

2025 Christmas Message from Mayor & Council

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As the holiday lights brighten our community once again, I'm grateful for the growth, connection, and spirit that have defined Crossfield this year. This time of year invites us to reflect on what truly makes our community special, and once again, it is the people who shine the brightest.

From welcoming new families to cheering on local events, 2025 has been filled with moments that showcase the kindness, generosity, and connection that define Crossfield. Whether it's lending a hand, volunteering time, or participating in community programs, these acts of connection create the sense of belonging that makes our town feel like home.

Council and Administration are honoured to serve such a caring and engaged community. Every conversation, shared idea, and act of participation helps guide our work as we prepare for the next four-year strategic plan, ensuring our efforts continue to reflect and support the needs and expectations of the community.

As we celebrate the holiday season, I hope you find time to enjoy the magic around us – festive lights, community gatherings, and the simple moments spent with loved ones.



2025 - 2029 Town of Crossfield Council

Back Row: Craig Benson, Justin Gustafson, Mike Knight, Logan Cosh **Front Row:** Luke Brennan, Mayor Kim Harris, Dawn Nielsen

On behalf of Council, I wish every resident, business, and community group a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season. May the year ahead be filled with hope, connection, and new opportunities.



Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except for council summer recess held in August).

Council meetings are open to the public and also live streamed on the Town of Crossfield YouTube page.

If you have an item you would like placed on an upcoming agenda, please email admin@crossfieldalberta.com with your request.

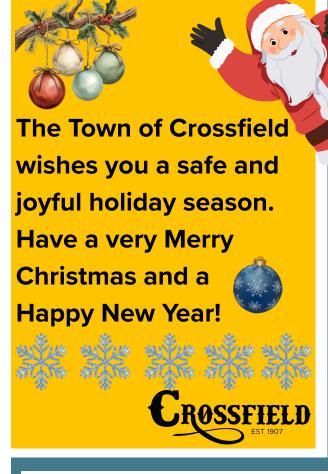
Upcoming Meetings
*Meetings now begin at 6 pm

December 16
January 6 & 20, 2026
February 3 & 17, 2026
March 3 & 17, 2026

Crossfield Community Center 900 Mountain Avenue, **6 p.m.**









Thank you for your support during snow removal this winter



The Town's Public Works crews truly appreciate your cooperation following recent snowfalls. Our goal is to provide safe and accessible roads for everyone.

Moving vehicles and other obstacles when snow removal signs are posted allows us to clear the snow in a timely manner.

We will continue to provide updates on when and where snow removal will occur on the Town's Facebook and Instagram social media pages. The Snow Removal Map can be found on the Town's website.

Working together we can keep our roads safe this winter.



Wishing everyone safe travels during this festive holiday season.



Holiday Office Hours

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 26 Closed

Dec. 29-31 Open

Jan. 1st Closed

Jan. 2nd Open





2025 Santa Parade Friday December 12, starts at 7:00 pm!

The Crossfield Fire
Department will be making
spirits merry and bright
with the help of Jolly Old
St. Nick on Friday
December 12, with the
Annual Santa Parade!

Crossfield Members of the volunteer fire department, along with their families, will be handing out candy canes along the parade route to kids who come out to wave at Santa as he passes by.



Iron Landing - Crossfield, Alberta Crossfield Baptist Church 2A Butterfly K sses by Brianna Veterans Peace Park Mossip A McCaskill Park Crossfield Diamonds McKee Homes Vista Crossing Sales Centre Whitfield Ne Pete Knight Homes Memorial Arena Mountain Ave ondocks RV Storage shing K9 very1 😩 Super Splash 🕒 omethin egistry Office 🏻 sunset Way Promold Marketing ut Man 📆

Parade Map

The Crossfield
Fire Department
Santa Claus
Parade will make
its way through Town streets
on Friday December 12th!

Watch for updates on the Town's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> social feeds, and on the Town's website.

Parade starts at 7:00 pm



Sign up for

E-BILLS

& save money

- Receive your bills directly in your inbox as soon as they're ready. No delays, no waiting!
- Keep all your important documents in one place without clutter or paper waste.

Signing up to receive your utility bill via email saves you \$12/year! It also reduces the environmental impact by minimizing the need for paper and envelopes!

Fill in the E-Bill Utility Service Agreement on the website or drop into the Town Office to sign up!

Stay informed!



Sign up for the Town's e-News at www.crossfieldalberta.com to receive updates on local events, programs, and community news.

TIPP

Tax Installment Payment Plan The convenient way to pay your property taxes

Sign up for TIPP the 1st week of December - this week!! The TIPP Program runs from January 1st to December 15th *Current participants do not need to re-apply.

