

## New business crime prevention program launched

The Business Partnership Program works to enhance crime prevention strategies and reduce property and business-related crime in the Hamlet of Lac La Biche.

Once an agreement is signed and submitted to the County, Peace Officers are given the authority to act as “agents” for the property or business owner.

Peace officers can then patrol and take action on behalf of the owner in relation to complaints that are within their authority to investigate.

If a Peace Officer sees a property crime being committed at a property or business enrolled in the program, they would be able to make an arrest and work with the RCMP to lay appropriate charges.

Another scenario might see a Peace Officer issuing a ban on an unwanted person (neither a tenant or invited guest) and laying charges if they don't follow it.

It is modelled after a similar program in Edmonton that has been used in relation to hundreds of major public and private properties with lasting positive results for the community.

“With the cooperation of local business and property owners our goal is to see the same kind of positive outcome for our community,” says Chris Clark, Manager of Enforcement Services.

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## Intact fire resiliency grant received

Lac La Biche County, with funding received from a grant, will be financially supporting property owners in the County with projects that enhance wildfire resiliency.

Lac La Biche County was one of 10 organizations across Canada that received grant funding from Intact Public Entities and Intact Financial Corporation. This grant offered funding for projects and programs that reduce the impacts of floods and wildfires on communities and keep people safe.

The County was approved for \$76,000 to implement the Wildfire Mitigation Incentive Program.

The Program complements existing County FireSmart programs and will provide funding to property owners in Lac La Biche County to complete FireSmart projects on their properties. This includes things like tree removal, brushing, replacement and changes to building materials, as well as other projects that reduce wildfire risk and threat on a property.

The County will be accepting applications shortly, and will release more detailed program guidelines and application materials in the near future. Watch for details on our website and social media channels.



# New crime prevention program helps businesses

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Every business that signs up for the Business Partnership Program will receive a sticker to display

outside of their business or property.

This identifies the property as a participant in the program to responding

officers. It also makes everyone aware that your business has an added level of support in terms of crime prevention.

## How to Join

Business and property owners can join the program by filling out an electronic application form on our website: <https://laclabichecounty.com/p/business-partnership-program>

Once submitted you will receive a confirmation email and the request will automatically be forwarded to Enforcement Services. During summer months you can also get in touch with our Street Ambassadors to assist you join the program.

You can also speak with a member of the Enforcement Services team by calling 780-623-6767 during business hours.



**BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP STICKER (left)** - every business that participates in the program receives a sticker to display on their property or business. It helps identify the property for Peace Officers and raises awareness.

## Newsletter for Seniors

Stay in the know! Sign-up for the new Seniors' e-newsletter to learn about upcoming FCSS programs.

To receive the newsletter just click or scan the QR code below to get started.



The first edition features details about an upcoming Reynolds Museum Tour on August 10 and an Oil Sands Discovery Centre trip on August 25.



## Enter to Win

Lac La Biche County, Healthy Waters Lac La Biche and Alberta Parks want you to show us how you are taking steps to Keep Our Lakes Clean. Each month we ask you to show us a specific action you are taking to meet this goal.

This month, we want you to show us your environmentally friendly lawn care. Examples include grass-cycling (leaving grass clippings on the lawn), using compost instead of chemical fertilizers, picking up pet waste, or reducing the size of your lawn.

Improper lawn care can lead to excess nutrients, which can runoff into our nearby lakes causing toxic algae blooms. When algae blooms die during the winter, they take up oxygen which can be detrimental to fish and other aquatic species.

To enter the draw post a picture or comment on the

- Prize #1 - \$300 cash**
- Prize #2 - \$300 cash**
- Prize #3 - a 2-night stay in a cabin at Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park!**

[Healthy Waters Lac La Biche Facebook](#) page, or make a post on your own page and tag @llbrwss!

For more information:

[healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com](mailto:healthywaterslaclabiche@gmail.com)  
[green@laclabichecounty.com](mailto:green@laclabichecounty.com) | 780-623-6739





# Safety Code Permits keep us safe

The permitting process acts as a safety double-check

**Permits are an instrumental component for protecting property owners.**

Property owners, contractors, and Lac La Biche County gain value from permits by having highly trained certified professionals inspecting all work to identify potential hazards and ensure all aspects of a project meet the minimum code standards.

Lac La Biche County is an accredited municipality with Safety Codes Council, which grants us the authority to require new construction to obtain the necessary permits for the job and to ensure the work complies with all applicable regulations. Being an accredited municipality also requires us to monitor and enforce compliance for all Safety Codes disciplines.

The Inspections Group Inc. is a contract agency that Lac La Biche County has hired to review, issue and inspect all new work within the County.

**It is this easy...** Once your Development Permit has been issued, you can apply for all applicable Safety Code permits (building, electrical, gas, plumbing and private sewage) by visiting The Inspections Group website at the link below, or by calling their office.

Please note that it takes approximately two (2) weeks to receive your approved permit, which must be issued prior to the start of work.

