

OUR Devon News



SUMMER 2018

Important Dates

- **June 29** – Property Taxes Due
- **July 1** – Canada Day Celebration
- **Aug. 12** – EPCOR RiverFest
- **Aug. 22** – Movie in the Park
- **Sept. 5** – Community Awareness Night

Note: Council Meetings will only be held on the second Monday of July and August

Summer Pool Events

- **June 27** – Summer Kick Off Pool BBQ
- **July 13** – Midnight Swim
- **Aug. 10** – Deep End Club Party
- **Aug. 17** – Flick N' Float
- **Aug. 25** – End of Summer Pool Bash

Learn more at Devon.ca/events

Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor
Ray Ralph

Summer is here and it looks like it is going to be a busy one in 2018!

We have a number of projects going on this summer. First and foremost, work has begun on the long awaited parking lot upgrade to our Voyageur Park that will improve the experience of both boaters and park users moving forward. We are also looking to our community to help us develop a plan to upgrade our amenities at Voyageur Park.

With the legalization of cannabis coming soon, our Administration has been working hard with Council to determine the safest way for cannabis to be sold and used in Devon.

Council has also approved a plan to bring pathway lighting to parts of our paved trail system to increase visibility and security for our trail users.

Please read on in our summer 2018 newsletter to learn more about what we have accomplished this past quarter and what we have planned for the rest of summer!



2018 Devon construction projects underway

Voyageur Park Parking Lot Upgrade



Earlier this spring, Devon Council approved the conceptual design of a new parking lot layout for Voyageur Park with $\frac{2}{3}$ of the project funding coming from the River Valley Alliance. This new layout will increase the parking capacity of the park and provide boat launch users their own parking lot with access to the North Saskatchewan River to alleviate much of the traffic issues currently experienced in Voyageur Park.

The existing parking lot with access to the river will be repurposed and be only for boat launch users (trucks and trailers). A new parking lot will be built next to the boat launch lot and will serve those looking to enjoy the park for the day.

Timeline

This project will start in early June and is expected to be completed by mid-August (weather dependent). Our goal throughout this project is to have as minimal disruptions as possible for our park users. Please, follow the signage around Voyageur Park to help us get the project done as quickly and safely as possible.

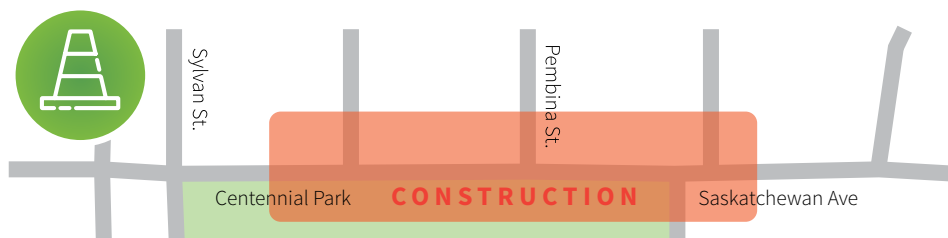


Saskatchewan Avenue Utility Construction

There will be some disruptions along Saskatchewan Avenue between Pidgeon Street and Moraine/Sylvan Street to allow for utility work to be completed.

Timeline

Work on this utility project is scheduled to start on June 11 and expected to be complete in early July (weather dependent).



Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about any construction projects, please contact:

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Stay up to date on all of our 2018 construction projects at devon.ca/construction.

Help us improve Voyageur Park

While the parking lot finishes up this summer, we are looking for your help to build on our previous public engagements to develop a concept plan with improvements for Voyageur Park.

Check out the draft concept plan and share your feedback through our Public Survey or directly through the webpage comments at devon.ca/VPIImprovement. The concept plan will be finalized and available for everyone to view on this project page at the end of July!



