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May 3, 2022

ELIGIBILITY CHANGES COMING FOR THE 2022-2023 CROP YEAR

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his constituents that Canadian producers will be grain delivery declaration changes for the 2022-2023 crop year. Declarations of

eligibility will be required across Canada starting from July 1, 2022 in Eastern Canada and August 1, 2022 in Western Canada. Only grains subject to variety registration will require a declaration. These declarations provide a means to assure the dependability

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MOTHER'S DAY

Submitted by The Fallis Community Association

The Fallis Community Association would like to invite everyone to our Annual Mother's Day Brunch at the Fallis Community Hall on RR52 just north of Hwy 16

on May 8th between 10AM and 12PM.

The Association is still going strong for over 70 years and this function has been taking place for over 40 years with the brunch being prepared and served by the men of the Association.

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WORK OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FROM CANADA SUMMER JOBS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his constituents that he

recognizes the challenges facing the youth today with regard to job scarcity. New opportunities can be found in the QR codes below from the Youth Job Bank and the

Job Bank Mobile App. Eligible youth can apply for summer jobs in a variety of industries. The last possible date to start a job is July 24, 2022.

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AGRISTABILITY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his

constituents that the deadline for AgriStability enrollment was extended to June 30, 2022. Farmers are encouraged to utilize the extra time to sign

up and take advantage of the support available under the program to manage farm operations and challenges.

IMPROVING COMMUNITY FACILITIES ACROSS ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is investing \$4.5 million to upgrade or build 84 public-use facilities in communities across the province

The Community Facility Enhancement Program provides matching funding to help non-profits leverage other

sources of funding to upgrade, redevelop, acquire or build public-use facilities.

The program's small grant stream provides funding to projects that support thriving communities and economic recovery. The grants support the vital work of non-profits with up to \$125,000 for their public-use facilities, including community halls, parks and

playgrounds, natural areas, campsites, sports fields or outdoor pools and rinks.

Qualifying projects for Community Facility Enhancement Program grants demonstrate positive community impact, economic benefits, community need, project readiness and organizational sustainability.

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ECONOMIC UPDATE: MINISTER SCHWEITZER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation Doug Schweitzer issued the following statement on Alberta's economy:

"The first three months of 2022 have shown that Alberta's economy is not only recovering, it is growing. Key economic indicators over the first three months of 2022 show that the province continues on a path to growth.

"There is always a strong focus on jobs, because those are what are closest to Albertans. We cannot talk about economic recovery until it is reaching the kitchen tables of Al-

bertans, and that is what we're now experiencing. Alberta has not just recovered all of the jobs that were lost during the pandemic, but we have gained jobs. Despite a pandemic and energy price crash, Alberta's unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since December 2018 and I am confident that the coming months will see a continued drop in unemployment.

"This is thanks to the increased private sector investment our province is seeing. On a per capita basis, Alberta leads all provinces with private sector capital expenditures. Companies are choosing to grow and expand in

our province. In the first three months of 2022, we've seen companies like Walmart, De Havilland, Hibiki-Seiki, PACE, Neo Financial, EY, Binance, HCL Technologies, Brane and Unity grow into Alberta and create jobs. In the first three months of this year, Alberta added 22,400 jobs and employment is 4.3 per cent higher than last March.

"The jobs we are seeing created in our province across sectors also show that Alberta continues to lead the country in good-paying jobs. More than 13,000 businesses have incorporated over the past three months, an increase of 4.8 per cent

compared with the same period last year. Alberta's average weekly earnings increased by 2.0 per cent in January 2022 compared with January 2021, to \$1,254. Nationally, average weekly earnings were \$1,162.

"New jobs also demonstrate the diversification of our economy. Companies growing into Alberta – in addition to local businesses – are coming in every sector from logistics to aerospace to renewable energy, finance and technology. Diversification is not just a buzzword, it is happening.

