



# CHESTERMERE WAVE

FRESH SEASON, BRIGHT CONNECTIONS



SPRING 2026



## A Message From Mayor Shannon Dean

Spring in Chestermere is marked by familiar neighbourhood routines. Residents stop to visit along pathways, bicycles pass through the community in the evenings, and conversations carry a little father across front yards and sidewalks.

As the snow begins to recede, more of the City's work also becomes visible. Parks and public spaces are prepared for regular use, facilities are readied for the months ahead, and seasonal maintenance takes place throughout the community. In the City's greenhouse, staff are also busy growing the flowers that will soon brighten parks and boulevards across Chestermere. Much of this work happens in the background, but it helps ensure the city remains safe, accessible, and well cared for.

Council remains focused on providing reliable services, community safety, and maintaining the infrastructure our residents depend on every day.

As engaged members of the community, you regularly share your perspectives with Council. We greatly appreciate hearing from the community at public hearings, during the public input portion of council meetings, at engagement sessions, and in direct conversations, including scheduled meetings with me. Your feedback helps inform council discussions, and I encourage you all to keep speaking up and engaging.

Thank you for the ideas you bring forward and for the care you show in your neighbourhoods. It's a privilege to serve our community and continue the conversations that make Chestermere a great place to live.

Mayor Shannon Dean



# CITY EVENTS

For the most up-to-date information on City events, visit [thecityofchestermere.ca/events-calendar](https://thecityofchestermere.ca/events-calendar)

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## April

### **2026 Spring Chestermere Job Fair**

April 29, from 3 to 7 PM at the Chestermere Rec Centre

## May

### **Cinema in the Park**

May 2, starting at 6 PM at John Peake Park

### **Emergency Preparedness Open House**

May 2, from 10 AM-2 PM at Chestermere Fire Hall

## June

### **Seniors' Week**

June 1-7 | Various events throughout the City

### **Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament**

June 12 at Lakeside Greens Golf Club | Registration Only

### **Chestermere Children's Festival**

June 20 in John Peake Park

### **Pride in the Park**

June 28 in John Peake Park

# Seniors' Week in Chestermere

Honouring older adults with events, education and community connection

*Community members gather over tea during the 2024 Seniors' Week Opening Ceremonies.*

The Government of Alberta first proclaimed Seniors' Week in 1986 to recognize the important role older adults play in enhancing quality of life across the province. The idea was inspired by Alice Modin, who began a campaign for a seniors' day in Strathcona County. Her efforts helped spark what would become a province-wide celebration.

In Chestermere, a traditional Seniors' Tea was once hosted by the Town before a full Seniors' Week began locally in 2015, the same year Chestermere became a city. Early activities were held at the Whitecappers Club. Over time, the event expanded as organizers looked to neighbouring communities for ideas and gradually built a full week of daily events.

Today, Seniors' Week in Chestermere is a collaborative effort between local not-for-profit groups, community organizations and the City of Chestermere. Planning begins each February or early March and includes representatives from the Older Adults' Coalition of Chestermere, Chestermere Whitecappers Association, Synergy, Chestermere Historical Foundation, Chestermere Public Library, Chestermere Food Bank and City of Chestermere. Volunteers also play a key role in supporting events and delivering activities throughout the week.



*A jingle dancing performance during the 2025 Seniors' Week celebrations.*



*Volunteers serve tea at a 2024 Seniors' Week event, continuing a long-standing community tradition.*

While the schedule changes each year, several traditions remain. The City typically opens the week with ceremonies and tea reception. The Whitecappers and Historical Foundation host gatherings that highlight local history, while the Older Adults' Coalition organizes a social afternoon that may include lake activities or live music.

Educational sessions are offered in partnership with the City on topics of interest to seniors, and the Whitecappers also host a pub night. Synergy sponsors a Seniors' Week 50/50 draw, helping fund both the week's events and the Older Adults' Holiday Luncheon. The week concludes with closing ceremonies, cake and entertainment at John Peake Park.

In 2025, Seniors' Week featured 66 hours of programming. More than 765 older adults and seniors registered to attend events, with a reported 99.2 per cent satisfaction rate. Nearly 100 volunteers contributed more than 635 hours. Organizers have also seen growing attendance and increased cultural diversity, reflecting the changing face of the community.

