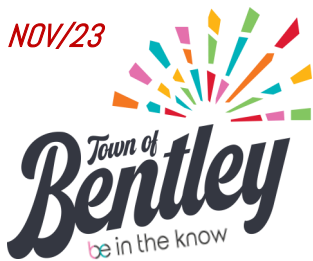


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Produced by *Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) - Community Services*

*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

26th Annual
Santa Celebration!

Save the Date! Saturday, December 2nd

Santa, Wagon Ride, Hot Chocolate, Warming Fires

6 - 9pm

Town Office Parking Lot

Letters for Santa
Drop Off!
Letter on page 16
Or use your own

FREE
Community Event
Thanks To
Wonderful
Partners!



Should you wish to contribute to the event or volunteer,
contact Santa's Helper Barb 403.748.2160



Bentley Newsletter will no longer be mailed to Town Post Boxes in 2024. RR1 addresses will continue to get mailed.

Copies will be available for pickup in a newspaper box near the post boxes, in businesses around Town and on the Town website.

Follow the Town's Facebook Page for more information on the Santa Celebration Event!

Partners thus far: Lacombe Family Resource Network, Kruzin West, Bentley Museum, Bentley Farmers Market, Town

Santa's Anonymous, Coats for Kids & Fill A Fridge

Seasonal
Outreach
Programs

**Information inside...
donate or apply!**



Medicine Lodge Ski Club AGM
Please join us! Everyone Welcome!
When: November 2nd at 7pm
Where: Bentley Drop In - Town Office



LACOMBE & DISTRICT
VOLUNTEER LINK
We endeavour to aid, assist,
and comfort our local
community members by being
good neighbours.



**JOIN US
VOLUNTEER LINK**
MOBILIZING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO
RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY!



New Partnership!
We have reached out to
our neighbors to endeavor
to help those who need
medical trip/dental trip
transportation.

- WE NEED HELP FOR:**
- ✓ Driving clients to dental appointments
 - ✓ Driving clients to medical appointments
 - ✓ Visitations

REGISTER NOW

Contact Us
403-786-0110

Email
lacombevolunteerlink@gmail.com

**LOCAL VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**Call 403-748-2160 OR
Volunteer Link**

**Forshee Hall Emergency
Community Meeting**



A call out to all community members and interested people of Forshee Hall. Please attend this very important meeting for the survival of our hall.

November 12 @ 4pm.

It is critical that the community attend the meeting to provide as much input as possible. Due to unforeseen events, the hall is in dire need of your support.



Remembrance Day
November 11, 2023

**Open House At
The Bentley Museum**

Noon - 3pm
Tour the Facilities

Enjoy
Hot Dogs, Cake & Drinks



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

Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) is available to low-income Old Age Security pensioners.

You can find detailed information
about the GIS benefit, including: the
eligibility criteria, how much you
could receive, and what you need to do
to receive the benefit by
visiting: [https://www.canada.ca/.../
guaranteed-income-supplement.html](https://www.canada.ca/.../guaranteed-income-supplement.html).
Please see [https://www.canada.ca/.../
cpp/old-age-security/
payments.html](https://www.canada.ca/.../cpp/old-age-security/payments.html) for detailed
information on other related benefits
that you may be eligible for.



Why was the snowman
rummaging in the bag
of carrots?

He was picking his
nose!

What do
snowmen eat
for lunch?

Iceburgers
with chilly
sauce!



WEAYAYA

Solar Powered Music Festival

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 5/23 @ 11am
Join us at 2008 Township Road 414

We are the only solar powered music festival in Canada engaging and
showcasing Alberta Talent!

The festival is held at the above address on the 2nd weekend in July,
2024. We are proud to have hosted 10 years of music. To continue
this fantastic event we need YOU! Volunteers are the backbone of
it's success. Please contact if interested!

weayaya.spmf@gmail.com or call 403.748.2862



<http://www.weayaya.com>



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



We're open for business.

