

REPORTER

THE PENHOLD

Penhold

EASTER

eggstravaganza

SATURDAY APRIL 12

**PENHOLD
MULTIPLEX
GYMNASIUM**

10:00 AM - 12:00 P.M.

- CRAFTS ● COOKIE DECORATING
- FACE PAINTING ● BOUNCY HOUSES
- WAGON RIDES ● EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS

NO ADMISSION FEE

*Important Note: The Penhold Community Leaders Society is hosting a pet photo booth fundraiser at the same time as this event. The pet photos entrance will be on the NORTH EAST side of the arena, pet photos will be held in the arena private dressing room. There are no pets permitted in the Multiplex or at the Easter Eggstravaganza event.



COUNCIL CORNER

March 10, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

As Administration works through the 2025 Budget, the Provincial budgets have been announced. It appears the school requisition has increased 6.27% and the seniors requisition has increased by 11 % over last year. This is not an increase driven by the municipality however each community must collect the taxes on behalf of the Province.

Budgets and tax rates are anticipated to be finalized before the end of March.

We are excited to share that E-Billing is now available for taxes in Penhold!

Operations Manager Brandon Kowalchuk submitted the Alberta Environment and Protect Areas Water Works System Inspection Report. The Report identified above average ratings throughout the report with no deficiencies within the water systems. Council requested that this report be placed on the town's website for public preview.

The Operations team has done an excellent job being proactive with spring drainage in the alleys. It appears past issues have been resolved.

Multiplex Manager Szewczuk presented a new Ice Allocation Policy to Council providing local users the opportunity to secure ice times. The Policy identifies "local users" as residents who live within the Penhold and Red Deer County recreational area site plan area. Council approved the Policy with the eligible areas included.

Councillor Cunningham was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the remaining portion of this Council's term. Deputy Mayor Cunningham's term is in effective March 10 to October 27.

Administration identified that any new Federal funding they receive or wish to apply for will need to include consultation with the province prior to the final acceptance of the funds. This aligns with the Provincial Priorities Act & Regulations.

Council asked that Administration set up a commemoration for John King's passing.



March 24, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

Council has a tour of the new Waskasoo Middle School on Thursday, March 27.

Council is hopeful there will be an opportunity to discuss the termination of the current agreement between the town and school board.

In addition, the school board's intentions with the old school property after the demolition of the school building.

Land Use Bylaw review and updates are underway. It is hoped that this will be ready to go before Council for 1st reading by the end of April. There are several changes being made to condense the information in the bylaw, update building requirements and provide more authority to the Development Officer.

For the month of March there have been five new single family housing permits requested. Three in the south end of town and two north of Highway #42.

Community Services continues to provide a number of programs, catered to our youth, providing a great way to connect with others. In addition, there are additional programs offered to adults/seniors such as Tech Tips and other connection workshop opportunities.

Penhold Operations Building: The operations team has been working with the contractor in finding cost-saving methods for the new build. The challenge is the tariff situation and how best to source Canadian products within a reasonable manner. More information will be presented at the next council meeting.

The town entered into an agreement with Suds Station Car Wash for a one-year term for a monthly flat fee to wash the town fleet.

2025 Tax Bill: The province moved forward with its **Education Tax** to become 1/3 of the actual provincial cost that will be reflected on property taxes. This will show a substantive increase by 14% across the province this year to move this directive forward. This will be year one of three consecutive years that will reflect school increases to bring the School Education Tax to 1/3 of the total cost onto properties.

Some good news: E-Billing is now available for taxes this year in Penhold!

Community Foundation of Central Alberta(CFCAB): In celebration of it’s 35th Anniversary the CFCAB will be touring Central Alberta to connect with residents share information about the Community Foundation of Central Alberta. As the tour stops at various locations they will be presenting small grants to local organizations. Grant applications are open for community organizations to apply until April 2. The CFCAB Community Tour will be in Penhold Wednesday April 9 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Club Room at the Multiplex. Anyone interested in attending can RSVP through CFCAB website www.cfcab.ca.

Penhold & District Library: is hosting its Strategic Community meeting for their future community focuses on Tuesday April 15. If you would like more information, or are interested in attending, contact the Library to RSVP.

Next Council meeting: April 14, 2025
Presentations: Town Auditors; Public Services Building team update and recommendations; 2025 Tax Rates and Final Budget.

*Respectfully,
Mayor Mike Yargeau*



Upcoming Council Meetings:
Monday April 14, 2025
Monday April 28, 2025

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in person & livestreamed through the Town of Penhold website.

The Town of Penhold Council Meetings are now being recorded and will be made available for viewing on the Town of Penhold YouTube channel by midweek following each meeting. The recordings will be available for viewing until the day of next Regular Council Meeting.



Mayor's YOUTH RECOGNITION *award*

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Mayor's Youth Award will recognize youth within Penhold for their citizenship contributions to our community through public service or voluntary efforts.

Past Recipients:

2022 Logan Windebank

2023 Nathen Young

2024 Adele van Donkelaar

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Grade 7-12 student who resides in Penhold AND

- ★ Volunteers time within the community OR
- ★ Acts in good will to help others OR
- ★ Displays strong character and inspires others OR
- ★ Promotes community compassion in a personal way

NOMINATION PROCESS

Anyone 18 years of age or older can nominate a Penhold Youth for this award using the nomination form on the Town website.

Nominations will be accepted March 15-April 15.

