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## May 6, 2026

### PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE SUSPECTS IN KIDNAPPING

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On April 14, 2026, Parkland RCMP received a report that on the evening of April 13, 2026, two individuals were

kidnapped, extorted, robbed and assaulted.

The victims were restrained and held against their will at a residence on Paul First Nation, where they were beaten, threatened, and robbed

by three suspects. Two of the suspects were armed with firearms, which were discharged during the incident.

Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section

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### FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE FOR FAMILIES AT EVANSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted by Evansburg Public Library

Evansburg Public Library is the place for families to be on Friday nights in May. Every Friday night this

month, the library will be hosting a different family friendly program at 6 PM. It's free for everyone and people can attend all five events, or just one. Here is what the library has sched-

uled:

- May 1 - Board Games
- May 8 - Choose Your Own Adventure Storytime
- May 15 - Lego
- May 22 - Fractured

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### WILDWOOD SCHOOL GOES FOR GOLD: A MONTH OF OLYMPIC SPIRIT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Submitted by GYPSD

In February, the gymnasium at Wildwood School was transformed into a global stage as students from every grade partic-

ipated in a high-energy Phys Ed Olympics unit. More than just a series of games, the unit challenged students to embody the three core Olympic values: Excellence, Respect,

and Friendship.

For four weeks, students didn't just attend gym class – they stepped into the shoes of international athletes. The Phys

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# Parkland RCMP Arrest And Charge Suspects In Kidnapping

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(GIS) took carriage of the investigation and executed a search warrant at the scene, seizing several pieces of ev-

idence. Arrest warrants were obtained for three individuals: a 20-year-old female, 27-year-old male, and a 33-year-old male who were

all believed to be armed and dangerous.

On April 19, 2026, the female suspect was located

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To the heart that nurtures, the hands that care, and the love that never fades—Happy Mother's Day!

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# Parkland RCMP Arrest And Charge Suspects In Kidnapping

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in Edmonton and arrested by Edmonton Police Service. The female has been remanded into custody.

On April 22, 2026, the 33-year-old male suspect was located by members of the RCMP Community Response Team and Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit in south Edmonton. Parkland RCMP GIS, Drugs and Crime Reduction Unit

Teams deployed to the area and with the assistance of RCMP Air Services and the Edmonton Police Service Tactical Team. The suspect was arrested safely without further incident, remanded in custody and evidence was located at two separate residences including drugs, a firearm and ammunition.

On April 23, 2026, Parkland RCMP members arrested the remaining male suspect at

a Spruce Grove restaurant after receiving a complaint that a male patron was refusing to pay for his meal and drinks. He was also remanded in custody.

As investigation continues, RCMP are not releasing the suspects' names at this time. The suspects are facing several serious charges including kidnapping, extortion, robbery with a firearm, assault causing bodily harm

and other weapons offences.

"These violent occurrences often require a coordinated response", said Sgt. Collin Kuca, Commander of Parkland RCMP Plain Clothes Unit. "I am pleased to say that multiple units of the RCMP and the Edmonton Police Service worked seamlessly to apprehend these suspects who posed a serious risk to public safety."

# Friday Nights Are For Families At Evansburg Public Library

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Fairy Tales  
May 29 - Family Portraits  
Craft

"We're fortunate to be open on Friday evenings.

It's a time of the week when many families are looking for a fun activity. We're happy to offer five exciting programs each Friday night in May" says Director of Li-

brary Services, Robert McClure.

Evansburg Public Library is located in Grand Trunk School and is open to everyone in the community.

Library memberships are free and more information can be found at [www.yclibraries.ca](http://www.yclibraries.ca).



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**JOKE of the week**  
Little Johnny was at Sea World, and was having a wonderful time; but he absolutely refused to go to the show to see Shamu, the killer whale. He would not say why he didn't want to go, and nothing grandma, grandpa, mom, or dad said would change his mind about it.  
Later, after he got home and was snuggling into his bed to go to sleep, he finally told his Mom his reason:  
"Mommy," he said, "I didn't want to go see Shamu because yesterday Aunt Susie told me how exciting the show would be because they 'pick children from the audience to feed Shamu.'"

