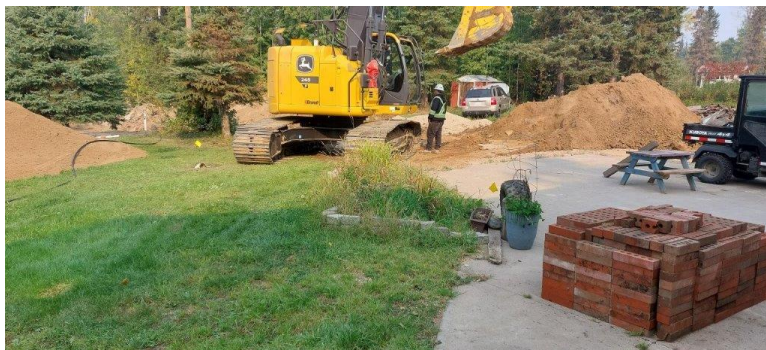


SAPRAE CREEK NEWS



September 2026

Updates to the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing (RWSS) connection program



Great news – at the May 19, 2026 Council Meeting in Anzac, Council approved an extension to the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing (RWSS) connection program period.

The eligibility period has now been extended **from five to seven years**.

What does that mean for residents in Saprae Creek Estates?

If you haven't connected to piped sewer services, you now have until **June 30, 2028** to take advantage of the significant savings offered through the RWSS program.

As of Dec. 2025, **225 homes** in Saprae Creek Estates have already connected to piped sewer services.

What happens if I connect after the program period has ended?

After the deadline of June 30, 2028, you will be responsible for the full connection cost, which can be anywhere between \$40,000 to \$110,000 as opposed to the lower cost of \$10,000 with 0% interest available now. The full cost of trucked sewer pickups will also be your responsibility if your home isn't connected by the deadline.

How can I get started?

- Review the RWSS Homeowners Guide and important information at rmwb.ca/rwss.
- Contact a certified contractor to discuss what the work connecting your home will entail. A contractor quote must be submitted for approval as part of your application. A list of certified contractors is available on the RMWB website.
- Your Municipal tax and utility accounts must be in good standing. Outstanding balances must be paid before your RWSS application can be approved.

Need help?

Connecting your home to piped water and sewer may seem complicated, but we're here to help guide you through the process. Call 780-743-7000 to learn more, ask questions, and get help starting your application.

Find everything you need to know about the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Program, including more details on how to apply at rmwb.ca/rwss.

Apply for 2027 Community Investment Program grants

Learn about the opportunities and application process at September information sessions

Grant applications are being accepted starting Sept. 2 for the 2027 Community Investment Program (CIP) grant cycle.

CIP grant opportunities are available for registered non-profits, individuals, teams and groups.

The funding supports programs, projects, services, and events that foster community and social wellbeing, as well as encourage participation in amateur sports. The deadline to apply is Sept. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Learn more and apply online

See all the details and start your online applications in the CIP Portal at rmwb.ca/CIP.

Pre-application meetings with the CIP team are strongly encouraged for **all** applicants. Meetings can be booked from Sept. 2 – 18.

To connect or book a one-on-one meeting with CIP staff, contact Pulse at 780-743-7000, toll-free at 1-800-973-9663 or online at rmwb.ca/Pulse.

Available grants:

- **Community Capital Grant** – Provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to support the enhancement, development, or renovation of public-use facilities within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Applications for this grant are by invitation only.
- **Community Impact Grant** – Provides funding to registered non-profit organizations to deliver programs, projects and events that improve quality of life for residents in the region through two streams; the Community Programs and Projects stream and the Community Events stream. This year, applicants may apply for one, or both.
- **Community Sustaining Grant** – Provides funding to registered non-profit organizations providing strategic services that align with three or more funding priorities set by Council. Applications are by invitation only.
- **Games Legacy Grant** – Provides funding to support development in amateur sport, and residents competing at the provincial, national, or international level.