NOMINATIONS OPEN MARCH 15 - APRIL 15, 2025

WWW.TOWNOFPENHOLD.CA

Penhold

OPERATIONS



Frozen Catch Basins

When Spring arrives, it comes along with many puddles forming around Town. The Operations Department does their best to minimize large puddles around Penhold but, with the temperatures dipping below zero each night it is inevitable some of the catch basins will freeze up and must be steamed daily to thaw them and get them running again.

We understand there are catch basins frozen in many areas of Town, please be patient as we work through thawing them. We give priority to those with water surrounding them having the potential to damage property.

If you come across any flooding or puddles as a result of a frozen drain, please report it to the Town by calling the office (403-886-3282) emailing info@townofpenhold.ca with the location or by submitting an E-Service Request through the Town's website (www.townofpenhold.ca)

Tips for Proper Drainage

- Create a sump pit and install a sump pump with reliable back up power; ensure pumps are operational.
 - Make sure your lot is graded to aid drainage away from your home.
 - Ensure sump hoses and down spouts are directed at least 6 feet away from your home's foundation.
- It is illegal to have any storm drainage discharged directly into the sewer system, check sump pumps for illegal connections. If they exist, have them removed immediately as the extra flow can overload the sewer system and create sewer backups in your house. Having this water enter into our sanitary is what factors into increasing utility rates as we are charged per cubic meter for treatment of our sewer.



Street Sweeping

The Operations department does a minimum of two thorough street sweeps a year. This means that streets are signed for no parking during the day so that the sweeper can get the entire area.

Generally, the full sweeps are completed once in the spring and again in the fall. The streets will be swept periodically throughout the Town from spring until fall in problem areas without signs being posted.

Alleys are not listed as a priority and are maintained as time permits if they become impassable.

Spring Clean-up

The Town of Penhold's Annual Spring Clean Up will be held May 23 to June 2, 2025. Garbage containers will be placed at the new Public Works Shop area along Waskasoo Ave (RR270) a half mile North of Oxford on the east side of the road. More information will be provided closer to the date.

SPLASH PARK is tentatively scheduled to open May 30, 2025.

Stay off Ice/Storm Ponds

The storm retention ponds are not measured for ice depth and with the temperatures warming up there will be water flowing into these systems. Stay off the ponds as there may be a present danger of thin ice. This is because water continuously flows beneath the ice surface making these ponds unsafe to be on. Please remember to stay off the ice in these ponds.

RV Park

Penhold RV Park will open on May 3, 2025. Bookings are now being accepted for the 2025 season. See the Town website to reserve your site using Camp Spot.

Yard Waste Compost

Weather permitting, yard waste compost bins will be available to use in April. The yard waste compost bins will be located at the new Public Services Building area along Waskasoo Ave (RR270) a half mile North of Oxford on the east side of the road. Check with the Town website for updates.

Accepted Items Are:

Grass clipping
Leaves
Branches (no longer than 4 feet or 1 inch in diameter)

Items not accepted:

No bags includes paper and compostable bags!
No garbage
No animal feces are permitted in the bins.



Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps, and causing sewer backups into streets, businesses, and homes.

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products will often result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste – pipes are typically 4 inches.

Public Works Staff work in the sewers to ensure we always have free flowing wastewater disposal. Please consider them and their safety when choosing to flush or not to flush.

What not to flush:

- Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffer's
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental floss
- Eggshells, nutshells, and coffee grounds
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines, or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic, or plastic of any kind
- Needles or other sharp objects
- Cigarette Butts

Sign-Up for E-News to receive Operations updates

Garbage & Recycling

E360 Solutions will continue to provide curbside recycling and waste removal for the town until April 30, 2025.

Effective May 1, 2025

Empringham Disposal will take over both curbside recycling and waste removal for the Town. The Collection Schedule will remain the same.

Waste Collection Reminders

Make sure you have left a space of 3m (10') above & 1m (3') around ALL sides of your totes AND 1m (3') between your totes so there is adequate space for the truck operator to access your totes.

