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April 2, 2025

WHITECOURT RCMP CONDUCTS AN ARREST IN ELDERLY ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Whitecourt RCMP

On March 9, 2025, Whitecourt RCMP received a call regarding the assault of a 69-year-old female in

a wheelchair, following a break and enter. Whitecourt RCMP responded and subsequently located and arrested the suspect.

As a result of the investigation, Dustin "Dusty"

Swanson (43), a resident of Blue Ridge, Alta., was charged with:

- Assault with a weapon;
- Assault;
- Uttering threats;

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NEW FIRE SERVICES BYLAW ADOPTED BY WHITECOURT

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

A new Fire Services Bylaw was approved at the March 24 Regular Council Meeting. The new bylaw consolidates a number of other bylaws, and outlines roles and re-

sponsibilities of the Whitecourt Fire Department.

The Fire Services Bylaw includes legislation for residential fire pits and fire permits; includes updated provisions for fire restrictions and fire bans; and, includes fees and charges

for services provided by the Whitecourt Fire Department, including fire inspections, fire investigations and incident responses.

"As our community grows, it's important for our bylaws to be updated

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ALBERTA IS ENDING THE PHOTO RADAR CASH COW

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is fulfilling its promise to end Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) in select locations while enhancing safety with a new Traffic Safety Fund.

For years, Alberta has had

the most ATE sites of any jurisdiction in Canada with many serving as a "cash cow," generating millions of dollars in revenue with no clear evidence they were improving traffic safety. Now, following thorough consultation and review of existing ATE sites, Alberta's

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Whitecourt RCMP Conducts An Arrest In Elderly Assault Investigation

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• Break and enter to a residence; and
• Mischief under \$5000 (x2).

Swanson was brought before a justice of the peace and originally remanded into custody. He has since been released on bail. His

next appearance is scheduled on April 22, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt.

New Fire Services Bylaw Adopted By Whitecourt

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and modernized to reflect current legislation and industry standards," said Director of Community Safety Lee Hardman. "Over the next several months, we will be working to educate the community on how they will be impacted by the new bylaw, and what residents can do to help keep our community safe from fire hazards."

Highlights include:

• Fire Permits will be issued in the following categories: fire pit/fire replace; campgrounds; fire reworks; special events; and, open burn.

• Fire Pits:

• Fire Pit Permits will be valid for the person named on the property.

• Clearance from the property line for acceptable fire pits has been reduced (depending on the size).

• A listing of materials that

can and cannot be burned.

• Fire Restrictions and Bans:

• Listing of appliances allowed for use during a fire ban.

• Fees are now in effect for the following:

• All Fire Permits (fire pit, campground, fire reworks, special events, and open burn);

• Fire Inspection;

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JOKE of the week

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Q: What kind of bow can't be tied?
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- Fire Safety Plan Review & Inspection;
- Occupant Load Calculation;
- Fire Investigation;

• Incident Responses for when:

- A fire which a person is convicted of arson under the Criminal Code of Canada;
- An unregulated release of

dangerous goods;

- A fire which is intentionally set, with or without a permit, and becomes out of control or some other emergency results thereof.

Information on the new

regulations will be posted on the Whitecourt website, and an education campaign will be shared throughout the spring and summer on highlights of the Bylaw.

Alberta Is Ending The Photo Radar Cash Cow

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government is making significant changes to restore public trust in the use of photo radar.

Effective April 1, the updated ATE Technology Guideline will prohibit photo radar on numbered provincial highways and connectors, restricting it only to school, playground and construction zones. Intersection safety devices in Alberta will also be limited to red light enforcement only, ending the “speed-on-

green” ticketing function.

“We have officially killed the photo radar cash cow and the revenue-generating “fishing holes” that made Alberta the biggest user of photo radar in Canada. The updated guideline will ensure that photo radar is used for safety only. The new provincial traffic safety fund will support municipalities in physical improvements at key intersections, helping to reduce traffic risks and enhance safe roads.”

Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Alberta’s government has also created a new \$13-million Traffic Safety Fund for municipalities to upgrade local roads and intersections that pose demonstrated safety risks. Details will be made available on how to apply for the Traffic Safety Fund, once the application process has been finalized.

