WILLOW LAKE NEWS







NOVEMBER 2024



Vote for Ward 4 Councillor on Nov. 4



Voting polls open at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 4 for the Ward 4 Byelection. Unofficial results will be released as they become available after the voting stations close at 8 p.m.

The elected candidate will represent the communities of Anzac, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Estates and Janvier as Ward 4 Councillor until the Municipal election set for Oct. 20, 2025.

Ward 4 residents must bring proper identification to vote. A list of all accepted voter identification and requirements can be found at rmwb.ca/election

The official election results will be posted Friday afternoon, Nov. 8. The candidate who received the highest number of votes will be declared the elected Ward 4 Councillor. Voters can cast their ballots at the locations listed below:

Voting Station	Address	Election Day	Time	
Anzac Recreation Centre	237 Stony Mountain Road	Nov. 4, 2024	9 a.m 8 p.m.	
Conklin Multiplex	244 Northland Drive	Nov. 4, 2024	9 a.m 8 p.m.	
Janvier Municipal Office	110 Janvier Drive	Nov. 4, 2024	9 a.m 8 p.m.	

For questions, visit your local Municipal office or contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at rmwb.ca/pulse



ANZAC & GREGOIRE LAKE ESTATES

WATER AND SEWER PROGRAM

The **end of the 2028 construction season is the current deadline** to connect your home to piped water and sewer servicing through the subsidized RWSS program. Don't wait until next year to get your application started. Begin the process this fall to make sure you take advantage of the significant savings offered through the program.

How do you connect?

- Review the RWSS Homeowners Guide and important information at rmwb.ca/rwss.
- The first step in applying to connect your home is choosing a certified contractor and asking them to prepare a quote and discussing what this work will entail. A list of certified contractors is available on the RMWB website.
- You're in control of the entire application process, but your contractor can take the lead on everything if you prefer.
- Your Municipal tax and utility accounts must be in good standing. Outstanding balances must be paid before your RWSS application can be approved.

Important details to remember when selecting a contractor

- The contract to hook up your home to piped water and sewer services is between you and the contractor only.
- Discuss with your contractor the location of pipes and how the landscaping on your property/yard will be restored, before finalizing a contract.
- Upgrades to existing plumbing and electrical systems are the responsibility of the homeowner and are not included in the subsidized RWSS program.

Need help?

Connecting your home to piped water and sewer may seem complicated, but we're here to help guide you through the process. Visit your local municipal office or call 780-743-7000 to learn more and ask questions.

Find everything you need to know about the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program, including more details on how to apply at rmwb.ca/rwss



No stat holiday water and septic truck service in Anzac and Gregoire Lake Estates starting Nov. 11

Effective Nov. 11, 2024, there will be no scheduled water truck or septic truck services in Anzac and Gregoire Lake Estates on statutory holidays. Regular service schedules may also be adjusted for some residents in the future, as the ongoing Rural Water and Sewer Program means changes in the number of homes requiring trucked water and sewer service. The schedule adjustments are being made to ensure efficient service delivery routes for residents. Affected residents will receive a call from the RMWB with details on adjusted scheduled service days.

For more information, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse







RMWB Budget meetings begin December 3, 2024

Starting December 3, RMWB Council will review and finalize the 2025 Budget.

Budget 2025 meeting schedule:

Operating Budget	December 3, 2024
Capital Budget	December 4, 2024

The special meetings are held in Council Chambers and will be livestreamed on the RMWB You Tube channel. Residents are also invited to watch the budget meetings at their local municipal office.

Office Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm

Learn more about the budget process and how to participate at rwmb.ca/budget.



Step up in an emergency

Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.



Apply online today

For more information call:

- <u>780-743-7000</u>
- Toll Free <u>1-800-973-9663</u>



What we do:

Emergency Social Services provides basic supports for residents displaced by large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the guidance of the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.



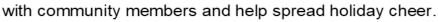


Register a float for the Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 7!

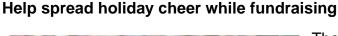
Santa and his helpers are busy getting ready for these festive celebrations in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo – and are looking for help from you!

Local businesses, social profits and community groups are encouraged to show their holiday spirit by registering a float or walking group for the Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 7.

More than 5,000 people are expected to visit downtown Fort McMurray for Council's Starry Night holiday party and Sanda Claus Parade. Here's your chance to showcase your organization, connect with community members and help appeal heliday or









The parade and holiday party are offering multiple opportunities to raise funds for local non-profit community organizations and groups.

