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Contributions by citizens, non-profits, service providers and businesses are welcome.  
Paid and "in kind" space available - - A variety of delivery methods: postal, social media and website

Reach potential: 1265 Homes!!

**Deadline: 20th of the month @ 10am for the following month.**

Contact Community Services 403-748-2160 [community@townofbentley.ca](mailto:community@townofbentley.ca)

*Country and Southern Gospel Music with a Message*



*Crystal Taylor*  
in concert

**Bentley Rodeo Weekend**  
Everyone invited to Rodeo SUNDAY  
**MULTI CHURCH SERVICE**  
Sunday August 13th 10 AM  
In The Bentley Community Church  
**\*\*FREE Chili lunch to follow in Gym\*\***

With Special Speaker



**HERB TAYLOR**  
Cowboy Preacher and  
International Evangelist

AUG 12 | 11AM-1PM | @ BENTLEY LIBRARY



**PETTING ZOO**  
GOATS, LAMBS, BUNNIES, PIGLETS, CHICKS AND MORE!  
**DONATIONS WELCOME**  
**WITH ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

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# Water Fun!

**POP UP SPRAY PARK**  
See page 12! FRN Advertisement

Double Your Bucks Farmers  
Market Program..... Pg11  
Access up to 8 times  
over the season!



## ATTENTION NON PROFIT GROUPS

The tent used for the Dignitaries Luncheon and pancake breakfasts is available for your use after 2 pm on Thursday, August 10th and after 1pm on Friday August 11th.

Please contact Town Office to reserve your time 403.748.4044.



*Bentley & District Ag Society*

**Bentley & District Ag Society Fair  
& Rodeo is happening.**

**Make sure you save the dates.**

**AUGUST 8-12, 2023**

**"Salute to the 60th Anniversary of  
the Bentley Fair & Rodeo Parade"**

**Organized by the Sunset Hills  
Riding Club**

**Itinerary  
Inside!**



## Special Needs Assistance for Seniors

If you are a senior who qualifies for assistance via the Seniors Special Needs Assistance Program, you may be eligible to be reimbursed for a variety of things. If you are not sure what this program is, please contact 403.748.2160. Copies of the program booklet can be printed for you, or you can view it on the internet here <https://open.alberta.ca/publications/6756730>.

**HIGHLIGHT:** The Special Needs Assistance Program has a reimbursement for light housekeeping and/or yard work with criteria for access. If you qualify for this program you can engage whomever you wish to clean as long as you have a receipt and they are not a family member. This is a secondary item under the program, income levels are below. Additionally, to qualify you must have a doctor's letter if you are under 80 and no one else living in the household can do the housekeeping. Over 80, there is no medical criteria.

*Community Services often receives inquiries regarding light housekeeping services/yard assistance.*

*We cannot refer potential house cleaners, snow shovelers or yard help. Doing so, without vetting or staffing a position, leaves the Town potentially liable for that connection should an issue arise. We encourage you to reach out to community members to see whom is offering services.*

**What we can do** is assist you to see if you qualify for any of the items you are interested in under the program and with your paperwork to submit to for reimbursement.

If you have questions about this program, please reach out! We are happy to help you navigate.

Bentley Community Services 403.748.2160

### Benefit year

Your and your spouse/partner's (if applicable) previous year's income will be used to determine your eligibility for the benefit year, which runs from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the next year.

### Income thresholds

| Single Seniors      |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Annual Income       | Funding Level               |
| Less than \$25,230  | Primary and Secondary items |
| \$25,231 - \$29,630 | Primary items only          |
| Over \$29,630       | No funding                  |

| Senior Couples      |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Annual Income       | Funding Level               |
| Less than \$39,920  | Primary and Secondary items |
| \$39,921 - \$48,120 | Primary items only          |
| Over \$48,120       | No funding                  |

Pastor Greg Rathjen 36 years at BCC Opened since 1931



Everyone is invited to join us at 4824 50th

**Bentley Community Church**

**SUNDAY 10 AM. WEDNESDAY 7 PM.**

**\*Evangelical \*Children's church \*Youth**

**Bring a bag lunch to visit after service**



Bentley Municipal Library

Tuesdays 10:00 - 5:30  
 Wednesday 10:00 - 5:30  
 Fridays 10:00 - 5:30  
 Saturdays 11:00 - 3:00

## 587-877-1002

**The Bentley Community Van  
 Trips depend on driver availability**

**2nd Wednesday - Sylvan Lake  
 4th Wednesday - Red Deer**

**These trips are open to everyone,  
 FREE or by Donation.**



Please contact our coordinator for more information and book your seat!



