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FORE!!! We had over 80 participants take a swing for a chance at $60,000!

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

REC PLEX LOOKING SHARP!







OUTDOOR FUN!

















THE FUN CONTINUES!













LUNCH, DINNER AND DESSERT!









WINNERS' CIRCLE!















PUBLIC WORKS POST

August: The Month We Pretend Summer Lasts Forever

Summer is flying by, and our crew is hard at work controlling dust, mowing and keeping everything running behind the scenes. If you see us out and about, a friendly wave is always appreciated!

Shout-Out to Our Summer Students!

A big thank you to our summer students for all their hard work this season. They've been a huge help, and we appreciate what they've done for our community, even if the grass seems determined to grow back overnight.

We're also proud to celebrate the Town of Rainbow Lake 60th Anniversary. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration a great success. Here's to 60 years of community, hard work, and looking forward to what's next.

Have a safe and enjoyable August, and please slow down when passing work crews. We'd rather wave than chase down distracted drivers.

Your Public Works Team
We may not control the weather, but we'll still get blamed for it

– Joy







CANADA DAY!


EXIT
CANADA
HE JAYS


Happy
Birthday




BADMINTON
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CANADA
Happy
Birthday
















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CAO CORNER

July was a busy month for the community. In a span of four-days, the town hosted its annual Canada Day celebration as well as our 60*th* anniversary events. I have many memories from the festivities, including wearing the mosquito mascot for the first time while on the Cenovus Float for the Canada Day parade. For our 60*th* anniversary, my top memories include watching the youth digging to find 60 Loonies and 60 Toonies buried in a sand pile, the sold-out corn hole tournament, watching the $60,000 hole-in-one (sadly, no one won), and taking a photo of all the volunteers and residents who attended our luncheon. To those who helped to plan the event, none of it would have been possible without you. And a special thank-you to all the volunteers who supervised the events, prepared food, and helped to ensure that everything ran smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge Nathan Nichols, who helped to coordinate all the festivities. Nathan is not a trained event planner, but he jumped into the role with a commitment to celebrate our town's past, present, and future. Visit our Facebook page to relive all the moments.

Earlier this summer, I attended the annual World Geothermal Conference held in Calgary. It was a chance to meet and network with the world's leading geothermal experts from places as far away as Iceland and Kenya. Although Canada has an abundance of geothermal energy, the reality is that the technology cannot compete with the price and availability of natural gas. Council met with a former oil and gas executive who consults on geothermal projects. He advised the Town to hold off on any geothermal activities in the near future. However, he did believe that the Alberta's drilling and exploration expertise would be an asset to future geothermal activities in Canada and around the world. The Mayor and I met with a First Nations-owned geothermal company that had received significant financial support to create BC's first geothermal electricity facility. While the BC project has made progress (but is not operational), the reality is that Rainbow Lake does not have access to the capital required to construct an electricity plant with an estimated project cost of $100-$200+ million. This means Council and Administration will continue to monitor new developments in geothermal projects and technology but will not actively be pursuing a project.

As always, my door is open for any residents or businesses that would like to discuss potential projects or partnerships with the town to help increase our population and grow our commercial and industrial base.

– Jason

BECOME A COMMUNITY ANIMATOR

Join the Rural Mental Health Network

This is a volunteer leadership role for rural Albertans who are passionate about mental health and well-being and have the time and capacity to help their community. As a Community Animator, you'll help guide local action from the ground up—bringing people together to build mentally healthy, connected communities.

What You'll Do

- Bring people together and help them build strong, supportive relationships.
- Lead open talks about community mental health where everyone feels included.
- Help local communities create their own practical plans for mental health action.
- Highlight and uplift local voices, ideas, and community strengths.

Who Can Apply?

Anyone living outside Alberta's seven largest urban centres—Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Red Deer—can apply. No formal credentials are needed; lived experience, local knowledge, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to community are valued.

Training Details

- Three online modules completed independently
- Four mandatory live online sessions (9am–4pm)
- Completion of all seven training components is required to receive a certificate
- Platform: Mighty Networks and Zoom

Join us on the virtual platform to access the application and participate in training.