Fundraising opportunities are available for groups of 10 to 20 people.

Apply by Nov. 25 at rmwb.ca/santa.

Join Council for a hot chocolate before finding a spot to enjoy the parade

Start your holiday celebrations with Council's Starry Night holiday party at 5 p.m. in kiyām Community Park. Connect with members of Council, grab a hot chocolate and watch live performances and the tipi and tree lighting.

Find a spot downtown and enjoy the Santa Claus Parade at 6 p.m. The parade will travel down Franklin Ave., beginning on Main St. and ending on Riedel St.

For community members seeking a sensory-friendly parade experience, line the sidewalk along Main St. from 6 to 6:15 p.m.

Transportation will be available for Conklin, Janvier and Fort McKay.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/santa.





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







Seniors and Elders invited to Council's Holiday Luncheon



Mayor and Councillors are inviting Elders and community members who are 65 or older to join them for good food, great company and holiday cheer on Nov. 25 at the Quality Hotel & Conference Centre.

Event registration opens Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. Tickets are free but expected to go quickly, so don't wait to sign up once registration opens.

Location: Quality Hotel & Conference Centre

Date: Monday, Nov. 25, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Council's Holiday Luncheon will celebrate the contributions that seniors and Elders make to Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.

Registration is required and easy to complete

There are multiple options for registration, and help is available for those requiring assistance:

- Register online for Council's Holiday Luncheon at <u>maccalendar.ca</u>
- If you need help registering, contact;
- Your local municipal rural office.
- Pulse at (780) 743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.

Transportation available for most rural attendees

Free transportation to the event is available from Anzac, Conklin, Fort McKay, Gregoire Lake Estates and Janvier. Any rural attendees needing transportation to the venue should declare this during registration, and transportation will be arranged.

For questions, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663.





Winter Maintenance season begins!

Planning to visit Fort McMurray this winter? Now is the perfect time to plan ahead for winter maintenance parking restrictions. All Winter Maintenance Subzones (WMZ) are relaxed until further notice as the program officially begins Oct. 15.

On-street parking restrictions are not in effect when subzones are relaxed but you can still <u>sign</u> <u>up for alerts</u> that will go straight to your inbox!

Subzones will typically be activated on a bi-weekly basis, meaning residents need to move their vehicles off their street once every two weeks. Windrows (snowbanks) created by a plow that are higher than 15 cm will be removed from the end of driveways in active subzones.

Keep up to date on the status of WMZs

- Sign up for WMZ Alerts.
- Watch for updates on the orange electronic signage at the entrance of each neighbourhood
- Follow the RMWB on Facebook and Twitter @RMWoodBuffalo
- Check rmwb.ca
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse





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 November

Community	Date	Location
Fort Chipewyan	Nov. 6-7	Court House
Fort McKay	Nov. 7, Nov. 21	Family Support Centre
Conklin	Nov. 12, Nov. 25	CRDAC Office
	Nov. 13, Nov. 27	Multiplex Janvier
	(Wellness Wednesday)	
Janvier	Nov. 19 (Rural Sharing Community Connect)	Municipal Office
Anzac	Nov. 14, Nov. 28	Anzac Recreation Centre

^{*}Dates are subject to change

Contact Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250 | Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250 | Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



Anzac Church Memorial Construction Notice

The Anzac Church Memorial will commemorate Willow Lake Church by creating an inviting space for residents to gather for years to come. The Willow Lake Church was a landmark used by various faiths and responsible for many community memories.

In 2016, the church was deemed unsafe for public use and was demolished. To honor the site, community residents advocated to Council for a memorial. In the Fall of 2023, the design concept was chosen and further developed.



Construction site in Anzac

Proposed Start and End Dates: September 19, 2024-November 30, 2024

Contractor: Sena Contractors Inc.

Community Benefit: The space is meant to provide a commemorative gathering space for the

community to reflect, relax, and rest.

Notice to residents: A laydown yard will be onsite within the construction boundary and will use a portion of the parking lot. The project area will be fenced off for the duration of construction with the gravel pathway partially blocked. Residents are asked to stay away from the area during construction.

For more information, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663. You can also visit rmwb.ca/construction and subscribe for updates directly to your inbox.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.



- Assessment and diagnosis: Diagnosis is the first step getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- **Rural outreach**: Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.

