

February

2024

Notes from the Village Office

ELECTRICITY METER UPGRADES

ATCO will soon be in your neighborhood to upgrade your electricity meter. The new meters will allow us to continue to provide safe and reliable electricity and expand on the services we can provide to you.

Questions? Visit Electric.ATCO.com/AMI or call 1-800-668-2248



Join us for **FREE FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Plan to come for an evening of laughter and play. This program is designed for the whole family to get involved, have fun and make lasting memories together.

February 29, 2024 Registration is Required
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

in the Berwyn Arts & Crafts Room located behind the Berwyn Municipal Library

A light snack will be provided

Try your skills at Jenga, Kerplunk, Let's Go Fishin, Press Your Luck, Twister Junior, Connect 4 Spin, Quirkle...

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

Berwyn After School Kidz Program

What Is This?

This program will offer a safe environment where youth will be entertained and engaged through group and individual activities that are designed to promote healthy development.

Program Benefits:

- Help children develop socially.
- Involve the children's input by incorporating the children's vision, as well as stimulating enthusiasm.
- Inspiring & creative activities.

Are You Interested?

Give Us Your Input!

If enough interest is shown this bi-weekly program will begin in February.

Contact:

Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

This is a FREE EVENT! Make sure to register!

Join us for **ART EXPLOSION**

Join us as we get creative and learn to express our feelings through art. Participants will be encouraged to think spontaneously, using their own imagination when creating their projects.

A light snack will be provided

Thursday MARCH 21, 2024 Registration is Required!
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Berwyn Arts & Crafts room - located behind the Berwyn Municipal Library

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

February 07th to March 27, 2024

Free Sign up now!

PARENT & TOT GYM TIME

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Play is essential to development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children. Play also offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with their children. Both parents and children will love making new friends and getting active with the space to run around and play in a safe indoor atmosphere.

Ages: 0 to 6 years
Where: Town of Grimshaw Administration Building (Kennedy Gymnasium)
When: February 07 to March 27, 2024
Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04

Sponsored By: Grimshaw, Peace, County of Northern Alberta, Village of Berwyn

From the Village Office

Learn how to style your daughter's hair with confidence.

Free DADDY & DAUGHTER HAIR SESSION

No prior hair knowledge required.

This is a fun and interactive Program

with certified Hair Stylist Lindsay Robertson

This is a great program for dads to spend quality time with their daughters.

Learn how to comb unruly hair, make a ponytail, mini bun and basic braid along with ideas for getting the hair away from the face.

Hair styling can be a wonderful way for dads to bond with their daughters and build strong relationships.

Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
February 01, 08, 15 & 22, 2024
in the FCSS Programming Room at the Grimshaw Town Office

Bring whatever brushes or combs you prefer to use.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04



Family Orientated Questions

Just Like On TV



Happy Family Day long weekend, you are invited to join us for the following exciting fun FREE event.

The event will get the entire audience involved and energized. Our game show host Tom with Twillite Music Services Ltd. has extensive experience in getting the crowd ready to play.

Door Prize Draws **FABULOUS** Free Popcorn

FEUD GAME SHOW

Where Fun, Family and Feuds Collide for an Unforgettable Time!

Sunday, February 18, 2024
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Field House @ the Mile Zero Regional Multiplex

For more information call Grimshaw Community Services @ (780) 332-4005 ext.04



Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

For the current year tax season, The Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department will be working with one regional CVITP volunteer to hold a free tax service to eligible residents of Berwyn, MD of Peace and Grimshaw. The Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department will be a drop-off location.

In order to be eligible for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, individuals must have a modest income and a simple tax situation. This may include include:

- adults 65 years and older
- housing-insecure individuals
- Indigenous Peoples
- modest-income individuals
- newcomers
- persons with disabilities
- students

The guideline to determine what is considered a modest income means the total family income is less than \$52,500.00 dollars, based on the size of the family of five. (Family size includes an individual, or a couple, and their dependants.

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will operate from February 20 to April 30, 2024 with our regional CVITP volunteer who is trained to complete current year income tax and benefit returns for eligible individuals.

For more information, you are asked to please contact Tracy Halerewich, Director of Community Services at 780-332-4005 ext.03 or email tracyh@grimshaw.ca

IT'S OUR BUSINESS TO

STOP BULLYING

Pink Shirt Day

The Grimshaw Community Services Department encourages everyone to wear something pink to symbolize that we as a society will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces and homes - It is so important that victims of bullying know they are not alone and there is help and support available.

Make Kindness start here by wearing **PINK** on **February 28, 2024.**

For more information call Grimshaw Community Services at 780-332-4005 ext.04



BERWYN COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 11, 2024:

2024 Budget

Dates were set for Council's 2024 budget discussions. Council will meet on February 4, 2024 to discuss the operating budget and on February 11, 2024, for the capital budget.

Council Reviews FCSS 2023 Program Report

Council reviewed the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) annual report provided by Tracy Halerewich, Director of Community Services. Council expressed appreciation for the wide-range of programming provided for residents in the Village of Berwyn and the entire region by the Town of Grimshaw Community Services Department.

Snow Removal

Council directed administration to discuss snow removal with the Village of Berwyn Public Works Department.

January 25, 2024:

Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus

Council approved that Deputy Mayor Nicole Johnson and Councillor Jane and Dan Weber attend the 2024 Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus taking place in Edmonton from March 14 - 15, 2024.

Municipal Affairs Correspondence

Council reviewed correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs commending the Village of Berwyn for its progress since the 2018 viability review. The Minister also questioned and requested an update on tax collection rates, the infrastructure age in the Village, and electors' lack of interest in municipal office. Council engaged in discussions surrounding the aforementioned topics and directed administration to respond to Minister Ric McIver.

2024 Goals

Council engaged in discussions regarding goals for 2024 with a focus on partnerships/relationships with municipal neighbours, completing mainstreet infrastructure, and lagoon maintenance. The council requested that this be a discussion topic placed on all future council meeting agendas.

Financial Reports

Council reviewed various financial reports and expressed gratitude to Greta Vasadi, Village of Berwyn Finance Clerk for her diligence and work in enhancing the organization and reporting of the Village's financial records.