Upcoming information sessions

The CIP team will be hosting information sessions throughout September to answer questions and provide guidance on the application process. Drop in and learn more at any of the following sessions:

- Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Conklin Multiplex (244 Northland Dr., Conklin)
- Sept. 8, 2 - 4 p.m., Janvier Municipal Centre (110 Janvier Dr., Janvier)
- Sept. 9, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Vista Ridge (1 Spruce Valley Dr., Fort McMurray)
- Sept. 11, 2 - 4 p.m., Fort Chipewyan Municipal Office (136 MacKenzie Ave.)
- Sept. 14, 5 - 7 p.m., Jubilee Centre lobby (9909 Franklin Ave., Fort McMurray)
- Sept. 16, 5 - 7 p.m., Anzac Recreation Centre (237 Stony Mountain Rd., Anzac)
- Sept. 17, 1 - 3 p.m., Jubilee Centre lobby (9909 Franklin Ave., Fort McMurray)
- Sept. 25, 3 - 6 p.m., Fort McKay Community Centre (Range Road 1109 W)

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Public Service Announcement

Fort McMurray: Increased Air Traffic

Aug 30, 2026 – Cold Lake, Alta. – National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces

4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta will conduct military training at Fort McMurray International Airport from 31 August to 4 September 2026.

During this period residents of Fort McMurray and the surrounding areas may notice increased air traffic and military activity. The training will involve CF-18 Hornet fighter aircraft and be supported by civilian patterned military vehicles.

4 Wing and Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake values its relationship with its northern community neighbours and appreciates the continued support of the residents. Every effort will be made to minimize noise impacts and reduce disruptions to the community while ensuring essential training objectives are achieved.

These training activities are carefully planned and closely controlled to ensure public safety and provide valuable opportunities to maintain collective readiness and operational effectiveness.

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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 to 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:

Fort McKay: Family Support Building – September 14th, 21st, 28th

Fort McMurray 468 First Nations: Health Center – September 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Fort Chipewyan: Charlie Voyageur Centre: September 16th

Janvier Municipal Building – September 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Conklin Multiplex Centre –September 24th

Anzac Recreation Centre – September 10th

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

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe
9916 Manning Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB
Phone: 780-799-1748
Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kaylee Paterson
9916 Manning Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB
Phone: 780-799-1748
Email: Kaylee.paterson@mcman.ca



FASD Awareness Day 2026

Everyone Plays a Part:
**IT TAKES
A COMMUNITY**

This FASD Awareness Month,
let's come together to support,
learn, and build a strong
Northeast Alberta for
families and individuals
affected by FASD.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
KIYÂM COMMUNITY PARK
ENJOY A FREE BBQ BURGER



WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



KIYÂM COMMUNITY PARK
Corner of Franklin Avenue &
Main Street, Fort McMurray



AWARENESS EVENTS THROUGHOUT NORTHEAST ALBERTA!

SEPT 8	Janvier	Multiplex
SEPT 9	BBQ	Kiyâm Community Park
SEPT 10	Anzac	Rec Centre
SEPT 14	Fort McKay	Family Support Building
SEPT 15	Fort McMurray First Nation	Health Centre
SEPT 16	Fort Chipewyan	Charlie Voyageur Centre
SEPT 24	Conklin	Multiplex



**SALINE CREEK BRIDGE
WILL BE ILLUMINATED RED
IN SUPPORT OF
FASD AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 9 – 10, 2026**



FREE BBQ



LIGHT THE BRIDGE



FASD EDUCATION



LEARN & CONNECT



**CONNECT OUR
COMMUNITIES**

FASD AWARENESS DAY 2026

BBQ AT KIYÂM COMMUNITY PARK - SEPT 9, 2026 - 10 AM – 3 PM



Wood Buffalo Senior Social

Join us for an afternoon of great food, entertainment,
and bingo - plus, a chance to win a door prize!



Fort McKay Community Centre



12-3 PM



September 23rd, 2026 (Date Change)

To register please call:

Fort Mac/McKay/Conklin: 780-559-2235

Janvier: 780-559-2230

Anzac/468: 780-334-2298

RSVP by: September 14th



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

RURAL WATER & SEWER SERVICING

RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION PROGRAM

Summer construction season is underway! Applications are still being accepted for program activities for the 2026 connection season.

The Rural Water and Sewer Servicing (RWSS) connection program provides piped water and sewer services to properties in Anzac, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Estates, Janvier and Sapræ Creek Estates. This includes residential, small commercial, light industrial, institutional and vacant properties.

Steps to Connect

■ 1. APPLY

Download the application package at rmwb.ca/rwss and submit completed forms to rwss@rmwb.ca. Application packages are also available at rural contact offices. You may authorize a certified contractor to apply on your behalf.