NEAFAN team is available in:

Janvier: Municipal Building - November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Janvier Multiplex Building - November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

#468: Health Center - November 18th

Fort McKay: Family Support - November 4th, 25th

Conklin: Multiplex Centre - November 14th

Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health Centre - November 21st

Anzac: Recreational Centre - November 28th

*Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 780-799-1748

Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Alyssa Nicolle

9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB

Phone: 587-919-5237

Email: <u>Alyssa.nicolle@mcman.ca</u>



Programming 2024























November 2024 ACTIVITIES & NEWS

Wednesday November 6th- VIRTUAL CRIB. Must be over 18 years of age and a resident of Anzac, GLE or FMFN 468. Crib starts at 6:30pm. 1st place \$100 local gift card. 2nd place \$50 local gift card. Register by emailing karenafcss@gmail.com

Wednesday November 6th - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE. at the FCSS Office from 10:00-3:00. walk-ins welcome, appointments can be made by calling Kath-lee at 780-791-6236. Flu shots and covid19 vaccines available.

Tuesday November 12th - 55+Coffee, Tea and Chat 10:00-12:00 at the AFCSS OFFICE Come join us as we discuss topics relevant to you while creating a space for compassion and friendship. We will discuss upcoming programs and event planning for the remainder of the year and your ideas are what makes it happen.

Wednesday November 13th - Fall Feast. At Bill Woodward School. Doors open at 5:00pm. Please join us as we celebrate fall and our community with a feast catered by ZeeBar. Open to Communities of Anzac, FMFN468 and GLE.

Friday November 15th and Saturday November 16th - - ACWB WORKSHOP - Moss bags (Look for poster on our page for cost, time and venue).. Must be registered with Treasure to attend. Spaces are limited. Email treasure@artscouncilwb.ca. Confirmations will be sent if you are registered so please ensure you have one before attending.

Monday November 18th, - AFCSS Annual General Meeting at FCSS Office from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome. We are still looking to fill spots on our board. Please consider joining us! If you would like a zoom link please contact us at admin@anzacfcss.com

Monday November 25th, - BOOK CLUB. Only 10 spaces are available for this evening collaboration with WBRL as we do crafts and discuss our opinions on the book (see poster for more info) Please call or email us if you would like to participate 587-644-0041 or office@anzacfcss.com

Wednesday November 27th - IN HOUSE CRIB.@ Anzac Rec Center Must be over 18 years of age and a resident of Anzac, GLE or FMFN 468. Crib starts at 6:30pm. 1st place \$100 local gift card. 2nd place \$50 local gift card. Register by emailing karenafcss@gmail.com

Friday November 29th - 55+ Lunch and Presentation 10:00 - 3:00 at the Anzac REC Center with St Aidans and the CRA the first 1 1/2 hours includes a presentation from Service Canada and Canada Revenue Agency focusing on seniors' taxes and benefits. This is followed by our presentation on Alberta Seniors Benefits. Each group will present for a half hour. From there, we will be available to provide one on one support to individuals with any issues/questions or updates. For example, we can assist low-income seniors with a tax return, or obtain their Notice of Assessment from CRA or apply for OAS. That service will be available until 3 pm.

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO AND TO SEE ALL OUR POSTERS





The Hub in Anzac & Fort McMurray First Nations 468

NURTURING **OUR FUTURES**

Nurturing Our Futures is a new program designed to support new parents by providing inclusive, culturally relevant resources, education, and community connections. The program emphasizes respect for traditional knowledge and practices while offering modern support and tools to help parents thrive.

> Each participant will leave with a baby essentials item bag!

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Art & Sensory

NOV 18 & 25

Anzac Rec Centre 10 AM - 12 PM

Nurturing Our Futures

NOV 5, 12, 19, 26

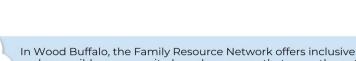
FMFN 468 Health Centre 1 PM - 3 PM

ART & **SENSORY**

FAMILY

RESOURCE NETWORK

Art & Sensory play allows you and your child to explore using all of your senses. Come prepared to get messy and have fun!



and accessible, community-based programs that serve the entire family unit ages 0-18. Our Systems Navigator will help connect your children and **Wood Buffalo** family to appropriate supports and ensure access to

opportunities and resources for improved health, wellness and connection. Our family-focused programming is free and available for all Wood Buffalo residents living in rural



communities.