The Tax Installment Payment Plan divides your annual property taxes into monthly sums that are automatically withdrawn from your bank account. There are no fees or interest charged when enrolling in the TIPP.

How TIPP Works:

- Payments will be withdrawn from your bank account on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month is not a regular business day, the payment will be withdrawn on the following business day.
- The plan runs from January to December. The first payment is on January 1st.
- Payments are recalculated in January and July each year.
- The first six payments will change based on the previous year's taxes levied. The payment amount for the last six months of the year may change due to an increase or decrease to the annual levy.
- Participants will be notified of the new installment amount in the annual taxation notice sent in May every year.
- The Town does not charge for this service, however, normal bank service fees may apply.
- Read more on the website: crossfieldalberta.com > Residents > How to pay your utility bill

...and then there's WIPPs

WIPPs is the Town's Water Installment Payment Plan Service. It allows Water and Sewer customers to pay their bills automatically through direct debit.

To sign up, or for more information:

Visit the Town's website: crossfieldalberta.com or contact our office by emailing the Town or call us at 403-946-5565

Did you know the Town of Crossfield offers automatic withdrawals from your bank account for both utility and monthly tax payments? Never forget another payment again!





Changes to Property Tax Payments Credit Cards no longer accepted effective January 1, 2026

Important Notice! The Town of Crossfield will no longer accept credit card payments for Property Taxes effective January 1, 2026.

We encourage everyone to sign up for "TIPP" - the Tax Installment Payment Plan. Sign up right away!

- The TIPP helps you spread large annual property tax bills into smaller monthly payments. It will also make budgeting easier.
- This change is made to save money spent on expensive credit card processing fees.
- By no longer accepting credit cards for property tax payments, the Town estimates this change will save tax payers approximately \$17,000 in processing fees in 2026 alone.

Find more information on the Town's website:

Now live!

Crossfield

REGISTER NOW TO MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS

You asked, we answered.

Crossfield Connect is now live!

Check out the new municipal

Visit crossfieldalberta.com and

platform where users can access

both their tax and utility accounts.

user guide to get started today!

Departments/Assessment and Taxation/How to Pay Your Tax Bill

The Town of Crossfield is moving to **Monthly Utility Billing Effective** March 25, 2026

Heads up! Starting in March 2026, the Town of Crossfield is moving to MONTHLY Utility billing.

Here are some benefits of monthly billing and why we are making this change:

- · Monthly billing means smaller, more frequent bills that are easier to budget for.
- This change will support our water conservation efforts and measures to reduce water consumption.
- The Town will be able to catch water leaks in properties faster, reducing large water bills due to leaks.

Monthly billing will also bring the Town of Crossfield in line with other municipalities. Watch for more information and reminders from now to March, as we prepare for this change.

We are here to help!

If you have any questions please stop by our office, email or call us:



Phone: 403-946-5565

Email: town@crossfieldalberta.com

HOW TO REACH THE TOWN OF CROSSFIELD

QUESTIONS OR SERVICE REQUEST



We're here to help!

Give us a call:

If you need to request a service or have a question about Town services, please use one of the following options:

Weekdays (Daytime): (403) 946-5565

town@crossfieldalberta.com

After Hours (Emergencies Only): (403) 946-5878

STAY IN TOUCH!

eNews Register on our website to receive emails with updates from the Town of Crossfield.

www.crossfieldalberta.com Find all of the latest information





WERSITE





Stop by in person:

Town Office 1005 Ross Street Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

click "Crossfield Connect" under the residents tab for information on registration, and to view our handy

CROSSFIELD

Using these main contact points helps us respond to you quickly and get your request to the right place.

1005 ROSS ST. BOX 500 CROSSFIELD, AB TOM 0S0 | 403-946-5565 | TOWN@CROSSFIELDALBERTA.COM

Manufactured Home Residents Now is a good time to winterize your home!

If you haven't already, now is a good time to winterize your home! Here are a few tips...

Check your waterlines

While you are unhooking your waterhose, it is the perfect time to check your waterlines. Your water lines should be protected throughout the chilly winter season. Installing heat tape can be a good solution. Ensure you follow all safety guidelines, as heat tape can be a fire hazard. We suggest checking the manufacturer's instructions, as the protocol may differ according to the water riser in your manufactured home.

Close off access points in the skirting

Make sure all access points in the skirting are closed off prior to snowfall so no animals make their winter home under yours! Animals can cause potential issues to offset your winterizing efforts.





Allow heat to circulate if you plan to leave or it's extra cold out

Are you planning on a getaway? Is there a cooler than average night on the horizon? Leave cupboard and closet doors open to allow heat to circulate in areas that may not get proper heating.

Wishing you a cozy, happy winter!

