

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

Contact Community Services 403-748-2160

community@townofbentley.ca

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SAVE THE DATE!

GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

FREE! FREE!



SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
3:30 - 7:30 PM



**BLINDMAN VALLEY
AG CENTRE
COME & GO!**



**STILL ROOM FOR MORE
NON-PROFIT DISPLAYS!**
Book your spot today.

Enjoy some tasty treats!



- ✓ Music for listening or dancing!
- ✓ Children's Corner hosted by Bentley Seventh Day Adventist Church and FCSS
- ✓ Community Group Information Tables
- ✓ 22ft Bouncy Pirate Ship
- ✓ Touch A Vehicle - Town and others!



INFO:
403-748-2160

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER!



**CONNECT.
DISCOVER.
GET INVOLVED!**

A great opportunity to
meet local organizations
and connect with
your community!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Bring your kids
to explore vehicles,
enjoy the Children's Corner,
music, and more!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Set Up, Planning,
Clean Up, Floaters

All help makes a difference!



A SAFE PLACE TO
**CONNECT,
LEARN &
HANG OUT!**

KIDZ KLUB

FOR GRADES 3 TO 5

A safe place to **connect** with other youth,
enjoy **life-skill building** activities, and **hang out!**



**BUILD
FRIENDSHIPS**



**LEARN
NEW
SKILLS**



**HAVE
FUN &
RELAX!**



MONDAYS
3:15 PM – 5:15 PM



Basement of
Town Office



**REGISTRATION IS
REQUIRED BEFORE
ATTENDING.**

Contact Community Services
for a registration form.
☎ 403.748.2160
✉ community@townofbentley.ca

**FREE
TO ATTEND!**

Fall Session Starts
SEPTEMBER 14TH!

Questions? Contact Community Services today!



SOME COOKING, SOME CRAFTING *and lots of fun!*

A hands-on program where Grade 1 and 2 students
learn life skills, get creative and make new friends
in a fun, supportive environment!



DATES:
Oct 5, 19, 26
& Nov 2, 16, 23



TIME:
3:30 to 5:30 pm



AGE:
Grade one/two



INVESTMENT:
\$15



10 SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Paid registration ensures a spot!



REGISTER BY SEPT 24!

Don't wait – spots will fill up fast.



CONTACT COMMUNITY SERVICES
403.748.2160



**Bring your creativity
and let's have some fun!**



Hosted @
**Bentley High School
Foods Lab**

Kidz Klub – A Place to Connect, Learn & Belong

Kidz Klub is back this fall, offering children in Grades 3–5 a welcoming place to connect with others, try new things, build skills and simply enjoy being together after school.

While every week looks a little different, the purpose behind Kidz Klub remains the same: creating opportunities for children to develop friendships, confidence, communication skills, teamwork and a sense of belonging. Activities are designed to be fun and engaging while giving participants opportunities to practise skills they can use at school, at home and in the community.

September is packed with variety! We will kick things off with “Coke or Pepsi?”, using rapid-fire questions and people bingo to help participants discover what they have in common and make it easier to start conversations with new friends. The following week brings hands-on science, with experiments that encourage children to predict, test and discover. September wraps up with “The Next Big Thing,” where teams will invent, design and pitch their own creative idea.

Kidz Klub is about more than keeping busy after school. It provides a safe, positive space where children can connect with their peers and caring adults, develop life skills and feel part of their community.

The fall session begins Monday, September 14, from 3:15–5:15 p.m. in the basement of Town Office. Kidz Klub is free to attend, but registration is required before participating. If your child attended last session, you will still need to register them for September to December.

For a registration form or more information, contact Bentley Community Services at 403-748-2160 or community@townofbentley.ca.

Town of Bentley
Community Services & fcss
Family and Community Support Services

*Play.
Connect.
Grow.
Together.*

STAY & PLAY

A **FREE** program for parents, caregivers and children ages 0-6

STARTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

EVERY FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE
Town Office Basement
4918 - 50 Avenue, Bentley

WHY BRING YOUR CHILDREN?