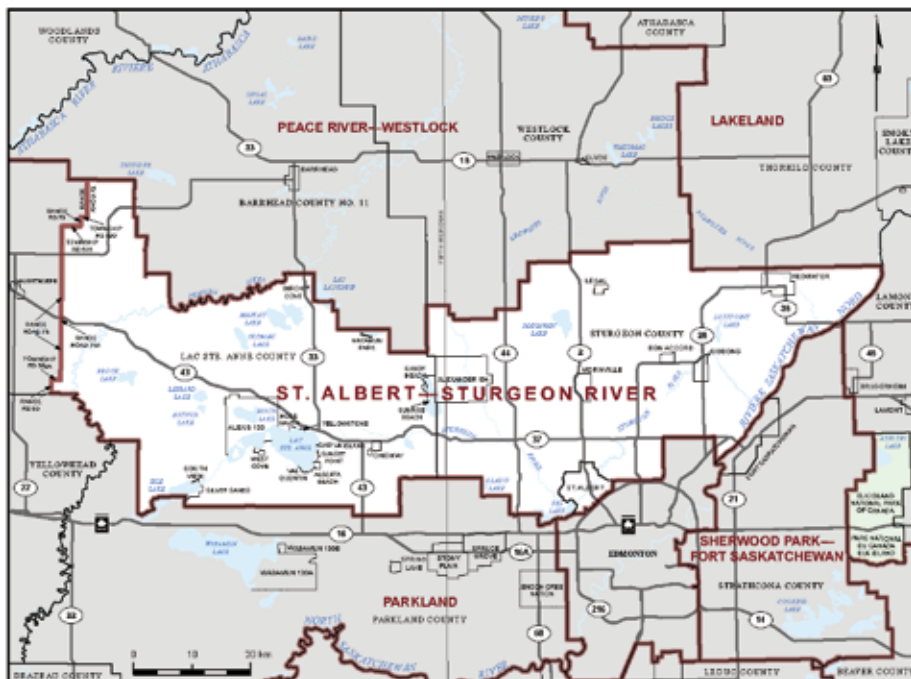
“This shift ensures that photo radar is used where

it matters most – near schools, playgrounds and construction zones. Traffic enforcement should be about protecting people, not generating revenue. The new Traffic Safety Fund gives municipalities the tools to make targeted improvements to roads and intersections with real safety concerns. Keeping Edmontonians safe on our streets must always remain the priority.”

Tim Cartmell, Pihësiwin
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NEW ELECTION MAP FOR LAC STE ANNE AND CANDIDATES

ST. ALBERT—STURGEON RIVER



Lucia Stachurski, Liberal



Michael Cooper, Conservative



Dot Anderson, NDP



Jeff Willerton, CHP



Brigitte Cecelia, PPC

Representation Order of 2023
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County News Highlights

MEETINGS & HEARINGS

[LSAC.ca/meetings](https://lsac.ca/meetings)

Meetings and public hearings are held at the County Administration Office near Sangudo; are open to the public and available remotely. Explore the County's online calendar for agendas, minutes, and meeting details.

MPC Meeting **cancelled**

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9:30 am

County Council Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:30 am

COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD SEEKING NEW MEMBER

[LSAC.ca/community](https://lsac.ca/community)

Lac Ste. Anne County is looking to appoint a new member to the Lac Ste. Anne County Library Board!

The Board meets four (4) times per year for regular meetings, and occasionally for other meetings and/or training. This is a volunteer opportunity, with mileage compensation provided.

Because we strive to have equitable representation from throughout the County's geographical area, the ideal candidate would be:

- Local to the Darwell area
- Community driven
- Enthusiastic and positive
- Familiar with local libraries
- Able to communicate regularly through email

Interested? Please forward a Letter of Interest by email to the attention of Donna Kerr, Community Services Manager at RecreationFCSS@LSAC.ca. For additional information, please contact Donna at 780.785.3411.

This opportunity will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

[LSAC.ca/permits](https://lsac.ca/permits)

The development permits below have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include permitted uses. Please contact County Planning & Development to request additional information on permits listed.

Those who claim to be affected and wish to lodge an appeal against a discretionary development permit must do so in writing to the applicable appeal body prior to the deadline listed.

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to the appropriate appeal body.

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

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Email: appeals@LSAC.ca

25-D0016

Lot 12, Block 4, Plan 2322082, Eagle Ridge Estates

NW 15-54-01 W5M;

Detached Garage, Main 20.0' x 29.5' (590.0 sq. ft.) 11.0' Walls

Appeal to SDAB by April 21, 2025

25-D0020

Lot 22, Block 4, Plan 1123418, Bilby Common

SE 30-54-01 W5M; 5, 54406 RGE RD 15

Detached Garage with Cantilever Roof Overhang, Main 36.0' x 48.0' (1728.0 sq. ft.) 16.0' Walls, Cantilever Roof Overhang, 12.0' x 48.0' (576.0 sq. ft.)

