through overland drainage and lot grading activities.

Yourparkland.ca/SDB

FCSS Grants

Our Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) programs provide funding to non-profit organizations that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families. If you have child and youth programs, family life enrichment courses, seniors programs, information and referral programs or other social support programs that enhance the social well-being of individuals and families in our community, this grant may be available to you!

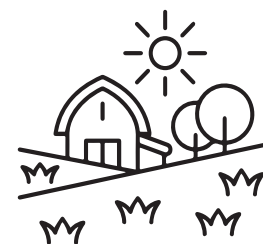
Applications open October 23 and close November 24. Learn more and apply at www.parklandcounty.com/FCSS

Agricultural Bursaries

Agricultural Services is providing up to five bursaries of \$500.00 to students residing in the County who are attending university, community college, or any other recognized post-secondary institution and enrolled in an agriculture-based program.

Application deadline: September 30, 2023, at 4:30pm

Visit www.parklandcounty.com/Scholarships to learn more.



BUNCHBERRY MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA

Visit one of the County's beautiful natural areas

Bunchberry Meadows Conservation Area is located in the southeast area of the County, just off Range Road 261. This conservation site consists of old-growth forests, meadows and wetlands. Its forests make the perfect home for animals big and small, from flying squirrels to moose.

This area is maintained by its members. Please remember to clean up after yourself and be kind to the area.

www.parklandcounty.com/Parks

PARTICIPATE IN ALUS

Do You Have Wetlands You Want To Protect?

ALUS Parkland will help provide funding for you and your next wetland related project.

For more information, contact your local ALUS program coordinator:

Chad Ritter
ALUS Coordinator, Parkland County
780-965-8888 ext. 8286
chad.ritter@parklandcounty.com
ALUS.ca

JOIN US



Share the road

It's harvest season! Farmers are busy at work, so be sure to keep an eye out and share the road with large farm equipment. Please keep your distance, be patient and make sure kids know to keep a safe distance when using the road for activities such as biking or walking.