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The Cartier family is very excited to be hosting the second year of their CarnEvil and yard haunt in Elkford.

It's so important for us to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have graciously stepped up to help make this happen. There are many working parts to this event and it wouldn't be possible without you all! We also want to note that students in the high school and grad class have also offered to help us. We will be accepting donations at the prize/trick or treating tent that will be going to the grad class. Please come show your support!

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## Fundraising for RMES Playground Upgrades



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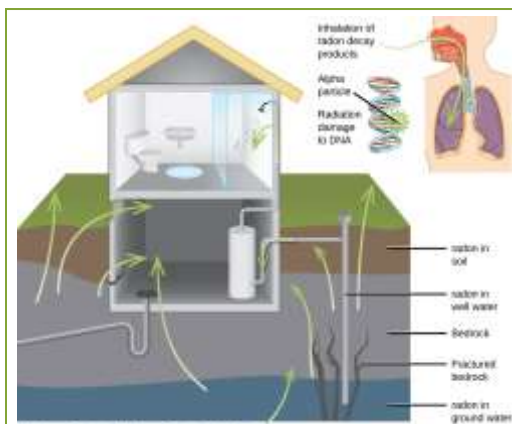
Hi my name is Nahanni. And I think we need new school equipment for our playground. The school opened in 1982. It was a kindergarten to grade 8 school. Sometime around 2003 to 2004, they put the current playground equipment in. Sometime around 2016, they took the monkey bars out. Today our school is a Kindergarten to grade 6 school with 265 students. At recess we spend more time lined up for a turn on equipment then playing on it. Our wheel spinning thing is broken. And our zipline piece is also broken. And we are going to have more kids that like to play on the playground this year.

As of this spring SD5 website has the ability to accept donations that qualify for tax receipts for those donations. The Pac is planning to start raising funds to buy new equipment. Please visit

<https://sd5.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/7028/213/false/true>

or for more information contact Rocky Mountain Elementary School 250-865-4625

*-submitted by Nahanni Sutherland, age 9*



### Borrow a Radon Detection Kit from the Library

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in Canada and is responsible for as many as 16% of lung cancer deaths.

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## Mayor's Musings

Written by the Mayor of Elkford, Steve Fairbairn



Hello, Elkfordians! Well, summer's glorious blue skies and warmth have once again suddenly shifted into autumn's colours, cooler weather and (eventually) frosts. Good for the forest fire situation!

### **Wildfire Safety Reminders**

Speaking of that: although the area restriction around the Mount Bingay wildfire has been lifted, a friendly reminder that *this doesn't mean the wildfire is out or that travel in the area is totally without risk*. Wildfires mean trees have been damaged, root systems weakened and who knows what changes have been made to the ground. For your safety, and the safety of firefighters, exercise caution in and around the area please!

### **Celebrating Elkford's Coal Mining Heritage**

Teck Resources Ltd.'s Fording River Operations has recently celebrated a milestone anniversary. Lots of folks (heck, everyone in Elkford) can thank the mines in this area, the various companies and both their workers and their unions for 50+ years of stable, well-paid employment including benefits and retirement

plans. Not every worker in Canada enjoys these types of working conditions. Whether or not you work "for the man," you are working (and hopefully living) in Elkford because of coal mining.

Good work to Teck and the United Steelworkers Union for putting together such a well-attended and successful community event! A job well done. Yes, thanks to all who helped with the various celebration activities too, like live music at the Union Hall! Always a great thing to promote and enjoy.

### **Power Outages**

In other news: Telus Communications managed (with some prodding by very hard-working District of Elkford staff) to connect their emergency power generator in time for the BC Hydro planned power outage at the end of August. In any community, maintaining cellular access to emergency services (like 9-1-1) is critical—as is access to information in an emergency—and for more and more people, a landline is a thing of the past.

Let's hope Hydro's required upgrades will mean a more stable supply of electricity in Elkford going forward!

### **Healthcare Advocacy Continues**

We continue to advocate and engage in ongoing discussions with Interior Health and the Kootenay East Regional Health District for improvements to the model of healthcare provision in Elkford. We may have limited influence, but I feel that we've been very successful so far. Keep reading my musings for vague updates on this front. I remain hopefully excited about future changes to healthcare in Elkford!