Appeal to SDAB by April 21, 2025

A County-Wide Road Ban is in Effect until further notice. Please visit CountyRoads.ca for more information.

Appointments are available for the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** until April 15 — call Community Services Coordinator Taryn Monteith today!

Are you interested in being a **Poll Worker for the 2025 Municipal General Election?**

The County is now accepting applications!

To apply please visit [LSAC.ca/election](https://lsac.ca/election) for the application form, or contact Reanne Springer at 780.305.9162 or email returningofficer2025@LSAC.ca.





NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

*Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)*

LOCAL JURISDICTION: LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
Councillor	1	Division 1
Councillor	1	Division 2
Councillor	1	Division 3
Councillor	1	Division 4
Councillor	1	Division 5
Councillor	1	Division 6
Councillor	1	Division 7

Location (Address) of the Local Jurisdiction Office:

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DATED at Lac Ste. Anne County, in the Province of Alberta, this 1st day of January, 2025.

Returning Officer

CHECK OUT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

[LSAC.ca/community](https://lsac.ca/community)

Did you know that there are six fabulous libraries located in Lac Ste. Anne County? They have so much to offer; from books, magazines and DVDs, to programming and everything in between!

They are the centre of their communities and would love to meet you! Check out their websites, social media pages or stop by a community branch and join your local library today!

Alberta Beach Municipal Library	4815 50 Ave	780.924.3491	albertabeachlibrary.ca
Darwell Public Library	#54 225B Hwy 765	780.892.3746	darwellpubliclibrary.ab.ca
Mayerthorpe Public Library	4601 52 St	780.786.2404	mayerthorpelibrary.ab.ca
Onoway Public Library	4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail N.	780.967.2445	onowaylibrary.ab.ca
Rich Valley Public Library	#12 56227 Hwy 33	780.967.3525	richvalleylibrary.ab.ca
Sangudo Public Library	5028 50 Ave	780.785.2955	sangudolibrary.ca

Alberta Is Ending The Photo Radar Cash Cow

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councillor, City of Edmonton

"Shifting photo radar to playgrounds and construction zones enhances safety where it matters most – protecting our children and workers on Calgary's roads. I'm proud to back this important step toward safer communities."

Dan McLean, Ward 13 councillor, City of Calgary

"The Traffic Safety Fund is a welcome addition to the overall funding available to municipalities. The Rural Municipalities of Alberta support a dynamic approach to managing traffic safety."

Kara Westerlund, president, Rural Municipalities of Alberta

Municipalities are encouraged to use traffic calming measures instead of photo radar but may request provincial approval for an exemption to the photo radar ban in high-collision locations. To do so, municipalities must submit a business case detailing high-collision frequency and severity at the site, relative to similar locations, and demonstrate how other safety measures are not possible or will be ineffective. To be approved for an exemption, they must also commit to audit the exempted site every two years

to assess the effectiveness of photo radar in reducing collisions at that location. The updated ATE Technology Guideline also includes parameters around equipment testing and maintenance, data collection and reporting requirements, traffic safety plans, signage and public communication of photo radar locations.

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PARKLAND RCMP ON SCENE OF MULTIPLE MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION ON HIGHWAY 16

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On March 28, 2025, at 9:06 a.m., Parkland RCMP began receiving reports of multiple collisions on Highway 16 in the area of Highway 60. RCMP attended and observed multiple collisions a semi tractor trailers in the ditch. In total emergency workers tended to 6 individuals. One 61-year-old female Seba Beach resident died as a result of her injuries. 5 other individuals were taken to hospital with various injuries one critical.

RCMP remained on scene for many hours assisting with clean up and investigating the collision.

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE FOR A LUCKY SPLIT THE POT LOTTERY PLAYER

Submitted by Split the Pot

Find out how you can be entered to win ALL upcoming cash prizes For immediate release

Split the Pot had its first two editions in 2024 and incredibly, one lucky Albertan struck it rich in BOTH! Split the Pot is a lottery that unities hospital and healthcare foundations to support essential healthcare initiatives across Alberta AND offer life-changing jackpots for Albertans to win.

They say lightning never strikes

the same place twice but Chelsea N., of Wetaskiwin, AB would certainly disagree. Chelsea supported Wetaskiwin Health Foundation through the purchase of her Split the Pot tickets, and was paid back for her generosity with some incredible cash prizes. In October of 2024 Chelsea won a \$10,000 Early Bird prize, and in January of this year she took home the BIG Grand Prize of \$134,374!

