

TOWN NEWS

DECEMBER 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst.

As the holiday season approaches, I am filled with gratitude and joy for the opportunity to serve you as your mayor. It is with great pleasure that I send my warmest wishes to each of you during this special time of year.

The holidays offer us a chance to reflect, come together, and celebrate our vibrant community. As we spend time with loved ones, let us remember the values that unite us—compassion, kindness, and the spirit of giving.

This year has brought both successes and challenges, and I am immensely proud of how our community has united to overcome them and support each other. Let's carry that strong Coalhurst spirit into the new year, filled with new possibilities and exciting opportunities.

Looking ahead, I remain committed to working hard, alongside our dedicated Council, to improve the quality of life in Coalhurst. Together, we will continue to shape a future that embodies the values and dreams of our community.

As this year draws to a close, I hope the holiday season brings you joy, peace, and a renewed sense of hope. May the warmth of the season fill your hearts with happiness.

On behalf of myself, all of Council, and our Town staff, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



HAPPY
Holidays!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- December 3: Regular Meeting of Council
- December 10: Committee of the Whole
- December 17: 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 CHANGES: DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1

Due to the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Town Office closures, **garbage will not be collected on Wednesday, December 25, or Wednesday, January 1.**

- The December 25 collection route will be collected on **Tuesday, December 24.**
- The January 1 collection route will be collected on **Thursday, January 2.**

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

- Wednesday, December 25: **Closed**
- Thursday, December 26: **Closed**
- Friday, December 27: **Closed**
- Monday, December 30: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 31: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 1: **Closed**
- Thursday, January 2: 9:00 am - 4:00 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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2024 CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST: DECEMBER 16

We're feeling the holiday cheer and looking for treemendous Christmas decorations! The 2024 edition of **Coalhurst's Christmas House Decorating Contest** is happening on **Monday, Dec. 16**.



To be part of the contest, be sure to register your address at www.coalhurst.ca. **Registration is open until December 16 at 12 NOON.**

Prizes include \$75 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place, and \$25 for 3rd place. Good luck!



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.*

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FUNDING APPROVED FOR NEW TOWN BRANDING AND MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

Council took the next step toward the development of a new brand and municipal website for Coalhurst by approving a budget of up to \$60,000 to complete the work. Funds for the project will come from the Operational Projects Reserve and will not impact taxation.

Once complete, the new brand will include a new Town logo, colours, fonts, brand guidelines, public communication assets, and a brand voice document, which will guide the language and tone the Town uses for all its corporate communication efforts.

As part of the project, the Town will be seeking public input to ensure the new brand appropriately reflects the community's values and vision for Coalhurst, honouring our town's rich history while also looking toward a big and bright future of continued growth, community pride, and sustainability. Public engagement is planned to take place early in the New Year and the new brand is expected to be launched within the first quarter of 2025. At the same time, the Town will be working on the development of a new municipal website to modernize and improve user experience and accessibility of www.coalhurst.ca.

The intention of the new brand and website is to improve Coalhurst's public image and digital presence, identifying what makes our community unique within the southern Alberta region, and what makes this an ideal place to live, visit, and do business.

Although the final brand will be informed by public input, feedback from Council, and guiding documents such as Council's Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025, it will also be grounded in the new community aesthetic Council endorsed last month, using a modern approach to popular design in the 1930s.

To offset costs, the Town is also applying for a grant through the Northern and Regional Economic Development program (funded by the Alberta government), which if successful, could fund up to 50% of the project. Results of the grant application are expected to be received in Spring 2025.

Sundance residents...



A reminder your garbage pickup day is now [Fridays](#).

STARTED NOVEMBER 15

All other Coalhurst residents remain on their currently scheduled days.

EVENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	3 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	4 Indigenous Caregiver Cafe 12:30 - 2:00 pm	5 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm Book Fair @ CHS 3:30 - 8 pm	6 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am Book Fair @ CHS 12:30 - 8 pm	7 Book Fair @ CHS 9 am - 6 pm
8	9 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	10 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	11 Indigenous Caregiver Cafe 12:30 - 2:00 pm	12 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	13 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	14 Breakfast with Santa @ CHS 9 am - 12 pm
15	16 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm Christmas House decorating contest 6:00 pm	17 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	18 Indigenous Caregiver Cafe 12:30 - 2:00 pm	19 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day Town Office closed 	26 Boxing Day Town Office closed	27 Town Office closed	28 Legion Dinner Special 5:30 pm
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Town Office closed 	2	3	4

LOOKING TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WINTER? VOLUNTEER FOR THE SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM!

