



GATEWAY GAZETTE

**Community Survey Update**

THANK YOU to everyone who completed our Irricana Community Engagement Survey 2023! We're gathering the data and will provide an overview of the results in our April newsletter. By providing your feedback we can better understand the needs of our community and prioritize Town services.

Additional surveys will be coming out throughout the year more specific to areas that require more information and feedback.

**HOME EXTERIOR
SPRING CLEANING
CHECKLIST**

1. Inspect the gutters and clean out winter debris to avoid water damage
2. Freshen up your front and garage doors by adding a pop of colour with a new coat of paint
3. Power wash brick, siding, patio and driveway to clear away that winter grime
4. Freshen up your gardens by pulling weeds, pruning, turning the soil, and adding fresh mulch
5. Consider raking, aerating and fertilizing your grass to encourage a thick healthy lawn
6. Declutter your garage to make room for all your summer equipment

Contact Us

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Fax: (403) 935-4270
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Mailing: P.O. Box 100
222 - 2nd Street
Irricana, AB, T0M 1B0

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 8:45am-12:30pm
1:30pm-4:15pm
(Excluding Holidays)
Closed 12:30pm-1:30pm Daily
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Social Media

Check out our website
www.irricana.com or our
[Facebook Page](#) for updates &
other helpful information!

Property Assessment

If you own a property in Irricana you'll have received your 2023 Property Assessment.

Key Dates:

1. February 23, 2023: All notices mailed out.
2. May 2, 2023: Final date to contact Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc. to discuss your Assessment and the last date to file a Complaint with the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board.

What is property assessment?

Property assessment is the process of assigning a dollar value to a property for taxation purposes. In Alberta property is taxed based on the ad valorem principle. Ad valorem means "according to value." This means that the amount of tax paid is based on the value of the property.

Property taxes are a primary source of revenue for municipalities. Property taxes are used to finance local programs and services, such as:

- Road construction and maintenance
- Parks and leisure facilities
- Police and fire protection
- Education

Relationship between property assessment value and property taxes:

Often the terms "assessment" and "taxation" are considered to be interchangeable. However, assessment and taxation are very different. Although one impacts the other, each is a distinct and independent process. "Assessment" is the process of estimating a dollar value on a property for taxation purposes. This value is used to calculate the amount of taxes that will be charged to the owner of the property. "Taxation" is the process of applying a tax rate to a property's assessed value to determine the taxes payable by the owner of that property.

Source: www.alberta.ca/municipal-property-assessment-publications.aspx

Questions about your assessment?

Your first step is to speak with the Municipal Assessor at Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc. Contact them at (403) 343-3357. Full instructions on the appeal process can be found on the back of your 2023 assessment and on the Town's website on the Community Services & Businesses page under Property Assessment Information, Filing a Property Assessment Complaint.

If you recently purchased property in Irricana, or if you did not receive your Property Assessment Notice, please contact the Town Office at (403) 935-4672 or email irricana@irricana.com

+\$9.38 million
value increase for our
community!

6.8%
increase from 2022

\$147 million
total assessment

March Resources

Garbage & Recycling Schedule

BLUE = RECYCLING **GREY = GARBAGE**

Access a digital download of the 2023 Garbage & Recycling Calendar on our website's Community Information page at www.irricana.com or pick up a printed copy at the Town Office.

Did you know?

Extra garbage bag tags are available at the Town Office for \$5 each (up to 30 lbs).

March 2023

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Planning on Building this Year?

Check out our Planning & Development Resources on our website to get started! Development is managed through the Land Use Bylaw (11:2010).

Fees range from:

- \$40-\$80 for minor improvements (ie. deck or shed)
- \$80-\$120 for moderate improvements (ie. garage or basement development)
- \$120-\$160 for major improvements (ie. a new home)

Residents can book a free 30-minute consultation by contacting the Town Office. Whether you're building a deck, detached garage, or developing your basement, permits are required to ensure the work is up to code and completed safely. Superior Safety Codes Inc. handles all building permits in Irricana, contact them at (403) 717-2344.

