



CHESTERMERE WAVE

SUNSHINE, SAFETY & SUMMER FUN



SUMMER 2026



A Message From Mayor Shannon Dean

Summer brings a special energy to Chestermere. Our beaches, parks, pathways, and lakefront spaces come alive as residents and visitors gather to enjoy everything the warmer months have to offer. Whether it is time spent on the water, evenings in the park, local events, or neighbourhood gatherings, this is when many of us reconnect with the people and places that make our city unique.

We have already seen that spirit on display through the Children's Festival, a successful Canada Day celebration, the Mayor and Council Charity Golf Tournament in support of the Chestermere Regional Food Bank, and the honour of hosting the Lead By Example Powwow. These events brought people together in meaningful ways and reflected the welcoming and connected spirit that makes Chestermere feel like home.

The season is far from over, with plenty of opportunities to gather, celebrate, and connect. Summer Music Festival and Carnival, Bulls on the Beach, Muslim Fest, Synergy's Amazing Duck Race, and other local initiatives will bring excitement and activity across the city in the months ahead.

Council remains focused on supporting the parks, recreation opportunities, amenities, and infrastructure that residents rely on year-round. Maintaining a vibrant and engaged community while planning for the future continues to be a priority.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the many experiences happening across Chestermere in the weeks ahead and to continue supporting the volunteers, organizations, and local businesses that help make our community such a great place to live.

Thank you for the pride, energy, and sense of belonging you bring to Chestermere every day. I wish you a safe, memorable, and enjoyable summer.

Mayor Shannon Dean





2026

CITY EVENTS

Don't miss the exciting events happening this summer!

- Summer Music Festival
- Carnival
- And More!



For the full event lineup and details, scan the QR code or visit:
thecityofchestermere.ca/events-calendar





Community Peace Officers Add E-Bikes to Summer Patrols

Covering more ground this summer thanks to the addition of new e-bikes to their patrol program

Community Peace Officers Matthew Kelly (right) and Matthew France patrol Anniversary Park on e-bikes on May 29, 2026.

The City has introduced Trek Police Service Mountain e-bikes to help officers patrol parks, pathways, neighbourhoods and community gathering spaces more efficiently.

The bikes will be used throughout Chestermere, including pathways, parks, residential areas and the downtown core. Officers will also deploy the bikes during large community events to support public safety efforts.

According to CPO Sergeant Vladimir Curcic, e-bikes allow officers to travel farther while accessing areas that can be difficult to reach by vehicle.

"The introduction of e-bikes allows officers to cover greater distances more quickly while reducing physical fatigue," said Curcic.

Depending on staffing levels and weather conditions, residents can expect to see two to three officers on bike patrol throughout the week.

All Community Peace Officers will use the bikes. Most officers have already completed training through the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA), while additional officers will complete certification this summer.

The new patrol bikes are purpose-built for law enforcement use. Curcic said the Trek Police Service Mountain e-bikes were selected for their durability and reliability in a variety of operating conditions.

"Bike patrol is an exceptionally effective community engagement tool, particularly with youth," said Curcic. "It naturally creates opportunities for positive interactions, education and conversations about safety."



Community Peace Officers Matthew Kelly (right) and Matthew France patrol Anniversary Park using newly introduced e-bikes.

Along with increasing visibility, the program supports ongoing summer safety initiatives. Officers will continue promoting responsible pathway use and encouraging residents to wear appropriate safety equipment.

"Protecting your noggin is critical — you only get one," said Curcic.

Parents are encouraged to talk with their children about safe riding habits, including following traffic rules, yielding when required, and showing courtesy to others using public spaces.

With the new patrol bikes now in use, officers are better equipped to maintain a visible presence throughout the city during the busy summer months.



Community Peace Officer Matthew France rides an e-bike through Anniversary Park on May 29, 2026.



New Trek Police Service Mountain e-bikes used by Community Peace Officers are pictured during a patrol at Anniversary Park on May 29, 2026.



Community Peace Officer Matthew Kelly leads a patrol through Anniversary Park on May 29, 2026.

WHAT IS PCSS

CHESTERMERE PARENT & CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES



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.



JULY–SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING INCLUDES

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Discover a variety of local resources that support your well-being and connect with organizations offering valuable services in our area. This program is a great opportunity to learn, engage, and enhance your overall wellness in a supportive community setting.