Cannabis Update

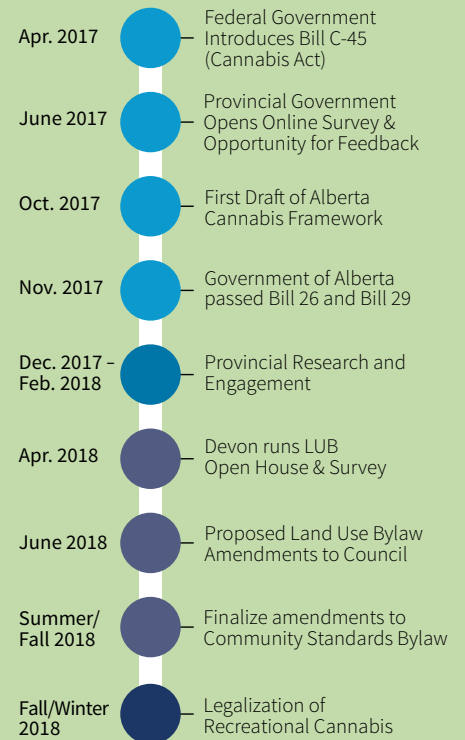
With the Government of Canada introducing legislation to legalize cannabis in 2017 and the Government of Alberta in 2018, municipalities across the country have been working hard to develop bylaws to regulate the use and sale of cannabis and cannabis related products in their community.

In order to gain a better understanding of how the legalization of cannabis will affect Devon, the Town has spent hours doing research, been involved in continuous conversations with all its neighbouring communities and engaged Devon residents through a Land Use Bylaw Open House and survey.

On June 11, 2018, Devon Council approved amendments to the Town's Land Use Bylaw adding extra stipulations to where cannabis can be sold in Devon. Cannabis retail sales stores must be located:

- 100 metres from schools & hospital property lines
- 100 metres from any playground structure
- 100 metres from the front door of any daycares

Devon will be continuing work on the regulation of cannabis use in Devon and will address this through amendments to Devon's Community Standards Bylaw this summer.



2018 Summer Day Camps & Summer Shack!



Looking for something for the kids to do this summer? Our Summer Day Camps & Summer Shack program offer two unique ways for young kids in Devon to experience summertime fun!

Day camps deliver weekly themes for kids age 3-11 full of crafts, games and indoor and outdoor activities. Field trips are even included in the camps for those kids age 6-11! Camp themes range from art and cooking to mystery solving and all camps are sure to be in a safe, supportive environment where kids can learn new things and make new friends!

Summer Shack provides more flexible & spontaneous options with a free, drop-in themed program. Summer Shack will be popping up in parks across Devon throughout July & August with games, crafts and activities geared for kids age 5 and up, though all ages are welcome with adult supervision. New in 2018, Summer Shack will now pop up twice a week giving everyone even more opportunities to join the fun!

Summer Shack Dates

July 2018							August 2018						
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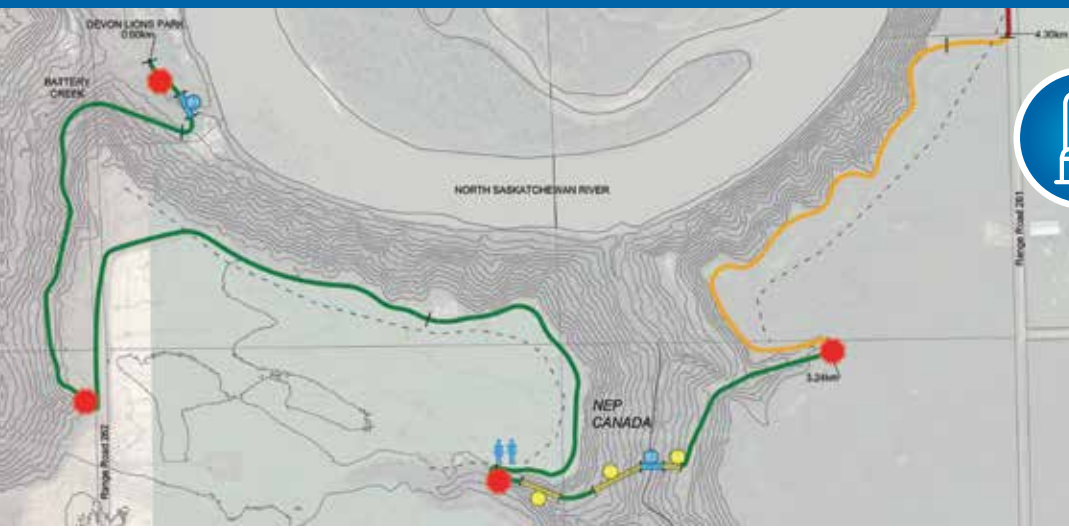
Register for our Summer Day Camps at devon.recdesk.com and follow the Town of Devon Facebook page to find out when, where and the theme of our Summer Shacks all summer long!



