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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



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Stat Holidays: CLOSED

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RMWB...



Find us on:
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Facebook!*

Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!





RMWB...

Join an RMWB board or committee and help shape Wood Buffalo

Applications open from Sept. 3 to Oct. 27 at rmwb.ca/boards

Help shape your community, network with other community leaders and gain valuable experience in municipal government – apply to serve on a Council-appointed board or committee.

We have more than 70 vacancies among 19 Municipal boards and committees, and we need your energy and perspective for important projects, initiatives, and services across the region.



Do you have a passion for public art? A deep-rooted interest in community flowerbeds and other beautification initiatives? Ideas on how to make life easier for local seniors and Elders? This is the time to make a difference!

Joining a board or committee can also be a great opportunity for professional growth and networking.

Applications from rural residents strongly encouraged

Most board and committee meetings can be attended remotely by videocall, making it easier for rural residents to participate. Rural board and committee members will be reimbursed mileage expenses for driving to attend meetings in person.

Apply for an open position from Sept. 3 to Oct. 27

Applicants are welcome to apply for multiple vacancies. Those not appointed by Council at this time may be added to a pool of applicants for future vacancies.

Access the Boards and Committees portal at rmwb.ca/boards. For questions or to get help applying for a vacancy, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.



RMWB...

Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP - Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety - Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen - ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent - Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations - ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) - Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft - Adult
- Halloween Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force - Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) - Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety - ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) - Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention - Adult
- Restorative Justice - Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety - Adult
- Sexting - Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) - Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving - Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving - Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence - Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act - Gr 7-Adult



Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.



RMWB...

Nominate outstanding community members for Council's Excellence Awards

Submit your nominations at rmwb.ca/excellence by Oct. 14

Shine a light on outstanding people in your community by nominating them for Council's Excellence Awards by Oct. 14.

The awards acknowledge community champions, young achievers, and real-life heroes dedicated to making a positive impact in the region. Recipients and nominators will be invited to an awards ceremony held in the New Year.

Nominate a deserving candidate for one of four award categories

Citizen of the Year

Honours an individual or group with outstanding achievements and contributions to the community, as a volunteer or professional who has improved quality of life in the RMWB.

Everyday Hero

Recognizes an individual or group dedicated to improving the lives of those around them, demonstrating selflessness through acts of kindness and making a positive impact in the region. Acts can be related to a single event.

Indigenous Advocate

Honours an individual or group of individuals who has made significant contributions to Indigenous communities in the region.

Youth

Recognizes a youth or group of youths whose exceptional achievements have improved quality of life in the region or brought positive recognition to the region. Candidates must be between 15 - 34 years old as of December 31, 2023.

Submit nominations online by Oct. 14

Any nominee must have lived in Wood Buffalo for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.

If you have questions or need support filling out a nomination form, please call Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663. For more information on the awards, including the online nomination process, please visit rmwb.ca/excellence



RMWB...



MDP approved by Council

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) was approved by Council on Sept. 10, 2024.

The MDP touches the lives of everyone in the region, this document is designed to ensure that as the region grows and evolves, it becomes even more sustainable, inclusive and thriving.

Planning for the future is important, and the RMWB's MDP lays out the Municipality's goals and vision for the Wood Buffalo region for the next 20 years. The MDP is a guide for future development and economic growth.

The plan is centered around six key goals, each with specific action items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home and belonging<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Enhancing Wood Buffalo's livability○ Creating a safe and secure region○ Creating caring communities that support health and wellness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrating community and culture<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Taking Pride in Wood Buffalo's History○ Promoting Vibrant Arts○ Celebrating Multiculturalism○ Building regional pride○ Building relationships and communicating meaningfully
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic growth and innovation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Empowering regional economic development○ Supporting skills and knowledge development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible development<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Growing as a region responsibly○ Growing the Urban Service Area○ Responsibly developing rural communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connecting to nature<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Protecting healthy ecosystems○ Accessing the wilderness○ Activating parks and recreation○ Acting on climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Truth and Reconciliation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Answering the Calls to Action○ Building Relationships and creating meaningful opportunity○ Honouring Cree, Dene and Métis cultures

For more information about the MDP and to read the approved version, please visit our website at rmwb.ca/MDP.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the plan in more detail, you can reach out to the Municipal Planning and Development team through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse.



