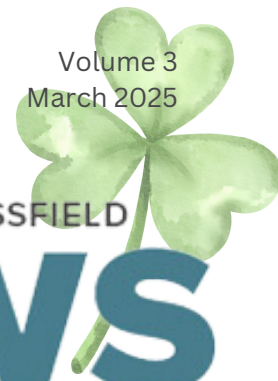




TOWN OF CROSSFIELD eNews



Crossfield celebrates Family Day with annual free family skate and hot dog lunch

The bitter cold temperatures didn't seem to detour parents, grandparents and even aunts and uncles from bundling up kiddos to bring out to the Town's annual Family Day Skate and Hot Dog Lunch.

Over 100 people came out to celebrate the February holiday and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours. Free lunch, including coffee, juice, chips and hot dogs were provided by the Town and

prepared with the help of volunteers from the Crossfield Fire Department on a barbecue generously donated by Cooper Rentals in Airdrie.

Thanks to one resident, the crowd was also able to take in the Canada vs. Finland game of the 4 Nations tournament.

We would like to thank the community for their continued support of these events!



OPEN HOUSE

Wed., Mar. 26
3 pm - 8 pm
Crossfield
Community Center

The Town of Crossfield will be hosting an open house for the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) project and for upcoming Community Services projects related to the community gardens in Amery Park as well as a new bike skills park.

The Town is working to update the MDP, which is a blueprint to determine how our community will grow and develop over time. We are seeking public input and feedback on the draft MDP that has been prepared.

The Town is also seeking community feedback on potential alternative uses for the community garden space in Vista Crossing's Amery Park and on the location of a proposed bike skills park.

More information will become available leading up to the event. Online surveys will be open in the weeks around the event to collect feedback for each topic.

PLEASE VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CROSSFIELDALBERTA.COM/P/THE-FUTURE-OF-CROSSFIELD FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MDP PROJECT.

Amery Park ODR Update

"False Spring" has arrived (don't fall for it!) which means the snow and ice has all but disappeared, including the outdoor rink at Amery Park. We thank everyone who came out to utilize this great facility this winter. We look forward to seeing everyone using it in the summer months for inline skating, basketball and pickleball. Don't forget, the fire pits are available for public use!



Crossfield FCSS and Rec & Event Coordinator, Communications move to new satellite location

To accommodate staff expansion, Crossfield FCSS Coordinator Nicole Vandenberghe and Rec, Event, & Communications Coordinator Eris Latham have relocated to offices at the Crossfield Municipal Library at 1210 Railway Street.

Due to the nature and location of the two positions, appointments are recommended for anyone wishing to see Nicole or Eris.

Nicole Vandenberghe:
nicolev@crossfieldalberta.com

Eris Latham:
erisl@crossfieldalberta.com

- Seniors kits will continue to be available at the Town Office (1005 Ross St.)
- Items for Nicole or Eris may be dropped off at the Town Office
- Library staff are not aware of Town staff availability.
- Town staff at the library office will not be available prior to 10 am.
- A lift is available for anyone with mobility limitations.



Veterans' Park grass fire a reminder to be fire smart this spring

EARLY GRASS FIRE SEASON IS UPON US!

The dry grass, brush and weeds left from the fall and winter months remain highly combustible, heightening the risk of a grass fire especially with the windy chinook weather conditions we are starting to experience. The Crossfield Fire Department would like to impress the importance of fire safety to the community during this time of year extending through the summer and fall months.

With the warmer weather it is a time where congregating around a backyard fire becomes a great way for families to spend their evenings together. Here are some helpful reminders to have a fire safe gathering:

- Please ensure that you are using a fire pit that is approved and well maintained which has an appropriate spark arresting cover. For information on what would be categorized as an appropriate fire pit, please refer to the Fire Permit Bylaw – 2022-12 on the Town of Crossfield website.
- Keep fires relative to the size of fire pit you are using and have a water source such as a garden hose or bucket of water available to put the fire out once you are done.
- When putting out your fire at the end of the night, ensure you use enough water so that the burnt material is completely out where you can not see any more smoke or steam.
- And please ensure that the fire is always monitored and never left unattended.

Walks through the Town's parks and walking trails are becoming all the more inviting with the warm weather and sunshine. Please remember to discard trash in proper receptacles



along the trails and in public parks so that it does not collect in surrounding brush and grass creating more fuel for fires.

