

Halloween Safety



Ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and face masks?

This Halloween may look a little different than previous years. Each family will have to decide if they feel comfortable going out or staying in. If you do plan on trick-or-treating this year, here are some safety tips to follow:

- Wear a face mask when physical distancing isn't possible.
- Bring hand sanitizer to regularly clean your hands. If you're handing out candy, regularly sanitize your door bell and other high-touch areas.
- Cross streets at intersections or crosswalks. Watch for traffic, and never cross a road between parked cars.
- Make sure that you're seen by staying in well-lit areas and wearing reflective clothing or glow sticks.
- Go trick-or-treating with an adult, and stay with your cohort.
- Wear warm layers under your costume.
- Don't eat your candy until an adult checks it. Consider letting your treats sit for a day to let any possible virus die off.

If you feel safer staying in, here are some ideas to make Halloween fun at home:

- Have a Halloween hunt (like an Easter egg hunt) or a scavenger hunt in your house or backyard.
- Decorate Halloween cookies.
- Host a Halloween movie night with your cohort.



Snow Clearing for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

The first snow fall is right around the corner and like most things in life, it is better to be prepared. Lac La Biche County has three programs designed to help seniors and people with disabilities manage snow on sidewalks and driveways.

Snow Angels

Managed by FCSS
780-623-6726



- Seniors and people with disabilities can register for this program at no cost. Registered properties will receive specially made Snow Angels signs.
- The signs indicate that residents need help clearing snow from **driveways and front walkways**. Anyone who sees a Snow Angels sign is invited to take care of the shoveling at that property.

Seniors Sidewalk Clearing Program

Managed by Transportation Services
780-623-6736 or 780-623-6811

- Seniors and people with disabilities over the age of 65 without an able-bodied member of the same household under 65 years of age can register for this program at no cost. Participants must live within the Hamlet of Lac La Biche or the Hamlet of Plamondon.
- Community groups and non-profit organizations can sign up to clear snow from **sidewalks** at registered properties. These groups are compensated by the County for their work.

Senior Snowplowing

Managed by Transportation Services
780-623-6736 or 780-623-6811

- Seniors and people with disabilities over the age of 65 can register to have their **driveway** plowed.
- Snowplowing will take place only after the public roads have been cleared of snow.
- A senior snowplowing agreement must be signed.

NOMINATE YOUR SNOW ANGEL!

Does your neighbour shovel your walk or snowplow your driveway for free? Nominate them as a snow angel by calling 780-623-6726 and they could receive a free hoodie.

Please check Alberta Health Services current COVID-19 guidelines before going trick-or-treating or attending a Halloween Party.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

Opening a Home-Based Business

You've drafted a business plan, set up a workspace, and you're ready to go but did you know that before you open a home-based business, you must apply for a development permit?

Home-based businesses are regulated in Lac La Biche County under the Land Use Bylaw. A development permit will confirm that the proposed business complies with the regulations of the Land Use Bylaw and that it is compatible with adjacent land uses.

There are three (3) different types of home-based businesses:

- 1) A Minor Home Business** involves using a portion of the main dwelling, and some examples are consultants, crafters, estheticians.
- 2) A Major Home Business** involves using a portion of the main dwelling and/or its accessory buildings and/or site. Some examples are small engine repairs, vehicle detailing and food preparations with the intent to sell the product.
- 3) An Agricultural Home Business** is run by the permanent residents and uses the dwelling and farm buildings for a business that is secondary to the overall agricultural use.

In addition to a development permit, you will need to get a Building Permit. This is required even if your home-based business is going to be in the main dwelling, because this is considered a change in the property's use. Creating a home-based business in a dwelling or accessory building changes the use and as a result, a Building Permit is required to ensure that the proposal meets the requirement of the Safety Codes Act.

Once the necessary permits are issued, they are valid for the life of the business as long as the scope does not change and that it does not move locations.

For more information on the permit process, please contact our Planning and Development Office at 1-780-623-1747.

We also ask that you contact our Economic Development Office when opening a home-based business at 1-780-623-6737.



Waste Reduction Week

OCTOBER 19-24, 2020

Join us for a week of promoting environmental awareness and sustainability in our community.

EVENTS

Free Vermicomposting Workshop

Wednesday, October 21 • 6-7:30 pm • McArthur Place
Learn the basics of year-round composting – with worms! Composting is a great way to turn organic waste into fertilizer. Build your own vermicomposting bin to take home (one per household). Space is limited, so please register in advance by calling (780) 623-6739.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Round-up and Community Shredding Event

Saturday, October 24 • 10 am-2 pm • County Centre
Residents can bring household cleaners and other items that could harm the environment if not disposed of properly. A secure shredder will be available for safe recycling of confidential documents. Please note this event is for residential waste and shredding, and we will not be able to accept items from commercial customers.