### **Community Improvements: Downtown Core Utilities Project and More!**

Is there anyone in town who is not looking forward to the completion of the downtown paving and road improvements? I am excited to see the results of this project! The Elkford Housing Society's Seniors' Housing project building has also now progressed to groundbreaking, with a fenced hole. This, too, is exciting to see!

District of Elkford staff also continue to entertain discussions from developers and builders. The new Downtown Core Plan, adopted by council in 2021, has really helped us demonstrate our commitment to reasonable growth and flexibility of planning!

### ***Engaging in Elkford***

Fall doesn't just herald back to school excitement, it's also community sign-up time for fall programming! Fall program offerings include art to pickleball, swimming, skating and beyond! Even if you miss a deadline, you may still be able to sign up for an activity (if it has made the minimum number of registrants to run, and isn't full, of course)—or offer to run an activity! The more things that people step up to offer as instructors, the more things we're able to run and the more activities that will exist for different age and interest groups in Elkford. From plastic model building to HIIT classes, if someone doesn't offer to teach it? It won't run.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming ElkFORWARD Fall Fest on Tuesday, October 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. too! You're invited to join us for this family-friendly event to celebrate fall in Elkford and the update to our Official Community Plan. All are welcome! Learn more at [www.elkford.ca/elkforward](http://www.elkford.ca/elkforward).

Plenty of volunteer opportunities exist, as well! Check out opportunities to volunteer at the ski hill, golf course, ATV and Trails Alliance and Snowmobile clubs and the Elkford Fire Department (as a paid-on-call volunteer firefighter). To remain the vibrant community we know and love, Elkfordians need to be engaged with Elkford!

Until next time,

Mayor Steve

This is an excerpt of the monthly Mayor's Musings available on the DoE website  
Scroll down to Mayor's Musings at <https://elkford.ca/news>

## You're Invited to Lunch at the Lodge

Join us at Teck's Elk Valley Lodge to learn more about the projects it supports, the plans for its future, and enjoy a free hot lunch, kids' activities, movies and snacks.

**October 14**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

11 Bear Paw Crescent  
Elkford, BC

**Teck**

Scan QR code to RSVP







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We want to welcome everyone to join us on Aspen Cres on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 10:00 pm.

A little bit about us and what you will find:  
Upon arriving we welcome everyone to stop at the prize tent to get your trick or treating goodie, from there we welcome you to try any or all of our six games (thanks to the wonderful bottle and can donations we were able to upgrade games to allow for more fun and more challenging options for the older kids). You will receive tickets at the games which you can exchange at the prize tent for some cool prizes.

We then invite those daring enough to go through the yard haunt. Please note those joining for the haunt there will be loud noises, low light, flashing light, and many frights.

But we can't give away any more of our secrets from here, so we hope you come join us and help us make this the best year!