Seniors' Week 2026 will run from June 1 to 7. Plans are underway and more information will be shared through the City's communication channels as details are finalized.



Participants on the Lake Loop pathway walk with the Chestermere Historical Foundation during the 2024 Seniors' Week activities.



A resident enjoys tea during the 2025 Seniors' Week closing ceremonies.

## WHAT IS



**Parent and Caregiver Support Services (PCSS)** is part of the provincial Family Resource Network (FRN) in Chestermere.

We offer **free programs** for families with kids 0–13. Our dedicated Family Support Facilitators assist you in accessing relevant resources at any stage of your parenting journey.

### PERSONALIZED FAMILY SUPPORT

One-on-one guidance tailored to your family's unique needs.

### COMMUNITY DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

Casual, welcoming spaces to meet other families and participate in fun, educational experiences.

### PARENTING WORKSHOPS & COURSES

We help connect you to the right services and supports in the community.

### LOCAL RESOURCE SHARING

Access to helpful information and services available in Chestermere and surrounding areas.



## SPRING PROGRAMMING INCLUDES

### CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

An after school opportunity to learn, play and create. Wednesdays from April 1 – May 20  
4:30–5:30 PM at the Chestermere Public Library

### STROLLER WALKS

Songs, crafts, stories and an icy cold treat.  
Watch for the pop-up in a park near you!

### NURTURING PARENTING

10-week lunch and learn series in partnership with Trellis. Tuesdays, 12–1:30 PM, with optional office hours from 1–1:30 PM. Attend any session and earn a certificate after completing eight. Begins Tuesday, March 3.

## CONTACT US

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4 PM

**Phone number:** (403) 207-7050 ext. 7135

**Email:** [pcssinfo@chestermere.ca](mailto:pcssinfo@chestermere.ca)





## Healthy Aging

The Healthy Aging Program supports older adults in living vibrant, meaningful, and balanced lives. Each session focuses on overall wellbeing through activities that support mental wellness, skill development, and social connection.

Through creative collaboration, mindfulness, workshops, and community experiences, participants can stay mentally active, engaged, and inspired while building purpose, confidence, and joy in daily life.

**For more information, contact Kristin:**  
kmiller@chestermere.ca



## Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

### Need help preparing your tax return?

Community Services and trained volunteers offer free tax clinic support for individuals and families with simple tax situations who meet a modest income threshold.

**Book an appointment today:**  
cssinfo@chestermere.ca  
(403) 207-7079



## Mayor for a Day

### Ever wondered what it's like to be Mayor?

One student in Grade 7–12 will have the chance to spend a day alongside the Mayor, gaining insight into civic leadership, community planning, and the responsibilities of municipal government.



**Applications Open: April 1**



**Application Deadline: May 15**



**Mayor for a Day: June 10**

Learn more and apply:



[thecityofchestermere.ca/mayor-for-a-day](https://thecityofchestermere.ca/mayor-for-a-day)

# Voices of Wellness

AN ARTICLE WRITTEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
CHESTERMERE COMMUNITY WELLNESS SERVICES TEAM



## Get Outdoors This Spring in Chestermere!

Spring has arrived, bringing longer days, warmer weather, and the perfect excuse to get outside and explore. Since 2011, Alberta has dedicated the second weekend of April to encouraging outdoor recreation and highlighting its many mental, physical, and environmental benefits.

This year, Alberta's Get Outdoors Weekend takes place April 11–12, offering a great opportunity to rediscover the natural beauty and hidden gems right here in Chestermere.

### What You Can Enjoy Chestermere This Spring

The water may still be chilly, but Chestermere Lake is buzzing with early spring activity. This man-made reservoir spans 2.65 km and reaches depths of up to 7 m, making it a favourite spot for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Chestermere also boasts 17 km of interconnected pathways that wind through neighbourhoods and green spaces with waterside views, ideal for walking, jogging, biking, or enjoying a quiet moment outdoors. These trails offer a safe and relaxing way to connect with nature close to home.

Whether exploring solo, with family, or with furry friends, there is plenty to discover:

- Birdwatching: More than 200 bird species have been recorded around Chestermere Lake, making it a vibrant wildlife viewing hotspot.
- Fishing: Try catching northern pike or yellow perch, two favourites in the lake.
- Wildlife spotting: Watch for beavers, muskrats, coyotes, and the occasional red fox along the shoreline.
- Off-leash fun: Visit the designated dog-friendly area on the northwest side of the lake.
- Nature discovery: From budding trees to early wildflowers, seasonal beauty is everywhere.