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

52 Alberta Supports offices



Red Deer Alberta Supports Centre

Submit documents: 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

Phone: 403-340-5353 Fax: 403-755-6171

Grocery Store News

Welcome
Brad & Andrea!

The Town of Bentley is excited to announce that the grocery store is officially sold to new owners Brad and Andrea Bromley. They bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the community and to the operation of a grocery store. Below is a bit of history that showcases their experience and what they are bringing to Bentley. Mayor and Council would like to welcome the Bromley's and wish them success in their business endeavor. We are thankful that we were able to attract the Bromley's to the community and we look forward to the store being reopened once they complete their extensive renovations.

Brad Bromley:

- started career in 1994 at Leduc IGA that Mom and Dad owned as a bagboy/grocery clerk
- in 1997 our family opened the Leduc Garden Market IGA where I held the following positions: receiver, front end supervisor, front end manager, assistant grocery manager, produce manager, Fresh Dept. manager, Store Administrator, Assistant Store Manager and Store Manager
- in Oct 2012, we bought the Invermere Sobeys store
- in August 2015 we bought the Sylvan Lake Sobeys store, selling the store on Sept 9/23
- Director for the Leduc Chamber of Commerce, Director for the Leduc Curling Club, Director for the Leduc Economic Development Committee, Director for the Invermere Chamber of Commerce, Coached Sylvan Lake Minor Baseball, Director for the Sylvan Lake Economic Development Committee, Director for the Sylvan Lake Chamber of Commerce and most recently I was the President of the Sylvan Lake Chamber of Commerce

Andrea Bromley:

- started career at Gaetz South Sobeys as a Front-End Supervisor in 2004
- moved to Leduc in 2005 and became a part of the family business where she held the following positions: front end supervisor, Manager in Charge, Seafood Dept. Manager and various Administration management positions
- sat on the Parent Council for Eileen Madson primary school in Invermere, Director for Sylvan Lake Vision for Non-Violence, Director/Registrar for the Sylvan Lake Nautical Swim Club, hundreds of hours volunteering/chaperoning at all of the schools our girls have attended

Community Involvement - food bank, Christmas Bureau, too many kids organizations/youth groups to list, breakfast/lunch programs in schools... really anything to do with helping the kids in our community... we have always had a slogan from back in our Leduc days that we think "it takes a community to raise a child" and we like to help out wherever we can helping the next generation progress in life.

In our spare time, we love to go camping with our girls, Alana and Maddy, and dog Bruno, golf and spend as much time with family as we can. We are also huge Oilers and Seahawks fans!

The anticipated opening of the store is early spring.





**Bentley Museum
Fall/Winter Hours
Wednesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

Bentley Museum Contacts:
Cora: 403-506-2696
Diana: 403-748-4024

**WE ARE ALL THANKFUL THAT FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN WEATHER AND
THAT WE WILL HAVE A NEW GROCERY
STORE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMEMBRANCE DAY OPEN HOUSE:
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 NOON – 3:00 PM**

You are all invited to the Bentley Museum Open House for Remembrance Day. Cake and refreshments as well as hot dogs with all the fixings will be served. Please come by and check out our displays that honour our local heroes who served in the military.

We also have some beautiful antique collectable dolls that have been donated to our museum as well as other artifacts now on display. Please stop in and see what our volunteers have been up to.

Bentley History Books are now on SALE.

\$5.00 - original History Book

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

Dick Damron CD's and Books are also available.

You're Invited to Participate

Christmas

Forshee Hall Concert

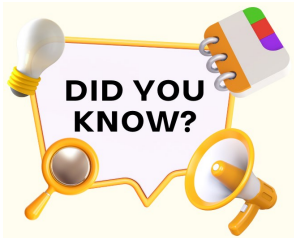
DECEMBER 2, 2023 7PM

YOU COULD READ A STORY OR A POEM, SING A SONG, OR USE ANY TALENT YOU HAVE. A GROUP COULD DO A SKIT, OR DANCE AROUND THE STAGE.