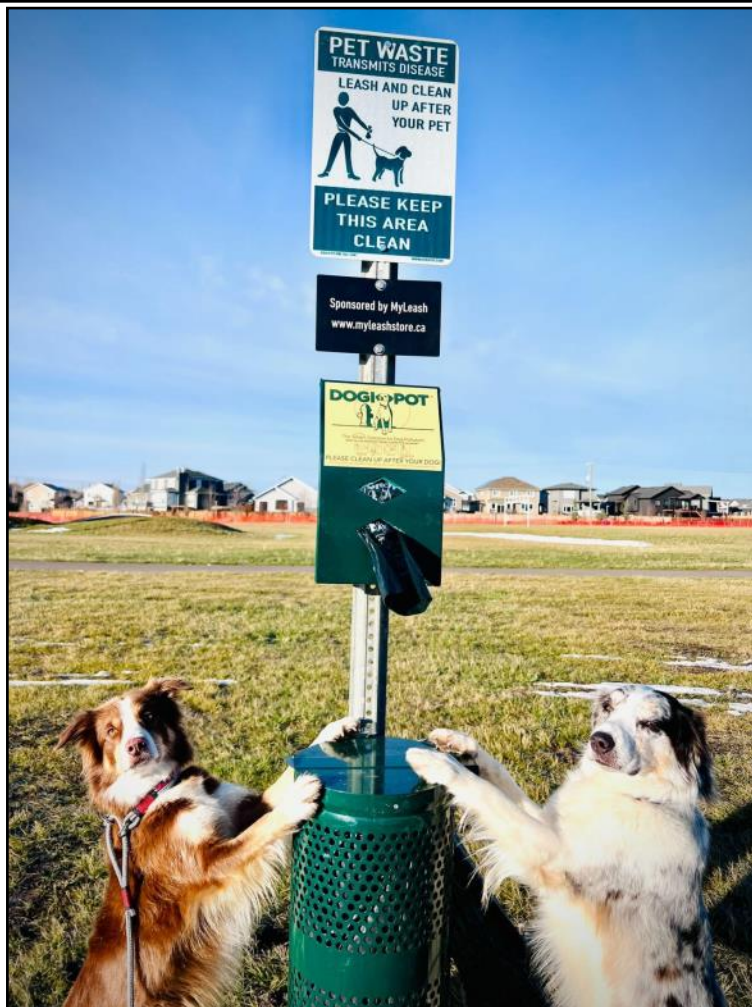


Reminder to pet owners:

Help keep our neighbourhoods clean and enjoyable for everyone and pick up after your pet.

Over the last few years there have been pet waste stations installed at around the Community Hub and at Critter's Corner green spaces. More stations will be installed this year in other green spaces around town.

Are you interested in sponsoring a pet waste station? Contact the Operations Department at 403-886-3282 or email pwsupport@townofpenhold.ca



Alberta Sheriffs SCAN unit

Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) is a unit of the Alberta Sheriffs that helps keep communities safe by dealing with problem properties that are being used for specific illegal activity such as:

- drug trafficking
- prostitution
- child exploitation
- gang-related crime

-SCAN operates based on citizen complaints not complaints from the police of jurisdiction. SCAN does liaise and work with RCMP once an investigation has been opened.

-SCAN will conduct investigations on municipal and rural properties.

-No one can disclose your identity to any person or agency, including law enforcement and courts, without your consent.

If a property is being used for illegal activity you may notice some common signs. Seeing one of these signs doesn't always mean illegal activity is going on, but if they happen often or together, a problem may exist.

Some common signs of illegal activity include:

- frequent visitors at all times of the day and night
- frequent late night activity
- extensive home security
- residents that are rarely seen, distant or secretive
- windows blackened or curtains always drawn
- neglected property and yard
- people repeatedly visiting the property who only go to the door for a short time
- residents who regularly meet vehicles near the property for a short time
- strange odours coming from the house or garbage
- garbage that contains numerous bottles and containers, particularly chemical containers
- putting garbage in a neighbour's collection area

To confidentially report a suspicious property, contact SCAN toll-free at 1-866-960-SCAN (7226) or complete their online form at the following website: <https://www.alberta.ca/report-suspicious-property>



Do you know who to call in the following situations??

Flooding:

Operations Emergency Line 403-391-0334

Power Outage :

Fortis Emergency Line 310-9473

Unsightly premises, Community Standards enforcement, dog or cat at large:

Community Peace Officers - 403-886-3286

Car accident, vehicle or structure fire, medical emergency:

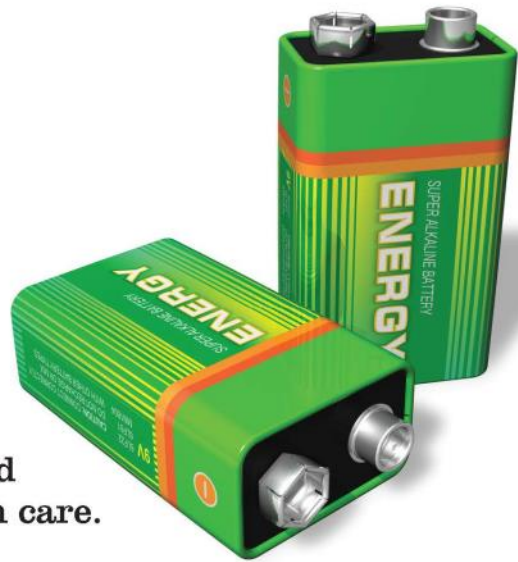
RCMP - 911

Theft, suspicious activity, domestic disputes, fraud, sexual assault, bullying, noise complaints:

RCMP Complaint Line - 403-227-3341

9-volt Battery Safety

9-volt batteries power our smoke alarms, household items and toys. They can be found in most homes. But these batteries can be a fire hazard if not stored safely or disposed of with care.



The problem

- » 9-volt batteries can be dangerous. The positive and negative posts are close together. If a metal object touches the two posts of a 9-volt battery, it can cause a short circuit. This can make enough heat to start a fire.
- » It is unsafe to store 9-volt batteries in a drawer near paper clips, coins, pens, or other batteries. Do not store common household items such as steel wool, aluminum foil, and keys near 9-volt batteries. If these items touch the two posts, there is a greater risk of a fire starting.
- » Weak batteries may have enough charge to cause a fire. Some fires have started in trash when 9-volt batteries were thrown away with other metal items.

Storing 9-volt batteries

- » Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.
- » Keep them someplace safe where they won't be tossed around.
- » Store batteries standing up.
- » 9-volt batteries should not be stored loose in a drawer. Do not store them in containers with other batteries.

Disposal

- » 9-volt batteries should not be thrown away with trash. They can come in contact with other batteries or pieces of metal.
- » 9-volt batteries can be taken to a collection site for household hazardous waste.
- » To be safe, cover the positive and negative posts with masking, duct, or electrical tape before getting rid of batteries.