PROMOTIONS

- **No tipping fees for residential waste** from Monday, October 19 to Saturday, October 24 at all Lac La Biche County landfills and transfer stations. Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional tipping fees still apply.
- **Cargo nets available** at all landfills and transfer stations (while quantities last).
- **Meet the green cone!** A new solar food digester, perfect for small spaces, available for purchase at County Centre. Visit laclabichecounty.com for more details.
- **Reuse Centres re-open** with COVID-19 prevention measures in place.



Savvy Seniors

Seniors

Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program

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To help seniors stay connected with friends, family, and online programs, FCSS is giving away Chromebooks to seniors in need.

To see if you or your family member qualifies, phone 780-623-6726, or email trish.leduc@laclabichecounty.com.

Get connected online!

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Lac La Biche County

Keeping our Community Safe

LAC LA BICHE COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS & RCMP

Who should you call?

Lac La Biche County Peace Officers and the local RCMP detachment work together to keep our community safe, but they have different responsibilities.

RCMP

Non-emergency: 780-623-4380

Emergency: 911

Immediate Assistance (911)

- Any life-threatening emergency
- A crime in progress
- Impaired drivers
- Motor vehicle collisions

Non-Emergency

- Theft of property and items
- Theft of a vehicle
- Break-ins or thefts where the suspect is gone
- Suspicious vehicle, person or activity
- Non-urgent cases where immediate police attendance is not crucial



Peace Officers

Complaint line: 780-623-6767

Community Standards

- Unsafe, unsightly, or untidy yards
- Land use and zoning complaints, derelict buildings
- Homeless encampments
- Illegal trash disposal, littering, and graffiti
- Loitering
- Excessive noise during County quiet time (11 pm - 7 am weekdays, 11 pm - 9 am holidays)

Traffic

- Speeding complaints
- Insecure loads
- Commercial vehicles and overweight complaints

Other

- Fire permits (Fire Protection Bylaw)
- Animal control (Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw)
- Public intoxication
- Harassment/Fighting (Community Safety Bylaw)

For incidents that happen in a school setting, like bullying or harassment, contact the complaint line 780-623-6767 and ask for the School Resource Officer.



UPCOMING FCSS PROGRAMS

Due to COVID-19, participants must pre-register for all programs. Please call 780-623-6745 to sign-up.

Baby Talk

Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm
Expecting parents & parents/caregivers of children ages 0-1
Zoom & in-person sessions

Board Game Night

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Adults
Mo's Billiards

Fall Kids' Club

Session 2: Oct. 5-22
Session 3: Oct. 26 - Nov. 12
Ages 18 months - 6 years
Child Mind, Bold Center

Junior Family Night

October 14 & 28
Youth ages 7-12 and their family
Viewpoint Room, Bold Center

For more programs, follow FCSS on Facebook!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) and Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional (ASQ: SE) can help you identify your child's strengths and areas where they may need support.



Contact FCSS for more information.





Dates to Remember

October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2020

Dance Pl3y Preschool for kids ages 3-5. Cost \$20 for the session. Call 780-623-3829 to register.

October 12, 2020

Thanksgiving Day. County offices, landfills and transfer stations will be closed for the statutory holiday. The Bold Center will be open 11 am-7 pm. Portage Pool will be open from 1-4 pm for open swim.

October 16, 2020

Self-Myofascial Release Stretching Workshop at the Bold Center from 10-11 am. Ages 16+. Cost \$15. Call 780-623-3829 to register.

October 19-24, 2020

Waste Reduction Week. Visit laclabichcounty.com for details.

October 25, 2020

Spooktacular at the Bold Center, 1:30-4 pm. Pre-registration will be required due to COVID-19 safety measures. Call 780-623-3829 to register.

October 31, 2020

Dive-in Movie at Portage Pool, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a Halloween movie while you swim.

October 31, 2020

Fire season ends.

Check the Community Events Calendar at laclabichcounty.com for more local events. Due to COVID-19, local events may be changed or cancelled at short notice.

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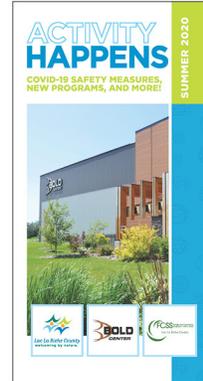
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KIDS CAMPS



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