# AWARENESS TEAMWORK ACTION

**That's what it takes to help prevent crime. During Crime Prevention Week, do what you can to keep your home, neighborhood and workplace safe.**



## When away from home for extended periods:

Install timers on a few inside and outside lights.

Hold mail and newspaper delivery or donate it to a school or hospital.

Have a trusted friend or neighbor look after your home.



## Around the house:

Do not leave tools or ladders outside your home.

Make sure external doors and frames are sturdy. Steel or 1 3/8"-thick wood is preferable.

Installing a security system can add extra protection against crime, fire or accidents.



## In the neighborhood:

Join a neighborhood watch committee, and ask local law enforcement for assistance.

Get to know your neighbors. It will instill a sense of community and help everyone feel safer.

Report any suspicious neighborhood activity to the police.



# Wildwood School Goes For Gold: A Month Of Olympic Spirit And Sportsmanship

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Ed teams got creative with the “winter” and “summer” programming, adapting traditional events into accessible, high-energy school versions. Students tested their precision in beanbag archery, their coordination in floor curling, and their speed in pool noodle hockey. The “sliding” events were a particular highlight, with students navigating the gym floor in simulated bobsled, luge, and speed skating competitions.

While the competition was spirited, the focus remained squarely on collaboration.

Teams based on grades were assigned a country at the beginning of the month and worked together through every heat and hurdle. In a departure from traditional podium finishes, there were no individual medals. Instead, the reward was the collective success of the team and the development of new skills. Students practiced daily, showing remarkable growth in their athletic abilities and, more importantly, their ability to support one another.

After a month of intense effort and “global” camaraderie, the final standings were tallied. While every student walked away with improved skills and new friendships, a few coun-

tries claimed the top spots in their respective “Olympic Villages”:

K / Grade 1 : TURKEY  
Grade 2/ 3: BAHAMAS  
Grade 4: EGYPT  
Grade 5/6: FRANCE

Congratulations to all our Wildwood athletes for a month of incredible effort.

Whether they were sprinting over hurdles or cheering from the sidelines, every student demonstrated that the true Olympic spirit is alive and well in their school!



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK**  
MAY 3 - MAY 9

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AND YOU COULD BECOME A FEATURED ARTIST!

One talented artist will have their logo featured on future Bear Chase race swag, and will receive a fun prize! **Art deadline: July 23**



**DREAM!  
DOODLE!  
DESIGN!**

**DREAM BIG, DRAW BOLDLY, AND SHOW US  
WHAT THE BEAR CHASE MEANS TO YOU!**

**Anyone ages 3-13 can enter!**

Triathlon participation is not required. Find contest details and submission sheet at [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca)

**Don't forget to register for the  
2026 Bear Chase Triathlon!  
[yhcounty.ca/registration](http://yhcounty.ca/registration)**



## Tortilla Making 101

with Chef Marcel Randall



Join us for a hands-on class where you'll learn to make fresh corn and flour tortillas from scratch!

Discover their history, techniques, and how to use them in your everyday cooking.

**Simple ingredients,  
incredible flavour.**

**Ages 10+ \$25 per person**  
Registration is required. Register at  
[www.yhcounty.ca/registration](http://www.yhcounty.ca/registration)



## kids can catch

Millers Lake  
DAY-USE AREA (EAST END)

**Tuesday  
June 30  
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Join us for this **FREE** fishing event for families with children!