Boardwalk and Erosion Protection Wall Complete at Lions Campground

The Devon Lions Club, with support from the Town of Devon has completed construction of a river bank erosion protection wall down in the Devon Lions Campground. Along with the wall comes a brand new boardwalk for everyone to enjoy while at the campground.

If you haven't seen it yet, make sure to head down to the campground and check out all of the hard work put into protecting it from any future flood damage.



Trail Lighting Plan Update

Earlier this spring Council discussed options for installing lighting around the darker areas of Devon's paved trails to improve safety and encourage use of the trails past daylight hours. At their May 14, 2018 Council Meeting, Council approved Phase One of the trail lighting which includes installing lighting by the Devon Dog Park east to Peace River Drive and around Peace Cemetery.

The trail lighting is scheduled to be installed by this fall and will provide the community with an example of what future lighting along Devon's paved trails could look like.

Additional information about the Trail Lighting Plan will be posted as it becomes available at devon.ca/construction.

River Valley Alliance Trail Expansion

The River Valley Alliance (RVA) is entering Phase II of their Capital Program to continue their goal of creating one of the largest river valley park systems in the world. Phase II will last from 2018-2022 and focuses on completing regional connectivity and access with 13 new projects and 33 kilometres of new trails.

Included in Phase II of the RVA Capital Program is 3.24 kms of trail starting in the Devon Lions Park Campground and running through Battery Creek towards Range Road 261. Work has already begun on this section of trail and it is expected to finish this fall. By the end of 2019, the RVA expects to run this trail all the way to Rabbit Hill and then on through Edmonton by 2022.



Neighbourly Devon

Neighbourly Devon is an initiative designed to encourage neighbours to get to know each other based on the knowledge that socially connected neighbourhoods feel safer and are healthier and happier.

Research tells us that when we know our neighbours, it:

- Helps us feel safe when we watch out for one another
- Improves our physical & mental wellness
- Reduces isolation & increases our sense of belonging

- Saves time & money by helping out & sharing resources
- Supports healthy development of kids & youth

Volunteer to be a Neighbourhood Connector

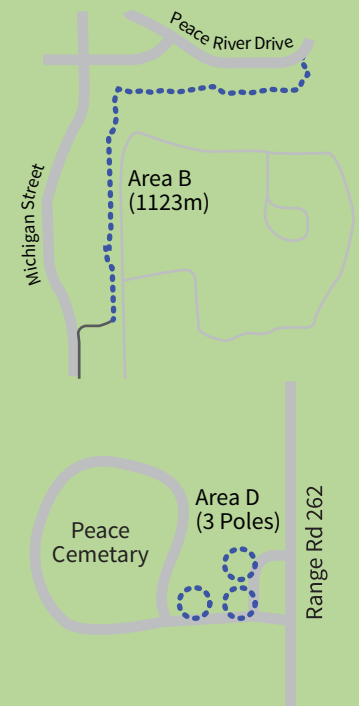
- Have a friendly chat with the closest 10-20 households in your area
- Help neighbours connect at an activity at least once per year

Want to learn more about Neighbourly Devon?

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