

July / August 2024

Brazeau

COUNTY NEWS

Canada Day

Breton throws
an epic
celebration
of country
& community

Federal Livestock
Tax Deferral

Wetlands make
a difference

New CAO



Reeve

We're into summer, and I hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy the season, because it never seems like there's enough of it, and before we know it, winter will be here again.

Welcome to our new Chief Administrative Officer Rudy Friesen, who started work July 15. Rudy has a lot of experience in the municipal, agriculture, and economic development sectors, and will be a great asset to the County. Council is looking forward to working with him on our priorities to make the County even better and raise the quality of life for everyone who lives here, and I know he's eager to meet you as he settles into the position.

Congratulations to the class of 2024! You have a whole world of opportunity ahead of you, and I wish you all the best as you chart the course for the next phases of your lives.

Council is constantly engaged in the business of Brazeau, whether that's improving our Land Use Bylaw, road maintenance, or looking for ways to support our residents. We're engaged on a number of issues with the province to advocate for our people, whether on health care services or maintenance of our highways. We are an economic driver for the province, so we always want to make sure Brazeau is getting equal treatment when it comes to provincial services.

Most recently, we've advocated for improvements to Highway 621 and to express our concern to AHS about the lack of doctors in Breton. In June, I was pleased to attend an announcement with Minister Devin Dreesen announcing more than \$200 million in funding for transportation and water projects. Brazeau received \$450,000 for repairs to the bridge in front of Lindale Hall. I reminded the minister about Brazeau's tax reduction and incentives, and he told me the County is a leader when it comes to keeping money in ratepayers' pockets.

We have now have an experienced Emergency Management Coordinator in place, who will act as the Director of Emergency Management in case of a disaster, part of our commitment to be better prepared in case of emergencies like the Buck Creek fire last year. We plan for more ongoing staff training so that we are ready in case of the next emergency.

As always, if you have a question, a concern, or an idea, please bring it to me, a councillor, or speak up at a Council meeting. We ask that it be done in a respectful way, and we will listen respectfully in turn. We're all residents here who want the best for our County. Great things can happen when we put our heads together.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,
Bart Guyon
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Council Highlights

May 9

Appointment to Recreation Board

Council appointed Rina Saar to serve a two-year term as a member at large on the joint Town of Drayton Valley - Brazeau County Recreation Board.

The Board will initiate and provide direction for sport, culture, and recreation programs as designated by the councils of the Town and the County, and is directly accountable to the councils. It will be made up of two County councillors, two Town councillors, and two members-at-large, one a Town resident and one a County resident.

The joint Recreation Board will make recommendations to the councils on the management and operation of the recreation and cultural facilities as agreed to by both the Town and County and as identified in the Recreation and Culture Cost-Sharing Agreement.

The Board is advisory and all recommendations must be approved by both councils in order to take effect.

Canadian Fire Rescue College

Director Erik Ives gave a presentation regarding the Canadian Fire Rescue College, which is exploring

Lodgepole as a campus location to train firefighters. Council will provide the college with a letter of support for the project.

County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 ICF and IDP

Council gave first reading to Bylaws 1178-24 and 1183-24 to repeal the Intermunicipal Development Plan and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10.

This will reduce the levels of regulation on boundary lands between Brazeau County and the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10, while still being able to review statutory plans, land use changes, subdivision applications, and discretionary development along the intermunicipal boundary.

A public hearing on Bylaw 1178-24 will be held at the June 4th Council meeting.

Appointment of Weed and Pest Inspectors

Council appointed Noahlea Townsend, Jenna Smith, Hannah Mahan, Lexis Elliot, Shaye Sommerfeld, Riley Rogers, Molly Goerzen, and Brent Erickson as weed and pest inspectors.

Council Meeting Livestreaming

Beginning with the May 21 meeting, Council meetings will be livestreamed on the Brazeau County YouTube channel.

The link to watch the livestream will be posted on the County Facebook page and website prior to the meeting. Concluded meetings will be saved to a playlist on the Youtube channel as well.

May 21

AG-19 Shelterbelt Policy

Council approved changes to the AG-19 Shelterbelt Policy as recommended by the Agricultural Service Board.

The changes remove reference to the defunct prairie shelterbelt program and provide guidance to administration on assisting landowners in shelterbelt maintenance and planting.

Drayton Valley Health Foundation Presentation

Carol Vawk, chair of the Drayton Valley Health Foundation, as well as Dr. Vincent Grant and Ken Brisbin, gave a presentation regarding a plan to convert an existing records space at the Drayton Valley hospital into a simulation lab. The lab would include mannequins and other

equipment to allow doctors, nurses, first responders, and others practice first aid and clinical skills.

Seniors' Week Proclamation

Reeve Bart Guyon proclaimed June 3-9 as Seniors' Week in Brazeau County.

Seniors' Week has been recognized in Alberta since 1986 to celebrate the contributions of seniors to our families, workplaces, communities, and our province, and to advocate for seniors' rights and voices.

Seniors make a difference in our community in many ways through active community participation that often includes, supporting family and friends, imparting valuable experience, knowledge, and skills to the community as volunteers or as part of the workforce and providing mentorship to younger generations.

The value seniors bring to a community is priceless as they hold our history, have valuable memories and stories of where we come from, and experiences that help us as we look to the future.