### Looking Ahead: Earth Day – April 22, 2026

Right after Get Outdoors Weekend, communities around the world will celebrate Earth Day on April 22. First recognized in 1970, it has grown into the largest environmental movement on the planet, inspiring millions to take action each year.

### Celebrate Earth Day around Chestermere by:

- Collecting litter or doing a small act of stewardship during your walk
- Learning about local ecosystems
- Enjoying a self-guided Scavenger Hunt (like the one on the next page)

# Chestermere Nature Spotting & Exploring Scavenger Hunt

*A self-guided adventure through Chestermere's lakefront and 17 km of pathways.*

## Wildlife Spotting (Lake & Pathways)

- A Canada Goose grazing or swimming
- A diving bird
- A bird standing on the shoreline
- A bird perched on a fence
- A pair of ducks paddling together
- Spot a gull gliding above the lake
- A squirrel in a park or treed pathway
- Dog friends out walking
- A deer
- A jackrabbit

## Plants & Nature Finds

- A tree with catkins or buds (sign of spring)
- A patch of cattails near the lake's edge
- A cluster of tall reeds swaying in the wind
- A tree with textured or peeling bark
- A plant growing in an unexpected place
- Moss growing on a rock or tree
- A pinecone on or beside the pathway
- A naturally heart-shaped rock or leaf

## Lake & Water Activities

- Ripples or waves caused by wind
- A floating feather
- A reflection in the water
- Someone fishing or preparing fishing gear
- The sound of birds calling near the water
- A fish jumping or leaving ripples

## Creative Nature Missions

- Take a photo of your favourite nature discovery
- Sketch a bird, leaf, or lakeside view
- Write down three words that describe how nature makes you feel today
- Create a short poem about something you spotted
- Close your eyes for 10 seconds—how many sounds can you hear?
- Write down one thing in nature that surprised you today.

## Finish Line!

**YAY!**

**You've officially become an honorary Chestermere Nature Explorer!**

Share your discoveries with family, friends, or your community group.





# Connect With Your Neighbours

## Host a Block Party!

Block parties happen all summer across Chestermere, giving neighbours a chance to meet, share food, have fun and build lasting connections. They're a simple way to strengthen community ties and create safer, more welcoming neighbourhoods.

- ✓ Easy to organize
- ✓ FREE block party kit provided
- ✓ Great for all ages
- ✓ Brings neighbours together

### Kit Includes:

Paper plates  
Paper napkins  
Plastic cutlery  
Plastic drinking cups  
\*Gift certificate for food (if available)

**To learn more or to sign up to host a party, visit**  
[thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/block-parties](https://thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/block-parties)



# Let Spring Begin

## Tracing Activity



## Community & FCSS Grants

Funding is available for community programs and projects that benefit Chestermere residents.

Eligible initiatives support:

- Arts and culture
- History and heritage
- Sports and recreation
- Community connection and social well-being

### Key Dates

**Statement of Interest:** April 2–May 11, 2026

**Call for Proposals:** May 25, 2026

**Deadline:** July 27, 2026

**Project Period:** January–December 2027

[thecityofchestermere.ca/cityhall/community-grants](https://thecityofchestermere.ca/cityhall/community-grants)





# Chestermere United Way Hockey Tournament

**Firefighters take the title as fundraiser surpasses last year's total**

*The Chestermere Fire Services team poses for a group photo after winning the 2026 Chestermere United Way Hockey Tournament.*

Earlier this year, teams representing City departments, local sponsors and Chestermere firefighters hit the ice for the annual Chestermere United Way Hockey Tournament at the Chestermere Recreation Centre.

The three-day tournament brought together players and supporters for friendly competition in support of the United Way. Residents were invited to attend free of charge and cheer on the teams while helping raise funds for a good cause.

The 2026 tournament raised \$7,600 for United Way, surpassing the \$4,800 raised in 2025. Funds support local programs and services that assist individuals and families in need.

After several round-robin games, the firefighters captured the title. Earlier in the tournament, the City Sponsors had defeated the firefighters in their first matchup, setting up a rematch in the championship final.