- Wednesdays, July 15 – August 19, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
- Outside Chestermere Public Library

MOTHER GOOSE BY THE LAKE

In collaboration with Healthy Families and the Chestermere Public Library, join us for a fun, educational program designed to foster early literacy in young children. Each week will have a new theme and lots of exciting things to see and do!

- Wednesdays, July 15 – August 19, 10:30–11:30 AM
- John Peake Pavilion.

CONTACT US

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

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

Email: pcssinfo@chestermere.ca





Connect + Belong

The Connect + Belong program in Chestermere is about bringing people together and helping hearts feel a little more at home. Through fun activities, workshops, and community events, Connect + Belong supports positive relationships and a sense of togetherness. It offers a safe, supportive environment where conversations about social and mental health can happen openly and comfortably.

Our upcoming programs are:

- July 23: National Self Care Day
- September 21: World Peace Day

Family Fun Days

Family Fun Days is all about bringing families together for laughter and connection. Through hands-on activities and shared experiences, families can build stronger bonds, make new friends, and feel more connected to their community.

Join us in July, August, and September for fun events like Freezies in the Park and National Root Beer Float Day!

Healthy Aging

The Healthy Aging Program is a supportive, empowering initiative designed to help older adults live vibrant, meaningful, and balanced lives. Each session centers on overall well-being, offering a wide range of activities that nurture mental wellness, build new skills, and strengthen social connection. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and programs!

Our upcoming programs are:

- July 27, 1:15-2:30 PM at Lakeshore Manor
- Stay tuned for further dates



JACKET RACKET IS BACK!

Donate your gently used jackets, snow pants, mitts, and toques to help local residents stay warm this winter. Look for the bins in your area and spread the warmth.

Donation bins will roll out at the beginning of September. Winter items will be available for pickup in October.

For updates on when the Jacket Racket event will take place, please follow us on Facebook!

facebook.com/chestermerecommunityservices



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:

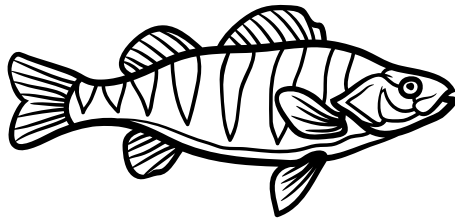
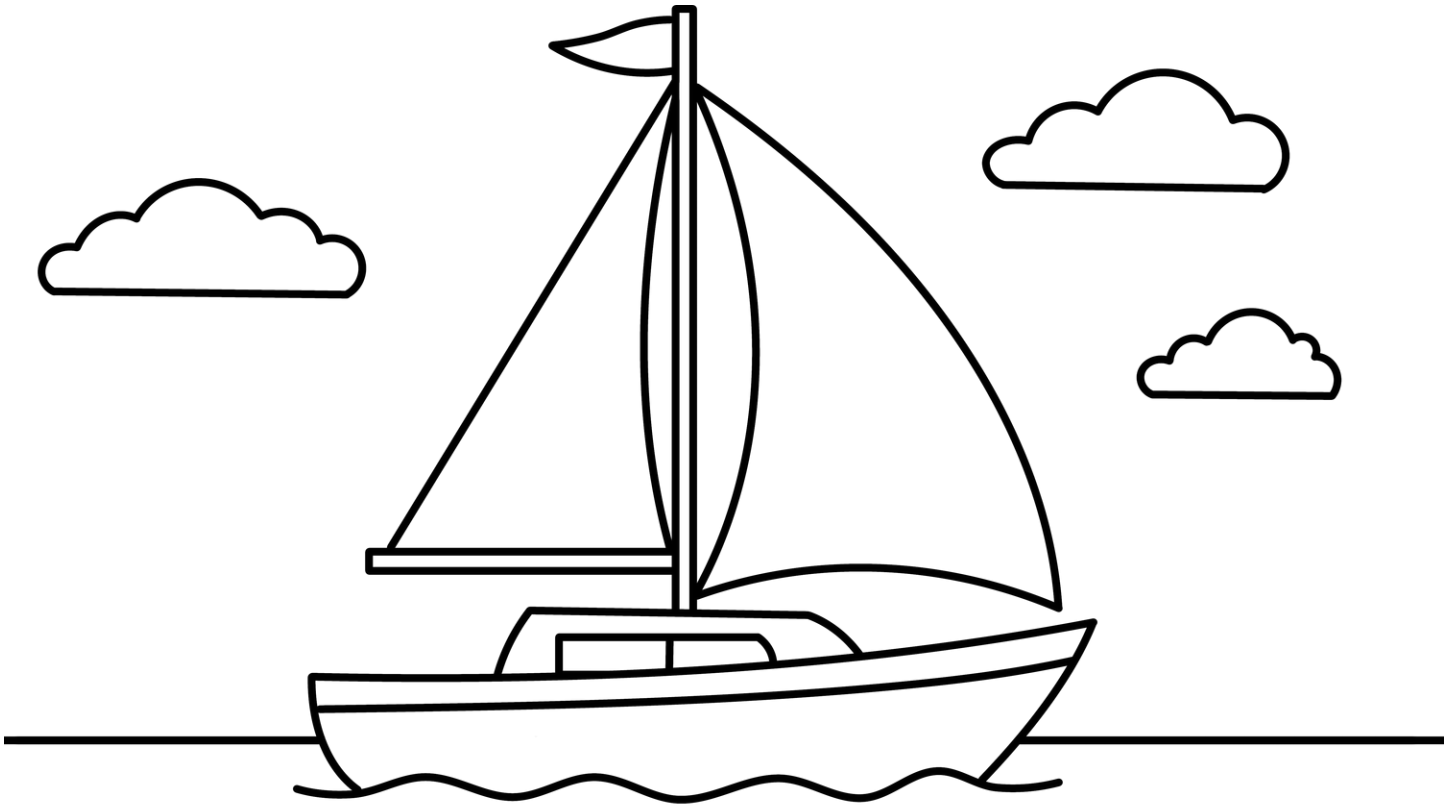
- Paper plates
- Paper napkins
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic drinking cups
- *Gift certificate for food (if available)