June 4 2024 Schedule of Fees

Council approved the 2024 Schedule of Fees, with some changes from the previous schedule:

- Brazeau County flags will now be sold at actual cost, approximately \$160
- A fire suppression trailer has been added to the rental fleet

- The damage deposit for no spray signs has been removed
- All cemetery fees associated with grave opening/closing have been eliminated

AG-16 Conference Reports Policy

Council approved the AG-16 Conference Reports Policy, which requires Agricultural Service Board members to provide a written report, to be included in the ASB meeting agenda, following attendance at a conference.

The policy was forwarded to Council from the Agricultural Service Board for approval.

RCMP Update

Staff Sergeant Dwayne Moore of the Breton Detachment and Sergeant Ryan Hoetmer of the Drayton Valley Detachment presented detachment updates.

In Drayton Valley, there has been an 30% increase in total Criminal Code offences for the period of January to March when compared to the same period in 2023, with 121 offences this year compared to 93 in 2023.

In Breton, total Criminal Code offences have risen 6% when comparing the January to March 2024 time period to the same period in 2023, with 161 offences in 2024, compared to 152 last year.

Director of Emergency Management

Council welcomed Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Barbazuk, who will act as the Director of Emergency Management in a emergency situation, and will provide leadership and training for County staff.

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant

Warburg Seed Cleaning Plant manager Tom Luethi and board member Dale Sheetz gave a presentation to Council on the operation of the plant and the importance of local agriculture.

June 18 Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

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Mr. Friesen comes to Brazeau County with over two decades of leadership experience in the event, facility and municipal industries. Most recently he has served as the CAO at Bowden, AB.

He's been involved in many key aspects of importance to the County, including asset management, capital development and regional and rural economic development.

As well, he brings a well-developed relationship with other levels of government. He was raised in and started his professional career in the agricultural industry, and still maintains a strong connection to primary production agriculture, most specifically the beef sector.

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West Central Airshed

Engagement coordinators Yvonne Barker and Salina Fairbank presented the West Central Air Shed’s annual report to council, highlighting the work the organization does to monitor air quality in the region.

Breton FCSS

Breton FCSS director Deanne Young presented her annual report to council regarding the work of the organization for residents of Breton and surrounding area.

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Drayton Valley FCSS

Program manager Jennifer Fynn presented the annual report for Drayton Valley & District Family & Community Support Services (FCSS). It is a partnership between the Province of Alberta, the Town of Drayton Valley, Brazeau County, and Parkland County that develops locally driven initiatives to enhance the social well-being of individuals families, and communities through prevention.

The program provides service to residents of Drayton Valley, Brazeau County west of the North Saskatchewan River (the area east of the river is served by Breton FCSS) and Parkland County.

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council

Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council executive director Sandra Bannard presented the Parks Council’s annual report on its programs, and the effects of the 2023 Buck Creek wildfire.

Student Recreation Package

Council will send a letter to the Town of Drayton Valley, endorsing the implementation of a student recreation package for students in the Registered Nursing program through the University of Calgary via the Clean Energy Technology Centre, through the lowering of fees associated to accessing the town fitness centre and pool. This comes following a recommendation from the Joint Recreation Board.

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Happy Birthday!

Celebrating their 90th Birthdays Irene Robinson and Ivy Jorgenson (Herndon). The Herndon family farmed across the road from where Weyerhaeuser is situated today.

They had 6 children with 2 sets of twin girls.

The Herndon family home is part of the area's history and sits at the Drayton Valley Museum. Happy 90th Birthday to these wonderful ladies.



Congratulations!

Reeve Bart Guyon congratulates finance manager Niranjan Tank for 10 years of service to Brazeau County. Congratulations Niranjan!



Networking

Rural Municipalities of Alberta president Paul McLaughlin, CEO Duane Gladden, and other representatives of the RMA met with Council during the June 18th council meeting to discuss issues facing Brazeau County and other rural municipalities. Councillor Kara Westerlund is vice-president of the RMA.

Brazeau County Council Appoints Chief Administrative Officer

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Sharing hard-earned knowledge

Division 4 Councillor and vice-president of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) vice-president Kara Westerlund spoke in May at the Association of Yukon Communities annual conference. She gave a presentation and was on a panel, both discussing wildfires and their effects, and she shared the experience of the Buck Creek wildfire last May.



PENALTIES NOW IN EFFECT ON UNPAID TAXES

Brazeau County property taxes were due on June 30, 2024. The combined taxation and assessment notices were mailed to property owners in May. County staff has been busy throughout June answering tax-related questions and processing payments.

As of July 1, 2024 outstanding taxes are subject to a 1% penalty. Brazeau County Bylaw 889-15 sets out the penalties for unpaid taxes for 2024. Taxes that remain outstanding are subject to an additional 1% penalty on the first day of every month where they remain unpaid. Property owners who have paid a portion of their taxes will be charged the penalty only on the amount left owing.

Penalties are not applicable to property owners who are already signed up to pay their taxes monthly through the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP).

Those paying taxes after July 1, 2024 are no longer eligible to receive the residential/farmland incentive on the municipal portion of their tax bill.

Anyone with questions regarding their taxes or assessment is asked to contact the Brazeau County office at 780-542-7777.



Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV)

The County's OHV Bylaw promotes safety and protection of people, property and the environment.

Learn more about the rules and regulations in Bylaw 1153-23 at www.brazeau.ab.ca



Drayton Valley 4-H beef Interclub Show and Sale



Reeve Bart Guyon congratulated youth at the Drayton Valley 4-H beef Interclub Show and Sale in May.

PHOTOS: Rachel Neufeld Photography

Canada Day Cruiser

Canada Day in Drayton Valley brought out the hot rodder in Brazeau County Reeve, Bart Guyon.





Keeping us all on the move

Reeve Bart Guyon spoke during a funding announcement with Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors Devin Dreessen today at the bridge near Lindale Hall.

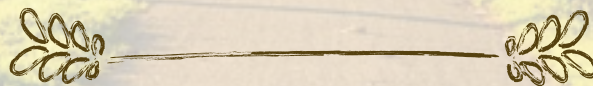
The County has previously received \$450,000 to repair the bridge from the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP).

Now available - Green Burial area in Lodgepole Cemetery

This is an environmentally friendly burial option for those who wish to minimize their ecological footprint.

For more information:

- <https://tinyurl.com/5n6byznk>
- email: communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca



Green Burial Society of Canada
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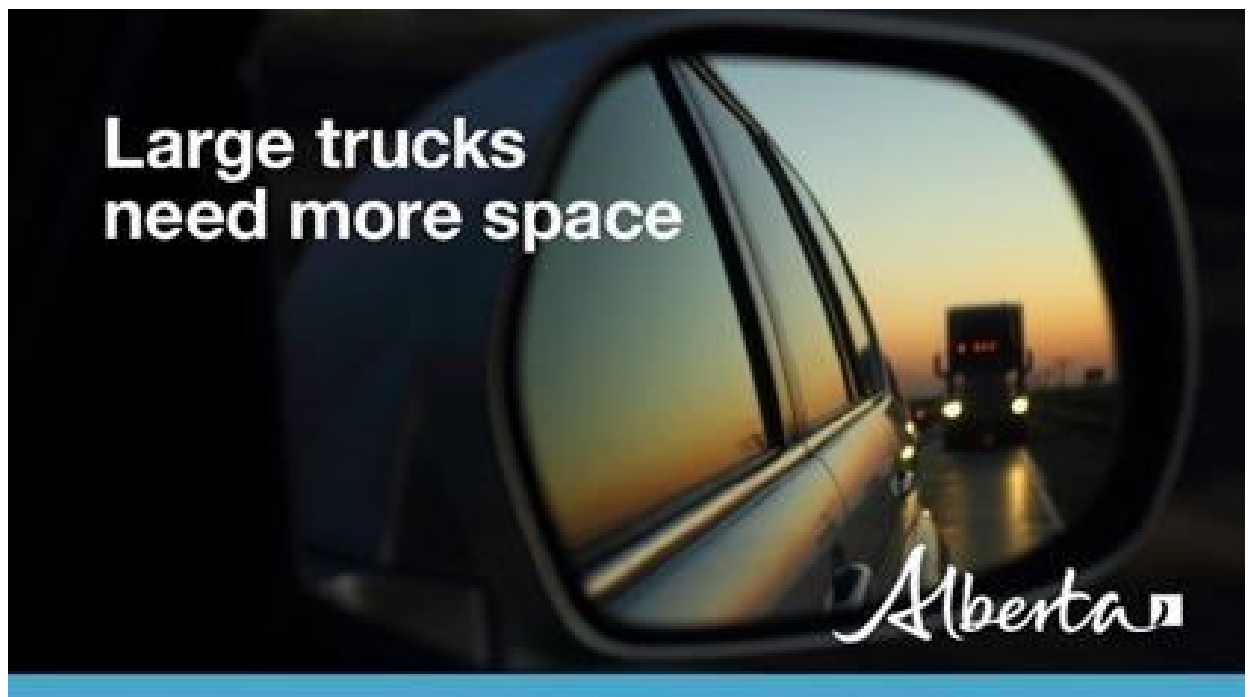


Share the road

Commercial vehicles play an important role in moving goods around the province and across its borders. These vehicles are larger and heavier than passenger vehicles, so other drivers and road users should exercise caution and patience when sharing the road with them. Commercial vehicles have large blind spots, take longer to stop than smaller vehicles, and require a wide turning radius. Make sure to give them plenty of room on the road.

Facts about commercial vehicles:

- In 2021, truck-tractors made up 2.0 per cent of the total vehicles involved in casualty collisions, but 10.0 per cent of the vehicles in fatal collisions.
- 57.0 per cent of drivers of other vehicles involved in fatal collisions with truck tractors and 38.3 per cent in injury collisions committed a driving error. The most common errors of these drivers were following too closely, violating a stop sign and being left of centre (2017 - 2021).
- The most common driving errors on the part of the truck tractor driver in casualty collisions were running off the road and following too closely (2017 - 2021).
- Truck-tractor drivers are more likely than other drivers in casualty collisions to be fatigued or asleep at the time of the collision (2017 - 2021).
- In 2023, Sheriff Highway Patrol completed 11,953 commercial vehicle and/or driver inspections.



