



# YOUR COUNTY IN TOUCH

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2021 Green Initiatives Calendar



YOUR  
PHOTO  
HERE?

## Green Initiatives Calendar photo contest now open

We have started work on next year's Green Initiatives Calendar and we need your help to fill it with high-quality photos of our beautiful region.

The Green Initiatives Calendar is free and includes everything you need to know about Lac La Biche County's environmental programs and services. Every year, we hold a contest and invite community members to submit potential photos for the calendar. We're looking for photos that show the County's natural beauty, wildlife and more. Pictures must be high-quality so they can be printed, so cellphone pictures may not be acceptable. Photos must be taken within Lac La Biche County.

Please send photos you would like to enter in the contest to [communications@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:communications@laclabichedcounty.com). Be sure to include your name and the general area(s) where your photos were taken. Each winning photographer will receive a prize. The deadline for entries is Sunday, September 20.



Heavy flooding at the beginning of June prompted a mandatory evacuation order for a small residential area, and notices to limit water use throughout the County. We would like to thank all residents for their patience and cooperation. We now have a Local Emergency Alerting System available, giving us a new way to communicate directly with you in future emergencies. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

## See an issue in Lac La Biche County? Report it with SeeClickFix

Did you know there's a new way to report problems to Lac La Biche County, without needing to call us or send us an email?

SeeClickFix is a tool that all County residents can use to electronically report issues like potholes, downed signs, damaged playground equipment and more. The tool can be used with a free downloadable app for smartphones (available through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store) or on a desktop computer (access it through our website).

When you use SeeClickFix, you can mark the issue that concerns you on a map, briefly describe what you're seeing, and watch as our staff members follow up to address the matter. You can choose to upload photos of the problem, and you can

also see public requests that others have submitted.

**SeeClickFix is not designed for emergencies. To report an emergency, call 911.**

**What can you use SeeClickFix to report?** Animal control, illegal dumping, potholes, graffiti, sidewalk damage, private property concerns, abandoned vehicles, flooding and drainage issues, weed concerns, culvert damage, address sign issues, crosswalk light problems, fire hydrant damage, and more!

You can call (780) 623-1747 or email [main.office@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:main.office@laclabichedcounty.com) if you prefer to report problems in these ways. SeeClickFix is simply adding another way to communicate and tell us about issues.

# COVID-19 update: Which County facilities are open and closed?

As the Government of Alberta loosens restrictions, we are able to reopen more and more of our facilities. The information below is current as of Thursday, July 9, 2020. It is possible that more facilities will reopen in the near future, or that facility access rules will change, so please call (780) 623-1747 or visit [laclabichcounty.com](http://laclabichcounty.com) for the latest updates. For information specific to the Bold Center, please call (780) 623-3829 or visit [boldcenter.ca](http://boldcenter.ca).

## OPEN

- 1 Administrative offices at McArthur Place and County Centre.
- 2 Landfills and transfer stations (not including Reuse Centres)
- 3 Boat launches
- 4 County-owned parks and playgrounds
- 5 Paul Richard Memorial Spray Park
- 6 Bold Center (partial, see below):
  - Cenovus Fitness Centre
  - Canadian Natural Walking Track
  - Cenovus Field House 2

We strive to meet or exceed the Government of Alberta's COVID-19 safety measures, so the rules for accessing our recreation facilities may change at short notice. Please visit [boldcenter.ca](http://boldcenter.ca) or call (780) 623-3829 for the latest information.

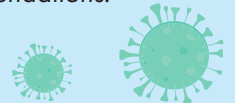
## CURRENTLY CLOSED

- 1 Portage Pool (expected to reopen August 4)
- 2 Plamondon Arena
- 3 Bold Center (partial, see below):
  - Cenovus Child Mind Centre/indoor playground
  - Performance Arena and Swamp Cats Arena

### Thank you for your patience and cooperation

We understand our community members want to get back to normal. We are committed to following COVID-19 safety protocols as a municipality, and that is why our recreation facilities are gradually reopening. We realize there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lac La Biche County up to this point, and this is a very positive thing for our community, but we still have a duty to protect public health and follow the provincial government's recommendations.

**We're all in this together...  
taking it one step at a time.**



## Nominations open for 2020 Rural Beautification Award

Who's got the best-looking piece of countryside in Lac La Biche County?

Every year in the summertime, we recognize rural residents who go above and beyond to make their properties look good.