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

We respond to fire emergencies, helping people and protecting property.

What you have:

- Valid Class 5 license. (Q endorsement is even better)
 - Time for weekly training and ability to respond

Interested?

Contact: Regional Emergency Services: 780-792-5500



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RMWB...



Victim Wood
services Buffalo

Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

Community visit dates for October

- **Fort Chipewyan** - Oct 2-3 contact us to set up a time or during court at the court house
- **Fort McKay** - Oct. 10 & 24 at the Family Support Centre
- **Conklin** - Oct 14 & 28 at the CRDAC office
 - (Oct 17 for the Cross-Cultural Connect event at the Multiplex)
- **Janvier** - Oct 16 & 30 at the Multiplex for Wellness Wednesday
- **Anzac** - Oct 17 & 31 at the Multiplex

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



Save the date for Santa Claus Parade float registration!

Attention local businesses, social profits and community groups – register a float for the Santa Claus Parade and help Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo celebrate the holidays!

With more than 5,000 people expected at the parade, you don't want to miss this great opportunity to showcase your organization, connect with community members and help spread holiday cheer.

Registration for floats and fundraising opportunities opens on **Oct. 21**.

The **Santa Claus Parade** and **Council's Starry Night holiday party** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/Santa.



WOOD BUFFALO
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Learn more:

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

- Phone: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca



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RCMP-GRC



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE • GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

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ANNIVERSARY

Indigenous Pre-Cadet Training Program

The Indigenous Pre-Cadet Training Program (IPTP) offers Canadian Indigenous people, between the ages of 19 and 29, an opportunity to experience a modified three-week Depot training experience within the RCMP at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan.

"It gives Indigenous youth the opportunity to experience a training session and a first-hand view of what a possible career in police work could entail," says Cpl. Maureen Greyeyes-Brant, who was a graduate of the program and is now the National Coordinator.

You'll learn:

- › An introduction to the Criminal Code and RCMP policy
- › Physical fitness and drill
- › Skills to help prepare you to apply to be a police officer

Basic Requirements

- › Be between 19 - 29 years of age
- › Be of First Nation, Inuit or Métis descent
- › Be a Canadian citizen
- › Be able to pass an enhanced reliability security check
- › Be in good physical condition
- › Possess a Canadian high school diploma or equivalent

**Now accepting applications for
March 2025 session!**

Deadline: October 31, 2024

For more information contact:

RCMP.Krecruiting-Krecrutement.grc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

"I'm excited to be able to one day become an RCMP officer and inspire more to join to show that we can make a difference in society.

Phoebe Niviaqsiq, Nunavut



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Canada



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REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

TRIPLE P

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

OPEN TO
Parents and Caregivers
living in Fort Chipewyan
ATC Wellness Centre

WEDNESDAYS
OCT 2 - NOV 6
12:30PM - 4:00PM

SNACKS &
REFRESHMENTS



Empower Your Parenting Journey!

Be a part of the 6-week Positive Parenting Program and learn practical strategies to guide your child's behavior and build strong, healthy relationships. Triple-P will boost your skills and confidence, helping you overcome parenting challenges. With in-person sessions and personalized support, you'll learn to nurture your child's development for lasting success. Sign up today for a brighter future for your family!



THE HUB
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE



More information: www.atcfn.ca/events

If you have questions you can contact:

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Margo.vermillion@atcfn.ca

Samantha Simpson
780-743-9225

Crystal Lee Combdon
780-743-9225



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RMWB...

ONLINE

Connect Parenting Workshop

WHAT IS CONNECT©?

Connect is a **10-week program** to support parents and caregivers of pre-teens and teens with difficult behavioural and emotional problems. Parents meet in small groups with two trained group leaders for one hour each week.

Start At **6:30 PM**



Wednesday's

16 October 2024 - 18 December, 2024



Facilitators are:
**Rhonda Alexander and
Adrianna Gillard**



WJS Canada

Online Link will be sent to
those who have signed up

Register before October 4
Call or Text 780-772-9987



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RMWB...

