



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

April 30, 2025 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Community Hall | 287 Canyon Drive

Volunteers Make Waves!

You are Invited to a Community Volunteer Appreciation Event! Enjoy a Come “n” Go complimentary light meal.

The Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 and the Town of Pincher Creek are celebrating National Volunteer Week!

We invite members of your organization to a celebratory social to honor the many volunteers in our community.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Join the Town and MD of Pincher Creek as we celebrate our volunteers!



Pincher Creek Community Hall | 287 Canyon Drive



April 30, 2025



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## KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 12 Basket Making Class | 10:00am – 3:00pm | Limited tickets available
- April 19 Easter Egg Hunt in the Village
- April 26 Garage Sale | Accepting items beginning April 15
- May 3 Volunteer Open House

For more information, visit <https://www.kootenaibrown.ca/> or call 403-627-3686.

# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS)

## SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT



2025 FCSS special projects grant will provide funding for a project that supports one or more of the following:

- Promote vibrancy, energy, and enthusiasm in the Pincher Creek Community
- Emphasize the community and celebrate living in Pincher Creek, M.D of Pincher Creek or Village of Cowley
- Promote a sense of belonging in the community
- Create increased knowledge of community or culture, including Indigenous awareness
- Deepen awareness of opportunities and challenges, and the factors that impact change
- Promote understanding about Pride or 2SLGBTQIA+
- Increase appreciation for the community

The maximum amount of \$2000 is available. Application deadline is April 11, 2025. Funds must be spent within 2025.

Visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/fcss> to apply

# CLOSER TO HOME – FOSTER SERVICES



**Actively  
Recruiting  
Foster Parents**



**Foster Children in Alberta need a place to call *home*.**

*You can be the difference; become a Foster Parent with Closer to Home.*

As a Foster Parent, you'll provide a safe, loving, and nurturing home for children and youth in our province. Your care can make a life-changing difference, with the ultimate goal of helping families reunite.

## **Why Foster with Us?**

- Comprehensive training and ongoing support.
- On-call, 24/7 assistance from our experienced staff.
- Closer to Home has over 30 years of experience providing Foster Care services to the Calgary Region and now in the Southern Region of Alberta.



## **Real Stories, Real Impact**

We had been thinking about fostering for a while when a friend of ours stopped by for a visit. She shared with us the story of her sister, who just started fostering a sweet little girl. After hearing her story, we immediately said, *'we need to foster,'* and that's how it all started.

*-Closer to Home Foster Parent*



***Be part of a child's story.***

To learn more, contact us or fill out the form by scanning this QR Code!

T: 403-543-0550

[fostercare@closerthome.com](mailto:fostercare@closerthome.com)

[closerthome.com](http://closerthome.com)



# CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Get Ready for Spring Renovations with the Clean Energy Improvement Program!

As the snow melts and the days get longer, many of us start thinking about spring renovations. Whether it's upgrading your insulation, replacing drafty windows, or installing solar panels, spring is the perfect time to invest in your home – and the Town of Pincher Creek is here to help make it more affordable.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) allows residential property owners to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades with low-interest financing that's repaid through your property taxes. It's a simple, flexible way to improve your home's comfort and performance while lowering your utility bills.

## Why Choose CEIP?

- No large upfront costs – finance 100% of eligible upgrades
- Flexible repayment terms – up to 20 years depending on the project
- Competitive interest rates
- Pre-qualified contractor network ensures quality work
- Energy savings start right away
- Eligible Projects Include:
- Window and door replacements
- Insulation upgrades
- High-efficiency heating systems
- Solar PV installations
- Air sealing and ventilation improvements
- ...and more!

Whether you're planning small upgrades or major improvements, CEIP helps you invest in your home and your future. Plus, it supports our community's goals for a cleaner, more energy-efficient future.

Apply Today! Visit <https://myCEIP.ca/pincher> to learn more, check your eligibility, and get started on your spring renovation plans.

# PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

## TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM (TIPP) OR DIRECT ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (DEFT)

TIPP is an optional monthly tax installment payment plan by which taxpayers may authorize monthly direct withdrawal from your bank account rather than paying the full amount in one payment. Provided regular monthly payments are made, penalties for late payment of taxes will not apply to any tax account under TIPP.

DEFT is an optional bi-monthly automatic withdrawal for the amount of bi-monthly utility billing. Never forget to pay and avoid penalties for late payments.

