

## Business Improvement Program now running

The owners of commercial properties in the downtown areas of Lac La Biche and Plamondon can apply for a grant from the County to help cover the costs of business facade and interior upgrades. On a case-by-case basis, the County may cover up to 20 per cent of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$20,000.



For more information, visit [laclabichedcounty.com](http://laclabichedcounty.com) and click on "Business Improvement Program" in the menu under "Our Services," or call (780) 520-7419.

## Get included in Lac La Biche Region's 2023 Visitor Guide !

We're in the process of writing and designing next year's Visitor Guide, a handy source of information for everyone who wants to know about local tourist attractions, experiences and visitor-friendly events.



Are you planning an event that you think visitors would be interested in, that you would like to see included in the guide? Please email the date, time and location details to [ecdev@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:ecdev@laclabichedcounty.com) by Friday, October 21 for review.

We hand out thousands of guides every year at our Visitor Information Centre, at tradeshows and elsewhere.



The new and improved Richard & Devonian Park in the hamlet of Lac La Biche will soon be complete and open to the public. (Right and top left) Corten steel panel art will welcome people and create an automatic unique sense of place. The community garden planters in the background will make the park a natural gathering spot. (Bottom left) A finished planter bed with cedar log features brings out our community's connection to the great outdoors.

## New tourism development, training project headed by Lac La Biche County starts soon

As tourism rebounds in the wake of COVID-19, Lac La Biche County and partners in northeastern Alberta are banding together to bring more visitors to the region.

With a contribution of \$170,780 from PrairiesCan's Tourism Relief Fund, the County is spearheading a tourism development and training project shared with four nearby destinations: Athabasca County, Métis Crossing, Municipal District of Bonnyville and Town of Vermilion.

The five partners will collaborate to develop "visitor corridors" across the region that link tourism attractions and experiences together and

draw visitors from one community to the next. The project is also expected to engage around 50 tourism businesses throughout the region, including 20-plus Indigenous entrepreneurs, with training to make the most of digital marketing.

This project is the next evolution of the award-winning work the partners have done with the annual #TakeItToTheLake/#NEAB marketing campaign for the past decade. Work that will take place this fall and winter will encourage development of new attractions and experiences, to help the region stand out even more when travellers are deciding where to go next.

Curious about how we promote tourism? Like and follow Lac La Biche Region on Facebook (@llbtourism) to get started. Social media is only one of the tools we use to invite travellers to visit us and experience what we have to offer.





**October 17-23, 2022**

**Waste that goes into a landfill is going to be there for a very, very long time, which is why it's so important to reduce, reuse and recycle often.**

**We take pride in our "green initiatives" and we enjoy helping our community members learn with them. Sustainability is something we truly believe in, and the natural environment is one of the best things about Lac La Biche County, so let's work together to protect it for future generations.**



**VERMICOMPOSTING WORKSHOP**  
 Wednesday, October 19 • 6-7 p.m.  
 McArthur Place

This free workshop hosted by LICA Environmental Stewards will teach you the basics of year-round composting — with worms! Build your own vermicomposting bin to take home (one per household) at no cost. Space is limited so please register in advance by emailing [green@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichecounty.com) or call (780) 623-6739.

Composting is a great way to turn organic waste like food leftovers into nutrient-rich fertilizer. Adding worms to the equation gives you even better results, so your lawn, garden and houseplants will thank you.



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP & SHREDDING EVENT**  
 Saturday, October 22 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 County Centre

Residents can bring in unused household cleaners and other items that might harm the environment if they're not disposed of properly. A secure shredder will also be available for safe recycling of confidential documents.

**So I recycled... now what?** ?

We often get asked what happens to recyclable materials after they leave residents' hands. All recyclables we collect at landfills and transfer stations and through our curbside pickup program are taken to facilities in Cold Lake and Edmonton to be sorted and processed. No recyclables go into our landfills permanently unless they're too contaminated to actually be recycled.



**Portable Air Monitoring System, Air Quality Health Index lantern installed**

If you spot a glowing tree shape as you walk into the Bold Center, you're not seeing things — it's actually telling you how clean the air is in our community.

LICA Environmental Stewards has installed a Portable Air Monitoring System (PAMS) at Portage College and an Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) lantern at the Bold Center. The PAMS collects data and sends it to the lantern, which changes colour to represent the current AQHI rating and health risk level (see below).



The AQHI lantern at the Bold Center on a nice, clean day.

Both the PAMS and the lantern are expected to be in place and collecting local data for about two years before moving to another community in the region.



**HELP KEEP OUR LAKES CLEAN**

Like and follow Lac La Biche County on Facebook (@llbcounty) for monthly contests promoting clean, healthy lakes in our region.

# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



## HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

**We love our community's entrepreneurial spirit and we encourage home-based businesses. Just like with all businesses, there are regulations that need to be followed.**

A development permit is required if you run a business out of your home, garage or yard. This might be a hair salon, a small engine repair shop, a daycare or something else. Only two home-based businesses are permitted per residence.