Residents living outside the hamlets of Lac La Biche and Plamondon can be nominated for the Rural Beautification Award. We consider aspects like landscaping, foliage and decorations. Past winners have had everything from antique farming tools and equipment on display to orchards and

ornamental bridges. Last year's winners, Janelle and Darrell Richard, earned the honour for their Missawawi Lake-area property.

All nominations must be received by Friday, July 31. Visit the County's website for more information on nominating, or call (780) 623-6739. The Rural Beautification Award is given annually by the County's Agricultural Service Board (ASB), and winners each receive a driveway sign and a mention in Your County In Touch later in the year.



Last year's Rural Beautification Award winners were Janelle and Darrell Richard, who received the award from Councillor and ASB chair George L'Heureux.

**In an emergency,  
every  
second  
counts.**



**Be in the know.**

**Sign up for Lac La Biche  
County's new Local  
Emergency Alerting System.**

**Visit [laclabichecounty.com](http://laclabichecounty.com) to sign up  
for email, text message or phone call  
alerts about local emergencies and  
other situations that may affect you.**

**Call 780-623-6767 or check out  
our website for more information.**

## List your organization in the Community Services Directory

Lac La Biche County Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) is putting together a Community Services Directory, a comprehensive listing of human service, recreation and non-profit organizations in our community.

Want to have your organization included? Contact Aimee Gauthier at (780) 623-6361 or email [aimee.gauthier@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:aimee.gauthier@laclabichecounty.com). We will need:

- The name of your organization
- Your organization's contact information
- Any electronic contact information you want to include (email address, website, social media page, etc.)
- A short description of the services you provide

The Community Services Directory will be published in the Lac La Biche Post's updated local phonebook this fall.

**Seniors  
Crafternoon**

Online via Zoom

**1:30 PM**

**July 29**

**\$20**

**Join cake decorator, artist and Queen Bean bakery owner Tamam Hattum and decorate your own 6" layer cake!**

You will be provided with the cake, frosting and supplies to decorate from home.

*To register, call 780-623-3829.*



**Limited  
space!**

**Register early &  
RSVP by July 28.**



## Slumber Play

**Join staff for an evening  
of free play, story time &  
family connection.  
Pajamas are optional!**

**Free event!**

**July 6 & 20**

**August 10 & 24**

**Bold Center**

**Cenovus Play Centre**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Call 780-623-6365 to register.**

Families must pre-register to attend. Due to COVID-19, space is limited and no drop-ins will be accepted to respect AHS guidelines.





## Dates to Remember

### July 31, 2020

Deadline to pay property taxes without penalty.

### July 31, 2020

Rural Beautification Award deadline.

### August 3, 2020

Heritage Day. County offices, landfills and transfer stations will be closed.

### September 20, 2020

Deadline to submit photos for Green Initiatives Calendar contest. See sidebar on page 1 of this newsletter for more information.

Check the Community Events Calendar at [laclabichecounty.com](http://laclabichecounty.com) for more local events. Due to COVID-19, local events may be changed or cancelled at short notice.

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An electronic version of this newsletter is available. All you need to do is call (780) 623-1747 or provide your e-mail address to [intouch@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:intouch@laclabichecounty.com).

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# SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS



## FUN VAN FRIDAYS

The Fun Van is hitting the road this summer. Catch us at a playground near you.

July 10 & August 14 - Plamondon  
July 17 & August 7 - Owl River  
July 24 - Lakeview Estates  
July 31 - Hylö



## MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

Participants learn about the environment through fun games, experiments and other activities. Call (780) 623-6739 for more info.

July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14 & 21  
Ages 6 - 12  
Dumasfield Park  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



## SUMMER SHACK

Join our trained programmers for this drop-in program, where they will be running fun, active and creative programs for kids. Caregivers must drop off participants and complete a health screening check upon arrival.

July 6 - August 28 (no program Aug. 3)  
Ages 6 - 12  
Monday to Thursday\*, 1 - 4 p.m.  
Dumasfield Park, Holowachuk Estates

*\*Join us on Friday for Mad About Science!*



## JUNIOR TEEN SOCIAL CLUB

Connect over supper, fun activities and games. Please call (780) 623-6365 to register. This is a drop-off program. Space is limited.

June 29, July 8, 13, 22, 27, August 5, 10, 17 & 19  
Ages 7-12  
Kinsmen Hall  
6:00-7:30 p.m.