To learn more or to sign up to host a party, visit
thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/block-parties

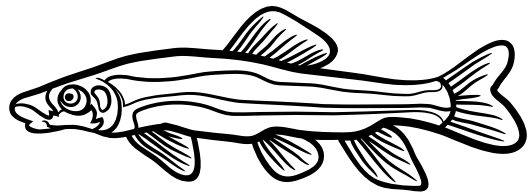


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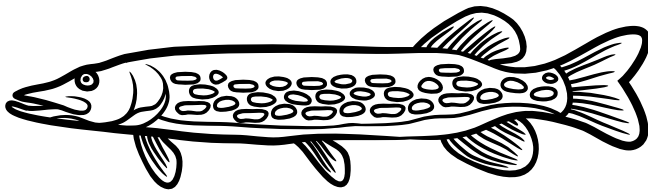
Colour the sailboat and some of the fish found in
Chestermere Lake



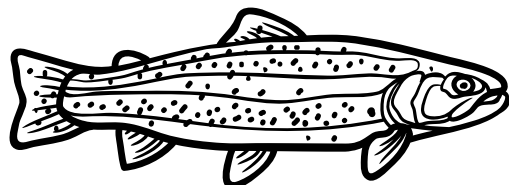
Yellow Perch



White Sucker



Northern Pike



Rainbow Trout



Making the Most of Lake Life

Water safety tips for a safe and enjoyable summer

Recreational users enjoy Chestermere Lake during a summer day in 2024.

On a warm summer day, it's not unusual to find Chestermere Lake filled with swimmers, paddlers, boaters, and families enjoying the shoreline. While time on the water is a highlight of the season, a little preparation can help ensure a fun and safe day at the lake.

Even when the water appears calm, conditions can change quickly. Fatigue, changing weather, distractions near the shoreline, and changing water conditions can turn a routine outing into an emergency in a matter of seconds. Understanding the risks and planning ahead can help prevent incidents before they happen.

One of the simplest ways to stay safe is to wear a properly fitted lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD). Lifejackets save lives and are recommended for everyone, especially children and less experienced swimmers. Safety organizations across Canada continue to emphasize that flotation devices work best when they are worn, not carried in a boat.

Children should always remain within arm's reach when they are in or near the water. Drowning is often fast and silent, with little splashing or calling for help. Active supervision means staying focused, avoiding distractions, and being close enough to respond immediately if needed.

Did You Know?

A hot day doesn't always mean warm water.

Water continually flows in and out of Chestermere Lake throughout the irrigation season, which can result in cooler water temperatures than many people expect, even on the hottest summer days.