The key to Chelsea's success? Consistency! For both lotteries, Chelsea bought her Split the Pot

tickets before the first prize deadline. That means, her tickets were entered in to win all of each lottery's cash prizes. You can be just like Chelsea and increase your odds of winning big! As Chelsea said herself – if I can win twice, people can definitely win once!

Become a Split the Pot member and you'll NEVER miss a draw! Simply opt-in online, select a ticket tier, and voila. Your tickets are automatically entered into EVERY

draw, EVERY month. No deadlines to track, no purchases to remember – just consistent support of Alberta hospitals and healthcare, with plenty of chances to win BIG!

Split the Pot is your opportunity to support local hospital and healthcare foundations, make a difference in your community, and give yourself the chance to win life-changing prizes.

WHITECOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

The 2024 project list as of December 31, 2024 was presented as information to Council. The report outlines capital projects scheduled during the year, and is available for viewing on Whitecourt's website. The 2025 project list will be presented to Council in the second quarter.

Council has authorized the write off of uncollectable utility accounts in the amount of \$20,685.16.

Council has updated the terms of the Ad Hoc Culture & Events Centre Partnership/Sponsorship Committee.

The Committee will be responsible for finalizing the sponsorship/partnership package, and identifying potential partners/sponsors for the facility.

Council has authorized membership on the Mid-Sized Towns Mayors' Caucus. The group aims to address unique challenges that are specific to

municipalities of similar size to Whitecourt.

Council has a Special Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2025 at 4pm to discuss the 2025 Budget and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

Whitecourt has proclaimed June 14, 2025 as Lemonade Day. Community Futures Yellowhead East is hosting the 2025 Lemonade Day event that teaches youth how to start own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand. Registration to the program is open until May 15, and further information can be found online at <https://lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta>.

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GREAT TIMES OF YEAR TO BUY A NEW CAR

New automobiles are one of the biggest investments many consumers will ever make. Buyers typically look to get the best price on new vehicles, and when buyers begin their search for new vehicles can influence just how great a deal they get.

Timing your new car purchase correctly can save you hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars. Automotive information experts, such as JD Power and Associates and Edmunds.com, note that certain times of the year may be best for cutting a deal.

End of year

One of the best and most consistent times to get a

great deal on a new car is the end of the year. This is when car dealerships are trying to move the greatest number of vehicles to increase unit sales and annual revenue numbers. In addition, many dealers have annual quotas and offer bonuses to salespeople who meet certain annual sales figures. If you can wait until the end of December to make your purchase, you very well may drive off the lot with a great deal.

End of model year

New model year vehicles begin to arrive at dealerships sometime between the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. That

means the current year models still on the lot become a lot less desirable to customers eagerly awaiting next year's vehicles. Dealerships are willing to negotiate on the older models and may offer customers cash rebates to make room for the new inventory.

End of design cycle

From time to time, auto manufacturers roll out a newly designed car under the same name. The older body type then becomes less desirable, and that is when drivers can get bargains on cars that may have become outdated seemingly overnight. If you're more interested in saving

money than setting trends, wait until the end of a car's design cycle to buy. You can save even more if a particular model is being phased out entirely.

End of the month

Similar to end of year deals, come the end of the month, salespeople and dealers are trying to sell as many vehicles as possible in an effort to qualify for bonuses from auto manufacturers. If you can't wait until the end of the year to buy, consider the end of the month.

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

April 11- Cost \$25- Ukrainian Easter Dinner Feast. On the menu borscht, chicken kyiv, perogies, cabbage rolls, sauerkraut/cole-slaw, garlic dill rolls and nalysnyky (apple crepes) served with ice cream for dinner. Thank you to SANG for sponsoring our Veterans Table and dinner for this evening. For reservations contact 780-967-5361 by Wed, Apr 9, 2025, Doors open at 4 pm: Dinner starts at 6 pm.

April 25-Cost \$25- Italian Feast Fundraiser for OHS Class of 2025. Minestrone Soup, Italian garden salad, chicken parmigiana, fettuccine alfredo, baked penne with meat sauce & cheese, fresh Italian buns, gelato with fresh berries. There will be a silent auction, dinner music by OHS band and Karaoke after dinner. Veterans Table sponsored by William Trefry. For reservations contact 780-967-5361 by Wed, Apr 23, 2025, Doors open at 4 pm: Dinner starts at 6 pm.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Jitney Style-Fun Dart Tournament- Sunday, April 6th- Breakfast available at 8:30, Play Begins at 9:30, \$20 registration includes lunch.

Valour Coffee- Are you a Veteran, serving military or RCMP then why not join us for our Veterans Coffee. Our first coffee is scheduled for Sunday, Apr 13 from 1-3 pm. You don't need to be a Legion Member to attend.