Town Utilities due March 31

Did you know that you can pay your utilities through your online banking? Add "Irricana" as a payee, select "Utilities," and reference your Account Number found on your bill.

Register for E-Billing!

Save \$5 on your Town Utilities by switching to paperless billing! Request the form by emailing irricana@irricana.com or stopping by the Town Office.

The Acme Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a 50/50 Cash Raffle to assist with fundraising to keep their location open - WIN UP TO \$9,995!*

Tickets are \$5 each - Get yours at the Irricana Town Office **(Cash Only)**

Draw Date: March 31, 2023 at 7pm

*Payout based on ticket sales - 3999 tickets printed. AGLC #66097.

To support the Acme Legion, you can visit their GoFundMe page, and keep up to date with their fundraising efforts via their Facebook page "Acme Legion Fundraising, Save Our Legion."

March Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Junior Curling 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm Yoga	28 9:30 am - 10:30 am Group Fitness AM 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm Girl Guides 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Ladies Curling 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Group Fitness PM	1 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Men's Curling	2 9:30 am - 10:30 am Group Fitness AM 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Group Fitness PM 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Monthly AG Society Meeting	3 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Mixed Curling	4
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Local Business Resources

IRRICANA & RURAL MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Open Tuesdays to Saturdays. Check out the video library for Virtual Storytime on their website and Facebook page!

Phone: (403) 935-4818
Email: aimanager@marigold.ab.ca
Location: 226 2nd St, Irricana
Website: www.irricanalibrary.ca

IRRICANA POST OFFICE

Phone: (403) 771-3193

Location: 309 1 Ave

Monday: 8a.m.–7p.m.
 Tuesday: 8a.m.–7p.m.
 Wednesday: 8a.m.–7p.m.
 Thursday: 8a.m.–7p.m.
 Friday: 8a.m.–4p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

IRRICANA PLAYSCHOOL

Now accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year! Classes run Tuesday to Friday 8:30am-12:00pm. Must be age 5 by December 31, 2023. Email for registration forms.

Phone: (403) 935-4727
Email: irecs@persona.ca
Location: 300 - 1 St. Irricana

SOUL SWEAT

Holistic Nutrition & Fitness

Cheyenne Atkinson
Phone: (587) 436-7693
Email: soulsweat@outlook.com
Social Media: @Soul.Sweat.Cheyenne

LOVESTRUCK PORTRAITS

Wedding & Portrait Photography

Chelsea Page
Phone: (403) 540-6376
Email: chelsea@lovestruckportraits.com
Website: www.lovestruckportraits.com

KEYSTONE DESIGNS

Graphic Design, Website Design & Business Marketing Solutions

Phone: (403) 680-6510
Email: contact@keystonedesigns.ca
Website: www.keystonedesigns.ca

VICTORIA MIKAL FITNESS

- In-person group fitness classes & 1:1 training located out of the Irricana Rec Centre
- Online group fitness & 1:1 training
- Online 8 week group challenges.
- Hybrid programs of in-person & online training
- Nutrition coaching

Victoria Mikal - Personal Trainer, Group Fitness Instructor & Nutrition Coach
Phone: (403) 848-1654
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M-POWERED LIVING

Marie O'Donnell

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VISION + MISSION:

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH KNOWLEDGE,
A PARTNER + A PLAN.

M-POWERED LIVING EXISTS TO SEE YOU
INDEPENDENT, SECURE + CONFIDENT, CULTIVATING
HEALTH, WEALTH + YOUR IDEAL LIFE.

Services Offered:

- Mortgage brokering/financing for purchase, refinance and equity take out
- Property planning consulting services
- Alternative Investing
- Financial Independence and Wealth Mentorship
- Health empowerment and mentorship
- In-Person Group and Private: Yoga Movement and Meditation
- Integrative Nutrition Mentorship coming late 2023

THREE BUSINESSES IN ONE BUILDING! 213 2ND ST IRRICANA (RED BUILDING ON MAIN)

HairWorx

Offering family haircare. Open Tue-Fri.

We are looking for another hairdresser or Barber to join our team! Inquire today! Book your appointment by calling or texting: (403) 604-9906

Simply No Knots Massage

Three Registered Massage Therapists.
Open Tuesdays to Sundays.

