



FALL 2022

# OUR Devon News



## Important Dates

**Sept. 1-9** – Virtual Community Awareness

**Sept. 7** – Community Awareness Night

**Sept. 17-18** – Fall Treasure Hunt

**Sept. 20-21** – Fall Large Item Pickup

**Sept. 22** – RCMP Town Hall Event

**Sept. 30** – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

**Oct. 10-16** – Fall Mental Health Week

**Oct. 14** – Launch of Fall-tastic Activity Kits

**Oct. 29** – Halloween Haunt

**Nov. 25-26** – 2023 Operating Budget Deliberations

**Nov. 26** – Christmas in the Park

**Dec. 7** – Seniors Tea & Jingles

Sept.  
12 & 26

Oct.  
10 & 24

Nov.  
14 & 28

Dec.  
12

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council Meetings occur on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and start at 7 p.m. at the Town of Devon Office at 1 Columbia Ave. West, Devon. All public is welcome to attend.

*\*There is only one Council meeting in December*

## Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor  
Jeff  
Craddock

It's almost been a year since our Council was elected and we are so excited about all of the things that have happened so far this year and are looking forward to what is to come.

This year marked the first summer since 2019 that we were able to provide fully in-person events and programming, and it was wonderful to see the community coming together once again.

Two major highlights in the past few months were the grand opening of Paragon Ballpark, which we are excited to see operating in full swing for the 2023 ball season, and the first Downtown Market Series featuring local vendors and businesses. In July, The Town participated in a regional waste audit to support residents in sorting smart and to help prevent cart and truck contamination. We are happy to report that the audit results were overall positive, and there is a full breakdown further down in the newsletter.

As we approach fall, there are many more things happening in our Town.

We are excited about the growth that has happened in the Town over the past twelve months including the opening of the long-anticipated McDonalds, and we look

forward to even more coming in the next year including the development of 21 new residential lots in the South Ravines.

Town Council is also continuing to pursue the Dale Fisher Arena Expansion Project and a scope change has been approved from a rec facility to a twinned arena with the Town eligible to receive the same amount of grant funding.

We are also happy to announce that construction has begun on the Medicine Park on River Drive, with most of the work slated to be completed this fall.

There will be another RCMP Town Hall event this September where residents will get the chance to participate in a Q&A with our local RCMP officers questions and learn about the Town's policing priorities.

For this last leg of the year, there will be many programs and events running including a Halloween event, activity kits, fall Mental Health Week, games nights, and for the first time since 2019 a full Christmas in the Park experience.

Please enjoy this edition of the Our Devon newsletter.



# Arena Twinning Project Update

Exploring options to expand the current Dale Fisher Arena has long been in the works. The Town is happy to announce that after proposing a scope change of this project from a rec facility to a

twinned arena, the Town is still approved under the Federal ICIP program and the Government of Alberta endorsement for a combined total of \$13.7 million.

The project is currently being retendered and is expected to come back to Council in October, so stay tuned for more information regarding the next phases of the project.



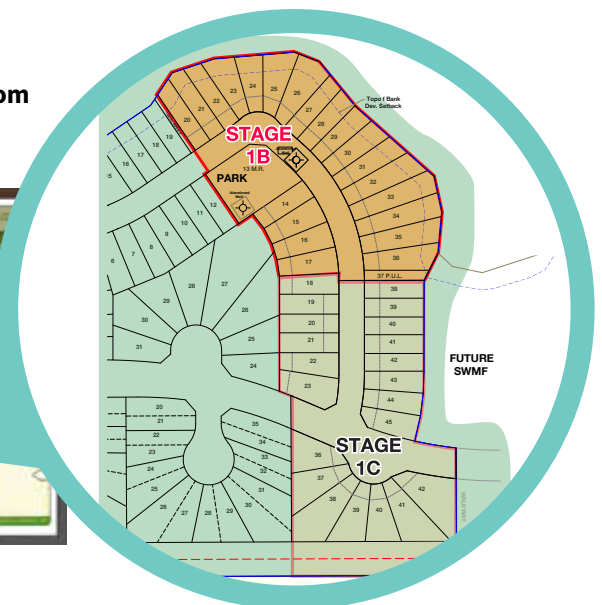
## South Ravines primed for next stage of development

The Town is excited to share that Qualico Communities has entered the next stage of development in the South Ravines which includes 21 new residential lots and a new park in the area.

This is the biggest development in the South Ravines since 2015 when Phase 1 was built.

Lots will be available for purchase directly from Qualico Communities and will provide home buyers with the opportunity to construct their dream home with any new home builder of their choosing. Lots are anticipated to be available to start home construction in early 2023 and will be made available for purchase by mid to end of September 2022.

Learn more about the South Ravines area at **southravines.qualicocommunitiesedmonton.com**



## Construction started on Medicine Park on River Drive



Another exciting development coming to Devon is the new Medicine Park being constructed on River Drive in the location of the former ball diamond #2. On July 28, 2022 the Town hosted a Pipe Ceremony with Elders and partners, prior to ground



disturbance or any construction on the site. The Ceremony aims to ensure that the project continues in a good way, that all partners and contractors involved are kept safe, and the land is kept healthy.

