

March 2026

# CHIP CHAT



YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

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[www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca](http://www.woodbuffalo.ab.ca)

## MUNICIPAL OFFICE

### Hours:

**Monday to Friday**  
8:30am -4:30pm

### Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat  
Holidays

Regional Municipality of  
Wood Buffalo  
PO Box 370  
Fort Chipewyan, AB  
TOP 1B0

**Ph:** (780) 697-3600  
**Fax:** (780) 697-3881  
**Pulse Line:**  
(780)743-7000

## ARCHIE SIMPSON ARENA & FITNESS ROOM

### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm

### Closed:

Saturday/Sunday & Stat Holidays

### Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Sunday  
9:00am—10:00pm  
Stat Holidays: CLOSED

Regional Municipality of Wood  
Buffalo  
PO Box 343  
Fort Chipewyan, AB  
TOP 1B0

## Youth Centre Hours

Monday to Friday  
1:00pm-8:00pm  
Saturday 12:00 –8:00pm

CLOSED Sunday & Stat Holidays

**Ph:** (780) 697-3829

### Aquatic Centre Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED  
Wednesday-Saturday:  
1:00pm-8:00pm  
Sunday:  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Stat Holidays: CLOSED  
**Ph:** 780-697-0196

Facility Bookings — 780-697-3600



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**RMWB...**



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Facebook!*

*Wood Buffalo RURAL Community Connection!*



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## RMWB...



The RMWB is accepting applications from full-time post-secondary students interested in gaining valuable summer or co-op work experience with the Municipality.

Select summer and co-op student positions have an application deadline of **March 13**, unless otherwise specified in individual job postings.

Additional positions will be posted shortly with an application deadline of **March 20**.

Summer employment typically runs from early May through the end of August, while co-op placements may be offered at various times throughout the year.

There are positions in several municipal departments including:

- Community Services
- Human Resources & Safety
- Legal Services
- Planning & Development
- Environmental Services
- Regional Emergency Services
- Corporate Services
- Public Works

View the available positions and submit your application online at [rmwb.ca/employment](http://rmwb.ca/employment).



## 2026 assessment notices mailed to property owners



Property owners in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) should watch their mailboxes for the **2026 property assessment notices** which were **mailed on Feb. 11**.

Your assessment notice shows the assessed value of your property. This value is used to calculate your property taxes for 2026.

### What to know right now

- Assessment notices are arriving in February.
- The deadline to file an assessment appeal is April 20, 2026.
- Property Tax Notices will be **mailed in May**.

### How your property is valued

For the 2026 tax year, assessments are based on:

- Market value as of July 1, 2025.
- Property condition as of Dec. 31, 2025.



## THIS & THAT...

### Questions or appeals

If you have concerns about your assessment, contact [Pulse](#) to speak with an assessor. If a resolution cannot be reached, you may file a formal appeal with the Assessment Review Board. The **appeal deadline** is April 20, 2026.

### Resources

- [rmwb.ca/assessments](https://rmwb.ca/assessments) for appeal forms and guides and more information.
- [rmwb.ca/taxes](https://rmwb.ca/taxes) for information about paying property taxes.
- Contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at [rmwb.ca/pulse](https://rmwb.ca/pulse).



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## THIS & THAT...



# 2026 ALBERTA RCMP YOUTH CAMP

AUGUST 16 - 22, 2026

## — WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE: —

- **Learn from Various RCMP Units:**  
Gain insight from specialized teams and experienced members.
- **Physical Fitness & Drill Training:**  
Take part in physical training, drill, and team-building activities.
- **Hands-On Training:** Participate in scenario-based training.
- **Leadership & Lifelong Friendships:**  
Bond with like-minded peers while building confidence, teamwork, and friendships.
- **Graduation & Certification:**  
Receive an official certificate and take part in the proud traditions of an RCMP graduation ceremony.

— FREE FOR ALL SELECTED APPLICANTS —





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## COMMUNITY EVENTS...

# BIG TICKET BINGO!

Canteen will be available with proceeds supporting TTSS student trips!

