

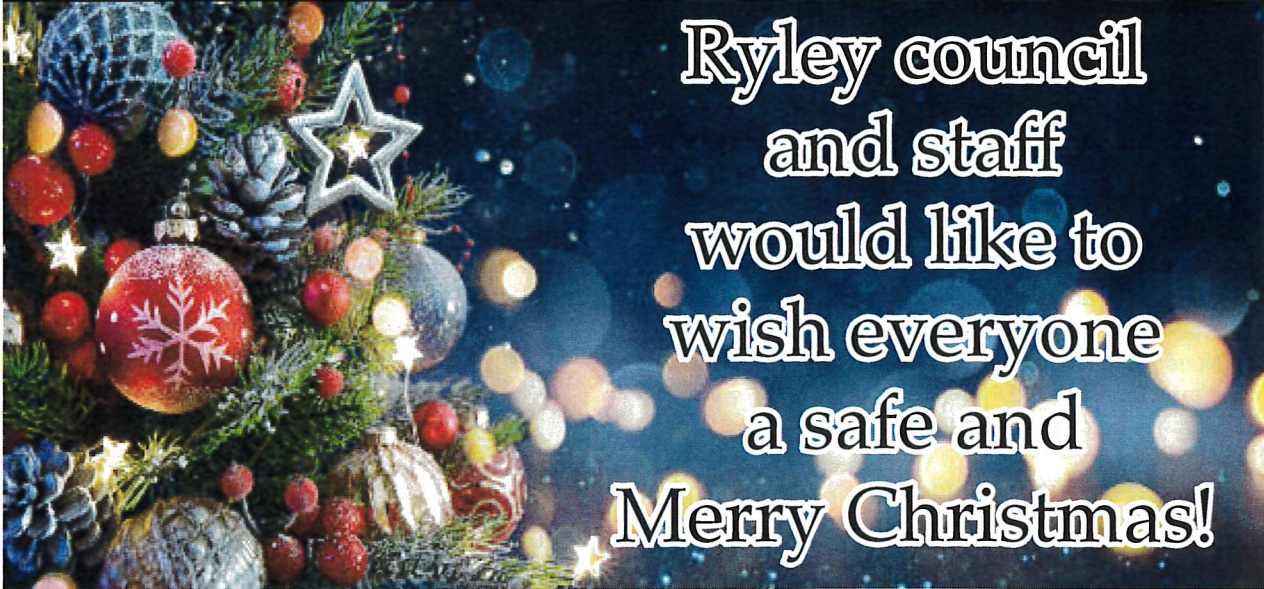
# The Village VOICE

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December 2020



Ryley council  
and staff  
would like to  
wish everyone  
a safe and  
Merry Christmas!

## **Christmas Light Up Contest**

Thursday, December 3, 2020, 6 - 8 p.m.

HAVE YOUR LIGHTS ON!

Best Outdoor Decorated Residence

1st - \$250 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$150

Best Outdoor/Window Decorated Business

1st - \$250 2nd - \$200 3rd - \$150

For any inquiries please contact the  
Ryley Municipal Office at 780-663-3653.

## **Christmas Tree Light Up**

Due to the new COVID regulations, planned activities for the Christmas Tree Light up have been canceled.

On December 5th the Christmas Tree will be turned on at 5:30 p.m. at Main Street Park. We remind everyone that comes down to view the tree to please follow the current COVID rules and regulation.

## **Tofield/Ryley/Beaver County West**

### **Community Christmas Hamper Program**

Hamper requests are now being accepted at the Tofield/Ryley/Beaver County West FCSS office.  
5407 - 50 Street Tofield, AB, T0B 4J0

Please contact us at 780-662-7067 for assistance.  
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Picture I.D. and proof of residence is required

The deadline to sign up for a Christmas Hamper is **Friday December 11, 2020.**

## **511 Alberta Road Information**

Up-to-date road information. Call 5-1-1 toll-free,  
[511.alberta.ca](http://511.alberta.ca) or follow us on Twitter @511Alberta

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## Community Together Update

As more and more information is being thrown at us, it can be difficult to keep up and stay current with restrictions, regulations and recommendations. It can also be challenging to figure out which apply to you or your area. If you have questions or concerns about any COVID-19 rules or restrictions and how they may affect you, please call the Ryley Municipal Office. We are working hard to clarify and simplify information for residents.

As we move forward into the holiday season, remember to take care of all aspects your health. A component of this is doing regular mental health check-ins with not only yourself, your family and loved ones but neighbours too. This will become increasingly important as the holidays can be a very challenging time for many people, so please keep an eye on one another.

The Community Together Program is available to all Ryley residents. Please contact us if you or someone you know is in need of:

- Well-being check-ins, social connection
- Needs assistance for individuals/families with low income due to COVID-19
- Delivery of groceries, prescriptions, household goods
- Provide information and/or referrals to a variety of social services
- Communication and updates on Provincial and Local health and safety regulations and recommendations
- Volunteer opportunities to help keep our minds and bodies active



Any information you provide the Community Together Program will remain confidential unless consent is given for the purpose of referrals or providing requested assistance.