9-VOLT BATTERY STORAGE

Keep batteries in original packaging until you are ready to use them. If loose, keep the posts covered with masking, duct, or electrical tape. Prevent the posts from coming in contact with metal objects.



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Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



**Penhold Volunteer
Fire Department**

April 1 - 30

SPRING

PERSONAL TRAINING SALE



	3 SESSIONS	5 SESSIONS	10 SESSIONS	20 SESSIONS
1 person	\$114.00	\$180.00	\$340.00	\$640.00
2 people	\$194.00	\$306.00	\$578.00	\$1,088.00



Choice of trainer Alexis or Alyssa

Enjoy a 1 month SILVER level membership with purchase of any of the above listed personal training packages. *24 Hour access fobs sold separately

* ALL SESSIONS 1 HOUR

* SALE DOES NOT APPLY TO SESSIONS FOR 3 OR 4 PEOPLE



FITNESS CENTRE



403-886-3268



April
1-30

SPRING MEMBERSHIP SALE

Gold+ 3 Month Membership

Adult \$144 -Unlimited Fitness Classes
Corp/Stu \$132 -24 hr fob Fitness Centre included
Senior \$108 -Running Track

Gold 3 Month Membership

Adult \$108 -5 Fitness Classes / month
Corp/Stu \$96 -24 hr Fitness Centre access available*
Senior \$84 -Running Track *1 time \$15 fee for fob purchase required

Silver 3 Month Membership

Adult \$96 -24 hr Fitness Centre access available*
Corp/Stu \$76.75 -Running Track *1 time \$15 fee for fob purchase required
Senior \$48

FITNESS CENTRE - APRIL DROP-IN CLASSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:00am Burn & Turn Spin (45min) 10:00am Yoga-Stretch & Restore (45min) 5:30pm TRX (45min) 6:30pm Circle Mobility (30min)	2 9:00am Power & Conditioning (60min) 5:30pm Hot Beats (45mins) 6:45pm Burn & Turn Spin (45mins)	3 9:00am Right On Track (50min)	4 9:00am Power & Conditioning (60min)	5
6	7 9:00am Power & Conditioning (60min) 5:30pm IN The Zone (45min) 6:30pm Pilates Fusion (45min)	8 9:00am Burn & Turn Spin(45mins) 10:00am yoga-stretch & restore (45min) 5:30pm Pump It Up (60min) 6:40pm Step (45min)	9 9:00am Power & Conditioning (60min) 5:30pm Hot Beats(45mins) 6:45pm Burn & Turn Spin (45mins)	10 9:00am 8 Rounds (45mins) 5:30pm Zumba Step (50min) 6:30pm Circle Mobility (30min)	11 9:00am Butts n' Guts HIIT Mix (60mins) 6:45pm Right On Track (50min)	12 9:00am Pump It Up (50mins) 10:00am Stretch & Release (50mins)
13	14 9:00am Full Body Mix & Match (60mins) 5:30pm IN The Zone (45min) 6:30pm Pilates Fusion (45min)	15 9:00am Burn & Turn Spin(45mins) 10:00am Yoga–Stretch & Restore (45min) 5:30pm TRX (45min) 6:30pm Circle Mobility (30min)	16 9:00am Muscle Up Express (45min) 5:30pm Hot Beats(45mins) 6:45pm Burn & Turn Spin (45mins)	17 9:00am 8 Rounds (45min) 5:30pm Zumba Step (50min) 6:30pm TRX Restore (45min)	18 CLOSED	19 9:00am Pump It Up (50mins) 10:00am Stretch & Release (50mins)
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Please remember to cancel 2 hrs prior to class start time or incur a drop-in fee.



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DROP-IN FEES NEED TO BE PAID AT THE FITNESS CENTRE BEFORE GOING		1 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Pickleball 55+ 1:00-3:30 p.m. Drop-In Skating 6:30-8:30 p.m.	2 1:00-3:30 p.m. Drop-In Skating	3 9:30-11:00 a.m. Drop-In Kid's Gym 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pickleball 55+ 1:00-3:30 p.m.	4 3:00-4:30 p.m. Pickleball 6:30-8:30 p.m. Drop-In Volleyball	5
6 4:00-7:00 p.m. Pickleball	7 10:00-11:30am Drop-In Kid's Gym 1:00-3:30 p.m. Drop-In Skating 3:30-5:00 p.m.	8 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Pickleball 55+ 1:00-3:30 p.m. Drop-In Skating 6:30-8:30 p.m.	9 1:00-3:30 p.m. Drop-In Skating	10 9:30-11:00 a.m. Drop-In Kid's Gym 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pickleball 55+ 1:00-3:30 p.m.	11 3:00-4:30 p.m. Pickleball 6:30-8:30 p.m. Drop-In Volleyball	12
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27 4:00-7:00 p.m. Pickleball	28	29 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Pickleball 55+ 6:30-8:30 p.m.	30	Check online calendar for prices, activity info and changes to schedule		



PYC is a safe, healthy, supervised environment for youth to hang out and participate in fun, interactive, and age appropriate activities.

In School Time:
Wednesdays 3:00-5:00pm
Fridays 3:00-5:00pm

Penhold Multiplex , 2nd floor beside Kids Kingdom.

At PYC your voice is heard and you are provided the guidance, resources, and support you need to advocate for yourself and turn your ideas into reality.