- SUPPORTS CHILD DEVELOPMENT**
Fun activities that help children learn, play and grow.
- BUILDS PARENTING CONFIDENCE**
Gain tips and ideas to support your child's growth and well-being.
- CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES**
Meet other parents and build friendly relationships in your community.
- LEARN ABOUT CHILDREN'S MILESTONES**
Understand what to expect and how to support your child's development.
- ACCESS RESOURCES & SUPPORTS**
Discover local services and supports available to your family.
- PLAY IS POWERFUL**
Play helps children build social, emotional and physical skills while having fun!

COME PLAY, LEARN AND GROW WITH US!
We can't wait to see you there!

Sometimes the most important part of a children's program isn't just what the children are doing — it's the opportunity for families to do it together.

Stay & Play is a free weekly program for parents and caregivers with children ages 0-6. It provides a relaxed and welcoming place for little ones to play, explore and develop while adults connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

Each week includes activities that support early childhood development while also giving caregivers simple ideas they can use at home.

September begins with Big and Little Colouring, where adults are encouraged to colour alongside their children. This simple shared activity supports fine-motor and pre-writing skills while encouraging conversation and connection.

Later in the month, families will explore fall leaves, pinecones and other natural materials through sensory play before finishing September with hands-on "Little Science" experiments involving fizzing, floating and magnets.

The activities are only one part of Stay & Play. The program is also an opportunity to meet other families, build relationships, share experiences and learn about community resources and supports. There is time for both structured and unstructured play, allowing children to explore at their own pace and caregivers to connect in an informal environment.

Whether you are new to the community, looking for opportunities for your child to socialize, hoping to meet other parents and caregivers, or simply looking for somewhere to spend a Friday morning together, you are welcome at Stay & Play.

New Time

Stay & Play begins Friday, September 11, and runs Fridays from 10 to 12.



Have an IDEA
FOR A COMMUNITY PROGRAM?

Town of Bentley
Community Services & fcss
Family and Community Support Services

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR:

- ADULT PROGRAMS**
Lifelong learning, wellness, skills and more!
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES**
Fun, connection and support for all ages!
- SENIOR PROGRAMS**
Stay active, social and supported in our community!
- COMMUNITY CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES**
Programs that bring people together and build a stronger Bentley!

PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS TO:
community@townofbentley.ca

Your ideas. Our community. A better tomorrow.

IDEAS SHOULD ALIGN WITH FCSS 2026 PRIORITIES & PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS**
Build relationships and reduce isolation.
- MENTAL WELL-BEING**
Promote positive mental health and resilience.
- SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**
Ensure everyone feels welcome, respected and included.
- HEALTHY CHILD DEVELOPMENT**
Support children and families to thrive together.
- SAFE & VIBRANT COMMUNITIES**
Promote safety, connection and community pride.

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER, MORE CONNECTED BENTLEY!

Immediate Health & Crisis Lines

Health Link:

Dial 811 to reach registered nurses for non-urgent medical advice and health information.

Suicide Crisis Helpline:

Dial 9-8-8 for immediate, confidential suicide prevention and crisis support.

Mental Health Helpline:

Call 1-877-303-2642 for 24/7 support regarding mental health concerns.

Addiction Helpline:

Call 1-866-332-2322 for confidential help with alcohol, drugs, or gambling.



5th Annual Bentley School Reunion

A huge thank you to all who helped plan and host this event again this year during the Fair and Rodeo! It is so fun to see everyone reconnecting with their school friends!

A special mention goes to those who helped with set up and clean up.

Your donations are appreciated to cover expenses. Any extra funds will be going to the Bentley School Breakfast program and the school Sensory Room.

SAVE the DATE

Town of Bentley
come to be

Annual Yard Waste Clean-up
Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

Items Accepted:	Items Refused:
❖ Grass Clippings	❖ Large Tree Limbs
❖ Compost	❖ Tree Stumps
❖ Leaves	❖ Construction Materials
❖ Twigs and Small Branches	❖ Building Demolition
❖ Flower Bed and Garden Remains	❖ Household Garbage

Note: All yard waste must be either bagged or bundled neatly and placed in the alley for collection.



The Seniors Drop In Welcomes Everyone 55+

Tues/Thurs 1-3pm
Potluck last Tuesday each month

Loretta 403-748-4087 **Diana 403-748-4024**

Located in Town Office 4918-50 Avenue

CHERYL'S HOUSE OF HAIR



4921 54th Ave Bentley

403-848-4969

EVERYONE WELCOME

MOBILE APPOINTMENT AVAILABLE

SURFACE PRODUCT AVAILABLE

SALON CLOSED SEPT 05 TILL 13 2026

Thank You
★ TO OUR INCREDIBLE ★
FIREWORKS SPONSORS!
Your generosity lit up Bentley!