Club Activities:

Tuesday- Dart League Tuesday night. Cost \$3 each week. Registration 7 pm. Play 7:30 pm.

Wednesday - Join us for Pub Night-Musical Jam and our meat draw.

Doors open 6:30 pm, jam starts at 7 pm. We will now be hosting a meat draw every Wednesday, in conjunction with pub night. Tickets will be 3 for \$5.00. We will have four rounds with a fifth special all-in round. Tickets will go on sale starting at 6:30 pm.

Thursday - Pool League Thursday nights. Cost \$5, play begins at 7 pm so arrive early.

Friday- Every second Fri-

day is our new game night. Come out and play some classic games such as cribbage, euchre, darts, pool or join in some fantastic board games. Next GAME NIGHT is Apr 4, bar will be open at 5 pm, games begin at 7 p.m.

Did You Know? You Do not Have to Be a Legion Member to Join Our Activities!

You're always welcome to come out and enjoy some great camaraderie, have fun, and meet new people-

whether you are a member or not! We offer a variety of activities open to everyone in the community.

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HOW TO ADDRESS CEILING STAINS

Many stains are instantly noticeable. But while a wine stain on a light-colored carpet or a gravy stain on a white shirt tend to jump out right away, other stains sneak past our radars every day. Ceiling stains are one type of stain that tend to go unnoticed for long periods of time. But ceiling stains can be unsightly, and some are even indicative of a larger problem, so it pays for homeowners to address stains on their ceilings as soon as possible.

· Start with the source. Low kitchen ceilings tend to fall victim to oil stains, which are an unfortunate side effect of cooking. But not all stains can be so easily traced to their origins. Some ceiling stains, such as those in bathrooms, may be a byproduct of mold, while others

may be indicative of plumbing problems. Identifying the source of a stain is often the first step toward eradicating it.

· Fix the problem. Once you have identified what's causing the stain, fix the problem as soon as possible. Ceiling stains are often indicative of much larger problems, and the longer those problems are allowed to fester, the bigger they become. Some water stains on ceilings result from cracks or joints that have not been adequately sealed or caulked. Reseal or recaulk any cracks you suspect are leading to ceiling stains. If you have determined a leaky roof is behind your stained ceilings, then have the roof inspected for damage, and prepare yourself to finance a new roof if the inspector determines

that's the best solution.

· Cover nearby furniture. If you find ceiling stains above living areas, then be sure to cover the furniture below such ceilings with a tarp. Even if your stain solution will be made primarily of water, you don't want to risk compounding your ceiling stain problem by staining your furniture as well.

· Remove the stains. Different stains require different treatments. A solution made of water and bleach may be effective at removing ceiling stains, but only apply such solutions on days when you can open the windows and air out your home. Larger stains may require the application of a stain blocker, which may need to be applied with a roller and brush. No matter the stain, you need to

leave time for the ceiling to dry before you can move on. Opening the windows can prevent your home from being overcome by the smell of bleach and also speed up the time it takes the ceiling to dry.

· Cover the ceiling with primer. Once the ceiling has completely dried, you can apply a stain-blocking primer to prevent future stains. Allow the primer ample time to dry.

· Apply a fresh coat of paint. After the primer has dried completely, you can then repaint the ceiling. Some paints may blend in even if you only paint the affected areas of the ceiling, but others will require a complete repainting of the ceiling. The eye test will help you determine how much work you have to do in that regard.

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ADD CURB APPEAL TO YOUR PROPERTY

Many people are familiar with the idea that a strong first impression can go a long way. While that idea is most often referenced in regard to personal interactions, it's also applicable to real estate.

When selling a home, homeowners who emphasize curb appeal may find it far easier to sell their homes. Curb appeal refers to the impression a home's exterior makes on people seeing the home for the first time. In 2014, the online real estate database Zillow surveyed real estate agents and

found that curb appeal was one of the five most important factors when selling a home.

Projects that improve curb appeal can be vast undertakings or simpler projects, and the following are a handful of projects to improve a home's curb appeal that run the gamut from simple to complex.

- Clean up the yard. Cleaning up the yard is among the simpler yet most effective projects to improve a home's curb appeal. When selling their homes, homeowners should clear the

yard of any clutter, including kids' toys, grass clippings or items that might be scattered throughout the yard. A cluttered yard suggests homeowners do not care much about their home's appearance, and that may lead buyers to think that indifference extended to maintaining the home's interior as well. Many buyers will ignore properties without any external aesthetic appeal, but cleaning up the yard does not require much effort or expense on the part of sellers.