### Current Program Updates:

- The Give & Take Centre is temporarily closed. We apologize for this inconvenience and will reopen once health safety measures are in place.
- Pickleball is temporarily closed. We will reopen as soon as regulations allow.
- Christmas Market is cancelled. We are working on putting a virtual market together. Watch the bulletin boards next to the Market and Post Office for updates on this.

Thank you to all the volunteers in Ryley! You have done an amazing job supporting the community and your kindness and effort are very appreciated!

You can contact the Community Together Programmer, Jessica, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at (780)663-3653 or commtog@ryley.ca



Ryley School would like to thank the Village of Ryley and Clean Harbors for their very generous grant that will be used to purchase Chromebooks for our students!

*Thank You!*

*The Small School With A Big* 

# Clean Harbors<sup>®</sup>

**CHCRC is now accepting grant application from local and area non-profit organizations**  
**Deadline is March 1, 2021**

The Community Enhancement Grant (CEG) is an annual gift from Clean Harbors to the Ryley Community that is directed by the Ryley Clean Harbors Community Relations Liaison Committee (CHCRC). Local and Area non-profit organizations can apply and the deadline is March 1, 2021. Applications are available on the Ryley website or you can contact the Ryley Municipal Office. You can also request an email copy by emailing [angel@ryley.ca](mailto:angel@ryley.ca) According to the Terms of Reference, the CHCRC members make decisions based on whether the group or activity is a "recreational, leisure, community resource or program" and how much it "enhances the overall general well-being of residents". Committee members are: Stan Yuha, Lyndie Nickel, Lori-Jo Pope, Cyndy Heslin, Mathew Kowalski, and Annette Short.

### **2020 Hosting Fees from Clean Harbors:**

1st Quarter: \$62,494.71  
2nd Quarter: \$92,970.59  
3rd Quarter: \$82,818.32

## **Ryley Community Preschool Fundraiser**

The Mixing Spoon

We fix it... you mix it!

Only \$ 10.00/JAR

Chewy Brownie Mix, Grandma's Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Mix, Chippers Cookie Mix, Ginger Crinkle Cookies Mix, Cranberry Chip Cookie Mix, Classic Sugar Cookie Mix, Pasta Salad Mix, Raspberry Burst Scone Mix, Beefy Macaroni Soup Mix, Minestrone Soup Mix, Noodle Soup Mix, Potato Medley Soup Mix, and Western Chili Mix.

For order information please contact Stephanie Clark at 587-322-1053 or stephandcory@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

## **Meals on Wheels**

Did you know that Tofield/Ryley/Beaver West FCSS partners with the Tofield Lodge and the River Rock Cafe to run a Meals on Wheels program?

Meals are prepared at the Tofield Lodge or at the River Rock Cafe at a cost of \$7.00 each and billed monthly to the client through Tofield/Ryley/Beaver County West FCSS (TRBW FCSS).

TRBW FCSS will arrange a volunteer to pick up and deliver your meal within the Town of Tofield and the Village of Ryley (Mon-Fri). Arrangements can be made for Beaver County West clients to pick up.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, please call the Tofield/Ryley/Beaver West FCSS at 780-662-7067 to complete an application.

## **Health Care Aide Wainwright Program**

January 2021 – August 2021

Admission Deadline: December 20th

Find rewarding employment in:

- Continuing Care Facilities
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Community Agencies – both private and government
- Private individuals

Program is offered through Medicine Hat College

Course work online

Lab work conducted at

Wainwright Health Centre, 530-6 Ave

Practicum conducted in region

Visit [wainwright.ca](http://wainwright.ca) or [mhc.ab.ca](http://mhc.ab.ca) for program details.

For information contact: Carley at 780.842.3381 or [cherbert@wainwright.ca](mailto:cherbert@wainwright.ca)

## **PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER!**

The Friends of Ryley School Society are having an online silent auction to help raise funds to put a playground in at Ryley School. This auction will take place December 11-18 2020 on Facebook. The group is called "**Friends of Ryley School Playground Silent Auction Fundraiser**". Please join, tell your friends and help make this fundraiser a success!! Let's pull together as a community and make this happen for our kids!

Any further questions please contact Ray Vanstone 780-632-5605.

## **Municipal Tax Recovery Property Auction**

On Wednesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. the Ryley Municipal Office will be holding a Tax Recovery Property Auction. These properties are the 2017 Property Tax Arrears. Property owners will have up to the sale date to pay off all outstanding balances and have their property removed from the sale. Reserve bids will be advertised once they are set.

