



# INFOrestburg

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## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 2011

**Community Christmas** was once again a success! The wind did not put a stop to the fireworks display which started Moonlight Madness off. This was followed by shopping at the businesses, visiting with friends over a cup of hot chocolate, and Santa giving out treat bags. Thanks to the Lions Club for donating the treats, and to Moore's for putting the bags together.

**Many from the community** and surrounding areas came out on Saturday for the Christmas Market. Santa attended again and was available for pictures taken by Allyson Prehn. Thank you to the Golden Prairie 4-H Club for setting up and clean up, and the Forestburg School Travel Club for providing the lunch. Thank you to all the businesses who donated gifts for the draws. Your support is greatly appreciated and contributes to the success of our Community Christmas!

**Winners** of the Passport Draws were Michelle Hebert, Maven Boddy, Sufen Tatro, Colin Walker, Dante Hebert, Luke Forster, Jayden Blumhagen and Morgan Poole.

**Winners** of the Christmas Market Door Prizes were Peter Miller, Deb & Randy Moffatt, Bernadette Bendfeld and Doug Matier.

**The Gingerbread House Competition** was a new addition this year and with the great response, will be a part of future Community Christmas's. The winners were Jillian Cung, Teri, KC & Aaron White, Erica Basco, Sara & Morgan Brown, Maven & Isaac Boddy. Thank you to all who participated.

**Thank you** to those who made Food Bank donations at the Market. Cash donations of \$429.21 and numerous food items.

**Congratulations** to Coutts Home Hardware who won the Four Corners of Christmas Tree decorating contest! Thanks to FJ's Sports Bar and the BMO Bank of Montreal for their trees. A thank you to ATB Financial for judging. Also, thanks to the Public Works for setting up the trees, and to ATCO Electric for putting up the decorations on the streetlights.

## Gingerbread House Competition





# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



**Next Council Meeting**  
**December 1st**  
**at 6:30 pm**  
**All welcome!**

**Village Office OPEN**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**8:30 am - 4:15 pm**

## Dog Licenses due in Jan.

The annual license fee is \$15 and for restricted dogs it is \$100. For more information, contact the Village Office or on the website (Bylaws 6:2008 and 7:2008)



**Development Permits** – a discretionary permit was granted for a heavy duty mechanic business

**Speed Limit** on 49<sup>th</sup> Street – Council voted to reduce the speed limit on 49<sup>th</sup> Street by the new arena to 30 km/h in an effort to ensure pedestrian safety and also to reduce road damage.

**Cemetery** – A portion of the cemetery has been rezoned to accommodate 4' x 4' interment plots to be used for cremation interments. The cemetery policy was revisited and the costs of plots were revised: Full size plot \$200.00 plus GST, additional placements within a plot will be \$50.00 per addition (maximum of 2), Cremation plots \$150.00 plus GST, Scattering Garden \$100.00 plus GST.

**Council Remuneration Policy** – Council reviewed the rates paid within the region and revised their annual remuneration to be: Mayor \$6,900, Deputy Mayor \$5,750, Councillor \$4,600.

**ATCO Electric Franchise Fee** – Council approved a 1% increase in the franchise fee to 6%, this will be an approximate monthly increase of \$0.77 per household.

**Arena Association** – The Arena Association requested to take over the management of the baseball diamonds and soccer fields, council agreed to a one year term and will assess the situation next fall.

**Community Service Program Coordinator** – Council has approved a one year pilot project for a new administrative position which will assist our volunteer groups with funding, volunteer recruitment and programming needs.

**FFCS 2012 Budget** – Council approved the 2012 budget as presented.

**Fire Fighter Remuneration** – Council has revisited the policy on Fire Fighter Remuneration and felt that the rates paid to our volunteer fire fighters did not adequately reflect the Village's appreciation for their efforts. Effective January 1 volunteer firefighters will be paid \$20.00/hr. to attend meetings/practices and fires.

**Appointment of Auditor** – Chapman and Co have been appointed auditors for the Village for the 2011 audit period.

**A request was received** requesting a waiver of the RV Parking Bylaw which disallows parking of RV units in front yards from October 1 – April 30. Council did not grant the waiver, but due to the weather allowed the unit to stay for this winter.