**But why?** Starting and running a home-based business is a change in the use of your property. Also, we need to keep track of *all* businesses in our community, not just the ones we see in commercial districts, so we can market ourselves to new investors, residents, visitors and more.

**So what's considered a home-based business?** Our Land Use Bylaw defines this as "an accessory use of a residential lot or dwelling by the permanent resident for an occupation, trade, profession or craft."

**No, working from home does not necessarily mean you have a home-based business.**

The Land Use Bylaw contains three categories of home-based business — minor, major and agricultural — to allow a wide range of different business types. Each category has specific regulations.

**So how do I apply for a development permit?** A registered property owner, or their agent, can apply. We need the following:

- A completed application form, signed by all registered owners.
- A copy of the certificate of title, dated within 30 days of the application. We can get this for you for a small fee.
- A description of the proposed home-based business, including an estimate of how many daily and per-week customer visits to expect.
- The application fee of \$100.

Please check with our Planning & Development department to find out if what you have in mind requires a development permit. Once issued, a permit is valid for the life of the business, so there's no need to renew unless the business changes size, type or location.

**For more information, or to submit an application:**  
Lac La Biche County Planning & Development — Call (780) 623-1747 or email [planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com).



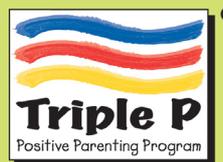
## **Making & Keeping Friends: A Triple P Café • Oct. 27 • 8-9 p.m.**

Caregivers of youths ages 10-16 are encouraged to join FCSS for an engaging discussion about the importance of friends. Other topics will include:

- Why some peer relationships lead to problems.
- How to encourage your child to make good friends and positive peer relationships.
- What to do if your child has trouble making friends, or doesn't want to make friends.
- What to do if your teenager won't talk to you about their friends.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) gives caregivers knowledge and tools to confidently raise children in nurturing, engaging ways.

All Triple P Cafés are held on Zoom. For more information or to register, please call Conny Fechner at (780) 520-9868 or email [cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com).



## **"It Starts With Hope" Parent Group Supporting Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ Youth: A Workshop for Family, Friends and Parents Oct. 20 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

This workshop will increase participants' knowledge and awareness of gender and sexual diversity, including the differences between gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation.

Attend virtually on Zoom or in-person at the Bold Center. To register, call (780) 623-3829 or visit the Bold Center's front desk.

**In partnership with Successful Families-Successful Kids**



## Dates to Remember

### Jr. Family Night - Simple Connections, Stronger Families

Wed. Oct. 5 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Theme: Family Resiliency

Wed. Nov. 2 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Theme: Personal Wellness

### Other Events & Occasions

Mon. Oct. 10  
Thanksgiving Day. County offices will be closed.

Oct. 11, 12, 13  
Fall swimming lessons start at Portage Pool.

Oct. 17-23  
Waste Reduction Week. See page 2 for more information.

Oct. 29 • 12-4 p.m.  
WIBIT Swim at Portage Pool.

Check the Community Events Calendar at [laclabichcounty.com](http://laclabichcounty.com) for more local events.

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Use the same contact information for any address changes, additional copies or to unsubscribe.



## NEW Wellness Workshops for fall and winter

Wellness is not just about exercising anymore. The Bold Center has introduced new Wellness Workshops to help you live your best life both physically and mentally.

### How to Be Ageless NOW

Agelessness isn't just a matter of not looking old. Get the tools to combat the stresses of day-to-day life, and create a healthy environment for your body to move and feel better in as little as 10 minutes a day.

Tues. Nov. 8 OR March 7  
6:30-8 p.m. • Cost: \$20



### Corrective Exercise for DESK Jockeys

When you sit for most of each day, you're naturally going to start having musculoskeletal problems. Sitting is the new smoking, but you can get moving again and rehabilitate bad posture habits.

Wed. Nov. 16 OR March 15  
7-8:30 p.m. • Cost: \$20



To register for workshops, please visit the Bold Center's front desk or call (780) 623-3829. The deadline to register is the day before each workshop. A virtual option is available upon request.

More new Wellness Workshops are coming in December and January!

**SPOOKTACULAR CIRCUS**

**FREE EVENT!**  
OCTOBER 23  
1:30 - 4 PM  
BOLD CENTER

Like and follow the Bold Center on Facebook (@boldcenter) or visit [boldcenter.ca](http://boldcenter.ca) for more information.

## Give the treat of play this Halloween! TRICK-OR-PLAY PASS

**\$10 for 10  
Child/Youth Passes**



10-pass booklets are available to buy at the Bold Center from Oct. 18-31. Passes are valid from Nov. 1 until Jan. 31. Limit of five booklets per household, while supplies last.



From all of us at Lac La Biche County, have a safe, happy and healthy Halloween!