THERE WILL BE GOODY BAGS DELIVERED BY SANTA. IF ENTERTAINING IS NOT UP YOUR ALLEY, PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE ENTERTAINMENT.

Lunch Served | Admission
Donations to the
Food Bank

To be part of the program
Please Call Susanne Mueller
403-748-4804



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

We provide some direct programming and also partner with local organizations, 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 and is open Tues/Thurs 10-noon and 1-3pm.

403.748.2160 community@townofbentley.ca

Follow us on FB

Community Services - Town of Bentley





As I sit and write this report, the Bentley Fire Department had just returned from its 100th call of the year. That may not be too impressive for a big city department, but for our small group of volunteers, this is a significant number of calls, especially with over two months remaining in the year. It is extremely gratifying to be able to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who are willing to take so much time out of their work and personal lives to serve our community!

Last report, I made the mistake of writing that things had been unusually quiet, with only 16 calls from August 20th-September 16th. Things have definitely picked up

since then, as we have responded to 16 calls since then, which included the following:

On September 17, we had a very short drive in our fire trucks to respond to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 12 and 44th street. A vehicle turning left onto the highway had been struck by a westbound vehicle. By the time we arrived, three children in the left turning vehicle had been taken from the scene by relatives. The remaining occupants of both vehicles were assessed by EMS, but none required transport to the hospital.

On September 22, crews responded to a medical assist. The patient was quickly loaded onto the ambulance to be transported to a nearby hospital. This was the first of three calls that day. Later that afternoon, we responded to a fire alarm at the curling rink, which turned out to be a non-emergency. Finally, firefighters were dispatched to an RV on fire on Highway 20, north of town. The RV was a total loss, and firefighters worked quickly to both extinguish the vehicle, and knock down the grass fire that had been ignited.

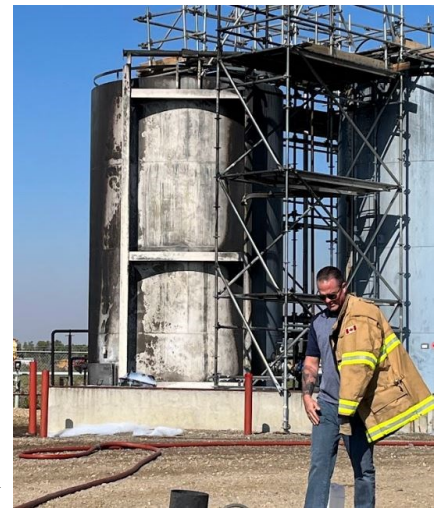
The Town Library's smoke alarms went off in the wee hours of the morning on September 24. Responding members were unable to contact a keyholder, but since there was no sign of smoke or fire in the building, they did not forcibly enter the building to investigate further.

On October 9, the department was toned out to a collision between a motorcycle and a grain truck. The motorcyclist was transported by EMS to a nearby hospital and firefighters remained on scene to control traffic and assist with the clean-up. A car that had lost control and crashed into the Curling Rink brought us out on October 16. The driver was uninjured, but there was significant damage to both their vehicle and the building. Remember, kids: you may think you possess the stunt driving skills of Travis Pastrana, but enthusiasm doesn't replace actual ability and training.

This is the time of year when we see some agricultural equipment fires and on October 17, it was an excavator that caught fire south of town. The fire was knocked down quickly, but the machine suffered significant damage.

Our last interesting call was on October 21, when the fire department was dispatched for an Aircraft Emergency. A caller told 9-1-1 dispatchers that she had seen an airplane fall from the sky and crash into the ground between Bentley and Sylvan Lake. Multiple RCMP units and fire departments from Bentley, Eckville and Sylvan Lake spent some considerable time looking for the crash site. STARS Air Ambulance also started making its way to the area to assist in the search. Ultimately, nothing was found, and everyone went home. On what is, I am sure, a *completely* unrelated note, the Orionid Meteor Shower was near its peak that morning.