Municipality: Village of Ryley

5005-50 St, Box 230, Ryley, AB T0B 4J0

### **Tax Recovery Arrears List**

<b>Title Number</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>
942 216 884	6530V	6	29, 30
122 223 277	6530V	7	OT (Alley)
102 255 341 +1	6530V	7	OT (Alley)
022 443 843	6386AW	16	10

For question please contact the Ryley Municipal Office at 780-663-3653 or email [angel@ryley.ca](mailto:angel@ryley.ca)

## **CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS CHANGE YOUR MOOD HAPPINESS BASICS**

Program provides action based skills focused on positive behaviors to assist with anxiety, reduction of stress and changing perspective.

**Wednesday January 7, 14, 21, 28**

10 am -11:30 am

Virtual Class- Zoom

**Wednesday January 6, 13, 20, 27**

6pm - 7:30pm

Virtual Class- Zoom

For More information call Kalyna Country PCN  
1-800-370-1697

## **Volunteer Coordinator**

Tofield and Area Health Services Foundation is currently looking to fill one (1) Volunteer Coordinator position.

Interested parties can contact Brenda with a letter of intent by email.

E-Mail: [tofieldhealthfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tofieldhealthfoundation@gmail.com)

## **Good News Community Church Sunday Service**

**Sunday School:** Sundays 9:30 a.m. All school ages.  
**Please note AWANA and Youth Groups will not be running in December. Please watch for update in the January Village Voice or check out our website.**

For more information contact Pastor Mark at 780 663-3664. See website for additional information and updates.

**Email:** [pastor@ryleygncc.ca](mailto:pastor@ryleygncc.ca) **website:** [ryleygncc.ca](http://ryleygncc.ca)

## **Holden United Church Produce Fundraiser Still Carrots & Potatoes Left!**

Members of the Holden United Church have grown produce which would normally be donated to the fundraising suppers held by the Church. Suggested donation \$6/10lbs potatoes, \$0.60/lb carrots

All proceeds go to the Holden United Church.  
Contact Sharon for your veggie order at 780-632-6814  
Contact Kary for Potatoes at 780-603-7480



### **The Royal Canadian Legion Ryley Branch 192**

Until further notice, the Ryley Legion will be closed to rentals and for Saturday bar service.

From the Ryley Legion to the community, we wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

 [facebook.com/ryleyLegion](https://facebook.com/ryleyLegion)

### **For Rent, Lease or Sale**

Do you have property for rent, lease or sale? Send information to Angel at [angel@ryley.ca](mailto:angel@ryley.ca) and we will advertise for you at no cost.

## **4-H Resumes in Beaver County**

By Russell Janzen, Club Reporter

This year has been tough, but the Beaver County 4-H Multi Club has begun again! On Friday November 13th, we held club elections at the Holden Complex. Our new president is Hannah Chetney. Wyatt Ziegler has been voted vice president. The secretary position has been awarded to George Mackenzie. Club reporter is Russell Janzen. Our new treasurer is Nolan Dixon and our social media representative is Denise Schmaus. The District Representative is Cameron Dixon. Congratulations to all elected officials.

This year our members are trying out a new project called Exploring 4-H. This project touches on life skills, leadership, technology and trades, and many more. Each month we will learn a specific skill together, taught by an expert. In January we will have a wood working workshop. The members that are working on the small engines project this year will have their first meeting on November 28th. They are continuing to work on a 1954 Plymouth, mainly focussing on the body on the vehicle. On December 14 we are helping out at the Christmas Bureau in the town of Vegreville as part of our community service. Like us on Facebook for more information.

### *Blue Fairy Arts*

I paint murals, and by request. I sell my own paintings and drawings. You can contact me at [Savanah.klassen@gmail.com](mailto:Savanah.klassen@gmail.com).

### **The Paragon Theatre Showtimes**

5019-50 St. Holden

Paragon Movies are suspended for December due to new COVID restrictions. If the situation changes for movies to come back, watch for local notices/social media of that.

Thanks for your consideration and understanding. Wishing all a Happy Safe Holiday season in spite of the challenges.

Admission, information, and updates are on [www.beaverhillplayers.com](http://www.beaverhillplayers.com). You can also email [beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com](mailto:beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com)

### **Paragon Movie Ideas**

We want to hear from you and what movies you would like to see. Send us an email at [beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com](mailto:beaverhillplayers17@gmail.com)



# UPCOMING events



## **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

- Regular Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. via video conference. See [riley.ca](http://riley.ca) for meeting video link or call 780-663-3653.

## **Thursday, December 3, 2020**

- Christmas Light Up Contest Judging, 6 to 8 p.m. Have your lights on!

## **Friday, December 4, 2020**

- WECAN Fees Due. See ad for details.

## **December 11 to 18, 2020**

- Ryley School Playground Fundraiser Online Silent Auction. See ad for auction details.

## **Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

- Regular Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. via video conference. See [riley.ca](http://riley.ca) for meeting video link or call 780-663-3653.

## **Thursday, December 17, 2020**

- WECAN Pick up. See ad for full details.

## **December 24, 25 & 31, 2020**

- Ryley Municipal Office CLOSED for the holidays.