Please try to refrain from smoking in areas such as in the public parks and trails as the smoking material could cause accidental fires. It is better to wait until you return home so that the smoking material can be disposed of in an appropriate ashtray.

And finally, we would like to ask a big favor of the parents in our community: this is a great time to talk to your kids at home about the hazards of playing with fire. Please remind them that playing with fire may look cool and fun, but the hazards to themselves and others when starting fires can have heavy consequence. Fires should only be started in firepits with your supervision to ensure they are doing it properly and safely.

We hope that everyone in the community gets out and enjoys this wonderful weather. Please help us ensure that it is a fire safe year.



**Fire Permit Bylaw
2022-12**
www.crossfieldalberta.com/p/bylaws-and-policies

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Peace Officer's Corner

Crossfield Peace Officer Bradley Thibeault

As the temperatures dropped in the month of February, Crossfield Municipal Enforcement partnered with local RCMP for Operation 'Cold Start'.

During the operation, Peace Officer Thibeault and Cst. McWhinnie checked on unattended idling vehicles to see if keys were in them and whether or not they were properly secured. A total of 20 vehicles were checked while idling, with 6 of them left unattended, unlocked and with keys in the ignition. Educational pamphlets were left on vehicles to teach the public ways to keep their property safe.

A friendly reminder to the public that vehicle-related crimes often occur due to opportunistic situations. Please help prevent these crimes by always locking your doors and never leaving your vehicle unattended if it's running with the keys inside.



Reminder of March Utility Rate Increases

| | OLD RATES | | NEW RATES | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Water | Residential & Commercial | | Residential & Commercial | |
| | Flat rate (under 22.7 m ³) | \$53.75 bi-monthly | Flat rate (under 22.7 m ³) | \$57.16 bi-monthly |
| | Over flat rate | \$3.80/m ³ | Over flat rate | \$3.95/m ³ |
| | Industrial | | Industrial | |
| | Flat rate (under 22.7 m ³) | \$67.19 bi-monthly | Flat rate (under 22.7 m ³) | \$70.60 bi-monthly |
| | Over flat rate | \$4.25/m ³ | Over flat rate | \$4.40/m ³ |
| Wastewater | Residential/Commercial: | \$40.31 | Residential/Commercial: | \$42.87 |
| | Industrial: | \$63.83 | Industrial: | \$67.07 |
| Waste Pick Up | Residential: | \$31.75 | Residential: | \$31.75 |
| Recycling | Residential Curbside: | \$20.00 | Residential Curbside: | \$20.00 |
| | Commercial/Industrial Depot fee: | \$10.65 | Commercial/Industrial Depot Fee: | \$10.65 |
| Paper Bill | \$2.00 | | \$2.00 | |
| Electronic Bill | Free | | Free | |

Due to a \$0.15/m³ increase in water rates from the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission, the bi-monthly utility bills will see an \$8.26 increase starting March 25, 2025. The minimum residential utility bill has increased to \$151.78 from \$143.52 bi-monthly.



Crossfield Skating Club Carnival

Sat., March 29
Pete Knight Arena



CROSSFIELD CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Crossfield Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Town of Crossfield, is excited to announce the Crossfield and Region Career Fair, taking place on March 12, 2025. We are expecting over 750 job seekers, students, and community members to attend this high-impact event, and we invite your business or organization to participate. This event provides a fantastic opportunity for employers and post-secondary institutions to connect with potential future employees and students, even if you're not actively hiring. Whether you want to showcase career opportunities, educate attendees about your industry, or highlight educational programs, this Career Fair is your chance to engage with a motivated audience eager to learn more about careers in our region.



WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12

UNLOCK
OPPORTUNITIES
DOORS
CAREERS
POST-SECONDARY
EMPLOYMENT IDEAS
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS!



CROSSFIELD REGIONAL
CAREER FAIR



VENDORS- GET YOUR APPLICATION IN TODAY!

Visit: crossfieldchamber.ca/events for more info!

We are expecting a diverse range of attendees, including high school students looking to explore career paths, job seekers searching for new opportunities, and individuals looking to upgrade their skills. Last year, students and job seekers reported that they loved the hands-on, interactive displays set up by employers and post-secondary institutions. We encourage creative, engaging booth ideas that will allow you to showcase your business or training programs in a dynamic and

interactive way.