Organizers say the event continues to gain momentum and are exploring plans to expand the tournament in future years. This could include teams from neighbouring municipalities, creating a broader regional fundraiser rooted in community spirit and collaboration.



*Scenes from throughout the tournament, featuring fast-paced gameplay and strong teamwork as players competed in support of the second annual United Way fundraiser tournament.*



SAVE THE DATE

# Community MENTAL HEALTH Fair

11:00AM - 2:30PM SATURDAY MAY 2 2026

CHESTERMERE RECREATION CENTRE MAIN HALL

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



WEEKLY ART SESSIONS  
ANNUAL ART SHOW  
WORKSHOPS  
EVENING CLASSES  
JOIN NOW!



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## GIFTS OF KINDNESS



When unexpected challenges arise, this local fund helps residents with essential needs.

*Support your community.  
Every contribution makes a difference.*



Learn, Connect, Donate

# Understanding Chestermere's Water System

## How Regional Connections, Monitoring & Infrastructure Keep Water Flowing

*Chestermere Lake captured from the north end on a cloudy day in 2023.*

The City of Chestermere receives treated drinking water from the City of Calgary as part of a regional water system. Chestermere is one of eight communities connected to Calgary's supply and is among the largest users outside Calgary, along with Airdrie and Strathmore.

As part of this shared system, Chestermere follows the same water restriction stages as Calgary when they are declared. This ensures consistent water management across the region.

### **Regional Supply and System Redundancy**

Water is delivered through two independent distribution feeds from Calgary, meaning either one can supply the community's average daily demand. The City also has two independent sanitary sewer discharge pipes connected to Calgary's system.

In addition, the City also operates four reservoir cells with a combined storage capacity of approximately 13 million litres. Each cell can be isolated if needed, providing about 1.5 days of emergency water storage. Together, these features offer built-in redundancy and help maintain service during maintenance or unexpected disruptions.

### **Water Use in Chestermere**

Average annual water demand is approximately 7.8 million litres per day, representing about 2% of Calgary's total daily water demand. Water demand varies seasonally:

- **Summer:**
  - Average use: 9 million litres/day
  - Peak use: 12 million litres/day
- **Winter:**
  - Average use: 6.8 million litres/day
  - Peak use: 8 million litres/day



*A person drinks water in a park setting illustrating everyday water use.*

## Infrastructure and Monitoring

Chestermere maintains approximately 126 kilometres of water mains. About 29 kilometres were installed between 1970 and 1999, while more than 97 kilometres were added between 2020 and 2025. Most of the system is constructed with PVC and HDPE pipe, which are non-metallic and resistant to corrosion.

The largest water main in the system is 60 centimetres in diameter, with most mains measuring less than 40 centimetres. Smaller pipe sizes help reduce repair complexity and improve access to replacement materials.

Infrastructure planning is guided by the Utility Master Plan, which is reviewed every five years and was last updated in 2024. Based on current growth projections, major capacity expansions are not expected until the community approaches a population of about 60,000. The water system is monitored through a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) control system that alerts certified operators to potential issues. Operators conduct daily checks to support safe and reliable service.

Chestermere has allocated funding for enhanced leak detection equipment in 2026, strengthening its approach to managing water loss. The City conducts an annual system-wide leak detection program to identify issues across the network. Most losses stem from aging copper service lines, and to address this, the City replaces up to 12 copper service connections each year.

Through continued monitoring, infrastructure investment and regional collaboration, the City of Chestermere works to ensure residents and businesses have safe, reliable drinking water now and into the future.

**Learn more at:** [thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/water-supply-system/](https://thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/water-supply-system/)



*An aerial photo of Chestermere taken from the south end of the lake in 2008.*



# Easy Lemon and Lavender Panna Cotta

with a hint of Cardamom

Author: Hetal Vanmali, BSc Hons

<b>PREP TIME</b>	10 MINUTES
<b>COOK TIME</b>	10 MINUTES
<b>TOTAL TIME</b>	20 MINUTES (plus overnight resting period)



## Ingredients

- 2 cups whipping cream
- ½ cup whole milk
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ teaspoon dried culinary lavender
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 3 green cardamom pods, lightly crushed
- 2 ½ teaspoons powdered gelatine (one 7 g packet)
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

