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Deadline: 20th of the month @ 10am for the following month. Contact Community Services 403-748-2160 community@townofbentley.ca

Seniors'Luncheon

JUNE 2ND @ NOON BENTLEY COMMUNITY HALL

Seniors Please RSVP for lunch @ 403.748.2160 by May 31 ST @ 3pm - leave a message!



ALL AGES WELCOME TO

Join us June 2 1:30 - 3:30 pm for some great entertainment!

Sponsored by:

Bentley Seniors Drop In

Community Partners:

Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church, Bentley Senior's Drop In Town of Bentley FCSS/Community Services

Happy Senior's Week!

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On May 1st Bentley Agencies is celebrating 50 years of serving Bentley and

Derek and Jerry Dickau bought the business in 1974 and today the Agency is operated by Derek's daughter Nicole with the help of 7 amazing staff. Through the years we have

seen a vast change in operations from using manual typewriters and adding machines to the most modern computer systems and latest technology.

COME and visit us on Wednesday, May 1st



Bentley Farmer's Market

Every Saturday May Long Weekend to September Long Weekend

2 to 4 pm

Curling Rink / Parking Lot



Bentley Library Society AGM

Join us at the Library
May 14, 2024 at 7:30pm
The Library Society provides most
of the programming that we see at
our wonderful library!

We have meetings every other month for maybe an hour. Fundraising is minimal.

We would love to have you join us!



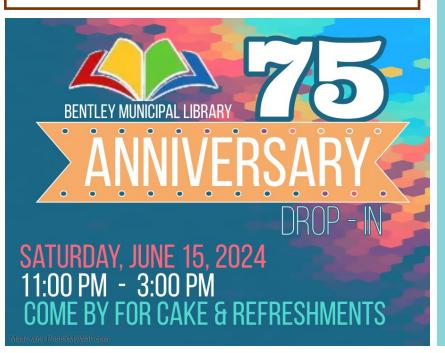
Can I help you with:

decks sheds stairs

tiling and backsplashes
small dry wall jobs
minor plumbing
indoor painting
basement development
ask about other projects you have in mind

NOW BOOKING PROJECTS FOR SPRING AND

> LICENSED TO WORK IN BENTLEY REFERENCES ON REQUEST



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!

Volunteer Drivers Needed

JUNE 2ND @ NOON BENTLEY COMMUNITY HALL

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Library clerk

- · Part-Time, permanent
- · Posting closes May 10, 2024

Email resume to: bentleylibrary@prl.ab.ca

Drop off resume at: Bentley Municipal Library



Seniors Drop In

located in the Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

If you are 55 or older - we invite you to join us! Socialization, fun & wellness programs



Membership \$10/year

Mondays 10:15 to 11 am

Tuesdays 1 pm

Wednesdays 10:45 to 11:45 am

 Thursdays 1pm

Potluck

Seated Range of Motion Exercises - arrive at 10

Socialize/cards/games

Chair Yoga - light movements - arrive at 10:30

Socialize/cards/games

Last Tuesday of each month at Noon

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

Seated Range of Motion

Join us in our seated exercise programs! These programs allow our clients to participate in an exercise program safely from the comfort of their homes. Research has shown that range of motion exercise has many benefits, including:

> Increased mobility, maintenance, and function of joints. Improved movement efficiency. Increased Independence.
>
> Decreased pain.

Chair Yoga

Never worry about falling or about your mobility level again. This class is designed to accommodate for those in wheelchairs, or who are concerned about their balance. The class is stretch-worthy while still being relaxing. It's the perfect balance for those looking for a yoga class that meets their mobility needs.

& socialize! Call 403.748.2160

Wellness Mornings

Registration required for

Seated Range of Motion

& Chair Yoga

Move your body, make connections

Drop In Membership Not Required

ELLNESS MORNING PARTNERS:

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

servus credit union



"Thank you to the Public Works staff and those involved in their quick action to remedy the water situation on April 24th. Your professionalism in getting the pumps working so quickly so residents had water is greatly appreciated. Sometimes heroes wear coveralls!! Thanks again to everyone involved." Lynda Petten

It Doesn't Fit In My Vehicle Spring Cleanup

LET US TAKE IT FOR YOU!



If you have unwanted items to go to the dump that are too big for your vehicle, or you don't have a vehicle. Public Works will pick them up on June 5, 2024. They will need to placed on your boulevard by 10am.

Feel free to put your items out a few days early with a "free sign".

Remember, items will only be picked up by Public Works if you have registered!

