

WILLOW LAKE NEWS



JANUARY 2026





COMMUNITY NOTICE

How rural winter maintenance works in your community

Winter maintenance in rural communities is done by municipal contractors, and includes:

- Snow plowing and snow removal.
- Sanding/salting asphalt roadways whenever needed to create a safe driving surface.

Snow plowing in your community:

- Primary (high-traffic) roads are plowed within 24 hours of snowfall.
- School routes will be plowed within 24 hours for easier school pick-up and drop-off.
- Secondary roads are plowed within 48 hours.
- Gravel roads are plowed within 72 hours.
- Contractors will try to remove windrows (snowbanks) at residential and commercial driveways where possible.

Snow removal in your community:

- Contractors start snow removal when snowbanks are too high and block safe sightlines at intersections.

Help your community with winter maintenance:

- Remove garbage and recycling bins from the roadside to leave room for plowing.
- Do not shovel/push snow onto the road or into ditches, as this creates flooding issues in the spring.

More details are available at rmwb.ca/snowplow

Questions? Please contact Pulse at rmwb.ca/pulse, or by phone at 780-743-7000 or 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free).

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Stay up to date on services, news, and projects in your community

You may have noticed a refreshed look for **rmwb.ca** last month.



The new website provides a more reliable and user-friendly way to keep informed and connected.

Key changes include an improved mobile-friendly design and enhanced accessibility. We've also streamlined the subscription process.

News, alerts, updates and more

Stay ahead of what's happening around your neighbourhood: get timely news delivered straight to your email inbox by subscribing to municipal updates.

Pick and choose the categories you're interested in:

- Municipal News (News Releases)
- Emergency Alerts
- Winter Maintenance Zones
- Construction: Fort McMurray - North of the Bridge
- Construction: Fort McMurray - South of the Bridge
- Construction: Rural Communities - North of Fort McMurray
- Construction: Rural Communities - South of Fort McMurray
- Fort Chipewyan Winter Road
- La Loche Winter Trail
- Legislated Public Notices
- River Breakup Community Updates
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If you're having trouble finding municipal information on our website, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse

Rural Water & Sewer Service

Hiring a certified contractor

A certified contractor must be selected from the [Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List](#).

The following local contractors have been certified by Alberta Municipal Affairs as of July 2024:

Contractor	Contact information
B Mac Underground Services Ltd.	780-742-9848
Best Choice Plumbing, Heating and Wastewater Solutions	780-799-6267
Call First Plumbing & Heating	780-880-4726
Consun Contracting Ltd.	780-743-3163
H Wilson Industries (2010) Ltd.	780-743-1881
NC Transport & Equipment	780-713-1169
Parker Drainage and Waterproofing	780-799-0723
Qalipu Enterprises	780-598-4933
Rob Ryan Construction Inc.	780-799-6434
SENA Constructors Inc.	780-747-9664
Sureway Construction Management Ltd.	780-743-4788
Wellingdale Group Inc.	780-607-1431
Wood Buffalo Plumbing & Heating Ltd.	780-974-0521

Please note, this list is for informational purposes only. The RMWB is not recommending or endorsing these businesses. Any contract you enter with a certified contractor is strictly at your own risk.

Skate closer to home: Build a backyard rink this winter!

With winter around the corner, it's time to get ready for skating season.



The Community Backyard Rink program makes it easy for you to create temporary ice rinks on municipal property in your neighbourhood, helping families embrace winter safely.

Get started

Getting your community backyard rink started is simple. Begin by reading through the online guide at **rmwb.ca/CommunityRinks**. This guide includes information and tips on the application process and building and maintaining your rink.

Approved applicants will be provided with insurance coverage under the Municipality's insurance policy.

Any unauthorized structures are subject to fines and removal.

Apply online

Applications are open all season, but rinks should be constructed by Dec. 31. Apply online through our E-Permitting portal at **rmwb.ca/CommunityRinks**.

