

The Elkford Focus

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Summer Reading Club 2024



The Elkford Public Library was busy in July with our annual Summer Reading Club. Kids aged 5 to 12 years old spent nine fun-filled days with the library staff.

See pages 14 through 16 for a summary and photos of this year's Summer Reading Club.

We have more programs for all ages coming up in the fall, be sure to check out our events calendar!



See our events calendar at

<http://elkford.bc.libraries.coop/calendar/>

for details about events and programs.

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Elkford Public Library



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250-865-2912

Send us an email:
info@elkfordlibrary.org

Website:
<http://elkford.bclibrary.ca>

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Elkford Public Library

Hours:
Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday and Friday 11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm



Free Wi-Fi at the library. Select **Public Library - Guest**, password **#Reading101!** (include the exclamation mark).

LinkedIn Learning

Check out LinkedIn Learning to upgrade or learn professional skills in a variety of categories.

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Sourdough 101

Join us for four Wednesdays and learn how to make sourdough bread at this library program! Active starter and printed recipes will be provided.



October 23, 30 & November 6, 13 2024

call 250-865-2912 or email info@elkfordlibrary.org to register.

FireSmart™ in Elkford

FireSmart™ leads the development of resources and programs to help Canadians increase resilience to wildfire, and FireSmart BC is the provincial program committed to helping British Columbians reduce their wildfire risk. In 2019, the District of Elkford was recognized by FireSmart Canada for its proactive efforts in protecting the community from wildfire, being awarded the Community Protection Achievement Certificate.

Introducing Elkford's new FireSmart™ Representative

In alignment with these long-term efforts, as well as an increasing focus on wildfire risk reduction across B.C., we're delighted to announce that Elkford now has our very own FireSmart Representative: Tamara Pearson!



TAMARA PEARSON, DISTRICT OF
ELKFORD FIRESMART REPRESENTATIVE

Originally hailing from Salmon Arm, Tamara (pronounced Tam-AH-ra) is proud to come from a long-serving family of firefighters and emergency services personnel. Along with a passion for public education and safety, Tamara brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role with the District of Elkford, including a background in emergency management, wildland firefighting, silviculture, criminal justice and occupational health and safety management.

You may have already met Tamara while she's been out promoting FireSmart principles across town—and she's excited to collaborate with Elkford's homeowners, neighbourhoods, builders, developers, businesses, nurseries and other municipal and provincial partners to help reduce wildfire risk in and around Elkford and increase our community's awareness and preparedness.

In her new role as FireSmart Representative for the District of Elkford, she will also be engaging in structure firefighting as a member of Elkford Fire Rescue. She's thrilled to join such a highly skilled and dedicated team of paid-on-call firefighters, as well as to work under Chief Enzo Calla and Deputy Chief Trey Hale.

What can your local FireSmart Representative help you with?



- Performing a FireSmart assessment on your home, property and neighborhood to determine your wildfire risk levels and making personalized recommendations on how to improve your resiliency.
- Developing a FireSmart Plan for your home, property and neighbourhood.
- Enrolling your neighborhood in the FireSmart™ Canada Neighborhood Program.
- Helping you understanding wildland urban interface concepts and hazards.
- Increasing awareness and education about wildfire community preparedness across the District of Elkford.

Contact Tamara today at **250.910.4029** or firesmart@elkford.ca



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Congratulations to local Elkford resident Dylan Funk

On publishing his first epic fantasy novel Gods-Forged

On the run from a vengeful sorcerer and a one-eyed demon, Elyra's only hope is her wits, a stolen spellbook, and the prophet who dragged her into this mess. He claims to be chosen by the gods. She thinks he's mad. His visions hold the key to their survival, but are they sent by the gods, or something far worse?

Only one thing is certain: if he dies, so will she. If he lives, the world might end.

Now available in e-book and paperback

Come Skate With Us!



Elkford
Skating Club

Our fall season begins Monday, September 16th!

We offer professionally-coached skating programs for kids aged 2 to 18 years. Our fun learn-to-skate programs teach fundamental skills that prepare skaters for all ice sports requiring skates, as well as recreational skating.

Our Programs:

● **Parent & Tot (Two Sessions Available)**

Ages 2-5+ Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:15PM

Six Sessions Session #1 (Sept 25 - Oct 30th) Session #2 (Nov 6 - Dec 11)

Parent must be on the ice. Both child & parent are required to wear a helmet.

