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DECEMBER 2023



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Mayor's Message

As the holiday season draws near, our Council extends warm wishes for joy and happiness. We're also excited to share that our committees have been revamped to align more closely with key areas in our strategic plan. I invite community members to join us on these committees, specifically the Community Celebration, Community Enrichment, Community Housing, and Wetlands Advisory Committees.

Your unique skills and perspectives are invaluable in addressing local challenges and shaping a brighter future for Coalhurst. Applications are welcomed until noon on December 20th. For additional details on the committees or to secure an application, visit www.coalhurst.ca or drop by the Town office.

Your involvement is key to keeping our town vibrant and dynamic. Join us to shape the future of the community!

May this season be filled with warmth and may the upcoming year present new opportunities for growth and connection.

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



*Happy
Holidays*

From the Council and staff of the
Town of Coalhurst

TOWN NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

December Meetings for Council and Committees:

- December 5, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council
- December 12, 2023, Committee of the Whole
- December 19, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit:

<https://coalhurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

PUBLIC NOTICES

Garbage collection schedule change: Tuesday, December 26

Due to the Boxing Day Town Office closure, **garbage will not be collected on Tuesday, December 26.** Tuesday and Wednesday collection routes will both be collected on Wednesday, December 27.

Town Office holiday hours

- Monday, December 25: **Closed**
- Tuesday, December 26: **Closed**
- Wednesday, December 27: **Closed**
- Thursday, December 28: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Friday, December 29: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Monday, January 1: **Closed**
- Tuesday, January 2: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Town utility bill payments can still be made online or dropped off at the Town Office in the night deposit box during office closures.



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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Did you know...? If you got a live Christmas tree this year, you can call the Town Office **before January 31** and ask for it to be collected curbside for chipping, for no additional fee (403-381-3033).

Remember to remove all lights, decorations and tree stands. *Trees wrapped in plastic or with tinsel, flocking or spray foam cannot be picked up for chipping.*

SEEKING A SEASONAL CONTRACTOR: SNOW REMOVAL

To get ready for the winter season, the Town of Coalhurst is seeking an independent contractor to provide periodic snow clearing of public sidewalks in cases where residents or businesses fail to clear sidewalks as required by Section 19 of Traffic Bylaw 398-18 and enforcement is required. The successful applicant must provide proof of insurance and meet municipal contractor and safety requirements.



Submit your interest:
main@coalhurst.ca

For more information:
403-381-3033



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WE'RE RECRUITING

VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Submit your applications for:

- ☒ **Community Celebration Committee**
- ☒ **Community Enrichment Committee**
- ☒ **Community Housing Committee**
- ☒ **Wetlands Advisory Committee**




Committees of Council help guide and shape the Town of Coalhurst by providing Council with information, advice, and recommendations regarding important community issues and topics. All appointed members work together to bring their experience and expertise to achieve Council's defined strategic plan.


Applications for the committees noted above are being received until **December 20, 2023, at Noon**. Final appointments will be made by Council on **January 2, 2024**. Visit www.coalhurst.ca to apply.


CHRISTMAS IN COALHURST

December is here, which means we're feeling the holiday cheer for sure and looking for tremendous Christmas decorations! The 2023 edition of **Coalhurst's Christmas House Decorating Contest** is happening on **Monday, December 18**.

Cash prizes:

 1st place: \$75

 2nd place: \$50

 3rd place: \$25



Town Council will tour Coalhurst, looking to fall in love at frost sight and find the best decorated homes in town! Every home is automatically entered. Winners will be announced before Christmas.



Coalhurst Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Thursday, December 21 2023 - 5:30pm



Visit with Santa
Crafts
Games
Fire Hall Tours
Meet your local Firefighters
Hotdogs, Pop, Popcorn
Cotton Candy
Hot Chocolate



EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am	2 Winter Craft Workshop (CPRS) 1:00 - 3:00pm
3	4	5 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	6 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am	7 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) Ages 7-13 yrs 3:30 - 5:00pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30pm	8 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00pm	9
10	11	12 Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	13 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am	14 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30pm	15 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am Movie Night @ the Hall (CPRS) 6:30 - 9:00pm	16
17	18 Christmas House Decorating Contest Judging	19 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	20 Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am	21 CVFD Open House Coalhurst Fire Hall 5:30pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30pm	22 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00pm	23
24 31	25 Town Office Closed 	26 Town Office Closed *no garbage collection today*	27 Town Office Closed *Tues & Wed garbage collected*	28	29	30

Note: Due to New Year's Day, the Town Office will be **closed** Monday, January 1, 2024.

