

SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



December 2021



The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo continues to monitor the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and follow the direction of Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

For provincial updates, please visit alberta.ca/COVID19.

For municipal information related to COVID-19, visit rmwb.ca/COVID19.

State of Public Health Emergency

In September, the Government of Alberta declared a State of Public Health Emergency and introduced a number of new restrictions to reduce transmission of COVID-19. At this time, the State of Public Health Emergency remains in effect. Find full details on all province-wide restrictions at alberta.ca/COVID19.

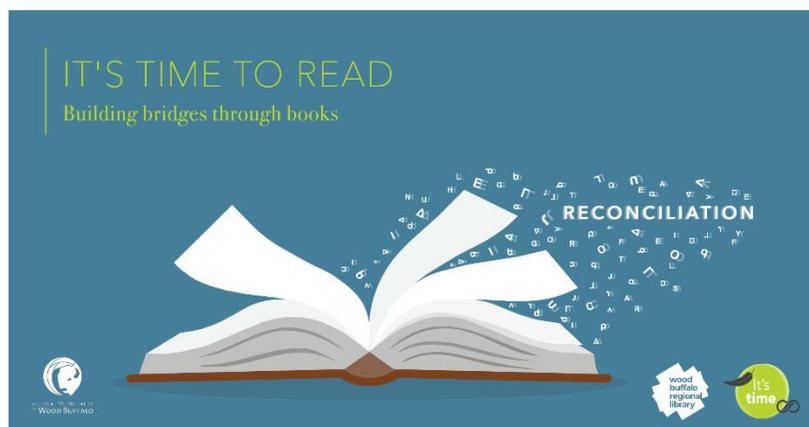
Vaccine Program

All Albertans 12 and older can get their first and second doses now. Third doses are also now available to:

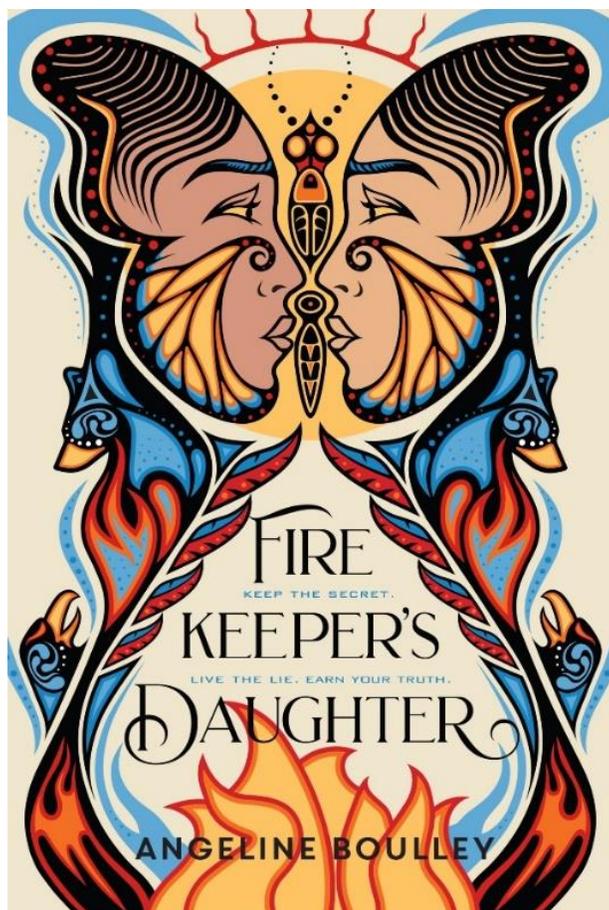
- Albertans 70+
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) individuals 18+ no matter where they live in Alberta
- Immunocompromised Albertans 12+
- Health care workers who provide direct patient care and received a second dose less than 8 weeks after their first dose
- Residents of seniors' supportive living
- Travellers to jurisdictions that don't recognize Covishield/AstraZeneca or mixed series doses
- People who received only two doses of AstraZeneca or one dose of Janssen can get a dose of mRNA vaccine, if they have not already received an mRNA dose for travel purposes.

To learn more about Alberta's Vaccine Program, or to book your vaccine appointment, visit alberta.ca/vaccine or call 811.