● **PreCanSkate**

Ages 3-5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:15PM

Fall sessions run September 16th - December 18th, 2024

One class per week options available Mondays & Wednesdays

● **CanSkate**

Ages 5+ Mondays & Wednesdays 4:15-5:00PM

Fall sessions run September 16th - December 18th, 2024

One class per week options available for Mondays & Wednesdays

● **StarSkate**

Advanced figure skating lessons for skaters who have completed CanSkate

Registration Open Now!

Questions? Contact Us!

Phone: 250-425-4075

Email: elkfordskatingclub@gmail.com

www.elkfordskatingclub.uplifterinc.com

Important To Note For The Start Of Season:

Open House FREE Skate

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024

PreCanSkate: 3:45-4:15PM

CanSkate: 4:15-5:00PM

Come out and join us for an open house skate! Your child, aged 3 to 8+ years, can try a free CanSkate session, even if your child is not registered with us, on the ice while you learn more about our excellent Skate Canada programs!

Current skaters are also encouraged to **BRING A FRIEND!**

Find Us At Community Registration Night

Wednesday, September 11th, 6-8PM @ Community Conference Centre

Register with us in fall 2024 to start your child's skating journey!



**Elkford
Skating Club**



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Elkford Urban Wildlife Committee



It will soon be elk rutting season once again. The elk rut typically runs from the beginning of September to mid-October.

Bull elk can become extremely aggressive protecting their harems during the mating season.

Keep about 30 metres between you and an elk and never get between a male and females in the area.

Do not park your vehicle between a male and the females; elk may charge your vehicle which may result in damage.

Here are some tips for avoiding and handling an encounter with an elk:

- Travel in a group.
- Watch for elk at all times and detour around them.
- If possible, walk around elk on the high side of a slope or uphill.
- Stay back at least 30 metres.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times. An unleashed dog may prompt an elk to become aggressive as they view the dog as a predator (wolf or coyote).
- Carry pepper spray, a walking stick, or an umbrella as protection.
- Act dominant if an elk gets too close.
- Raise your arms or any big object (jacket or umbrella) to make yourself appear larger, maintain eye contact and never turn your back or run. Climb a tree or keep an object, like a tree or large rock, between you and the elk. Back slowly out of the area. Warn other hikers of the elk ahead.
- If you are knocked down or fall, get up and try to move to cover or use an object to protect yourself.
- **DO NOT PLAY DEAD.**



9th Annual 'BC Goes Wild' - September 2024

BC Goes Wild is a month-long celebration of British Columbia's great diversity of wildlife.

September is historically a month where human-bear conflicts are at their highest. BC Goes Wild coincides with this month to bring awareness to these issues while also promoting ways we can all live, work, play, and grow in wildlife country.

WildSafeBC Community Coordinators are hosting FREE local events and all-ages activities across the province such as nature walks, fruit presses, bear spray demonstrations, and so much more.

Stay up to date with your community's events by finding your local BC Wildsafe office and following their Facebook page. Ours is WildSafeBC Elk Valley.

For more information on the Photography Contest and Wildsafe Rangers Colouring Contest visit <https://wildsafebc.com/get-involved/bc-goes-wild/>

Tag us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) by using **#BCGoesWild** and share with us how you live, work, play, and grow in BC in manner that reduces conflict with wildlife and helps keep wildlife wild and your community safe.

A reminder to all Wildsafe Rangers to complete the pages from the July/August Focus with what you've observed over the summer and email with your name and a phone number to elkforduwc@gmail.com by September 6th, 2024.

Your name will be entered into a draw to win a super cool prize to help you learn more about the wildlife in our area!

Elkford Urban Wildlife Committee

- submitted by Tracey Halladay

Elkford Public Library

Millennial & Gen X Board Game Night

JOIN US FOR A CASUAL NIGHT OF TABLETOP GAMING!

September 27th
6 to 8 pm



CATAN
CARCASSONNE
TICKET TO RIDE
PANDEMIC
SPIRIT ISLAND
7 WONDERS
AND MORE

Stay tuned

for our fall lineup of programs including Tales for Tots, Paint Night, Writing Club, our 50th anniversary giveaway, and more!