- Make the main entry-

way more inviting. Creating a more inviting entryway won't be as simple as cleaning up the yard, but it can help create a strong first impression without breaking the bank. To begin, remove plants and furniture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, as such items can create a cluttered feel. If the front door is old, replace it. Custom doors may be expensive, but they might add the wow factor buyers are looking for. If a new door is beyond your means

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or just unnecessary, repaint the door, ideally in a color that complements the color of your home and the surrounding landscape.

· Address pavement problems. Paving problems are not necessarily an expensive fix, but the cost of repairing driveways and walkways can add up if it's been awhile since these areas were refurbished. Still, one of the first things buyers will notice when getting out of their cars is the ground they're walking on, so patch and repair or

even replace driveways and walkways that have fallen into disrepair.

· Add or upgrade outdoor living spaces. Outdoor living spaces also can set a property apart from others on the market. A recent study from the National Association of Realtors found that buyers would not hesitate to pay asking price for homes with outdoor living spaces. When adding or upgrading outdoor living spaces, try to depersonalize the spaces as much as possible, as buyers want to picture themselves, and not

the sellers, enjoying these areas. Include some comfortable furniture, adequate lighting and a dining area in your outdoor living space as well.

Curb appeal can add a lot to a home, while lack of such appeal can make a home difficult to sell. Homeowners who want to sell their properties for asking price or more should address curb appeal before putting their homes on the market.

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THE PROBLEM WITH HARD WATER

Hard water can cause scaling, deposits inside of pipes, reduced cleaning ability, and several other problems.

Home ownership opens people's eyes to many new experiences, even requiring homeowners to familiarize themselves with certain things they never encountered as renters. Homeowners become novice plumbers, electricians, horticulturists, and even chemists as they wade through the projects and repairs involved with owning a home.

Outside of high school chemistry class, you may

never have given thought to water composition and how it changes. However, once you become a homeowner, you may have to pay special attention to the type of water bubbling out of your faucets. Hard water is a common concern, and it can affect appliances and other parts of the home.

What is hard water?

Hard water affects about 85 percent of the United States, according to the Water Quality Association. Although not harmful to human health, hard water can impact one's daily life in

other ways.

Hard water is formed when water moves through soil and rock. It dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in a solution. Calcium and magnesium are the most common minerals to turn water "hard." The more magnesium and calcium water dissolves, the harder it becomes.

From nuisance to damaging

Hard water can not only be a minor headache, but also something more serious. Hard water can interfere

with various cleaning tasks and also personal grooming. Clothes washed in hard water may not be fully clean and may appear dingy. Hard water can cause a film on surfaces, such as bath tiles and tubs. Some people find that their hair and skin can appear dull and sticky due to hard water.

Hard water can have other effects, too. Over time, the water can deposit minerals on the inside of pipes, reducing water flow. If these deposits grow thick, you may have a plumbing

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issue on your hands. Furthermore, mineral deposits can harm appliances, such as water heaters, washing machines and dishwashers. Eventually, hard water may render these appliances ineffective, and they will need to be replaced.

Treatment options

Considering hard water is such a common concern, a number of treatment options exist. The main types of water-softening systems use either a packaged water softener or a mechanical water-softening unit.

Packaged water softeners are chemicals that bond with the calcium and magnesium ions in the water so that they cannot interfere with cleaning efficiency. These chemicals fall into two categories: precipitating and nonprecipitating. Precipitating softeners are borax and washing soda and can affect pH levels of water and make water cloudy. Nonprecipitating softeners use phosphates. Alkalinity won't be increased, and usually there is no cloudiness or buildup. These products are typically added to laundry loads and the like and are not recommended for drinking water.

Mechanical water-softening systems are hooked up directly to the plumbing of the house. They are ion-exchange systems that will add salt to the water. Although it can be safe to drink, softened water may not be recommended for

those who are on low-sodium diets.

Hard water is a problem many homeowners have to face. It can affect a home's appliances' performance

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CHOICES

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

The “You Should”, the “You are not _____ Enough”, and “You are Anti-_____” crowds are in full swing the last several weeks. Honestly after the last 5 years, I would have hoped that all of that rhetoric would have been put behind us. I have however been told that I am too much of an optimist on several occasions.

We released “Alberta’s Covid 19 Pandemic Response” led by Dr. Gary Davidson, which allowed folks to read for themselves a “Lessons Learned” account of the information available at the time for the decision makers, and the results of the decisions being made. In addition, it took into account relevant information now available, as well as provided some recommendations going forward.