> Call Community Services 403.748.2160 with your address and list of items by noon on June 3rd, 2024

Accepted Items

furniture - couches, beds, chairs, tables dismantled swing sets, trampolines - neatly stacked exercise equipment lawn furniture





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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



The Lacombe FRN serves the communities of Lacombe, Blackfalds, Clive, Tees, Mirror, Alix, Joffre, Morningside, College Heights, Bentley, and Gull Lake.



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



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

Questions about your utilities?

The Utilities Consumer Advocate can help you:

310-4822 ucahelps.alberta.ca Alberta utilities consumer advocate





Bentley Museum Wednesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Spring is finally here – enjoy the nice weather.

Two new business are now open in Bentley.
THE MARKET IN BENTLEY and ROYAL FEED AND FARM SUPPLY!

We are all so excited and pleased to have you in our town.

Our summer students will be Jake Pike and Artur Lisneac.

Congratulations to Bentley Agencies who

are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Museum volunteers are busy changing up some of our displays.

Up coming Open Houses to look forward to:

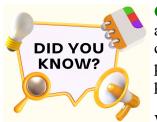
CANADA DAY AND BENTLEY RODEO

Further information to follow.

Bentley History Books are now FREE. Pick up your copy at Bentley Agencies.

Dick Damron CD's and Books are also available at the museum.





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



Interactive Family Programming for ages 0-6

Mondays 9:30 to 11





Fridays 9:30 to 11:30



Stay & Play



Location: Basement of Town Office Contact: Community Services 403-748-2160 Programs Facilitated by: Parenting Proactively 101







be in the know

Funding for Non-Profits

www.alberta.ca/funding-for-non-profits

Free Resources for Non-Profits

www.alberta.ca/non-profit-learning-centre



Non-profit learning centre

Find online courses and training resources on nonprofit governance to support board members of nonprofit organizations.

Alberta.ca



Sponsorship Opportunity

INDIVIDUALS

BUSINESSES

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

For many years fireworks on the Saturday evening of Rodeo Week have been enjoyed by the community. Funds were raised through the efforts of volunteers reaching out to community groups, businesses and individuals as well as the Town for financial support. This year volunteers will not be fundraising.

> We appreciate the volunteers and all the work that was done to bring the fireworks display to fruition in the past!

LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN TOGETHER!

The Town is inviting you to financially contribute towards the cost of fireworks for Saturday, August 10, 2024.

The approximate cost is \$9,000 and every dollar is appreciated!

Contact Town Office to discuss your donation 403-748-4044 or send us and email: info@townofbentley.ca



The first month of Spring has been a busy one for your local firefighters. We have had 10 emergency calls for assistance in that time and have also hosted two emergency courses since our last report.

of the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association Be Grain Safe Training Program, taught by our good friend Donna

Everyone has a hobby. Some people like to golf, some enjoy scrapbooking and lots of people ski. Your local volunteer firefighters have a somewhat different idea of a fun way to spend their weekends. This month, members of Clive, Alix, Eckville and Bentley Fire Departments intentionally buried themselves in a bin of grain (some up to their necks) and waited patiently for the rest of the crew to come and rescue them. This was all part



Firefighters Are Needed



BENTLEY DISTRICT

Noble. Most of us were surprised at how quickly it became impossible to move, even if the grain was only just past our knees in depth. A huge thanks must go out to the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) who sponsored the course and who is also donating the rescue equipment so we can have it ready in the event of just such an emergency.

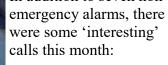
If being buried in grain seems like fun, what would you say to a day spent on - and falling through - the thin ice on Gull Lake? Members of the same four fire departments did exactly that as part of our Ice Rescue Training. Conditions were absolutely ideal for training this year, and we want to

extend our sincere appreciation to Sandy Point Resort and RV Park, who allowed us to use their beautiful marina for two days of training. We managed to stay (mostly) dry and learned

a lot!

In addition to seven nonemergency alarms, there were some 'interesting' calls this month:





On March 27, Bentley was toned out for mutual aid to assist Eckville Fire with an RV Fire. Eckville brought the fire under control before Bentley could get to scene, so we were stood down.



On March 29, another RV fire brought us out to assist Eckville again. This time, the RV was fully involved and in a much more remote

and difficult to access location. Both Eckville and Bentley's Rapid Response trucks were sent down the windy and snowy road to put out the fire and prevent it from spreading. With only a few hundred gallons of water on each truck, this took several trips in and out of the bush.

Our first grass fire of the season was on April 12, at the Bentley Waste Transfer Station. The fire was quickly extinguished with no loss of property.

We want to welcome a few people onto our department. Cayla Kenyon and Allan Hutchinson have been brought on as probationary members and have already been participating in our training. As well, Stephanie Anderson has completed her probationary period and was brought on as a full member. Congratulations to all three!



