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INVESTING IN LOCAL FIRE SERVICES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Local fire departments across the province will benefit from fire services training grants that help keep Albertans safe.

Alberta's government is supporting critical work with \$500,000 in Fire Services Training Program grants, distributed to 90 recipients across the province including municipalities, First Nations and Metis Settlements. The Fire Services

Training Program helps local firefighters and fire services personnel access training that reflects industry standards and meets the needs of the communities they serve.

"When Albertans need them most, firefighters are always there for them. They put their lives on the line to protect ours, and we're making sure they have the training needed to do their jobs safely and effectively. These investments will help local teams respond with

the skill and confidence to protect Albertans."

Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs

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"This investment

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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government will invest more than \$28 million to help protect families, communities and our economy from future floods and drought.

Many communities face challenges keeping up with water demand, drought-proofing their infrastructure or preventing floodwaters from dam-

aging homes and critical infrastructure. That's why Alberta's government is investing \$25 million for 12 projects through the Drought and Flood Protection Program and \$3.5 million for projects through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

With this funding, communities and other partner organizations will build projects designed to

keep homes and businesses dry, roads accessible, and critical infrastructure operating safely during an emergency. Water supply and storage infrastructure will be expanded and watershed health will be improved so growing communities have the water they need, even during periods of drought.

"Investing in drought and flood protection

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is a meaningful step in strengthening fire services across Alberta, ensuring firefighters have access to the training they need to safely and effectively protect their communities. The Alberta Fire Chiefs Association values this continued

support and looks forward to working with the government to further enhance capacity and preparedness across the province.”

Drayton Bussiere, president, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association

Alberta’s government continues to support public safety and strengthen

its partnership with municipalities, First Nations and Metis Settlements by helping test and certify the skills of dedicated fire service professionals, ensuring their credentials are recognized and standardized across the province.

Supporting Communities Against Drought And Floods

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keeps communities safe, while allowing them to continue to grow and thrive. This helps ensure safe and reliable access to water while making Alberta more resilient to extreme weather events.”

Grant Hunter, Minister of

Environment and Protected Areas

Alberta’s government is investing \$125 million over five years into the Drought and Flood Protection Program. Last year, the government delivered millions to counties, towns, cities and Indigenous partners for infrastruc-

ture projects, which are now underway. In total, \$75 million has now been invested in 40 projects through the program.

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JOKE of the week

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found.

John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat.

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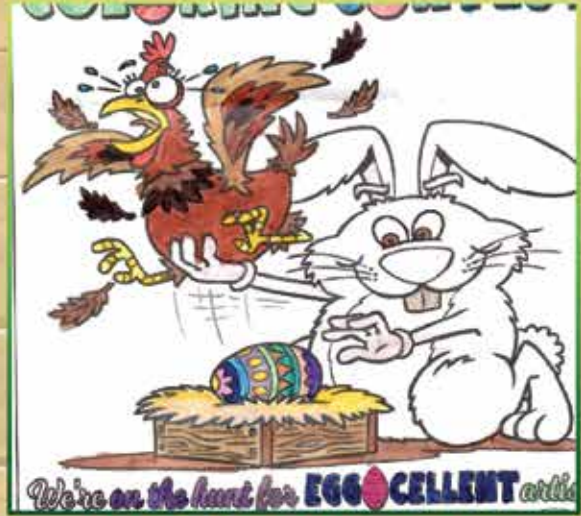
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The Easter Bunny is proud to announce the winners of the Easter Colouring Contest!

Our contest was a huge success! There were so many great entries that it was difficult to choose the winners, but after careful deliberation, we made our decision.

Each winner received a gift bag.





Spring HOME RENO GUIDE



REDUCE ENERGY COSTS WHILE ENSURING HOMES STAY COOL

When attempting to cool their homes, many homeowners' first instinct may be to adjust

the air conditioning thermostat. But there are other, more energy-efficient methods to cooling a home.

According to the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors, as much as half of the energy used in homes goes toward heating and cooling. The following are a handful of ways to make heating and cooling a home more eco-friendly.