Cold water can affect breathing, strength, and coordination. Wearing a properly fitted lifejacket or PFD and closely supervising children are simple ways to help keep everyone safer on the water.



Visitors gather along the waterfront during the Summer Music Festival in Chestermere in 2025.

National Drowning Prevention Week July 19–25, 2026

National Drowning Prevention Week takes place each July, when drowning rates in Canada are at their highest.

This year's campaign highlights simple actions that can help reduce the risk of drowning and water-related injuries:

- Swim with a buddy whenever possible
- Keep children within arm's reach in, on, and around the water
- Wear a properly fitted lifejacket or PFD when boating or paddling
- Stay alert in open water environments
- Save alcohol consumption for after your time on the water

A few simple precautions can help make every day at the lake safer on the water.

Support Water Safety in Chestermere

The *Lifejacket Loaner Station* at Anniversary Park Beach is a community initiative led by the Rotary Club of Chestermere. Visitors are encouraged to borrow a properly fitted lifejacket for the day and return it when they leave.

Visit the Rotary Club website or scan the QR code to make a donation and keep this important program going.



rotarychestermere.org/donate/lifejacket-loaner-station

Before heading to the lake, take a few minutes to prepare. Check weather conditions, bring drinking water and sunscreen, and make sure everyone understands basic water safety rules. Swimming with a buddy and staying within designated areas can also help reduce risk.

In Chestermere, beaches and parks are unsupervised, and there are no lifeguards on duty. Visitors enter the water at their own risk and are encouraged to follow posted rules, supervise children closely, and be respectful of shared public spaces.

The City also provides aquatic safety equipment stations at beaches and other waterfront areas. These stations may include rescue rings, throw bags, or reaching hooks that can assist during emergencies.

By making water safety part of every outing, lake users can help ensure that summer memories are made for all the right reasons.



A kayaker prepares to head out on Chestermere Lake in 2024.



Lifejackets hang beside the Lifejacket Loaner Station at Anniversary Park Beach on June 30, 2026.



Summer Orzo Salad

Author: Hetal Vanmali, BSc Hons

PREP TIME	15 MINUTES
COOK TIME	10 MINUTES
TOTAL TIME	25 MINUTES

Ingredients

- 450 g orzo pasta
- 8-10 asparagus spears, chopped into 1 inch pieces
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup green pitted olives
- 10 cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 cup cucumbers, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese, plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup pine nuts
- 2 1/2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp lime zest
- 1 large or 2 small garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh basil, torn or finely chopped

Directions

- Cook the pasta and asparagus: Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the orzo and cook according to the package directions. Three minutes before the orzo is done, add the chopped asparagus to the same pot. Drain well and rinse under cold water until the orzo is cool.
- Boil the eggs: Place the eggs in a medium pot, cover with water, and bring to a boil. Boil for 9 minutes. Peel the eggs and slice them into halves or quarters.
- Combine the salad: In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooled orzo and asparagus, green olives, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, crumbled feta cheese and pine nuts.
- Blend the dressing: In a blender, combine the lime juice, 1 tbsp lime zest, crushed garlic, basil and extra-virgin olive oil. Blend in short bursts until the mixture is well combined, do not over mix.
- Toss and garnish: Pour the dressing over the salad. Season with the salt and freshly ground pepper, then toss gently to combine. Top with the sliced eggs, and finish with the remaining lime zest and a dusting of feta cheese.

About the Author

Local 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 and follow Hetal on Instagram @the_house_of_taste_ca.





SUMMER



Recreation Guide

From lake adventures to neighbourhood parks, Chestermere is full of places to explore, play and connect.

Inside, you'll find destinations and activities to make the most of summer.



ASPENMERE

THE COVE

WESTMERE

..... WALKING PATHS



PARK



BIKE PARK



BOAT LAUNCH



GOLF COURSE



BASKETBALL



REC CENTRE



DISC GOLF COURSE



SOCCER



DOG PARK



VOLLEYBALL



BASEBALL



FOOTBALL



PICKLEBALL



EAST
CHESTERMERE

KINNIBURGH

WEST CREEK

RAINBOW FALLS

SOUTH SHORE

DAWSON'S
LANDING

WATERFORD

Discover More THIS SUMMER



Get outside. **Explore**
and **enjoy** everything
Chestermere has to offer.

NEW THIS SEASON



Badminton in the Park

Pick up a racket and enjoy
seasonal badminton
nets at **Dawson Circle
Playground** and
Anniversary Park.