For questions, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or online at **rmwb.ca/pulse**.

Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP - Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety - Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen - ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent - Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations - ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness) - Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft - Adult
- Halloween Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force - Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, social media & the Law) - Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety - ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) - Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention - Adult
- Restorative Justice - Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety - Adult
- Sexting - Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) - Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving - Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving - Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence - Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act - Gr 7-Adult



Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.

YOUR AMBULANCE EXPERIENCE MATTERS

From paramedics at the
scene to the hospital doors
— **tell us about your care.**

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For any questions, please contact Pulse!

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Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)

www.rmwb.ca/pulse



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The Rural Sharing Network

The Rural Sharing Network supports the social profit sector with relationship building and networking of services offered to rural communities in effort to address gaps to meet the needs of rural residents.



The Rural sharing network is open to community members and services providers. Coming together in collaboration to learn about the services available in community, identifying the needs of the community and understanding service gaps while working together to better service rural communities is the common goal.

Are you a service provider in the RMWB that would like to connect within the rural communities?

Please reach out to Aimee McCamon - aimee.mccamon@rmwb.ca

JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITIES & NEWS

**Anzac Family
Community
Support Society**

Tuesday, January.06th -10:00 AM-11:00 AM - COFFEE CHAT - located at the AFCSS

Office from 10:00AM-11:00 AM. This is for residents who are 55 and over, drop in for a coffee, tea, light refreshments and a chat. We would love to hear what events you may want to see in our hamlet. I hope to see you all there!

Wednesday, January.07th - 6:30-9:30 PM - CRIB (virtual)- - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 18 and over. There are great prizes to be won! To register email admin@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

Wednesday, January.07th -10:00 AM-3:00 PM - PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE - located at the AFCSS Office from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Walk-ins welcome, for appointments call Kathi-lee at 780-791-6236. Flu shots, measles, and covid19 vaccines available.

Thursday, January.08th - 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM - RADIO BINGO - ANZAC REC CENTRE - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 18 and over. There will be 2 strips provided from AFCSS for residents 55 and over - you have to be there in person to collect 2 free strips. We will be heading to the rec Centre to listen to radio bingo together and have pizza and pop at 5:30 PM before the radio bingo starts at 6 PM. To register email office@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

Monday, January.12th - 6:00-8:30 PM - BEADED LANYARD WORKSHOP- - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 55 and over. We will head to the rec Centre for refreshments at 6 PM and then Stephanie Burtenshaw will be showing us how to make beaded lanyards. To register email office@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

Saturday, January.17th - 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM - CRIB AT THE LEGION - FORT MCMURRAY - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 55 and over. We will be renting a bus to take us from Anzac Rec Centre to the legion to have lunch and to play crib. Crib starts at 1 PM. To register please email office@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

Wednesday, January.21st - 6:30-9:30 PM - CRIB (in-person)-ANZAC REC CENTRE - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 18 and over. There are great prizes to be won! To register email admin@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

Friday, January.23rd - STARTS @ 6 PM - THE ZEEBAR - This event is for Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 18 and over. We are happy to have another fun night booked at the Zeebar for a mini dart tournament and appetizer plates. To register, please call 587-644-0041 or email office@anzacfcss.com

Tuesday, January.27th - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM - LUNCH AND BINGO - THE REC CENTRE - This event is open to Anzac, GLE and FM468FN residents who are 18 and over. We will be having lunch and bingo at the Rec. Centre. Bingo starts at approximately 12:30 PM. To register, please email office@anzacfcss.com or call 587-644-0041.

We have room in our Meals on Wheels, Light Housekeeping, and Snow Helpers programs.
Email office@anzacfcss.com or call (587)644-0041

<https://www.facebook.com/AnzacFCSS>

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFO AND TO SEE ALL OUR POSTERS!



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The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.

- **Assessment and diagnosis:** Diagnosis is the first step getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- **Rural outreach:** Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.