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Invitation to Tender

Wildwood Ladies Aid Society is seeking a maintenance person for the maintenance of two (2) cemeteries totaling approximately 6.75 acres.

Responsibilities are:

- Cutting and trimming all grass on sites
- Cut and trim trees and shrubs as required
- Keep records of work performed and hours worked
- Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor

Must have own equipment, mower, weed eater, Grass blower, etc.

Must have liability insurance and WCB coverage

Contract starts **May 15, 2022** ending **September 15, 2022.**

Mail all applications to:

Marjorie Russell
Box 580
Wildwood Alberta T0E 2M0

Reply by May 12, 2022

Wildwood & District Agricultural Society

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JOKE of the week

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between you and me, something smells.

Economic Update: Minister Schweitzer

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“Alberta’s reputation in the technology and innovation sector continues to grow. We have incredible talent here and, when paired with Albertans’ entrepreneurial spirit, success is born. In the first quarter alone, Alberta-based startups including Wyvern, PainWorth, Syantra, Avanti, Summit Nanotech, Drink Partake, Virtual Gurus, Validere, Reach, Helcim, Athenian and Arcus Power

announced successful financing rounds. In addition, new Alberta-based startups including Entos Pharmaceuticals, Intelliwave Technologies, Stellaralgo, Interface Fluidics, and Tetra Trust announced new partnerships. The real strength of Alberta’s tech sector is in its early-stage deals, which bodes well for the future. All this momentum is helping to make Calgary the top city for tech talent growth in North America, with Edmonton not far behind.

“Our manufacturing sector is seeing growth across sectors. Alberta is one of the top provinces for manufacturing sales growth, with sales totaling \$16.1 billion in the first two months of the year – up 30.2 per cent from this time last year. Energy products and fabricated metal product sales grew by 63.7 per cent and 44.3 per cent respectively. Over the same period, Alberta’s wholesale trade increased 23.4 per cent from last year, with growth in every product category.

Environment by lowering taxes on job creators and reducing red tape is helping to restore business and investor confidence and attract significant job-creating investment to the province.

“In turn, this is attracting more people to move to Alberta. Edmonton and Calgary are the two most affordable cities in the country, according to a recent report. Globally, that puts Edmonton at No. 4 and Calgary at No. 10 for affordable cities. The most recent net migration numbers, released last month, show positive growth. Alberta’s housing markets are booming and overall building permits are up 7.7 per cent, comparing the first two months of this year with January and February 2021.

“The province’s economy is expected to fully recover to 2014 levels this year, expanding by 5.4 per cent, and be among the nation’s growth leaders. I’m confident that Alberta’s future is bright and we’re just at the beginning of what will be Alberta’s decade.”

“Alberta is also leading the country in growth in merchandise exports. Alberta exported more than \$28.6 billion in goods during the first two months of this year, up 54.4 per cent from last year. This was led by growth in energy products, which was up by 72.8 per cent year to date.

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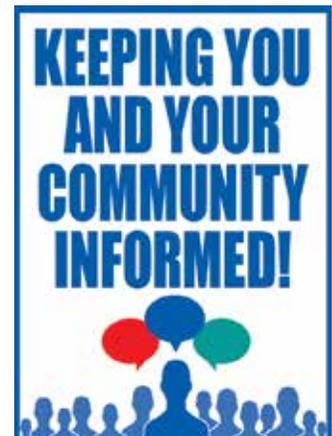
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LIFE IS SHORT MAKE THE BEST OF OUR MOMENTS

Submitted by MLA Shane Geston

I've been under the weather for the last few weeks and given some of the other health related issues recently, it for me has been quite humbling. I've been going stir crazy, but still can't get my feet underneath me. It has also given me some time to reflect and given some of the challenges other folks are having in our communities currently, has made me even more empathetic to what they are going through. Our office receives a good share of e-mails, phone calls, and letters from folks looking for help. We do our best, to make things happen, or to help folks navigate through the system, but sometimes all that is

needed is just to be on the other end to have a conversation. Even though I've been at home, I've had a chance to be there and do just that.