**Over The Hill & Loving The View**

**See You In September**

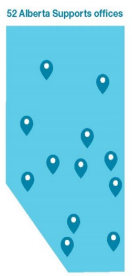
Tuesdays @ 1 PM Drop  
 Thursdays @ 9 AM coffee/toast  
 Potluck on the 2nd Tuesday of the month  
 at NOON - 12PM

Located in The Town Office Bldg.

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Alberta SUPPORTS  
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Whether it's in-person, online, or over the phone, we're here to help.

Alberta Supports can help you access more than 30 programs and 120 services for seniors, people with disabilities, families and more.


To find a location near you, please visit [alberta.ca/alberta-supports](http://alberta.ca/alberta-supports)

**Keeping in mind that FCSS is all about early intervention and prevention.....**

If you have any ideas for programming for kiddos, families, adults, or seniors which may be a fit under our mandate please give us a call to discuss the need/want.

**403.748.2160**

**Red Deer Alberta Supports Centre**  
 Submit documents: [is.centralregion@gov.ab.ca](mailto:is.centralregion@gov.ab.ca)  
 Mailing address: 109, 4920 51 Street, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8  
 Address: 2nd Floor First Red Deer Place, 4911 51 Street  
 Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6V4  
 Email: [css.ds-central@gov.ab.ca](mailto:css.ds-central@gov.ab.ca)  
 Phone: 403-340-5353 Fax: 403-755-6171



**SHED POUNDS, GAIN FRIENDS**  
 First visit is FREE!

Join us for affordable, effective weight-loss support!

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Town Office basement | Tuesday 2 pm - 3 pm  |
| 4918-50 Ave          | For more information |
| Bentley AB           | Carolyn 403-396-1002 |

Real People. Real Weight-Loss.® [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)



**BENTLEY BOUTIQUE**

Use west entrance beside bay door.  
 Bentley Long Term Care Facility  
 4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

**Open Tues/Thurs 10-12 & 1-3**

Items for all ages & sizes.

Next to new clothing donations welcome!



Volunteer Coordinator  
 Sandy  
 403.318.0270

Bentley Community Services  
 403.748.2160

**NEED HELP? NEED INFORMATION?**  
 Here are some important numbers you can call:

**811** – Health related information  
**211** – Community information & services  
**1-877-303-2642** – Mental Health Helpline  
**1-866-332-2322** – Addiction Helpline

Private - Confidential - Available 24/7





**Brand New!**  
Coming to Bentley  
this fall!



## 2023-2024 Programs

### School's Out Day Program

The School's Out Day (S.O.D.) Program operates from 8:30AM – 5:45PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, field trips and other planned activities on Professional Development Days, school breaks and In Lieu Days for schools. The following dates follow the Wolf Creek Public Schools calendar.

- Friday, September 22, 2023
- Friday, October 6, 2023
- Friday, October 20, 2023
- Friday, November 24, 2023
- Friday, December 8, 2023
- Friday, January 19, 2024
- Friday, February 9, 2024
- Friday, February 20-23, 2024
- Friday, March 15, 2024
- Friday-Friday, March 25-28, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Friday, May 17, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Friday, June 14, 2024



### After School Program

The After School Program (A.S.P.) operates Monday from 3:15PM – 5:45PM during the school year and includes life-skills instruction, leadership training, recreation, other activities and a nutritional snack.