### For Garnish

- Drizzle of honey
- Fresh berries (optional, but blueberries or blackberries work well)
- Edible flowers or a light dusting of lemon zest (optional)

## Directions

- Grease ramekins, moulds or bowls with a neutral oil.
- In a saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the cream, milk, honey, lavender, lemon zest, and crushed cardamom. Stir gently and bring to a low simmer (do not boil). Remove from heat, cover, and let steep for 10–15 minutes to allow the flavours to meld.
- In a small bowl, sprinkle the powdered gelatine over 3 tablespoons of cold water and let it sit for 5 minutes until it softens.
- Strain the infused cream through a fine-mesh sieve to remove the lavender, lemon zest, and cardamom. Reserve ¼ cup to pour over the top when serving. Return the cream to the saucepan. Over low heat, whisk in the bloomed gelatine until fully dissolved. Now stir in vanilla extract and a pinch of salt.
- Pour the mixture into greased ramekins or serving glasses. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours (or overnight) until set.
- To un-mould, dip the ramekins in warm water for 3–5 minutes, then invert onto a plate. Alternatively, serve directly in ramekins or glasses. Garnish with a drizzle of honey, lemon zest, fresh berries, or edible flowers. Pour warmed reserved cream over the top if preferred. Enjoy!

## About the Author

Recipe developer Hetal Vanmali believes the most meaningful moments happen around the kitchen table. Through fresh, beautiful, and flavour-forward recipes, her goal is to inspire people to cook at home for themselves and the people they love, encouraging connection through a love of good food.

For more of her delicious recipes visit: [www.thehouseoftaste.ca](http://www.thehouseoftaste.ca) and follow Hetal on Instagram @the\_house\_of\_taste\_ca.





2026 Spring

# CHESTERMERE JOB FAIR

in partnership with the  
Chestermere Chamber of Commerce  
and the City of Chestermere

**WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 29  
3 – 7 PM**

**Chestermere Regional  
Community Association  
201 W Chestermere Dr.**



The Province of Alberta is working in partnership  
with the Government of Canada to provide  
employment support programs and services.

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

# CANADA DAY

**Pancake Breakfast, Live Entertainment,  
Birthday Cake, Family Activities, Artisan  
Market, Beer Garden, Fireworks & More!**

 **John Peake Park on July 1, 2026**





*Gardening Coordinator Tanya Byden gives a greenhouse tour to visiting school students during the 2025 Public Works Week open house.*

# Growing Chestermere's Summer Colour

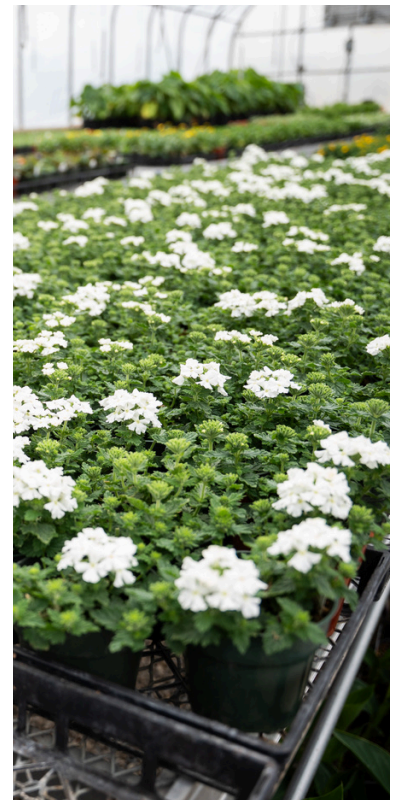
## City greenhouse grows thousands of plants each year

Every summer, colourful flowers brighten planters, hanging baskets and garden beds across Chestermere. What many residents may not know is that most of these plants are grown right here in the City's own greenhouse.

Installed in 2009, the greenhouse has allowed City staff to grow thousands of plants in-house each year, helping create the vibrant displays seen throughout the community.

On average, the greenhouse team grows about 4,500 plants annually from small starter plants known as plugs. Purchasing plugs early and growing them locally helps reduce costs while still producing full, healthy plants by planting season.

In addition to new plants, the team overwinters about 1,000 plants each year. Varieties such as cannas, dahlias, ivy, colocasia, pennisetum and solanum are carefully stored and regrown for the following season.