Insulate Insulation often is associated with warmth, and rightfully so, as it is used to protect a home from cold weather. However, insulation also is effective at cooling homes. Many insulation materials work by slowing down the way heat moves through materials and into spaces. Proper insulation can provide effective resistance

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to the flow of heat, meaning it can help block hot air from flowing into the interior of a home. Insulation will help reduce the amount of work a cooling system will have to do to cool a home thanks to the flow of heat.

Replace air filters
Air filters trap dust, debris and other microscopic particles so they are not circulating in the

air or clogging up vents. Over time, air filters can become so bogged down with dirt that air cannot move through a home very easily, forcing cooling systems to work harder. Simply replacing the filters can help cooling systems work more efficiently.

Adjust the thermostat
Programmable thermostats allow homeowners to adjust their cooling systems for when they

are home and when they are out. Air conditioners

can be set at higher
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temperatures when residents are at work or school, and then lowered before residents arrive home.

Try evaporative coolers. Sometimes called “swamp coolers,” these devices can be effective in regions with low humidity. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that these coolers evaporate water into the air to provide a natural and

energy-efficient means of cooling a home. When operating an evaporative cooler, windows are opened part way to allow warm indoor air to escape as it is replaced by cooled air. Unlike central air conditioning systems that recirculate the same air, evaporative coolers provide a steady stream of fresh air into the house. Plus, they consume only about one-quarter of the energy consumed by

more traditional air conditioners.

Ceiling fans
Fans help to circulate air throughout a home and create an effective draft. Ceiling fans are usually most effective at circulating air throughout a room. The larger the blades, the more air that can be offset by the fan. Many fans operate quietly and effectively. In some locations, fans may be all that’s need-

ed to cool a space. In others, fans may work in conjunction with air conditioners to enable homeowners to raise the thermostat by about 4 F. Keeping a home cool and saving money in the process is possible by making a few tweaks to the cooling system.

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ONSCREEN ALBERTA GROWS TOURISM INTEREST

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's stunning landscapes gain global attention as Netflix features 28 locations across the province.

From the dramatic mountain vistas seen on *Can this Love Be Translated?* to the rolling foothills featured in *My Life with the Walter Boys*, Alberta's natural beauty is being discovered by millions of viewers worldwide. On the streaming platform's website, Canadian filming locations are recognized, placing a spotlight on the province's growing portfolio of globally recognized productions.

"Every film and series filmed in our province is an invitation to international viewers to explore all that our province has to offer. Showcasing the province on the screen helps drive tourism spending, support local businesses, and create jobs across Alberta, while inspiring more visitors to experience the province's magic for themselves."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

New research from Netflix highlights ties between screen content and tourism interest, with viewers exposed to Canadian content on the platform twice as likely to say Canada is their number one travel destination. This content-driven tourism phenomenon puts Alberta on the map, representing a significant opportunity for Alberta. To support this growing tourism trend, Travel Alberta highlights multi-day itineraries and details on filming locations in the province where key productions have been shot for visitors to see firsthand. Details can be found on the Travel Alberta website.

"By promoting Alberta's advantages to production companies, we are putting a spotlight on our amazing landscapes while driving tourism, attracting investment and creating good-paying jobs. We are proud to continue strengthening our dynamic film and television sector to develop local talent, strengthen businesses and create opportunities for Albertans

across the province."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Major film and television productions generate immediate economic benefits through local spending during filming, while also sparking long-term tourism interest. The province is well-positioned to build on this trend as part of its ambitious goal to reach \$25 billion in annual visitor spending by 2035. In 2023 alone, Alberta's cultural film and television

sector contributed \$1.25 billion to the economy and supported more than 9,000 jobs, with productions increasingly choosing communities of all sizes across Alberta – spreading these benefits throughout the province

"Alberta offers a fantastic combination of world-class crews and stunning backdrops, with everything from urban settings to epic mountains and open prairie. Audiences from around the world have loved the shows we film there and we

look forward to continuing to work with the province."

Danielle Woodrow, director, Content, Canada, Netflix

With more than 60 per cent of all Alberta-made projects filmed or planning to film in small cities, towns, and rural locations across the province, screen production is revitalizing communities throughout Alberta, with every dollar of government support generating four dollars of investment back into the province.

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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is now covering the province's first tubeless insulin pump, giving eligible Albertans more freedom and ease in managing diabetes daily.