- Program Start Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023\*
  - Program End Date: Friday, June 21, 2024
  - Program Closure: Monday, December 25 – Friday, January 5, 2024
  - Program Cost: After School \$15/day, Full Day \$35-40/day (Government Subsidy will be available for those who qualify)
- \*pending date of Child Care Licensing Approval



**Location:** Bentley Elementary School  
**Contact:** Phone 403-783-3112  
**Email:** Admin@bgcwolfcreek.com or Bentley@bgcwolfcreek.com  
**Website:** www.lacombe.bgcwolfcreek.com  
**Registration:** Please click on the QR Code:

Registration



Facebook



Website



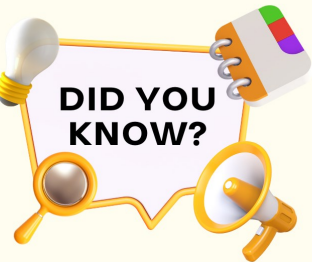
**SCHOOL'S OUT DAYS**  
2023-2024 DATES

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 6**  
**FRIDAY, OCT. 20**  
**MONDAY, NOV. 13**  
**FRIDAY, NOV. 24**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 8**  
**THURSDAY, JAN 19**  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**

**TUES.-FRI, FEB. 20-23**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15**  
**MON-THURS, MAR. 25-28**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

**Where:** Bentley Elementary School  
**When:** 8:30AM-5:45PM on School PD Days  
**How:** Registration is open 60 days in advance. Register using the information below. Each day is \$40 (Subsidy is available to qualifying families)  
**Register:** www.bentley.bgcwolfcreek.com  
 403-704-5475/403-783-3112  
 Bentley@bgcwolfcreek.com

Thanks to all the community partners working together to bring this program to Bentley



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Community Services** is here to assist in finding information and connecting citizens to government programs, family programs, seniors programs and more.

We partner with local resources, service providers and outlying communities to enhance what can be offered to our citizens.

Our mandate is early intervention prevention thereby we look at programs/services which may enhance the quality of life for individuals, provide opportunities to enhance skills and resiliency, as well as reduce social isolation.

Programs **cannot** be primarily recreational.

If you are aware of a program which may be beneficial to our citizens, please let us know.

We are located in the Bentley Long Term Care, available **by appointment**.

The Bentley Boutique clothing recycling program is also located in the Care Centre. Please note that AHS requires masking in some areas of the building.

403.748.2160 community@townofbentley.ca

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Community Services - Town of Bentley



Community Services - FCSS



It has been a busy month for the Bentley Fire Department.

Between June 21 and July 23, we have responded to fifteen fire calls in our district and assisting our neighboring departments.

**Volunteer Opportunity!** *The old saying goes, “Many hands make light work.” As of late, your local fire department has lost a few hands to members who have retired or moved away. If you would like to help us out, we may have room on the roster for you. You can call the Fire Hall at 403-748-4348 and leave a message if you would like to consider joining our group of dedicated volunteers. The hours are erratic, the pay is not fantastic, but we have great hats, and you could get to drive the Big Red Truck! If you have experience in the emergency services, that’s great. If no, we can train you.*

Our calls over the past month were:

June 21 – Five members responded to a request from EMS for a ‘lift assist.’ In this case, the medics were looking for help using a chair lift to get a patient up some stairs. Once the patient was loaded into the waiting ambulance, we were released from the scene.

June 23 – The Bentley Fire Department was requested for mutual aid for a call in Eckville. A young man had been run over by a large piece of farm machinery just outside of Eckville had sustained serious injuries. STARS Air Ambulance was called, but the medics determined that the patient couldn’t wait for the helicopter to arrive, so the patient was transported by ambulance to the Red Deer Hospital and flown out from there.

June 30 – Bentley Fire was dispatched to a campground by Gull Lake for a patient with burns to her legs and lower body from a bottle of hand sanitizer which had ignited from a campfire. Firefighters monitored and cared for the patient until EMS arrived and took over.

July 1 – Eight members responded to a gas detector alarm in an RV at Sandy Point. Usually, we suspect Carbon Monoxide. In this case, it appeared to be a propane leak somewhere in a line. The RV was cleared of the gas and the occupants were advised to keep the propane disconnected until the problem could be fixed by a certified repair person.