Family Bingo Night

OCTOBER 23RD -
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

MAMAWI HALL

UNDER 10 MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY
ADULT

CARDS - STRIP OF 3 FOR 5 SERIES \$5 EACH
BONANZA CARDS - STRIP OF 3 FOR \$2
DABBERS AVAILABLE FOR SALE \$4

Host Sponsor: RMWB
Sponsors: ACFN, MCFN, FCMN



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BEGINNERS WELCOME!

YOGA CLASSES

**Starting on Sept 13th.
No experience needed!**



**Fridays @ 630pm
FRASER BAY**

To register, please call Joy @
780-697-3900 or email joyv@nunee.org



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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GLOW

**IN
THE**

DARK PARTY

FRI.OCT.18

**DOOR
PRIZES**

MAMAWI HALL

GAMES

7-10PM // FREE ENTRY
MUSIC PARTY // DRINKS & SNACKS

YOUTH 8 AND UNDER MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

HOST SPONSOR: RMWB
SPONSORS: ACFN, MCFN, FCMN, NUNEE HEALTH



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Seniors Luncheon & Bingo

Tuesday
OCTOBER
8 TH
Starts 12 pm

**LETS EAT, DRINK
& BE THANKFUL**

at:

Mamawi Hall

Host Sponsor: RMWB
Sponsors: MCFN, ACFN, FCMN



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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Community Volleyball

Athabasca Delta Community School

Fridays* 7-9 PM

Open to everyone no age or skill required



*unless otherwise posted



AQUATIC CENTRE....

SFAC

We Are All About Families and Healthier Families Start Here

Sonny Flett Aquatic Centre

Admission Category	Drop In	Punch Cards	Monthly Pass
Youth & Teens (under 17 yrs)	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Elders	\$1	\$4 (12 swims)	\$10
Adults	\$2	\$9 (15 swims)	\$16
Family (2 Adults & 3 Youths)	\$5	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Flexible Family*	\$2	\$18 (12 swims)	\$22
Pay It Forward Swim Passes: Financial Assistance Opportunities**	\$1	\$12 (12 swims)	\$12
Aqua Fit Swim Pass	\$2	\$15 (12 swims)	n/a
Aquatics Training***			

Drop In: Enjoy the amenities this beautiful facility has too offer: Zero entry pool, access to tools for those with mobility issues, lazy river, large swim area with a designated swim lane, waterslide, hot tub and dry sauna.

Punch Cards: Do not expire. They have no cash value and are non-refundable or transferable

Monthly Pass: Expires on last day of each month. No cash value and are non-refundable or transferable.

***Flexible Family:** Many community elders are actively involved with their grandchildren, whether it be acting as a custodial parent or living in a multi-generational household. This admission category was made specially in mind for elder's special circumstances and fixed budgets.

****Financial Assistance Opportunities:** Part of our mission is to keep this facility accessible to everyone in our community – no one should be denied access due to financial hardships. This is made possible through community donations and single or bulk purchases of Pay It Forward Swim Passes that are provided those who need a helping hand.

*****Aquatics Training:** Aquatics training is offered free of charge courtesy of Syncrude. Please come to our facility and we will provide you with a registration form and training schedule.

HOURS	
Public Swim	
Wednesday - Friday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	1:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Swimming Lessons	
Saturday	More info to come
School Lessons	More info to come
Aqua Fit	
Wednesday & Friday	More info to come
Aquatic Training	
Wednesday - Saturday	7:00pm – 8:00pm
CLOSED	
Monday & Tuesday	



WORD SEARCH

October

Find all 25 HIDDEN WORDS in the word search puzzle below. Good luck!

S	D	W	A	R	F	P	R	K	F	C	B	Y	J
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CANDY
CIDER
COBWEB
CORNSTALKS

COSTUME
FIELDS
FULL MOON
GOURDS
HALLOWEEN
HARVEST

HAYRIDE
JACKET
LEAVES
PICKING
PUMPKIN
RAKE

SCARECROW
SCENIC
TRAILS
WAGON
WOODS
YARDWORK



COLORING PICTURE





OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Seniors Lunch @ Hall 12:00pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Glow Party @ Hall 7:00pm	19
20	21	22	23 Family Bingo at Hall 5:30pm	24	25	26 ATC Food Gathering @ Hall
27	28	29	30	31 Safe Hallow- een @ Hall		

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