Questions?
 PYC Youth Coordinator Amanda can be reached @ 403-886-4567 / alindgren@townofpenhold.ca

The Penhold Youth Club registration form can be picked up at the Penhold Municipal Office (2nd Floor, Penhold Regional Multiplex) or during program hours. **NO REGISTRATION COST! PROGRAM IS FREE**



April 2025 Grades 4-6



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2 Bunny Day!		4 Under the Sea	5
	8	9 Cat Day		10 National Pet Day!	11	12
13		16 DIY Squishes 2.0	17	18 NO PYC	19	
	21	22 	23 NO PYC	24	25 NO PYC	26
		30 Smile Cookie			MEET AT PENHOLD TIM HORTONS	



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April 2025 Grades 7 & 8



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	7 Wheel of Fortune!	1	2	3 Beat The Buzzer	4 GO!	5 GO!
6		14 Embroidery - Outside		10 Inside Out Day!		
13	21 NO PYC!	17 Egg Hunt!	24 NO PYC!			
20	28 NO PYC!	Embroidery- Outside: We will be meeting in the PYC room and then heading outside. Plan B will be for us to be inside if weather does not permit. There is NO PYC during spring break. Smile Cookie Week is from April 28th- May 4th. There will be opportunities to help out on May 2nd-4th for the grades 7 & 8.				

**PENHOLD
TIM HORTONS
SMILE COOKIE SALES
WILL SUPPORT PYC**



**April 28
to May 4**



Help make
Penhold Youth Club (PYC)
every bite better

At participating restaurants in Canada for a limited time.
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Your Resource Connection: Tax Guide

For more information & resources, contact: Jamie Seiyama or Jennifer Blaylock with
FCSS: fcss@townofpenhold.ca or call 403-886-4567

Tax Guide

Visit www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency for more information on any of these benefits, credits and deductions including to check eligibility.

INFORMATION FOR ALL CANADIANS

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Credit

- Four times a year, this tax-free payment helps individuals and families with modest incomes offset all or part of the GST they pay. If you have a spouse or common-law partner, just one of you can receive this credit. When you file your 2024 tax return, CRA will determine your eligibility and will advise those who are eligible to receive the credit.

Medical Expense Deductions

- This credit applies to eligible expenses - from home care services, to laser eye surgery, to orthopedics and more. The amount you can claim is the total of your expenses, minus \$2,759 or 3% of the claimant's income (whichever is less). There is no limit on the amount of eligible expenses one can claim for themselves, a spouse or common-law partner or a child under 18.

Canada Carbon Rebate

- This rebate is a tax-free amount. How much you receive depends on your personal living situation and will be paid quarterly as a benefit. Living in Penhold you also qualify for a 20% supplement as you are a resident of a rural community. Tick the box on page 2 of your income tax and benefit return to claim the rural supplement.

Canada Training Credit

- The Canada Training Credit (CTC) is available for eligible tuition and other fees paid for courses taken in 2024 and subsequent tax years. An eligible individual can accumulate \$250 in each year toward their CTC limit, up to a maximum of \$5,000 in a lifetime, which can be accessed the following year to help cover up to half eligible tuition and fees associated with training.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Child Care Expense Deductions

- You can claim payments you have made to someone who has looked after your child while you either earned an income from employment, operated a business alone or as an active partner, attended school or conducted research. The limit you can claim is up to \$8,000 per child under the age of seven, up to \$5,000 for each child 7 to 16 (and for infirm children over the age of 16), and \$11,000 for any children who are eligible for the Disability Tax Credit.

Canadian Caregiver Credit

- You can claim \$2,616 under the Canada Caregiver Credit if you support a spouse, a common-law partner or a dependent with physical or mental impairment. For your spouse, common-law partner or eligible dependent over 18, you may also claim an additional amount up to a maximum of \$8,375 depending on their income.

Adoption Expense Tax Credit

- This credit is a non-refundable tax credit that allows adoptive parents to claim eligible expenses relating to the completed adoption of a child, up to a maximum of \$19,066 for each child.

Canada Child Benefit

- It is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families raising children under 18 years of age.

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Home Accessibility Tax Credit

- Seniors age 65+ or persons with disabilities who are eligible for the Disability Tax Credit can claim up to \$20,000 in eligible expenses incurred in relation to a renovation allowing for better mobility/functionality or reducing the risk of harm.

Pension Income Amount & Pension Income Splitting

- Eligible pension income that can be claimed on Line 31400 is \$2,000.
- Pension income splitting allows any Canadian resident who receives a qualifying pension to allocate up to one-half of that income to a spouse (or common-law partner).

Other Senior Tax Information

- The Age Amount allows seniors 65+ to claim up to \$8,790 on line 30100 their 2024 tax return, depending on the individual's net income.
- The age limit for converting Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) into a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) is 71.

INFORMATION FOR WORKING CANADIANS

Canada Workers Benefit

- This benefit is a refundable tax credit that supplements the earnings of low and modest workers. The CWB has two parts: a basic amount and a disability supplement for those living with a disability that qualify.

Canada Employment Amount

- This amount provides most employees of the public and private sector (excluding the self-employed) with help to offset the cost of work-related expenses such as home computers, uniforms and supplies. If you qualify for this amount, you can claim \$1,433.

Educator School Supply Tax Credit

- Eligible educators can claim a tax credit on up to \$1,000 of supply purchases per year on eligible materials purchased for their classrooms.

Volunteer Firefighters' and Search and Rescue Tax Credits

- This is a tax credit based on an amount of \$6,000 for volunteer firefighters who perform at least 200 hours of service per year. The option to claim the exempt amount of up to \$1,000 for honorarium will remain in lieu of the credit, if eligible.