The rest of the calls for this reporting period were the usual assortment of false alarms and smoke investigations. Before I sign off, I would like to acknowledge and thank Drayton Bussiere for his years of service as our Lacombe County Fire Chief. Chief Bussiere was a tremendous asset to the departments in our area and he will be missed. We wish him all the best in his new role as Red Deer County Chief.



Bentley, AB

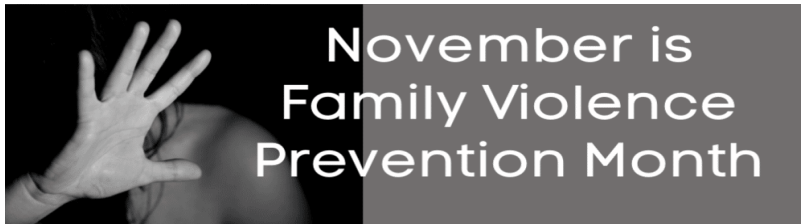
A great place to call home!

TRI-PLEX FOR RENT

- one bedroom
- single car garage
- 2200 sq ft with garage
- no pets
- quiet cul de sac

403-302-3029

SANDY



Family violence can happen to people of all ages, abilities, cultural and spiritual backgrounds, gender identities and sexual orientations. It can also affect pets and other animals. Victims of family violence may live together full-time or part-time, or they may live apart.

Victims can include:

- married, common-law and dating partners
- separated or divorced partners
- people who are pregnant
- birth, adopted, step- and foster children
- grandparents and other extended family
- individuals with guardians, trustees or care givers
- pets

Need help?

Family Violence Info Line | 310-1818

- Call toll free, text or chat online 24/7
- Chat online at alberta.ca/SafetyChat
- Help is available in more than 170 languages (phone calls only)
- Help is confidential

alberta.ca/EndFamilyViolence



Call, text or chat anytime if you:

- are experiencing family or dating violence
- know someone who needs help
- want to find the closest shelter
- need a list of other services in your area

alberta.ca/EndFamilyViolence





Over The Hill & Loving The View

Seniors Drop In

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

The Seniors Drop In welcomes everyone 55+ to join us for our regular Tuesday/Thursday afternoons, and/or to take advantage special programming (no charge) on Mondays/Wednesdays

WE HAVE FUN!



- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| • Mondays | 10 to 11 am | Seated Range of Motion Exercises |
| • Tuesdays | 1 pm | Socialize/cards/games |
| • Wednesdays | 10:45 to 11:45 | Chair Yoga - light movements |
| • Thursdays | 1pm | Socialize/cards/games |
| • Potluck | | Last Tuesday of each month at Noon |

Special Outings - dinner theatres and more. Have an idea? Let us know.

Drop In membership \$10/year

Registration required for
Seated Range of Motion
Chair Yoga
 Move your body, make connections & socialize!
 Call 403.748.2160



PARTNERS:
 BENTLEY SENIORS DROP IN, FCSS/TOWN OF BENTLEY, EDMONTON SENIORS CENTRE, BRENDA STRAFFORD FOUNDATION/REC@HOME



Stay active this fall!

Rec@Home is BSF's Virtual Recreation Program for seniors in partnership with Unison For Generations 50+

Activities Include:

- Daily exercise programs
- Educational guest speakers
- Social chats
- Live music
- Games
- And more!

Learn more at www.thebsf.ca/RecAtHome

Join our seated exercise program!

Visit the Seniors Drop-In Centre (located at 4918 - 50th Avenue) on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. to participate in Rec@Home's seated exercises in person.

Registration is required.
 Call 403-748-2160 to register.

Bentley Stay & Play

Located in the basement of Town Office

We WELCOME all Families/Caregivers

with children 0-6 and older children on PD days

Fridays 9:30 to 11:30

Contact Community Services 403.748.2160

OR our facilitator Miss Carolyn

403.704.3315 parentingproactively101@gmail.com



Lacombe & Area Family Resource Outreach Programs - follow them on their Facebook Page for November Programming.

LFRN - one of our Santa Celebration Partners!