Don't miss out!

COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING

Did you know that there is funding available to community groups to help with costs associated to hosting events in the community? The Community Event Grant is available to non-profit organizations quarterly with application deadlines of January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. The goal of the grant is to grow the sense of community while not duplicating efforts.

Past events that have received funding include EPBR's Fire and Ice Festival, the DV100, Drayton Valley 4-H Beef Interclub, etc. Maximum funding available per applicant is \$1,000 as a grant or in-kind resources eg street cleaning. Organizations seeking Community Event Funding must meet the following criteria:

1. The organization must provide services in the County's geographic area, including the Town of Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton, to be considered for support.
2. The organization must qualify as a nonprofit organization under the regulations of the province.

3. As a general rule, the County does not support grant requests for:

- General operating expenses, debt reduction or general or administrative overhead expenses.
- Events of religion-based organizations (unless the event is secular and does not give priority or preferential treatment to the religious organization or its members).
- Events of educational institutions (unless the event does not give priority or preferential treatment to the educational institutions or its members).
- Political organizations or events; commercial events; advocacy groups; corporations or businesses; and provincially or nationally-based organizations without an organized presence in the County.
- Organizations with an "active" grant may not apply. An "active" grant is a grant that has been awarded but not expended. This grant will not be considered "closed" until a final report has been received on the project or organization for which the grant was provided.

More information, including an application, can be found on the Brazeau County website. County staff are also available to answer questions at 780-542-7777 or communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca.

Brazeau County **RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Available to low-income County residents looking to participate in recreation programs and activities offered at the Total Works Fitness Centre and/or Ricochet Oil Corp Aquatic Centre.

**RECEIVE UP TO \$200
PER ELIGIBLE
APPLICANT**



To apply go to www.brazeau.ab.ca

YOUTH SPORT GRANT

Recognizing the importance of sports and recreation in our community, the Youth Sport Grant is available to Brazeau County youth in appreciation of the sacrifice and dedication to their sport. This grant is designed to provide financial assistance to local athletes under the age of 25 competing in championship competitions at the Western Canada, National, or International levels. Applications can be made before or after an event; however, any application made prior to the competition requires a report afterward. Grants may be awarded up to \$1,000 per applicant.

More information is available on the County website. County staff are also available to answer questions at 780-542-7777 or communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca.

RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Available to low-income County residents to provide the opportunity to participate in recreation programs and activities offered at the Total Works Fitness Centre and/or Ricochet Aquatic Centre. Funding is available to a maximum of \$200 for each eligible person per calendar year, while funds are available. More information, including an application, can be found on the Brazeau County website. County staff are also available to answer questions at 780-542-7777 or communityservices@brazeau.ab.ca.



Wave That Flag!