The fireworks show on August 7, 2026 was a spectacular success thanks to **YOUR** amazing support!

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

Outlaw Electric Ltd.	Southern Cross Construction	The Dickau Family
T & D Franz	TR Transport Inc	Bentley Community Van Society
Bentley District Agricultural Society	R & D Park	Bentley Esso
Bentley Museum Society	Moores Contracting Ltd.	Aero Auto Appraisals
Sunset Hills Riding Club	Parallax Energy	Bentley Seniors Drop In
Barkies Paw Spa	Shooters Custom Fabrication	<i>Thank you!</i>
Bentley Mercantile	Bentley Farmer's Market	♥ We appreciate your support!
Bentley Hotel	Kruzin West Show n Shine	
The Market Beer & Wine Inc	Town of Bentley	
The Market-Bentley	Monkey Top Saloon	

TOGETHER, WE MAKE
Bentley Shine!

AUGUST 7, 2026
RODEO & FAIR WEEK
BENTLEY, ALBERTA

Bentley FARMERS MARKET
Good People • Great Finds • Small Town Heart ♥

WE'VE EXTENDED OUR SEASON!

Our last market of the season will be
SEPTEMBER 19

♥ ♥ ♥
BENTLEY CURLING RINK
Inside and Outside
2-4 PM

RAIN OR SHINE WE'RE HERE!

Fresh • Local • Made with Care ♥

SOMETHING FOR EVERY SHOPPER!

Local Makers Fresh Finds

Thank You TO OUR AMAZING VENDORS & CUSTOMERS!

SHOP LOCAL
SUPPORT SMALL
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

BENTLEY CURLING RINK
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
(DOWNTOWN BENTLEY)

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL!

FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES AND VENDOR SPOTLIGHTS!

Bentley Boutique
Bentley Long Term Care
Recycle Bin! West Entrance Beside Bay Door

Open Tues/Thurs
10am-12pm 1pm-3pm

IT ONLY COSTS A SMILE!

BUDGET APPROVED

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VARIETY OF ITEMS FOR ALL GENDERS, AGES AND SIZES!
A Bentley Community Services Outreach Program



2027 FALL KICKOFF

TO FALL SEASON
CORNHOLE LEAGUE

10 DAYS OF LEAGUE PLAY
STARTING SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH

BENTLEY HALL

10 WEEK
REGISTRATION
\$120.00

\$20
DROP IN

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
★ COME JOIN THE FUN! ★

CONNECT. COMPETE. HAVE FUN.
SEE YOU AT THE BENTLEY HALL!



BAGS FLY
AT 12 NOON



SPONSORED
GAME PLAY



MINI GAMES



SPLIT BRACKETS
UPPER & LOWER



FUN FOR ALL
BIG LAUGHS!



GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE *for Seniors*

These Alberta programs may help with monthly income and essential expenses so you can live well and stay independent.



Alberta Seniors Benefit

Monthly income support to help with your day-to-day costs.



Special Needs Assistance

Help with health, personal and household expenses you may not be able to cover.



Seniors Dental & Optical Assistance

Coverage for dental and vision care.



Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program

Defer payment of your property taxes.



403-748-2160

We're here to help!



You don't have to do it alone. We can help!



We may be able to help you access these programs if you qualify!



Community Services is here to support our seniors. Contact us to learn more.



Program Coordinator

Vickie 403-506-8642

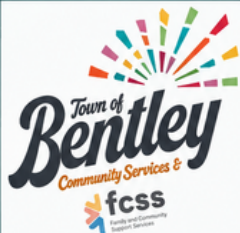
The Blessing Pantry has food set up at the Library for people to access.



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

Hampers Available Year Round - contact Vickie

Tuesday 10:00 AM - 05:30 PM
Wednesday 10:00 AM - 05:30 PM
Thursday 12:00 PM - 07:30 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 05:30 PM



WELLNESS MORNINGS *for Everyone!*

Move • Connect • Belong • Thrive

Join us for fun, friendly sessions that support your physical and mental well-being - all while building connections in our community!