Borrow a Bike

Explore more of the city on
two wheels with **bike rentals**
available through the
Chestermere Public Library.



Try a New Hobby

Test drive recreation
equipment through the
Hobby Kit program at the
Chestermere Public Library
and try something new.

COMING SOON



New shade
structures



Eight picnic tables
and barbecue
locations at
John Peake Park



Continued
improvements
to the Bike Park



Colton Court
pathway
connection



West Creek Circle
playground
replacement

MAKE THIS SUMMER COUNT

- ☐ Paddle on the lake
- ☐ Ride the Bike Park
- ☐ Try disc golf
- ☐ Walk a new pathway
- ☐ Take your pup to a new dog park
- ☐ Challenge a friend to pickleball
- ☐ Pack a picnic for the beach
- ☐ Cast a line and go fishing
- ☐ Land a new trick at the Skate Park
- ☐ Serve up a game of beach volleyball
- ☐ Visit a playground you've never explored
- ☐ Watch the sunset over the lake



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Summer
Activities





Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament

Driving community support

From left, Deputy Mayor Schindler, Councillor Sandboe, Mayor Dean, Councillor Randhawa, Councillor Grant and Councillor Wawrzynowski pose during the Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament on June 12, 2026.

The annual Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament returned in June, bringing golfers from across the region to Lakeside Golf Club. Organized in partnership with the Chestermere Regional Food Bank and presented by title sponsor Qualico Communities, the event supports the Food Bank's ongoing efforts to assist local individuals and families.

Congratulations to the foursome representing the Blackfalds Bulldogs, who took home this year's tournament title.

While competition on the course was friendly, the day's purpose extended far beyond golf. Participants, sponsors, donors and volunteers all played a role in supporting the Food Bank's mission and helping strengthen the community.

Final fundraising totals will be presented to Council at a July meeting.



Sponsor signage is displayed during the Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament on June 12, 2026.



A tournament hole is pictured with dark clouds in the background during the Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament.

Chestermere RCMP Adds Community Liaison Officer

Building relationships through visibility and community involvement

Whether grabbing a morning coffee or celebrating cultural events, Chestermere residents may soon start to notice a familiar face in uniform in the community.

Const. Patrick Neufeld, Chestermere's new RCMP community liaison officer, is committed to being a visible presence in the community. Since he transitioned into this role at the start of 2026, his goal is to attend most of the public community events that happen throughout the year.

"Canada Day, Diwali, the Chestermere Powwow, Bulls on the Beach, I'll be there, and I can't wait to do it," said Const. Neufeld.

Along with being present in the community, Const. Neufeld will be leading the youth engagement and education efforts of Chestermere's RCMP detachment.

While not a school resource officer, the community liaison officer role was created in part due to an increase in youth-related calls for service to the RCMP.

Over the course of his 12-year policing career, nine of which have been in Chestermere, Const. Neufeld said he has worked closely with schools and youth, making his transition to this role a natural fit for him.

"I have kids and I coach a lot... and so I love talking to the kids," he said.

He also hopes that this role will create more ways for Chestermere's RCMP and peace officers to respond to community concerns about youth than just enforcement.

"I think I can help some of them make better life choices just by being available," said Const. Neufeld. The final piece to his role is educating the public on what their RCMP members do in the community and to answer questions about policing and investigations.

Const. Neufeld said that in his experience, people often have good questions about policing but don't know how to get them answered. He believes that the disconnect between policing, the courts and the public is bigger than most people realize. Bridging this gap is something he looks forward to doing as community liaison officer.

"I have no problem explaining so that people have a better understanding of why did it go this way? Why did that happen? Why did this charge get dropped?" he said.

When it comes to education, Const. Neufeld also works closely with the City of Chestermere's Community Peace Officers.

"The peace officers have already done a tremendous job," he said. "I'll hit them up if there's a topic that somebody wants to talk about where I feel they could be more educated and have an easier time explaining than I would."



Const. Patrick Neufeld, Chestermere's new RCMP community liaison officer.

An example of this is traffic laws and enforcement, where Const. Neufeld describes the peace officers as “geniuses.”

As Const. Neufeld settles into his new role, he is excited to be out in the community doing everything from coffee chats at the A&W, to attending events large and small.

“Whether it’s a hockey tournament on the weekend or chatting at the dog park...I’m flexible to whatever the community needs,” he said.