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.

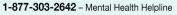
(No meeting in August or December)

NEED HELP? NEED INFORMATION?

Here are some important numbers you can call:

811 - Health related information

211 - Community information & services



1-866-332-2322 - Addiction Helpline

Private - Confidential - Available 24/7















Open Tues/Thurs 10-12 & 1-3

Use west entrance beside bay door.

Next to new clothing donations welcome!

Bentley Long Term Care Facility 4834 - 52 Avenue, Bentley

Volunteer Coordinator: 403.318.0270 Bentley Community Services: 403.748.2160

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Happy Senior's Week!

01.	pop. TV show: : Miami (abb)	Down:
	legend	01. group to assist sightless (abb)
	the others	02. prophet, fortune teller
	ch fish with it	03. specific thing
pare	ent's female sibling?	04. city: Ste. Marie ON
	osphere, mood	-06. stocky ox- like antelope
	is (abb)	07. 'money machine?' (abb)
	son before winter!	08. classroom helper(abb)
	male sheep	09. heave, fling
	Ammade cleaning prod. (br. name)	10. time span
	knee ligament (abb.)	11. sweet potato
	although	16. chem. used in meds.
	soft cheese-like food	17. this country is part of this (abb)
26.	futuristic movies, etc. (abb)	20. long-legged water bird
	top edge of cup	22. signal
	skill, talent	24. pertaining to music
	father	25. large African antelope
32.	Vegas, Nevada	26. trade punches
	country singer: Tucker	27. challenge: up to
	game: Tic Toe	28. pop. sky colour!
	we as a group	29. skin irritation
	detergent booster, fights mildew	30. MASH"s Klinger: Jamie
	greater than	33. browned bread?
38.	skeptical slang comment	34. foreign garb
39.	banjo picker : Scruggs	36. fireworks company (br. name)
40.	dogs love totail!	37. the 'red planet'
41.	paramedic (abb)	40. dog gives birth
	shriveled, cringed	41. medical unit (abb)
	cert. conical tree	42. a Great Lake
47.	tongue's purpose: it things! emergency contact : ' call'	43. Christmas song: The First
50.	emergency contact : ' call'	44. shoe laces may be tied with this
51.	milk-derived: lactic	45. a fashion fling?
53.	fishing gear : rod and	46. skaters are billed as 'Stars on
54.	means 'earth'	48. welder's term
55.	city south of here: Red	49. similar to ocean
56.	to lodge, sleep out	52. physician (abb)
57.	pop. drive in sandwich (abb)	54. London's country (abb)

Crossword Submitted by Colleen McNaught

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OBITUARY



Dale left to be with his Saviour on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 with the glow of the sunset and gospel music playing in the background. Dale was 69 years old, surrounded by his children and wrapped in their arms at the time of passing.

Dale was cultured, wise, well traveled, kind, responsible, accepting, humorous, hard working, caffeinated, and frugal.

Dale was born to Margaret and Allan Yost in Trochu, Alberta on January 17, 1955. The oldest of four. Dale attended Red Deer College and the University of Calgary. He graduated with his Bachelor of Education, with a major in music and a minor in math. He taught for the Red Deer school division for two years, moving on to teach in High Level, while also working at M.R.S Aviation for 3 years. He spent his next 25 years teaching at Bentley School, as well as buying the Lucky Dollar grocery store in 1984. He then built the AG Foods in 1991 and sold it 11 years later in 2002. After that Dale decided he wanted to travel the world while continuing to teach. In 2009 he took a job at Canadian International School Abu Dhabi, spending the next 12 years teaching overseas. Throughout all these years he continued to teach piano. He would go on to visit dozens of countries, seeing over half the world. He retired in 2021 and moved back to Canada to be with his family. Dale was the most incredible father to three children, Branton (Isabel), Kristin (Jay), and Kalin (Clint). He was the most loving, educating, and encouraging Papa to Jayda, Tyson, Kenzie, Kaydance, Khloe, Myla, Havyk, Nova, Halo and Mrazyk. Dale's world revolved around his family and he was the center of theirs. He is predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Allan Yost, and brothers-in-law, Tom Steeves and Cyril Reid. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings, Cheryl, Glen and Dianne; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was loved by many friends from all over the world and we will always be grateful for the impact he had on so many lives. A funeral service for Dale will be held at Sylvan Lake Alliance Church on Tuesday, May 7th at 1:00 PM.

Messages of condolence for the family may be left at www.prairierosefunerals.ca



Families are always First



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 6:30 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.



2024 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.

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.

Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Bins

403-748-3961

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

CLOSED stat holidays



Bentley

It has been a very busy and positive month of April in Bentley. The council has had our regular meetings with requests relating to Sylvan Lake and the services of the medical care society. We again encouraged everyone to go online @ Town of Bentley /town office/ Council/Meeting / Agendas and meeting Minutes

are published there. Our policy is to operate our Town with the greatest public transparency. We appreciate having interested residents attend our regular council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 6:30 PM.

We have been proceeding with our final public, county, and town open house to continue our multiyear process for annexation. This is still a process that we are working on for future development of commercial and industrial land. As I continue to inform, this is preliminary planning to have the background work done. These processes are totally contingent to 1. a developer seeking an area and 2. the landowner of any land wanting to sell.

After two years of effort, with much one-sided to Liberal communications, continued ongoing support of our MP Honorable Blaine Calkins, and our applying for applicable federal green grants we qualified for, 19 months in we received an email saying, NO. They said to try again sometime when there might be another program. We were totally rejected in our process with the federal Government for the rescuing our Arena Slab and Ice Plant. We however have good news for the replacing of the Ice plant. Along with the financial response of our request with the Lacombe County and our town, we have the money to complete a new plant that will replace our failing plant. We will be able to adapt the new plant for the Curling rink as well. This will give our facilities many years. Our Arena plant has faithfully served us for twice the expected life span, The manufacturing plan and process has started in the building of the new plant that will then be brought out and mounted between the arenas.

We are still working and requesting just over a million provincial dollars in grant money to complete our rescue of our Arena slab before it fails. With the continued shifting, broken lines will shut down everything.

We have had the thrill and appreciation of sharing in opening two businesses in the last week 'THE MARKET OF BENTLEY' was launched with a great Grand opening and a week later the 'ROYAL FEED AND FARM SUPLIES' had their Grand opening. Recently Dale Yost passed away after years of battling illness. He was very encouraged by the reports he received near the end, of the progress and reopening of the grocery store he built years ago, while teaching music at our school in Bentley.

I had an opportunity to meet the new Principal Landon Stones who is coming to our school in the fall from assistant Principal in Clive.

We are launching our Strategic Plan creation process for the next five years. There has been a public online and paper survey. The council will begin with the results of public ideas, recommendations, and insight into our future. There will be a number of avenues for public, business, organizations, clubs and concerned investing, representatives to enter in and be a part of this process.

The unfortunate loss of the Monkey Top Saloon has had vibrations from across the province and even other countries. We are like everyone eagerly awaiting to see what will be reconstructed. It is unfortunate the time and cost the owner has had to invest just to finalize the cleanup. Our best desires are with them as they plan the future of this property.

Please be careful and keep up with regulations with fires as this is a very risky and dry time.

Please welcome people you meet when out and about as there are several new families moving here. Looking forward to May Flowers

Sincerely, Mayor Greg RATHJEN



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

This program funs July 1st to June 30th yearly, based on the previous years taxes for qualification.

If you would like a booklet, please contact Community Services. We can help you apply, supply you a booklet, or look into your questions about this program.

Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program

The Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program provides financial assistance to eligible seniors with low income toward the cost of some appliances, and specific health and personal supports. The program provides a lump-sum payment for eligible expenses. The maximum assistance available is \$5,643 in a benefit year.

Who is eligible

You may apply to the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program if you:

- are eligible to apply for and have submitted an application for Seniors Financial Assistance (Alberta Seniors Benefit program)
- · have income within the income thresholds

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.

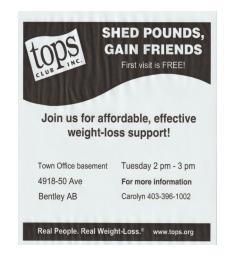
Income thresholds

Single Seniors				
Annual Income	Funding Level			
Less than \$26,680	Primary and Secondary items			
\$26,681 - \$31,080	Primary items only			
Over \$31,080	No funding			

Senior Couples				
Annual Income	Funding Level			
Less than \$42,520	Primary and Secondary items			
\$42,521 - \$50,720	Primary items only			
Over \$50,720	No funding			

Proof of income

Your 2022 income information is used to assess your claim. Your income is obtained from the Alberta Seniors Benefit program. Your and your spouse/partner's total income as reported on line 15000 of your tax return(s) is used to determine your eligibility for benefits.









NEW SENIORS PROGRAMS COMING TO BENTLEY SOON! Healthy Aging Alperta

Grant made possible by Healthy Aging Alberta

GOLDEN CONNECTIONS PROGRAMS

Seniors Visitor Program ~ Coffee with Caregivers Workshops ~ Frozen Meals on Wheels ~ Home Support Services