There was quite the esteemed list of individuals who participated in the creation of the report, and yes, the majority are in the medical field. The report wasn’t intended to point fingers at people, just to identify issues or concerns with process, and to ensure the most relevant information is made available going forward. We are an outlier in the country, for commissioning an official third-party report, and making it public for all to see.

I have heard “You are Anti-Science”, and a number of other hurtful slurs, that I won’t repeat. We all heard too many of those over the last several years, and it’s not helpful in the least.

I believe that science is science, and the scientific method always allows for open commentary, taking away subjectivity and

emotions. It’s a non-biased approach that has allowed us to rapidly advance over the years. It’s a balance scale of sorts, self-correcting, weighing the evidence stand for scrutiny, to be disproven, until...it isn’t. It is not static, as we learn more and challenge theories or look to new applications.

So when I hear politics drown out the ability for science, and the medical community to have an open forum, it raises alarm bells, because its literally someone’s thumb on the weigh scale, not allowing the numbers, to speak for themselves, and that’s when you can “Trust the Science”.

From the same sort of crowd, apparently I’m “Not Canadian Enough”. The cause of my less than ample “Canadian - ness” varies on the perspective, and heaven forbid I offer a perspective of my American colleges they have shared with me to explain their positions.

Apparently from the self-professed “Team Canada Crowd” I put Alberta first too often. Well, I was elected to be an Alberta Representative in Alberta. Guilty as charged.

I have also been accused of spending too much time talking with American politicians, regular American citizens, and heaven forbid, accepting opportunities to meet with Americans in their capitals! They would rather have me stay in the Edmonton area, only interact on social media, and talk poorly about our friends and neighbors to the south based on what the mainstream media story of the day is...wow. You can’t make this stuff up.

I am very proud to be the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Economic Corridor Development. She

in addition to being the Premier, is the minister of intergovernmental relations. That requires engaging with not only other leaders in our country but abroad. Since our largest trading partner and closest neighbor is the USA, chances are, if we are doing our job we are going to be talking with Americans, rather than about them.

I also am the lead for our transboundary groups which consists of the Council of State Governments, National Council of State Legislators, the Energy Council and the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. We sit on, and chair a number of committees within the organizations, we attend leadership training sessions, and have full on engagement when it comes to policies that will effect our province and country. We make friends there, so that when we need a quick unfiltered conversation with someone we trust it can be had. They feel the same way about us.

So, the “Elbows Up, Want to Fight, Boo national anthems, and you are not Canadian enough because you are not like them crowd” is the group that doesn’t get out too much, or know the ramifications of starting a fight you can’t finish looks like. These are the same ones who run their mouth and never had their body cash the cheque. There was always someone or something to protect them. They typically are also very good at spending other people’s money.

When I look up my family history, like so many in the province, it was only a few short generations ago that they came here just after or before the province became a province. I go a

ways back further and my family first came to Canada in the late in the 1700’s, well before 1867. They left East Friesland (Germany) when Napoleon went on his tear across Europe after the French revolution. So as you can imagine, I not only have family scattered all over Canada, but in the USA as well. I am not unique, our countries history and the USA’s history and people are intertwined.

I want to give folks hope in these strange times. Don’t let the you should, and you are not (what ever cause they are ranting about) enough crowds get you down. Take some deep breaths, and look to the things that are really important to you, and how you can make positive progress of change. Like this famous Albertan mused, “perhaps you should clean your own room, before you tell others how the world should be ran”. We are at a very interesting point in time; make no mistake. I believe we all have a part to play, and if we are going to be active participants in shaping that future, you need to have your head and emotions in your control, not controlled by others.

The choice before us will be very clear. Do you want the “Government” to make the decisions for you, or do YOU want to have the freedom to make your own choices, own mistakes, the freedom to determine your own future. So take a deep breath, manage what you can, and trust in yourself to do the right thing for the ones you care about most.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS: SAFETY NEAR LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is reminding drivers to be aware of the big differences between their personal vehicles and larger commercial vehicles like buses and semi-trucks.

When driving near a semi-truck or bus, please remember:

- Unlike personal vehicles, trucks and buses need more room on the road to operate safely.

- Large vehicles, like a semi-

truck or bus, also take longer to stop than passenger vehicles because of their size and weight, as well as the condition and temperature of the vehicle's brakes.

- Give semi-trucks and buses the room they need to operate safely by avoiding blind spots and not following too closely.

- Semi-trucks will usually swing slightly to the left before making a right-hand turn; do not assume the driver is turning left.

