



YOUR COUNTY IN TOUCH

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WELCOMING THE WORLD TO LAC LA BICHE REGION

(Left) Athletes representing 27 different countries parade into McArthur Park at the start of World Archery Field Championships. (Right) Mayor Paul Reutov and local Indigenous leaders welcome visitors at opening ceremonies.



Fire season ends on Oct. 31

As temperatures drop, so does the fire hazard. Fire season is expected to end on Thursday, Oct. 31. After Halloween, fire permits will not be required for burning again until the spring.

Permits may not be necessary for now, but residents are still strongly encouraged to report any burning that takes place so our firefighters know where to expect smoke. This limits the number of false alarm calls that occur. Residents are responsible for their own burning at all times, and may be held liable if they lose control of their fires.

Please call 780-623-6774 to report burning.

Waste Reduction Week runs Oct. 14-20

Tie-Dye Workshop

Tuesday, Oct. 15

6-8 pm • McArthur Place • Free!

Did you know 95 per cent of the clothes thrown away each year could have been reused or recycled? Give an old shirt a new, vibrant lease on life with this free workshop. Participants should bring their own shirts, but all other supplies are provided.



Salsa & Cabbage Leaf Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 17 • 6-8 pm

Craigend Community Hall • Free!

Want to be known as the neighbour with the best cabbage rolls on the block? Learn how to prepare salsa and cabbage leaves for delicious rolls. Participants are encouraged to bring their own vegetables and jars.

Pre-register for workshops by calling 780-623-6739 or emailing green@lacialabichecounty.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up & Shredding Event

Saturday, Oct. 19 • 10 am to 2 pm
County Centre • Free!

Residents can dispose of household cleaners and other items that could harm the environment if they're not discarded properly. A secure shredder will also be available for recycling confidential documents.

Note: This event is for residential waste and shredding only, and items from commercial customers will not be accepted.

What's the point of Waste Reduction Week?

Our landfills don't have unlimited space, and the world doesn't have unlimited resources.

The more we can reduce waste, reuse items and recycle materials, the better off we'll all be.



AGRICULTURAL GRANTS 101

The growing season for crops may be over, but the seeds of new revenue can sprout at any time of the year.

Agricultural producers are invited to join David Kincade with Alberta Business Grants to learn about funding opportunities for agricultural operations, the ins and outs of working with



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grant agencies, how to write winning grant applications, and more.

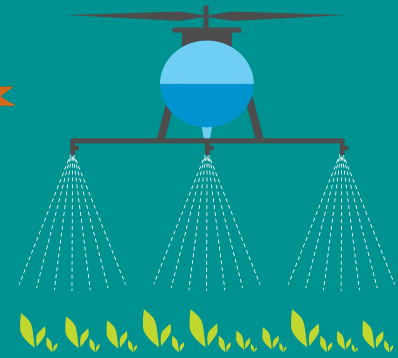
This free seminar will take place on Friday, Nov. 8 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the View Point Room at the Bold Centre. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 6 by calling 780-623-6362 or emailing agriculture@laclabichcounty.com.

NEW Aerial Spraying program

The sky's the limit — literally — when you use our program to spray agricultural land for weeds and brush control.

If you're an agricultural producer, let us help you organize high-tech aerial spraying of your fields and fencelines. You pay the fee, we book the helicopter with herbicides and sprayers — it's that easy.

For details or to apply, visit laclabichcounty.com/agriculture. For assistance, call 780-623-6739 or email agriculture@laclabichcounty.com.



The snow will be here sooner or later.



Sign up for snow removal alerts, plan for parking bans

We know you'd rather not think about it, but it's only a matter of time before winter arrives.



When we need to clear snow from local streets and a parking ban is announced, the best way to make sure you never miss the memo is to sign up for instant alerts by phone or email.

Scan the QR code at right to register for our free alerting system. You can choose to subscribe to optional notifications, and the system can be used to inform you of emergencies in your area.



DID YOU KNOW?



In partnership with Lac La Biche Regional Humane Society, we fund a Spay & Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP) to help control the pet population. Eligible pet owners can apply for 50% rebates for spaying and neutering operations.



Funding for 2024 has recently been topped up, so visit lbrhs.com/snip for more information or to apply! Spaying and neutering erases the possibility of unwanted litters and improves animal health.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SIMPLIFIED



DOES YOUR SIGN NEED A PERMIT?

This is your sign... to learn about permitting requirements. After all, not all signs are created equal.

You may have heard that signs are regulated by Lac La Biche County's Land Use Bylaw, and while that's true, that doesn't mean every sign requires a development permit.

There's a wide variety of situations where permits for signs are not needed, including but not limited to the following:

- Signs displayed inside a building;
- Signs displayed in or on a working vehicle;
- Signs displayed on door plates, door boards or kick plates;
- Construction lot identification signs;
- Signs related to construction work (e.g. contractor signs) as long as they're on the same lot where construction is taking place;
- Development information signs (e.g. "Coming soon to this location...");
- Private sale signs like garage sale signs;

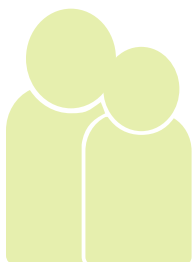
There are lots of other situations where signs don't need development permits. If you're looking to put up a sign or replace an existing one, the easiest way to find out what's required is to contact our Planning & Development team. Staff members can tell you exactly what's needed and help you through the permitting process.



780-623-1747
(main desk)



planning.development@
laclabichcounty.com



Why do any signs at all require development permits? Some signs can have big impacts on building and neighbourhood appearance, and some may even have safety aspects to consider. We need to do our due diligence and double-check these things.



JUNIOR FAMILY NIGHT

For families with tweens 7-12 years old

Junior Family Nights help local families connect with each other through fun and engaging activities. Kids can make new friends and spend quality time with the grownups in their lives, and parents and caregivers can socialize in a relaxed environment.

A free meal is provided at each Junior Family Night and no registration is required! At least one parent/caregiver must be present with at least one child aged 7-12, and other siblings are welcome to join.

UPCOMING DATES & LOCATIONS

Oct. 16 and Dec. 4 — Aurora Middle School
Nov. 20 — Light of Christ Catholic School

TIME

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm

COST

Free!

For more information, or other program suggestions for tweens, call Deborah Menard at 780-623-0146 or email deborah.menard@laclabichcounty.com.

In partnership with local schools and Successful Families, Successful Kids.



Dates to Remember

Monday, Oct. 14

Thanksgiving Day. County offices will be closed for the statutory holiday.

Oct. 14-20

Waste Reduction Week. See front page for details.

Thursday, Oct. 31

Halloween.

Fire season ends. See front page for details.

Monday, Nov. 11

Remembrance Day. County offices will be closed for the statutory holiday.

For more County and community events, visit the Events Calendar on laclabichcounty.com.

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A FREE FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT

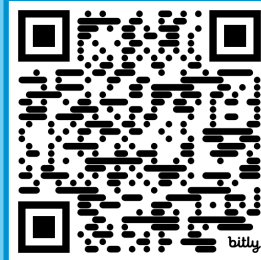
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CANDY CARNIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 27th • 1:30 - 4 pm • Bold Centre

CONNECT TO A HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE!

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Scan to register for programs.



Scan to view Activity Guide.