*-submitted by Jennifer Cartier*



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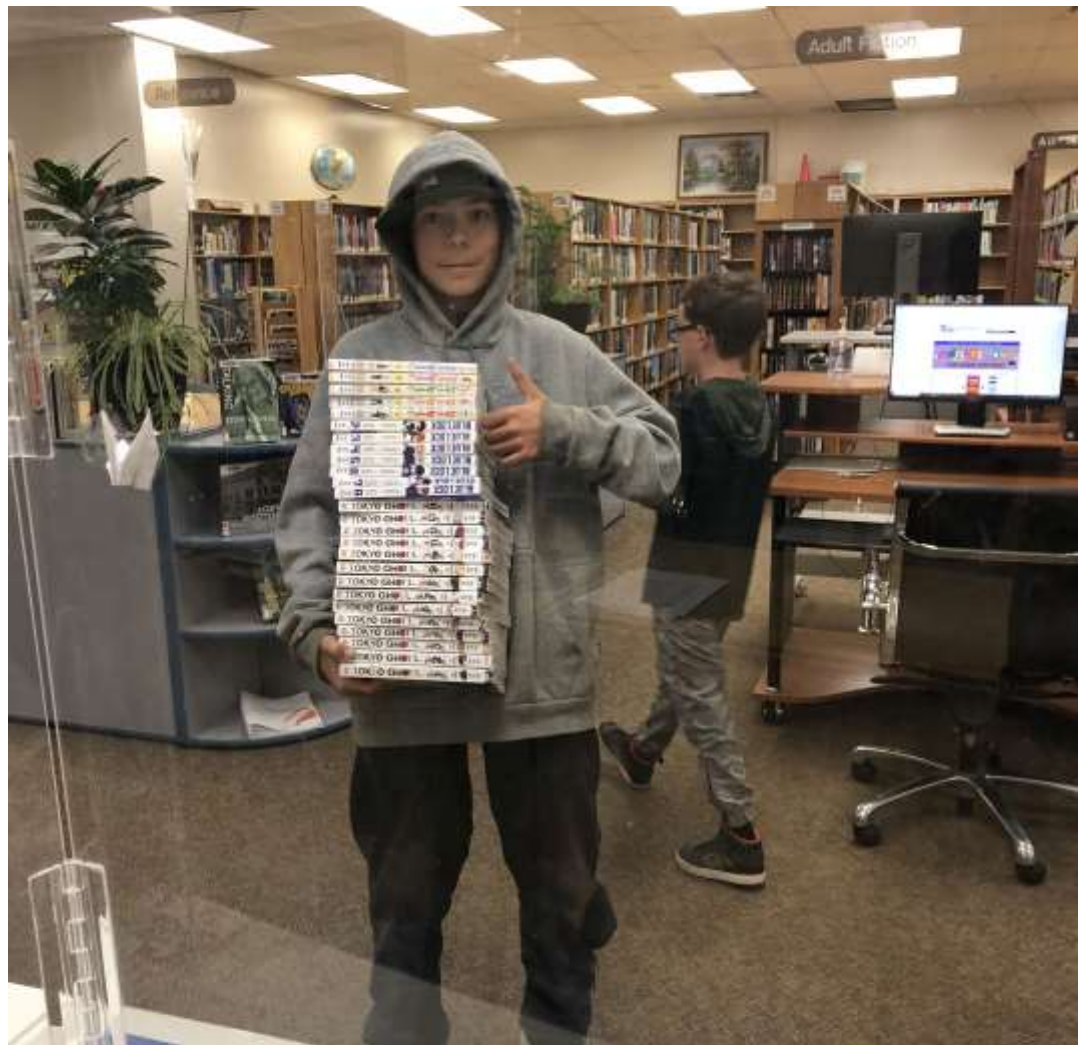
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Join us Wednesdays in November and learn how to make sourdough bread at this new library program! Space is limited so register early. Some supplies included.



November 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 6:30 pm

Call 250-865-2912 or email [info@elkfordlibrary.org](mailto:info@elkfordlibrary.org) to register.



We have new manga books at the library! We love a good book worm. In photo, Orion is checking out a batch of books to read from our new collection.

# Elkford Public Library

## Book Club

at 6:30 pm in the library

Come read with us this season! Books are available at the library approximately four weeks before the book club date. Join our email list for reminders!



October 19, 2023

**Fable** by Adrienne Young

November 30, 2023

**Between Two Moons** by Aisha Abdel Gawad

January 11, 2024

**Fire Weather** by John Vaillant

February 22, 2024

**Firekeeper's Daughter** by Angeline Boulley

April 4, 2024

**Three Sisters** by Heather Morris

May 16, 2024

**Once There Were Wolves** by Charlotte McConaghy

June 27, 2024

**Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles



## Writing Club

October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

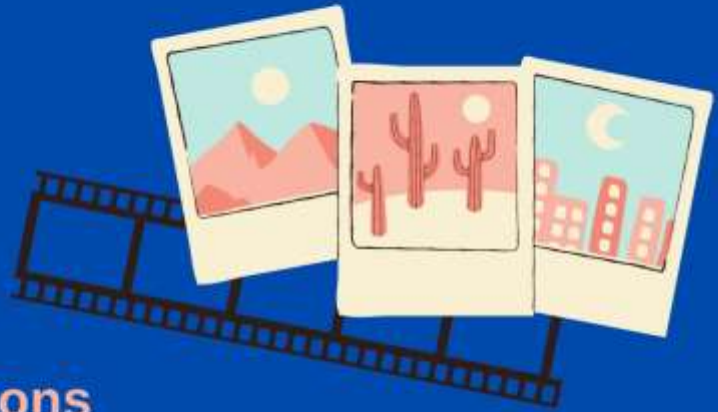
Have you been working on some writing? Bring your prose to share with fellow writers once a month and get friendly critique and inspiration.