YOGA

Fundraiser

September 9th, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Bring your yoga mat to the library for a beginner-friendly vinyasa flow class!

Pay what you can to support the library.

Family Board Game Day

Use our games or bring your own.

September 28th from 1 to 3 pm

This event is for all ages; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



Elkford Public Library Digitization Station

Photo Printing Rates

4 × 6"	\$1.50
5 × 7"	\$2.00
8 × 10"	\$4.00
8.5 × 11"	\$6.00

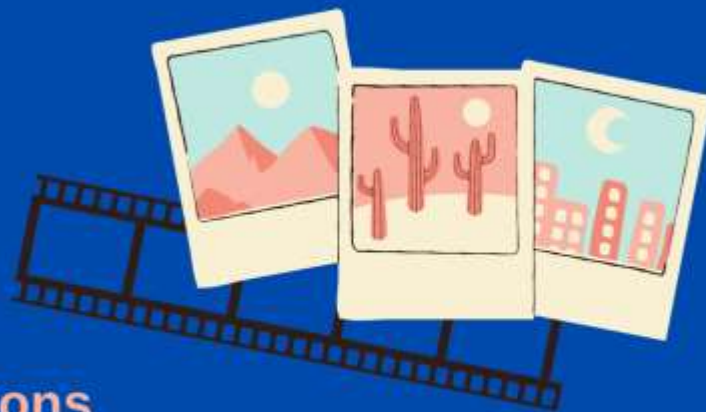


Photo Digitization Options

Digitize photos, negatives, and slides for free.

High resolution scanner and film to digital converter available.

Thank you to the Columbia Basin Trust, Teck, and the Community Foundation of the Kootenay Rockies for funding our digitization station.

Book Club

Welcome back for a new season!

September 19th at 6:30 pm



We will be discussing
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

and choosing this season's
book list!

LEGO Day at the Library



**September 20th
2 to 4 pm**

Please note that supervision is not
provided; adults are responsible
for supervising their children.



TECH FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Need tech help?

Bring your device and your questions!

September 6th & 20th from 12 to 4 pm

Elkford Public Library

2024 PHOTO CONTEST

Theme: Art in Town

Categories: Abstract, Interesting Perspectives, Long Exposure,
Open

PRIZES

Adults: \$70 / category
Youth: \$40 / category

DEADLINE

September 28, 2024



ENTER AT THE LIBRARY!

Come to the library and check out some of our new book arrivals in adult fiction.



Elkford Public Library 2024 Photo Contest

Our theme this year is “Art in Town.”

Photo submission deadline: September 28, 2024

We are tapping into our creative juices with this year’s theme, “Art in Town.” Use your camera’s features to snap long exposure shots or show off your photography skills with use of perspective or abstract subjects. We want to see your creativity! Still want to take a candid photo of your cat? That’s welcome too – any subject matter or photography style is accepted in the ‘open’ category.

Photo Contest Rules and Information

- Each person can enter a maximum of three (3) photos. Entrants must specify in which category they are submitting each photo. Photos may be entered in any category, e.g., an entrant may enter three photos in one category, or one photo in each of three categories, etc.
- Photos must be taken in and around the Elkford area, e.g., the Elk Valley or Crowsnest Pass.
- Submitted photos should be printed on 5”x7” photo paper. Photos may optionally be printed at the library for \$2.00 per 5”x7” print.
- One prize will be awarded in each category per age group, for a total of eight prizes.
- Photos must be taken by the person entering them.
- Registration forms are available at the library. You need one form per photo entered. A release form must be signed upon entering the contest, allowing the library to use your photos.
- We require a high-resolution, digital copy of your photo.
- You may only use computer alteration on one of your submitted photos. In all others, only cropping is allowed. It is permitted to use filters when taking the photos.
- Date stamps must be removed, or your photo will be disqualified. You may crop date stamps from your photos.
- Parents of a minor child who has been photographed must sign a release allowing the photo to be shown in public and on our website.
- Only amateurs may enter the contest.
- E-mail your photos to info@elkfordlibrary.org and drop off your registration forms before the contest deadline.

Age groups:

Youth – 18 and under

Adult – 19 and over

Elkford businesses: Are you interested in sponsoring the photo contest? We provide charitable receipts for donations over \$20. Please contact the Elkford Public Library at 250-865-2912 or info@elkfordlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Club 2024

We had so much fun this year for our Summer Reading Club at the library.