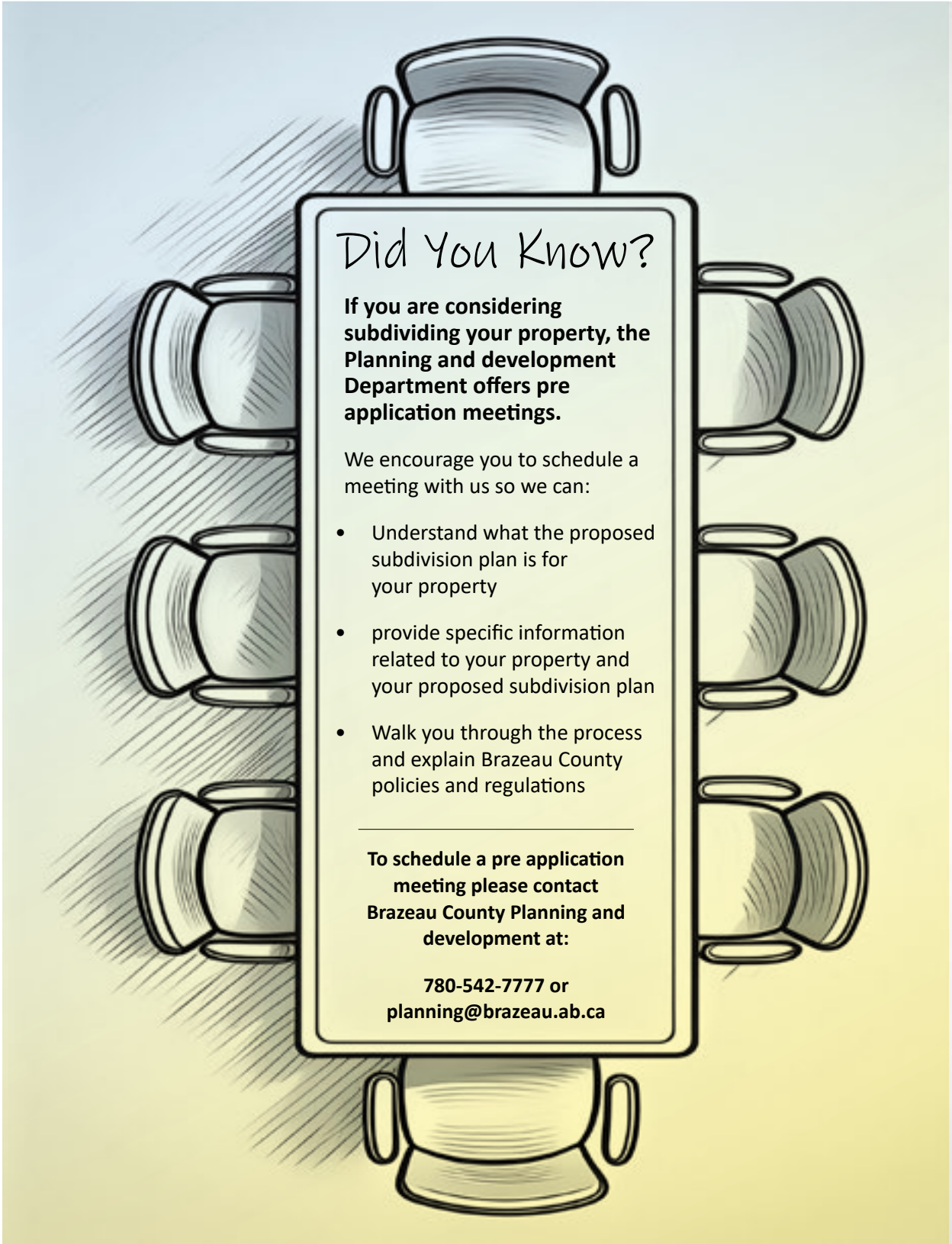
Breton celebrates Canada Day
in style











Did You Know?

If you are considering subdividing your property, the Planning and development Department offers pre application meetings.

We encourage you to schedule a meeting with us so we can:

- Understand what the proposed subdivision plan is for your property
- provide specific information related to your property and your proposed subdivision plan
- Walk you through the process and explain Brazeau County policies and regulations

To schedule a pre application meeting please contact Brazeau County Planning and development at:

**780-542-7777 or
planning@brazeau.ab.ca**

submit entries to:
ALUS@brazeau.ab.ca
 submission deadline Nov. 1/24

ALUS

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

agricultural or environmental photos

- PHOTOS TAKEN IN BRAZEAM COUNTY
- 5 SUBMISSIONS PER PHOTOGRAPHER
- HIGHEST-QUALITY PHOTOS
- NO COMPOSITE PHOTOS OR AI-CREATED IMAGES

Transfer Stations

Agricultural products update

Pesticide Jugs

Pesticide jug collection will no longer take place at County Transfer Stations. **All Pesticide Jugs now need to be returned to point of purchase.** Some local herbicide distributors are UFA and the Warburg seed cleaning plant.

Twine Collection

County Transfer Stations are now taking "clean" used twine.

If you have any questions please call the Agricultural services department.
 780-542-7777

PARTICIPATE IN ALUS

Are you a farmer or rancher with marginal land or sensitive ecology?

ALUS helps you establish wetlands, native prairie, pollinator habitat and other projects.

Over 1,600 farmers and ranchers have enrolled 38,000 acres of land in the ALUS program.

JOIN US

For more information, contact your local ALUS program coordinator:

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ALUS@brazeau.ab.ca

brazeau.ab.ca/alus

Brazeau County included in 2024 Federal Livestock Tax Deferral Provision

The Livestock Tax Deferral provision allows farmers that carry on a farming business in a prescribed area who sell all or part of their breeding herd due to drought, excess moisture or flooding to defer a portion of sale proceeds to the following year. When prescribed regions are identified, the list is posted to <https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/agricultural-production/weather/livestock-tax-deferral-provision>

How the provision works

- To defer income, the breeding herd must have been reduced by at least 15%.
- Where the breeding herd has been reduced by at least 15%, but less than 30%, 30% of income from net sales can be deferred.
- Where the breeding herd has been reduced by 30% or more, 90% of income from net sales can be deferred.

In a year in which a region has been prescribed, income from the sale of breeding livestock can be deferred to the next tax year when the income inclusion may be at least partially offset by the cost of reacquiring the breeding livestock. In the case of consecutive years of drought or excess moisture and flood conditions, farmers may defer this income to the first year in which the region is no longer prescribed.

Is weather impacting your farming operation? Tell Agricultural and Agri-Food Canada how weather is impacting your farm! Share your insights through the Agroclimate Impact Reporter at: agr.gc.ca/air



2024 Pitch In Program

Brazeau County's annual Pitch In program ran again this spring with the best turnout to date with 9 community groups cleaning 62 miles (99.8km) of County maintained roadways. The Community Services department would like to thank all the participants for braving the spring weather and "Pitching In" to make Brazeau County a cleaner place!

The Pitch In program has been running since 2008 and provides funding to community groups who apply to the program and pick up debris and garbage from along County roadways. The County provides Hi-Vis vests, garbage bags and signage to the groups to assist in the cleanup efforts.



Wetlands are not Wastelands

By: Cows and Fish

Wetlands are essentially lands that are wet. They are low lying areas where enough water collects to support water-loving plants, like cattail, rushes, sedges and willow. Wetlands also have perpetually wet soils because they are either saturated with water year-round or covered with water at least some time during the growing season of most years. Sloughs, ponds, potholes, bogs and muskeg areas are all types of wetlands. Wetlands include the area covered by water and the adjacent area of lush water-loving plants called the riparian area.

