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□ The City of Spruce Grove □ ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Keeping you informed!

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Our <u>Economic & Business Development</u> newsletter keeps you informed about new development, business, and interesting happenings in the business community.

Stay in the 'know' - Sign-up below!

□ A SPRUCE GROVE WISH BOOK - HOLIDAY SHOPPING GUIDE □



Spruce Grove is the perfect holiday shopping destination! Our <u>2022 Wish Book</u> ad is your guide in finding that perfect gift for family and friends. Spruce Grove has something for everyone when it comes to shopping and dining.

One of the many benefits of shopping in Spruce Grove is that you can avoid the holiday crowds and traffic of the big city, which creates a far more enjoyable shopping experience.

With our many local gift boutiques and larger shopping destinations, you are sure to find that perfect gift in Spruce Grove. And, if by chance you cannot find what you are looking for in Spruce Grove, Edmonton is minutes away.

\Box SUPPORT LOCAL \Box

Welcome, new Spruce Grove businesses!



Bubble Tea & Coffee Lab at #3, 100 King Street is a store that offers a wide range of beverages and snacks, including bubble tea flavors, coffee brews and blends, unique pastries, delicious desserts, and more.



The <u>Café at Knighton</u> at 314 McLeod Avenue offers a selection of hot and iced coffees and lattes, caffeinated and herbal teas, hot chocolate, breakfast meals, lunch sandwiches, salads, soups, pastries, and other desserts. □



<u>Fusion Salon and Suites</u> at 128 Queen Street is a beauty salon that helps you reach your beauty dreams by offering a diverse range of hairstylists, aesthetics, injection, laser, lash, and extension professionals. $\Box \Box$



<u>Urban Living Furniture</u> at #101, 95 McLeod Avenue is a store that offers indoor furniture such as beds, mattresses, nightstands, dressers, media units, couches, sofa sets, dining tables, chairs, and more. □

\Box ARC - THE NEW WAY TO PAY FOR TRANSIT \Box

Spruce Grove has marked an exciting milestone with <u>Arc</u>, a new fare payment system that provides access to all 7 transit systems in the Edmonton region.

Riders don't have to pay up front for a full month of service to get the best deal. The Arc system will track what they spend.

When the monthly fare cap is reached, travel for the remainder of the month is free. The monthly cap on Spruce Grove's on-demand local transit service is \$65.



□ CHAMBER'S Y(OUR) REGION VIDEO RELEASED □



The Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce has released a <u>Y(Our)</u> <u>Region YouTube video</u> that spotlights Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County. This video allows you to closely connect with the communities that we call home. Experience local culture, diversity, rituals, beliefs, and the many people and business owners who have chosen to call this great region home.

□ TRI COMMUNITY ADULTS LEARNING ASSOCIATION (TRICALA) □

Join TriCALA in spreading joy around the Parkland Region on January 16 for <u>Blue Monday</u> - a day of pop-up events throughout Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, and Parkland County. TriCALA is looking for local businesses and organizations to participate by hosting a hands-on activity that can promote happiness and lifelong learning in their space or around the community. If interested, please email <u>info@tricala.ca</u>.



□ CITY CENTRE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS - CONSTRUCTION UPDATE □



There may be some minor disruptions to accommodate ongoing work. Construction will resume in spring 2023 with lane and sidewalk closures on the south side of McLeod Avenue and the east side of Main Street. This phase of the project will be completed by fall 2023. Learn more.

Continue to support our City Centre businesses by shopping local. More information is available at <u>CityCentreOpenForYou.ca</u>, which provides a City Centre business directory and an interactive map to find businesses and parking in the area.

□ WINTER BLOOMS GALA - FEBRUARY 11, 2023 □



The Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society is hosting their inaugural <u>Winter Blooms Gala</u> on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM. This formal dinner and dance fundraising event will support an accessible pathway system at the Spruce Grove Community Garden to help community members with mobility issues to enjoy the beautiful space.

□ FREE DIGITAL PROGRAMS FOR SPRUCE GROVE BUSINESSES □

If you have questions about the following programs, contact <u>Invest@SpruceGrove.org</u>.



Your Spruce Grove business can become the next success story by signing up for the <u>Digital Economy Program</u> to access these FREE services:

- Google My Business
- Social media, website & SEO
- Branding & logos
- Photography & videography



Apply for the <u>Canada Digital Adoption</u> <u>Program</u> for the following 2 streams:

1) <u>Grow Your Business Online</u>: A microgrant and access to e-commerce advisors

2) <u>Boost Your Business Technology</u>: A grant and support for businesses who want to adopt new digital technologies

□ BUSINESS SUPPORT PRORAMS □

Canada Jobs and Growth Fund (JGF)



<u>Canada Tourism Relief</u> <u>Fund (TRF)</u>



Canada Emergency Business Account



A \$700M program that supports regional job creation and positions local economies for long-term growth.

> <u>Canada-Alberta Job</u> <u>Grant</u>



Eligible employers can receive funding to help employees and unemployed Albertans access training. Funding to help tourism, non-profit, and Indigenous businesses adapt operations to meet public health requirements.

<u>Canada Work-Sharing</u> <u>Program</u>



Helps employers and employees avoid layoffs during a decrease in business activity. The repayment deadline for CEBA loans to be eligible for partial loan forgiveness has been extended to December 31, 2023.

CyberSecure Canada Certification Program



A program to limit cyber incidences, enhance competitive advantage, and protect information.

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To learn more about economic and business development in Spruce Grove, visit <u>InvestSpruceGrove.ca</u>. If you have any questions, email us at <u>Invest@SpruceGrove.org</u>.

Thank you for your engagement. Together, we play an important role in keeping our community healthy and safe.

> From our team to yours, Dave, Karla, Jamielinn, & Anika

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