I find that too often we all get trapped into our own world, challenges, problems, and at times things that can absolutely seem overwhelming. Sometimes when we end up in that inward reflection, we don't see the impact we may be having on others around us, or how much they may need to be able to talk with us. I have to remind myself of this as much as the next person, with my current role, there is no escaping work, it tends to follow you home, on social media, etc. It has not been fair to my family or some of my friends, because work had been

coming first nonstop. I've had to stop, and take the time to think about that, what if someone close to me needed me and I wasn't there? Quite Sobering, and also humbling to know that they had been there before for me when I just needed someone to listen, a different perspective.

I was very sad to hear the passing of Councilor Steve Hoyda, it seemed to happen so fast, and far too soon. Someone who had been a fixture in the community for so many years, and who always seemed to me to be so positive about the future for our area was just gone overnight. My heart goes out to his friends and family, if he had left that kind of impression on me in a short time, I know there will be

a huge loss for them. I was also very saddened to hear about a few house fires along the lake, and that there too was loss of life, my condolences go out the friends and families who lost loved ones.

I am happy to see how the community pulls together in times of need and is there for each other when needed the most. I am hoping that we can also pull together, and open our hearts, and take the time to watch out for each other when there isn't a crisis. I am hoping that we can share some of the good things that we have to look forward to or have accomplished as well. I am very excited and happy to see many local events being planned and...

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happy Mother's day

MAY 8, 2022

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Avian Flu detected in Alberta.

Avian Influenza is highly pathogenic and can be spread to domestic birds by wild bird populations.

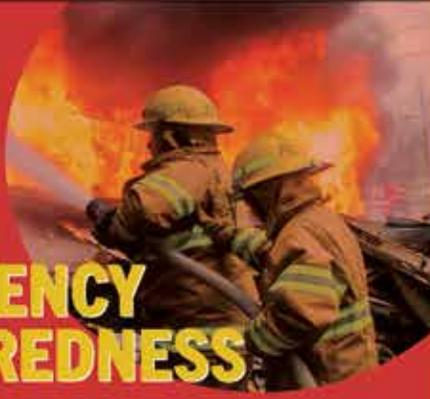
HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT AN OUTBREAK.

Bird owners are legally responsible to notify authorities of Avian Influenza and should call a veterinarian or a local office of the CFIA if they suspect their birds are sick with Avian Influenza.

For poultry producers and owners with backyard flocks or pet birds, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) website contains resources on avian flu and biosecurity measures.

www.inspection.canada.ca

Yellowhead County is providing this update as public information and is not directly involved in the notification process, any questions should be directed to the CFIA.

May 1 – 7, 2022

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The application form is available online at www.yhcounty.ca or at the Wildwood or Edson office.

1. Applications for Dust Control can be made at our Wildwood and Edson offices.

2. Each ratepayer is entitled to an application of Calcium Chloride, 200 metres in length, for a fee of \$215.00.

*(This fee represents approximately 33% of the total cost for the dust control application. Full application costs will apply for any requests over 200 metres.)**

3. The fee must accompany the application.

4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2022.

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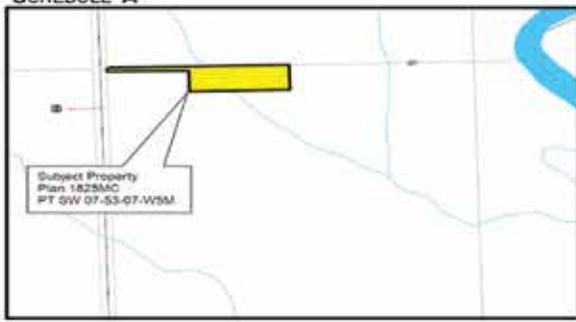
PUBLIC NOTICE

GRAZING LEASE AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSE

A lease on the subject property will be expiring at the end of May 2022. In anticipation, Yellowhead County Administration is seeking letters of interest for the 4.26 acres coming available. Lease pricing will be established by current Yellowhead County policy. Administration is requesting letters of interest for this opportunity which will be shared with Yellowhead County Council for evaluation and a decision. As such, prospective lessees should include statements as to why they feel they should be selected by Council for this opportunity.