## **Friday, January 1, 2021**

- Ryley Municipal Office CLOSED for New Years. Will re-open January 5, 2021.

## **2021 Municipal Election**

Would you like to be more hands on in making important decisions and creating a pathway into the future for you community? The next municipal general election will be held on October 18, 2021 and your voice is important!

Nominations for the general election will be open between January 1, 2021 and September 20, 2021. Nomination packages will be available at the Ryley Municipal Office in January 2021. In this package you will find what it means to be a municipal councillor.

Election information will be posted on the Ryley website and the Village of Ryley Facebook page. For more information and inquiries please contact the

CAO, Glen Hamilton-Brown at 780-663-3653 or [cao@riley.ca](mailto:cao@riley.ca). Your community needs you!

## **Ryley Council Meeting Dates via video conference.**

Tue. December 1, and 15 - Regular Council - 6:45 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings start at 6:45 p.m. and are being conducted via video conference. Connection information will be posted on the village website and is live streamed on the Facebook group "Village of Ryley". For additional meeting information and to connect by telephone please call the Ryley Municipal office during office hours.

[www.riley.ca](http://www.riley.ca)

**Are you reopening? Have you booked a new date for your event?**

**We want to help you get this information out to the public. Contact Angel to have your business or event information in the next issue of the Village Voice at no cost.**

**Angel 780-663-3653 or email [angel@riley.ca](mailto:angel@riley.ca)**

## CAO's Corner

Hello Ryley!

You may have heard that we are starting our very own Ryley FCSS (Family & Community Support Service) in 2021. I heard a few theories on why people think we are doing this so I thought it would be a good idea to set the record straight.

Section 2.1(1)(a) of the Provincial FCSS Regulation states:

"Services under a program must be of a preventive nature that enhances the social well-being of individuals and families through promotion or intervention strategies provided at the earliest opportunity." Section 2.1(2)(b) states: "Services under a program must do one or more of the following:

- i. help people to develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis;
- ii. help people to develop an awareness of social needs;
- iii. help people to develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people;
- iv. help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them;
- v. provide supports that help sustain people as active participants in the community."

An FCSS is used to assess community needs to support individuals, families and communities through preventative social programs and services. Currently, the Tofield Ryley Beaver County West (TRBW) FCSS is a partnership that is led by the Town of Tofield. The TRBW FCSS has served Ryley well in the service of all people in the Beaver West Region. Tofield coordinates many available provincial and regional services and operates many great local programs that Ryley citizens have had access to. In coordinating and operating services and programs to the region, Tofield tailors the service to meet the general needs of all people across this wider region and demographic.

By breaking out and focusing on the more unique community needs of the people of Ryley, especially

where these needs might differ from wider general regional needs, the Ryley FCSS will be able to better serve the people of Ryley. Additionally, Tofield will be able to redefine their service to be able to better serve a more focused need for the people of Tofield and Beaver County West. Finally, this new relationship will see Ryley and Tofield able to work together to share and concentrate any common needs whenever appropriate. This should be viewed as complementing and augmenting each other and not viewed as competing.

All FCSS organizations network together and support each other through entities such as the FCSS Alberta Association. While a local FCSS generates and operates some unique local programs tailored to their people, many support service organizations and programs are external to any FCSS in a centralized fashion. Access to these services are coordinated through referral or coordination by an FCSS. For example, Alberta Health Services in Tofield is not an FCSS. It is a provincial agency that support people and an FCSS can assist in connecting people to their services. An FCSS in this context is critical in operating in an outer layer to extend the effect and efficiency of AHS by screening, advertising, redirecting, or connecting people to the right service.

Ryley FCSS will take some time to develop. Community Together has been busy establishing connections and serving some of the unique support needs of Ryley that are more impacted by the COVID pandemic. As FCSS Ryley builds momentum in the new year, Community Together will support FCSS Ryley and will continue to develop a more recreational focus as Ryley FCSS takes on family and community support services. The most important and urgent task for both Community Together and Ryley FCSS is to conduct a Ryley needs assessment.

A vitally important principle that Ryley FCSS is looking to build on is that FCSS is not just a set of services for vulnerable people or people in distress. This is often a misconception by many; however, while FCSS does help people of all needs, a truly successful FCSS will develop individual resilience and strong independence through community development and building healthy relationships. Ryley FCSS is looking forward to working alongside Community Together so we can all help each other "Live the Life of Ryley"

CAO, Glen Hamilton-Brown

## **COVID-19 Public Health Measures**

**Information and updates can be found at:**

**<https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>**

Mandatory restrictions are in effect to protect the health system and slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 cases continue rising across Alberta and the situation is critical. Stronger public health measures are now required to address the growing number of cases. Together, these measures will help protect our health care system, keep schools and

businesses open as much as possible, and protect vulnerable Albertans. Health officials are monitoring the situation and will adjust measures if required.

Unless otherwise stated, the following mandatory restrictions come into effect Nov. 24 and will be in place for at least three weeks.

