

SEPTEMBER 2025 TALK OF THE TOWN



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September Mental Health Reminder

September is a time of change—an opportunity to pause, reset, and care for your mental well-being. As the seasons shift, so can our emotions. Make space to check in with yourself and others. Whether it's reaching out for support, setting healthy boundaries, or simply taking a deep breath—every small step matters. Remember: you're not alone, and your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

Labour Day Hours

The following Town operated facilities will be closed on Monday, September 1:

- Town Office
- Whitecourt Transfer Station
- Whitecourt Regional Landfill
- Whitecourt Food Bank
- Whitecourt Public Library
- Forest Interpretive Centre

Whitecourt Public Transit and Dial A Bus will not be in service.

The Allan & Jean Millar Centre will be open 9:00am to 9:00pm. The Pembina Gas Infrastructure Aquatic Centre will be open from 10:00am to 8:00pm.



Register with VoterLink

The Municipal Election is scheduled for Monday, October 20. Don't forget to register to vote with VoterLink by September 15 to have your name on the Electors List.

website: <https://www.voterlink.ab.ca/>
phone: 780-427-7191 or Toll Free 310-0000
email: info@elections.ab.ca

School Zone Reminder

The first day back for Whitecourt students is Tuesday, September 2!

Please remember:

- School zones are in effect from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on school days.
- Speed limit: 30 km/h.

Let's keep our kids safe — slow down, stay alert, and watch for children crossing the road.



Upcoming Events & Holidays

Labour Day | September 1

School Resumes in Whitecourt | September 2

Whitecourt Farmer's Market | Every Tuesday in September | Carbonex Curling Rink

Coffee & Cars | Every Wednesday in September | A&W Parking Lot

Men's Shed Meetings | September 3 & 17 | Brother's Diner

The Fresh Community Market | September 6, 13, & 20 | 5004 Dahl Drive

Tim Hortons Community Fun Night | September 6 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Whitecourt Connect | September 10 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Pick Your Fit | September 8-12 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Whitecourt Wolverines Exhibition Game | September 11 & 12 | JDA Place

Special Whitecourt Farmer's Market | September 13 | Carbonex Curling Rink

Terry Fox Run | September 14 | Festival Park

National Coaches Week & Rail Safety Week | September 15-21

Welcome to Whitecourt Bus Tour | September 15

Enchanted Forest Walk | September 18 to October 15 | Forest Interpretive Centre Trail

Whitecourt Wolverines Home Opener & Tailgate Party | September 20 | JDA Place

2026 Budget Input Session | September 22 | Forest Interpretive Centre

Whitecourt Career & Education Expo/Job Fair | September 26 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Fall Fest | September 28 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

What's going on around the Town?



Administration

- Preparations for the Municipal Election
- Forms and Policy updates to reflect Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act changes
- Council Orientation preparations



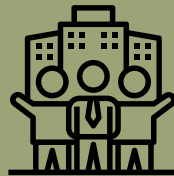
Community Safety

- Preparing for ICS-300 October 21-23
- Launch of the AGENT Status Program



Community Services

- Beginning of 2025 Fall Programming, including Pick Your Fit (September 8 to 12), Enchanted Forest Walk (begins September 18) and Fall Fest (September 28)



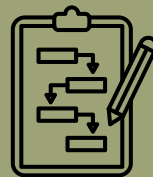
Corporate Services

- Gearing up for 2026 Budget Season
- Support to the Culture & Events Centre Construction/Project



Infrastructure Services

- Utility Bylaw Review
- Whitecourt Regional Landfill Weigh Scale/Scale House Project



Planning & Development

- Off-site Levies Bylaw Review
- Asset Management Project

Employee Updates

New:

Trinity Marshall
Child Mind Attendant Level 1

Elizabeth Millington
Child Mind Attendant Level 1

Kristen Mcleod
Crime Prevention Liaison

Brett Commins
Facilities Trades Level II

Monica Arychuk
Guest Services Associate Level I

Della Hoddinott
Guest Services Associate Level I

Christle Caringal
Arena Labourer/Student

Aden Keough
Arena Labourer/Student

Gina Lambert
Arena Labourer/Student

Laura Gilchrist
Family Violence Prevention –
Summer Position

Change of Position:

Justin Labine
Facilities Operator I

Returning:

Ashlyn Gunderson
Facility Monitor Level 1

Danielle Summers
Detachment Services Coordinator
(Change of Position & Returning)

Employee News

Farewell, Sydney!



Sydney Barry, Planning Assistant/Clerk III, had her last day with the Town on August 19. Sydney is moving back home to Stony Plain to be closer to family. We will miss you, Sydney!

Congratulations, Ashley!



Congratulations Ashley Ellis, Guest Services Coordinator, & family on the birth of their baby boy, Ellis Oatway!

Baby Ellis was born on August 5, 2025, weighing 7lbs 13oz.

Welcome to the world, baby Ellis!

Congratulations, Theo!



Congratulations Theo Govereau, Public Works Mechanic III, on obtaining his Journeyman Heavy Equipment Technician – Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off-Road) & Red Seal Certification through the Province of Alberta.

Tails of the Town



Do you want your pet(s) featured in the next segment of Tails of the Town? Send a picture of your furry (or, scaly!) friend to the Legislative Clerk, rhiannonbisson@whitecourt.ca along with their name, age, and some fun facts about your pet(s) to have them featured!

Name: Abbie

Age: 12 Years

Breed: Japanese Akita/Shepherd/Lab Cross

Owner: Jen Frizell, FVI Prevention Worker



Abbie is a rescue! She was found then rescued after a life of abuse and neglect. Due to what she went through, she is a nervous girl who is leery of new people, even now 11 years later, but she ADORES her family!



Abbie is an incredibly smart dog who can learn pretty much any new trick within a matter of days, if not hours!



She is a sucker for treats, especially if they are of the human variety; loves attention; and, pets (especially on her butt, but only from her people)!



She is incredibly photogenic, doesn't mind getting dressed up and loves propping her head on pillows, walls, and tables!

CHAMP Awards & Nominations

The Champ Awards system was implemented to recognize employees who demonstrate their exceptional skills and dedication to the community we serve. Congratulations to all July 2025 nominees. The draw winners are highlighted in green below.

Don't forget to take a minute to complete a CHAMP nomination to recognize a co-worker who demonstrates excellence in leadership; innovative/creative solutions; excellence in service delivery; being an outstanding team player; health/wellness and safety; or finding the positive.

Sydney Barry, Planning and Development
Jody Jager, Community Services

Rhonda Woods, Administration