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Life Is Short Make The Best Of Our Moments

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...announced again. I'm hoping that folks can make the time to partake in these local events, get out and meet folks in the community, heck even head over to a community down the road and see

what they have going on. Words of Wisdom from my Grandma started playing over in my mind about just that.

There was a point in time a number of years ago now as a new Dad, when family was busy, work was busy, I was on the road lots, and

how I could not seem to keep my head above water trying to find a balance. The harder I worked, the less time that I had, and it seemed that no matter what I did I just could not be there as I felt I should for friends and family. I had asked my Grandma

how she and Grandpa did it? They had 5 kids, the farm, several businesses on the go. She just told me they made the time. Sunday was that day of rest, and it was more important to make the time to catch church, go for a picnic, and to visit with friends. If you don't make the time, you won't have the time.

As hard as it may seem, lets all try and make the time to have that break, it will do a ton of good for our mental health, allow us to enjoy the little things, and quite frankly unplug. I'll be doing my best to remember what is real, what is important, and that we only have so much time on this good earth, and that being there for the ones that matter the most, isn't a bad thing, it may just be the only reason why we are here in the first place.

We have added a new staff member to help coordinate, and promote local events in our constituency, I am very excited to have her join the team. I believe that she will be able to not only help me make the time to be there more often but will also help facilitate others as well. So, if you have an event that you would like to promote, or have one of our team join you at, please reach out to our office. Please take care of yourself, each other, and I hope to be able to catch up hear what matters to you and have some laughs at one of the many local events that are happening out in the communities.

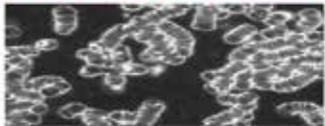
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THREE SUBJECTS OF NEW CURRICULUM READY FOR CLASSROOMS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta students and teachers will benefit from three updated K-6 subjects, with supporting learning and teaching resources, in classrooms this September.

As announced in March, all K-3 students will learn new Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literature curriculums, while all K-6 students will learn from new Physical Education and Wellness curriculum starting this September. This balanced and measured approach to implementing the new K-6 curriculum is based on insight and advice from the Curriculum Implementation Advisory Group.

“These three subjects in Alberta’s new K-6 curriculum are critical starting points that will set students on the best path for success. We heard what Albertans and education system partners told us and, with their insight, we updated Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literature to make sure our youngest students have the literacy and numeracy skills essential for early years learning. The Physical Education and Wellness curriculum fulfils our platform commitments of ensuring all elementary school students learn the importance of obtaining and providing consent as well as fundamental financial literacy skills.” Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education

Content changes in the three final curriculums

Alberta’s government has listened to all feedback from classroom piloting and engagement activities to make fi-

nal updates to the kindergarten to Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics and Physical Education and Wellness curriculums. The updated curriculums continue to align with top-performing jurisdictions, both within Canada and internationally, and those with knowledge-rich curriculums. Albertans can access the final curriculum and see what has changed at alberta.ca/curriculum.

“Taking part in piloting the draft curriculum has allowed us to have a voice in the process. We thank the government for listening to teachers’ feedback and making related changes. I can’t thank my teachers enough for all the hard work they put in and for what they have accomplished in the pandemic and during piloting.” Stefanie Brown, principal, Florence MacDougall Community School

“It took eight years of advocacy for me to see this. This is a very strong math curriculum. It is clear, concise, age-appropriate and well sequenced. It is a curriculum that sees and realizes our children’s fullest potential. They will have the confidence and skills to pursue their dreams and succeed not only in the STEM fields, but also in life.” Dr. Nhung Tran-Davies, parent and advocate for strong math curriculum

“The revised K-6 Mathematics curriculum includes strengthened content that fosters core competencies in math. This included reinforcing basic fundamentals in a well-sequenced manner that will promote a student’s understanding of math in a real-world context where calculations, measurements, statistical

analyses, problem-solving and an applied knowledge of money and finances are required. This strong foundation in math will also help support the innovation and creativity needed to thrive in an increasingly technological society. I was pleased to see the flow of the curriculum aligns with other educational jurisdictions that have strong international reputations.”