Construction started in early August and is slated to be complete in early summer of 2023. The Medicine Park will feature a stamped fire pit in the middle, curved benches surrounding the circle and a pathway from the River Drive trail to the Medicine Park pad.



# Summer 2022 Devon Waste Audit



In an effort to support residents in sorting smart and to help prevent cart and truck contamination, the Town's waste contractor, GFL, conducted waste, organics, and recycling inspections this past July with very positive results.

During the environmental audit, GFL visited 1811 homes. Of the 1811 homes visited, 1563 waste carts, 1082 organics carts, and recycling bags from 826 homes were out on the curb for collection.

GFL's audit report concluded that most waste and organics carts contained very small or mild amounts of contamination (materials that do not belong in the

designated carts/bags) while recycling bags contained a more severe amount. Contaminated bins were stickered and refused collection.

The results were very positive, showing about 1% contamination for waste, 2% for organics, and 8% for recyclables.

Main contaminants in the blue bins include aluminum pie tins, take out containers, and single use baking pans.

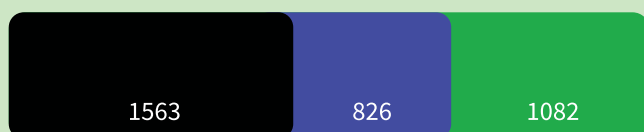
Residents are encouraged to reduce contamination even further by reviewing the Town's detailed sorting list for black, blue, and green bins at [devon.ca/waste](https://devon.ca/waste)

## AUDIT RESULTS

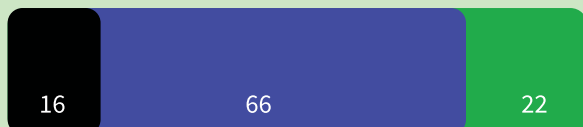
Total Homes Visited: **1811**

■ Waste ■ Recycle ■ Organics

No. of Homes with carts out for collection



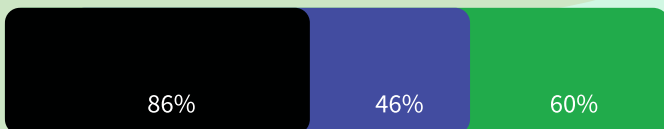
No. of Carts with Infractions



Severity of Infraction



Fill Percentage



### NOT ALLOWED IN ANY BINS

Batteries

Automotive Waste

Large furniture pieces

E-waste

Hazardous waste

Please dispose of these items at the  
Devon Recycling Depot







# What's happening this fall

## FALL-TASTIC ACTIVITY KITS

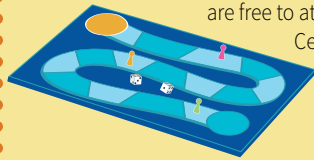
Looking for some at-home activities as the colder weather settles in? Grab a kit full of crafts and activities to celebrate fall and all the changing colours. Kits are pay what you can! midway and tons of activities being planned for June 9-12!

**Learn more at [devon.ca/activitykits](https://devon.ca/activitykits)**



## GAMES NIGHTS

Gather your friends and families to enjoy an evening out for a drop-in games night! Check out the huge variety of board games to play from old family favourites to new puzzles and cooperative games. Games nights are free to attend and are held at the Devon Community Centre on various evenings throughout the fall.



**Dates for the fall:**

• September 8 & 27 • October 13 & 25  
• November 10 & 22 • December 8

## CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

A full Christmas in the Park event will be back this year on Nov. 26 at the Lions Campground. The celebration will include visits with Santa & The Grinch, a maple taffy station, chili, hot dogs, park light up, and more. Information about shuttles will be available closer to the day of the event. **Learn more at [devon.ca/CITP](https://devon.ca/CITP)**



## HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Time to dust off those spooky costumes! The 2022 Halloween Haunt will feature a haunted house and games/activities at the Community Centre on Oct. 29 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets will be on sale in September!

**Learn more at [devon.ca/halloween](https://devon.ca/halloween)**



## SENIORS TEA & JINGLES

Looking for a festive afternoon full of tea, laughter and music?

Join us at the Devon Community Centre on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. for our yearly Seniors Tea & Jingles!

## RCMP Town Hall Event

This fall the Devon RCMP is hosting their second annual Town Hall meeting on Sept. 22, 2022 at the Devon Community Centre from 7 - 9 p.m.

The event will provide the community with information about the RCMP's current policing priorities, changes that have occurred in the past year, and projects and initiatives that the Devon RCMP are involved in.

Residents can submit questions online until September 19 at 4 p.m. by emailing [social@devon.ca](mailto:social@devon.ca), and they will be shared with the RCMP. There will also be a short question period following the presentation by the RCMP.

This event is open to all Town of Devon residents and the surrounding communities. People are invited to attend in person or virtually via Facebook Live. Keep an eye on the Town's social media pages to get the Facebook link closer to the date.

## Downtown Market Series Recap

For the first time ever, the Town hosted three Downtown Markets this summer featuring local vendors, businesses, and musicians. There were over 50 vendors in total that participated in the markets ranging from young entrepreneurs to established businesses with a variety of artisan and food products.

Each market was well attended and gave the community the opportunity to once again get together and support local. Due to the market's success, the Town looks forward to bringing it back again next summer and having it become a staple event in the community.



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