**Fishing rod  
raffle!**

No fishing license  
needed for those  
16 and under

**Bring your own rod or  
borrow one of ours!**

Supplies provided  
for an evening  
of fishing

**Free  
BBQ!**



For more information please contact Yellowhead County's Recreation Coordinator at 780-723-4800  
Supported in part by SECURE Energy, Alberta Conservation Association, and Yellowhead County



## Roadside Vegetation Management Program

Spraying May to September



Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department will be spraying County roadsides from May to mid/late September. Spraying of roadsides is done to control the spread of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds and re-growth of small brush. **Herbicides to be used this upcoming season include:**

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lontrel 360 - PCP #23545       | Navius Flex - PCP #30922        |
| Escort - PCP #23005            | Esplanade - PCP #31333          |
| ClearView - PCP #29752         | Roundup Weathermax - PCP #27487 |
| Arsenal Powerline - PCP #30203 | Roundup WeatherPRO - PCP #33653 |
| Garlon RTU - PCP #29334        | Killex - PCP #27801             |
| Garlon XRT - PCP #28945        | Hasten - PCP #28277             |
| 2,4-D Amine - PCP #14726       | Trillion PCP #27972             |
| Milestone - PCP #28517         | Gateway - PCP #31470            |
| Milestone NXT - PCP #34728     |                                 |

These products are best suited for Yellowhead County's Vegetation Management Plan. Some of these herbicides have residual characteristics so ratepayers should not be using roadside soil in their gardens.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Agricultural Services Department at 1-800-814-3935 or (780) 325-3782.

## Municipal offices CLOSED on Monday, May 18, 2026.



The Yellowhead County offices in Edson and Wildwood will be closed for Victoria Day.



## Make a difference in your community. Join the team at YCFD!

**BECOME A  
YCFD  
VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTER!**

**APPLY BY  
MAY 31  
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We're looking for motivated residents who want to make a difference in their communities!



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2026**

Students may be eligible for highschool credits through this program!



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**Join our Team!**



## Summer Road Work MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF  
CREWS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Mowing, Graveling, Line Painting  
and Crack Sealing work for local  
roads is taking place in  
Yellowhead County this summer.**

This work extends the life and usage of these areas and results in enhanced safety for traffic and a better road system.

**Please slow down around flagging crews.**

Allow work crews the space needed to complete their work.

**Reduce speed in work zones.**



For more information, contact Yellowhead County at  
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Yellowhead County **DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE**

## SPRING DUST CONTROL?

**APPLICATION  
DEADLINE:  
MAY 15**



1. Applications 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 \$238.00.
3. The fee must accompany the application.
4. Spring applications must be received by May 15.

The application form is at the Wildwood or Edson offices or [www.yhcounty.ca](http://www.yhcounty.ca)

Call 1-800-665-6030 for details.

To apply for Calcium Chloride Spring Dust Control, submit payment and application before May 15.

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.\*

\*Dust Control Policy #3200-02

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

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Public Hearing for Bylaw 03.26 (Land Use Bylaw amendment)

Following a Public Hearing

for Bylaw 03.26, Council directed Administration to forward Bylaw 03.26 to the May 12, 2026, Council meeting in consideration of Second and Third Reading. Bylaw 03.26 is a Land Use Bylaw amendment to redistrict a portion of SW-19-53-07-W5M from Rural District to Country Residential District.

West Central Airshed Society (WCAS)

Salina Fairbank, Engagement Coordinator from WCAS, a regional not-for-profit delegated by the province, presented Council with an overview of the effects of air quality and how the airshed organization, WCAS, monitors local air quality and reports data to government, industry, researchers, and other stakeholders, and engages with the public to promote air quality awareness.

AltaLink Wildfire Mitigation Program

Representatives from AltaLink presented their Wildfire Mitigation Program to Council. The presentation included information on AltaLink's plans to help protect communities and power supplies during emergency incidents including prevention management and control and shutoffs during a wildfire. They also presented information on their public

awareness campaigns and their work with government agencies and the new Alberta Wildfire Utility Coalition.

Council Policy 1100.04 – Council Electronic Devices

Council adopted revised policy 1100.04 which governs electronic and communication devices used by Council. The updated policy broadens the terms and details of the devices used by Council to include all types of electronic devices used by Council as well as budgetary details and anti-virus requirements used to enhance online and digital security.

