

INForestburg

Council Meetings: Nov 9 & 23 @ 7:00 pm—Council Chambers

Sewer and Water Emergencies call 780-582-4195.

Natural Gas Emergencies please call ATCO Gas Ltd. at 1-800-511-3447

Office Hours:
Mon—Fri
8:30 to 4:30
4902 50th Street
780-582-3668
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PLEASE NOTE: The Village office and Public Works Shop will be closed on November 13.

Council Highlights—October 2023

During the Organizational Meeting held on October 19, 2023, Forestburg Council consists of:

Mayor: Blaise A. Young, Deputy Mayor: Dwayne Giroux, and Councillors: Robert Frizzell, Elaine Fossen and Devon McNabb

Forestburg Community Development and Promotions Society

Would like to THANK all those who made our July 1st Celebration a success :

- * Cedar’s Restaurant for launching the day with a delicious breakfast.
- * Heisler Archery Club who’s display was well attended and a lot of fun
- * Forestburg Volunteer Fire Department for providing a very interesting demonstration of their valuable skills.
- * Friends of the Battle River Railway and the Battle River Railway for providing the very popular and much appreciated, train ride as a major attraction for the day.
- * Big Knife Villa Resident’s Club for allowing us to use the Handi-Van.
- * Forestburg and District Museum—a place to really get to know Forestburg.
- * Jeff Rathwell for, the second year, hosting the July 1st three-on-three basketball tournament which was very exciting and well attended.
- * Forestburg Swimming Pool Association—A great day for a swim.
- * An excellent Variety Show with some great local talent. Thanks to the performers and big Thank you to Carl Jahns and Gary Disterheft for proving the sounds and lights.

Fireworks:

The Society would like to thank all who helped make the Fireworks display a great success.

- * Westmoreland/Paintearth Entertainment Fund—\$2,000
- * Village of Forestburg FRACCA Grant—\$2,000
- * Coumts Hardware—\$500
- * McNabb Construction—\$500
- * Private Citizens from Forestburg and Surrounding District—\$500

Thank you all for your support
It is much appreciated by everyone.

A very special **THANK YOU** to Anthony Holland and his team for a great display of Fireworks.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CELEBRATIONS:

Plans are almost complete for the “Light up the Night” celebration on November 24. If you would like to sponsor an event please call Laura at the LRT Café @ 780-582-2335 or leave word for us at the Village office.



Forestburg Christmas Market—November 25, 2023 @ the Forestburg Community Hall from 10am—3pm

Coming Soon: to a mailbox near you



Keep an eye out in your mailbox for details and posters regarding Light up the Night and the Christmas Market November 24 and 25.

FORESTBURG LIBRARY 4901 50th Street Hours: Tues—Fri 10 to 5:30 Phone 780-582-4110

- The annual Library 50-50 Holiday Raffle Tickets are available at the library desk or at the Christmas Market on Saturday, November 25. \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3!
- The Library can issue tax receipts for charitable donations and is available for room rental for various needs. Please inquire at the desk about rates and availability.
- Ever Active for young families continues Friday Mornings 10-11:30am. Free, fun, snacks, games and reading stories for ages 0-6.
- Mending Mornings continues November 1, 8 and 15 10:30-12. Bring your fabric items with you and learn to fix them for free!
- Join us for an Organic Bird Feeder winter craft on Friday, November 24 at 6pm during the Christmas Evening (free).

2023/2024 FORESTBURG FLYERS SEASON SCHEDULE

15 MIN WARMUP STARTS AT TIME SHOWN THEN THE ICE IS TO BE FLOODED

AWAY	HOME	DATE	DAY	TIME	ARENA
STETTLER	FORESTBURG	NOV.10	FRI	8:00PM	FORESTBURG
CORONATION	FORESTBURG	NOV.18	SAT	7:00PM	FORESTBURG
FORESTBURG	OYEN	NOV.25	SAT	7:00PM	OYEN
HUGHENDEN	FORESTBURG	DEC.1	FRI	8:00PM	FORESTBURG
FORESTBURG	STETTLER	DEC.9	SAT	7:00PM	STETTLER
FORESTBURG	DELBURNE	DEC.15	FRI	8:00PM	DELBURNE
OYEN	FORESTBURG	DEC.16	SAT	7:00PM	FORESTBURG
C H R I S T M A S B R E A K					
IRMA	FORESTBURG	JAN.6	SAT	7:00PM	FORESTBURG
FORESTBURG	IRMA	JAN.13	SAT	7:00PM	IRMA
FORESTBURG	CORONATION	JAN.20	SAT	8:00PM	CASTOR
FORESTBURG	SEDGEWICK	JAN.26	FRI	8:00PM	KILLAM
PROVOST	FORESTBURG	FEB.2	FRI	8:00PM	FORESTBURG
FORESTBURG	HUGHENDEN	FEB.10	SAT	8:00PM	HUGHENDEN
SEDGEWICK	FORESTBURG	FEB.17	SAT	7:00PM	FORESTBURG

Forestburg Concert Series

Ray Bonneville

Forestburg Community Center

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
ALL PERFORMANCES

Adult.....\$35.00
Student (age 13 to 18).....\$20.00
Child (age 6 to 12).....\$15.00
5 years and under FREE

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
All Shows begin at 7:30 p.m.