Tradespersons' Tools Deduction

- This tax deduction is for tools that tradespeople have paid for out of pocket to the lesser of \$1000 or the formula used on the CRA website.

Meal Expenses of Long-Haul Truck Drivers

- Meal and beverage expenses of long-haul truck drivers are deductible at a higher rate than 50% permitted for other transportation employees. During eligible travel periods of 2024, meal and beverage expenses are deductible at 80%.

Home Office Expenses

- Eligible employees who worked from home in 2024 are required to use the detailed method to claim home office expenses. Eligibility what is covered and how to calculate expenses can be found on the CRA website.

INFORMATION FOR HOME BUYERS

Home Buyers' Amount & Buyers' Plan

- The credit allows first-time home buyers to claim an amount of \$10,000 on qualifying homes purchased. It's also available to those who are not first-time home buyers but are eligible for the Disability Tax Credit when they purchase a more accessible or functional home.
- The amount first time home buyers can withdraw from their RRSP for a down payment on their first home is \$60,000 or less.



FAMILY PLAY DAY

Drop-in for some Lego themed family time!
Activities, crafts, snacks and FUN!

APRIL 5
12:30 - 2:30
@ PENHOLD & DISTRICT LIBRARY

Logos: Penhold, fcss, Red Deer & District Family and Community Support Services

Playgroup

for Ages 0-6

Caregiver-supervised,
Drop-in program

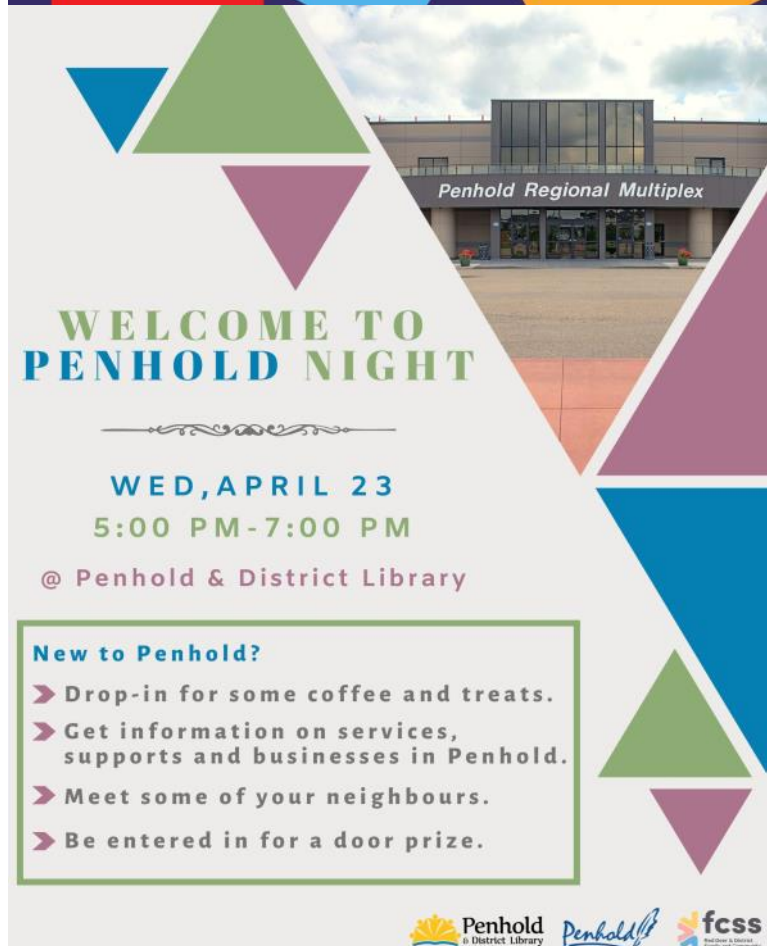
Free to attend!

Bikes, slide, tents & tubes, books, cars, and lots more to get your child moving & socializing!

Wednesdays at Memorial Hall
9:00-11:00 a.m.

April
2, 9, 16, 30

May
7, 14, 21, 28

WELCOME TO PENHOLD NIGHT

WED, APRIL 23
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
@ Penhold & District Library

New to Penhold?

- Drop-in for some coffee and treats.
- Get information on services, supports and businesses in Penhold.
- Meet some of your neighbours.
- Be entered in for a door prize.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2025

VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES

Together, we create ripples of change.



Volunteer
Bénévoles
Canada

APRIL 27 - MAY 3

volunteer.ca/nvw #NVW2025

Penhold FCSS with
Penhold & District Library &
Central Alberta Palliative Care
C A P C
invite you to:



Palliative Ponders Death Café

Bringing people together in a
safe, relaxed setting for a
casual conversation on all things
death, dying and living.

Date: April 2 & June 11

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Penhold & District Library

*More
info*

Penhold FCSS

(403) 886-3288

fcss@townofpenhold.ca



DRIVE HAPPINESS

GETTING SENIORS WHERE THEY NEED TO GO

Providing a senior with the means to manage their mobility makes
for a happy passenger. You are literally driving happiness. And that's
something to smile about.

**Become a volunteer! Visit drivehappiness.ca or call 780-424-5438
for more information!**

Tech Tips for Older Adults & Seniors



Bring your devices
like cell phones &
tablets for assistance
with your questions!



Date: April 9 & June 11

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- Computer Basics, Phones, Tablets
Social Media and more!

Registration Required

Call FCSS at 403.886.3288 or
Penhold Drop In Centre at 403.550.8533

Location:
Penhold Seniors
Drop In Centre
(3001 Minto St.)