There are only 40 spots available for businesses and educational institutions, and we encourage you to secure your space early. This is a fantastic chance to gain exposure, educate the community about your organization, and play a vital role in shaping the future workforce of Crossfield and the surrounding region. We look forward to seeing your creative ideas and helping you connect with potential candidates and future students!

Epilepsy Awareness Month

Shine a Light on Epilepsy

This March, let's unite in support of the 30,000 individuals living with epilepsy in Southern Alberta. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Wear purple, light up spaces, and be part of the movement!

MARCH 26
Purple Day



Light up the Night in Violet Vibes! Light up your homes, offices, and public spaces in purple to show your solidarity.

Dress in Grape Glory! Show your support by wearing purple clothing or accessories on March 26th.

Spark a Purple Revolution! Be a part of the change! Donate or start a fundraiser.



epilepsycalgary.com



Share your purple moments using
#postyourpurple



'Purple Day' Declaration for Epilepsy Awareness

On February 4, Mayor Harris and Council officially proclaimed March 26 as Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness in the Town of Crossfield. We are proud to take this step to help shine a light on epilepsy and support those living with the condition.

On March 26, we encourage all residents to participate by "lighting up the night in violet vibes." We

invite everyone to show their support by lighting their homes, offices, and public spaces in purple and by wearing purple clothing or accessories throughout the day.

This is an opportunity for our community to come together, raise awareness, and show solidarity with individuals and families affected by epilepsy.

Wear
PURPLE March 26

Community Programs & Events

Please note, the Town of Crossfield is not directly connected with all the programs, services or content provided by the organizations or programs presented below and as such are not responsible for the content of these programs and services.

Save the Date

For The 3rd Annual

High Tea

SAT | 10 | MAY

Crossfield Community Center

Hosted by The Crossfield Library Board

Tickets available April 2

**limited seating*



Crossfield AG Society

Come volunteer with us!
Join us on Mondays at 7pm

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

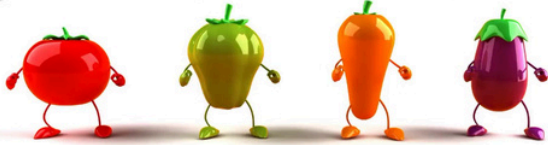
March 3, 2025
April 7, 2025
May 5, 2025

Multi-Purpose Room
Community Centre
(900 Mountain Ave)

Community Programs & Events



SPRING MARKET



April 5, 2025
10 AM - 4 PM

CROSSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
900 MOUNTAIN AVE.



SPONSORED BY: Crossfield AG Society



Agnes 14+

CREATIVITY SATURDAYS @ THE LIBRARY

Drop-in self directed program where creativity & socializing collide!

Last Saturday of the month
11am-2pm

Grades 7-12

Teen Games Night

Every second Thursday
7 - 9 pm

Register at crossfieldlibrary.ca/Events



Community Education Service



Improving emotional health and wellbeing

Supporting Children Through Grief and Loss

Rhonda Anderson, BEd and Sydney Sommers B.Ed, BSPH, BN
Rocky View Schools and MHCB Stepping Stones to Mental Health

To watch a child, grieve and not know what to do is a profoundly challenging experience for parents and caregivers. Many life experiences may generate feelings of grief in a child, from the death of a relative or a divorce in the family to more everyday experiences such as moving, losing a prized possession, and shared experiences throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

This session aims to support caregivers in addressing cultural norms which limit the expression of negative emotions and empower healthy, effective interventions to support their child's experience of grief and loss. We will explore guidelines for supporting children in developing lifelong, healthy responses to loss and how caregivers can help them through tough times.

March 10, 2025
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[Click here to register](#)

FREE

online event



This session is presented by the **Community Education Service** of the Mental Health Collaborative & Child & Adolescent Addiction & Mental Health and Psychiatry Program (CAAMHPP) of [Recovery Alberta](#), [Rocky View Schools](#) and [MHCB Stepping Stones to Mental Health](#).

ces@recoveryalberta.ca | <http://community.hmhc.ca> | 403 955 4730

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Community Links

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Community Links Updates – March 2025

Are you facing challenges and are looking for support to get connected to programs and services? Our Information and Referral Service can help.