Fulham Community School Update

Administration provided Council with an update on the School Division's media release regarding the school board's decision to keep the school open. Council accepted the items presented as information.

YCE Multiplex Tender

Council approved awarding the YCE Multiplex Tender for partitions, lockers, washroom accessories, and an operable wall to AccessSMT & CP Distributors for \$789,006.41, including bonding but excluding GST).

Request for Land Purchase

Council denied the sale of a 0.86-acre parcel (Lot 32, Block 1, Plan 0627780) in Evansburg for \$65,000. Council passed an additional motion to forward the potential sale of the Evansburg property to a future council meeting for further discussion.

2026 Summer Gravel Program Tender

Council awarded the 2026 Summer Gravel Program (Tender 2026-897) contract to 1686301 AB Ltd. (McLeod Valley Sand & Gravel) in the amount of \$1,181,190.58 (GST excluded) for the hauling and placing of approximately 95,386 tonnes of owner supplied crushed gravel over ~332 km of roads from five stockpiles for five areas in Yellowhead County.

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Items in this sale include:

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# RURAL CRIME AWARENESS

Protect machinery from theft by leaving valuables locked in a shed or storage facility and by marking equipment with your drivers licence and province of issue (an engraver can be borrowed free of charge from most local police detachments).

Protect livestock by checking herds regularly and keeping accurate records of livestock born, sold or purchased.



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Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area.

Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.



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# PARKLAND COUNTY'S FINALIZED 2026 BUDGET DELIVERS LOW TAX INCREASE FOR RESIDENTS

Submitted by Parkland County

Parkland County Council has approved the finalized 2026 municipal budget, confirming a low residential tax rate increase of just 0.8% and a nonresidential increase of just 2.75%, while maintaining high quality core services and investing in long-term priorities for our growing community. Further, of the 0.8% residential tax rate increase, only 0.09% is related to municipal costs. The bulk of the increase – 0.71% – is related directly to increases in the Provincial Government's Policing Funding Model for RCMP services.

Despite facing inflationary challenges and increased cost-shifting from the provincial to the municipal level, Parkland County's minimal property tax increase is amongst the lowest in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. For a typical home assessed at \$500,000, the estimated change is about \$1.50 per month, helping ease cost of living pressures while safeguarding core services, programs, and infrastructure.

"We know that families and businesses are feeling the pinch, and every dollar counts," said Mayor Rod Shaigec. "We campaigned on

the promise of financial prudence, accountability, and respecting the priorities of our residents. And that's what we've delivered: a responsible budget that keeps municipal property taxes low while sustaining the services, roads, programs, and infrastructure people rely on. At 0.8% for residents and 2.75% for businesses, we're balancing affordability with the financial stability needed to keep Parkland County strong."

By the Numbers

- Residential tax rate increase: 0.8%
- Non-residential tax rate increase: 2.75%
- Monthly municipal tax increase impact on a \$500,000 home: \$1.50
- Projected Net Financial Assets: \$118 million
- Capital investment planned: \$23 million

Clarity about your tax bill

Despite keeping County tax rates low, residents may still see a rise in their overall tax bill. That is because each bill also includes taxes that the County is required to collect on behalf of the Provincial Government for education and policing services, as well as on behalf of seniors' living facilities. The amounts you pay for these services are not set by the County, and the

County does not receive the funds collected for these services.

- Education taxes are set by the Government of Alberta; the County has no control over the rate, and everyone is required to contribute regardless of whether or not they use education services. Over the past two years, Parkland County's provincially mandated share of education costs has increased significantly, resulting in a cumulative impact of \$7.6 million, comprised of a \$3.5 million (11.36%) increase in 2025 and a further \$4.1 million (11.99%) in 2026. These increases will be reflected on your property tax bill.

- Policing (including RCMP) contributions are set by the Government of Alberta under their updated Police Funding Model. Following changes to the model starting April 1, 2026, the municipal share will increase from 19% to 22% and will continue rising to 30% over five years. This increase, and subsequent years' increases, will be reflected on your property tax bill. If passed, Bill 28 - Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act 2026 (which is currently before the Alberta Legislature) will allow us to itemize the policing

costs as a separate line item on future property tax notices.

