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Christmas has Arrived!

On Wednesday Nov 24, 2021 at 7:15pm, the Youth Centre hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting!! This year was a little different as the town purchased a new Christmas Tree that was built and decorated in the centre of Devonian Park. With the help from the Rainbow Lake Fire Department, Youth Centre, and Santa with his magic, the tree was light for all to see. After the Christmas Tree was light, Santa along with an escort from the Rainbow Lake Fire Department did a Christmas tour around town before heading back to the North Pole. We would like to thank everyone that came out to the event. It looked like everyone had a wonderful time!!

Also a big THANK YOU to our Public Works Crew and Recreation Department for putting all the Christmas Lights on the poles around town. We are definitely feeling the Christmas Spirit!!



Free Skate & Public Skate

Please see the information below regarding the free skate and public skate schedule for the month of December. We would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the Cenovus Energy Social Club for hosting one of the free skates and allowing all community members to partake in the event.

Dec 18th Cenovus FREE Open Christmas skate 12pm-3pm

Dec 24th FREE Christmas Eve Skate 2pm-4pm

Dec 28th- Public Skate 1pm-3pm

Dec 29th- Public Skate 1pm-3pm

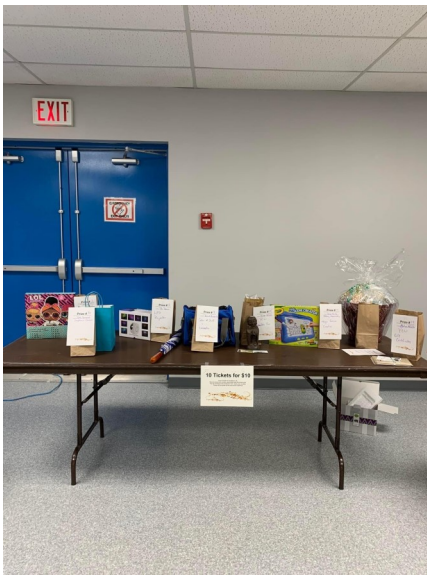
Dec 30th -Public Skate 1pm-3pm

We hope everyone has a great time!!



Christmas Craft Fair

On Saturday November 27, 2021, the Rainbow Lake Nursery School hosted the annual Christmas Craft Fair. The event went from 1:00pm-4:00pm, and allowed vendors and residents to come out and partake in some holiday shopping. Thank you to all the vendors, home business's, volunteer groups, and individuals who made this event such a success. It's always great to see what our town has to offer and we love seeing everyone come out and get together!!



Snow Clearing Policy

With all the snow that we have been experiencing, we just want to remind everyone of the Town's snow clearing policy,

5.3 Unless unusual circumstances or additional snowfalls otherwise interfere:

- a) Priority 1 (Airport) will be cleared within 8 hours
- b) Priority 2 streets will be cleared within 24 hours, and
- c) Priority 3 & 4 streets and Priority 5 will be cleared within 48 hours of the start of the snow clearing activities.

Although the Airport is priority 1, the Public Works Foreman shall endeavor to attend to the priority 2, 3 & 4 streets as soon as possible by scheduling at least one piece of equipment to attend to the snow clearing needs of the streets.

5.4 The order in which Priority 3 & 4 streets are cleared may vary throughout the winter season to allow for all side streets to receive snow clearing on an equitable basis.

5.5 Should another snow fall occur before all streets are fully cleared, clearing operations will start again with top priority streets.

Our crews work very hard to get the snow removed as quickly and efficiently as they can, but if additional snow falls before they are done clearing all the roads, they will have to start over at priority 1 and begin the snow clearing process all over again. Please drive with caution and be aware of your surroundings. We don't want to see anyone get hurt.



Library Craft

The Library will be hosting a DIY center piece craft on December 12 at 1pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and join in on some festive fun. Alex from Sunscape will be supplying all the necessities to create a piece. Cost is \$60 and you choose your colours. The Library did this last year and the stuff they received from Sunscape was gorgeous. Unfortunately participants had to create them alone last year, but this year everyone is allowed to get together and create their pieces together!! Please contact the Rainbow Lake Library either on Facebook, email librarian@rainbowlakelibrary.ab.ca, or call 780-956-3656 to reserve your spot and choose your colour scheme so they can let Alex know at Sunscape! If you just want a Center piece and can't make it to the event that will work as well!



Victim Services

On November 19th Rainbow Lake and Chateh Victim Services staff, board members, volunteers, RCMP members, RCMP admin staff and EMS attended the Rainbow Lake and Chateh 20th Anniversary celebration. We enjoyed a lovely meal cooked by Penny followed by a virtual appearance by Dr Jody Carrington. Dr Jody spoke with us for an hour about the importance of resiliency and connection in our jobs, our lives and our communities. Two of our board members, Jill and Michelle were recognized by Alberta RCMP for their dedication to Victim Services over the past five years. Jill was presented with a certificate and a five year pin. Michelle received her certificate and pin at our November monthly meeting as she was not able to attend the event. We filled a time capsule with some special items that the future Board of Directors will decide when to open. It was a wonderful time to connect with everyone and introduce our board members to the RCMP members we work with on a daily basis. Everyone went home with a gift bag with some chocolate and a Gratitude Journal written by Dr Jody. We thank our board of directors for their dedication and commitment to the community. We thank EMS for being on call and helping to keep our community members healthy. We thank our RCMP officers for keeping us safe and we thank the administration staff for being such a wonderful support to VSU staff. Our Unit is fortunate to be so well supported--we thank you!

Over the past two years our Board Members have given trained Victim Services staff the opportunity to assist over 525 victims of crime or tragedy, assist 186 victims of domestic violence, assist 21 victims of sexual assault, assist 129 victims in court, provide over 1600 hours of in-depth service to victims of crime, and assist two families of homicide. Our board members have volunteered over 700 hours in the past two years.

Thank you to Jill, Geneen, Julie, Laura, Michelle and Andrew for volunteering your time and being so dedicated to the communities we serve.

Thank you,
Krista and Junice



Dog Tags

Dog Tags should be available at the Town Office come mid December, all depending on the mail but we will notify residents once they have arrived.

Tags can be purchased at the Town Office, Monday-Friday between 7:30am-4:30pm

Neutered and Spayed Dogs License Fee before January 31, 2022 \$20.00

License Fee after January 31, 2022 \$30.00

Non Neutered and Spayed Dogs License Fee before January 31, 2022 \$40.00



Property Taxes

A reminder, the Town of Rainbow Lake is offering a Pre-Authorized Monthly Payment Plan for all tax accounts (some restrictions do apply). No penalties will be levied against your property for outstanding balances during the year. To request further information on this payment plan please contact the Town Office, Monday—Friday 7:30am—4:30pm.



Christmas Hours

The Town Office will be closed Thursday December 24, 2021 and will reopen on Monday January 3, 2022.

From all Town Staff and Council, we would like to wish every a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! May you find peace and happiness this holiday season.

**Merry
Christmas**

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