**Two new policies** were passed by Council: Volunteer Policy and Donation Policy – copies are available upon request.

**A request was received** and subsequently denied by council, to cancel a bylaw ticket for an RV Parking infraction.

**Council moved** to close the 4800 and 4900 block of 50<sup>th</sup> Street for Moonlight Madness on November 25 from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

**A request as received** for the Village to pay for the re-siding of a garage that was damaged by rocks thrown by a municipal mower. Council moved to pay for the re-siding due to the fact that the issue first arose in 2006 and was never dealt with correctly.

**Council approved** the revised Terms of Reference for the Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership Committee.

## Forestburg History Book

The Village of Forestburg and the Forestburg Community Development Committee have discussed the possibilities of writing a new history book. It will be a big undertaking! Is this something you might be interested in contributing to? We will need a committee to gather information and compile it. Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Stop in at the Village Office or email to [forestburg@persona.ca](mailto:forestburg@persona.ca)



To find out about our programs, new books or eBooks, or to renew or request items online, visit <http://forestburglibrary.prl.ab.ca>

**CONGRATS** to the **WINNERS** of the book draws on Snapshot Day

- Bill Webb**
- Cameron Cannady**
- Matthew McDermott**
- Joep Langejans**

**DID YOU KNOW?** You can download **eBooks and eAudiobooks** and borrow them for 3 weeks just like a regular book. Go to the website for more info.

To browse through the titles in the catalogue, enter "ebook" or "eaudio" in the search box at the top of our website. More titles being added monthly.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

2 Prizes—**KNITTED AFGHAN** and **KIDS CHRISTMAS BOOKS**.



Get your tickets—only \$2 each—from any Friends of the Library member or at the library. Draw will be December 15th.

For the December schedule, check the **Tween and Teen Program** at **Forestburg Library Facebook page** or [forestburglibrary.prl.ab.ca](http://forestburglibrary.prl.ab.ca)

**Please Note:** There will be no interlibrary loan van over Christmas, so please request your books early (last van is December 19th).

The library will be closed from Dec. 24—28 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 3.

**Open 10—8 on Thurs. Dec. 29 and 10—6 on Fri. Dec. 30.**

The Alliance Legion would like to thank all of those people in the Forestburg area who supported our annual poppy campaign. Once again it was a great success due to your support.

Thank you.



### “Red & White” SPECIALS

#### Special Values for Fri., Sat. and Monday

##### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAINTIES

All kinds new season's Whole Nuts at special low prices.	Apples, Wagners, McIntosh, Delicious, etc., box or pound
Fancy Emperor table grapes 2lbs .....	Turkish figs, 8-oz. pkt . ....13c
.....35c	Per lb.....25c
Christmas candies, assorted	Special gift pack Orange Pekoe
Chocolates, 1-lb carton ...39c	Tea, special wrapper, lb .....47c
3-lb box only .....	Manawartee tea, 3 lb bag .....97c
.....93c	See us for Gift Pack cigars, tobacco, cigarettes now in stock
Ribbon mixed candy. Real Quality at money-saving	Shelled nuts, almonds, 1/2lb...22c
Figures	Walnuts, quarters, per lb .....40c
Prize popcorn, special .....	Weston's arrowroot biscuits, fancy quality, lb .....
.....5c	.....25c
Corn for popping, 2lbs .....	Solid pack pumpkin for pies, big
.....25c	2 1/2 tins, each .....
Sunkist navel seedless oranges 288s, doz .....	.....15c
.....35c	Seedless raisins, new crop, selected, 4-lb bag .....
Jap oranges by the box	.....64c
Celery, crisp, 2lbs for .....	
.....15c	
Cranberries, lb .....	
.....23c	

Your money'll buy more at **Red & White Store**

**H. L. TUPPER & SON**  
GENERAL MERCHANTS

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### The Forestburg Historical Society

is selling Christmas Trees

at Coutts Hardware 780-582-3556

Museum hours for December will be:

Tuesday - Saturday , 10 - noon, 1pm - 5pm

The Forestburg Historical Society wishes everyone a very *Merry Christmas!*

### Forestburg Community Development Committee

is looking for new members. If you're interested in working on community events, please contact Debra at the Village Office [forestburg-debra@eastlink.ca](mailto:forestburg-debra@eastlink.ca) or by fax 780-582-2233

### Forestburg Ladies Curling Bonspiel

February 8 - 12, 2012

Contact Cheryl Wiltse 780-582-6321

If you have information to be submitted for the newsletter, please email, fax or drop off at the Village Office. Deadline for next newsletter is **Dec. 21st**.

