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A Theatrical Performance with the Elkford Skating Club!



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Mountain Meadows Golf Course Annual General Meeting

**April 16
@
11 am**



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Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn

Hello Elkfordians! Let's cover some District of Elkford news!

'Tis the Season of Strategic Planning

Your mayor and councillors have focused on reducing the number of projects facing staff so that we can better manage the ones already in front of us: paving, downtown core 'vitalization,' Boivin Creek corridor, the daycare, housing and the renewal of the Official Community Plan. Controlling costs as we move forward is a major driver in our decision-making process.

Taxes and Budgeting

We often hear: "Teck Resources should pay for this." Currently, Teck Resources pays approximately 59 per cent of our property tax base. So, yes, they do pay for a lot of 'this.' \$3.94 million if you want to know. Residential taxes bring in approximately 33 per cent of our taxes, or \$2.19 million.

Your tax bill covers several 'flow-through' taxes that the DoE collects and then passes on to other 'bodies': the RCMP, hospital, RDEK, provincial school system, etc. It also includes utility charges, such as water, sewer, and solid waste. Those fees cover the day-to-day operational costs of providing these services to you. Parcel taxes create a 'restricted reserve' to cover replacement costs for capital assets of the District.

Community and Recreation Parcel Tax –Why?

So that we can provide sustainable community and recreation services through the parcel tax provisions of the Community Charter. This parcel tax will allow us to tax all properties within the municipality, including large major industrial sites, which otherwise, we are unable to collect from as they pay only what is required under the Elk Valley Property Tax Sharing Agreement in lieu of taxes (Yes, they are different!).

Volunteers in Elkford

A shout-out to the many people who keep activities in town going! The groomers with the Elkford Trails Alliance, Elkford Snowmobile Association and Elkford Nordic Ski Club. Wapiti Ski Club, thanks for getting the hill open! Elkford Minor Ball Association, Elkford Curling Club and even the golf course folks putting on the Home Routes concert series... and others! If we don't step up, none of those great things will exist.

Interface Fire Treatments

Well, finally, after many delays and discussions, there will be slash piles being burned 'in your backyard.' Yes, true. The burning is being supervised by your local fire department. This is the final step in completing the grant requirements from the Union of BC Municipalities as part of our most current 'interface fire prevention' treatment program.

Daycare Building and Opening

May 2023 (if all the stars and supply chains align) will see the opening of the permanent home of the non-profit daycare facility in what we call the 'old office'. As a result of the very hard work of our senior management staff, and the generosity of other levels of government and funding partners, the hope is for the entire cost of construction (\$2 million, give or take) to be covered by GRANT funding. Lease revenue is designed to cover the ongoing running costs of the structure.

Elk Valley Resources

Wow—Teck shedding of its coal division is massive news! History unfolds. I think it's good for Elkford. Have I met with representatives of the new company? Yes. They've all been very positive and "valley-minded."

Paving

The RFP has closed, and staff and council will be deliberating soon. Yes, having "rough road" signs down on Alpine Way is a really good idea.

Housing

Advocacy continues. We seem to have reached a stage in the process where "things are about to happen," "we'll be back with a solid proposal in two weeks," and, "we are really interested and we'll be approaching our funding partners." I have signed a couple of letters of support for projects going through the Rapid Housing Initiative announced through the provincial government. Who knows? The future is a big place.

Yes, more retail and commercial space too! It's a bit of "chicken and egg." It's also about residents keeping their paycheques in town and actually supporting small businesses.

Healthcare

Advocacy continues. Two full-time equivalent doctors are reported to start in July and an emergency department up to a year later (if it is opened again). The ventilator was removed from the clinic at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has not been returned... yet.