NEAFAN team is available in:

Janvier Multiplex Building – January 14th, 21st, 28th

#468 Health Centre – January 13th, 20th, 27th

Fort McKay: Family Support Building – January 12th, 19th, 26th

Anzac: Recreation Centre – January 29th

Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health – January 15th

Conklin: Multiplex Building – January 22nd

*Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

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CAREER PATHWAYS



**Wishing You a
Wonderful Holiday Season,**

**We hope this season brings you a
well-deserved pause.
Time to rest, reflect, and enjoy special
moments with family, friends,
and loved ones.**

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SESSIONS – WOOD BUFFALO

NOVEMBER-JANUARY, Presented Virtually at 5:30-6:30 p.m.

High School Students are invited to sign up and attend one virtual presentation to learn more about Internship opportunities in the Wood Buffalo region.

- **Health & ICT: JANUARY 7** (virtual), 15 (in-person)
(Registration Link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-60584156-health>)
- **Aviation, Agriculture & Environment: JANUARY 8,9,12** (all virtual)
- (Registration Link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-60631759-aviation>)

CO-OP INFORMATION SESSIONS – WOOD BUFFALO

JANUARY 8,14,20,26

Wood Buffalo youth ages 18-25 who have graduated high school or are graduating by June 2026 are eligible to apply for the CAREERS Co-Op Apprenticeship Program. Information sessions are mandatory to be eligible to apply. Youth in rural communities can contact Anika acampbell@nextgen.org for a virtual or in-person session.

Register CAREERS CO-OP Apprenticeship Program: Information Sessions ([signupgenius.com
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-57644414-information#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949A8A62AA6FF2-57644414-information#/))

PLEASE REACH OUT ANYTIME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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WAYPOINTS OUTREACH TEAM

WE WILL BE IN:

- Conklin January 12th & 26th at the Multiplex from 10am - 3pm
- Janvier January 7th & 14th at the Multiplex and Health Centre from 10am - 3pm
- Anzac January 8th & 29th at the Recreation Centre from 10am - 3pm
- FMFN 468 January 19th & 28th at the Health Centre from 10am - 3pm
- Fort McKay January 15th at the Family Support Centre from 11am - 4pm

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY FAMILY AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SUPPORT AND WAYS TO COPE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

**To book an appointment
please call our systems
navigator at
+1 (780) 750-8650
or email at
system.navigator@waypointswb.ca**

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WAYPOINTS

**100-130 Prospect Drive
Fort McMurray, AB, T9K 2Z5**

Children: Ages 0 - 3: **Orange**
 Youth/Teen: Ages 5 - 17: **Blue**
 Community User Groups : **Brown**
 Adult & Seniors: **Purple**
 Events: **Pink**
 Family Programs: **Green**