The Snow Angels Program invites neighbors to volunteer and shovel snow for community members who are unable to clear their own sidewalks. It's the neighbourly thing to do!

- Shovels are provided by the resident
- No registration required
- Enter into monthly prize draws by submitting your volunteer hours!



To learn more, contact Cindy at
volunteerservices@fcss.ca
or (403) 915-7063



**A SNOW ANGEL IS
NEEDED HERE**

Please shovel the walk and
driveway of this home.

ADVERTISEMENTS



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273

5205-6 St Coalhurst Ab, T0L 0V0 403.381.3080

Opening Hours: WED/THURS 5pm FRI 4:30pm SAT 3pm
CLOSED SUN, MON, TUES

December 2024



Holiday Hours

December 25, 26 Closed

January 1, 2025 Closed

December 10, 2024 General Meeting

Branch 273 Members Only!

Wednesdays Dart League

Thursdays Burger Nights Dec 5 & 19 5:30pm - 7pm

Pool League 7pm start

Dart Sharks 7pm start

Fridays Meat Draws 6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm

Chase The King Draw at 7pm

Jitney Darts 7pm start **Everyone Welcome!**

Saturdays Smack The Jack Draw at 6pm

Free Pool 3pm - close

On Saturdays when the Legion hosts special events or tournaments, free pool may not be available.



December 29, 2024 is our next Bingo

We are always looking for New Volunteers. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact Wendy @ 403-634-5262

Veterans in need of assistance can send an email to the attention of the Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com. Through your donations to the Legion Poppy Fund, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and their families who are in need. Donations are gratefully appreciated at any time.



ADVERTISEMENTS



Coalhurst Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Thursday, December 19 2024 - 5:30pm

With a Donation to Interfaith food bank

Hotdogs, Pop, Popcorn
Cotton candy



Visit with Santa
Crafts
Games



Coalhurst High School Learning Commons

Thursday Dec 5 3:30pm - 8pm
Friday Dec 6, 12:30pm - 8pm
Saturday Dec 7, 9am - 6pm
Monday Dec 9, 9am - 3:30pm



Scholastic Book Fairs accept



**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**to join the
55 Plus Club!**

Mondays

2 pm

Gentle stretching and mobility exercises.



**Wednesdays
& Fridays**

**10 am
- to -
Noon**

Join us weekly to play Crib.



Wednesdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts,
jigsaw puzzles, followed by 1000 rummy.



Saturdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Join us weekly to play 1000 rummy.



Coffee and snacks available.

Drop-ins welcome. Fee of \$1 per week.

Lower level of Coalhurst Legion building (5205 6th St)

Enter off the back alley.

Accessible parking available near door.

Not 55 yet? Don't worry! We welcome
anyone over the age of 45. Join us for social
activities and conversation.

**\$5
ENTRY**

**KIDS 2 &
UNDER FREE**



*ALL CHILDREN
MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT*

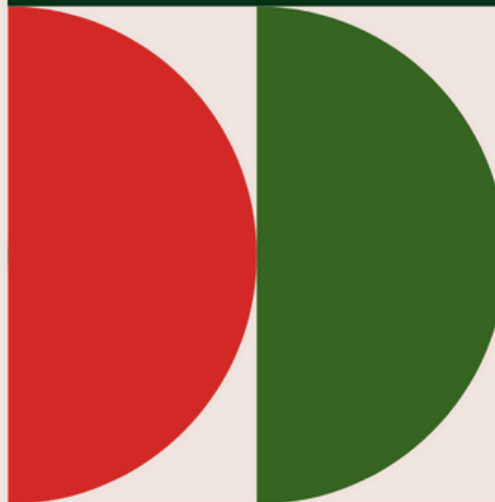
EVERYONE WELCOME



**14
DEC**

9AM - NOON

@ CHS



**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

**REINDEER GAMES,
HOLIDAY CHEER,
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS,
\$2 FACE PAINTING,
BAKE TABLE & MORE.**

COALHURST HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Friends of CES Society Presents...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

SANTA'S GONE LOONIE

COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTER (527 51 AVE.)

8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

CES Grades 1-6 OPEN-3:30pm | Community 3:30 -5pm
Open for all ages 4:30-5pm

**ALL
ITEMS
ARE \$1**

This is an event specifically for children/youth (under 18). Kids bring their loonies and pick out the perfect gift for their adult loved ones.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TOWARDS FIXING THE
CES BACK PLAYGROUND.**

Dec 2-13th New and "like new" Items (No Toys & Clothing please) can be donated at the following locations:
**Coalhurst Elementary School,
Town of Coalhurst Office**

All left over items will be donated