Forestburg Arena Public Skating

Monday to Friday
2:00 to 5:00 pm
Call 780-678-7308 for other available ice times.

Bethel United Church

Monday Morning Knitters
Join for knitting or just coffee and fellowship

The **Senior Drop in Center** requires additional members and new activities for the coming months. If you are interested, please stop in the Center and meet with us. The Drop in Center is ideal for family and fellowship gatherings. Rental includes use of the full kitchen and seating space.

Heisler Christmas Market and Holiday Fun Day—Dec 3
Daysland Christmas Market—Nov 19
Rosalind Christmas Market Nov 19

FRIENDS OF THE FORESTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16th 7:30 PM – FIRE HALL BASEMENT – ALL WELCOME!!!

Do you need assistance with preparing a first class resume??
The BRIC Center can help, Call 587-844-2111 or 587-844-2112

Flagstaff Job Board: <http://www.fcal.net>

Forestburg Dentist

Dr. Brian Rudosky is in Forestburg on Wednesdays @ Professional Building
Call 780-582-4134

Forestburg Community Church (Baptist) 780-385-3607 In person services 9 am

Hope Lutheran Church Pastor Rick Laurendeau 780-582-2140
Worship/Communion services at 10 am—2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Bethel United Church 780-582-3796
Services at 10am. Student Minister Carson Ryner will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays—Stop in and talk.

Forestburg Dr. Schedule November 2023

Thurs	Nov 2	Closed
Tues	Nov 7	Dr. Lawal
Thurs	Nov 9	Closed
Tues	Nov 14	Dr. Lawal
Thurs	Nov 16	Dr. Steve
Tues	Nov 21	Dr. Huang
Thurs	Nov 23	Dr. Lawal
Tues	Nov 28	Dr. Huang
Thurs	Nov 30	Dr. Steve

Schedule is subject to change without notice. To book an appointment call 780-582-5185

FORESTBURG SCHOOL NEWS:

It's been an exciting month for athletics at Forestburg School. A lot of games, tournaments, and mini slammer games this month. The High School boys are very busy for the next few weeks, and the High School girls are wrapping up their season within the next two weeks. On Friday November 3rd, the Junior High boys are hosting the full day county tournament, depending on how they place in the tournament, they might be playing more this season. The Junior High girls will also be attending this tournament. Mini Slammers have their Final tournament on November 9th, in Bawlf. Both the High School boys and girls have beat Cornerstone this month. As well as home tournaments which the boys won. The Junior High girls and boys have done quite well this month with multiple wins against opponents. It has also been a successful season for the Mini Slammers.

A quick reminder that all of our games are free and we have open seats for you to support the Forestburg Falcons playing sports. Our first intramural sport has come to an end, "France" is the winner of volleyball with a 3-0 record. At the end of the volleyball season, Mr Rathwell contemplated whether to have a basketball team this year, but of course he said yes- so at the end of November or when volleyball comes to a close he will pick up the basketball and start the High School boys basketball season... Get ready to FEEL THE RATH! Our other coaches are Mrs. Pfeffer and Mrs Rathwell for the other basketball teams at Forestburg school. GO FALCONS.

Elijah Lechman

The Remembrance Day service is coming up at the school. It is an opportunity for our staff, students and local community to recognize the contributions of those who have served our country. This year's Remembrance Day service is open to the public. It will be on Friday, November 10 at 10:30. There will be band performances as well as class presentations from all grades and ages. There will be the laying of the wreaths as well. We hope to see a good showing of community members at our service.

Breanne Ramsum

On November 5 at 1:00pm Forestburg School is having our annual awards ceremony. This is a time where we recognize current students' as well as recently graduated students' accomplishments and awards. We hope to see the award recipients, and their families. We are grateful that the community supports these awards. It is a very important part of our program at the school. A special thank you to the Awards Committee, Administration, Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Brennan for helping make this day possible.

The Grade 12 students are selling fresh greenery wreaths and swags as a Prom fundraiser. These funds go towards their dinner tickets. Please contact the school if you are interested in ordering, but do not know a grade 12 student.

Keelie Gartside



Communities in Bloom in Forestburg celebrates 25 years in 2023

Forestburg has been involved with Communities in Bloom since 1998. It is a municipal program that runs across Canada and in many other countries around the world. It fosters community pride by encouraging participation in improvement of green spaces, heritage conservation and environmental sustainability. In Forestburg, the local committee, the municipality, the Agricultural Society, and the community at large, have been working together in this endeavour for twenty-five years.