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## TECH FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Need tech help?  
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October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm

## LEGO Day at the Library



October 20<sup>th</sup>  
2 to 4 pm

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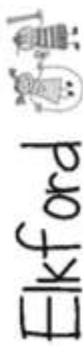
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**Early Years**

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**AMBULANCE** 911  
**BCNurseLine** 1-866-215-4700  
**POISON CONTROL** 911 or  
 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 the Alliance Church  
unless otherwise  
specified on calendar.**

**Mondays** Meetings Out 9:30-11:30

**Wednesdays** Parent Tot Families  
9:30-11:30

**Fridays** Baby and Me (2 and under)  
9:30-11

**Saturdays** Healthy Start 9:30-11:30

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:

Kenzie Karwandy at

kenzie.bau.21@gmail.com



# KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

## PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30	2 Mornings Out 9:30-11:30	3 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Public Swim 3-5	4 Parent/Tot 9:30-11:30 Family Swim 11:00-12:30 Family Swim 1:30-3:30 Public Swim 5:30-8	5 Parent Tot Swim 11-12:30 Family Swim 3-5:30 Public Swim 6:30-8:30	6 Parent Tot Swim 10-10:45 Baby & Me 11-1 Public Swim 1-2:30 Parent Tot Swim 2:30-4 Family Swim 4-6 Public Swim 6-8	7 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30 Family Swim 10-12 Public Swim 12:30-3
8 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30	9 No School RMES Thanksgiving Day	10 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Public Swim 3-5	11 Family Swim 11:00-12:30 Family Swim 1:00-3:30	12 Parent Tot Swim 9:30-10:30 Family Swim 10:30-12:00 Public Swim 6:00-8:00	13 Family Swim 10:30-12:30 Public Swim 1-4 Public Swim 4:30-8	14 Healthy Start 9:30-11:30 Family Swim 9:30-12 Public Swim 12:30-4:30
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**Elkford Early Years Committee** is an assembly of individuals and interested groups working together to address the importance of the first 6 years of a child's life. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:00pm at the Elkford Community Conference Centre  
Contact: elkfordced@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 6-8pm  
Contact: RMEs PAC Chair ~ rmeapac@yahoo.ca  
Phone: 250-865-4341



**Mornings Out** is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents /caregivers.  
Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall  
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**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.  
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**Elkford Healthy Start** is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!  
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**Elkford Leisure Service Department**  
Contact: recreation@elkford.ca  
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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 MasterCard 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.



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



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**RESOURCE NUMBERS:**

Elkford Medical Clinic	250-865-2215
Elkford Health Care Centre	250-865-2247
Public Health Nurse Elkford	1-800-644-6144 or
Spar.	1-250-425-2064
BCNurseline 24hrs	1-866-215-4700
Mental Health	1-800-661-0329 or
Addiction Services	1-250-425-4564
	1-800-644-6144 or
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Ministry of Human Resources	1-866-966-0800
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
Elk Valley Safe Homes	250-946-6004
Elk Valley Victim Assistance	250-425-0499 or
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Elkford Women's Task Force	250-865-2031
Infant Development Program	1-877-999-2543
Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	250-430-7026
Family Support Institute	1-800-441-5403
Feminine Counselling	250-423-2608
PEACE	250-433-6353
Sexual Abuse Intervention	250-423-5311
CB Family Resource Society	250-430-1136
Women's Resource Centre	250-423-4687
Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach	250-423-0817

EKkids.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

**Tech Fridays** at the library. Bring your devices and your questions October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm.

**Thanksgiving Day** October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Writing Club** at the library October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Have you been working on some writing? Bring your prose to share with fellow writers and get friendly critique and inspiration.

**Book Club** at the library October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come down to the library and pick up this month's copy of the book *Fable* to read before our meeting.

**LEGO Day at the Library** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 to 4 pm we will put out the LEGO so you can build.

**Elkford Fire Department Open House & BBQ** October 21<sup>st</sup> 11 am to 3 pm.

**Elkford Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala** October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm to midnight.