Henday Association for
Lifelong Learning will
assist with tech issues
and questions.



Outreach Services Available:

Alberta Senior Benefits
Assistance with Government Forms
Referrals for Tax Assistance
Home Maintenance Services
Homestyle Frozen Meal Program
Housing Resource List
Information and Referral Services
Supportive Medical Transportation

Toll Free Elder Abuse Line
1 (877) 454-2580
Monday to Friday,
8:30am-4:30pm

For more information contact
Outreach Coordinator:
(403) 343-6074



Walk-In's at
Penhold & District Library
Anytime Between:
10:00am-12:00pm

Thursday, April 10th, 2025
Thursday, April 24th, 2025
Thursday, May 8th, 2025
Thursday, May 22nd, 2025
Thursday, June 12th, 2025
Thursday, June 26th, 2025

in partnership with:

TAX PREP

**FREE 2024 Tax Returns for
low-income individuals and families.**

March 3 – April 24

You will be asked to bring in your Tax Documents,
SIN card, as well as Photo ID to your appointment.



ELIGIBILITY

Family Size	Total Family Income Under:
1 person	\$35,000
2 people	\$45,000
3 people	\$47,500
4 people	\$50,000
5 people	\$52,500
5+ people	\$52,500
	plus \$2,500 for each additional person

Do you have any of the following:

- Business or self-employment income
- Rental income
- Real estate holdings that provide rental income
- Interest income over \$1000
- Capital gains or losses
- Foreign property
- Foreign income

If Yes to any of the above,
you are NOT ELIGIBLE for this program

*Full eligibility criteria will be provided.

By appointment only: Monday – Friday during business hours,
dependent on staff availability.



403-886-4567



fcss@townofpenhold.ca

As a community partner, Penhold FCSS is partnering with CPA to provide this free service to eligible individuals within the community.



Penhold & District Library

403.886.2636 | penholdlibrary@prl.ab.ca | prl.ab.ca/penhold
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WATERCOLOR JOURNALING

Join Heather Sinfield and dive into the world of creativity by exploring wellness through watercolor journaling

What you will learn

- Watercolor journaling techniques
- Mindfulness and wellness benefits
- How to embrace the flow



April 30

1PM Palliative Ponders

6PM Community Session

\$10/person

Register today



3D PRINT & MAKER SPACE

ROCKET EDITION

APRIL 11 & 25

HOMESCHOOL 1-2³⁰PM
AFTER SCHOOL 3³⁰-5PM

SAVE YOUR SPOT
REGISTER TODAY FOR JUST \$10
AGES 10+ | 4 OPENINGS PER TIME SLOT



CREATE KIDS

YARN LANDSCAPES

Brianna and Sophia will help you design and create your colourful yarn landscape!

Through 3 sessions, you will draw out your design and enjoy two weeks creating your landscape with all the supplies provided

LIMITED SPACES REGISTER TODAY!
Register for all 5 sessions for just \$5^{child}

Wednesdays
April 2-16
6PM TO 7PM
AGES 8+

STORY AND CRAFT Drop-in

Choose your day
Tuesdays or Thursdays
11am

BABY Bookworms

Let's Read!

TUESDAYS
10AM
AGES 0-2

WANDER IN ALL WEEK AND WANDER ABOUT

Easter SCAVENGER HUNT

ON A WONDERFUL EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

APRIL 8 TO 11



EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA SATURDAY

APR 12

ALL DAY

Hop in!
We'll have everything you need for an egg-cellent craft!

The Book Club

1pm | Wednesday
April 2nd



April's Book
Circe
by Madeline Miller

CREATE

WEDNESDAYS
6PM

CREATE COMMUNITY COLLABORATE



PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY



10-5
TUE

10-8
WED

10-5
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FRI

10-3
SAT

 **bgc PENHOLD**

PD DAY CLUBS

\$20 A DAY
9:00AM-5:00PM
PENHOLD MEMORIAL HALL

**FRIDAY,
MAY 2**

THIS IS OUR LAST
PD DAY CLUB FOR
THE SCHOOL YEAR!
SIGN UP TODAY SO
YOU DON'T MISS
OUT ON THE FUN!



GRADES 1-4

**YOUTH
HQ**

FOR MORE INFO
BGC@YOUTHHQ.CA
YOUTHHQ.CA

REGISTER HERE



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HOPE

Bringing the
hope of Jesus Christ
to the
community of Penhold

Join us for
Sunday morning worship services
at 10:30am

For more information, programs, and events for all ages, visit
penholdchurchofhope.com
  **Penhold Church of Hope**

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- ✓ **Point of Care Testing**
 - Strep A, UTI, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Covid (Rapid & PCR) Testing
- ✓ **Travel Medication Provider**
 - Pre-travel consultations, vaccination & medications.
- ✓ **Injection Services**
 - Shingles, Pneumonia, Vitamin B12 injections, Depo Provera Injections, Covid 19 vaccinations, Influenza vaccinations, & Tdap injections
- ✓ **Compounding Services**
 - Creating personalized medications to meet your specific needs. Personalized creams, ointments, syrups, suspensions.
- ✓ **Home Health Centre**
 - Breast Pumps and Breastfeeding supplies, Support stockings, Drug Test Kits, Daily Living aids, Footcare, Ostomy care, Incontinence, Wound Care, Bathroom Safety, Mobility Equipment and more!