Mondays
9:45 to 11 am

Seated Range of Motion Exercises

Wednesdays
10:30 to 11:45 am

Chair Yoga - light movements

Move your body, make connections & socialize!



Community connections & networking



Supports mental health & well-being



Builds relationships across generations



LIVE INSTRUCTORS
on our large screen TV!



\$10 PER MONTH INCLUDES BOTH WEEKLY SESSIONS!

Everyone is welcome - all adults in the community!

Seniors Drop In - Town Office **Call 403-748-2160**

Let's move, connect, and support each other - together!



Bentley Museum

September to June

Hours

Wednesdays 9:30 am to noon
or by appointment

Fall is upon us and our summer staff are finished for the season.

Thank you Ava and Gracie for welcoming our guests this summer

Diana Garries is retiring from the museum board. We want to thank her for her many years of dedication and service to the Bentley Museum



Look for us at the Good Neighbour Day in September



Museum Contacts:

Rick 403.304.0353 Jean 403.872.2605



MASSIVE shout-out to all our local businesses, sponsors, judges, and participants who contributed to Bentley Parade 2026

On behalf of the Sunset Hills Riding Club, we offer sincere Congratulations to this year's award winners:

Warm thanks go to our award sponsors:

The Market at Bentley, The Drop, and West Country Mills
Shoutout to our Band Sponsor: Taylor Snow Trucking

Classic and Antique Vehicle Entries:
1st—TeriLynn Cummins—1957 Fargo
2nd—Don Douglas—1932 Ford
3rd—Allan Wilson— 1960-? Malibu

Horse Entries:
1st place: Kaidy—Blaze
2nd place: Emma—Cinnamon

Organizational Entries:	Commercial Entries:
1st place: -Bentley Museum	1st place: -G.L.D.C.
2nd place: -Bentley Minor Hockey	2nd place: Nutrien
3rd place: -Summer Village of Gull Lake	3rd place: Bentley Mercantile
Runners-up/Honorable mentions:	
-Blindman Valley AG Society	
-Shriners	

Antique Farm Equipment:
1st place: Pederson Family—John Deer Antique D
2nd place: Pederson Family—John Deer Antique G



Lacombe & District
Family and Community
Support Services

Home Support Service

- Laundry
- Housekeeping Services
- Meal Prep assistance

- Vacuuming/Mopping
- Dusting, changing bedding
- Grocery pick up (in town only)

AVAILABLE IN LACOMBE, LACOMBE COUNTY, BLACKFALDS, CLIVE & BENTLEY





Lacombe 403-782-6637
Clive 403-784-2020





recycle on!

Bentley Boutique

Bentley Long Term Care
West Entrance Beside Bay Door

Open Tues/Thurs
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BENTLEY

COURIER SERVICE

Small Town Speed.

POWERED BY
RIMBEY EXPRESS

- RED DEER
- SYLVAN LAKE
- LACOMBE
- RIMBEY



Need something in Red Deer?

We offer twice-daily service between Rimby and Red Deer to help keep local businesses and people moving.



PARTS
Get the parts you need, delivered.



PACKAGES
Safe, secure delivery you can count on.



DELIVERIES
Local service for businesses and people.



**TWICE-DAILY SERVICE
RIMBEY TO RED DEER**

Fast. Reliable.
Local. That's how we get it done.



PHONE: 403-843-2266

BENTLEY CARE CENTRE

Over the past year, a variety of continuing cares home across Central Alberta have been undergoing quality of life improvements to create warmer, home-like spaces that support social and cognitive function for residents living in care. As part of the Quality of Life Chrysalis Project, these updates include a variety of changes to reflect residents' experiences and identities, including new visual and interactive enhancements.

At Bentley Care Centre, interactive murals, door wraps, and theme images were installed, creating individualized spaces that align with residents' identities and support wayfinding in the facility. Sound Off headphones have also been added, removing barriers like distracting noises and access limitations, making group programs more inclusive, and enabling immersive experiences anywhere within the centre. Additionally, life stations were assembled to provide residents with a wide variety of accessible, self-directed activities, even when recreation staff are unavailable.

The installations at Bentley Care Centre were made possible through the Government of Alberta's \$7 million investment in improving continuing care centres across the province.