To contact Const. Neufeld or to request his attendance at a community event, e-mail KChestermereCLO-KChestermereALC@RCMP-GRC.gc.ca



Const. Neufeld of the Chestermere RCMP and a representative from the Southern Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society during the Emergency Preparedness Open House at the Chestermere Fire Hall.

Mayor for a Day 2026

Chestermere Youth Inspires City Leaders with Vision for a Youth Hub

Mayor for a Day Nemah Nihal's nameplate sits beside Mayor Shannon Dean's in Council Chambers.

When Nemah Nihal was named Chestermere's 2026 Mayor for a Day, she expected to learn more about local government. What surprised her most was everything happening behind the scenes to keep the community running.

Throughout the day, Nemah visited City Hall, Community Operations and the Chestermere Fire Hall, meeting staff from across the organization and gaining a firsthand look at how municipal services come together to support the community.

"I did not expect it to be such a busy job, honestly," she said. "When we were going around, you're looking at what's going on with the community everywhere you look. I never thought it would be such a busy job."

Although she admitted feeling nervous at the start of the day, Nemah quickly felt welcomed by the people she met.

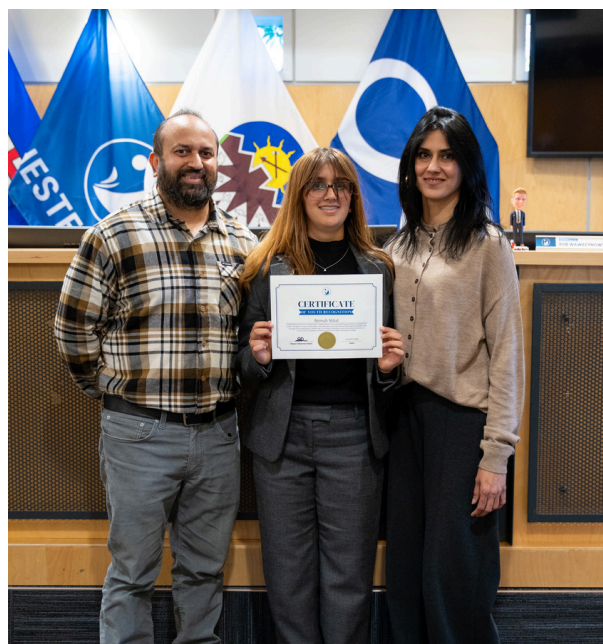
One highlight of the day was visiting the Chestermere Fire Hall, where she learned more about emergency services and how firefighters support the community.

"I just wanted to thank you for the experience you guys gave me," she said. "Very welcoming group of people. I was very nervous at first, but it was nice."

"It was good to see what goes on," she said.



Mayor for a Day Nemah Nihal tries the Council gavel in Council Chambers.



Mayor for a Day Nemah Nihal celebrates with her parents after completing the program.

Another highlight was presenting the idea that earned Nemah the title of Mayor for a Day: creating a youth learning hub in Chestermere.

Her proposal, inspired by conversations with other youth and a desire for more dedicated spaces and services for young people, included tutoring, mentorship opportunities, technology resources, life-skills programming and mental health supports.

Mayor Shannon Dean said the proposal stood out because it aligned with priorities already being discussed by Council.

"One of the things that I really appreciated about her application and interview, all the way through this process, is she's really aligned with a lot of things that Council is already working on."

Mayor Dean said Administration was also interested in the ideas presented during the day and could explore opportunities to incorporate some of them into future initiatives.

"I can foresee us looking at some of the ideas that have been brought forward today," he said.

Beyond her proposal, Dean said Nemah also impressed staff with her confidence and willingness to engage throughout the day.

"The confidence that this young woman has is pretty incredible," Dean said. "There have been several comments by staff on her confidence and the way that she carries herself."

The Mayor for a Day program is designed to give students an opportunity to learn about local government while encouraging youth involvement in civic issues. This year's competition attracted several strong candidates, each bringing forward ideas to help strengthen the community.

For Nemah, the experience offered a new appreciation for how the City operates and reinforced the value of including youth voices in conversations about Chestermere's future.

Dean said a friend even texted him predicting the year Nemah would be old enough to run for office, adding one simple piece of advice:

"Watch out."



Mayor Shannon Dean and Mayor for a Day Nemah Nihal following her swearing-in ceremony.