### ***Mandatory Restriction – Provincewide***

#### **Gathering restrictions**

Alberta has declared a Public Health Emergency to protect the health care system from COVID-19. Indoor social gatherings are the top source of transmission. All indoor social gatherings have now been banned. This ban will be enforced with \$1,000 fines.

#### **Indoor and outdoor gatherings**

- No indoor social gatherings are permitted in any setting (private homes, public spaces or workplaces)
  - Indoor close contacts must be limited to people in the same household
  - People who live alone can have up to the same 2 non-household contacts for the duration of the restriction
  - Work and mutual support group meetings are not social gatherings, but attendance should be limited and public health measures followed
  - This does not apply to service visits from caregivers, health or child care providers and co-parenting arrangements
- Outdoor social gatherings are limited to 10 people and must not have an indoor component
  - Backyard gatherings that require movement in/out of homes are not permitted
  - Attendees should remain distanced at all times and follow public health measures
- Festivals and events are prohibited (indoors and outdoors)

#### **Weddings and funerals**

- Maximum of 10 people for wedding ceremonies or

funeral services

- This includes the officiant, bride/groom and witnesses
  - This does not include staff or organizers who are not considered an invited guest
  - This applies to any facility, including places of worship and funeral homes.
  - This includes services held indoors or outdoors, seated or non-seated.
  - Receptions are not permitted
- This measure will help limit exposure, reduce outbreaks and protect vulnerable attendees.

#### **K-12 Schools**

Grades 7-12 students

- Move to at-home learning Nov. 30 to Jan. 8, except during winter break\*
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11
- Diploma exams are optional for rest of the school year. Students and families can choose to write an exam or receive an exemption for the January, April, June and August 2021 exams.

Grades K-6 students

- This includes Early Childhood Services
- Continue in-person learning until their scheduled winter break (generally Dec. 18\*)
- Move to at-home learning after the winter break until Jan. 8
- Resume in-person classes Jan. 11

\*Schools have different winter break schedules, check with your school for details.



# Mandatory Restriction – Enhanced Status (Be

## Places of worship

- Faith leaders must determine their normal congregant attendance (pre-COVID) and limit it to 1/3 capacity.
- Must hold services at their normal location, including rental spaces like a community hall.
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained.
- Mask use is mandatory.
- Online services are encouraged.
- In-person faith group meetings and other religious gatherings are not permitted in private homes while these measures are in effect.
- Faith leaders and others speaking in front of a congregation are permitted to remove their masks while speaking provided they maintain 2 metre distance from others while doing so. Once finished speaking, the speaker must put on their mask again.
- In-person faith group meetings conducted at a place of worship can continue but physical distancing and public health measures must be followed.
- Indoor group performance activities conducted in a place of worship, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted provided these are normal activities conducted as part of worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment.

Faith communities are often significant aspects of people's lives, and include intimate and close contact between members. This measure will help limit exposure at these activities, reducing outbreaks and protecting vulnerable members who attend.

## Performance activities

Performance activities include dancing, singing, theatre and playing wind instruments. Current restrictions for these activities in enhanced (purple) areas are as follows.

### Outdoor settings

- Rehearsals and practices are permitted up to a maximum of 10 participants. Physical distancing and other relevant guidelines must be followed. Performances with audiences are not permitted.

### Indoor settings

- Rehearsals, practices, and performances involving two or more are not permitted.
- Individual practice is permitted indoors

### School settings

- Phys Ed., band and drama classes are permitted to continue
- Assemblies, performances, concerts, and inter-school games, activities and competitions are not permitted.

### Places of worship

- Indoor group performance activities conducted in

a place of worship, such as choir singing and playing music, are permitted provided these are normal activities conducted as part of worship practices and not for the purpose of entertainment.

### Facilities (concert halls, auditoriums, community halls)

- Venues where these activities occur will be closed to the public minimally from Nov. 27 to Dec. 15.
- Professionals may access for work purposes, such as practicing and rehearsals. Exemptions for practicing and rehearsing in groups may be considered for professional performance organizations. More details on the exemption process will be shared soon.

### Lessons

- 1-to-1 in-person lessons are permitted. Virtual lessons are strongly encouraged where possible.

### Performances

- In-person performances for audiences are not permitted. Virtual and drive-in performances are allowed.

## Business and service restrictions

Effective Nov. 27, some businesses will limit their in-person access to reduce the amount of contact between people in the community, while still allowing them to offer services.

These business restrictions apply to all communities on the enhanced list.

Albertans are encouraged to limit in-person visits to retail locations and use curbside pick up, delivery and online services.