Therapy Assistant Rachel Angeltvedt and Bentley Care Manager Lynda Molde enjoy a stunning mountain view featured on one of the newly installed door wraps at Bentley Care Centre.



A newly installed door wrap at Bentley Care Centre features a canola field shimmering at sunset, inspiring residents to reminisce and share memories of Alberta's iconic landscapes and agricultural heritage.

Elder Abuse Case Manager

An Elder Abuse Case Manager provides support to individuals 55+ affected by elder abuse. Support can be provided through assessments, safety planning, one-on-one support, and referrals. The role also aims to bring awareness to elder abuse throughout Sylvan Lake, Bentley, Benalto, Eckville, Innisfail, and other communities that are a part of our Coordinated Community Response.

Chantal Gaebel
Elder Abuse Caseworker
Town of Sylvan Lake
Cell: 403 396 5900



DID YOU KNOW?

Community programming is only a fraction of what we do! We provide one-on-one supports for prenatal, caregivers with children 0-24, AND youth supports for those aged 12-24.

It's voluntary and no cost!
403.896.3408



Bentley Care Centre resident Miles Linton is joined by Care Manager Lynda Molde and Therapy Assistant Rachel Angeltvedt as they admire the centre's



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.

2026 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!!

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
& Recycling Bins

403-748-3961

Thursday 9am-4:45pm

Friday 9am-4:45pm

Saturday 1pm-4:45pm

CLOSED stat holidays

be in the know

Starting October 13 2026, Town of Bentley's residents will have access to new curbside recycling collection services!

This new service will be managed by Circular Materials, a national not-for-profit Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO), responsible for Alberta's transition to an enhanced Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recycling program for packaging, and paper products .

Soon, you'll be able to recycle materials like glass, foam packaging, flexible and rigid plastic, cardboard and paper and metal containers and packaging in your curbside recycling program and at your local depot.

<https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/bentley/>

Watch the Town's FB page and website or more information on delivery date of bins.



LACOMBE

= ROUND DANCE CLUB =

Learn to
Jive!



EVERY MONDAY,

— *starting* —

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

★ *for 12 weeks* ★



FIRST TWO LESSONS **FREE!**



Fees: **\$45.00** PER PERSON
OR
\$5 PER DAY



Contact: **CLIFF DUNN** | 403-866-3995 | cjdancinglacombe@yahoo.ca
— *for more information.* —

Help Our Community to

be in the know

Newsletter Submissions

The Community Newsletter
accepts submissions until
the 20th at noon each month
for the next edition!

Non Profit & Business Rates

Information posts N/C - let's chat!



Contact Community Services
403.748.2160 community@townofbentley.ca

Service Canada – Ready to Help

1-877-631-2657

If you do not have internet access, or require help accessing Service Canada's benefits and services, please call the number above to speak with someone from Service Canada.

Phone lines are open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm local time.

- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- Old Age Security (OAS)
- Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- General passport enquiries, and more



Service
Canada



LRWSC Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission

Household Hazardous Waste Round Up

Lacombe Regional Waste Services Commission will be hosting a Residential Household Hazardous Waste Round Up event for all residents within Lacombe County at the following site:

Alix/Mirror Waste Transfer Station Saturday August 29th, 2026, 1pm-4pm

City of Lacombe (5395 Len Thompson Dr.) Saturday September 19th, 2026, 1pm-4pm

Bentley Waste Transfer Station Saturday September 26th, 2026, 1pm-4pm

Eckville Waste Transfer Station Saturday October 17th, 2026, 9am-11:45am

All items must be residential products and in original containers to be accepted.
Commercial/Agricultural products will not be accepted. Items that will be accepted are:

- Paint and paint products – Original Containers

Latex, oil and alkyd paints, wood stains, thinners and solvents, and paint aerosols

- Household Hazardous Waste (<10L or <10kg) – Original Containers

Laundry detergents, bleach, oven cleaners, spot removers, waste acids, rust removers, drain/toilet cleaners, metal polish, household herbicides and pesticides, lawn fertilizers, insect sprays, car and household batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, aerosol containers, and household propane tanks (30lbs maximum)

- Electronics

Televisions, computer equipment, monitors, keyboards, cameras, phones, VCR/DVD players, stereos and MP3 players

- Used oil - original containers not required and recycling of containers will be available

Engine oil, gasoline, diesel, brake fluid, transmission fluid, kerosene, washer fluid, and antifreeze

Products will not be accepted outside of the posted times as staff need time to transport and sort the materials.