July 2 – A young man dove off a dock in Gull Lake and sustained potentially serious spinal injuries. Bentley Fire was called to assist with patient care and help transport the patient from the dock up a hill to an ambulance. This is not the first such call we have responded to. Please remember that a lake can be much shallower than expected. Never dive in without being sure of the water’s depth.

While still on the first scene, a call was received that there was smoke coming from the closed AG Food building. Lacombe Fire Department was automatically dispatched for mutual aid. The keyholder was not immediately available, so the Fire Department forced entry into the building and did a thorough search of the premises. No fire or evidence of any fire damage was found.

July 6 – The department was toned out for a motor vehicle collision between two vehicles near Gull Lake. All occupants were checked by EMS, but none were injured seriously.

July 7 – When does a practical joke stop being funny? When the fire department is called, perhaps! In the very early hours of July 7, we responded to a call for a cabin on fire at a nearby campground. Upon arrival, we checked the cabin and, despite the emphatic assurance from the occupants that there had been smoke in the building, we could find nothing out of the ordinary. As it turned out, the boys from another cabin thought it would be funny to scare the girls by placing a theatrical smoke machine against the door, sending fake smoke into the cabin. Many sheepish apologies were made and, just *maybe*, a lesson was learned.

July 10 – Only one member was available to respond to a Carbon Monoxide alarm. Levels of the dangerous gas were indeed high when checked by the department’s monitor. The building was cleared, and the occupant was advised to contact their gas company as soon as possible.

July 14 – An alarms call came in from a residence at Blissful Beach. These seem to be quite common at summer properties for one reason or another. Our units were stood down en-route as it was determined to be a false alarm.

July 16 – Bentley responded to a call for mutual aid for a structure fire in Eckville’s response area. It turned out to be a small shed which was easily contained, and we were stood down before we made it to scene. Later the same day, we were called out to a serious, two vehicle motor vehicle collision with injuries. Two patients were transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment.

July 17 – Members responded to a report of an outside fire north of town. It was determined to be a controlled burn.

July 22 – Another motor vehicle collision was called in, this time involving a motorcycle and a passenger vehicle. One patient was transported to the Lacombe Hospital.

#### **A couple of important reminders:**

The Bentley Fire Department is planning our second **Pop Up Spray Park on August 1** at 11:00am the Fire Hall. Last year, the weather was not cooperative, so we are hoping for a warm, sunny day for this one.

Also, the Fire Department will be at the **Annual Show and Shine on August 12**, selling burgers, hot-dogs and drinks to raise money for equipment and other department needs. We hope to see you there !



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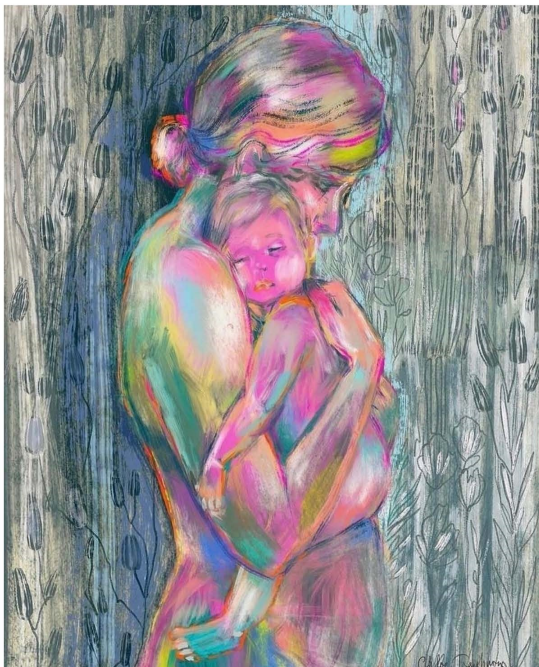


Image from Jess Ulrichs, Writer

## Mother's Grace Postpartum Support Group

Collaboration with Lacombe Addiction & Mental Health and Lacombe Family Resource Network. We are offering a support group for mothers who are within the first 18 months of post-partum.