- Seniors' housing requisitions – The City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Parkland County are all required to collect taxes for seniors' living facilities. The funds collected are passed directly to seniors' lodges, and all tax-payers are required to pay these amounts whether or not they use the service. In Parkland County, taxes are collected on behalf of the Meridian and Evergreen Foundations.

"It's important to understand that the County does not control the entire tax bill," said Mayor Shaigec. "We're doing what we can to keep taxes low, however the reality is that residents may experience a larger increase due to provincially mandated taxes and requisitions that are outside our control. What I can promise our residents, however, is that we are committed to doing everything we can as a County to ease cost-of-living pressures while balancing financial stability, and we will be going to bat for you at every level of government to ensure that Parkland County residents get a fair deal."

## ALBERTA RCMP CONFIRMING INVESTIGATION INTO INAPPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION OF ELECTOR LIST

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP can confirm correspondence from an individual associated to the Alberta NDP

raising concerns about potential misuse of the provincial voter list maintained by Elections Alberta.

The RCMP has initiated an investigation and

is working with other law enforcement partners in the province to determine if any offence(s) have been committed respecting the dissemination or handling of the information con-

tained in the voter list.

# FEEDING FAMILIES GROW CHALLENGE RETURNS — COMMUNITY, GARDENING & GIVING COME TOGETHER MAY 4

Submitted by WEE (Wildwood, Evansburg, Entwistle) Community Food Bank

The community is invited to gather for an evening rooted in generosity, connection, and local food security as the 2nd Annual Feeding Families Grow Challenge Kick Off takes place on Monday, May 4th at the WEE Community Food Bank, in partnership with For The Seed.

This year's event marks an exciting collaboration between the WEE Community Food Bank and For The Seed, bringing together their shared mission of supporting families through access to fresh, locally grown food. The partnership highlights a growing movement in the community, empowering residents to grow their own food while giving back to those in need.

Attendees who have pre ordered seed potatoes and strawberry bare root stock will be able to pick up their items during the event. In addition, guests who bring a food or cash donation to the WEE Community Food Bank will receive a FREE WEE Community Food Bank Seed Collection, a meaningful way to encourage families to grow food not just for themselves, but for others in the community as well.

The evening offers more than just pickups and donations. Visitors will have the opportunity to step inside the WEE Community Food Bank and see firsthand the impact it has on local families. It is a chance to learn how the organization operates, connect with neighbors, and be part of a collective effort to strengthen food security in the region.

Adding to the atmosphere, the For The Seed and Friends May Market Sale will feature

a curated selection of local vendors. From garden related goods to handmade items, the market creates a welcoming space to shop local while supporting small businesses.

Vendors who are available for the evening are encouraged to apply, as a limited number of spots remain open across select categories.

The spirit of the Feeding Families Grow Challenge continues to grow each year, encouraging individuals and families to plant, harvest, and donate fresh produce throughout the season.

With the support of For The Seed and the dedication of the WEE Community Food Bank, this initiative is helping build

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## 6 EASY SPRING CLEANING PROJECTS

Warmer days are here and what better way to spend them than cleaning? Although enjoying the great outdoors is probably high on many a to-do list come spring, by the end of

winter, homes can probably do with a much-needed overhaul. Owners and renters can rely on temperate days to throw open the windows and engage in some easy spring-cleaning

projects. The earlier one begins spring cleaning, the more quickly he or she will be able to head outside and bask in the warm spring sun.

Spring cleaning tasks can be stretched out across several days to make the jobs more manageable. While certain spring cleaning tasks can be time-consuming, many projects can be started and completed in 30 minutes or less.