Until next time,

Mayor Steve



Mountain Meadows Golf Club

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Ladies - Senior (65 & Over)	456.49	40.00	4.00	2.00	25.12	527.61
Ladies - Student (19 & Over)	456.49	40.00	4.00	2.00	25.12	527.61
Ladies - Junior (13-18)	324.52	40.00		2.00	18.33	384.85
Men- Single	683.82	40.00	4.00	2.00	36.49	766.31
Men - Senior (65 & Over)	456.49	40.00	4.00	2.00	25.12	527.61
Men - Student (19 & Over)	456.49	40.00	4.00	2.00	25.12	527.61
Men - Junior (13-18)	324.52	40.00		2.00	18.33	384.85
Couple	1,146.88	80.00	8.00	4.00	61.94	1,300.82
Couple - Senior (both over 65)	752.93	80.00	8.00	4.00	42.25	887.18
***Family (see below)	1,367.82					
Cart Fees	105.00				5.25	110.25
Shed Maintenance Fees	35.00				1.75	36.75
Clubhouse Dues (New Members)	30.00				1.50	31.50

*** Family dues vary according to family size and composition.

All RCGA/BCGA, BC Zone and Internet fees have to be paid in full.

Split payments will be accepted. The first payment MUST be paid with your application.

Any post dated cheques are to be made payable May 15 & June 15, 2023

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Blast from the Past

Bob and Shirley Spreadbury were residents of Elkford from 1971 - 2014. These photos are a fun 'blast from the past' of their contributions to the Focus over those years. Shirley Spreadbury passed 9 years ago. Bob recently died the day after turning 90 years old. Condolences to their family and many friends.



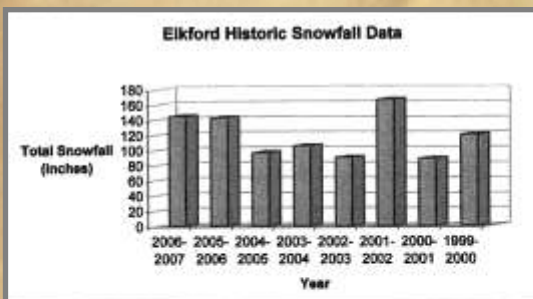
In a 2011 Focus, Bob receives a lifetime membership from Mountain Meadows Golf Course.



Shirley and her pet skunk Pokey were in the Calgary Herald, 1959. This photo was shared to the Focus in 2014.



Shirley and Bob's wedding photo made the Focus commemorating their 50 year anniversary in 2007.



Elkford's Most Popular Topic of Conversation
Thank you, Bob Spreadbury, for tracking and passing this information along!

Elkford Snowfall Data

	Monthly Snowfall (Inches)									
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Total
2006-2007	0	6	46	25	25	24	6	14	0	146
2005-2006	11	3	27	12	53	27	9	0	0	142
2004-2005	0	11	13	27	10	15	18	2	0	96
2003-2004	0	1.5	38.25	21.5	27	7	5.5	0	4	104.75
2002-2003	0	6.5	2	17.25	13.5	7.25	24.75	11	7.5	89.75
2001-2002	0	0	12.75	27	21.25	30.5	39.5	17.5	17	165.5
2000-2001	0	2.5	10.75	29.25	4	15	12.75	14	0	88.25
1999-2000	3	9.25	7.75	19.25	32.5	19.5	15.5	13.25	0	120

Bob's love of statistics resulted in this fun look at Elkford's snowfall data from 1999 to 2007.

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Random Thoughts from Father David of St. Bernard's Catholic Church

Ten years ago, the house I lived in caught on fire. I wasn't at home, so I had an hour's drive before I found out just how bad the damage was. During that drive I started to think about what I had in the house, and what it would mean if I lost it all. Top of the list of things I hoped would still be there was my passport. Next was my shoebox with all my old photos in it – perhaps a couple of hundred pictures. Thankfully, while almost everything else was lost, somehow both my passport and these photos were saved.

That was ten years ago, and since then I have used my passport regularly, so I am really glad that was saved. In contrast, this week I was doing some tidying and I discovered my shoebox of photos and realised that in the ten years since the fire I have never found time to sit down and go through them. As I thought about this, I happened to look at my phone and saw that since the fire I have taken – on average – something like five photos each day and three videos each week. That is not a couple of hundred photos but nearer twenty thousand, plus hours and hours of video. If in ten years I don't find time to look at just a couple of hundred photos, I know that I am never going to get around to looking at all the photos on my phone!

All the same, I am really glad that my shoebox of pictures wasn't lost; like many other things, even if I very rarely get around to visiting them, I am still glad that they are there.