Alberta's government is expanding the Insulin Pump Therapy Program to include the Omnipod 5, a cutting-edge device designed to make managing diabetes easier than ever. Unlike traditional pumps that use tubing, the Omnipod 5 automatically adjusts insulin in real time using data from a continuous glucose monitor, helping keep blood sugar levels within a healthy range.

More than 1.3 million Albertans are living with diabetes, and many rely on insulin every day to manage their condition. Managing blood sugar can be complex and time-consuming, so improving access to easier, more advanced technology helps reduce that burden and support better health outcomes.

Alberta now covers the Omnipod 5 through the Insulin Pump Therapy Program (Credit: Insulet)

"I've heard from so many Albertans who have been waiting for this insulin pump. Living with diabetes is a daily challenge, and this device can make managing insulin simpler, easier, and much less stressful."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

Eligible Albertans can receive an insulin pump at no cost every five years through the Insulin Pump Therapy Program. Access to the Omnipod 5 will follow this existing replacement cycle, meaning most current users will transition when their device warranty expires, rather than all at once.

Albertans already using an Omnipod system may also be eligible to upgrade earlier through the manufacturer's Omnipod Innovation Pathway Program.

"This is hugely exciting news. It builds on Alberta's previous commitment to

supporting access to continuous glucose monitoring for children and adults with type 1 diabetes that enables access to automated insulin delivery (AID). AID has delivered unprecedented improvements in blood glucose levels and quality of life, and adding coverage for OP5 provides young children and other vulnerable populations with an option that may better suit their needs. This investment will improve health and reduce the burden of diabetes for individuals, their families and our communities."

Dr. Peter Senior, director, Alberta Diabetes Institute and Charles A Allard chair in Diabetes Research, University of Alberta

"I'm thrilled to see expanded access to insulin pump options for Albertans living with diabetes! By adding another device to the Insulin Pump Therapy Program, eligible Albertans now have greater choice to select the technology that best fits their individual needs and lifestyles. This is an exciting step forward in

advancing more personalized, effective diabetes care in Alberta."

Dr. Julie McKeen, provincial medical lead, Alberta Insulin Pump Therapy Program, and medical director, Diabetes Centre Calgary

"Expanding choice and access to devices will be life-saving for many Albertans living with diabetes. Precision insulin delivery systems enhance blood glucose control and lower the risk of complications – enhancing quality of life and reducing the burden on health care systems."

Joan King, Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Diabetes Canada

Alberta continues to provide some of the most comprehensive publicly funded health benefits in Canada, and this investment gives Albertans with diabetes access to innovative, life-changing technology that makes daily care easier and improves health outcomes.

COUNTY CHATS COMING TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS PARKLAND COUNTY

Submitted by Parkland County

Parkland County is launching County Chats, a new series of open-house-style events designed to give residents the opportunity to meet Mayor and Council, ask questions, share feedback, and learn more about County initiatives and local community leagues.

Taking place in divisions

across the County, County Chats will offer a relaxed setting where residents can discuss local issues, hear about what is happening in Parkland County, and explore ways to get involved in their communities.

The first event will take place in Tomahawk on Thursday, April 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming County Chats are scheduled for:

Tomahawk Agra Centre – Thursday, April 30

Woodbend Community Hall – Tuesday, May 12

Muir Lake Community Hall – Tuesday, June 2

Magnolia Community Hall – Tuesday, June 9

Parkland Village Community Centre – Wednesday, September 9

Wabamun Jubilee Hall – Tuesday, October 6

Keephills Community Hall

– Wednesday, October 14
Holborn Community Hall

– Thursday, November 12
Blueberry Community Hall

– Monday, November 23

All events run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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of the week

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ANSWER:
Last Weeks
You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	4	2	7	1	5	9	3	8
1	3	9	8	2	4	6	7	5
8	5	7	6	3	9	2	1	4
3	6	8	5	9	7	1	4	2
9	1	5	2	4	8	3	6	7
2	7	4	3	6	1	5	8	9
7	8	3	1	5	2	4	9	6
4	2	6	9	8	3	7	5	1
5	9	1	4	7	6	8	2	3

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