Wetlands vary in shape, size and permanence. A temporary wetland may have water only after snowmelt or a heavy rain. Whereas a semi-permanent wetland will hold water through most years but may dry out after several years of drought. And a permanent wetland will have water present year-round.

Wetlands are not wastelands. They are the connection in the watershed we often cannot see, linking groundwater, surface water in other wetlands, lakes and streams, soil moisture and weather patterns. Wetlands are so closely linked with other parts of the water cycle that drainage can have significant local effects such as lowering



the water table, reducing local precipitation and creating greater temperature extremes.

There are many benefits to leaving wetlands and their surrounding riparian areas intact. Some are subtle, such as increased local soil moisture, reduced flooding, more stable stream flow, improved crop production and better water quality. Other benefits are more obvious such as supplying shelter, forage and water for livestock, habitat for wildlife and fish.

In drought some wetlands completely dry up, sometimes for several years in a row. However, even a dry wetland provides many of the same benefits listed above. Seeding a seasonal wetland while it is dry is a risky venture. There is increased danger of frost in the low area and a very high likelihood of flooding once wetter conditions return.

Wetland substrates are usually quite impervious, and may be saline, which results in low crop productivity. Several studies have shown that the costs of draining and cropping wetlands are often higher than the crop returns.

What can you do to manage your wetlands on your farm or ranch? Consider leaving your wetlands intact including the natural extent of the riparian vegetation and an additional buffer of extra vegetation where possible. Not only will this trap more snow in winter, increasing soil moisture and recharging groundwater supplies, but this buffer will also filter out nutrients found in runoff from your pastures or cropped fields, improving water quality in your watershed. Manage grazing in wetlands to prevent over-use and trampling by livestock, and to avoid manure build-up.



Cows and Fish helps landowners and their communities to assess their wetlands and other riparian areas as well as develop management strategies to help conserve these valuable resources. For more information on wetlands contact Cows and Fish at 403-381-5538 or view their website at www.cowsandfish.org.

If you are a farmer or rancher and have wetlands on your property that you would like to conserve, protect, or enhance, the ALUS program may be a good fit. Reach out to your local ALUS Coordinator at 780-542-7777 or ALUS@Brazeau.ab.ca.

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Agricultural Service Board Survey

1. Would you be interested in a County shelterbelt program? (trees would be sold at cost)
2. If you are interested in a shelterbelt program, what kind of trees would you be interested in?

Spruce

Pine

Poplar

Willow

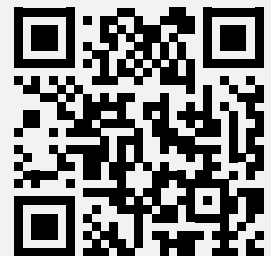
Fruiting species

others

3. Are you interested in attending workshops/ seminars hosted by the Agricultural Services Department?
4. Do you prefer to attend events in person or online?
 In person Online No Preference
5. What kinds of workshops would you be interested in attending?
6. What is the best time of day to attend workshops or other events?

You can also take our survey online! Scan the QR code to access a digital version:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMBNHWS





ASB Bursary Program

The Agricultural Service Board of Brazeau County will provide up to two (2) \$1000.00 bursaries to students residing in Brazeau County who are enrolled in a post-secondary institute in pursuit of the following:

- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or Environment from a recognized University;
- Diploma in Agriculture or Environment from a recognized College; or
- Degree or diploma directly related to Agriculture from recognized Community Colleges or Universities

Bursaries must be used in the year awarded. In the case of the recipients not completing their studies in the year of the award, all or a portion of the bursary may have to be refunded. The amount will be determined at the discretion of the awarding committee.

Bursaries will be awarded on the basis of the following, in no particular order:

- Academic Achievement;
- Agricultural background
- Community and social participation

Deadline for applications is October 31 of the current year. Awards are contingent upon successful completion of Grade 12 and registration in a post-secondary institute.

Application forms are to be mailed to:
Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Twp Rd 494,
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R1
Attention: Agricultural Service Board

Herbicide Rebate

50% rebate on eligible herbicides, applied to regulated weed species. The program application form is available on the Brazeau County website or at the office.

No charge for application equipment rental when spraying regulated weeds (Damage deposit still required)

Contact us at 780-542-7777 for more information.



Hawkweed Program

Brazeau County will spray up to 5 acres of hawkweed for free. The program application form is available on the Brazeau County website or at the office.

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EAGLE POINT-BLUE RAPIDS PARKS COUNCIL *presents*

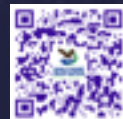


EAGLE POINT MOTH BALL

CELEBRATING NIGHT CREATURES

AT THE PEMBINA NORDIC CENTRE, 7010 TWP 494, EAGLE POINT PROVINCIAL PARK, AB

JULY 31, 2024



AN UNAPOLOGETIC
NIGHT OF SCIENCE
FOR NATURE NERDS!



Please bring a headlamp or
flashlight & dress for the
outdoors!

7:00 TO 11:30 PM

(OR 11:30PM TIL LATE IF THE MOTHS ARE GREAT)!

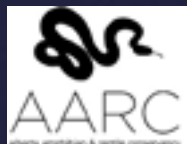
GUEST PRESENTERS

Discover our Night Creatures!