*A close-up of white verbena plants growing inside the City's greenhouse in 2025*

For 2026, staff will use 19 different plant types, with multiple colours and varieties bringing the total to 36. These flowers will fill 89 planters, 59 hanging baskets and 15 flower beds across the city.

Planning begins in the fall and continues through early winter. During this time, staff design colour schemes and prepare detailed planting plans. Pots used throughout the year are washed and sanitized to reduce waste and help prevent plant disease.

By early spring, the greenhouse becomes a busy growing space. Staff transplant plugs into containers, repot plants as they grow and carefully manage watering and fertilizing. Before moving outdoors, the plants go through a “hardening off” process, where greenhouse temperatures are gradually lowered to help them adjust to outdoor conditions.

Once the risk of frost has passed in June, City crews begin planting in parks, boulevards and public spaces. Over the summer months, teams maintain the displays by watering, fertilizing and removing spent blooms to keep them looking their best.

To reduce the need for chemical pesticides, the greenhouse team also uses natural pest control, including beneficial insects such as ladybugs, lacewings and parasitic wasps to manage pests like aphids. An in-house greenhouse allows Chestermere to grow thousands of plants locally and create colourful displays citywide at a fraction of the cost many municipalities pay.

The work is supported by two full-time staff who lead planning and daily operations, two seasonal water truck operators who prep planters and maintain watering, and six seasonal gardeners who prep, plant and care for beds and planters during the peak months. Thank you to the entire team for helping keep Chestermere vibrant.



*A hanging basket along the John Peake Park pathway overlooking Chestermere Lake.*

# Chestermere Celebrates Olympic Gold

Local Curlers recognized after 2026 Winter Olympics



City Council present Certificates of Recognition to Ben Herbert and Brett Gallant at the March 17 Council Meeting.

Chestermere celebrated residents Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert following their gold medal win at the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympics.

During the March 17 Governance and Priorities (GAP) Meeting, the City of Chestermere hosted a small ceremony to recognize their accomplishment. Council members presented congratulatory cards and certificates of recognition, marking the community's pride in their success on the world stage.

Mayor Dean described the moment as special. "It's incredible to have two of our residents come back as gold medallists," he said. "We are super excited to celebrate this achievement."

Also in attendance was MP David Bexte, who praised the athletes for their hard work and impact. "You've done us proud," he said. "We are so happy that you're here, part of our community."



Ben Herbert and Brett Gallant display the Certificates of Honour presented to them by MLA Chantelle de Jong.

MLA Chantelle de Jonge shared a written message of congratulations, recognizing not only the gold medal win but also the efforts of all three athletes representing the community. She noted that “your passion for the game truly showed,” highlighting Jocelyn Peterman and Gallant’s performance in mixed doubles and the inspiration all three athletes brought to the community.

Chestermere Curling Association Committee Member Marla Forth also spoke at the meeting, saying “Our curling club was buzzing those two weeks,” she said. “We are so proud to have these elite athletes in our community and to see them bring home gold.”

Gallant spoke about the team’s connection to the area. He noted that both he and Hebert have strong ties to the area, with Hebert having lived in Chestermere for over a decade and both previously competing in a Grand Slam event hosted locally.

“It’s nice to call it home,” Gallant said. “We represent Chestermere now when we’re competing. It’s a very family-oriented community.”

He also highlighted the impact Olympic success can have at the local level, particularly for young athletes. “You feel a buzz in the community,” he said. “Young curlers are watching and thinking, ‘I want to get on the ice and try that.’ Hopefully it boosts membership at the local club. It’s a great sport with a strong sense of community.”

“I never expected to be a gold medallist,” he added. “But it’s a dream that evolved over the years. To reach this point and share it with great teammates, coaches and support systems—it’s a fantastic way to cap it off.”

Hebert also spoke about the warm welcome the team received upon returning home. “We’re feeling the love from the community,” he said. “We do love it here. We’re active in the community, and now that our kids are getting involved, we’ll be using the curling rink even more.”

While the Olympic victory marks a major milestone, Gallant’s season is not over. He and Jocelyn Peterman will continue competing in mixed doubles events, including the upcoming Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship in British Columbia.

For our city, this moment is a point of pride. With two Olympic gold medallists featured on this edition’s cover, we celebrate their achievement. We also recognize the dedication and example set by all three Chestermere athletes representing Canada in curling.