Our theme was “World of Curiosities!” We did many activities, crafts, and read about creatures, nature, rocks, volcanoes, space, the universe, art, and so much more!!

Whether you participated in person, brought in a reading tracker, picked up the activity book, or did the online activities we are so happy you joined us!

A huge shout out to the BC SRC, our volunteers Gwendolyn, Lexi, Kaitlyn, and Danica, and the Elkford Public Library staff for another successful summer.

We can't wait to do it all again next year!!



WORLD
of
CURIOSITIES









**BRITISH COLUMBIA
SUMMER
READING
CLUB**



**SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON
BC SUMMER READING CLUB!**

Did your child participate in this year's Summer Reading Club (SRC)? Share feedback on your child's SRC experience by filling out an optional survey.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit bcsrc.ca/survey by September 13th, 2024.







KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024



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	2 Sun Holiday	3 First Day of School Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:30-3 Public Swim 3-5	4 Parent & Tot Swims 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	5 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	6 Parent & Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	7 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
8	9 Little Wapitis 10-12	10 Elkford Strolls 9:15-10 Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:30-3 Public Swim 3-5	11 Parent & Tot Swims 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	12 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	13 Baby Lapline 10-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	14 Healthy Start 10-12 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
15	16 Little Wapiti 10-12	17 Elkford Strolls 9:15-10 Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:30-3 Public Swim 3-5	18 Parent & Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	19 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	20 No School RMES Baby Lapline Dental visit 10:00-11:30 Parent Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Lego @ the Library 2-4 Public Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	21 Healthy Start 10-12 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
22	23 Little Wapitis—Fire Dept Visit 10-12	24 Elkford Strolls 9:15-10 Family Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:30-3 Public Swim 3-5	25 Parent & Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	26 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	27 Baby Lapline 10:00-11:30 Parent Tot Swim 10:30-12 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5:30-8	28 Healthy Start 10-12 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
29	30 No School RMES Little Wapitis 10-12					

Elkford Community Resource Numbers

- POLICE 911
- 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: Little Wapitis 10-12
- Tuesdays: Elkford Strolls 9:15-10
- Wednesdays: Parents-Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30
- Fridays: Baby Lapline (2 and under) 10-11:30
- Saturdays: Healthy Start 10-12

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

Sponsors and Partners:

TURN OVER FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

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 1st Monday of each month starting at noon at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Contact: elkfordecd@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 ~ rmespac@yahoo.ca
Phone: 250-865-4341



Little Wapitis is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.

Located at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr)
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Strolls is a new stroller/walking group. There will be multiple different routes and meet up points so be sure to watch for emails and posts for location updates. Parents can get out, be active, and connect during their walks.

Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Baby Laptimes is a weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.

Located at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr)
Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!

Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
Contact: elkfordecd@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 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.



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

750 Fording Drive

Contact: Kim Bauer ~ ewtff@telus.net
Phone: 250-433-1863 EWTF: 250-865-2031

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.
BCNurseline 24hrs	1-250-425-2064
Mental Health	1-866-215-4700
Addiction Services	1-800-661-0329 or 1-250-425-4564
Ministry of Human Resources	1-800-644-6144 or 1-250-423-4423
Ministry for Children & Family Development	1-866-866-0800
BCAA Car Seat Information	1-800-667-5623
CCRR	1-877-247-5551
East Kootenay Crisis Line	1-800-661-2445
East Kootenay Friends of Children	1-800-667-9407
Elk Valley Safe Homes	1-866-564-2217
Elk Valley Victim Assistance	250-946-6004
Elkford Women's Task Force	250-425-0499 or 250-423-7500
Infant Development Program	250-865-2031
Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program	1-877-999-2543
Family Support Institute	250-430-7026
Fernie 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

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

Fernie Mountain Market every Sunday 10 am to 2 pm from September 1st to 29th in Rotary Park.

50th Annual Fernie Lions Demolition Derby on September 1st, 12 to 6 pm (gate opens at 11 am) in Fernie.

Labour Day September 2nd.

Jaffray-Baynes Lake Farmers Market September 3rd from 9 am to 12:30 pm at 468 Jaffray Baynes Lake Rd.

Tech Fridays September 6th & 20th from 12 to 4 pm.

