INTERAGENCY

October



A Monthly Update

from local service providers, organizations, and small businessess



Welcome to Wetaskiwin!

CAPTAINS MIKE & MELISSA MAILMAN, SALVATION ARMY

"We are excited to be part of a community that desires to work together!" - *Melissa*

IN THE MIDST OF REIMAGINING:

- What does the Salvation Army need to be for this community?
- What is it that you and your organization are providing? How can we come in and help fill any gaps?
- Our Dream: coffee house, drop in style where people can come by during the day and simply hang out!
- Current hours aren't ideal, so there's a restructuring in place for food bank hours and procedure (moving towards a shopping model).
- Seeing a need for helping out with prescriptions.
- Working on food handling permits, and a fully operational kitchen that can offer community kitchen programs.

GET IN TOUCH!



ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

HOSPITAL AND CARE CENTER

The long term care facility is returning to pre-covid levels of activity and programming, so volunteers are needed in this area. As well, if anyone is interested in caring for a large fish tank, and/or the new fairy gardens, your help would be appreciated.

Please note - **all** staff and volunteers are required to be covid-19 vaccinated.

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

POPULATION & PUBLIC HEALTH

No in-person classes at the moment, but a number of virtual
Alberta Healthy Living programs available, such as:
Goodbye Mealtime Struggles
Infant Nutrition
What to Eat During Pregnancy
Staying Strong and Healthy As We Age





BGC WETASKIWIN

Youth Development Programs, for ages 13+:
Thrive: focused on Social Emotional Learning
Thursday Drop-In: games, crafts, snacks, and more!
RBC Raise the Grade: after-school academic program for jr.
and sr. high students



CAMROSE WOMEN'S SHELTER

DART, (Domestic Abuse Response Team): focuses not only on immediate crisis needs of families, but provides early intervention and ongoing support to help individuals and families avoid reaching further crisis.

Hope Group continues to meet twice monthly, Tuesdays. This is a safe space for individuals to share stories, and give support. Recently this group has been using Growth Circles material as well as hearing from guest speakers.

CITY OF WETASKIWIN

COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Regional Community Safety and Well Being Community meeting in the coming days to review terms of reference. Winter Shelter Advisory Committee meets on Friday, and should have an update on shelter funding, and a service provider.





CITY OF WETASKIWIN

RECREATION

2022 program guide submission is open! Head to their website to submit your program information.

Swimming lessons, fitness activities, and kids day camps are operating as usual.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Formerly known as Secret Santa, we're excited to present the Christmas Giving Tree! Let us know if your organization or business would like to host a tree.

Building signage is ordered (now you'll be able to find us!) and our new phone number is operational (877-768-7656). Guiding Coalition on Homelessness: currently waiting on funding approval before we can move ahead on the winter shelter.

WETASKIWIN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Galleries are open, but the interactive components are still closed. Knitting drop-in Wednesday afternoons and evening; Spinning Friday afternoons; drop in GSA Thursdays; Youth Network on Tuesday evenings, related to history and heritage. And, Beans Coffee Corner is officially open!

No Stone Left Alone, November 6 at 10:00 AM - small remembrance ceremony at Jubilee Park, and then take poppies to the gravestones of all the soldiers in town. This is meant to engage youth.





MCMAN CENTRAL

With the warm weather, teams have been maximizing outside play groups.

Numerous online workshops available, such as: PPP, Active Parenting (Wednesdays and Thursdays), Kids Have Stress Too (Mondays).



NEIGHBORS OUTREACH WETASKIWIN

Currently in need of volunteers, specifically for the morning, as the need for lunch time meals has recently increased. Contact Sheila at NOW to help out.

WETASKIWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Since the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, there's now a permanent Indigenous Resources tab on website. Currently, no in house programs -but, there's story time and crafts on Zoom, bedtime stories on YouTube, online book clubs, craft kits, and even escape rooms.

Community Trick or Treat Bingo - November 29. More info can be found on our Facebook page.





RURAL MENTAL HEALTH

Rural Mental Health Project: looking for a community member to be an "animator" (lead the grassroots initiative, and work on bringing the community together via meetings, community building within mental health). Reach out to Jeanette Walker for more details.



VICTIM SERVICES

In need of Teddy Bears to restock their supply for kids! There's a number of drop off locations in town, and you can drop them off until October 25.

WETASKIWIN COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAM

Approved, paper based GED test writing site. Cost is \$200 - if learners only need to write one subject of the exam, it's \$50 per subject.

Running in-person Basic Computer Classes - sponsored by County of Wetaskiwin FCSS and are free!!

Scared Stiff begins October 28, Nov 4 & 18 from 1 - 4 pm; G-Suite will be running on those same dates from 9 - Noon.





Happy Fall, Gall!

NEXT INTERAGENCY MEETING: NOVEMBER 17 AT 10:30 AM