**FREE & CONFIDENTIAL**  
Child Care Provided

**Dates:** Wednesday, September 13, 20, 27  
Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25  
Wednesday, November 1

**Time:** 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**Place:** Lacombe First Baptist Church  
27008 Township Road 405.5  
Lacombe, Alberta

**Register by calling Lacombe Addiction and Mental Health at 403.782.3413**

**AUGUST FUN FACTS**

- Poppy & Gladiola August Flowers
- Peridot Birthstone
- National Video Game Week
- Llama Day
- National S'mores Day
- Women's Equality Day
- Back to School Month
- Virgo
- Leo
- 8th Month of the Year
- National Waffle Day
- National Watermelon Day
- Left Handed Day
- 3 DAYS IN THE MONTH

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# August



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|-----|
| *Registration Required                              |  |  |  |   |  | 1   |
| 0-6<br>7-13<br>13+<br>Family<br>Parent<br>Education |  | 1<br>Sensory Time (LAC) 10-11:30<br>*Community Connections (BENT) 10-11:30<br>*Thinking Tuesday (LAC) 1:30-3<br>*Trail Blazers (BENT) 1:30-3       | 2<br>*Community Connections @ Ellis Bird Farm 11-1<br>*Trail Blazers (LAC) 1:30-3  | 3<br>*Community Connections (ALIX) 10-11:30<br>*Art in the Park (LAC) 10-11:30<br>*Adventure Daze (CLIVE) 2-3:30  | 4<br>Obstacle Course (BLFDS) 10-11:30<br>*Teens Inc. (BLFDS) 12:30-2 | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  | 8<br>Sensory Time (BLFDS) 10-11:30<br>*Community Connections (BENT) 10-11:30<br>*Thinking Tuesday (BLFDS) 12:30-2<br>*Trail Blazers (BENT) 1:30-3  | 9<br>Science Lab (CLIVE) 10-11:30<br>*Community Connections (LAC) 10-11:30<br>Water Wednesday (CLIVE) 1-3<br>*Trail Blazers (LAC) 1:30-3 | 10<br>*Community Connections (ALIX) 10-11:30<br>*Art in the Park (BENT) 1:30-3<br>*Adventure Daze (CLIVE) 2-3:30  | 11<br>Park Adventure (LAC) 10-11:30<br>*Teens Inc. (LAC) 12:30-2     | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>*Make It Monday (LAC) 9:30-11:30   | 15<br>Sensory Time (LAC) 10-11:30<br>*Thinking Tuesday (LAC) 12:30-2   | 16<br>Science Lab (BLFDS) 10-11:30<br>Water Wednesday (BLFDS) 1-3  | 17<br>*Art in the Park (BLFDS) 1:30-3   | 18<br>Obstacle Course (CLIVE) 10-11:30                               | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>*Make It Monday (BENT) 9:30-11:30<br>*Adventure Daze (BLFDS) 2-3:30<br>*Trail Blazers (BLFDS) 3:45-5:15  | 22<br>Sensory Time (CLIVE) 10-11:30<br>*Thinking Tuesday (CLIVE) 12:30-2<br>*Community Connections (BENT) 10-11:30<br>*Trail Blazers (BENT) 1:30-3 | 23<br>*Community Connections (LAC) 10-11:30<br>Science Lab (LAC) 10-11:30<br>Water Wednesday (LAC) 1-3<br>*Trail Blazers (LAC) 1:30-3    | 24<br>*Community Connections (ALIX) 10-11:30<br>*Art in the Park (CLIVE) 1:30-3<br>*Adventure Daze (CLIVE) 2-3:30 | 25   | 26  |
| 27  | 28<br>*Make It Monday (CLIVE) 9:30-11:30<br>*Adventure Daze (BLFDS) 2-3:30<br>*Trail Blazers (BLFDS) 3:45-5:15 | 29<br>*Community Connections (BENT) 10-11:30<br>*Trail Blazers (BENT) 1:30-3   | 30<br>*Community Connections (LAC) 10-11:30<br>Back to School Clothing Swap (LAC) 10-3<br>*Trail Blazers (LAC) 1:30-3                    | 31<br>*Community Connections (ALIX) 10-11:30  |  |     |

**Lacombe & Area  
Family Resource Network**  
#4-4725 49B Ave. Lacombe, AB  
403.896.3408 or 1.877.994.5465  
karen.white@mcmcentral.ca

*Alberta* Provincial Family Resource Networks

**Family Resource Network**

Program information on next page!