**Did you know...** The Inspections Group Inc. can also inspect existing building, electrical, plumbing, gas and private sewage systems to ensure they meet the minimum standards. To request such an inspection, you can contact their office to complete the Fee For Service application, pay the applicable fees and schedule the inspection.

**What's new...** In June, The Inspections Group Inc. implemented Expedited Building Permit Forms. This allows the

**For more information please contact the Planning and Development department:**  
780-623-1747 | [planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:planning.development@laclabichedcounty.com)  
Visit our webpage: [laclabichedcounty.com/p/planning-and-development](http://laclabichedcounty.com/p/planning-and-development)



Building Inspector to do a quick review of specific projects and provide a pre-approval should the proposal meet the requirements. This does not dismiss the safety code regulation requirements.

Some examples of projects that fall within the expedited building permit forms are:

- Accessory Buildings under 55m<sup>2</sup> and one storey in height
- Hot Tubs
- Basement Development
- Wood Stove
- Demolition Permits
- Mobile Home, one storey in height
- Uncovered Decks under 6 feet

**Don't forget...** Once your Safety Code permit has been issued, make sure you understand the conditions of approval and remember to book your inspections!

Any work that has been completed (covered) without the proper final inspections may be required to pay fees or to submit a form by a certified engineer that the work meets the minimum requirements.

### Contact Information:

The Inspections Group Inc.  
W: <https://www.inspectiongroup.com/>  
E: [questions@inspectiongroup.com](mailto:questions@inspectiongroup.com)  
T: 780-454-5048 | 1-866-554-5048  
F: 780-454-5222

## FEATURED FCSS PROGRAMS

### Teen Social Club (Free)

Thursdays in August  
7-9 pm | Ages 13-17 | McArthur Place  
Fun activities, socializing and new friendships!  
Call 780-404-7819 for more information or email [jessica.perley@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:jessica.perley@laclabichedcounty.com)

### Teen Leadership Camp

August 23-26 | Age 13-17 | Fee: \$100  
Learn skills to help you be a great leader!  
To register: 780-623-3829 | visit Bold Center

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### • Super Kids (7-9 years)

Aug. 3 - Pool Wipit Swim (5:30 to 7 pm)

Aug. 17 - Make A Dreamcatcher

We also meet Wednesdays - 10 am to 12 pm, McArthur Place. Free program!

#### • Tween Scene (10 to 12 years)

Aug. 3 - Pool Wipit Swim (5:30 to 7 pm)

Aug. 10 - Alberta Parks / Churchill

Aug. 24 - Golf Course

We also meet Wednesdays - 10 am to 12 pm, McArthur Place. Free program!

#### • Jr. Family Summer Fun for youth 7 to 12 years and their families

Aug. 10 - Balloon Animals (5 to 8 pm)

Aug. 23 - Leatherwork (4 to 7 pm)

**To register call: 780-520-9868, or email [cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com](mailto:cornelia.fechner@laclabichedcounty.com)**

### YOUNG FAMILY CONNECTIONS

#### • Art in the Park – McArthur Gazebo

Tuesdays - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

August 2 to 18

#### • Messy Play Date – McArthur Gazebo

Thursdays – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

August 4 to 19

#### • Art in the Park Plamondon

August 3 & 17 – 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Festival Centre

#### • Adventures with Dad and Me

August 10 - Spray Park | 5:30 to 7 pm

August 24 - Churchill Park | 5:30 to 7 pm

## TALK BOX TIP

You play a major role in your child's learning and you are already doing many things with your child.



It makes a difference how you talk with and respond to your child during these times.

Use activities like bath time, bedtime, eating, dressing, driving, shopping, walking to the mailbox, going to the park, playing, and cleaning up. Talk about what is happening and use words and ideas that go along with these activities.



# Dates to Remember

## BOLD CENTER

DancePI3y & YogaPI3Y Summer Camps

August 9, 10, 11

- DancePI3y Preschool | 10 - 10:30 am  
COST: \$20
- DancePI3y KIDS | 11 am - 12 pm  
COST: \$30

August 16, 17, 18

- YogaPI3y KIDS | 11 am - 12 pm  
COST: \$30

Access Fitness I - August 10  
9 am - 12 pm COST: \$25

Access Fitness II - August 10  
1 - 3 pm COST: \$20

## Fitness classes

Drop-In Fee Only: AM classes \$8 and  
NOON classes \$6

Mondays & Wednesdays

- 6:30 - 7:15 am SPIN 45
- 12:15 - 12:45 pm Mid-Day Fat Blaster

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- 6:30 - 7:15 am Bootcamp
- 12:15 - 12:45 pm Floor Core & More

Fridays

- 12:15 - 12:45 pm Synrgy 360

## PORTAGE POOL

Annual Fall Closure 2022

Portage Pool will be closed from  
Tuesday, September 6, through Sunday,  
October 2, for scheduled maintenance.

## SPORTS HALL OF FAME

A reminder that nominations are being  
accepted until October 1, 2022. For  
more information call 780-623-6725.

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and the Sorcerer's Stone

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Matinee



RecPlay

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

Activities start at 4:30 pm, movie at 8:30 pm.