If anyone has pictures of Friday's fireworks, would you mind sharing them with the Village Office. Thanks.

## Battle River Fish and Game and Gun Club

Congratulations to the following winners from the Cash Draw:

- \$100.00 Bob Wisener (Strome)
- \$100.00 Tracey Shirliffe (Forestburg)
- \$100.00 Devon Robb (Hardisty)
- \$100.00 Grant Bendfeld (Forestburg)
- \$100.00 Mike Wallace (Forestburg)
- \$1000.00 Dick Parslow (St. Albert)
- \$1500.00 Bernard Badry (Heisler)



## Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program

780-390-0085

Old Food Town Grocery Store at north end of Main St., Killam

**Donation of food items and cash from Dec. 5 - Dec. 9**

Those planning to donate turkeys, advise Flagstaff Food Bank by Dec. 2nd

Adopt a Family Program - anyone interested please call before Dec. 2nd. We ask that you limit your gift purchases to approx. \$50/person. Please leave **all gifts unwrapped** with some gift wrap included in your family's gift bundle. *We reserve the right to redistribute any excess purchases to other persons in need.* If you give clothing, be sure to include the gift receipt in case an exchange is necessary. Due to allergies, we ask that you do not include stuffed toys.

**Gifts must be delivered no later than Dec. 8th.**

Groups or anyone interested in giving a couple hours of their time please call. Volunteers needed each week day from Dec. 12 - 16, from 10am - 4pm. Evening and weekend hours will be arranged as needed.

Families in need - (with their permission) please feel free to call and submit their name, telephone number and their particular needs. All contacts will be handled in confidence. Please submit all requests by Dec. 2nd.

## DOCTOR'S SCHEDULE FORESTBURG CLINIC

- Fri. Dec. 2 - Dr. Eleanor
- Tues. Dec. 6 - Dr. Rengan
- Fri. Dec. 9 - Dr. Eleanor
- Tues. Dec. 13 - Dr. Niemann
- Fri. Dec. 16 - Dr. Eleanor
- Tues. Dec. 20 - Dr. Eleanor
- Fri. Dec. 23 - Dr. Niemann
- Tues. Dec. 27 CLINIC CLOSED
- Fri. Dec. 30 - Dr. Niemann

**Call 780-582-5185**

**for appointments Mon—Fri.**

Please confirm that your appointment is for Forestburg as the phone is call forwarded to Daysland clinic on days the Forestburg clinic is not open.



### Looking for something to do?

#### Try the Seniors Drop In Centre!

Open Mon—Sat, 10 am—5 pm

Breakfast—1st Sun. of month 8-10 am

Floor Curling - Cards - Pool - Exercises - Coffee

Interested in dancing? Call Paul at 780-583-3954

### BIG KNIFE VILLA LUNCHEON

**Wed. November 16**

**11:30 am - 1 pm \$10**



## FRIENDS of the FORESTBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

were checking smoke detectors. If they missed you and you would like your home checked, please call the Village at 780-582-3668, and a member will be happy to assist you. Batteries for this program were sponsored by Forestburg Agencies, Greg and Susan Lemay. Please remember to test your smoke alarms every spring and fall and replace non working detectors. The life of a smoke alarm is approximately 10 years. Check for a date inside the alarm. If there is no date, chances are it is over 10 years old and should be replaced. Guide lines for placement of a smoke alarm are: one on each storey of the home, including the basement. Thank you to everyone who participated in this program. Winner of the fire extinguisher was Leigh Truscott.

### New Location!

#### **Black Thunder Mechanical**

Located just off main street @ 4907-49Ave

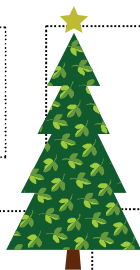
For all your Heavy Duty and Automotive Repair needs.

Now offering Tire Repair and Replacement!

FOUND upper denture - near the school, can be picked up at the Village Office.

