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# February

## STATE OF THE REGION ADDRESS



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

1:00 PM, Community Centre Auditorium

Come hear from your elected leaders on the economic highlights of our region from 2023 at the first-ever State of the Region Address. We hope you can join us!

### Scheduled Meetings

*The public is welcome to attend:*

#### Council

#### **Regular/Special Meetings:**

February 12th: 3:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

February 26th: 3:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

*Livestreams or recordings of Council meetings: [www.taber.ca/livestream](http://www.taber.ca/livestream)*

#### Library Board

February 8th: 5:15 pm @  
Library Board Room

#### Development Authority (MPC)

February 20th: 1:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

#### Arts & Heritage Committee

February 20th: 5:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

#### Municipal Police Commission

February 21st: 4:30 pm @  
Council Chambers

*The above are subject to changes at any time. See [www.taber.ca/calendar](http://www.taber.ca/calendar) for most current meeting info.*

### Upcoming Holiday Closures

Town Offices will be closed  
**Monday, February 19th**  
for Family Day

[www.taber.ca/calendar](http://www.taber.ca/calendar)

Inquiring about submitting a not-for-profit and non-political event? See eligibility at [www.taber.ca/cornhusk](http://www.taber.ca/cornhusk) for full details and contact information for submissions.  
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## Emergency Preparedness Tips: Tech & More Wildfire Tips

In our January edition, we shared some tips on how to be prepared before a wildfire. This time, we're sharing more on how to be prepared if a wildfire occurs (the official Wildfire Season in Alberta starts March 1st). As an added bonus, we've included some great technology tips as well.

### During a Wildfire:

If a wildfire occurs, you may or may not have notice to evacuate. It is vital that you are prepared **BEFORE** a wildfire occurs, as they can be unpredictable and fast, and you may not be at home to gather items if you have to evacuate immediately.

### Prepare to Leave

If there is a threat of fire in your area:

- Listen to updates provided by official channels (Town of Taber channels and/or Alberta Emergency Alert).
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.
- Have your vehicle stocked with supplies and ready to go (including fueled/charged car).

### Safeguard Pets (and Livestock, if applicable)

- Bring your pets indoors and move grazing animals to a central, safe refuge.
- Avoid locking farm animals in enclosures such as barns as they could get trapped.

### Safety First

Wildfires are extremely dangerous. If a wildfire enters your community, the following steps can help.

- Report it and get to a safe place. Never attempt to fight a fire yourself.
- Smoke from wildfires can be harmful. Children, the elderly, and those with heart and lung related health issues are at the greatest risk from smoke inhalation. Paper masks do not provide protection from smoke.
- Ensure all windows & doors are closed. Cover vents and other openings with duct tape or other adhesive to keep smoke out.

### Evacuation Alerts & Orders: What's the Difference?

**Evacuation alert (advisory):** People should prepare to evacuate soon, if the situation deteriorates.

- Evacuation alerts help you prepare to leave on short notice.
- Take the actions directed, be prepared to go quickly and monitor official sources of information for updates.

**Evacuation order (critical):** People must evacuate now.

- Evacuation orders are issued when you are in danger.
- Emergency situations can change rapidly and prompt an immediate evacuation order.
- Evacuate **immediately** if you are located inside an order's boundaries and directed to evacuate.
- Delaying your departure can put your life at risk and hinder emergency response efforts.
- Follow the specific instructions provided by your local authorities during an evacuation.
- Always prioritize your safety and the safety of those around you.
- If you are ordered to evacuate, you cannot return to your community until authorities have declared it safe to do so.

**For more info, visit**

[www.alberta.ca/wildfire-preparedness](http://www.alberta.ca/wildfire-preparedness)

## Technology Emergency Preparedness Tips

We rely on technology more & more in our everyday lives, but what happens in the event of a major emergency? Here are tips on the use of technology during an emergency:

- If possible, **use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media.** These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't.
- If you must use a phone, keep your conversation brief and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family.
- Unable to complete a call? Wait 10 seconds before redialing to help reduce network congestion. Cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. If you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.
- Keep a charger for your mobile device in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-powered, crank, or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.
- Keep your contacts updated on your phone, email and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts.
- If you have a smartphone, save your safe meeting location(s) on its mapping application.
- Conserve your smartphone's battery by reducing the screen's brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

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## Taber Communities in Bloom Promotes:

### EQUINOX ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS

Equinox Environmental is offering all participants a 10% discount on all orders of any quantity of Self-Watering Planters and In-Ground Waste containers. Participants will also receive an additional 2.5% CIB Partnership discount.