## Businesses or entities closed to the public

Recreational or entertainment businesses or entities:

- community halls and centres
- indoor children's play centres and indoor playgrounds
- theatres, auditoriums, concert halls, and community theatres
- nightclubs
- banquet halls and conference centres

*Festival or event businesses or entities offering any of the following activities:*

- indoor and outdoor festivals
- concerts with the exception of drive-in events
- exhibitions occurring in a location other than in a museum or gallery
- tradeshow
- sporting events or competitions
- pop up style' indoor markets that have not been previously approved by Alberta Health Services
- farmers' markets that have not been previously approved by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry



## **aver County, Tofield, Ryley, Holden & Viking)**

### **Restaurants, bars, pubs and lounges open with restrictions**

Restaurants, bars, pubs and lounges will be open with restrictions if they follow all public health guidance in place including:

• **Maximum of 6 people from the same immediate household at a table and no movement between tables.**

- **People who live alone can meet with up to 2 non-household contacts as long as they're the same two throughout the duration of these restrictions**

• Only seated eating and drinking is permitted. No other services or entertainment will be allowed, including billiards, games or darts.

• Liquor can be sold until 10 pm and food-serving establishments must close to in person-dining at 11 pm. Liquor sales apply to casinos, but casinos are not required to close at 11 pm.

• Establishments are also prohibited from offering the following activities:

- live performances of any kind including musical, comedic and theatrical performances

- billiard, arcade, video or dart games

Access to video lottery terminals in these establishments is permitted, provided they adhere to public health guidance.

**Albertans are encouraged to use take out, delivery, drive-thru and curbside pick-up options.**

Businesses with a gaming licence or Class B liquor licence, including bowling alleys, casinos, bingo halls, pool halls and indoor recreation centres, can remain open after 11pm but are prohibited from serving:

• liquor after 10 pm

• food or beverages after 11 pm

Additional inspections will occur to verify that public health measures are being followed. Establishments that are non compliant may face orders and fines.

### **Businesses & services open with restricted capacity**

Most retail businesses may remain open with capacity limited to 25% of the occupancy set under the Alberta Fire Code.

• Retail businesses operating within a shopping centre or mall

• Shopping centres and malls

• Pet supply stores

• Grocery stores

• Pharmacies

• Clothing stores

• Computer and technology stores

• Hardware

• Automotive

• Sporting goods

• Liquor and cannabis

• Gift shops

• Indoor farmers' markets approved by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

• Indoor markets approved by Alberta Health Services

Some entertainment and event services may remain open with capacity limited to 25% of the occupancy set under the Alberta Fire Code.

• Movie theatres

• Museums and galleries

• Libraries

• Casinos, offering slots only. Table games must be closed at this time.

• Indoor entertainment centres including amusement parks, water parks, bingo halls and racing centres.

• Indoor fitness, recreation, sports and physical activity centres, including dance and yoga studios, martial arts, gymnastics and private or public swimming pools.

- **Facilities can be open for individual studio time, training or exercise only.**

- **There can be no group fitness, group classes, group training, team practices or games.**

- Instructors can use facility to broadcast virtual fitness classes from, but there can be no group class.

All public health guidance and physical distancing requirements must be followed.

Albertans and businesses are encouraged to limit in-person visits and use curbside pick up, delivery and online services instead.

### **Businesses open by appointment only**

Businesses open by appointment only are not permitted to offer walk-in services. Appointments should be limited to one-on-one services.

• Personal services such as hair salons and barber-shops, esthetics, manicure, pedicure, body waxing and make-up, piercing and tattoo services,

• Wellness services including acupuncture, massage and reflexology

• Professional services such as lawyers, mediators, accountants and photographers

• Private one-on-one lessons (no private group lessons permitted)

• Hotels, motels, hunting and fishing lodges

These businesses must follow all current public health guidance for their sector and should consider virtual options where possible.

Home-based businesses should follow the restrictions for the type of service they provide.

## Mandatory Restriction – Gathering Restrictions

### Sports and group physical activities

Group physical activities include team sports, fitness classes and training sessions.

Indoor group physical activities are prohibited unless:

- the group only involves members of the same household.
- the activity involves students at a school or post-secondary institution as part of an education program
- the activity involves students at a post-secondary institution

One-to-one indoor training, such as training with a fitness trainer or coach, is permitted.

Outdoor group physical activity is limited to 10 people or fewer.

*Exemption process for professional sports organizations*

- Exemptions to the restrictions on group physical activities may be considered for outfits and organizations that can demonstrate adherence to the

guidance for professional sporting events (PDF, 405 KB). Criteria includes:

- Enforcing a mandatory 14-day “quarantine-in” procedure before any practice or play occurs and using a bubble model for the duration of the event.
- Access to dedicated facilities and transportation that are not open to the general public.
- Conducting daily health checks on all members of the team, and private testing team members upon entry into the bubble and every five days throughout events.
- Conducting a comprehensive risk assessment plan and implementing risk mitigation and controls before play begins.
- To request an exemption, send your completed implementation plan to [BizConnect@gov.ab.ca](mailto:BizConnect@gov.ab.ca).