Mayor for a Day Nemah Nihal presents her youth learning hub proposal to City staff.



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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:

chestermererepubliclibrary.com/Library-Services/How-Do-I/How-Do-I-Get-a-Library-Card



Summer Programs

Register for our programs or learn more at chestermererepubliclibrary.com

All programs are FREE. Explore the lineup below.

Summer Reading Challenge

Face off against adults, teens, kids, and library staff to be the top reading group. Pick up a reading log at the library and fill it out as you read. Once the log is full, bring it back to the library in exchange for a ballot to our prize draws. The more you read, the more chances you have to win a prize. No registration required. Reading logs will be accepted until August 15th at 5 PM.

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@chestermererepubliclibrary.com for more details.

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 supplies? 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@chestermererepubliclibrary.com to arrange your meeting. We currently have some groups looking for more people. Contact us to learn more.



Summer Reading Club Workshops

Set sail for adventure all summer at the library! Join us for a variety of themed crafts, activities, games and more throughout the summer for kids ages 3–12. Each week features a brand new theme.

Age 3: Thursdays, 12–12:30 PM

Age 4–5: Tuesdays, 10:15–11:15 AM & Saturdays, 2:15–3:15 PM

Age 6–7: Wednesdays, 11:15 AM–12:45 PM & Saturdays, 10:15–11:45 AM

Age 8–9: Thursdays, 10:15–11:45 AM & Saturdays, 12–1:30 PM

Ages 10–12: Tuesdays, 11:30 AM–1 PM & Thursdays, 1:30–3 PM

Drop-in Craft (All Ages): Fridays, 12–3 PM

*Registration is required for workshops except drop-in crafts.

Playdate

Get Ready to Build, Create, and Explore on Wednesdays from 11:30 AM–1 PM with the Mobile Adventure Playground!

What is a Mobile Adventure Playground?

It's a dynamic play space packed with "loose parts" (items that can be moved, carried, combined, and redesigned). Kids are free to build forts, invent games, and explore in a safe, supportive environment. No registration required. Parents and caregivers must supervise their children.

Old Skills, Modern Living Series

The Chestermere Public Library and the Rocky View Chestermere Agricultural Society have partnered to bring you the "Old Skills, Modern Living" series.

From time-honoured homesteading techniques to practical modern-day skills, each session will explore traditional knowledge and creative, sustainable ways to apply it today. Join us to learn, create and cultivate!

Upcoming Dates: **Wednesday, July 29 at 6 PM** – Quick & Easy Preserving

Monday, August 17 at 6 PM – Introduction to Canning and Pickling

*Registration is required.

If you have any questions or comments, you can email us at: info@chestermerepubliclibrary.com

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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

Ready, Set, Waddle!

Annual Duck Race Returns to John Peake Park

If you're looking for a quacking good time in Chestermere this August, look no further than the return of Synergy's annual Duck Race, Aug. 22, 11 a.m. at John Peake Park.

"It's a fantastic community event where everyone has fun," said Synergy's Leadership Team Manager Terry Gill.

This year will see the return of The Amazing Duck Race, an obstacle course style race where five teams of two racers compete to see who can finish the mental and physical challenges and cross the finish line first in support of youth and mental health programs in Chestermere.

In the past the teams have included members of the City of Chestermere council, firefighters, RCMP, peace officers, and community members.

The friendly competition begins before the race even starts as teams raise money in support of Synergy, and to get an edge on their competitors, through team sponsorships.

"Whoever raises the most can get a bypass for one of the activities in the obstacle course," said Gill.

In a nod to the duck race's roots, Synergy is also holding a rubber duck raffle. They have 500 numbered ducks that will be sold for \$10 with prizes for five randomly drawn ducks. The winning ducks will be drawn by the racing teams. As the competitors cross the finish line, they will grab one of the ducks, selecting the five winning raffle numbers.



Rubber ducks used in Synergy's Annual Duck Race at John Peake Park in 2025.



Participants and exhibitors gather at John Peake Park during Synergy's Amazing Duck Race 2025 in Chestermere.

More than just a race

In addition to the change from racing rubber ducks on Chestermere Lake to The Amazing Duck Race, Synergy is bringing back the youth market, games, petting zoo, and food trucks from last year's race.

Gill said that the goal has been to make this a full day of fun for the community.

"It's not just one and done," he said, "people can make a day of it."