Dabbers available for \$2

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00PM** (DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM)  
**2025** LOCATION: MAMAWAI HALL

**ONLY \$3 FOR THE 1ST CARD PER SERIES!**

**additional cards - \$1 each**

**Bonanza cards - \$3 each**

**\*\* Each series will include 2 games! \*\***

**16+**

Proudly hosted by:



THANK YOU TO  
OUR PARTNERS!



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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING...

# LEARN TO SYNCH!



**Wednesdays and Fridays**

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Starting Jan 28th

Drop-in synchronized swimming classes at  
Sonny Flett Aquatics Centre

Ages 8+

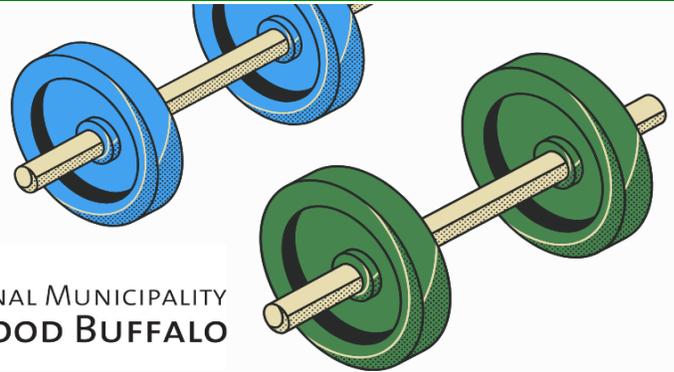
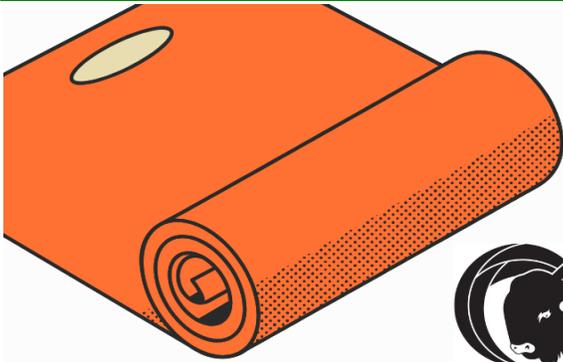
First come, first serve! Equipment provided.





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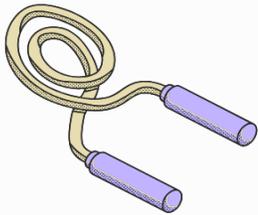
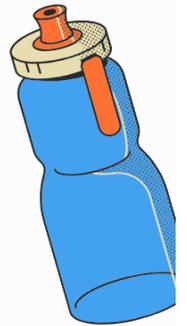
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JOIN US FOR WEEKDAY EVENING

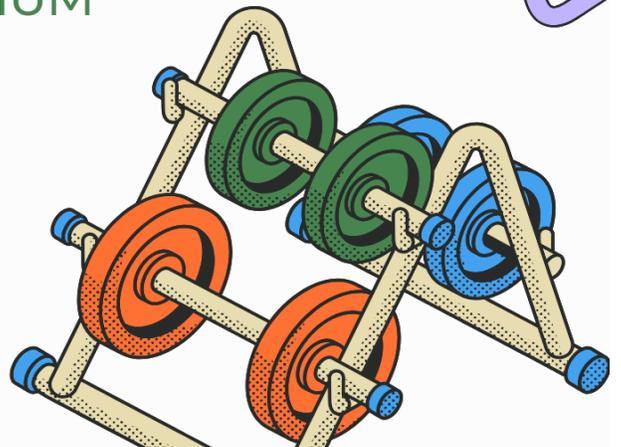
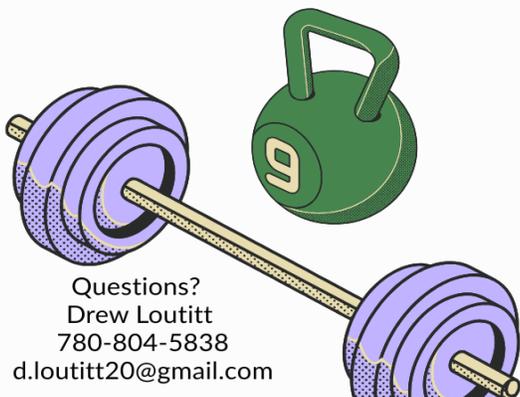
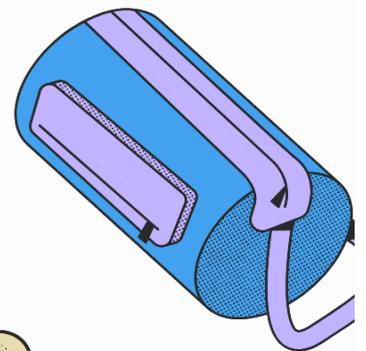
# FITNESS CLASSES



Finish off your day, stay active,  
and have fun in a supportive  
environment!