Ready to Join?

Scan the QR code to sign up and get started:



Step 1: Join the Rural Mental Health Network as a Network Supporter.

Step 2: Access the Community Animator application and training information within the network.

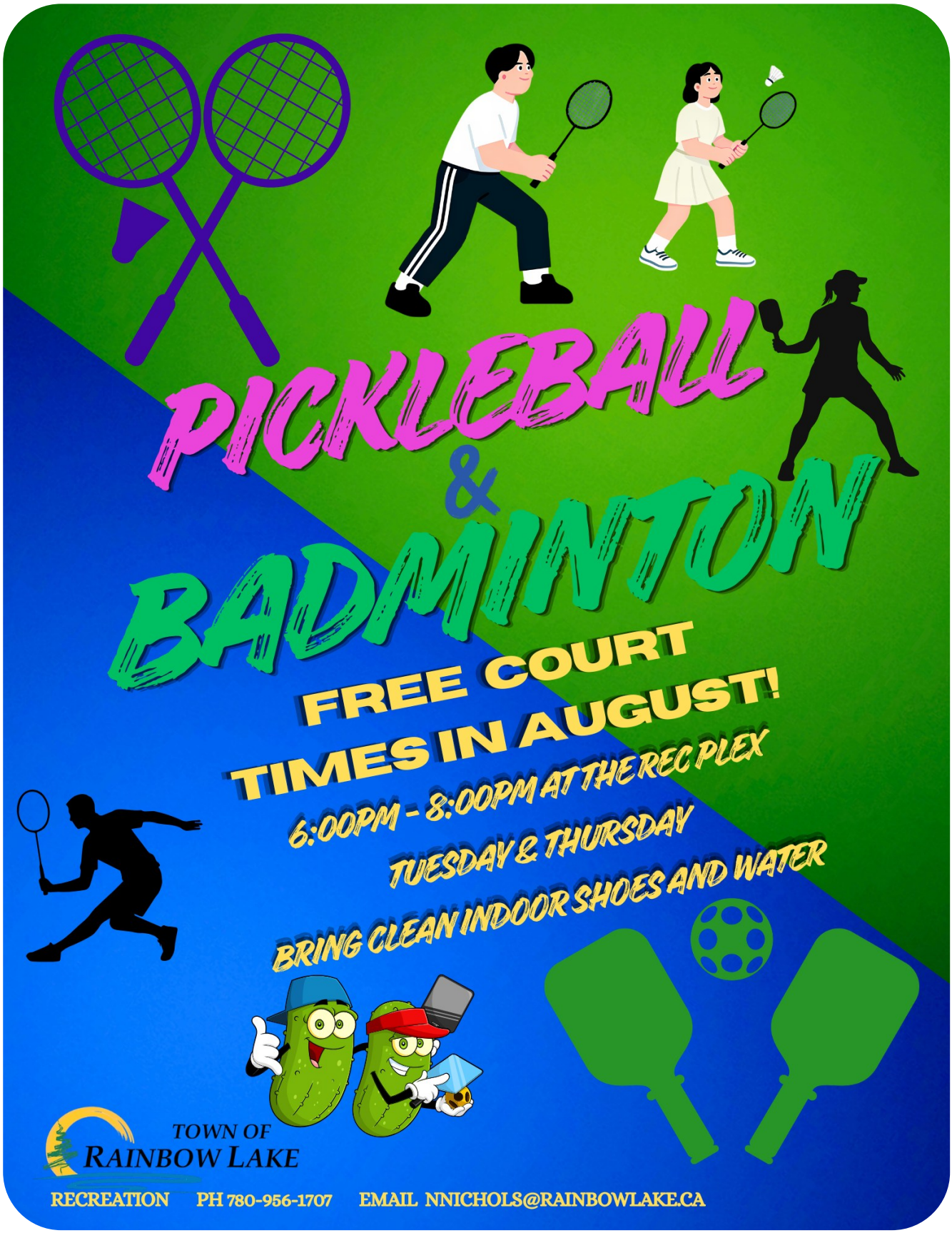
You'll be joining a supportive network of Community Animators across Alberta—sharing ideas, learning together, and building community-led change.