■ 2. ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

Once your application is received, it will be reviewed by the RWSS Team to confirm property ownership (on title) and that all RMWB tax and utility accounts are in good standing.

■ 3. CHOOSE A CONTRACTOR

Select a certified installer from the Alberta Municipal Affairs Private Sewage System Installer Certification List. Request a quote and discuss the scope of work.

Find local certified contractors at rmwb.ca/rwss.

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.

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
- Subscribe for updates at **rmwb.ca/subscribe**.

If you're having trouble finding municipal information on our website, please contact Pulse at 780-743-7000 or rmwb.ca/pulse.

SUMMER ENGAGEMENT SERIES

**SAPRAE
CREEK
ESTATES**

SAPRAE CREEK ESTATES OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US

**Connect with Municipal project
teams and share your feedback**

**SEPTEMBER 9
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
Vista Ridge
All Seasons Park

WE'RE SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK ON:

**RURAL
SNOW
AND ICE**



Share your input on rural winter maintenance. What priorities matter most to your community?

**And more project and program updates
happening in your community.**

Learn more at rmwb.ca/participate
Have questions? Reach out to Pulse at 1-800-973-9663 or rmwb.ca/Pulse



Rural Sharing Network

Connecting services, strengthening rural communities

The Rural Sharing Network brings together community organizations and service providers to build relationships, share information and collaborate on services for rural residents across the RMWB.

By participating, you can:

- Learn about programs and services available in each rural community
- Build connections with other agencies and community organizations
- Help identify community needs and service gaps
- Work together to improve supports for rural residents

Who can join?

- Non-profit and social profit organizations
- Government and municipal services
- Other service providers working in RMWB

Want to get involved?

If you represent a service provider or community organization in the RMWB that would like to join the Rural Sharing Network, please contact:

Aimee McCamon, Rural Relations Coordinator

Email: aimee.mccamon@rmwb.ca



Remember to have your bins out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day

Stay on track with ease —check the [garbage and recycling calendar](https://rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar) for all collection dates visit rmwb.ca/collectioncalendar.



What you need to know

- ✓ **Set your bins out on time** – Place them at the curb by **7:30 a.m.** on collection day.
- ✓ **Remove them the same day** – Bins **must not** be left on the street overnight.

Winter bin placement tips

Make sure your bins are placed in a clear, accessible spot. Bins blocked by snow, ice, or other obstacles may not be collected.

- ❄ Place bins **in front** of snowbanks, never on top or behind.
- ❄ Keep **one-foot** in-between bins and keep them **3 feet** from vehicles.
- ❄ Ensure bins are **firmly closed**.

Thank you for helping keep the community clean and running smoothly!



WOOD BUFFALO

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Learn more:

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

- Phone: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.

Community Standards Bylaw

This summer, RMWB Bylaw Services is out checking in on properties, following up on concerns and making sure communities across the region stay clean, safe and welcoming for everyone.

We all play an important role by keeping our homes and yards well-kept, being mindful of noise at night and making sure we're not draining water onto our neighbours properties.

Learn more about what is included in the Bylaw at rmwb.ca/communitystandards

To report a concern in your neighbourhood, visit Pulse online, or call **780-743-7000**.

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



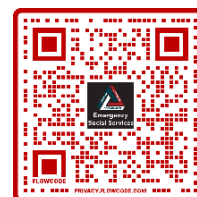
Want a presentation? Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator.

Emergency Social Services (ESS)

ESS provides individuals or families with supports when they are displaced due to an emergency. Registration centres or other evacuation sites are set up to register evacuees and provide immediate basic needs. This support is available to provide a safe place for evacuees to plan their next steps as they transition to recovery.

Registration centres may provide the following services:

- Food/water
- Shelter
- Clothing
- First Aid/emotional support
- Family reunification
- Animal care and rescue assistance



To learn more about ESS, or to join the ESS Team, scan the QR code below:

VPR

Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk during an emergency.



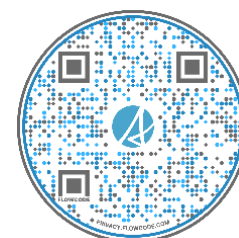
**Vulnerable
Persons
Registry**

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a service that improves the safety of vulnerable residents living at home.