Hastings Coulee Christmas Concert  
Friday, Dec. 23rd @ 7pm

Pleasington Christmas Concert  
Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 2pm  
Carol Singing & Sharing of Christmas Goodies



**The Walter Jahns Singers Annual Christmas Concert**

Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 7:30pm at  
Forestburg Community Centre  
Tickets at the Door  
All Welcome!



**ANNUAL FAMILY SKATING PARTY**

At the Arena  
**December 31st 6 - 9 pm**  
*Free hotdogs, pop, coffee and hot chocolate*



Everyone please bring a snack

**Concert Series**

January 14/12 Tiller's Folly  
February 25/12 April Verch  
March 31/12 MG3  
April 21/12 Travelling Mabels  
Tickets are available from committee members or the Village Office.  
email: forestburgconcertseries@persona.ca



**FORESTBURG COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Pastor David Tonner  
Sundays @ 3 pm  
**THE BRIDGE**

**Contemporary Worship Service**  
Forestburg Community Centre (lower level)  
1st & 3rd Sun. @ 6 pm

**BETHEL UNITED**

Rev. Jope Langejans - 780-582-3796  
Sunday Services @ 9:30 am  
2nd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 4 - White Gift Sunday  
Collecting food and gifts for Flagstaff Christmas Sharing  
3rd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 11  
Walter Jahns Singers in the evening  
4th Sunday of Advent - Dec. 18 - Children's Christmas Play  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Dec. 24 at 9 pm

**HOPE LUTHERAN**

Worship begins at 9:30 am  
Pastor Rick Laurendeau 780-582-3531  
1st & 3rd Sundays - led by Colin Millang  
2nd & 4th Sundays - led by Pastor Rick  
Dec. 4 - Regular Service, Dec. 11 - Communion, Dec. 18 - Regular Service, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm  
No Service on Dec. 25 and Jan 1/12, Jan. 8 - Communion  
Wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

**The Forestburg Dance Society**

is pleased to announce their *2nd Annual Ladies Night* - January 21st, 6:30pm-2:00am. Gather your friends and join us for an evening of fun! There will be live entertainment, shopping, a VIP waiter auction, draws, dancing and special guests! Tickets go on sale November 1st. There are a limited number of tickets, so buy early! Keep in mind that tickets will not be sold at the door this year. To order tickets, or to reserve a vendor's table please contact:



Barb Forster @ 780-582-2460 [barbandmarty@persona.ca](mailto:barbandmarty@persona.ca)  
Deanna Bartlett @ 780-582-2372 [dandbbartlett@persona.ca](mailto:dandbbartlett@persona.ca)



# DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Hockey 10am Viking @ Forestbrg.
				<b>COUNCIL MTG. 6:30 pm</b>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Hockey Tourn. Starting 9am
11 Walter Jahns Singers Christmas Concert at 7:30pm	12	13	14	15	16	17 Hockey 10am Killam @ Forestbrg.
18 Pleasington Concert 2pm	19 School Christmas Concert 7pm at Community Centre	20	21 Big Knife Villa Luncheon 11:30am - 1pm	22	23 Hastings Coulee Christmas Concert 7pm	24
25 	26 Village Office Closed	27 Village Office Closed	28	29	30	31 Annual Family Skating Party 6 - 9pm

## ARENA SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Public Skating 1 - 4pm If no Minor Hockey	Public Skating 3 - 5pm		Public Skating 3 - 5pm		Public Skating 3 - 5pm	Public Skating 1 - 4pm If no Minor Hockey
Minor Hockey	Pre-Novice 5:15 - 6:15pm	Figure Skating 4:30 - 6:45pm	Pre-Novice 5:15 - 6:15pm	Figure Skating 4:30 - 6:45pm		Minor Hockey
Minor Hockey	Novice 6:15 - 7:15pm	Atom 7:00 - 8:00pm	Novice 6:15 - 7:15pm	Atom 7:00 - 800pm	Shinny 7 - 9pm (If no Minor Hockey)	Minor Hockey
Lightning 7 pm	Midget 7:30 - 8:30pm	Bantam A 8:15 - 9:15pm	PeeWee B 7:30 - 8:30pm	PeeWee A 8:00 - 9:00pm		Minor Hockey
			Fossils 8:45pm	Slackers 9:15pm		Minor Hockey