Along with bringing the community together, the race is also a part of Synergy's youth intern program. The event will be planned and facilitated by a youth intern with guidance from Synergy staff.

"It gives them that hands-on experience, and shows the community what youth can do," said Gill.

Racing for a cause

As one of Synergy's annual fundraisers, The Amazing Duck Race plays a critical role in raising funds to support youth and mental health projects in Chestermere that aren't covered by specific programming grants. The fundraising goal for this year's race is to raise \$10,000 from team sponsorships and the raffle.

Synergy plans to use the funds raised this year to support the Chestermere Fire Service's firefighter youth camps by providing the food for the camps.

At its core, this is what the race has always been about: bringing the community of Chestermere together in support of the youth in the community.

"Come out, cheer on the teams and just have a good time," said Gill, "that's the big thing to us, we have a relationships-first philosophy, in-person connection is so important."

To donate in support of the Amazing Duck Race and for more details visit www.yoursynergy.ca/duck-race.



A volunteer prepares cotton candy during Synergy's Amazing Duck Race 2025.

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Backyard Gatherings, Done Safely

Fire pit and BBQ safety reminders for the summer season

Backyard fire pits can be enjoyed safely by following local fire regulations and using common sense.

Few things say summer quite like the smell of a barbecue or the glow of a backyard fire pit at the end of the day.

Whether gathering with neighbours, sharing a meal with family, or enjoying a quiet evening outdoors, following a few simple safety practices can help protect your home, your neighbours, and the community.

Backyard fire pits are permitted in Chestermere when there is no Fire Restriction or Fire Ban in effect and all safety requirements are followed.

Residents do not need a permit for a backyard fire pit, but there are important rules designed to reduce risk and keep fires under control. Fire pits must be constantly supervised, burn only clean, dry, untreated wood, have a spark arrestor mesh screen, remain under one metre in flame height, and have a hose or fire extinguisher nearby.

Portable wood or propane fire pits must be placed at least four metres away from buildings, fences, and decks and should always be located on a non-combustible surface. If those clearances cannot be met, the fire should not be lit.

Weather conditions can change quickly during Alberta summers. Wind and dry vegetation can increase fire risk, even on days that seem calm.

Before lighting a fire, residents should check the current fire status for Chestermere and follow any restrictions that may be in place.

Barbecues, propane fire tables, and portable fire pits can be enjoyed safely when used properly and according to manufacturer instructions. A few simple precautions can help prevent injuries, property damage, and unnecessary emergency calls.

A small fire can have a big impact when conditions are dry or safety rules are ignored.

By following fire pit and barbecue safety guidelines, residents can help keep summer gatherings safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Check Before You Burn

Chestermere uses a four-level fire hazard system. Before lighting a fire, visit thecityofchestermere.ca/cityservices/fire-bans-burning-regulations to check current conditions.

- **No Restriction (Green)**
Fire pits are allowed when all safety requirements are followed.
- **Fire Advisory (Yellow)**
Fire pits are allowed, but extra caution is required.
- **Fire Restriction (Orange)**
Wood fire pits and charcoal barbecues are not permitted. Propane and natural gas appliances may still be used.
- **Fire Ban (Red)**
Wood and charcoal burning are prohibited. Propane and natural gas appliances may still be permitted.

Residents are responsible for knowing the current fire status before lighting any fire.

Before You Light a Fire

These steps can help prevent a small fire from becoming a larger emergency.

- ✓ Check the current fire status
- ✓ Keep a hose or fire extinguisher nearby
- ✓ Burn only clean, dry, untreated wood
- ✓ Never leave a fire unattended
- ✓ Ensure required clearances are maintained
- ✓ Fully extinguish the fire before leaving

**Scan for Current
Fire Status:**



Fuel-Burning Appliances Belong Outside

Barbecues, propane fire tables, portable fire pits, and other fuel-burning appliances are designed for outdoor use only.

Not permitted:

- Indoor barbecue use of any kind
- The use of a barbecue in a garage, even with the door open
- Fire pits or propane fire tables indoors
- Using fuel-burning appliances in sheds, enclosed patios, or other confined spaces

Using these appliances indoors or in enclosed spaces can lead to:

- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Explosions or flash fires
- Rapid fire spread

If it burns fuel, it belongs outside.



Barbecues should always be used outdoors in a well-ventilated area.



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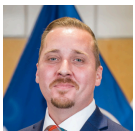
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