### Employers to allow working from home

*Working from home should be considered, where possible.*

## Mandatory Restriction – Mask Rules

### Mask requirements - Provincial Order

*Mandatory restriction – Calgary and Edmonton areas – Effective November 24*

- Masks are mandatory in all indoor workplaces, except when working alone in an office or a safely distanced cubicle or an appropriate barrier is in place
  - This applies to all employees, visitors, delivery personnel and contractors
  - This includes all locations where employees are present and masks won't pose a safety risk
  - This does not change current student mask requirements in schools



### Mask requirements - Municipal Orders

#### **Beaver County**

Adopted Mandatory Mask Bylaw on November 25, 2020

#### **Town of Tofield**

Adopted a Mandatory Mask Bylaw on November 23, 2020.

#### **Village of Ryley**

No mask bylaw as of printing of this Village Voice.

#### **Village of Holden**

No mask bylaw as of printing of this Village Voice.

#### **Town of Viking**

No mask bylaw as of printing of this Village Voice.

Please watch for updates and changes as municipalities can adopt such bylaws at any time.



Measures	All Alberta	Enhanced Areas <sup>1</sup>	Calgary Area <sup>2</sup>	Edmonton Area <sup>2</sup>
No indoor social gatherings in any setting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outdoor gatherings max of 10	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wedding and funeral services max of 10, no receptions permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
No festivals or events	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grades 7-12 at-home learning Nov 30-Jan 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ECS-Grade 6 at-home learning after break until Jan 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Working from home should be considered, where possible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Places of worship at 1/3 normal attendance with mandatory masking	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Restricted access to some businesses starting Nov. 27	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mandatory masks for indoor workplaces	No	No	Yes	Yes



# **Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program**

*Beaver County CALP is here to help!*

Phone: 780 663 3730

Email: [calp@beaver.ab.ca](mailto:calp@beaver.ab.ca)

## **One on One Tutoring**

We offer free one on one tutoring support in basic literacy, math, digital skills, and English language learning. Tutors and learners can meet through video chats, phone calls and email.

## **New Futures Career Transitions Workshops**

Online Workshops with in person support available.

### **January 11-15**

The first week is broken into 10 - ½ day sessions (morning and afternoon). These sessions include resume and cover letter writing, networking & interview skills, managing change and job loss, and career services. Learners can choose to attend one, two or all of the sessions.

During the second week participants can make an appointment to meet with Beaver County CALP for one on one support. This support can be at any time that works best for the learner.

Please call Beaver County CALP to register for this FREE program.

## **Foundations for Learning (Norquest College)**

Foundations for Learning are anytime Online Courses offered through Norquest College that include 30 Hours of FREE one on one tutoring by Beaver County CALP. Tutoring can be through in-person meetings, video chats, email, or phone whichever works for you! Tuition and Fees are payable to Norquest College.

### **Available Courses:**

- GED Preparation Foundations – Prepare for writing the GED Exam.
- Pre-Trades Math and Science Preparation Foundations – Develop math and science skills needed to pass the apprenticeship exam.
- Prep for Practical Nurse Foundations – Completes the math pre-requisite for entry into the Practical Nurse program at NorQuest.
- High School Prep Math Foundations – Basic algebra skills required for High School math courses. Successful learners progress to Math 10C.

## **Career Exploration Workshop**

Participants will complete a Career Exploration Inventory (CEI) that will help them identify their interests

in work, leisure activities and learning opportunities. Part II of this workshop will include exploring the Alberta Learning and Information Services web-site (ALIS) and creating an Action Plan for short, medium and long-range goals.

Cost: \$10

Please contact us to schedule a workshop.

**More CALP Programs:** Please check our website ([www.beavercountycalp.ca](http://www.beavercountycalp.ca)) for more programs.

## **Employment Opportunity**

Are you searching for a rewarding position where you can feel you have made a difference? Beaver County Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) is looking for an Adult Learning Program Assistant.

Beaver County CALP is funded by Alberta Advanced Education and is responsible to strengthen foundational adult skills in an environment that supports and fosters growth and self-confidence. As a team, the Adult Learning Assistant and the Coordinator implement adult programs to support the development of literacy, numeracy, digital, and English language skills in Beaver County.

### **Key responsibilities:**

- Assisting the Coordinator in the attraction, training and retention of tutors by searching for and providing tutoring resources and other learning tools
  - Matching learners with qualified tutors and continuously monitoring the success of ongoing programs and services; including individual learning plans
  - Assisting the Coordinator in engaging with potential learners, community members, community organizations and various other stakeholders to continually assess local adult learning needs
  - Using creativity and innovation to develop programs that both meet local needs and align with the CALP mandate
  - Ensuring learning outcome and statistical data is accurately collected and compiled
  - Participating in opportunities for professional development and ongoing education
- Qualifications:
- Completion of a post secondary certificate in Adult Learning, English Language Learning (ELL/ESL), or a diploma in a related human services field.
  - 2-5 years of experience in community-based adult literacy, adult ESL program delivery or administration,

non-profits or the charitable sector, or a combination of equivalent experience(s)

- Demonstrate commitment to adult learner success
- Excellent speaking, reading and writing in English
- Excellent interpersonal and rapport building skills to support/create optimal learner outcomes; friendly, non-judgmental, patient and reliable
- Ability to work independently and cooperatively as a member of a team
- Flexible and willing to adapt to change
- High level of professionalism and ability to develop and maintain community relationships
- Excellent attention to detail and strong computer skills
- Successful applicant will be required to provide a current vulnerable sector police information check

**Permanent Part-Time Position** for 24.5 hours per week for 42 Weeks per year (off July, August and two weeks of December). Hourly wage between \$20.77 - \$31.97 depending on education and experience.