January 2026

ANZAC
RECREATION CENTRE



S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1 New Years Day Facility Closed	2 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm No School 9:00am - 7:00pm Stick & Puck	3 Drop In Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm The Hub Musical Munchkins 10:00am - 11:00am Drop in Play 1:00pm - 3:00pm
4 Youth Drop In Volleyball Practice 12:00pm - 2:00pm	5 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	6 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:45pm	7 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Floor Hockey Ages 7 - 12 5:00pm - 7:00pm	8 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:00pm Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	9 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 5:45pm Stick & Puck	10 Drop In Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm Lil Chefs Ages 3 - 6 12:00pm - 1:00pm The Hub Musical Munchkins 10:00am - 11:00am Drop in Play 1:00pm - 3:00pm
11 Youth Drop In Volleyball Practice 12:00pm - 2:00pm	12 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	13 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:45pm	14 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm Half Day 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Floor Hockey Ages 7 - 12 5:00pm - 7:00pm	15 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:00pm Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	16 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 5:15pm Stick & Puck	17 Drop In Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm Lil Chefs Ages 7 - 10 12:00pm - 1:00pm The Hub Musical Munchkins 10:00am - 11:00am Drop in Play 1:00pm - 3:00pm
18 Youth Drop In Volleyball Practice 12:00pm - 2:00pm	19 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	20 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:45pm	21 The Hub CLOSED 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Floor Hockey Ages 7 - 12 5:00pm - 7:00pm	22 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:00pm Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	23 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 5:45pm Stick & Puck	24 Drop In Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm The Hub Musical Munchkins 10:00am - 11:00am Drop in Play 1:00pm - 3:00pm
25 Youth Drop In Volleyball Practice 12:00pm - 2:00pm Adult Shiny 7:00pm - 8:30pm	26 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am	27 Public Skate 9:00am - 4:00pm	28 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck Floor Hockey Ages 7 - 12 5:00pm - 7:00pm	29 Seniors Strength 50+ 9:30am - 11:00am Public Skate 9:00am - 5:15pm	30 The Hub 10:00am - 12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm 9:00am - 4:45pm Stick & Puck No School	31 Drop In Pickleball 9:00am - 12:00pm

Visit our website for program information
www.anzacrec.ca

Happy Birthday To:

Rosemary Belore	January 1
Bodhi Woodward	January 1
Brandon Lavallee	January 2
Justin Sexsmith	January 3
Christopher Cardinal	January 5
Carol Westman	January 7
Karen Janvier	January 8
Keisha Owl Lavallee	January 8
Dwayne Cheecham	January 9
Dayna McNeilly	January 9
Crystal Powder	January 10
Leon Kreutzer	January 10
Paige Woodward	January 11
Angela Woodward	January 12
Jasmine Cree	January 14
Jace Cree	January 15
Charlie Wilson	January 15
Brandon Wilson	January 18
Marc Cote	January 19
Lindsay Wiltzen	January 23
Betty Woodward	January 24
Wade Musseau	January 24
Emma Boudreau	January 25
April Woodward	January 25
Elizabeth McDonald	January 25
Bernice Cree	January 29
Olive Wooden	January 29



If you wish to have your birthday and anniversary published in the Newsletter, please contact Viola at the Municipal Office (780) 334-2298.



ANZAC MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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Office hours are:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed on Weekends and Stat Holidays

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:	
ANZAC RECREATION CENTRE	780-793-6900	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION	
ANZAC RECREATION & SOCIAL SOCIETY / BOARD	780-334-2424		
ANZAC FCSS	587-644-0041		
ANZAC SCHOOL	780-334-2271	 @RMWOODBUFFALO	
ATCO	1-800-668-2248	 @RMWOODBUFFALO	
BILL WOODWARD SCHOOL	780-334-0818		
AB. FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
RCMP	780 -788-4000		
WILLOW LAKE METIS NATION	780-334-0008		
WAYPOINTS	780-750-8618		
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	780-791-6236		
WILLOW LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	780-799-1613		
CAMP YOGI	780- 215-1859		
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DEBIT/CREDIT MACHINE
AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT
- WATER AND SEWER HOOK UPS
- ANIMAL LICENSES

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSIONS: JANUARY 26, 2026.

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION TO THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE
EMAIL: INFO.RR@RMWB.CA

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  RMWB Office Closed	2 	3
4	5 Back to School	6	7 Public Health Nurse visit 10 to 3 pm AFCSS Office	8 AFCSS Radio Bingo @ARC starts @ 5 pm Waypoints Outreach Team visit 10-3 pm @ ARC	9 	10
11	12 AFCSS Beaded Lanyard workshop 6- 8:30 pm @ARC	13	14	15	16 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  AFCSS Mini- dart Tournament 6 pm Zeebar	24
25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27 AFCSS Luncheon 18+ ARC 11:30- 2:00 pm.	28	29 NEAFAN Outreach & Waypoints Outreach Team visit 10-3 pm @ ARC	30 	31