2025 Holiday Garbage and Recycling Collection Schedule

Garbage Pick Up - No Change:

• Collection on Wednesday December 24 & 31st

Recycling Pick Up - Changes to Saturday:

- Shifts to Saturdays for two weeks
- NO collection on December 25 or January 1st
- Collection on Saturday December 27 & January 3

Transfer Site is Closed on Statutory Holidays:

- Closes at noon on December 24 and December 31.
- Closed Monday, December 25 & Monday, January 1.
- Live Christmas trees can be disposed of at the transfer site, once all decorations are removed.







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. Thank you for sharing!





Have a community event or program you'd like to share?

Email the details to media@crossfieldalberta.com to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter or on the Town's communication channels.



Does your employer offer donation matching?

Your local library is a **registered charity**, and you can designate your portion of the donation to us!



THE TOWN OF CROSSFIELD LIBRARY BOARD CHARITY NUMBER: 10699 3785 RR0001



Catch a youth doing something that helps our community?

Report them!



Every youth that is reported and has made a positive impact on our community, will be ticketed by our local law enforcement officers and will receive a prize! In December, all "good deed doers" will have a chance to be entered to WIN an iPad and be declared the "Crossfield Youth of the Year"!



report to: nicolev@crossfieldalberta.com









GET YOUR SKATES ON - AT THE ARENA!



Enjoy free skating at the Pete Knight Memorial Arena!

Sundays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Now to March 22, 2026

PUBLIC SKATING

Reminder from the Crossfield Fire Department to keep fire hydrants clear!

For your safety and the safety of your neighbours, it is important to keep hydrants clear and unobstructed so they can be used by the Fire Department in case of an emergency.



If there is a fire hydrant in front of, or adjacent to your property, please ensure the hydrant is clearly visible and unobstructed.

Help yourself, your neighbours, and your town by ensuring it is always kept free and clear of snow and ice. The Fire Department appreciates your assistance.

Clothing Donations Welcomed Bins are at the Crossfield Community Centre



Thank you for your donations! At this time of year, with the cold weather, clothing donations are especially welcome. Please keep the bin areas clear to ensure safe access and prevent an unsightly appearance at the Community Centre.

Take steps to dispose of non-clothing items properly:

- Used oil and electronics: Crossfield Transfer Site.
- Furniture, large items and garbage: Recycle or dispose at the Transfer Site for a small fee.
- Reusable household items: Consider donating to the Salvation Army or other local charities.

JUST FOR SENIORS





Delivers to residents in **CROSSFIELD**

"Providing individuals with nutritious, affordable meals delivered to their door!"

SIGN UP TODAY:

Phone: 403-815-1400

Email: inquiries@airdriemealsonwheels.ca

www.airdriemealsonwheels.ca



Scan this code on your smart phone





Senior's Indoor Walking Group

Join the Town of Crossfield at the Community Center for our Senior's Indoor Walking Group! The main hall will be open for seniors to use to walk while listening to music.

FREE: Ages 55+





CROSSFIELD & MADDEN FOOD BANK

Formerly the Crossfield Christmas Hamper Program

If you are a resident of Crossfield or Madden and you are in need of a helping hand this Christmas, Christmas Hampers are available through the Crossfield & Madden Food Bank (formerly the Crossfield Christmas Hamper Program).

Please call or email to register.

Hamper line: 403-941-2000

Email: Crossfieldmaddenfoodbank@gmail.com

Christmas Hamper Registration Deadline is December 10

*All calls are confidential and voicemails left are returned Monday to Friday within 48 hours.



Give the Gift of Holiday Spirit

Donate today to help fill Christmas hampers for families and seniors in our community.

Food Items

- Juice, apple or orange, 1 litre
- · Crackers, cookies
- Jam, honey
- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Red kidney beans, chickpeas,
- black or white beans
- Canned pears
- Hashbrowns, shelf stable
- Canned ham or luncheon meat
- Salsa

Hygiene/Cleaning Items

- Toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies
- Deodorant
- Shampoo, body wash
- Laundry detergent

Gift Items

- Gift cards, (Bigway, Walmart, Crossiron Mills, Cineplex, Shoppers Drugmart), any denominations
- Lego sets
- · Arts & craft sets
- Baking sets
- Sets of new towels

Pet Items

- Kitty litter
- Cat food,
- Dog food, treats
- Pet shampoo, brushes, toys

Miscellaneous Items

- Warm socks, all sizes
- Warm gloves, toques, all sizes

Please ensure all items are new, not expired and in their original packaging.

Please do not wrap any items.

*If you or your company would like to sponsor a Christmas Hamper or you are in need of a hamper, please email the Crossfield & Madden Food Bank at crossfieldmaddenfoodbank@gmail.com



Community Links Updates – December 2025

Are you facing challenges and are looking for support to get connected to programs and services?