2023 NEW YEAR BABY

The Elkford Early Years is thrilled to announce our 2023 Elkford New Year Baby: Lylah Helen Andrag. Born to proud parents Louis & Marla and big brother Kieran on February 17th, 2023.

The Early Years would like to thank all of our baby basket sponsors:

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<i>Mountainview Massage</i>	
<i>Elkford Early Years</i>	
<i>Katherine Russell Custom Glass Art</i>	



A Theatrical Performance with the Elkford Skating Club!



On Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th, the Elkford Skating Club held their annual ice show. This year's theme was Broadway! Skaters took to the ice with popular songs from *The Lion King*, *The Sound of Music*, *Hairspray*, *Cats*, *West Side Story*, *Chicago* and more!

Both shows had the bleachers full of cheering fans! Our skaters had been working hard to practice these numbers, most starting to work on these routines in January, and some before the new year. We had fifty-five skaters participate in our ice show this year all the way from precanskate to senior star skate. We were thrilled with this number and especially how many new precan/canskaters joined our club this year. We hope to welcome many more new faces next year!

Thank you to the public for continuing to support our ice shows, the coaches for their hard work, all the parents working so diligently behind the scenes, and the skaters for giving it their all! What a wonderful season!

- submitted by Kenzie Karwandy



Elkford Skating Club Sponsors 2022/23 Season

Thank you to all of our sponsors for their generous support of our fall Kurt Browning Seminar and spring 2023 Ice Show!



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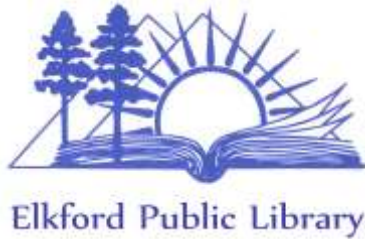


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- Review operational policies and support the library director.
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Benefits of Sitting on our Library Board



- Give back to your community.
- Connect with other enthusiastic and knowledgeable people in Elkford.
- Help ensure high-quality library services are available to Elkford residents.
- Ensure a safe, free, public community space for all.
- Gain professional knowledge and skills.
- Professional development opportunities available.

We look forward to seeing you at our **AGM** in the library on **April 25th at 6 pm.**

Everyone is welcome, please bring a friend!



Understanding your Mortgage

with Robert Macrae

April 20th
on Zoom

6:30pm P
7:30 M



Join us online as Robert shares practical tips on how you can save thousands in mortgage interest. If you're considering buying a home, or have a mortgage, this talk can help you save money. Register online for this free Zoom event!

Email kootenaylibrariesprogramming@gmail.com to register!

Elkford Public Library

This year the library had 33 brave souls
try our **Blind Date with a Book** event.

Eighteen people put their name in for the prize draw.
The winners were **Jude Russell** and **Wanda Teron**!

**We hope you enjoyed your blind dates and join us
again next year!**



Jude enjoying his prize bag
(photo credit to Katherine Russell)



MANGA CLUB

Love graphic novels and manga?
Check out our new youth and teen
manga club!

Our first meeting will be

April 6th at 6:30 pm at the library.

Read something new before each
meeting and talk about it with fellow
manga fans.



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May 19th**

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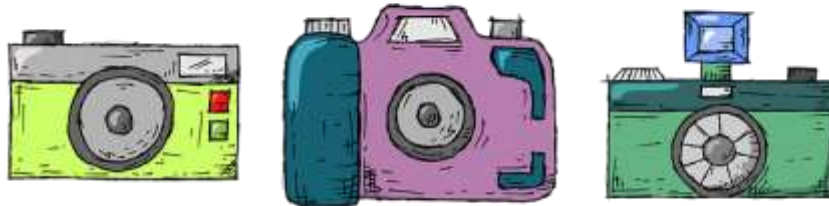


April 20th **OR** April 22nd at 6:30 pm

Young adults and adults are welcome regardless of your experience. Register at info@elkfordlibrary.org or **250-865-2912**

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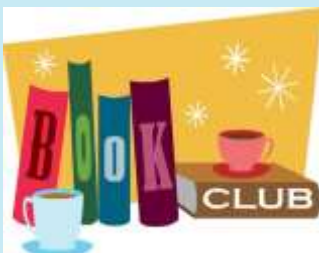
If you participated in the 2022 Photo Contest, your physical photos are available for pickup at the library. Please pick up your photos by April 30th.