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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:

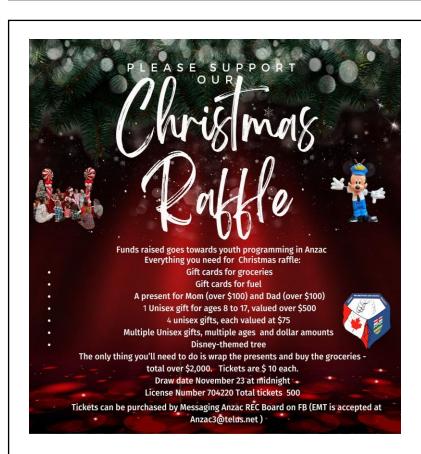
Restorative Justice Contact Information:

Phone: 780-788-4253 Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.



















ANZAC/GLE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 13 & 14



Register your float by emailing jolenemoyer@hotmail.com



Register your children for a present https://forms.gle/8to8R1U58DNsBfJY9



Deadline to register your children is November 15

Deadline to register your float is December 12

Open to Anzac, GLE & 468 Residents Only





Happy Birthday To:

Custis Chafe November 1 Matthew Abou Nahed November 1 Joshua Cheecham November 3 Hayden Wilson November 3 Kelsey Boostroom November 4 Shandon Sitzo Schemitz November 6 Sheila Cardinal November 7 Wallace Brenton November 8 November 8 Charleen McKenzie Carly Brenton November 11 Bryce Jackson November 11 **Curtis Cree** November 14 Liam Teetaert November 16 Alexis Scott November 17 November 20 Daphanie Kreutzer **Hunter Cardinal** November 20 Isabella Cardinal November 20 Benjamin Thompson November 21 Justin Ashley November 23 Travis Cramer November 23 Felicia Milton November 24 Ashley Michelin November 25 Brittany Cheecham November 26 November 27 Ryan Belore Corey Wiltzen November 28 Gabriel Dillman November 28 Catherine Beausoleil November 29



Happy Anniversary To:

Betty and Bull Woodward

November 8th

Candace and Ron Sturgess

November 22nd

Note:

If you wish to have your birthday and anniversary published in the Willow Lake News, please send an e-mail to Anzac Municipal Office Staff, or call Viola 780 334-2298.





ANZAC MUNICIPAL OFFICE

237 Stony Mountain Road, Anzac AB TOP 1J0

780- 334-2298 Pulse 780- 743-7000 or 1-800-973-9664

Fax: 780 334-0459 Office hours are:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30

p.m.

Closed on Weekends and Stat Holidays

viola.pindog-seguin@rmwb.ca

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE		
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:	COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:		
ANZAC RECREATION CENTRE	780-793-6900	C			
ANZAC RECREATION & SOCIAL SOCIETY / BOARD	780-334-2424	@WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNI	ECTION		
ANZAC FCSS	587-644-0041				
ANZAC SCHOOL	780-334-2271	@RMWOODBUFFALO			
ATCO	1-800-668-2248	O			
BILL WOODWARD SCHOOL	780-334-0818	@RMWOODBUFFALO			
AB. FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200	MUNICIPAL OFFICE SERVICES			
RCMP	780 -788-4000	UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DEBIT/CREDIT MACHINE			
WILLOW LAKE METIS NATION	780-334-0008	AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT WATER AND SEWER HOOK UPS			
NORTH LIFE ANZAC	780-334-0005	ANIMAL LICENSES			
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	780-791-6236				
WILLOW LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	780-799-1613	DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: NOVEMBER 25, 2024.			
CAMP YOGI	780- 215-1859				
ALL EMERGENCIES	911	TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE EMAIL: RURALNEWSLETT	•		



OR VIOLA.PINDOG-SEGUIN@RMWB.CA

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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FALL	A RMWB Ward 4 Byelection 9 a. m to 8 p. m @ARC	Food Bank Mobile pantry FMM 1 st Nation 12-2 pm	Public Health Nurse visit 10- 3pm @AFCSS Office	Food Bank Mobile pantry Anzac 12-2 pm	8	9
10	Office Closed	12 55+ Coffee, Tea & Chat 10- 12 pm @ AFCSS	Fall Feast @ BWS, doors open @5 pm	14 Wood Buffalo Victim Service visit@ ARC	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	Breakfast w/Santa 9- 12 p.m Ugly Sweater skate 4- 7p.m. @ ARC
24	Councils Senior/Elder Holiday Luncheon (Quality Inn Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28 Thanksgiving (USA) Wood Buffalo Victim Service visit & NEAFAN Visit @ARC	55+ Lunch & presentation 10-3 pm @ARC	30