Our Information and Referral Program can help. This Program 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.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

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.

Children's Programs

Beyond Messy Play Drop-in (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0-12 years Did you know all children learn through play? Do you want to get out of the house and connect with other families? Parents/caregivers attend with their children 0-12 years, this play program aims to bring people of all ages together, breaking down age-based stereotypes and allowing families to grow stronger by building connections.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 10:30 am, until December 17, 2025, and Thursdays, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, until December 18, 2025

https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/beyond-messy-play-drop-in

Baby & Me Drop-in (registration is on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 – 8 months Would you like to connect with other parents with babies? You and your baby, 0-8 months, can join us for the afternoon with this drop-in group. In this group we will tackle the topics that attendees are facing, from sleep to play or feeding to development all while networking with other parents. *You do not need to be a first-time parent to attend but older siblings are not able to attend. Register once to attend any of these Drop-In Sessions!

Tuesdays, December 2 - 23, 2025, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs-baby-and-me

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



Community Links

STRONG INDIVIDUALS STRONG FAMILIES STRONG COMMUNITIES

December 2025 Updates Continued

Envision (registration deadline December 9, 2025) Irricana Lions Community Hall

For parents/caregivers and youth ages 9 - 17 years This fun, creative event is all about embracing your true self and "ENVISIONing" your dreams.

Parents, bring your tweens and teens for an inspiring evening to create an opportunity for personal growth, connection, and inspiration, making it a memorable and impactful experience for everyone.

A vision board is a powerful tool that helps you visualize your goals, dreams and set intentions for 2026!

We will have someone from our Counseling team doing a presentation and offering support.

All materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring anything that calls to your vision!

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/envision

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

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

Messy Play & More in Irricana (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0-5 years This child-led group is for parents/caregivers and children 0-5 years who like to get messy, use their imaginations, and explore the world around them. This program is offered in collaboration with the Town of Irricana and Rocky View County FCSS.

The first Wednesday of each month, 10:00 am - 11:30 am https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/messy-play-and-more-in-irricana

Play & Learn in Crossfield (registration on-going)

For parents/caregivers and children 0 - 5 years Would you like an opportunity for your child to play while you have a chance to meet other parents? This group will promote and support healthy child development and positive parenting skills. This program is offered in collaboration with Crossfield Municipal Library and Rocky View County FCSS.

The second Thursday of each month, 10:30 am - 11:30 am https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/play-and-learn-in-crossfield

Holiday Hours and Contact Information

**Please note, Community Links will be closed at noon, December 24, 2025, and will re-open on Friday, January 2, 2026

Our Beiseker office will be open on December 10, 2025, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, re-opening January 28, 2026, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.

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

info@nrvcl.ab.ca

ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES CHEFS DE POMPIERS

Fire Safety Tips for the Holiday Season from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs. The Fire Chiefs Ask you to be fire conscious during the Holidays, and follow the fire safety tips below. Remember, safety begins with you. <u>Visit their website for more holiday safety tips.</u>

Emergency? Always call 9-1-1



Holiday Safety Facts

Did you know that according to the NFPA that more than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles, and that 2/5 decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source? Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it!





Did you know that cooking is the leading cause of fire during the holidays? Know how to stop a fire on or inside of your oven!



- 1. **Doing a lot of Holiday cooking and baking?** Make sure to stay in the kitchen and keep an eye on the oven to avoid kitchen fires.
- 2. Avoid using real candles in your decorating and go flameless this season. If you do use them, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- 3. Give space heaters a minimum of a meter of space from anything that can burn, such as curtains, furniture, and decorations.
- 4. **Celebrating Christmas with a tree?** Keep it at least 3 feet away from any heat sources, like a fireplace, a radiator, candles, stove, and make sure it doesn't obstruct any exits in case of emergency. Water fresh trees daily. Dry trees are more likely to catch on fire. Get rid of the tree after the holidays or once it is dry.
- 5. **Use extension cords safely in your decorating.** if they are worn, damaged, or broken, replace them. Don't overload your outlets and power bars.
- 6. Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- 7. Ask smokers to smoke outdoors, away from flammable materials. Provide them with a deep ashtray filled with water to put out their cigarette butts. If under the influence of alcohol, avoid cooking or smoking.
- 8. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect to avoid electrical fires. Make sure to use the correct lights for interior vs exterior decorating
- 9. **Test your alarms and batteries, replace them if they are 10 years or older.** Make sure all your guests know where the exits are in case of emergency.
- 10. **Before using your wood burning fireplace over the holidays,** please make sure to service it, clean it, and sweep the chimney.

Thanks to the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs for this information



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!



We all follow the Town of Crossfield on social media! Do you?

Follow the Town!

- Timely Updates
- Local Events
- Community Content
- Great photos





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