The 2023 Photo Contest theme will be

Life in Elkford

Categories include Daily Life, Hobbies, Holidays & Vacations, and Open.
We hope you are taking pictures!



The Elkford Public Library book club will meet

**Thursday, May 11th at
6:30 pm at the library**

to discuss *The Good Liar* by Catherine McKenzie



Book club will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall. Phone **250-865-2912** or email info@elkfordlibrary.org for more information.



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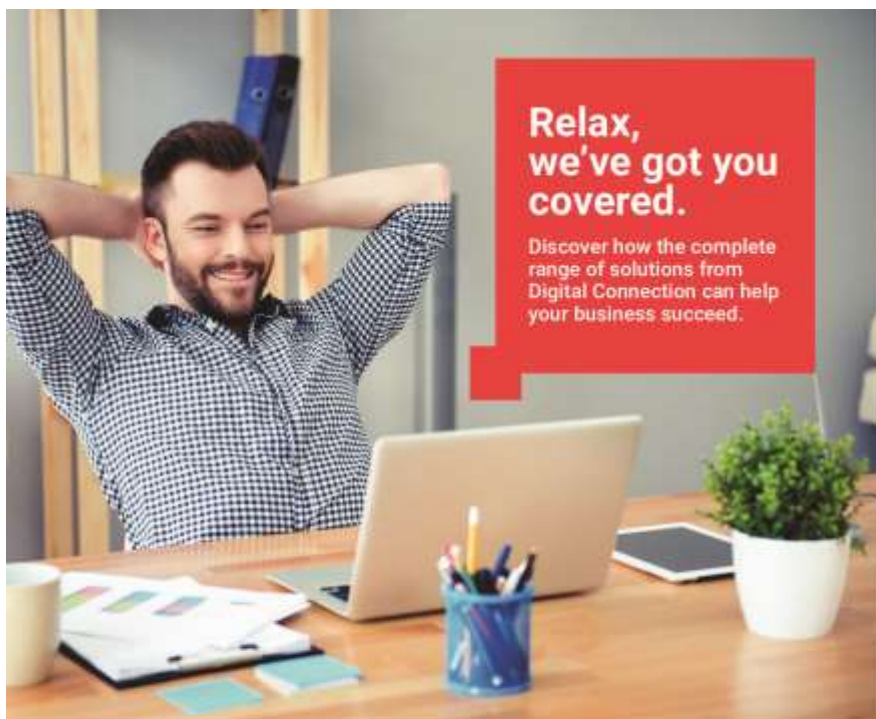
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KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2023



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

All programs, meetings, and events are subject to change. Please contact the kids club on the back for confirmation of times and details.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Easter Beggars 9:30-11:30 Starting at Teck Hall						
2 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	3 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	4 Preschool Registration 3:30pm at Elkford Preschool	5 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	6 Good Friday	7 Good Friday	8 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30
9  Easter Monday	10 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	11 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	12 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	13 Good Friday	14 Good Friday	15 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30
16 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	17 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	18 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	19 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	20 Lego Club at the Library! Come build Lego from 2-4pm at the Elkford Library.	21 Lego Club at the Library! Come build Lego from 2-4pm at the Elkford Library.	22 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30
23/30 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	24 Morning Out 9:30-11:30	25 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	26 Baby and Me 9:30-11:30 Kids Club 10:00-11:30	27 Good Friday	28 Good Friday	29 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30

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 1-800-461-9911

RMES 250-865-4625
Recreation Centre 250-865-4010
Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012
Public Library 250-865-2912

Playgroups

All located in Teck Hall unless otherwise specified on calendar.