This Service can be accessed in-person by appointment at the Airdrie Office during business hours. Phone service is available by calling toll free to 1-866-945-3905. We provide outreach services in Beiseker, Crossfield and Irricana. Support Services will be partnering with various community groups in Crossfield with the goal of increasing in-person services to you. Support Services staff provide information, supported referrals, and advocacy to help community members connect to services and programs within Community Links, within your community, or from Government. The program is designed to empower community members to identify their specific needs and build knowledge and problem-solving skills to address challenges now and in the future.

In partnership with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, community members with a modest income and simple tax situation can have their income tax completed at no cost.

Adult Programs

Adults Experiencing ADHD Workshop (registration deadline March 19, 2025)

18+

Have you been diagnosed with ADHD or have symptoms and would like to understand more? This presentation on the topic will offer education, coping tools, and strategies, as well as support for individuals experiencing ADHD in their lives.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/adults-experiencing-adhd-workshop>

Anger Awareness Workshop (registration deadline March 14, 2025)

18+

The Anger Awareness Workshop provides a non-judgmental space where you can get answers to your questions, learn skills to handle this complex emotion, and become empowered to manage anger effectively in your life.

Friday, March 21, 2025, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/anger-awareness-workshop>

Older Adults Community Presentations (drop-in)

Adults 55+ and their family members

Community Links works with various community partners to provide monthly (drop-in) educational presentations and workshops on a variety of topics of interest to seniors.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Presentation by Hearing Right Canada

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/community-presentations>

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Women Supporting Women in Healing from Abuse (registration on-going)

For women 18+

Have you been subjected to abuse (emotional, sexual, financial, psychological, physical, and/or spiritual) in a relationship? This group will discuss what is family violence, barriers in leaving, boundaries, beyond trauma, gender oppression, roles of culture and environment, parenting in adversity, anger and moving forward.

Thursdays, March 13 & 27, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/women-for-women-in-healing-from-abuse>

Children's Programs

Music & Messy Play in Beiseker (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 - 4 years

This child-led group is for parents/caregivers and children who like to get messy, use their imaginations, and explore the world around them. This group is offered in collaboration with the Beiseker Municipal Library and Rocky View County FCSS.

The fourth Wednesday of each month, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/music-messy-play-in-beiseker>

Rhyme Time in Irricana (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 - 5 years

Does your child love songs, rhymes, and stories? We will discuss the importance of early literacy, language, and a variety of parenting topics to promote healthy child development. This group is offered in collaboration with the Irricana & Rural Municipal Library and Rocky View County FCSS.

The third Wednesday of each month, 10:00 am - 10:45 am

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/rhyme-time-in-irricana>

Parenting Programs

Parenting after Family Violence (registration deadline March 19, 2025)

18+

Are you looking to build new strategies to parent following family violence? Until June, we are hosting positive space for parents to explore a variety of topics.

The last Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parenting-after-family-violence>

Positive Discipline for your Preschooler (registration deadline March 11, 2025)

For parents/caregivers of children 18 months - 5 years

Parenting a preschooler comes with great rewards and some common challenges such as tantrums, bedtime, and picky eating. Throughout the 2-week group, you will gain a better understanding of where your child is developmentally, learn ways to communicate effectively with them and strengthen the foundation of positive, effective parenting as your child grows. Limited free childcare is available.

Tuesdays, March 18 & 25, 2025, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/positive-discipline-for-your-preschooler>

Prevent it! Taking Action to Stop Child Sexual Abuse (registration deadline March 6, 2025)

18+

Would you like to know how to protect your child from potentially abusive situations? Little Warriors has designed this workshop for adults who wish to increase their knowledge about the prevention of child sexual abuse and the protection of children. **This class will be offered**

Virtually ONLY.

Thursday, March 13, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/taking-action-to-stop-child-sexual-abuse>



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Triple P: Raising Confident, Competent Children registration deadline March 4, 2025)

For parents/caregivers of children 7 - 12 years

Parents/caregivers of tweens, 7 – 12 years, who want to be prepared to face the teen years with as much confidence and parenting knowledge as possible should plan to attend this group.

During this group we will focus on how your child can be a good problem solver and be able to make good choices and decisions for themselves.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/triple-p-raising-confident-competent-children>

For more information, visit our website at www.mycommunitylinks.ca or contact us at 403-945-3900, 1-866-945-3905 or info@nrvc.ab.ca



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