*Ben Herbert and Brett Gallant speak with MP David Bexte during their recognition ceremony.*



# Get your Library Card for FREE

Get your Chestermere Library Card for FREE and access thousands of books, movies, shows, games, and more! The Chestermere Public Library is connected to over 170 Libraries across Alberta.

**See how to get a card here:**

[chestermerepubliclibrary.com/Library-Services/How-Do-I/How-Do-I-Get-a-Library-Card](http://chestermerepubliclibrary.com/Library-Services/How-Do-I/How-Do-I-Get-a-Library-Card)

## Spring Programs

Register for our programs or learn more at [chestermerepubliclibrary.com](http://chestermerepubliclibrary.com)

**All programs are FREE to participate in, see all programs below.**

### Display Your Art

Want to display and sell your art in the Library? We would love to show off your work.

Send us an email at [info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com) for more details.

### Prospect at the Library

Struggling with your job search or feeling stuck in your career path? Prospect can help for FREE on Tuesdays from 11 AM to 3 PM! Drop by to get help from Prospect's expert Career Advisor with resume and cover letter drafting, job search strategies, career planning, and polishing interview skills. Call **1 (877) 483-2562** to book an appointment.

### Test Run a Hobby Kit

Have you ever wanted to try a new hobby, but aren't sure if you want to invest in the hobby? Why not Test Drive the Hobby by borrowing one of our starter kits to see if it interests you? Place a kit on hold by calling, visiting, or using the TRACapp.

### Self Run Book Club

Want to host your book club at the Library? We will help you get everything you need and provide a space for your group to get together. Contact us at [info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com) to arrange your meeting. We currently have some groups looking for more people. Contact us to learn more.



## Rocky View Immigrant Services (RVIS) at the Library

Do you have questions about life in Canada? Come see Rocky View Immigrant Services at the Library Mondays from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. They provide services and support for immigrants and refugees in Chestermere. Learn more or book an appointment by emailing ewahl@ccisab.ca. Drop-ins welcome!

## Afterschool @ CPL

Join us Monday, Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays for afterschool activities for kids between the ages of 6-12. **Registration is required for each program.**

Monday – STEAM | Tuesday – Reading Buddies | Thursday – Kids Creative Club | Saturday – Discovery Space

## Early Literacy Programs

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 AM – Storytime. All Ages. **No registration required.**

Tuesdays at 10:15 AM – Playdate. Ages 0-5. **No registration required.**

Wednesdays at 10:15 AM – Wee Groove. Ages 0-5. **Registration Required.**

Fridays at 10:15 AM – Drop in Baby Storytime. Ages 0-23 Months. **No registration required.**

If you have any questions or comments, you can email us at:  
[info@chestermererepubliclibrary.com](mailto:info@chestermererepubliclibrary.com)

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- [www.chestermererepubliclibrary.com](http://www.chestermererepubliclibrary.com)

### Our Hours

Sunday	12–5 PM
Monday	10 AM–7 PM
Tuesday	10 AM–7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM–8 PM
Thursday	10 AM–7 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM

### Visit us at:

105B Marina Road Chestermere, Alberta T1X 1V7

# A Catch for the Ages

## The story of Chestermere's 1964 Northern Pike.

Since its creation in 1906, Chestermere Lake (Reservoir #1 of the WID) has been a destination for anglers. Generations of residents and visitors have cast a line from its shores, docks and boats. Among the many fishing stories connected to the lake, one stands out for both its size and its legacy.

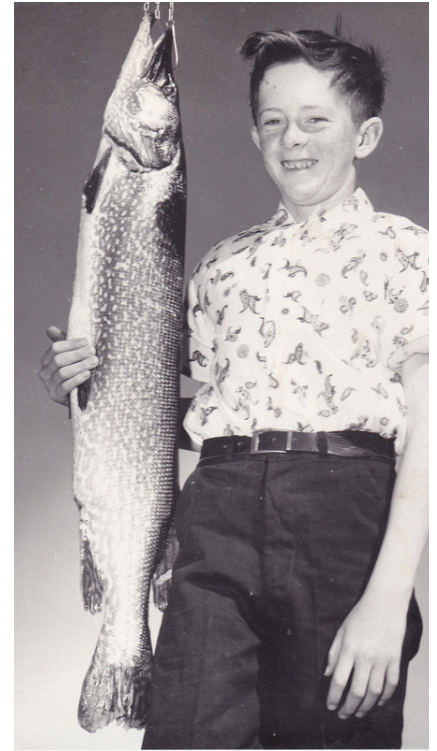
In June 1964, Roseanne Jackson of Calgary landed one of the largest fish ever recorded in Chestermere Lake. The day began casually. Roseanne and her husband Harvey were visiting friends Doris and Bob Kane, on the west side of the lake, to try out a new motorboat. After a short ride, the group decided to do some fishing.