Kin Canada
Lacombe Kinsmen Club

Watch the Town's FB page for donation box locations in Bentley

Santa's Anonymous

Opens November 15, 2023

APPLY ONLINE OR AT ANY OF THESE PARTNER AGENCIES: LACOMBE & DISTRICT FCSS, CLIVE FCSS, BENTLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES & THE ALIX RESOURCE CENTRE.

www.lacombefcss.net



Phone: 403-782-6637



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!



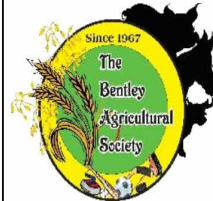
Baby Bits

Friday Afternoons 1-2pm
Bentley - Basement of town office
Oct. 20 & 27
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

Come join other moms as we learn some helpful, hands-on tools to help our babies. We will learn some infant massage techniques, soothing routines, parent/baby attachment tools, bedtime routines - how to help your baby, and how music/story time helps our babies.



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



BENTLEY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

We are in need of more attending volunteer members/directors to join our organization.

If more members/directors are unable to attend our meetings, we will be unable to host any future events.

We meet every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Blindman Valley Agricultural Centre. (No meeting in August or December)

Your input matters!

Whether you are for this, against this or neutral, reach out and let Lacombe County know so informed decisions can be made. Read the full draft document on the Town of Bentley Website under Business & Development - Building & Development and then Bentley-Lacombe Joint Development Initiative.

Lacombe County is holding a PUBLIC HEARING

and you're invited...



**Tuesday, November 14, 2023
@ 9:00 AM**



In Person: Lacombe County Office, Council Chambers

Located 2½ miles west of Highway 2 at the intersection of Spruceville Road and Highway 12.



Virtual Meeting: Zoom or By Phone

Instructions for accessing the meeting by phone or computer/laptop can be found on the County's website here:

<https://bit.ly/2UvpnNm>



**SCAN ME TO
VISIT WEBSITE
FOR VIRTUAL
MEETING
INSTRUCTIONS**

BYLAW NO. 1397/23

SOUTHEAST BENTLEY AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

Lacombe County and the Town of Bentley have partnered to prepare for and facilitate future commercial and industrial development on the lands southeast of Bentley, within Lacombe County. The main product of this initiative is the Southeast Bentley Area Structure Plan, which outlines potential areas commercial and industrial development can be considered and land use policies that would apply if development is to occur.

The draft Plan incorporates feedback expressed by the public. To view the draft Plan and public engagement summary report, please visit the County's website. Lacombe County Council has scheduled this Public Hearing to hear from the public before the Plan is considered for final adoption.

HOW DO I COMMENT?



Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed bylaw will have an opportunity to do so at a public hearing. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written submissions can be made to the County. You will, however, need to ensure that your comments are received by the County prior to the date of the hearing. Your comments can be sent by:

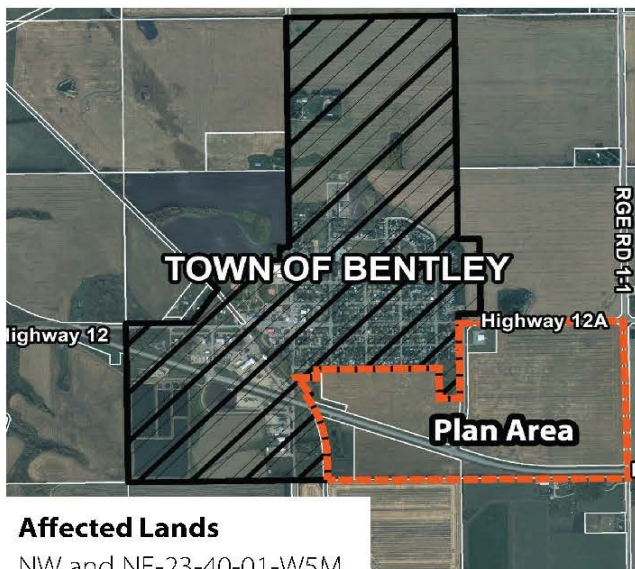
EMAIL planning@lacombecounty.com

FAX 403-782-3820, or

MAIL RR 3, Lacombe AB, T4L 2N3

All submissions will be public information.