Find out more about us or book an appointment on our website at:
www.simplynoknots.ca

Willow Branch Wellness

Offering Traditional Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture

Hailey is available Tuesdays & Fridays. Book your appointment through her website:
www.willowbranchwellness.com



Thank-you to our 2022 FCSS Irricana Community Partners!

FCSS Irricana is proud to support the following organizations this year to provide preventative and community-based programming in Irricana!

- Closer to Home Community Services
- K.I.K Senior Citizens Association
- The Boys and Girls Club
- Kathryn Community School
- The Irricana Municipal Library
- North Rocky View Community Links
- The Airdrie Disability Resource and Awareness Centre



Can you be a Youth Sports Ambassador?

Calling all Children and Youth Sports and Recreation Associations/Organizations! Are you involved in children and youth-organized sports in #Irricana or the surrounding area? We would love to help promote your organizations and highlight the great local opportunities for kids to be more active in their community.

Contact Brook at bswanson@irricana.com for more information on advertising local Children and Youth Sports and Recreation Programs.

Boys & Girls Club Programs

Breaking Barriers (Paid Employment Skills Training and Work Experience Program) Ages 15-30

Funded by Service Canada and the Youth Employment Skills Strategy, Breaking Barriers is an 18-week skill-building and employment readiness program designed to support youth aged 15-30 as they seek full-time employment or return to school. This program is specifically designed to support youth who are facing barriers to employment.

Are you eligible to apply for Breaking Barriers?

- Participants must be between the ages of 15 and 30 inclusive at the start of the program
- Participants must be legally entitled to work in Alberta
- Participants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or have been granted refugee status in Canada
- Participants must be facing a self-declared barrier to employment
- Participants must be ready and willing to begin full-time (37.5 hours/week) work at the end of the Employment Skills Training portion of the program

Breaking Barriers starts on April 17, 2023;

More Info



Register:

www.bgcairdrie.com/breaking-barriers



FCSS Programs



Closer to Home Programs

Walk n' Talk Youth Mentoring Program (Airdrie, Crossfield, Irricana & Beiseker Area)

Ages 8-15

Closer to Home is now offering child and youth mentoring free of charge for ages 8 to 15. These in-person sessions are personalized for each individual, whether it's about school, the future, relationships or just what's on your mind. We can talk about what matters to you at your own pace and offer some tips for your mental health along the way.

More Info



Register:

Email: registration@closerthome.com



Community Links Programs

Family Violence Women's Support Group (Airdrie)

Ages: 18+

March 9 & 23, April 6 & 20 & May 4 & 18, 2023

Have you experienced abuse (emotional, sexual, financial, psychological, physical, and/or spiritual) in an intimate partner relationship? This group provides a safe and supportive place for women to connect with others who have similar shared experiences, to provide education and awareness on the effects of family violence, to share information about community resources, and explore emotional health and wellness.

Registration Deadline: on-going with registration 1 week before the group. This also includes registration for childcare.

Register Online



Register:

www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/family-violence-womens-support-group/

Volunteers Needed!

We're forming a Volunteer Committee for Community Events & FCSS Events!

We are so excited to have more events in Irricana, but we need fabulous volunteers to make these events happen. We're looking for committed volunteers who can be a positive influence in our community! If you would like to be involved in events such as the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, Canada Day, Community Clean-up, Block Parties and Children & Youth Events, we would love to connect with you!

Email bswanson@irricana.com or fill out our online form: www.townofirricana.ca/volunteerism



Town of Irricana's Annual

FACE
PAINTING
& GLITTER
TATTOOS!



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 | 10AM - 12:30PM
Irricana Lions Community Hall

THINGS TO KNOW:

1. Remember to bring an Easter basket or bag to collect your goodies
2. The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 am outside of the Irricana Lions Community Hall, the Easter Bunny will lead the way!
3. There will be lots of activities, so come prepared to have fun!



VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT!

Email bswanson@irricana.com

Want to volunteer? We need great people like you! Email bswanson@irricana.com