In early years, the Village of Forestburg participated annually in the competitive part of the program. Judges would come to the community and evaluate the village's progress in various areas of concern. Only a year after joining, Forestburg won its population category in the 1999 National Communities in Bloom competition held in Halifax, NS.

Through several years in the 2000s, Forestburg participated in non-competitive categories, before becoming a Provincial winner in 2009 and then a National winner again in 2010. This honour was shared with Fogo Island, NL – one of the few times there has ever been a tie.

In the fall of 2011, Forestburg hosted the Provincial Communities in Bloom Awards event. Workshops, tours, and a banquet were enjoyed by representatives from other Communities in Bloom programs around the province and the winners of the 2011 Provincial Edition were announced.

The Village of Forestburg last competed in 2012, this time in the International Edition of Communities in Bloom. From 2013 onward, Forestburg has participated in the National Program's Circle of Excellence, a non-evaluated category, which means no judges visit the community. This is a category for past National Champions. This decision was made as the committee is a small group of volunteers who haven't been getting any younger over the years.

Forestburg's major beautification project is the planter/barrel sponsorship program. About 60 of these are sponsored by businesses and organizations around the community. It's a win-win because the cost includes the plants and the watering through the season, and the community benefits by having all these gorgeous flowers everywhere.

Communities in Bloom also plants the public floral displays at the Farvolden Centre (ATB and Library), the fire hall, and the various pieces of farm equipment around the Village. Volunteers do the planting in the spring and have weeding and pruning work bees throughout the summer, but for many years now, the Village Public Works Department has hired a summer employee who spends approximately half their time on Communities in Bloom duties.

Communities in Bloom partners with the Village of Forestburg and Forestburg School to have a Town Cleanup every year in early May. ATCO Electric generously cooks up a hot dog barbecue for all the participants.

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With the assistance of Coutts Home Hardware and Tree Canada Foundation, Communities in Bloom developed the Community Centre Park and continues to maintain the trees and shrubs there. In 2016, a large gazebo suitable for weddings and other events was built at the park through the efforts of Communities in Bloom, the Community Centre Association, and private donors. It looks beautiful lit up in the wintertime!

Communities in Bloom projects aren't limited to growing things. The committee purchases sets of winter and summer banners for display on Main Street as well as Christmas lighting for Devonian Park and downtown. During Covid, Forestburg High School was unable to hold ceremonies, so to celebrate the graduates, the school displayed banners for each grad along Main Street. This new tradition has continued! Permanent metal banners depicting local themes and designed by a Flagstaff area artist are on Highway 53 through the Village.

The Past Times Walk is another Communities in Bloom project. There are twenty signs around the community, interpreting Forestburg's history. The last signs of the walk were installed in 2016, recognizing veterans at the cenotaph located at Forestburg School, and on Main Street, the Cottage Hospital which operated from the 1920s to 1940s, and the Sather Building, now incorporated into Coutts Hardware.

For many years Communities in Bloom held Local Yard Awards which celebrated the efforts of residents, businesses, and organizations at a barbecue where certificates and prizes were presented. Following that was the Best Bloomin' Yard program – a different yard chosen each of 6 weeks of the summer. The homeowners displayed the Best Bloomin' Yard sign on their property for the week and received a gift certificate. Since Covid, there hasn't been an award program.

Forestburg Communities in Bloom would like to recognize the community for participating over the past 25 years. Thank you to all who have been part of the program — serving on the committee, helping plant and weed and prune, judging local yards, improving and beautifying residences and businesses, and coming out to town cleanups and work bees.

Special recognition goes to Bruce Gowanlock, who has sadly passed away, and to Janice Freadrich, who were both longtime chairs of the committee and contributed their horticultural talents to many projects.

Thanks also to the Forestburg Agricultural Society for its contribution to the cost of the Communities in Bloom summer employee for many years and to the Village of Forestburg Public Works Department who assist in Communities in Bloom activities every year.

All in all, it's the community in Communities in Bloom that makes the difference.



2023 Community Service Award Nominee Profile

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Provide background based on the following: Please submit on a separate sheet of paper.

- Briefly describe ways in which the nominee has demonstrated leadership within their community
- Briefly describe ways in which the nominee has volunteered in their community
- List any recognition within the last three years that the nominee has received (i.e., Awards, achievements, etc.)
- Provide any comments to assist the selection committee with their decision.

The information provided with this nomination is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. The nominee has agreed to the nomination and the use of their name and name of business for publicity.

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

***Deadline for submission is December 29th, 2023**

Forestburg Village Office (4902 50th Street),

Mail: Box 210, Forestburg, AB. T0B 1N0 OR Email: acao@forestburg.ca