Snow Angels –The Neighbourly Thing to Do

What is the Snow Angels Program?

The Snow Angels Program aims to encourage neighbors to help one another by volunteering to shovel snow for community members who are unable to clear their own sidewalks.

Who are Snow Angels?

Snow Angels are individuals, youth, seniors, families, community groups, and corporate volunteers who voluntarily shovel snow for community members needing assistance.

Why become a volunteer Snow Angel?

- Get to know your neighbors
- Help someone who will truly appreciate your efforts
- Keep sidewalks and driveways safe for all
- Get some fresh air
- Exercise
- Much more!

When does the program run?

Snow Angel signs will be clearly displayed outside of the home from November until mid-April.

Who provides the tools?

Residents are encouraged to allow volunteers to use their shovel, ice chippers, ice melt, etc. Please have the tools easily accessible for volunteers.



How it works:

1. Residents in need of help can contact FCSS Volunteer Services at 403-915-7063 indicating they need a hand with snow removal this winter. They will be asked to complete an application form.

To be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Must reside at the property.
- Have a condition or disability preventing them from participating in snow removal activities.
- Not have any other able-bodied person residing in their home to assist.

2. Once the application has been received and approved, you will receive a sign to display. We will deliver the sign and set it up. Please note that if a volunteer does not come to shovel, cleaning the sidewalk is still the responsibility of the property owner. Your walkways must be cleared 48 hours after snowfall. Placement of a Snow Angel sign is not a guarantee that snow will be removed.

3. After a snowfall, volunteers can look for Snow Angel signs around their community and simply shovel the walks.

- Volunteers will shovel all accessible parts of the sidewalk and driveway, up to the front door of the residence.
- Volunteers will NOT shovel areas of grass, backyards, or alleyways.

4. At the end of each month, Snow Angel volunteers are asked to submit their volunteer hours online or by phone. All volunteers who participate in the program will be entered into a draw to win a Block Party with the NeighbourGood Trailer as well as monthly prize draws. Bonus entries are available for Snow Angel volunteers who take a selfie or group photo of a job well done and post it on social media. Make sure you tag FCSS!

#OvercomingHolidayBlues

For many, the holiday season is filled with fun, friends and family, and happiness. But, for others, the holiday season can be a reminder of challenging times, the loss of a loved one, or feelings of loneliness.

This holiday season, here are 10 tips to help you beat the winter blues:

- 1) Get outside. Even when it's cold out, it can be very helpful to get some fresh air and get some sunshine.
- 2) Don't isolate yourself. When you're feeling sad, it can be challenging to go see friends, family, or even neighbors. Even if you don't feel like it, call a friend and chat with them. You'll notice that your mood will start to improve.
- 3) Watch something funny. Laughter really is the best medicine. Watch a funny YouTube video or read some jokes to make yourself smile.
- 4) Give yourself a manageable task to accomplish. Completing tasks will give you a sense of accomplishment and make you feel proud.
- 5) Volunteer. There are many places that you can volunteer to help you feel connected to others and do something good for the community. Connect with your local food bank, animal shelter, or shovel a neighbours sidewalk. Anything helps!
- 6) Read a good book. Instead of scrolling on social media, pick up a book and immerse yourself in a fictitious world.
- 7) Stick to a sleep routine. A good sleep routine has fantastic benefits for your mood and anxiety levels.
- 8) Embrace the cold. Wear cozy clothes, warm up to a nice fire, or build a snowman. Embracing the cold weather can help you enjoy winter rather than just enduring it.
- 9) Warm yourself up with a nice hot cup of tea or cocoa. This can help you feel calm and relaxed.
- 10) Don't hesitate to see your health professional. The winter blues are common. There is less light and expectations of joy and happiness during the holiday season. However, if you think your winter blues might be a sign of something more serious, go visit your doctor.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

SERVING:

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M.D. of Taber | Nobleford | Picture Butte | Raymond | Stirling | Taber | Vauxhall | Warner

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The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

December 2023

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League & Dart Sharks

Burgers and Chips: Dec 14 & 28 *Cooked from 5-6:30pm for \$6.00 Kids get a free pop with meal.