2025
Memberships
Are DUE



PENHOLD SENIORS
DROP-IN CENTRE
 3001 Minto Street, Penhold, AB T0M 1R0
 Office: 403-886-2999 (Tue/Thu 2-4pm)
 Info: 403-550-8533 (Linda)
 Booking: 403-396-0074 (Debbie)
 Email: penholddropincentre@gmail.com

APRIL

RENT DROP IN CENTRE
\$150/DAY or \$35/hr
Damage Deposit Required
Call Debbie 403-396-0074 OR Linda 403-550-8533

GARAGE SALE MAY 9-19
Accepting Donations Now,
No furniture PLEASE

BECOME A MEMBER
 Age 30+ can join--- \$25/yr
 Includes Multiplex Walking Track
 Open for Coffee Tues/Thur 2-4

GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2-4 PM
MEMBERS WELCOME

APRIL Planned Activities
"APRIL 9---Tech Tips 1-3 pm FREE HELP WITH
Cell Phone, Laptop, Tablet & Social Media Problems
Pre Register 403-550-8533 /Walk in Welcome
"APRIL 11---International Auction 8 am-5 pm
Buy Gold/Silver on the spot--No Charge

WEDNESDAYS 7:00-9:00 PM
DOOR OPEN 6 PM
CASH ONLY
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A
MEMBER TO PLAY
BUT MUST BE 18 YRS OLD
APRIL 16
3 EASTER JACKPOT PLAYOFFS
EACH JACKPOT \$300 PLUS

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12	29	40	60	61
7	30	FREE SPACE	55	74
5	22	38	53	68
13	26	43	59	60

EASTER



Kids Kingdom Preschool
Is now accepting registrations for
2024/25
Registration forms are available at:
kidskingdompreschool.ca
For more information please contact Paula Kelly @
paula_kelly@hotmail.ca or @ 587-377-5639

The Penhold Museum
is looking for
volunteers to make
this season a success



Contact us today
to be part of an
amazing
team!





penholdmuseumsociety@gmail.com


Penhold Bark Park


PET FRIENDLY

EASTER PHOTO BOOTH



Bring your family, both
two legged & four legged,
and take Easter photos at
our photo booth.

Saturday April 12
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Penhold Regional
Multiplex
Pet photos entrance located
on NORTH side of the
Multiplex, watch for signs

Pet Friendly!



Photo booth price is by donation.
Fundraising event supporting:
Penhold Bark Park
an off-leash park for the community



HOSTED BY PENHOLD OPTIMIST CLUB

Proceeds provide programs for youth



Regular Meat Draws Every Friday 7-8 pm

6 Meat Draws

5 Liquor Ticket Draws

TICKETS \$1.00 EACH

VOLUNTEER CLUBS FOR APRIL

April 4---Jessie Duncan Parent Council

April 11---Penhold & District Optimist Club

April 18---(PSAC) Community Ties

April 25---Penhold Museum Society

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Email: info@kineticlegalservices.ca

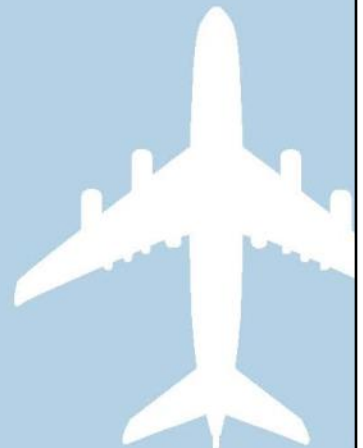
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- Utility Bills
- Property Taxes



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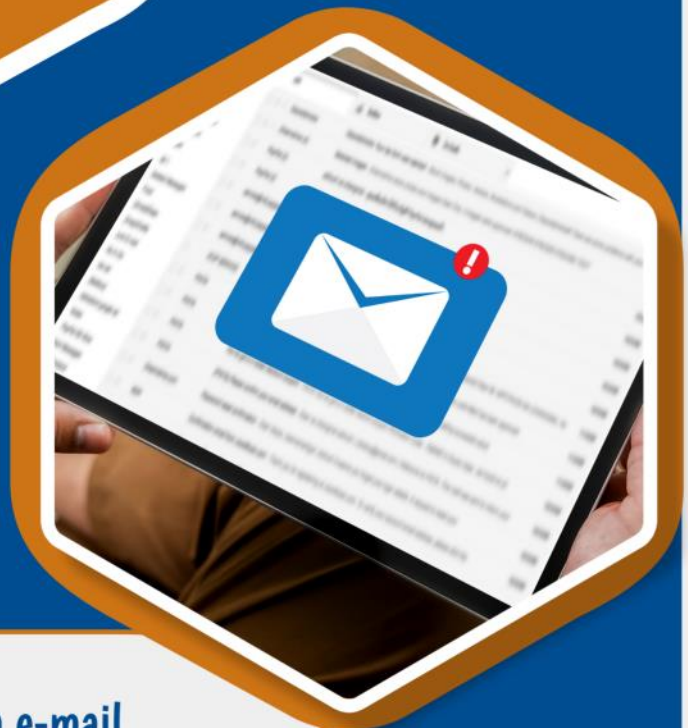
EFFICIENT

Get your bill as soon as
it is prepared, check
your historical bills
anytime

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

No paper, envelopes
or delivery needed
for Emailed bills

Check the Town of Penhold
website for easy to follow
instructions and start getting your
utility bills and / or your Property
Tax Notice by e-mail today!



Sign up by April 30 to receive your
2025 Property Tax Notice & Assessment via e-mail



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