For more information, contact rmh@cmha.ab.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta
Mental health for all

centre for suicide prevention

RURAL Mental Health NETWORK


PICKLEBALL
&
BADMINTON
FREE COURT
TIMES IN AUGUST!
6:00PM - 8:00PM AT THE REC PLEX
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
BRING CLEAN INDOOR SHOES AND WATER
TOWN OF
RAINBOW LAKE
RECREATION PH 780-956-1707 EMAIL NNICHOLS@RAINBOWLAKE.CA

REC RUNDOWN

In like a lion out like a lamb. Usually that describes the month of March. For the Recreation Department, that is how the month of July felt. Canada Day, the Town's 60th Anniversary Celebration, and the MacEwan University project were a bit of a bluster, and an enjoyable one at that. These events were very well attended and displayed some of the best of Rainbow Lake's hospitality, comradery, and spirit as well as the over whelming amount of talent in this town for the game of Cornhole! Speaking of which, congrats to all the winners of the games and raffles and thank you to everyone who participated and made these events worth having. Thank you again to the planning committee and volunteers that enabled Canada Day and the Town's 60th. Thank you to the staff and students at MacEwan who are hard at work painting a picture of Rainbow Lake and the very good-natured and fun-loving side of ours!

Hopefully the winds pick up for the month of August! The Rec-Plex arena is currently being outfitted for racket sports. Pickleball has been rolling for a few weeks now and we will be introducing badminton soon. Did you know that the booming popularity of pickleball around the world is largely due to baby boomers adopting it? A big part of that is due to the accessibility and low-impact nature of the sport. Approximately 3.4% of Canadians play this sport so it is still niche enough to be cool and popular enough for 1.37 million people. Lets not let the boomers have all the fun! We hope to see you at the arena soon, swinging up a bluster! And if that's not low impact enough, the cornhole boards from the Town's 60th Anniversary are available to be set up in the arena as well. If we don't see you, have a great rest of your summer!

– Nathan

RAINBOW LAKE OILMEN'S

RAINBOW LAKE OILMEN'S ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS THE

39TH ANNUAL MENS GOLF TOURNAMENT

2 BALL BEST BALL

SEPTEMBER 11TH - 13TH

EARLY BIRD UNTIL AUGUST 23RD - $400 PER TEAM
AFTER AUGUST 23RD - $500 PER TEAM

TO REGISTER CONTACT NAOMI AT
RBLOILMENS@GMAIL.COM

June 23, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: 2026 Referendum – October 19

Attention Municipalities:

Elections Alberta is planning a provincial referendum event on **October 19, 2026**. This event will bring an unprecedented need for election workers. There will be opportunities for many Albertans to partake in the event with various roles available.

As municipalities around Alberta engage in local elections, we encourage you to share with your Returning Officers and election staff the employment opportunities Elections Alberta currently has in preparation for October 19. Elections Alberta website (www.elections.ab.ca) lists the opportunities for many roles that are available for returning offices and election officers, including the qualifications, responsibilities and pay.

Returning office staff are in place to support the planning, preparation and conduct of an election event in their electoral division. Each electoral division has a Returning Officer, Election Clerk, Administrative Assistant, IT and Trainer. The team establishes voting areas and makes arrangements for Election Day, advance voting and mobile voting locations including the recruitment of election officers.

Election officers are appointed at each voting place to provide voting services to electors. They set up the voting place, assist electors with the voting process throughout election day, answer elector questions, provide back-up to other election day staff and complete the count. Positions are available for advance vote (October 13-17), Election Day (October 19) and the count (October 19-21). With the unprecedented number of ballots that may be cast, election officers completing the count will start as early as 5:00pm on October 19. The count will proceed straight through until all ballots are counted, and roles will work in shifts throughout the count period.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Maskoske, Director, Election Operations at jennifer.maskoske@elections.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Gordon McClure
Chief Electoral Officer

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The Town Office will be closed Monday, August 3, 2026 for Heritage Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.



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