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**TUESDAYS & THURS**

**YOUTH CENTRE**  
**GYMNASIUM**



Questions?  
Drew Loutitt  
780-804-5838  
[d.loutitt20@gmail.com](mailto:d.loutitt20@gmail.com)



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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# SENSORY FRIENDLY SWIM

Sensory Friendly Swimming

Fridays 6:00pm -7:00pm

Sundays 3:00pm-4:00pm

For those with sensory challenges and their  
families  
Starting March 2025



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**AQUATIC CENTRE...**

# AQUAFIT WITH JONATHAN



## Starting February

Thursdays 6:00pm

Sundays 10:00am

Ages 16+



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



# YOUTH CENTRE...

# MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	3-5 Air Hockey/ Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball	3-5 Modelling Clay 6-8 Dodgeball	3-5 Crafts/ Board Games 6-8 Teen Swim	3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Air Hockey/ Pool	3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	All Ages All Day Pizza Buns & Sundaes Making
8	9 3-5 Wii / Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball	10 3-5 Badminton / Pickle- ball 6-8 Teen Painting	11 3-5 Scratch Art 6-8 Teen Swim	12 3-5 Diamond Dots 6-8 Fuse Beads	13 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	14 All Ages All Day Playdough Making
15	16 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Pickleball	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 3-5 Board Games and Puzzles 6-8 Nintendo Switch	18 3-5 Soccer Baseball 6-8 Teen Swim	19 3-5 Painting 6-8 Teen Cooking (Nachos)	20 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teens Choice	21 All Ages All Day Skating & Hot Cocoa
22	23 3-5 Wii/ Gym Time 6-8 Pickleball	24 3-5 Pool/ Air Hockey 6-8 Dream Catcher Making	25 3-5 Dodgeball 6-8 Teen Swim	26 3-5 Crafts 6-8 Wii/ Boardgames	27 3-5 Movies & Popcorn 6-8 Teen Choice	28 All Ages All Day Homemade Pizzas & Hide and Seek
29	30 3-5 Basketball/ Park Fun 6-8 Pickleball	31 3-5 Puzzles 6-8 Teen Boardgames				



3:05-5:00pm Programming for 6-11 yr olds  
6:00-8:00pm Programming for 12-17 yr olds  
Saturdays 1:00-8:00 — All ages are welcome



## COLOURING FUN...





## WORD SEARCH FUN...

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

c i r e l a n d s i p  
j s w e u m a r c h t  
p f p a c u h s d a r  
f a o i k a c p s r a  
a o t u y h e a h t i  
l e p r r e c h a u n  
u m a a i t r r m w b  
i e r r o c e s r x o  
r r a s d l k p o t w  
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s l e a r v l l k t d  
h d s c h e s a i n t  
k w e e r r e f r i e  
h c g o h o l n t f k

Irish  
Emerald  
Clover  
Lucky'  
Ireland

Parade  
Leprechaun  
Patrick  
Gold  
Rainbow

Pot  
Shamrock  
Green  
Saint  
March



**MARCH 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm	3 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	4	5 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	6	7 Pizza Buns & Sundaes @ Youth Centre
8	9 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm	10 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	11	12 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	13	14 Community Round Dance/ Playdough making @ Youth Centre
15	16 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm	17 Big Ticket Bingo @ Hall 6:00pm	18	19 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	20	21 Skating & Hot Chocolate
22	23 Pow wow Lessons @ Youth Centre 6pm	24 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	25	26 Fitness Classes @ Youth Centre 6:30pm	27	28 Pizza Making @ Youth Centre
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**HAVE CHIP CHAT NEWS? CONTACT INFO...**  
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