Mondays: Morning Out 8:30-11:30

Thursdays: Baby and Me (2 and under) 8:30-11:30

Kids Cafe 10:00-11:30 located at the Green Roof Church (Old Congregational) on Alpine Way

Saturdays: Healthy Start 8:30-11:30

If you would like the Kid's Calendar emailed to you or you have any information you would like included or updated in this calendar please contact:

Jennifer Cherney at

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Contact: elkforded@ gmail.com or
www.elkfordearlyyears.com



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.
Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm
Contact: RMESPAC Chair ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4341



Morning Out is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkforded@ gmail.com



Baby and Me Group
A weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.
Located in the hall above the arena.
Contact: elkforded@ gmail.com



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5 yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkforded@ gmail.com



Elkford Leisure Service Department
Contact: recreation@elkford.ca
Phone: 250-865-4010
Visit www.elkford.ca or call for more program information.

To register for programs, please stop by the Elkford Community Conference Centre, Monday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. All programs are on a first come first serve basis. They accept cash, debit, Visa Master Card and cheque. To avoid disappointment, please register early. Low registrations one week prior to the class start date could result in the class being cancelled.



Elkford Aquatic Centre
Phone: 250-865-4012
Swimming Lessons are created based on interest. Please leave your name, phone number and level you wish to take with the pool. Visit the web site for the complete public swim schedule ~ www.elkford.ca



Elkford Playschool
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Phone: 250-433-1863 EWTF: 250-865-2031



COVID Screening
If you are experiencing COVID symptoms and would like a rapid test they are available for free at the Elkford IDA Pharmacy or at the Elkford Medical Clinic. Please call 250-865-2215 to pick yours up.



If you would like your COVID-19 Vaccination call to register! 1-833-828-2323

RESOURCE NUMBERS:

Elkford Medical Clinic	250-865-2215
Elkford Health Care Centre	250-865-2247
Public Health Nurse Elkford	1-800-644-6144 or
BC Nurseline 24hrs	1-250-425-2054
Mental Health	1-866-215-4700
Addiction Services	1-800-661-0229 or
	1-250-425-4554
	1-800-644-6144 or
	1-250-423-4423
Ministry of Human Resources	1-866-866-0800
Ministry for Children & Family Development	1-800-667-5623
BCAA Car Seat Information	1-877-247-5551
CCRR	1-800-661-2445
East Kootenay Crisis Line	1-800-667-8407
East Kootenay Friends of Children	1-866-564-2217
Ek Valley Safe Homes	250-946-6004
Ek Valley Victim Assistance	250-425-0499 or
Elkford Women's Task Force	250-423-7500
Infant Development Program	250-865-2031
Ek Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	1-877-999-2543
Family Support Institute	250-430-7026
Feminine Counselling	1-800-441-5403
PEACE	250-423-2608
Sexual Abuse Intervention	250-433-6353
CB Family Resource Society	250-423-5311
Women's Resource Centre	250-430-1136
Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach	250-423-4687
	250-423-0817

EKids.ca is a website that was created as a resource for parents and children in the East Kootenays. The links take you to our community pages where you'll find information about the Early Childhood Development (ECD) teams for each community, along with resources, ways to get involved, and a community calendar which tells you what is going on in that community on a given day.

Coming Events

Mike Leduc Trio concert at Mountain Meadows Golf Clubhouse on Sunday, April 2nd. Doors open at 6:30 pm, music starts at 7:30 pm.

Manga Club at the library April 6th at 6:30 pm.

Good Friday April 7th.

Easter Sunday April 9th.

Mountain Meadows Golf Course Annual General Meeting at Mountain Meadows Golf Clubhouse April 16th at 11 am.

Dungeons & Dragons at the library April 20th and 22nd at 6:30 pm. See page 15.

LEGO Day at the library April 21st from 2 - 4 pm.

Elkford Public Library Annual General Meeting at the library April 25th at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Elkford Public Library Board Meeting at the library April 25th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

The Elkford Triathlon is now open for registration. This year's event is being held on May 28th. For more information on this child friendly event, please go to www.elkfordtri.ca.

Folk & Roots Concert at Mountain Meadows Golf Clubhouse in May 2023. Stay tuned for more details.

Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

We'd love to see photos and news about sports teams, school events, happenings or celebrations on these pages.

Email to
info@elkfordlibrary.org

Or call us at 250-865-2912
if you have questions.



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Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Food Bank

If you need assistance from the Food Bank, or you know somebody who does, please call **250-910-7088** and leave a message along with a return number. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Elkford Search and Rescue

Practices held first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at 222 Alpine Way. Everyone welcome to attend. Please contact elkfordsearchandrescue@gmail.com for current information.

Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at elkfordlions@gmail.com for current information.

Sketching in the Wild

Art camps for ages 8-12 this Summer in Elkford! July 17th to 21st & Aug 14th to 18th (9am - 4pm) More info: www.katherinerussell.ca

Elkford Art Studio

Glass Mosaic workshop with Katherine Russell at the Elkford Art Studio April 15 & 25th, register at www.elkfordarts.ca

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

For current information contact Betty-Ann S.
250-433-6510.

**Thank you for saving resources!
Pass this paper on for
more people to enjoy!**

**Do you have an idea about something you would
like to see in the Focus? If so, let us know!**

Elk Valley Hospice
250-423-4453 Ext. 309

Elk Valley Safe Homes
Women's Shelter & Helpline
250-946-6004

Elkford Women's Task Force
250-865-2031

Kids Count Too
Kids Counselling
250-433-6353

Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team
Critical Incident Emergency Contact
250-423-4226

**Deadline for submissions for the next issue of the
Elkford Focus is the 20th of each month.**
Please email your classified ads to
info@elkfordlibrary.org and put classified ads
in the subject line. If you are sending us a coming
event, please put coming event in the subject line.

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Watering Restrictions

To ensure capacity of Elkford's reservoirs in the event of a fire emergency, watering between **April 1 and September 30** is to take place on odd or even numbered days, **corresponding with your address**, and within the hours of **4 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.** only.

April Council & Committee Meetings

- **April 3 at 6 p.m.**
Committee of the Whole: Parcel Tax Bylaw Review
- **April 11 at 6 p.m.**
Regular Council
- **April 24 at 6 p.m.**
Regular Council

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. Electronic attendance is also welcome.

Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2023 RECREATION PROGRAMS

www.elkford.ca/programs
250.865.4010
recreation@elkford.ca



Commercial Garbage Day Moving : April 7 → April 6



COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS: due to the statutory holiday on **Friday, April 7**, commercial garbage pickup will be taking place on **Thursday, April 6** instead.

RESIDENTS: residential garbage pickup will also be occurring on this day (as normal). Pickup routes may vary due to operations, so a friendly reminder that per Elkford's solid waste bylaw, all residential garbage bins must be placed at the curb and unclipped **ONLY** between 5 and 7 a.m. on the morning of garbage pickup.

Questions about garbage pickup? Contact publicworks@elkford.ca or **250.865.4025**.

Bleeder Valves Off: May 1

A friendly reminder that with spring upon us, residents must turn off the bleeder valves in their residences for **May 1**.

Please ensure that your valve is in working condition before you turn it off. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at **250.865.4025**.

Closed on April 7 and 10

All District of Elkford facilities are closed on **April 7** and **April 10**, Good Friday and Easter Monday. We will reopen on **Tuesday, April 11** and look forward to seeing you then!

Apply for 2023 District of Elkford Scholarships

Heading to college or university? District of Elkford scholarships are open to students who are graduating from Elkford Secondary School and pursuing their post-secondary education.

Apply today! Download your application form at www.elkford.ca/scholarships, or request one by contacting Info@elkford.ca or **250.865.4000**.

Note that all applicants are required to provide proof of:

- Residency in the District of Elkford
- Attendance at Elkford Secondary School
- Registration at a post-secondary institution

Application deadline: May 31, 2023

2023 Volunteer Appreciation Event: Sunday, April 16

Are you a volunteer? This one is for you! You and your family are invited to join us for food, fun, games and prizes on **Sunday, April 16** at this annual event held in celebration of the wonderful volunteers in Elkford who help our community thrive!

Date: Sunday, April 16

Time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive)

RSVP by: Thursday, April 6 (see contact info below)

This event is **free** for all volunteers in Elkford and includes the recognition of the Citizen of the Year, a speech delivered by the mayor, lunch and a social, as well as entertainment for the whole family.

To confirm your attendance, please RSVP by **Thursday, April 6** to Michelle or Paula at **250.865.4010**, recreation@elkford.ca or by visiting **750 Fording Drive**.

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