CONTEXT MAP



For more information, please contact Planning Services or visit the County's website

Nicklas Baran, Planner / Development Officer

Email: planning@lacombecounty.com

Phone: 403-782-8389

www.lacombecounty.com



Monday - Friday 8am to 3pm 403.748.4044
info@townofbentley.ca www.townofbentley.ca

Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening monthly at 6:45 pm

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.
spayed/neutered \$35, unaltered \$45 Please remember to scoop the poop!!

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.

Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Bins

403-748-3961

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

CLOSED stat holidays

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 emailed utility billings rather than a paper copy, your choice.



SAVE THE DATE:
December 2nd, 2023
26th Annual Santa Celebration!
Santa, Wagon Rides, Hot Chocolate,
Warming Fires and lots of smiles!
6-9pm - Town Office Area


November 14, 2023
Regular Council Meeting has been cancelled
due to a scheduling conflict.



This will also allow additional time for work on the strategic plan and 2024 budget.



Councillor Dale and I went to the Alberta Municipalities Conference in with over 1000 delegates dealing with many issues relating to health care, getting trained workers for many areas, housing and affordable housing shortages, The continued arrival of thousands of people moving into Alberta, Looking into the crime, judicial system, and many other concerns we all face. The concern we have as municipalities in having the Federal support turned over to provincial to support that is then passed on down to the Local Municipalities to come up with needed funds which then must fall on our local taxpayers. All in all, it is a very informative conference where we as elected local representatives pass on our voice to the provincial government who can work up the chain to demand more federal support and equality. Our Premier many MLAs and Ministers were present to talk to personally. Councillor Dale Grimsdale and I spent a lot of time communicating with every listening ear on the beauty and opportunities the town of Bentley shares, as a key part of our Province.

*It was special to be able to let our Premier personally receive a copy of our Integrated Marketing and Community Branding of us being awarded a standing in the 2023 Muse Creative Award as a Gold winner. This competition was in 17 countries around the world. A huge thankyou to 'Unfussy Company', our staff and all the community people who played a role in our Re Branding Bentley as the place to *BE!*

While we were there the special evening, Fall Festival in honor of Good Neighbor Day, was held at the Bentley Ag Centre with an incredible turn out *Bentley the Place to *BE* town ..Together We Are Better Evening. * Council and staff along with many groups, organizations, clubs, and businesses all pooled together. With all the people showing up due to the planning work and support it was a great success We heard from the councillors attending they had to keep getting more food. We are very thankful for people showing up and especially for new people coming to town realizing that they can play a major role in our community.

Volunteerism is difficult all over the country and especially after coming through the pandemic, but we want to let people know Bentley, the place you choose to *BE!* is open, in business and welcoming volunteers to the many opportunities we have for people to get involved.

On Remembrance Day we have a Community Remembrance Service at the Bentley Community Church at 10:45 AM. For everyone. Following the service, the Museum is open from 12 to 3 for people to come, see, visit, and enjoy refreshments. Many years and great teams have worked to make our museum a place to *BE!*

*It is very encouraging to see that what we have been hoping and trusting for, is in the process as the grocery store has been purchased and in the process of being restored. The new owners have lots of work to do and have asked that we just have patience, as they will get it up and running again.

A good number of people have shared their hesitancy in building a new home in our subdivision without there being a local grocery store. This exciting new progress, I believe will welcome sales to our excellent development, and homes will begin to be built.

