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Town of Vegreville Hosts Edible Orchard Grand Opening

Vegreville, AB (May 15, 2025) -- The Town of Vegreville has announced the Grand Opening of the Edible Orchard to be held on June 11, 2025, at Pysanka Park from 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM.

Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Manager, Dan Kuzmic, will be hosting the Grand Opening of the Edible Orchard, which is situated at the Northend of Pysanka Park, near the Pysanka Park mini golf course. Through the support of Tree Canada, the Town successfully applied for a \$10,000 Tree Canada Edible Orchard grant in 2023 and has officially completed planting the diverse range of 80 fruit trees, bushes, and shrubs early in May of 2025. Thanks to the Parks department and community support, this initiative promotes environmental sustainability and offers educational benefits for all ages.



“By integrating edible orchards into our schools, parks, and public spaces, we are providing our community with the opportunity to foster a deeper connection to the environment, encourage healthier lifestyles, and equip residents with valuable knowledge and skills that support lifelong learning.”

Tim MacPhee, Mayor, Town of Vegreville

In celebration of the exciting new addition to Pysanka Park, the Town of Vegreville is pleased to extend a warm invitation to a Grand Opening event. This special occasion will welcome guests from across the community, including local schools, seniors, members of the Vegreville Gardening Club, and the Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, who has been invited to join in marking this important milestone.

The celebration will feature a short opening ceremony, followed by a tree planting and care demonstration, offering valuable insight into how this new green space will be maintained and flourish in the years to come. Guests will also be invited to enjoy a self-guided tour of the

orchard, allowing them to explore the site at their own pace and appreciate the thoughtful planning behind this community initiative.

This event not only commemorates the orchard's official opening but also serves as a meaningful opportunity to showcase local sustainability efforts. It encourages intergenerational engagement, bringing together students, seniors, and community leaders to celebrate the environmental and educational benefits this project will bring to Vegreville now and into the future. To learn more about this event and other community events, visit vegreville.com.

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About Vegreville: *Home to the World's Largest Freestanding Pysanka (Ukrainian Easter Egg), the Town of Vegreville is located about 100 kilometers east of Edmonton and conveniently adjacent to Highways 16 and 36, two of Western Canada's major transportation corridors. A friendly and thriving community, Vegreville has positioned itself to become a future hub of Agriculture and Industrial Business thanks to its proximity to major cross-continental highways, access to TELUS PureFibre internet and the now under construction Prosperity Industrial Park.*

INQUIRIES

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