

WAINWRIGHT COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

Courtesy of Wainwright & District Family & Community Services

902 5 Ave., Wainwright, AB



SNOW ANGELS

We are pleased to announce the implementation of the "Snow Angels" program!

Snow Angels is a proactive approach to helping those who have difficulty or no capable means to clearing their driveway. Rather than scrambling for support and help after a major snowfall, resources for these residents will be in place in advance which provide peace of mind and more consistency to relief efforts.

Being a "Snow Angel" is also a fun and healthy opportunity for citizens of all ages to enjoy the outdoors while making a personal contribution to improving the quality of life of another in need. It also fosters a sense of ownership and goodwill, encourages civic responsibility and pride in the community and builds appreciation and connection between citizens of all ages.

Studies have shown that when citizens actively work together for each other, crime decreases, health improves, resources can be redistributed and quality of life becomes better for all.

If you're interested in volunteering or having a volunteer come to your home, you can contact Kendra Barss at 780-842-2555 for more information.

Kinsmen Club Christmas Wish Campaign

Applications can be picked up at the FCS office, and returned to Bison Printing (410 10 St, Wainwright). Deadline to apply is December 14th. For more information, call Don Smith (780-842-0867) or John Stone (780-842-4217).

Food Bank Christmas Hampers

**You must already be registered with the food bank in order to receive a hamper.*

Deadline to sign up for hampers is December 7, 2018. You can visit the Food Bank (1014 3 Ave) on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11:00 AM-1:00 PM to sign up.

Did you know...

- The first artificial Christmas Tree was made out of goose feathers that were dyed green.
- In Armenia, a traditional Christmas Eve meal consists of fried fish, lettuce, and spinach.
- In Germany, Poland, and Ukraine, finding a spider or spiders web on the Christmas Tree is considered good luck for the upcoming year.
- "Jingle Bells" was supposed to be a Thanksgiving song
- Rudolph was almost named Rollo or Reginald.
- There have been 733 versions of "Silent Night" copyrighted since 1978.

Christmas Close to Home

For over 10 years, Wainwright & District Family & Community Services' "Christmas Close to Home" project has been bringing Christmas cheer to seniors living within the M.D. of Wainwright and the Town of Wainwright. Our office has been busy preparing over 350 gift bags for seniors to be delivered during the month of December. Each gift contains a Christmas card made by a student from the Elementary schools in Chauvin, Edgerton, Irma, or Wainwright. The gift is a small token to show seniors we are thinking of them during the holiday season.

"May you never be too old to search the skies on Christmas Eve"

-Unknown



Important Dates

Office Closed for Christmas/New Years

December 24-January 1
(Reopening January 2)

Battle River Lodge Christmas Craft Sale, Bake Sale & Tea

November 30, 1:30-3:30 PM
Battle River Lodge

Quota Angel Festival

November 30 (4-9 PM)
December 1 (10 AM-5 PM)
Prairie Rose Centre

Tree of Life Lighting-December 1

December 1, 6:00 PM In front of Wainwright
Hospital

Irma Santa Days

December 8, All Day, Downtown Irma

Need Support?

Wainwright Food Bank-708-845-8875
Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-387-5437
Family Violence Info Line: 310-1818
Lloydminster Interval Home Crisis Line: 780-875-0966
Lloydminster Men's Shelter: 306-825-3977
Alberta Supports: 1-877-644-9992
Mental Health Helpline: 1-877-303-2642
Bullying Helpline: 1-888-456-2323
If you are in immediate danger, please call 911



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From all of us at Wainwright & District Family & Community Services