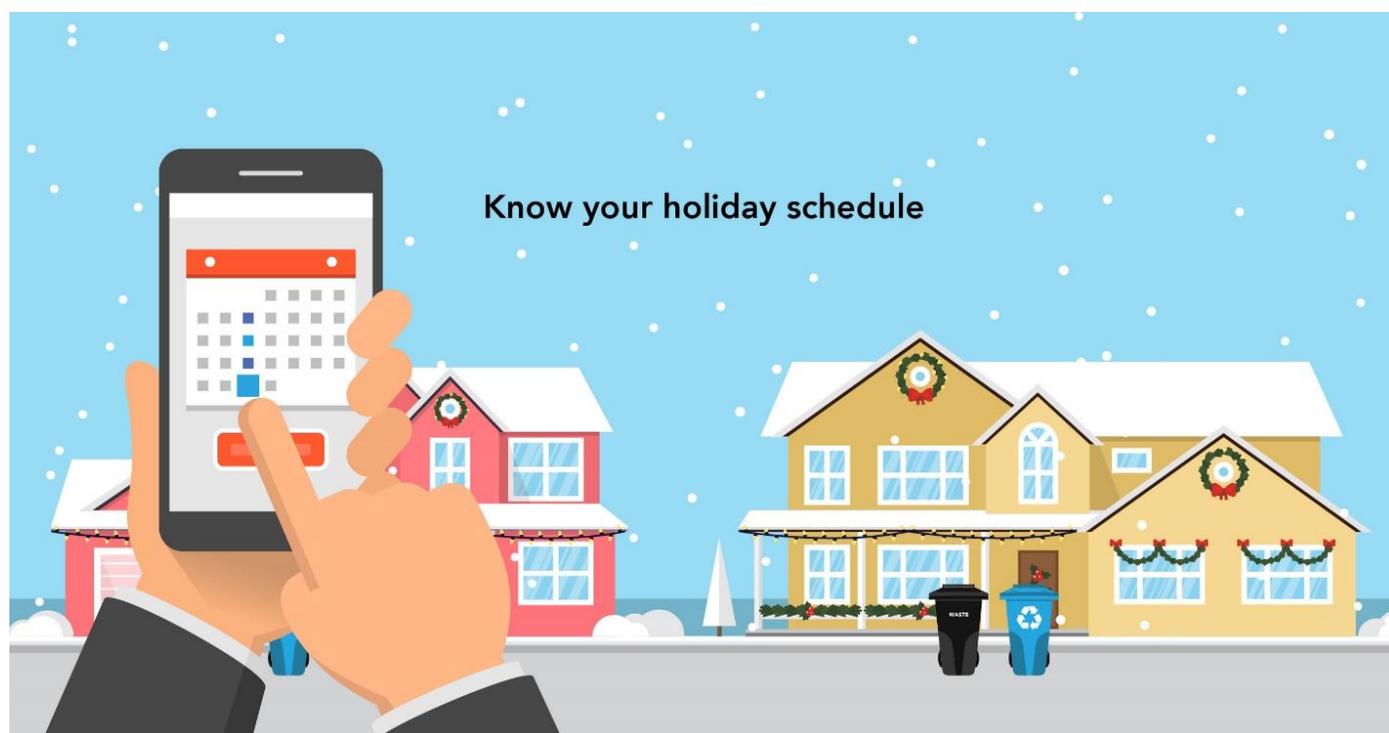
The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) and the Wood Buffalo Regional Library (WBRL) welcome you to the It's Time to Read book club. This virtual book club will feature the works and voices of Indigenous authors to increase understanding and awareness of Indigenous culture, history, and current issues. Help us build bridges through books and advance reconciliation in the region.



Settle in with a blanket, a cup of tea and participate in It's Time to Read from the comfort of your own home! The book club is entirely virtual. Check back regularly for discussion, polls and other exclusive content. Subscribe to ensure you don't miss any of the action. All are welcome to join; however, it is important to note books may contain adult content, including but not limited to adult language and themes, and violence.



Join us as we read our first book in January 2022: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Copies will be available to borrow from the bookshelf. The first 20 subscribers will receive a free copy of *Firekeeper's Daughter*. Giveaway is only open to Wood Buffalo residents.



Holiday Curbside Collection Update

This year, with Christmas Day and New Year's Day both falling on a Saturday, there will be no interruption to regular curbside garbage and waste collection.

Please continue to place your bins at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day throughout the holiday season.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/garbage.

2022 Curbside Collection Calendar

The 2022 Curbside Collection Calendar will be available to view, save and download in the New Year at rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar. This calendar provides information on your collection schedule for 2022, including which bins should be placed out for collection in your neighbourhood each week.

Never miss a collection day by downloading your calendar as soon as it's available.

Rural Transfer Stations – Holiday Service Disruption

This holiday season, the Conklin and Janvier transfer stations will be open on Dec. 28, 29 and 30.

Both stations will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1.

For more information, visit rmwb.ca/garbage or contact Pulse.

Let's talk about preserving heritage and assessing cultural spaces in Wood Buffalo

Have you heard? The municipality wants to hear your thoughts about preserving heritage resources and assessing spaces for cultural activities in Wood Buffalo! You may be wondering, *“What is a Heritage Resources Management Plan or a Cultural Infrastructure Needs Assessment, anyways? Why is it important for me to get involved?”* These valuable community-based projects will help the municipality identify what's important to you! Learn more about each project below before you get involved.

Heritage Resources Management Plan

Did you know heritage resources don't need to be 100 years old to be identified as such? Anything of significance to the community that is 35 years or older could be classified as a heritage resource or site, which is why the municipality is working on a sustainable plan to acknowledge, preserve, and commemorate what's important to you.