Look for the LRWSC truck and flat deck trailer onsite and meet with the staff to dispose of your products!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP



utilities**consumer**
advocate

Alberta
Government

The Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) represents Alberta's residential, farm, and small business consumers of electricity, natural gas, and water.

The UCA offers free services and information to help consumers navigate utility choice and address issues related to heating, power, and water.

On their website: ucahelps.alberta.ca you can find information on these topics and more:

- Understanding utilities and utility bills
- Using the cost comparison tool
- Consumer rights and responsibilities
- Avoiding scams
- Accessing financial assistance
- Staying connected during Alberta's winter months

All UCA information and mediation services are free. You can **contact them via email at:** ucahelps@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 310-4822 or 1-888-644-6608.

Stick Time

Starts September 23/26

Wednesdays

3:15 - 4:15

Thursdays

3:15 - 4:15 (NEW DAY)

NO STICK TIME ON TUESDAYS



Public Skating

Starts September 18/26

Fridays

2:00 - 3:45

Sundays

5:30 - 6:30



Bentley Community Van Society Join us for **Monthly trips!**

- 2nd Wednesday to Red Deer – Shopping
- 3rd Wednesday to Lacombe – Post Office / Shopping
- 4th Wednesday to Sylvan Lake – Shopping

Trips are open to **everyone!** Rides are by **donation.**

Please contact our Coordinator for more information & to book your seat.

 **587-877-1002**

Did you know the van is also available for use by community organizations – *Let's Talk!*

All trips depend on driver availability.
New drivers welcome.



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**Come & meet your neighbors at a
Community Fall Pot Luck Dinner
at Grace Lutheran Church!**

Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27

Fridays at 6:00 pm

(plates, utensils and drinks provided)

**For directions
call 403-748-2147**



Volunteer Drivers Needed – Make a Difference in Your Community! ❤️

Do you enjoy meeting people and helping others stay connected to their community?

No special license required!

The Bentley Community Van Society is looking for caring and dependable volunteer drivers to help provide transportation for local residents to shopping trips, social outings, and community activities.

As a volunteer driver, you can:

- ✓ Help reduce isolation and loneliness
- ✓ Support community members in maintaining independence
- ✓ Meet new people and build community connections
- ✓ Give back in a meaningful and rewarding way
- ✓ Volunteer on a schedule that works for you

***No special license is required and
training for lift provided.***

Whether you can help once a month or more often, your time can make a real difference in someone's day.

Current Community Van Trips Include:

-  Red Deer Shopping Trips
-  Lacombe Shopping & Services Trips
-  Sylvan Lake Shopping Trips
-  Community Group Outings

***All trips are dependent on driver
availability – and that's where you can
help!***

Interested in learning more?

 Contact 587-877-1002

Help keep Bentley moving, connected, and caring—become a Community Van Volunteer Driver today!  ❤️

ARE YOU A SOCIAL SNACKER?

Social snacking describes **brief, informal, and friendly** interactions in daily life, which contribute to **happiness, a sense of belonging, and identity.**

Social snacks include casual chats or moments of exchange, such as smiling or waving, with people around us at places like the grocery store, the dog park, or a coffee shop.



How can you social snack?



- Say hello to people you see while out walking
- Look up from your phone and smile at someone you pass by
- Start a conversation with someone at the grocery store
- Hold the door open for others
- Wave to people at the dog park

Don't forget that you don't need to know the person to have a social snack!



When you social snack with others, your brain releases **oxytocin** and so does theirs.

Oxytocin is a “feel good hormone” released during a friendly interaction that can decrease the effects of stress and promote healthy development.



This allows both the giver and the receiver to feel better which helps improve mental health and well-being.

What to do next?

Challenge yourself to three social snacks a day.

Say hello to people you see.

Post stories of a social snack that made a difference in your day.



Social snacking...

- Builds feelings of trust
- Creates a sense of belonging and safety
- Brings people together in the communities and places where we spend our time

For more information, please visit
www.connectionsfirst.ca/social-snacking

A September Message from Mayor and Council

As summer winds down and the crisp autumn air sets in, our community is stepping into a new season. Families are busy preparing for back to school routines, and our streets will soon be filled with morning activity once again.