Friday: Meat Draws 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00

Friday: Jitney Darts 7:00 start

Friday: King Draw 7:00

Saturday: Free pool table

Steak Dinner \$20, Dec 16 sign up by Dec 13

We need a minimum number of 10 signed up to go ahead with steak night.

**General Meeting: December 11 at 7pm
Nominations and Elections**

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24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

We have gone to one Bingo a month and the odd E-Bingo. You don't need to be a member to work the Bingo's. Money received helps both our club and community.
Next Bingo December 31.

We are working at the Casino Dec 23-25 We have a few positions to fill for this event. This event only happens every few years and earns us large funds for the Legion.

Hours of operation

Wednesday -Thursday 5:00 until close

Friday 4:30 -Close Saturdays 3:00 until close

We will remain open if there are Patrons.

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday

403-381-3080

We have complimentary rooms for non-profit organizations. We also have room rentals for private events. Please call for bookings.



Thanks to all who remembered our fallen men and women that made the ultimate sacrifice for our rights and freedoms. Our Gratitude goes to all those who help make our

Remembrance Day ceremony and comradeship a day to remember.



Christmas Craft Night-Build a Snowman is Dec 9 at 6:30 \$20 to be paid by Dec 1.

Kids Christmas party Dec 10. This event is for members' kids, grandkids, and great grandkids 12 and under. Sign up by Dec 1 \$20-each.



The Ugly Sweater & Potluck is on Dec 23 along with "Name That Tune".

Jack was Smacked down by Gary Garrett , but the King is still running on Fridays at 7.

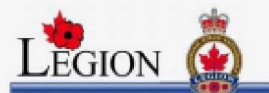


The Horses are off and running. Sponsor a horse for \$25 for the season. Next race is on Dec 16-4pm

The General Meeting will be on December 11 at 7pm. We will be nominating and electing a new executive for 2024-2026. Come out and VOTE.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and All the Best in the New Year.

Veterans who need assistance can send an email attention Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com



Through your donation to the Legion Poppy Fund, the

Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and their families who are in need. Donations accepted at any time.

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County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp  : 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Website: communityclasses.ca

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
(located in the Coaldale Library)



Adult English Language Classes



Coaldale

Shaughnessy

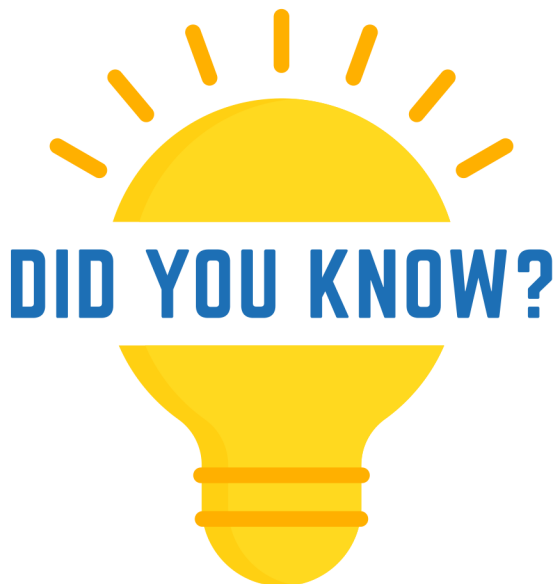
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We can help **adults** with:

- computer, cell phone and social media questions
- class 7 drivers license prep
- resumes

Contact us, we are here to help!

Daytime classes in Coaldale and Shaughnessy offer free childcare for children 18 months to 6 years old while you attend class.



DID YOU KNOW?

The County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council (CLCLC) has ongoing registration for English classes and learners can join anytime throughout the year!

Learn more at: communityclasses.ca or scan the QR code below to visit the CLCLC website.