### 1. Look up

Start by looking up at ceilings, molding and ceiling fans. Chances are strong that some cobwebs and dust have formed in

these areas. Always begin cleaning by working from the top downward so you don't have to clean any tables countertops or floors twice. Static-charged dusting cloths work well to catch and contain dust. Use a pillowcase on ceiling fan blades to clear the dust and keep it from cascading to the floor.

### 2. Blinds and curtains

Heavy window treatments can be removed and replaced with more gauzy fabrics. This lets in more light and warmth from the sun. Many curtains can be freshened up right in

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the laundry, but blinds may require a bit more effort. If the blinds can be snapped out of the brackets, place them in a tub full of vinegar, dish soap and water. Allow them to soak and then rinse with the shower nozzle. Stationary blinds can be cleaned with using an old sock over your hand dipped in a vinegar-and-water solution.

### 3. Change linens

Remove and launder bed linens. While the linens are in the wash, thoroughly dust all furniture and vacuum the carpets. Move furniture so you can reach areas where dust gathers, such as under the bed or dresser.

### 4. Grout cleaner

Grade school science lessons can be put to use as you look to remove stubborn dirt. Combining baking soda and vinegar produces a reaction that causes the formation of gassy bubbles. These bubbles can help to break up dirt that clings to crevices, such as grout between tiles. Some light scrubbing and then subsequent rinsing can rid surfaces of hard-to-remove dirt.

### 5. Vacuum vent intakes

Many houses are heated by forced-air systems. The air intake vents can become clogged with dust and other debris. Vacuum these vents so that air flow is not impeded. Let the heat run for a few minutes to catch any small particles that become dislodged, and

then change the furnace filter.

### 6. Clean out the refrigerator

Now is a great time to remove any of those mystery containers growing fuzzy experiments in the back of

the refrigerator. Take the food out of the refrigerator and use a food-safe cleaner to scour the shelves and inside of crisper drawers

Spring cleaning is a necessary task, but it doesn't have to be a headache.

Break up the work into manageable chunks of time, and projects won't feel like such a hassle.

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## FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A HOME OFFICE

As technology has made working remotely easier, more and more professionals are working from home.

Working from home can help working parents save money on childcare costs and help all workers avoid

rush hour traffic jams and the costs of commuting to and from the office.

The right working environment is essential for men and women who work from home. An environment that's conducive to work can help people increase their productivity and make their employers more likely to allow more employees to work from home. Professionals who are new to working from home may find it takes some time before they can create the perfect working environment, but the fol-

lowing are a few factors to consider when planning a home office.

Space

One of the disadvantages to working from home is that remote workers don't have access to the same level of equipment as in the main office, such as color copiers or scanners. If you want to include even scaled-down versions of such equipment in your office, you will need ample space. In addition, less spacious home offices can feel too tight and enclosed,

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making workers uncomfortable and less enthusiastic about working every day. Pick a spot in your home that affords room for your equipment and the ability to move around so you don't feel cramped throughout the workday.

### Lighting

Lighting is another factor remote workers must consider when they're planning their home offices. Natural light can provide an energetic boost and improve your mood, so choose a room in your home that gets lots of sunlight during the day. Many professionals

who work remotely do so from the basements of their homes, which can make it difficult to rely on natural light. If the basement is the only location in your home that can fit a home office, look for lighting sources that replicate daylight so you are not working in dark quarters. Speak with your physician about how to arrange lighting to reduce eyestrain caused by staring at a computer.

### Connectivity

Connectivity also must be considered when planning a home office. While wireless Internet has made Internet dead zones less problematic, certain areas

or rooms in your home may still be touch-and-go with regard to Internet connectivity. Such areas should be avoided when choosing a room for your home office, as it can be difficult to remain productive if your connection to your office's external server is routinely compromised. Find an area where the wireless connection is always strong.

### Distractions

While your home might be empty for much of the day, you don't want to be distracted when the kids come home from school or when your spouse or roommate arrives home from work. Avoid putting your home

office too close to popular hangout areas in your home, such as the kitchen and the living room. Instead, choose a room where you have lots of privacy so you can focus on your work and won't be routinely interrupted.

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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!

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