

Lights shine bright this holiday season



The town will be glowing this holiday season as not one but two Christmas lights competitions take place.

Dream, developers of the community, is holding a special competition for residents of their Vista Crossing community. The Merry & Bright Neighbourhood Challenge will pit neighbour against neighbour to see who can come up with the most popular residential Christmas decorations. According to Jen McDonald,

marketing co-ordinator, Land & Housing, this is the first year for the competition.

“Nothing is prettier in the dark days of winter than twinkle lights on snowy houses. While we don’t need to be reminded the upcoming holiday season will be a little quieter than most years, it’s all the more reason to add a little Merry & Bright cheer to the neighbourhood,” she said. “Based on the interest so far, we would love to see it become an annual tradition to engage the residents, serve up a little friendly competition and give back to the community via the food bank.”

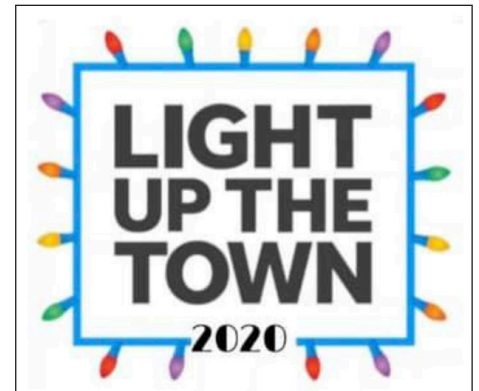
Vista Crossing residents can choose to decorate their house, porch, garage, balcony, etc. Take a picture and post to the [Vista Crossing Facebook](#) page or tag the company on [Instagram](#) with #MerryandBrightVistaCrossing.

The competition runs from now until Dec. 13 and there are some great prizes up for grabs. Follow along or get out and walk the streets of Vista Crossing to enjoy the displays in-person. Dream will announce the winner on Dec.16 and that person will receive a \$250 Visa gift card. There may also be a few honourable mention prizes up for grabs from local retailers. Voting takes place on the company’s social media.

Dream is also giving away lights to help kick off the challenge to the first 40 households that reach out to them via their social channels. In

exchange for the lights, residents are asked to make a donation to the Airdrie Food Bank. Dream will organize a contactless donation pick-up/lights exchange.

The Crossfield Ag Society is holding its annual Light Up the Town competition. Registration



began Nov. 23 and runs until Dec. 13. Registration is free and gets your home or business added to the Light Up the Town map and entered into the competition for some great prizes. Thanks to the Crossfield Chamber of Commerce, businesses will be in the running this year for top honours as well.

Homeowners can register at crossfieldagsociety@gmail.com, while business owners register at info@crossfieldchamber.ca.

The maps will be available beginning Dec. 14, thanks to the folks at Re/Max Realty, and voting will take place online; watch the [Crossfield Ag Society](#) and [Crossfield Chamber of Commerce](#) Facebook pages for more information.

Friendly reminders

It's that time of year when we need to remind business owners and residents of their responsibilities relating to snow removal and picking up after your dog.

Residents, business owners and property owners are required to have the sidewalk in front of their residence/building cleared of snow, ice, dirt, debris or any other obstructions within 24 hours following the end of a snowfall. Sand, ice melter or a similar product can be applied to any area where it is difficult to completely remove the snow/ice, etc. by shovelling.

Failing to clear the snow could result in notification by the peace officer that you have 24 hours to comply or the Town will clear the sidewalk at your expense.

Picking up after your dog is required under the Dog Control Bylaw, and failing to do so could result in a fine. This includes any public spaces (e.g. pathways, off leash park) and your neighbour's front lawn.

Be a good neighbour – ensure you do your part to keep Crossfield safe and clean.



CROSSFIELD EMERGENCY FOOD HAMPER PROGRAM

Our food hamper program wraps up Dec. 31; let us help out until then.

If you are in need of an emergency food hamper, contact Cheryl for assistance. Hampers include essential grocery and hygiene items.

- (403) 941-2000
- crossfieldchristmashampers@gmail.com

Applications at crossfieldalberta.com

Downtown Revitalization Project

Clean up continued this week as the contractor worked to finish up the project for this year. The underground work is completed and it is only above ground that will require the return of the contractor in the spring.

Asphalt sidewalks were poured on a few spots on

Railway St. Colder weather means pouring the final concrete sidewalks in these areas will take place in the spring.

As always, any questions regarding the Downtown Revitalization project can be sent to downtown@crossfieldalberta.com



We want everyone to have a Merry and Safe holiday season this year, so the Crossfield Fire Department Christmas Hamper program will look a little different.



We **WILL NOT** be collecting food, toiletries or toys this year for the Crossfield Christmas Hampers.



We **WILL** be taking monetary and gift card donations so we can continue to provide this amazing Crossfield tradition.



Donations can be made at ATB, Mountain View Financial, Carmen's Bigway Foods or the Town office.



Applications are being accepted now. Contact crossfieldchristmashampers@gmail.com or call (403) 941-2000.