As a community blessed with a future, our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go to the people in terrible wars that are happening in Ukraine in Israel and Gaza. The song says," Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." So, each of us can contribute our part at home and abroad to making our world a better place to *BE!*

Please be reminded; in our process of future plans, we have been spending much time planning the possibilities and requirements for years down the road. Following Lacombe Councils recent first reading this process is now heading to the public meeting. This planning process can be seen on our web site or pickup a notice of the County/town process in our town office. The purpose is to have an agreement first with the county and then the town to apply for annexation to the province for this to be our direction for future expansion and annexation for a controlled commercial, industrial, and green reserve land. There will be this public meeting at the Lacombe County Chamber on November 14 for the Southeast, Bentley Area Structure Plan. *Please note this is not a process to take land from owners. This is to put Councils and public agreed plans in place for future development and growth. This being for such a time as a developer or developers seek to purchase the land from the owner interested in selling and bring needed development to Bentley. People will be allowed to share their concerns, ideas and wished either in person or in writing.

I would encourage you to access our web site. Everything we as council are looking at doing is there in detail as we move forward. You are also always welcome to attend our public council meetings.

Your Mayor, Greg Rathjen

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

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

**If you need to talk,
we are here to listen
and help.**

310-1818
alberta.ca/SafetyChat

Alberta

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



County Community Peace Officer among recipients of the Friends of Education Award for Wolf Creek Public Schools' School Resource Officer Program

In a heartwarming moment of recognition, Wolf Creek Public Schools' (WCPS) School Resource Officer (SRO) Program recently received the Friends of Education award. The announcement was made during the Alberta School Board Association Zone 4 Board meeting, marking a momentous occasion that celebrates the exceptional efforts put forth by the dedicated team behind this initiative.

The School Resource Officer program, consisting of Lacombe County Community Peace Officer Dave Lahucik, Const. Michelle Grovet, Const. Lenny Wells, Const. Jeff Hewitt, in partnership with WCPS' Director of Safe

and Caring Schools, Barb Reaney, has consistently strived to create a nurturing and safe environment within the school district. Their commitment to this cause goes beyond the badge; they have become mentors, friends, and guardians of the well-being of the students they serve.

"These SROs have truly woven themselves into the very fabric of our school communities," expressed Barb Reaney, Wolf Creek Public Schools. "Their presence extends far beyond the conventional roles of law enforcement. They are dedicated to educating our youth, and their efforts are nothing short of remarkable."

What sets this SRO program apart is its holistic approach to addressing issues within schools. Instead of solely relying on punitive measures, the team explores alternatives such as restorative justice. It's about more than just consequences; it's about healing, understanding, and forging a path forward for everyone involved.

"In the end," says Lacombe County SRO Dave Lahucik, "it's about creating a positive and visible image of law enforcement within our schools. It's about fostering positive relationships to ensure that these students have the knowledge and support they need to navigate the challenges of today's world."

Wolf Creek's SROs are currently stationed in Ponoka, Lacombe, Lacombe County, and Blackfalds, each serving their respective areas within the community. Lacombe County partnered with WCPS on the School Resource Officer Program in 2019 to work WCPS schools in Alix, Bentley, Clive and Eckville.

The Friends of Education Award was presented to Wolf Creek and its SROs at the monthly meeting of ASBA Zone 4 reps in September, hosted by Wolf Creek in Ponoka. The Wolf

Creek Public Schools SRO program is a shining example of how dedicated professionals can create lasting positive change within our communities.



Fall Festival - Good Neighbor Day Community Participants

Display tables:

Bentley Museum
Bentley Library
Bentley Community Hall
Bentley Farmer's Market
LG Barnes
BGC After School Program
Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church

Beverages

sponsored by Aztec Engineering

Gift Basket

Thanks to The Drop, Bentley Cycle, Earthy Accents, Merry's Mercantile, Koda's Kountry, Koda's Natural Healing, Bentley Esso

Outside Fun

Public Works touch a truck
Fire Dept touch a truck
Nutrien touch a truck
Bart's Carving

Barbeque

Loaned by Nutrien

Food

Town of Bentley

Partners

Lacombe Tourism
Lacombe FRN

Facility

Thanks to the Ag Centre



Fall Festival/Good Neighbor Day was a great success with approximately 200 adults and 175 kiddos, plus the volunteers and community groups! We heard nothing but positive comments! Thank you to The Drop, Bentley Cycle, Earthy Accents, Koda's Kountry, Koda's Natural Healing & Merry's Mercantile, Bentley Esso who got together for a door prize, Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church for "dessert" & door prize, Aztec Engineering for the beverages & door prize, Lacombe Tourism, Bart's Carving, Blindman Valley Ag Centre, Nutrien AG, community groups, Fire Department and everyone who attended! If we missed someone, we apologize!