- ❖ Alberta Lepidopterist Guild (ALG)
- ❖ Alberta Amphibian & Reptile Conservancy (AARC)
- ❖ Alberta Community Bat Program
- * MOTH TRAP DEMOS & MOTH ID SESSIONS
- * BAT PRESENTATION
- * BUTTERFLY & MOTH DISPLAYS WITH ALG
- * MEET THE CREATURE (BAT, SALAMANDER & SNAKE)
- * MOTH LIGHT & SHEET (ALL NIGHT) WITH ALG!
- * TOAD & SNAKE WALK WITH AARC FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 PM
- * BAT DISCOVERY WALK AT 10:30 PM

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE AS WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE!

VISIT WWW.EPBRPARKSCOUNCIL.ORG/EVENT/MOTHS-2024/ OR USE THE QR CODE



COMMUNITY

SKATEPARK JAMI

AUG 8 2024
12PM-4PM
45 SKATEPARK

12pm
FREE BBQ (provided by CoaVest)
Registration for competition
Open Park

1pm
Local Competition
(Bike, scooter, and skateboard)

2:30pm
House Of Wheels Demo Showcase


3pm
End
Open Park
Witness of competition assessment

COMPETITION REGISTRATION
12-1pm
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED BY A GUARDIAN FOR COMPETITION RIDERS UNDER 16 YEARS OLD.

COMPETITION RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET TO COMPETE

BOWL SCRAMBLE
COMPETITION
(OPEN, CLOSED AND RECREATIONAL)
DEMO RIDERS
FREE BBQ
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
COMMUNITY RESOURCE PARTNER

WIGGLES and GIGGLES



When: Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am
Where: McMan Family Resource Network

Brighter Futures partners with Drayton Valley Municipal Library and McMan to offer a drop-in playgroup for caregivers and their babies ages 0-2 years.

Older siblings are welcome!

This program offers babies the opportunity to play, interact, & explore in a safe space while allowing caregivers to connect with resources, professionals from the community, and each other on a weekly basis.

brighterfutures.ca 780-514-5030

Back to School

SAVE 20%

when you purchase a FULL USE

FITNESS CENTRE MEMBERSHIP

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024!

Discount applies to FULL USE Fitness Centre 3 MONTH, 6 MONTH & YEARLY memberships only

Excludes monthly passes, punch passes, PAPS and all Combined (with Pool) passes



Total Works
Health & Fitness Centre

Located in the Omniplex, 5737 - 45 Avenue, Drayton Valley, AB Tel: 780-514-2234

Drayton Valley and District FCSS COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT



SEPT 21, 2024
11AM - 3PM

4743 46TH STREET

DISCARD OF YOUR UNWANTED PERSONAL, PRIVATE, AND CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS!
FREE FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!




PLEASE CALL 780-514-2204 FOR MORE INFORMATION



WE ARE HIRING Casual Staff

Flexible hours,
Innovative and fun team
Wellness package which includes free access
to Ricochet Aquatic Centre and
Total Works Gym

Starting wage \$17.32

With opportunity of additional hourly rate \$2.65 - \$8.62

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We want to hear from you!

ecdc@draytonvalley.ca
780-514-2248



Explore Your Farmers' Market!

Local produce at its finest.

WEDNESDAYS FROM 3-6PM AT
5015 INDUSTRIAL RD IN
DRAYTON VALLEY, MAY-OCTOBER



Community REGISTRATION Night



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER **3**, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm
MacKenzie

Conference Centre

BOOK YOUR TABLES TODAY!

Tables are for social and recreational activities/clubs.
For more information or to book a table, please contact
(780) 514-2233 or akwiatkowsky@draytonvalley.ca

ADVERTISING DEADLINE: Friday, August 16th, 2024



ELEANOR PICKUP ARTS CENTRE

PRESENTS

2024-2025 Concert Series

5144-51 Street
Drayton Valley
epac@me.com
www.theepac.com

EVENTS

GEORGE CANYON
OCT 4, 2024

CORB LUND
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
SOLD OUT

**JACK SEMPLE
PLAYS GORDON
LIGHTFOOT**
NOV 29, 2024

**MOLLY'S COMEDY
CABERET**
JANUARY 11, 2025

**MICHAEL
HARRISON
VENTRILOQUIST**
JANUARY 24, 2025

**AXIS THEATRE
CHILDREN'S
SHOW**
JANUARY 31, 2025

PIANO HEIST
FEBRUARY 21, 2025

RUM RAGGED
MARCH 28, 2025

TICKETS ON SALE
TICKETPRO.CA
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**CALL SYLVIA
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INFORMATION
780-542-2712**

BOOK YOUR ICE

**OUR ICE WILL BE READY
ON AUGUST 6!**

Phone: 780.514.2223 or
Email: cappleby@draytonvalley.ca



RICOCHET
OIL CORP
Aquatic Centre
4700 West Valley Park Road
Drayton Valley, AB
Tel: 780.515.SWIM (7946)

ALIVE 55 Wellness Program Schedule

OMNIPLEX
Drayton Valley
5737 - 45 Avenue
Drayton Valley, AB
Tel: 780.514.2234

GENTLE AQUACIZE

ALIVE55 members can choose
2 of these 3 weekly classes to attend!
Ricochet Aquatic Centre
Monday and Wednesday
10:00 – 10:45 am
Wednesday
6:05 – 6:50 pm

DID YOU KNOW?