This is done by communicating directly with registrants during emergencies and by sharing key information to first responders about individuals on the VPR. Click [here](#) to find out more about the VPR.

MAERS

The MyAlberta Emergency Registration System is available to all residents of Alberta as a tool to assist during an evacuation or emergency. Albertans can register themselves and their family members in advance of an emergency using their MyAlberta Digital ID. Click [here](#) or scan below to pre-register today.



NOTICE TO RURAL RESIDENTS

Water and septic service reminders

To allow water and septic delivery trucks access and to provide continuous service for all residents, please follow the requirements below:

- 1) **Basement water tanks or water tanks that are not visible:** All customers must have their volume posted in a visible place so water delivery contractor can see proper date and amount of water required (displayed in litres).
- 2) **Hanging branches and wires on driveways:** Make sure that delivery vehicles have a minimum 15 feet of clearance. All low hanging branches must be trimmed to prevent damage to trucks, and low hanging wires are to be raised.
- 3) **Provide clear access:** All vehicles/obstacles must be removed on driveways during the delivery schedule and the ensure the water delivery vehicle is able to drive within **15.24 meters** of the delivery point for water.
- 4) **Ensure pets are contained:** For the safety of contractors and pets, all dogs are to be tied up or inside your home, for service provider to access your property.
- 5) **Keep access points clear of snow and ice:** During winter months, keep driveways and pathways to water and septic hook ups, clear of snow and ice and thaw receivers and caps for hose access.
- 6) **Maintain cam-lock/hoses:** The winterization and maintenance of the cam-lock fitting and hoses is the responsibility of the home-owner. All cam-locks and hoses are to be drained and water to be removed to prevent freezing and breakage of cam-lock.
- 7) **Safety of septic tanks:** All septic tanks will be equipped with a “stinger” and an approved lid on the tank.
- 8) **Driveways:** If your driveway is soft (spring thaw), it is the homeowner’s responsibility to contact the RMWB to suspend delivery or to add a proper hose with the required cam-lock and extend down driveway to location of delivery.

For more information:

refer to the Water Utilities Management Bylaw (Bylaw No. 07/035) Part X

If you have questions or require any additional information, call the Pulse Line at 780-743-7000

Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most - Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.



RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)

What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.





Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca

For any questions, please contact Pulse!



PULSE

780-743-7000 • 1-800-973-9663
rmwb.ca/pulse

Call. Submit online.
Real answers every time, all the time.



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



Individual \$10

Tiger (under 6) \$5

Family \$30

Open Daily
9am–6pm

Check in at Guest Services

**VISTA
RIDGE**

Walking Safety Tips



Walk Facing Traffic: If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action if necessary.

Cross Safely: Look both ways before crossing any street. Make eye contact with any drivers who may be turning. Give them a wave. Make sure they see you.

Walk Single File: Unless you are on a sidewalk separate from the road, you should walk single file. This is especially important on a road with lots of curves. While it can be enjoyable to walk down the road two or three abreast chatting merrily, drivers don't expect it.

Stay aware of bikes and runners: Share the road and path with bikes and runners. Bike riders should alert you when approaching from behind with a bike bell or a "passing on the left/right." Listen for them.

Be Visible: Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or reflective vest to be visible.

Hang Up and Eyes Up: Chatting or texting while walking is as dangerous as doing that while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You are less likely to recognize traffic danger, passing joggers and bikers or tripping hazards. Potential criminals can also see you as a distracted easy target.

When walking your pet: keep your pet on the side away from traffic so that they don't accidentally dart into the roadway.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

COMMUNITY GATHERING & REMARKS AT 10:00 AM

SOLIDARITY WALK AT 11:00 AM

Gather at Kiyām Community Park, 10007 Franklin Avenue.



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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:	
RCMP	780-788-4000	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION  @RMWOODBUFFALO  @RMWOODBUFFALO	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
HEALTH LINK	811		
ALL EMERGENCIES	911		

To submit information to the newsletter please email:
Info.rr@rmwb.ca

Deadline for October Newsletter submissions:
September 25, 2026

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Elders Tee Cup Golf Tournament Vista Ridge	4  	5
6	7	8	9	10	11  	12
13	14	15	16	17	18  	19
20 Superintende nts' Revenge Tournament Vista Ridge 1- 7pm	21	22	23	24	25  	26
27	28	29	30			