Sparwood Farmers Market in Titan Park (at the Big Green Truck) September 6th from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Yoga Fundraiser at the library September 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring your mat and pay what you can to support the library!

Elkford's Community Registration and Information Night September 11th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Community Conference Centre.

Elkford Public Library Regular Board Meeting September 24th at 6:30 pm in the library. All are welcome.

LEGO Day at the Library September 20th from 2 to 4 pm. Please note we do not provide supervision for this program.

Family Board Game Day at the Library, September 28th from 1 to 3 pm.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30th.

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.

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Or call us at 250-865-2912



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Business Card	\$ 7.00	\$12.00
Quarter Page	\$15.00	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$45.00
Full Page	\$25.00	\$80.00

Not Quite Classified Ads

Elkford Trails Alliance

Mondays 6:00 to 8:30 pm Trail Build Nights. Meet at the river end of the Esso parking lot for 6 pm.

Tuesdays Short Hikes 6:30 pm

Wednesdays Mountain Bike Rides 7:00 pm

Follow us on FB or IG for meeting locations

Passport and ID photos call Katherine at 250-665-8005.

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.

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 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.



WATERING RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

To ensure capacity of Elkford's reservoirs in the event of a fire emergency (and adequate water for all throughout the drier months) 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 **7 p.m. and 10 a.m.** (long-time Elkford residents may remember different times, but note that the hours were amended within Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 871, 2022) only.

Thank you for following this important bylaw and helping us to conserve water!

REMINDER ABOUT ANIMALS AT-LARGE FROM BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

A friendly reminder from District of Elkford Bylaw Enforcement that Elkford's Animal Responsibility Bylaw prohibits owners from allowing their dogs and cats to roam at-large within municipal boundaries.

The District of Elkford currently has no designated off-leash areas for pets within municipal boundaries, meaning that your pets must always be kept on a leash and under the control of a competent person whenever they are not on your private lands or premises (or otherwise on the private lands/premises of others with their consent). Owners of animals that are deemed to be "at-large" will be issued fines of \$50 (or more) per offence.

More information—including a detailed definition of animals "at-large"—can be found within the bylaw itself at www.elkford.ca/animalresponsibility.

Regardless of whether your dog is friendly or not—or whether your cat is used to living indoors/outdoors—keeping pets under your control and supervision at all times is important for their safety and wellbeing. This benefits local wildlife, people and other pets in your neighbourhood too!

Questions? Contact Bylaw Enforcement directly at **250.865.4024** or bylaw@elkford.ca.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **September 9 at 6 p.m.**
Regular Council
- **September 23 at 6 p.m.**
Regular Council

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



2024 COMMUNITY INFO & REGISTRATION NIGHT

- **DATE: Wednesday, September 11**
- **TIME: 6 to 8 p.m.**
- **LOCATION: Community Conference Centre (750 Fording Drive)**

Join us for the District of Elkford's **Community Info & Registration Night!** Everyone is invited to this free, annual event that showcases many of Elkford's amazing community groups, recreational activities and amenities.

Community members: everyone is welcome! Stop by to learn more about what Elkford has to offer, network with others and register yourself and your family for sports teams, community groups and organizations.

Community groups: don't miss out on this great opportunity to promote your organization and gain new members! Book your **FREE** table by contacting events@elkford.ca or **250.865.4010**.

We can't wait to see you all there!

CLOSED SEPTEMBER 2 AND 30 FOR STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

District of Elkford facilities will be closed on **Monday, September 2** for Labour Day, a statutory holiday.

Additionally, District facilities that are open for regular operations on Saturdays will also be closed on **Monday, September 30** to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Are you passionate about community involvement? Eager to represent your peers on municipal council? The District of Elkford is looking for two enthusiastic and self-motivated youth representatives to attend meetings and events and provide a voice for the youth of our community!

Requirements for **Junior Youth Councillor:**

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade nine or 10 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Requirements for **Senior Youth Councillor:**

- Be a resident of Elkford
- Be a grade 11 or 12 student enrolled at Elkford Secondary School
- Be willing to attend council meetings and District events and regional events and meetings as requested

Submit your resume and cover letter by **September 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** (local time) to Corporate Services at info@elkford.ca or in-person by visiting **744 Fording Drive**.

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