**ElkFORWARD Fall Fest** on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 to 8 pm.

**Elkford Public Library Board Meeting** at the library October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

**Sourdough 101** at the library starts November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Registration required.

**Moonlight Madness** November 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 pm.

## Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

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## Fall Workshops at Katherine Russell Glass Studio

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[www.katherinerussell.ca](http://www.katherinerussell.ca) for all the info.

## 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](mailto:elkfordsearchandrescue@gmail.com) for current information.

## Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at [elkfordlions@gmail.com](mailto:elkfordlions@gmail.com) for current information.

## 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!**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

**Please email your classified ads to  
[info@elkfordlibrary.org](mailto: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.**



## Save the DATE

### ElkFORWARD Fall Fest

**Date: Tuesday, October 24**

**Time: 5 to 8 p.m.**

Join us for this family-friendly event to celebrate fall in Elkford and the update to our Official Community Plan! All are welcome!

### Learn more at

[www.elkford.ca/elkforward](http://www.elkford.ca/elkforward).

### Upcoming Changes to Elkford's Building Inspection Service

With the upcoming retirement of our long-serving Building Official, the District of Elkford is making changes to our building inspection service; and we appreciate your patience as we make this transition!

Beginning on October 1, 2023, the District will be scheduling all inspections for our new Building Official in advance on as as-needed/as-available basis. Applicants should plan ahead and ensure that appointments are scheduled in advance for all inspections. We will respond to phone and email inquiries as soon as possible, but inquirers should not expect an immediate response.

To support this transition, the District will begin using a new online permit application system called Cloudpermit. This is expected to launch in late fall 2023, and it will help ensure efficient building permit processing, correspondence with applicants and scheduling of inspections.

Questions? Contact the District Office at **250.865.4000** or [building@elkford.ca](mailto:building@elkford.ca).

### Winter Parking Bylaw

Don't forget the winter parking bylaw! From **November 1 to March 31**, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of **6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in order to ensure optimal snow removal.



## National Fire Prevention Week 2023: October 8 to 14

The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Annual National Fire Prevention Week™ runs from **October 8 to 14** this year, and the theme is **Cooking safety starts with YOU**.

Elkford Fire & Emergency Services reminds you that unsafe cooking is the number one cause of fires at home. Learn important cooking safety tips at [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw).



### Elkford Fire Department: 2023 Fire Hall Open House • BBQ

Elkford Fire & Emergency Services is hosting their free annual Open House and BBQ this October, and you're invited!

**DATE:** Saturday, October 21

**TIME:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Elkford Fire Hall (2300 Balmer Drive)

Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends and little ones to meet your local fire department, enjoy some excellent grub and talk about fire safety! Ask your burning questions and get some expert advice from the Elkford Fire Department.

### Elkford Fire Department: 2023 Halloween Haunted House

Calling all trick-or-treaters: don't forget to stop in at the Fire Hall (2300 Balmer Drive) on Halloween night!

Your local fire department team will be handing out ghoulishly good treats on Tuesday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!



## LEST WE FORGET

### Remembrance Day Poppy & Wreath Campaign

In partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion, the District of Elkford will once again facilitate the Poppy and Wreath Campaign in 2023.

All funds collected in this campaign are forwarded directly to the Royal Canadian Legion. To donate, or to purchase a wreath or cross to be laid at the Cenotaph in Elkford on November 11, contact the Community & Facility Services at **250.865.4010** or [recreation@elkford.ca](mailto:recreation@elkford.ca).

### October Council & Committee Meetings

- **October 3** **5 p.m.**  
*Official Community Plan (OCP) Advisory Committee*
- **October 10** **6 p.m.**  
Regular Meeting
- **October 23** **6 p.m.**  
Regular Meeting

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive. For regular council meetings, electronic attendance is 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.

### Bleeder Valve Reminder

A friendly reminder to all residents to turn **ON** the bleeder valves in your residences from **October 31 to May 1**. In case you didn't know, this important bylaw is in place to prevent your pipes from freezing and cracking in colder temperatures.

### Closed on Thanksgiving

District of Elkford facilities are closed on **Monday, October 9** for Thanksgiving! We hope you have a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday, October 10!**