For information, please call the town Office at 403-627-3156, email [utilities@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:utilities@pinchercreek.ca) or stop by 962 St. John Avenue, we will give you all the information that you need.

## PINCHER CREEK MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

### FREE TAX SERVICE

Beginning on March 5, the Pincher Creek Municipal Library is offering a free tax service, as part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program with the CRA, for eligible individuals within our community.

Every Wednesday from March 5 – April 30, those who qualify can access free tax services by appointment between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm.

Call the Library at 403-627-3813 for more information, and to book your appointment today!

Eligible individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation and may include the following:

- adults 65 years and older
- housing-insecure individuals
- Indigenous Peoples
- modest-income individuals
- newcomers
- persons with disabilities
- students and youth





# PINCHER CREEK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

- Updated website announcement! | <https://www.pinchercreekcommunityfoodcentre.ca/>
- Annual General Meeting | Tuesday, June 17 at 4:00pm | The Annex | 753 Kettles Street
- Grow a Row Program | Please consider growing a row of fresh vegetables to donate to the Food Bank this summer
- Need Food? | Call or text 403-632-6716

## OLDMAN ROSE SOCIETY

### ROSE GARDEN FENCE FUNDRAISER

The Oldman Rose Society is hosting a fundraiser to help purchase a fence to protect the beautiful rose garden at The Lebel! Join them in their journey to Know, Grow, and Show Roses!

April 4 | 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Ranchland Mall | 1300 Hewetson Avenue

Donations greatly appreciated.

## RECREATION & PARKS

For information, registration, or any other inquiries, please contact the Recreation office at 403-627-4322 or [rec@pinchercreek.ca](mailto:rec@pinchercreek.ca)



**Parks**  
**OPEN**  
for the season

The following parks are now OPEN for the season and available for public use and rentals:

- Skateboard Park
- Bike Park
- Tennis Courts
- Sproule Baseball Diamond

For rentals, contact 403-627-4322



## PINCHER CREEK KIDSPORT

Supporting local families, keeping kids in sports! For information, contact KidSport at [pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca](mailto:pinchercreek@kidsport.ab.ca), <https://kidsportcanada.ca/alberta/pincher-creek>, or contact the Recreation office at 403-627-4322.

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR

April 28 – May 2  
Ranchland Mall | 1300 Hewetson Avenue  
Come check out all of the different volunteer opportunities in the community!

## TIDY TUESDAY

Starting April 22 | Every Tuesday  
10:00am for 10 minutes

Show your community pride and support the Communities in Bloom program by:

- 🧹 Sweep the sidewalk and gutter in front of your business or residence
- 🧹 Pick up litter and cigarette butts
- 🧹 Tidy up back alleys
- 🧹 Pull weeds

Small efforts make a big difference!



- To pick litter
- Tidy yards
- Back Allys, Boulevards, Ditches



April April 21 - May 19  
Pitch-In to pick up litter  
Garbage Bags & Gloves available from  
Recreation Office 895 Main Street





## COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM WEEK

May 5 – 10, 2025

The Town of Pincher Creek is proud to celebrate Communities in Bloom Week! As a dedicated member of the Communities in Bloom program since 2000, our community has consistently showcased its commitment to environmental stewardship, civic pride, and beautification. Over the years, our efforts have been recognized with several awards, reflecting the passion and hard work of our residents, volunteers, and staff. Let's continue to grow together and keep Pincher Creek blooming!

Special Thank You to the Pincher Planters, the Oldman Rose Society, and all other volunteers and community members that help each year to keep our community beautiful!

## ARENA CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The arena will be closed for the season beginning Thursday, April 3

## TOWN HALL GYM FITNESS PROGRAMS

962 St. John Ave

**Community Basketball** | Drop-in | Free

Tuesdays & Fridays | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Everyone is welcome to come play!

**Community Keep Fit** | Drop-in | Free

Mondays & Wednesdays | 10:00am – 11:00am

Low impact, designed for those with health conditions or an inactive lifestyle.

**Afternoon Fitness Break** | \$7.00 per class

Mondays & Thursdays | 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Total body workout includes strength training, cardio, and flexibility.

**Gym Walk** | Drop-in | Free

Tuesdays & Fridays | 10:00am – 11:00am

Unorganized independent walking.