Community Services is proud to partner with Lacombe Family Resource Network for outreach programs in Bentley.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Families are welcome to attend FRN activities in any community they serve, but please take note of the registration requirements.

To register/information:  
frnlacombe@gmail.com  
QR Codes  
Carolyn 403.896.3915

Registration Opens June 25th.

\* = registration required

**Water Wednesday:** *It's summer!!! Come out to a different water source each week to cool off and have some fun!*

**Back to School Clothing Swap:** *Watch for details!*

**Sensory Time:** *A developmental program for children to learn sensory development and fine motor skills through fun and messy play. Sensory bins, games, and activities with a circle time and story to end the program.*

**Obstacle Course:** *An outdoor program for children to work on gross motor skills, problem solving, and turn taking skills through different obstacles with a different theme each week!*

**Science Lab:** *A fun and explorative program for ages 2-5 where they learn about predicting, observation, and experiencing fun with science messy play.*

**\*Community Connections:** *Come join other families as we explore our towns. We will visit fire departments, spray parks, garden stores, see goats, birds, and more! Fun field trips, activities, and crafts.*

**\*Adventure Daze:** *Outdoor fun (unless weather is bad) in your community. Each week we will have a fun adventure theme like dinosaurs, pirates, fishing, and more! We will have many activities to do as a family.*

**Park Adventure:** *We'll meet at a different park each week. Scavenger hunts, games, crafts, sensory bins, story stones, nature rubbings art...*

**\*Make It Monday:** *Create, build, learn a new skill! Younger siblings with parents welcome!*

**\*Thinking Tuesday:** *This program is based on STEM activities, volunteer opportunities and community challenges. Younger siblings with parents welcome!*

**\*Trail Blazers:** *Drop off your 7-13 year olds for outdoor fun happening in Lacombe, Bentley, and Blackfalds. Tie Dye, drumming, art, scavenger hunt, games and more!*

**\*Art In The Park:** *Create, paint, craft, do nature art, happening at a different park each week!*

**Teens Inc. 13+:** *Watch for details!*

**Pop-Up Slurpee Runs:** *Weather dependant, watch our FB/IG for a slurpee run near you!*

**Pop-Up Stroller Walks:** *Weather dependant, watch our FB/IG for a stroller walk near you!*

### LOCATIONS (unless otherwise specified):

**Alix:** *Alix & Area Community Resource Centre - 5008 50th Ave.*

**Bentley:** *Bentley Town Office - 4918 50th Ave.*

**Blackfalds:** *Blackfalds Community Centre - 4810 Womacks Rd.*

**Clive:** *Clive Baptist Church - 4716 50th St.*

**Lacombe:** *FRN Office - #4, 4725 49B. Ave.*



Registration for  
0-6 year olds and  
parent groups:



Registration for  
7-18 year olds  
groups:



@lacombefrn





**Council Meetings summer recess schedule: Council will meet July 11th and August 22nd. Regular meetings will resume in September on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly.**



**Agendas and meeting packages are posted on the Town Website Fridays prior to each Council Meeting. Citizens are encouraged to keep themselves educated on Town Council and Administration activities via these documents. Public is welcome and encouraged To attend Council meetings. To attend as a delegation, please contact Town Office for the proper procedure to do so.**

**2023 Animal License Tags - As per Bylaw 152/2011** All dogs and cats in the Town of Bentley require a tag. Animal control license tags may be purchased at the Town office. Applications may be obtained at the Town office or on the website. ***Please remember to scoop the poop!!***  
**spayed/neutered \$35, unaltered \$45**



**Reminder for Weekly Residential Garbage Collection** - Don't be missed because your garbage is not available for pick up. Please have your garbage ( maximum 4 bags, 40 lbs. or less) ready for pick up by 7:30 am on regular garbage days for collection. Please be patient if it isn't picked up at the same time each week. The public works personnel collecting garbage changes, as may the route and the volume of garbage.