Roseanne's line was baited first. While the others were still preparing their rods, she suddenly called out that she had a fish on the line. Nearly 100 feet of line ran out from her salmon rod. What followed was an hour-long effort to manoeuvre the fish about 185 metres through thick weeds.

When the northern pike finally surfaced near the boat, two hand nets were used to haul it in. The group brought the catch to the Chestermere store to weigh it. The scale read 23 and a half pounds (about 10.7 Kg) .

The fish was mounted by a taxidermist named Erickson, who used the entire fish rather than modern foam-core methods. In 1966, Roseanne received a trophy from Sick's Brewery Ltd. of Lethbridge, recognizing her catch, although the trophy mistakenly listed the weight as 23 pounds instead of 23.5 pounds.

In July 2009, Roseanne and Harvey Jackson donated the mounted pike and trophy to the City of Chestermere. Today, the fish and its trophy are displayed at the Chestermere Public Library. If you walk to the back of the library, you will find the "Walk Down Memory Lane" hallway, where local history images line the walls. Among the photographs and stories, you will see Roseanne's magnificent catch proudly displayed.



*Richard Turner as a young boy, photographed in the early 1940s by Jack DeLorme of the Calgary Herald.*



*Taken in July 2009. From left to right: Roseanne and Harvey Jackson, Mayor Matthews, Ryan and Jack McDonald, and Jen Peddlesden.*

The species Roseanne caught was a Northern Pike, the most prominent sportfish in Chestermere Lake. Known by nicknames such as jackfish or water wolf, the Northern Pike are aggressive predators that feed on smaller fish and freshwater shrimp. They have long been the backbone of recreational fishing on the lake.

Historical accounts also note other impressive catches. In 1932, 12 year old Emil Spielman reportedly caught a 45 inch, 22-pound pike in the lake, considered a record at the time. Over the decades, newspaper reports have documented unusually large fish, including a 13 pound lake whitefish found in 1992. In the 1940s, *The Calgary Herald* published a photo by Jack DeLorme of young teen Richard Turner, whose family had a cabin at the lake, with his prize fish which is nearly as long as he is tall.

Northern pike remain common in Chestermere Lake today, along with species such as walleye, yellow perch, whitefish and the occasional burbot, typically caught in the winter. The lake continues to support both open water and ice fishing, attracting anglers year round.

Fishing has always been part of Chestermere's identity. Early 1900s photographs show fishing parties along the shoreline, and the tradition still continues..

The south end of the lake, near where the Alberta Environment Main Canal enters, remains a popular summer fishing spot. In winter, ice fishing huts dot the frozen surface as anglers try their luck through the ice. While a trophy-sized catch like Roseanne Jackson's 1964 pike is rare, the stories remain an important part of local lore.



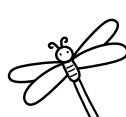
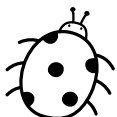
During Senior's Week 2026 (June 1-5) don't miss the program by Doreen Masran, on 'Chestermere's Fish'. Watch for details from The City of Chestermere, or the Chestermere Historical Foundation Facebook page [@chestermerehistoricalfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/chestermerehistoricalfoundation) or website [www.chestermerehistoricalfoundation.org](http://www.chestermerehistoricalfoundation.org)



The mounted Northern Pike on display in the Chestermere Library's Walk Down the Memory Lane hallway in 2026.

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### We are in search for old photographs

If you have any old photographs of Chestermere and area, please share them with the Chestermere Historical Foundation. Photos (unframed) can be dropped at the front desk of the Chestermere City Hall. Please describe, and leave contact information, and indicate if you need them returned.

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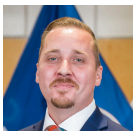
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