Celebrating a Fantastic Summer

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this year's Bentley Fair and Rodeo such an incredible success. From the dedicated volunteers and organizers to the community members who came out to support, your hard work and energy truly showcased the best of our town.

We also want to thank all of our residents for taking pride in your properties and keeping Bentley looking so beautiful all season long. Your warm hospitality toward tourists and visitors makes a lasting impression and keeps people coming back to enjoy our community.

Wishing Our Local Farmers a Safe Harvest

As farm equipment heads into the fields, Council and the Town of Bentley wish all our local farmers and agricultural families a bountiful and safe harvest season. Thank you for your tireless dedication to feeding our communities, and we ask motorists to drive with extra patience and care when sharing the roads with farm equipment.

Upcoming Infrastructure: Sewer Line Replacement Work

Please be advised that construction on our scheduled sewer line replacements will begin on Tuesday, September 1st. While this project was originally slated to start earlier this summer, wet weather conditions caused unfortunate scheduling delays.

Crews will be getting straight to work at the start of the month. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we navigate minor traffic impacts and work to complete these essential infrastructure upgrades as quickly and safely as possible.

Back to School Safety & Wheeled Vehicles

With school starting up, safety is top of mind. We have noticed an increase in children and teens riding scooters and e-bikes, along with several alarming close calls. We've seen young riders blowing through stop signs into oncoming traffic, as well as high-speed close calls with pedestrians stepping out of downtown businesses.

We strongly encourage parents to sit down with their children and review basic traffic and helmet safety rules:

- **Stop Signs:** Electric bikes and scooters must obey standard traffic laws, including coming to a complete stop at all stop signs.
- **Pedestrian Priority:** Riders must slow down and yield to pedestrians, especially on sidewalks and when passing near business doors.
- **Helmets:** Helmets are essential and mandatory for minors on bikes, e-bikes, and scooters.

Please help us keep our youth and pedestrians safe as our roads get busier.

Community Events & Engagement

- **Coffee with Council:** Following our summer break, Coffee with Council will be resuming soon! Keep an eye on the official Town of Bentley Facebook page for upcoming dates and details so you can join us for informal chats about our community.
- **Good Neighbour Day:** Mark your calendars! Good Neighbour Day is coming up on Wednesday, September 16th, from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Join us for hot dogs, live music, and community connections. Be sure to check Facebook for full event updates.
- **Household Hazardous Waste Roundup:** The annual Roundup takes place at the Bentley Transfer Station on Saturday, October 3rd, from 1:00 PM to 4:45 PM. This is a great time to drop off hazardous materials, electronics, used oil, paint, and batteries.

Wishing all of our students, teachers, and families a safe, smooth, and successful start to the new school year!

SEPTEMBER



Bentley Municipal Library

NEWSLETTER

SEPT 17 @6:00PM

In Toy Story 5, Jessie takes the lead alongside Buzz Lightyear to save their kid, Bonnie. The plot centers on "Toy meets Tech", as the gang battles their most formidable adversary yet: a hypnotic tablet named Lilypad, which distracts Bonnie and isolates her from real-world friends.



Good Neighbour Day

Stop by our table and say
HI and see all the other
non-profits and businesses
in the area.

FREE food, entertainment,
activities!!

Coming in October ...

Amazing Race

follow the clues and solve the challenge

Costume Exchange

bring a costume take a costume

PROGRAMMING

Nature Skool

Fridays 10:30 - noon

Profiling Art

September 10

8:30 - 5:00 Ages 8 - 13

Early Literacy

Tuesdays in the blue bin

LEGO Club

Fridays 4 & 13

3:30 - 4:30 Ages: 6+

Itty Bitty Teenie Weenie Art Challenge & Show

Pick up your free canvas, create
your masterpiece and enter to win!



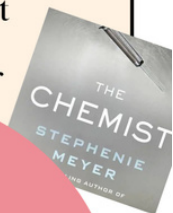
AVAILABLE AT THE DESK

JR Craft - habit tracker

Spice of the Month - Basil

Book Pick - The Chemist

by Stephanie Meyer



Hello
September