**Business Licenses** - With a few exceptions, all Commercial and Home based businesses in the Town of Bentley require a valid yearly Business License. This also applies to those businesses and services that are not located in the town of Bentley but are coming into town to conduct business or provide a service. The application form can be found on the Town's website or picked up at the Town office.

**Monthly Tax installment** - Payments are an option with the Town of Bentley. For more information on this program, please call the town office or drop in and speak with one of our staff.

**Utility Payment Agreements** - We offer auto withdrawal from your bank for your Town Water, Sewer & Garbage utility payments. We are also offer mailed utility billings rather than a paper copy, your choice.

### Tax Notices

The due date to pay the 2023 taxes and avoid penalties is August 31, 2023.

If you did not receive your tax notice, please contact the Town Office at 403-748-4044 and we can provide you with a copy.



### Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Bins

403-748-3961

**Thursday** 9am-4:45pm  
**Friday** 9am-4:45pm  
**Saturday** 1pm-4:45pm

**CLOSED** stat holidays



## Mayor's Report for July 2023

We are thankful for rain so our crops around Bentley are looking very good. Hard to believe we are halfway through the summer holidays already.

As Mayor, council, and staff, with all the work on our future planning, we have had three public meetings representing four different planning situations. It has been very encouraging to have people attending these open house meetings and following up with online and hard copy surveys. Your attendance gives us all opportunities to be informed on the planning process and to contribute your ideas and insight to help us plan and work together as a team. It is important to know nothing starts without community consultation and communication.

As reported in June, the Council and our CAO Marc have been very busy for this first half of 2023. During the summer months there will be one more Council meeting. August 22nd. If there is a need to meet for any pressing issues, a meeting will be called.

We are looking forward to our Rodeo Weekend from August 10 to the 13. It is always a great time. We have invited many dignitaries from other cities, villages, and towns to our lunch on Thursday, and to be part of our parade. Lots of people along the two km route called out as they were from our community.

The council and Marc our CAO enjoyed being invited to be part of the Rodeo in Ponoka. Summer is always a wonderful time to share in the various celebrations in our area.

We have continued to have a busy table representing the town at the weekly Farmer's Market. Having been there for weeks, I would really encourage more Bentley and area folk to drop in from 2 to 4 on Saturday afternoons. With the currently missing grocery store, the Farmer's Market extends the opportunity to purchase fresh products. We also have the provision of food baskets shared through the Blessing Pantry, which is now also working with the library as well. The Bentley Community Van is available free at least twice a month to take people shopping for needed supplies and to get to know people.

Please look up our Town of Bentley newly opened web site online. <https://townofbentley.ca/> If you do not have a computer stop by our great Library, take out free membership and you can use the computers there to see our town website and all that the library offers. Taking out free Memberships helps guarantee the services we qualify for. Through the Parkland Regional Library.

As summer continues and you happen to meet new neighbors or run into new people in town, I thank you for welcoming people. I hear over and over as I get to communicate at home and around our area, "Bentley is such a pretty town with such friendly people and businesses."

We will be finishing the sidewalk restoration for 2023 soon. It is interesting that the sidewalk along 52Ave corner on 47 street and down to 53rd Avenue Close was placed there in 1982. Some small sections were replaced but most are still good. This says those looking after the future development in the 1980's did a good job. Thanks to all for making and continue to make Bentley what it is. Stay tuned as we are moving forward.

We are still looking to our federal government for a grant to help us upgrade our arena. Please enjoy summer. Check out the stores and opportunities we are fortunate to have and thank the people who make these unique places open to us. If you have not been to the Museum yet, it is worthwhile stopping in. The Bentley Historical books are available to purchase there, at the town office and Farmers market.

Mayor's Report

Sincerely Mayor Greg Rathjen



**Bentley Agencies**  
All Classes of Insurance & Registration

*August Plate Reminder*

Last Names and Company's starting with the letters  
E, Gr, R  
registration is due Aug 31st.



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## WELCOME SUMMER!

### WE ARE ALL THANKFUL THAT FOR SUMMER

Cade Gerrits and Jake Pike are our Summer Hosts at the Bentley Museum.

### CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Bentley Museum hosted a very successful open house on July 1, 2023, with over 100 visitors from Bentley, Sylvan Lake, Lacombe, Red Deer,

Caroline, Calgary, Edmonton, and also from Texas, Mexico and Scotland.

### COMMUNITY VISITS

On July 12, 2023, Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Darnell from Family Resource Network, Lacombe, invited 10 children and parents for a tour of the Bentley Museum. The kids then did a craft and then got to make homemade butter for their crackers.

### BENTLEY FAIR AND RODEO AUGUST 8-12/23

Bentley Museum will be hosting an Open House on August 12 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm with cake and refreshments.

There will be a demonstration and sale of Chainsaw Carvings by Bart from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Bentley History Books are now on SALE. (Also available at the Farmers Market)

\$5.00 - original History Book

\$10.00 – (set of 2) new History Books

Dick Damron CD's and Books are also available.

Bentley Museum Contacts:

Cora: 403-506-2696 Diana: 403-748-4024



## Bentley Farmer's Market Double Your Bucks Program

The purpose of this program is to double an individual's \$20 to stretch their budget for produce and meat, thus enhancing their access to food to better meet their nutritional needs.

To qualify for this program your individual net income must be under \$25,000, line 236 on your income tax return for the year 2022.

Contact Community Services to get your application via email [community@townofbentley.ca](mailto:community@townofbentley.ca)

**You will take your \$20 cash to a designated spot at the market and receive \$40 in coupons to spend that day. You can access the bucks up to 8 times!**

Limit: One application per family, must have a Bentley mailing address

Newsletter Advertising Rates

Business card \$30

1/4 page \$45

1/2 page \$ 90

page \$180

Community Organizations - reduced or no fee

call to discuss your submissions - fees only apply if you are generating a revenue from your event.

403-748-2160

community@townofbentley.ca

**Notable Moments & Words of Thanks**



Bentley Library is honoured to collaborate with the Bentley Blessing Pantry to host a mini pantry in our library!

Huge thank you to Barkie's Paw Spa for donating a freezer and to Second Harvest and Camp L.G. Barnes for keeping our shelves full!!

**This Great Outreach Program is open to everyone!**

All items are free and available during our open hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday 10-5:30 and Saturdays 11-3. Please stop by and check it out and grab what you need!



Thank you to everyone who works so hard to bring a great Rodeo/ Fair Week & Car Show to Bentley! So many volunteer hours and tiring days for the benefit of others enjoyment. **YOU ALL ROCK!**

*New to Bentley, just want to say it feels like home already. Thanks to everyone we have met for being so kind.*

Double Your Bucks program is awesome! Thank you to the Farmers Market for this program.

Thank you to the Museum for the Canada Day Open House! You all do an awesome job and the



**SOMETIMES YOU FORGET YOU'RE AWESOME SO THIS IS YOUR REMINDER**

**Trail Blazers**

AGES: 6-12  
1:30-3:00 PM  
OUTDOOR FUN  
WEATHER DEPENDENT

Tuesdays

- Aug 1- Drumming in the Park- Make Drums- green space by town office
- Aug. 8- Kite Fun- Kite shop
- Aug. 22- Picnic & Yard Games- green space
- Aug. 29- Nature S.T.E.M.- Meet at Green Space

Must Register for each event:  
403-896-3915  
frnlacombe@gmail.com

Thank you to Lisa and Jo for weeding at the Long Term Care Centre



**RCMP Sylvan Lake**  
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(403) 858-7200  
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(403) 887-3333  
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**Crimestoppers Website**  
<https://crimestoppers.ab.ca/>

Must Register: 403-896-3915 frnlacombe@gmail.com

**Tuesdays- Bentley 10:00-11:30**

**Adult/child activities outdoors/weather dependent**

- August 1- Pop up spray park- Bentley fire (11:00- 12:30)
- August 8- Yard games/kite fun- Green space by town office
- August 22- Intergenerational Un-Birthday Party- Bentley Care center
- August 29- Nature S.T.E.M. Fun - Green space by Town office

**COMMUNITY**

**Connections**