Martin Mrazik, full professor, department of educational psychology, University of Alberta and former teacher, Elk Island Public School Division

English Language Arts and Literature curriculum supported by world-class research

The English Language Arts and Literature curriculum was refined using feedback from Albertans and education system partners, as well as after reviewing world-class research on literacy in young learners. Pandemic-related learning disruptions makes it more important than ever to focus on foundational reading, writing and speaking skills for early learners.

This focus was underscored through a recent pilot project conducted by University of Alberta researchers and funded by Alberta Education. The results showed that 82 per cent of the students who were struggling to read saw significant improvements after small group intervention. Resources supported by this research will also be available for curriculum implementation and the researchers have continued to work closely with Alberta Education to advise on and support curriculum development.

George Georgiou, who led this research and pilot project,

was recently invited to participate in a Canadian Commission for UNESCO working group to further examine the impacts of the pandemic on the elementary and secondary school systems in Canada.

“Reading is undoubtedly the foundation of learning. The new English Language Arts and Literature curriculum is grounded in research and allows for explicit and systematic instruction in foundational skills such as phonological awareness, phonics, fluency and vocabulary. These skills set children up for success in comprehension and reading enjoyment.” George Georgiou, professor, department of educational psychology, faculty of education, University of Alberta

Supporting a successful curriculum implementation. Alberta’s government remains committed to helping ensure elementary teachers are prepared to teach the new curriculum this fall. In 2022-23, \$59 million is being invested in teacher professional learning and learning and teaching resources to make sure teachers and students are equipped for the updated K-6 curriculum in classrooms. This funding is part of a \$191-million investment over three years to support curriculum implementation across the province.

The government is providing teachers across the province with the following supports and resources on new.LearnAlberta.ca so they can continue preparing for the upcoming school year:

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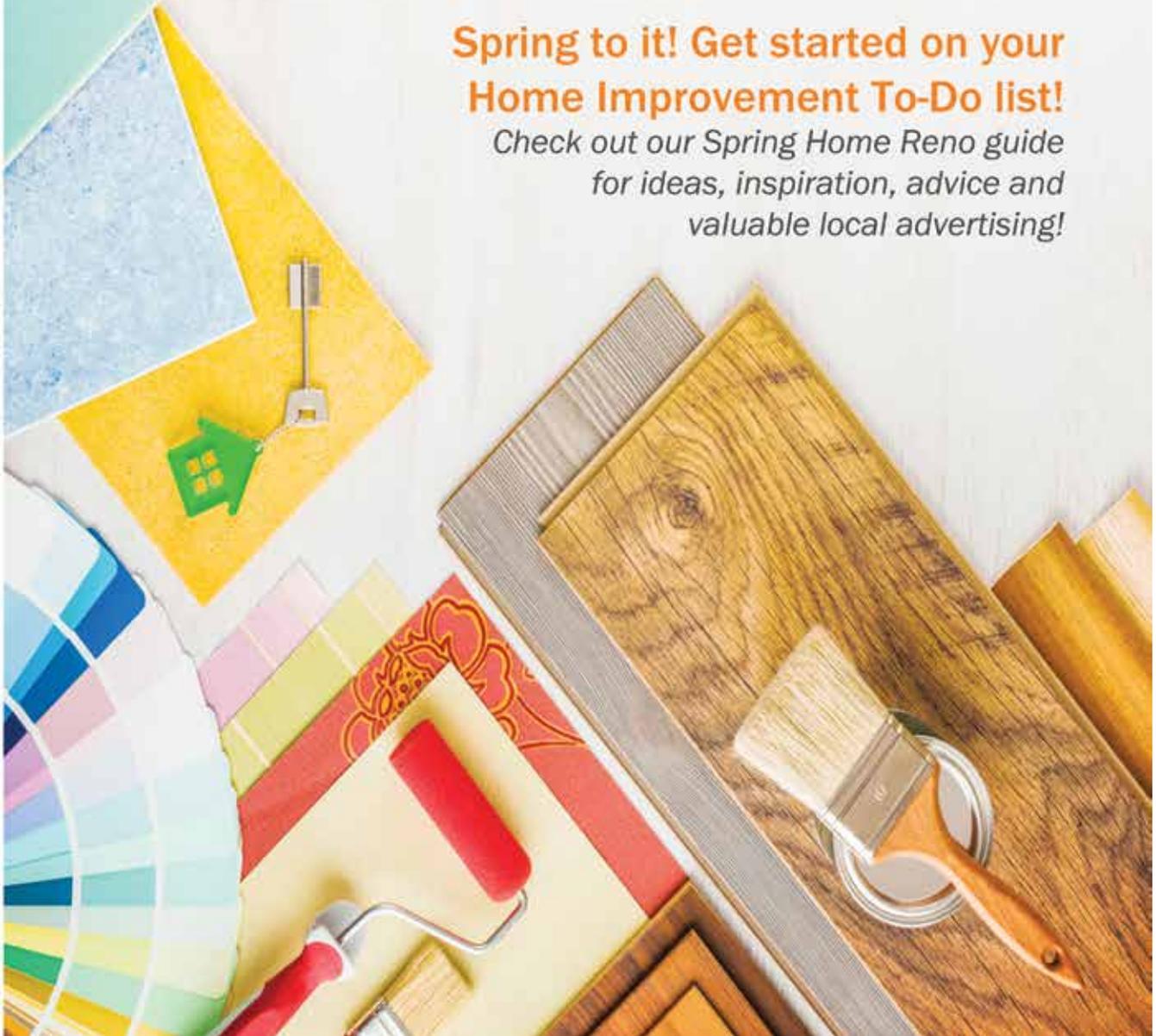
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TOP 5 RENOVATION TIPS TO CREATE MORE SPACE IN YOUR HOME

As real estate prices continue to climb, the cost to trade up to a larger home is on the upswing across the country, especially as markets remain hampered by tight inventory levels. As a result, more and more Americans are choosing to renovate their current homes instead of relocating. In fact, some forecasts predict that 2015 renovation spending could exceed the record of \$324 billion set during the peak of last decade's housing boom. While the hunt for more square footage can be challenging, homeowners shouldn't feel like a costly second story or complete addition are the only options.

Here are five great ways to create or optimize space in your existing home.

1. Finish an unfinished basement. A basement renovation can hold limitless potential and increase the resale value or income potential of your home. Think about the possibilities: a home theater, office, spare bedroom, basement apartment or recreation room. The key to doing it successfully is to focus on what's behind the walls, especially since moisture is a common issue in basements. Choosing the right insulation is critical. Look for products that are vapor permeable, dimensionally stable and mold and moisture resistant. Many contractors use

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tect against mold and mildew growth. An added benefit of this type of mineral wool insulation is that it's also fire-resistant to 2,150 F.

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...Safe 'n' Sound insulation is ideal because of its ability to absorb noise and indoor traffic sounds, ensuring your newfound space is a peaceful one.

2. Create a more open-concept feel with light and color. If your home wasn't blessed with towering windows, installing French doors and pot lights can encourage light to travel more freely, creating the illusion

of space. Likewise, choosing a paint color for walls, trim and moldings that is lighter and cooler in tone (think soft grays or blues) will help to reflect light and give the room a more open feel.