HERITAGE
RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT
PLAN

What is a heritage plan? What heritage resources or heritage sites are here? How should we preserve them? Through a participatory engagement, residents of Wood Buffalo are invited to join the process of developing a plan to showcase and safeguard heritage resources in the region.

The success of this plan relies on hearing from you! Share your important stories about heritage in the region by joining a virtual discussion, submit responses to a short survey, or reach out to set up a one-on-one meeting with the team. Get involved by visiting [participate.rmwb.ca/HRMP!](https://participate.rmwb.ca/HRMP)

Cultural Infrastructure Needs Assessment

Cultural infrastructure offers spaces to participate in cultural activities. These types of facilities include art galleries, art studios, dance studios, green space and parks, community halls, libraries, museums and theatres or performing arts centres. While the municipality recognizes that arts and culture are major contributors to reconciliation and quality of life, it is important to hear directly from residents on any gaps in existing spaces and resources currently available. Get involved today to help us identify needs within the region knowing that your input will be included in a final assessment used to guide future endeavours.



LET'S
TALK
Cultural
Infrastructure

Submit your responses to a short survey, join a workshop, or contact us for a one-on-one discussion by visiting [participate.rmwb.ca/CINA!](https://participate.rmwb.ca/CINA)

BYLAW BRIEFS

Driveway snow removal reminder

Snow removal is an inevitable part of winter in our region. The proper cleaning and clearing of snow ensure public safety on roadways, sidewalks, and driveways. Collaborative efforts from the Municipality and residents make proper snow removal possible.

Bylaw Services would like to remind residents to remove snow or ice on sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours after a snowfall and that the snow should not be placed on a Highway, Public Place or private property that is not their own.

Bylaw Services thanks residents for their compliance as this ensures a safe Wood Buffalo. For any questions regarding snow removal visit rmwb.ca/snow or contact PULSE at 780-743-7000. For more information, please review the [Community Standards Bylaw No. 21/010](#).



Calling local youth artists!

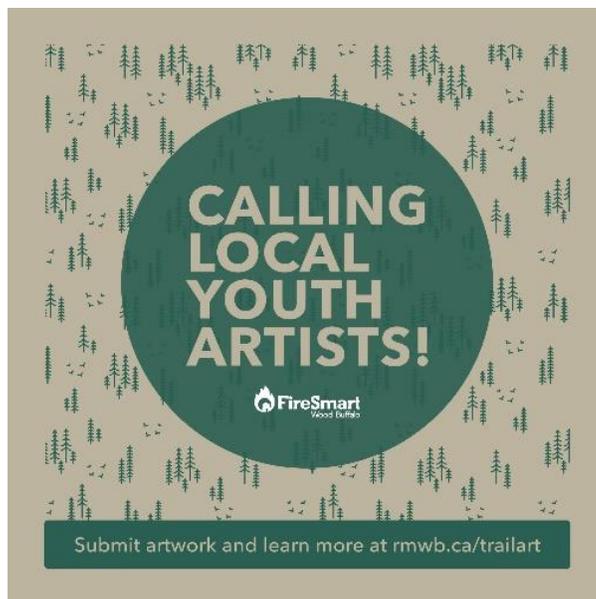
Make your mark on the Region's new FireSmart Interpretive Trail by contributing a piece of art, inspired by the Northern Lights. It can be in the form of:

- Photography
- Drawings or paintings
- Graphic design

The four successful artists will see their work installed on the trail and receive a \$250 Shop Local gift card.

This is open to all grade K-12 living in the Wood Buffalo region. Submissions should be emailed to firesmart@rmwb.ca before December 17, 2021.

For full entry requirements and more information visit: rmwb.ca/trailart



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk during an emergency. Stay prepared by joining the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR).

What is the VPR?

The VPR is a free, voluntary and confidential service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home. This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to local first responders.

Who is eligible?

The VPR is available to residents in the region who experience any of the following:

- Mobility issues
- Visual or hearing impairments
- Developmental or cognitive impairments
- Challenges related to mental health
- Individuals who require electricity for life-sustaining equipment (life support, oxygen or dialysis)

Individuals registering for the Vulnerable Persons Registry must have a permanent address and at least one (1) valid contact number on their application. Individuals who are unable to meet these criteria will not be eligible for the registry.

To register, visit rmwb.ca/VPR or call Pulse.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:	
RCMP	780-788-4000	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION  @RMWOODBUFFALO  @RMWOODBUFFALO	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
HEALTH LINK	811		
ALL EMERGENCIES	911		

To submit information to the newsletter please email:

koralee.samaroden@rmwb.ca

Deadline for January newsletter submissions:

December 23rd, 2021

Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)



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rmwb.ca/pulse

Call. Submit online.
 Real answers every time, all the time.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Newsletter Deadline		Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Boxing Day	Municipal Offices Closed	Municipal Office Closed				