**Pickleball** | \$3.00 drop-in

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

New participants are welcome. Instruction and equipment provided by members.



# ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

## GIFT SHOP & GALLERY HOURS

Wednesday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 29 | More details to follow online

Everyone is welcome

\$5.00 annual membership required to participate

## EVENTS

- April 12 at 1:00pm | Book release for local author, Phil Burpee's book "The Gospel According to Saint Scooter" a collection of stories
- May 3 at 7:30pm | Erin Ross Live @ The Lebel | \$20 per person | All ages welcome | Tickets available online

## EXHIBITION

Yesterday's Everyday, an exhibition of realist paintings by artist Beth Pederson

## FRIDAY ART CLASSES

April 4 & 11

After School Program | Ages 6 – 9 | 1:45pm – 2:45pm

Artists @ Heart | Ages 9+ | 3:00pm – 4:30pm

## MUD MAKERS

Starting April 30 | Wednesdays

3:45pm – 5:15pm

\$140 per person | Ages 9+

Six-week pottery class

## JUNIOR CERAMICS GUILD

Starting May 1 | Thursdays

3:45pm – 5:30pm

\$130 per person | Ages 9+

Must have taken a pottery class

Eight-week workshop



## INTRO TO POTTERY

Starting May 1 | Thursdays

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Ages 18+

Six-week pottery workshop

## DROP-IN CERAMICS STUDIO

Open during regular hours

Ages 18+ | Must have taken a pottery class

\$10 per day visit

# ALBERTA 55 PLUS SUMMER GAMES

## ZONE 1 | LEDUC SUMMER GAMES

Participants must be a member of Alberta 55 plus to play. Memberships can be purchased online at <https://alberta55plus.ca> or contact Membership Director at [sone1membership@alberta55plus.ca](mailto:sone1membership@alberta55plus.ca)

Registration by May 30, 2025 for OPEN events at [zone1secretary@alberta55plus.ca](mailto:zone1secretary@alberta55plus.ca)

To enter Leduc Summer Games 2025, register for Zone 1 in one of the following OPEN events:

- Arts and Crafts
- Badminton
- Bocce
- Cornhole
- Contract Bridge
- Cycling
- Duplicate Bridge
- Euchre
- Floor Curling
- Horseshoes
- Military Whist
- Photography
- Scrabble
- Slo-pitch
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field

If needed, playoffs will be arranged with individuals/teams.

Crib Qualifier | June 7 in Redcliffe, AB

Pickleball over 20. | TBD

Golf Qualifier | TBD

8-Ball and Snooker | TBD

# RECYCLE REUSE FAIR

## SAVE THE DATE

The Pincher Creek ReCycle Reuse Fair is coming June 7! The Town and MD are pleased to announce that we have partnered once again to bring you this annual event.

- Household hazardous waste collection
- Shredding truck (each household can bring 4 banker boxes)
- Neighborhood garage sales
- Outdoor plant exchange
- More!

Watch for more details.

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

These highlights do not form the full Council minutes. To view the full Council minutes, please visit <https://pinchercreek.ca/council>

### FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Curling Facility Update
  - Council agreed to provide the Pincher Creek Curling Club with up to an additional \$59,600 to cover the additional expenses related to the relocation of the facility
  - The twenty-year lease agreement amended to include winter and summer maintenance as the responsibility of the Curling Club
  - Letters of Support will be provided
- Tennis Court Re-Surfacing
  - Council agreed to fund \$11,600 to resurface the tennis courts

### MARCH 10, 2025 - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- 2025 General Municipal Election
  - Advanced Vote scheduled for October 15 from 10:00am – 4:00pm
  - Incapacitated electors authorized to vote
  - Institutional voting stations at Pincher Creek Hospital, Vista Village, Crestview Lodge, and Whispering Winds Village
  - Lisa Goss, Legislative Services Manager, appointed Returning Officer



- Curling Facility Open House
  - Date and Council discussion to take place after the Pincher Creek Curling Club has known construction costs and can fulfill the request of the memorandum of understanding.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole | April 2 | 8:30am

Council Meeting | April 14 | 6:00pm

Council Meeting | April 28 | 6:00pm

Council Meetings are held in Council Chambers at 962 St. John Avenue and are available virtually via MS Teams.

These meetings are open to the public except on some occasions where all or part of a meeting is closed to the public (Closed Session) to prevent the disclosure of information that is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.