Together We Are Better!

Lacombe & District FCSS graciously outreaches these program to Bentley families who qualify.

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Lacombe & District
Family and Community
Support Services

2023

2024



New Coats for Kids
program enables qualifying families to
choose new winter coats for their
children. Applications available
October 16, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Monetary Donations can be made online at
www.lacombefcss.net/donations or in office at
Lacombe FCSS, #201, 5214 50th Ave.

Lacombe, AB T4L 0B6.

For more information contact us at :
(403) 782-6637 or

Email: wgriffin@lacombefcss.net

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MIRROR, BENTLEY &
LACOMBE COUNTY

LOCAL GROCERY CERTIFICATES ARE PROVIDED FOR
QUALIFYING FAMILIES TO PURCHASE GROCERIES
FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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#201 5102 49 STREET LACOMBE

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOVEMBER 15

Questions about your utilities?

The Utilities Consumer Advocate can help you:



Choose a utility retailer



Understand heating and power bills



Resolve issues with utility companies

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ucahelps.alberta.ca

Alberta
utilities consumer
advocate



BENTLEY AGENCIES

All classes of
Insurance & Registration

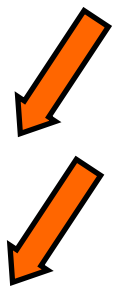
November Registration Reminder

All Last Names & Company Names starting with the letters **K** or **P** are due the end of this month

I'll be in right
away

I'll save it for the end
of the month

Outreach Program



Stay & Play is looking for donations of totes to help us organize our vast array of toys and crafts our families use.



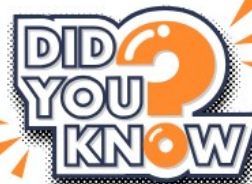
If you have some you are willing to donate, please drop them off at Town Office



The Blessing Pantry has

food set up at the Library for people to access.

This is available free, to bless you, when the Library is open.



Tuesday	10:00 AM - 05:30 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 05:30 PM
Thursday	3:30 PM - 07:30 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 05:30 PM
Saturday	11:00 AM - 03:00 PM



Hope for all.

Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday
8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

403.347.2480

Friday
8:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1.866.347.2480

info@theoutreachcentre.org

Street Address

4101 – 54 Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4N 7G3

The Outreach Centre is home to Central Alberta Outreach Centre Society and Suicide Information and Education Services. The two agencies co-located in 2012 to the current facility. In 2020, they fully merged under The Outreach Centre banner to optimize their shared expertise, board and resources. The Central Alberta Outreach Centre Society (CAWOS) opened its doors in 1984 as an agency devoted to supporting women affected by family violence by providing the tools to create a safer, healthier and more secure life for themselves and their families.

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



Healthy Albertans.
Healthy Communities.
Together.



PotLuck Play
Nov.22/23
6:00–8:00 pm
COME WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR A FREE DINNER!
DO YOU CHILDREN 0-18? THEN COME ON BY!
BASEMENT OF BENTLEY TOWN HALL

Pizza




Contact:
Carolyn: 403-896-3915
frnlacombe@gmail.com

Include Mailing Address So Santa's Elves Can Reply

Dear Santa,

This Christmas, I am _____ years old.

This year, I have been... good all of the time

good some of the time

naughty (but nice!)

What I would like most this Christmas is...

_____ and _____

And I promise to leave out _____ for you!

Large empty rectangular box for drawing or writing.



Merry Christmas, Santa!

Love, _____

P.S. Please say "Hi" to _____ for me!