3. Remove non-load-bearing walls. Homeowners have the opportunity to rethink the layout of their home by removing non-load-bearing walls. Removing structurally unnecessary walls can make your whole home feel larger, im-

prove flow, lighting and the function of your home.

4. Convert your garage into usable living or work space. For many homeowners, the garage becomes an overflow room for storage -- and is often a walk-in headache. Convert your garage (or a portion of it) into another living space, guest bedroom or home office. Install carpet and quality thermal insulation such as Roxul Comfortbatt to block outdoor noise and keep in warmth.

5. Choose furniture and accessories carefully. Adopt a minimalist's eye. Begin looking around your home for furniture or accessories that overwhelm the space. Interior designers recommend choosing low-profile or small-scale furniture for rooms with less square footage. Dual-purpose items, such as ottomans with storage chests inside, are a budget-friendly way to save on space while staying organized.

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WEEKEND RENOVATION PROJECTS

Some home renovation projects require the expertise of professionals, but there also are many ways for homeowners to improve their homes without hiring a pro or spending too much money. The following are a handful of DIY renovation projects homeowners can tackle in a typical weekend.

· Closet conversion: Ample closet space is a big plus for home buyers, but

upon moving into a new home, many homeowners may find they don't need as much closet space as they initially thought. Guest room walk-in closets, in particular, may prove to be underutilized resources. Such closets often come with built-in shelving, and therefore, they make ideal spaces to convert to mini home offices or study areas for kids. Installing an extra

shelf to serve as a desk area for remote working or homework stations won't take up much of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and before you know it, you will have a fully functioning work-space.

· Accent wall: Accent walls can liven up a room by breaking the color pattern of the walls in the room. Accent walls also can be used to divert at-

tention on a particular design element in a room, such as a painting or an elaborate wall furnishing. Painting an accent wall won't take very long, but such a project can give a room an entirely new look and feel.

· Driveway: If weather permits, repaving an asphalt driveway can be an ideal weekend project, especially...

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...if an existing driveway has endured its fair share of wear and tear. Many driveways can be paved anew in a single day, but larger driveways or those that have endured an extraordinary amount of wear and tear may take a couple of days.

· Storage and shelving: Much like some homes come with an abundance

of storage areas, others fall short of homeowners' or apartment dwellers' needs. If your home or apartment falls into the latter category, adding some shelving or finding some new furniture that can serve double duty as storage areas is a weekend project that can help clear up some space. Purchase some wood shelving from a local furniture retailer to mimic the look of tradi-

tional built-ins or replace existing single-use furniture with newer items capable of serving multiple functions, including storage.

· Art: If the rooms and hallways in your home are bare or in need of new looks but your budget is tight, try your hand at spicing things up by creating some of your own paintings. Parents can encourage kids to create

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HOW TO MAKE SURE YOUR NEW HOME IS BUILT FASTER

If you're in the market for a newly built home, you probably have a long list of requirements for your builder. Everyone's list is different, but one common element is that your new home needs to be ready quickly, or at the very least, on time. Yet we've all heard the horror stories of construction delays and families having to move out of their old homes before their new ones are ready. Fortunately, there's a way you can help ensure your home is built faster - ask your builder to use insulated concrete forms.

"A huge step forward is to replace the traditional wood

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The compact ICFs are delivered to the construction site, where each form interlocks with the next to quickly assemble one strong monolithic wall. ICFs also do more than get

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- To this date, golf is only one of two games to be played on the moon. The other is a javelin throw.

- Long before the advent of tees, golfers played off of hand-built sand piles.

- In 1889, Ab Smith inadvertently coined the phrase "birdie," when he hit a shot he defined as a "bird of a shot."

- Making a hole-in-one during a round of golf is quite a challenge. However, the odds of making two are incredibly low, at one in 64 million.

- Only around 20 percent of golfers have a handicap below 18. The United States Golf Teachers Federation defines

handicap as "a measure of a player's current ability over an entire round of golf, signified by a number. The lower the number, the better the golfer is."

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