Applicants are asked to submit resume and cover letter before Noon on December 7, 2020.

For more information please contact: Lavonne Svenson, Beaver County CALP Coordinator  
lsvenson@beaver.ab.ca

## **Ryley Swimming Pool**

**Please check for any changes in hours and information on restrictions.**

**780-663-3505**

### **Morning Lane Swims:**

Monday: 7:00-9:00am

Wednesday: 7:00-9:00am

Friday: 7:30-9:30am

### **Public Swim Times:**

Monday: 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday: 6:00-8:00pm

Sunday: 2:00-5:00pm

### **FREE Family Swim**

**December 6, 2020** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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**December 20, 2020** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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## **McPherson Municipal Library**

Hi there, just want to let our wonderful patrons and fellow community members know that there has been a change in hours. Our new hours are as follows:

Monday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.    Tuesday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.    Thursday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.    Saturday 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

We are having a Christmas Guess Jar again this year and the treats will be amazing!!! Please come in, only a Loonie a guess!! You could win it all!!! The guess jar will be set up on November 20th and Drawn on December 20th. We are open to patrons keep in mind that Masks and gloves are needed to handle materials, if you don't have them we do have some here. There of course is a limited on how many patrons can come at one time. Presently we are allowing two browsing patrons in at a time.

Interlibrary loans are available now as well. We have great need for board members at this time so anyone interested can contact either the library at 780-663-3999, email [librarian@mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca) or the Ryley Municipal Office at 780-663-3653 as to how to join.

[www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca](http://www.mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca)

## **Looking for members! Join your local Library Board today!**

For more information please contact either the library at 780-663-3999, Email

[librarian@mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca](mailto:librarian@mcphersonlibrary.ab.ca) or the Ryley Municipal Office at 780-663-3653 as to how to join.

## **Traffic bylaw extension cords**

This is just a friendly reminder now the weather is getting colder, people will want to plug in their cars. Please DO NOT leave your extension cords on the sidewalk, instead raise them over the walkway to avoid a tripping hazard. The Traffic Control Bylaw 7.6 states: "No person shall place any goods, wares, merchandise, or other materials upon a Sidewalk, Boulevard or Roadway so as to, in the opinion of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or so to interfere with the safe use of the Sidewalk, Boulevard or Highway!"

*Thank you, Happy Holidays!*

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Sunday 10:30-3:30

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We have teamed up with "Meals on Wheels and Ryley Community Together". Contact us for more information.

As a reminder, please keep in mind that we will be following COVID-19 safety guidelines throughout this holiday season.

Many thanks, River Rock Café

**Call 780-663-3300**

### **Ryley Pies**

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#### **About WECAN Food Basket**

The WECAN Food Basket Society operates as a "warehouse without walls" – we buy all our food in bulk and distribute it to our community based depots.

#### **The Program in Tofield-Ryley**

Members prepay for their food baskets by the first Friday of each month by depositing their order envelope in the mail slot at the Village of Ryley Office. Then, orders can be picked up on the third or fourth Thursday of the month at the Ryley Municipal Office.

#### **A WECAN Food Basket consists of...**

Fresh food is the staple of any healthy diet. Our food offering is:

Meat Order (\$15): 2-3 cuts of frozen meat,

Produce Order (\$10): 3 types of fresh vegetables and 3 kinds of seasonal fruit. Members can order whatever quantity of each order they would like, for example:

2 produce + 1 meat = \$35 or 2 meat + 1 produce = \$40  
Membership is \$5 per year: Apr 1 to Mar 31.

#### **If you want to order you have several options:**

a. E-transfer to [tofieldwecan@gmail.com](mailto:tofieldwecan@gmail.com)

b. Drop through the mail slot at the Ryley Village office front door.

c. Go to [WecanFood.com](http://WecanFood.com) and place your order online.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

FOOD ORDERS THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP WILL NOT BE REFUNDED. WECAN reserves the right to sell unclaimed baskets or distribute them to families in need.

For more information: WECAN Food Basket Society of Alberta 780-413-4525 Website: [www.wecanfood.com](http://www.wecanfood.com)  
Or email the Tofield-Ryley Depot at:

[TofieldWECAN@gmail.com](mailto:TofieldWECAN@gmail.com)

**Fees Due: Dec. 4th - Pick Up: Dec. 17th**

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