- Leave at least three metres

between your vehicle and the rear of a semi-truck stopped at a light or stop sign, especially on a hill.

When passenger vehicles are involved in a collision with a large vehicle such as a semi-truck or bus, the occupants are more likely to be killed or injured because of the differences in weight, stopping distance and rollover potential.

Commercial vehicle drivers can contribute to traffic safety by doing the following:

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UNITED CHURCH THRIFT SHOP: North end Curling Rink, Onoway. Open Fri & Sat, 10AM-2PM.

WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF: Tues Onoway Aspen Health Services. Drop off 1:00-2:30PM.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge, Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone Welcome.

BADMINTON: Wed, 7-10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.

COME PLAY CRIB: Fridays, 7:00PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

COUNTRY QUILTERS in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

Darwell Public Skating 7-days wheel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag.com or Facebook

JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpepubliclibrary.ab.ca (780)786-2404

"ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new local program for people of all ages with disabilities. Thursdays @ Alberta Beach Agliplex from 10:00-11:00AM starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCSS.

ONOWAY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway Golden Club Onoway Museum. 967-4485

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436.

ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT! Exercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. PH: 780-967-2056.

PANCAKE/BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 3rd Sunday 9:00-11:30AM, Parkland Village Community Centre. *except June, July,

August

RIVER TALKERS TOAST MASTERS CLUB, Thursdays, 7-9PM. 32 Whitecourt Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Info Lorainne 286-5040.

SANGUDO ART CLUB meets every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Sangudo Community School. New members welcome. For further information call Brenda at 780-785-2402.

SANGUDO LIBRARY Board Games 7 to 9:30 PM, on first Tuesday every month, October 2024 through March 2025. All ages welcome! More details at sangudolibrary.ca

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE DROP IN CRIB 1st & 3rd Sundays 1:00PM. 780-786-4950

WRITERS PROGRAM: Mayerthorpe Library, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1PM.

MEETINGS

1ST ONOWAY SCOUTS: Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS, Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE: Stony Plain Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

3053 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps- Wednesday 6:45pm Onoway Heritage Centre contact: 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed 6:30-9:30PM, High School. Ages 12-18. 780-305-7233

755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

AA - MAYERTHORPE, Community Service Bldg 4909-49Ave, Thurs 8PM. (780) 648-3903 or (780) 779-0155

AA - SANGUDO GOLDEN CLUB, Tues 8PM call 786-4402/785-9214/785-3599

AA - WHITECOURT, united church side door, Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm call 780-424-5900

AL-ANON Wednesdays, 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Dr. 780-962-5205

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

ALBERTA 55 PLUS: Villeneuve Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2nd Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB meets every 4th Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agliplex.

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY meets on the 4th Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agliplex.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on the 2nd Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Mondays 8PM, Golden Club 5023-49Ave

BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, meeting every 2nd Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

CHERHILL COMMUNITY ASSOC. Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 *Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.

CHERHILL LEGION BR 184: is now operating under Cherhill Community Hall Meeting 1st Thursday of the month except July & August. Pancake Breakfast 9am-noon on 3rd Saturday of month for Jan, Apr, July & Oct. Contact 780-305-6399 Jim

CHERHILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB Regular Meetings 1st Tuesday of month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach

Agliplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. *Sept-June.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS, 7:00PM, 1st Monday, Darwell

DDRA MEETING, 7:00PM, 2nd Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099.

*except Jul/Aug/Dec **GriefShare:** Weekly grief support group on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting Sept. 17 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 for 12 sessions. Pre-registration required by calling Fran at 780-786-2533.

Girl Guides Embers, Guides and Pathfinders Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway Heritage Center On-line Registration www.girlguides.ca

GREENCOURT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meet 2nd Tuesday, monthly at 7:30PM at the hall. Info W. Jager (780) 786-4648.

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1st Tues of month. Contact: mayerthorpekinettes@gmail.com, Tracy 780-786-0161.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS, Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Sandra @ 780-966-5678

LAC STE ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: 3rd Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL Quilting: every Mon 9-3pm. Drop in fee \$10. More info call or text 780-819-7907

LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC, every 4th Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Meetings 2nd Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

MEN FOR SOBRIETY: Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Cassy 780-471-3034 *Sept-June

NA MEETING, Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY: 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:00PM, room 3 of the Heritage Centre

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION General Meetings, 1st Mon, 7PM. *Sept-June

RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS: at the Agliplex on the 2nd Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB Build confidence, speaking, leadership & listening skills. Thursdays 7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.

SANGUDO PAINTING GROUP: Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo Community School. Info, call 780-785-2112.

SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB: Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM. St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

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