The ALIVE 55 Wellness Program offers a variety of classes for all abilities at Ricochet Aquatic Centre and the Omniplex. Memberships are provided at no cost to the individual, however at times we may charge a nominal fee to cover costs. Residents, 55 or older, of Drayton Valley, Brazeau County and Parkland County are eligible to sign up!

Are you 55+?



Are you a resident of the area?

You can register by going to the Front Desk of the Ricochet Aquatic Centre or the Omniplex

Do you want to be more active?



FITNESS & STRENGTH TRAINING

Omniplex
Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 – 11:00 am
NO CLASSES MID JUNE to MID SEPTEMBER
PLUS year round access to the WALKING / RUNNING TRACK
Monday to Friday
6:00 am -10:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday
8:00 am - 8:00 pm



Playing & Learning

We have openings for
September!

Call to register

Accepting children
19mos to 5 yrs

780-514-2248
ecdcd@draytonvalley.ca



STAY PLAY & GROW



TUESDAY

Drayton Valley:

Various playgrounds around town, with an alternate location of Easyford Hall, should we need to move indoors due to weather.

WEDNESDAY

Alder Flats: School playground with alternate location of Alder Flats Community Hall

THURSDAY

Breton: Faith Covenant Church

10:00am – 11:30am

**FREE DROP-IN
PLAYGROUP!**



This free drop-in playgroup for caregivers and children ages 0-6 offers development activities, games, and songs in various locations throughout our service area.



Sponsor a



baby

For families facing extreme hardship, in need of extra support, Baby's Essentials assists families with diapers, formula, supplements, and coupons to purchase nutritional assistance for mothers and babies.

Fully funded by Brighter Futures and the generosity of our community, 100% of donations go directly to our local families. Without the support of the community, we would not be able to provide these valuable services.

How You Can Help.

From a pack of diapers to a full year of sponsorship, Brighter Futures is grateful for your donation of any amount!

A sponsorship of \$1000 supports each baby registered in our program for a full year.

If you would like to donate or sponsor a baby, please call 780-514-5070 or email director@brighterfutures.ca.

www.brighterfutures.ca

Contact Names and Numbers

BRAZEAU COUNTY EMERGENCY ON CALL 780-898-9901

Brazeau County Office 780-542-7777
Fax Line 780-542-7770

Community Peace Officers
Steve Goodman 780-202-2271
Jesse Shymansky 780-202-0047

Brazeau Fire Services

Drayton Valley Fire Alarms
 Breton Fire Alarms
 Lodgepole Fire Alarms
 Forest Fires

911
 310-3473

Other Numbers

55+ Recreation Centre 780-542-4737
 Alive 55 Program 780-514-2206
 Beehive Support Services 780-542-3113
 Brazeau Foundation 780-542-2712
 Breton Food Bank 780-696-3669
 Breton Library 780-696-3740
 David Thompson Regional Health 780-542-4415
 Drayton Area Food Bank 780-514-3777
 Drayton Valley Municipal Library 780-514-2722
 FCSS Breton 780-696-3636
 FCSS Drayton Valley 780-514-2200
 Meals on Wheels 780-542-3216
 Omniplex 780-514-2234
 Parent to Parent 780-621-2849
 Ricochet Oil Corp. Aquatic Centre 780-514-2225
 Town of Drayton Valley 780-514-2200
 Village of Breton 780-696-3636

Other Emergency Numbers

Alberta Highways 1-888-255-5554
 Ambulance 911
 Animal Control 780-514-0372
 Crime Stoppers 1-800-922-8477
 Distress Line 1-800-232-7288
 Drayton Valley Hospital 780-542-5321
 Poison Centre 1-800-332-1414
 Police 911 or 780-542-4456
 Sustainable Resources 780-542-6616

Brand Inspector 403-780-6202
 Terry Hjelmeland or 403-704-5418

Community Association Contacts

Berrymoor Centre 780-514-0265
 780-542-0511
 Buck Creek Community Association 780-898-1208
 780-514-6255
 Carnwood Country Hall Society 780-542-2378
 Cynthia Rec Centre 780-542-9732
 Easyford Community Hall 780-621-8625
 tariaharris20@gmail.com
 Funnell Community Association 780-898-3270
 780-514-8543
 Lindale Community Association 780-621-6435
 lindalehallalberta@gmail.com
 Lodgepole Recreation Society 780 621-8424
 Rocky Rapids Community League 780-621-2534
 780-542-0695
 Violet Grove Community Club 780-542-7864
 Whitby Community League www.whitbyhall.ca

Transfer Station Hours

Transfer Station	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Violet Grove		9 - 7		9 - 7		9 - 5	
Easyford	1 - 6		9 - 6			9 - 5	
Lindale			9 - 6			9 - 5	
Buck Creek		2 - 7		9 - 6		9 - 5	
Rocky Rapids		4 - 8		8:30 - 6		9 - 5	
Cynthia			11 - 6			9 - 5	
Breton		9 - 2		9 - 6		9 - 5	
Lodgepole		11 - 8				9 - 5	

Brazeau County
 Box 77, 7401 Twp Rd 494
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