In addition, all orders of Planters and Containers will generate a 2.5% contribution to the Provincial Edition for Communities in Bloom”

Order deadline **March 29, 2024**

For information and orders please contact:

Janny DeVlieger 403-634-1214

[jannydevlieger@gmail.com](mailto:jannydevlieger@gmail.com)

Jean Holman 403-223-3179, 403-894-3179

[gjholman2@gmail.com](mailto:gjholman2@gmail.com)

Or visit [www.desertplanters.com](http://www.desertplanters.com)

# COMMUNITY WALK-ABOUT



This free Community Centre Program offers a warm, clean, & safe location for anyone who wishes to walk throughout the winter

**Nov 2-Mar 31  
Mon-Fri  
8-10 am**

**Taber  
Community  
Centre**

[www.taber.ca/dropin](http://www.taber.ca/dropin)



## 2023/24 PUBLIC SKATING

SEPT 18-MAR 12

### Noon Shiny

Monday-Thursdays (Large Ice) & Fridays (Small ice-begins Oct 6)  
Noon-1:00 pm - \$2.00/visit or \$79.50/season

\*Helmets, Gloves, & Shin pads are mandatory for shiny\*

### Adult'n Tot

Fridays (Large Ice)  
10-11:30 am - FREE

\*Helmets are STRONGLY recommended\*

### Public Skating

Fridays - (Large Ice)  
6:45-7:45 pm - FREE  
(Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Taber)

Saturdays/Sundays-(Small Ice) (Begins-Oct 7)  
1-3:00 pm - FREE  
(Sponsored by the Taber Lions Club)

\*Helmets are STRONGLY recommended\*



MORE INFO: [www.taber.ca/dropin](http://www.taber.ca/dropin)



## SERVICE REQUESTS

[WWW.TABER.CA/SERVICEREQUESTS](http://WWW.TABER.CA/SERVICEREQUESTS)



## GET TOWN NEWS DIRECTLY

[WWW.TABER.CA/ENOTIFICATION](http://WWW.TABER.CA/ENOTIFICATION)

## WATER SAVING TIP #2

Recycle your water where you can. Collect the cold water you run before it's hot enough to shower and use it to water plants or flush the toilet (known as a bucket flush). Rinse water from dishes and food preparation can be collected and used to soak other dishes.

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# Taber Public Library

## Contest Alert! February – Library Lovers Day

Help us cover the library in love! Visit the library and place a heart somewhere in the library during the week of Feb 11. Everyone who places a heart can enter to win a heart-themed gift!

- Sat Feb 3 and 17 Ukulele Jam at 1:30 pm. This is for all ages to come play together. There may even be a uke to borrow if you like. Listeners are welcome as well.
- Tue Feb 13 Valentine's Day Story time at 2 pm. Mrs. Croft will lead us with stories, songs and some treats at the end. Open to all ages.
- Wed Feb 14 Circle Jam at 6:00 pm. This is for anyone who likes music. You can come play whatever instrument, sing or just listen. We sit in a circle, each chooses a song, whatever they want, and the rest join in. It is so much fun! Food is welcome but not provided.
- Fri Feb 16 Family Movie Night and we will be showing The Little Mermaid– Live Action. Begins at 6:30 pm and there will be free popcorn.
- Wed Feb 21 Senior Speaker Series at 10:30 am. The topic this month will be “Ask a Pharmacist” with Carin from Co-op Pharmacy. Please bring your questions! Snacks and drinks are provided.
- Wed Feb 21 SWIFTIE PARTY beginning at 1:30 pm. We will start by making Swiftie friendship bracelets and then proceeding into a dance party with DJ Chris Nguyen featuring Taylor Swift music. All ages are welcome!

\*Please watch our website and social media accounts for updates on Spanish Lessons and other programs or happenings at the library!

## Parkside Manor Senior Announcement

Parkside Manor Regular Dinner:  
February 14th, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

Soup and Sandwich:  
February 28th, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

Hall Rentals: call Cara– 403-394-4542

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Registration starts January 15

horizon<sup>+</sup>  
school division

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024-2025

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

Early Learning and Kindergarten registration forms are available online at [horizon.ab.ca](http://horizon.ab.ca) or at your designated school. Bring your child's Birth Certificate or Canadian Citizenship status card and Alberta Health Care card.

Learn more about your child's developmental progress, as well as the benefits of early childhood programming.

Developmental Check-up appointments are available end of March, beginning of April  
**To book call your school secretary**



Join us for an afternoon of lights, music, dancing and making friendship bracelets!  
No cost. All ages welcome.

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TABER PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Swiftie Party

at the Taber Public Library  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**  
**1:30-4:00**  
Featuring DJ Chris Nguyen!

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