

# February 2026 Noble News

February

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

TUE, FEBRUARY 10,  
2026

MON, FEBRUARY 23,  
2026

### GARBAGE PICK-UP DATES:

MON, FEBRUARY 02,  
2026

MON, FEBRUARY 09,  
2026

TUE, FEBRUARY 17,  
2026

MON, FEBRUARY 23,  
2026

### UTILITY BILLS DUE:

JANUARY + FEBRUARY  
UTILITY BILLS ARE DUE  
MARCH 30, 2026

### OFFICE CLOSED:

MON, FEB 16, 2026

### PIZZA & POP WITH A COP:

TUE, FEB 03, 2026, AT 6  
P.M. COMMUNITY  
COMPLEX

### WINTER CARNIVAL:

WED, FEBRUARY 18,  
2026,

5:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.  
COMMUNITY ICE RINK



## Mayor's Message:

As this message is prepared for the February newsletter, winter has once again settled into Nobleford. The return of cold temperatures and snowfall serves as a reminder that, despite occasional warm and sunny days, winter is still with us. We are hopeful that the cold weather will remain long enough for residents to enjoy the skating rink, as Public Works has been working diligently to prepare the ice for public use. February is shaping up to be a busy and engaging month for Council, with several upcoming events that we believe will be of interest to residents.

The first event is scheduled for February 3 at the Nobleford Community Centre, where we hope to once again host "Pizza and Pop with a Cop." This session will focus on fraud prevention and will be presented by Sergeant Sean Dutch, our local RCMP representative. The presentation will follow a town hall format, encouraging resident participation through questions and open discussion.

The second event is a Winter Carnival on February 18, being organized by Town Administration and will take place at the ice rink. This event is intended to provide an opportunity for residents, Town Administration, and Council to come together in a fun and informal setting. We hope to see many community members attend. Additional details can be found later in this newsletter, on Facebook, and on the Town website.

The third item of note is an upcoming speed limit change within Nobleford. Effective February 1, all streets in Nobleford—excluding Highway Avenue—will have a speed limit of 40 km/h unless otherwise posted. Residents are asked to be mindful of and respect these changes to help maintain a safe community.

Over the coming weeks, Town Council will also be reviewing the Town's Strategic Plan. The previous four-year Strategic Plan concluded at the end of 2025, and now that the new Council has settled in, we look forward to revisiting and updating the plan to guide our work over the next four years. Council discussions and decisions are consistently guided by the following strategic priorities:

- Critical Infrastructure
- Affordability
- Communication and Public Participation
- Enhancement of Town Appearance
- Attracting Investment

Each of these priorities plays an important role in ensuring Nobleford remains a safe and enjoyable place to live. While rising costs across the province and country have also affected Nobleford, Council remains committed to maintaining affordability through careful budgeting, grant applications, and efficient use of municipal funds.

Public input continues to be highly valued. At each Council meeting, a 15-minute open forum is provided at the beginning of the meeting for residents who wish to share concerns or suggestions. Additionally, Council and Administration strive to host public participation events throughout the year to ensure resident voices are heard. Maintaining and enhancing the appearance of our town is also a priority, as we want Nobleford to be welcoming for both residents and visitors. New investment is encouraged, and we remain hopeful that future retail and business development will further benefit our community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events and hope you are able to enjoy the snow and cold as we wait for the warmer days of summer.

Sincerely,

Joan Boeder, Mayor

February is the second month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and is famously the shortest, with 28 days in common years and 29 in leap years (every four years). The name originates from the Latin term februum, which refers to ancient Roman purification rituals held during this time.



## Public Notices:

### Any questions or contributions?

**Please contact the Town office:  
Mondays - Fridays  
9 am to 4:30 pm  
(closed for lunch  
12 pm - 1 pm),  
call 403-824-3555,  
or email  
clerk@nobleford.ca**



Pre-Auth



The Town Of Nobleford has pre-authorized debit available to make paying your bills easy! You can get payments for your utility bills or taxes (TIPP program) set up for pre-authorized debit. Please contact the office for more information.



Valentine's Day is being celebrated annually on February 14th, as a widely observed, non-statutory holiday dedicated to expressing love, affection, and appreciation for partners, family, and friends. While rooted in romantic tradition, the Canadian celebration often emphasizes inclusive gestures, such as exchanging cards in schools, supporting local businesses, and enjoying the winter season.



Greetings from Bill Oudshoorn, Deputy Mayor.

## Councillor's Corner:

Let's talk infrastructure.

As most everyone is aware, last month saw a second major watermain break in Calgary which left many wondering how this happens. Like almost all municipalities, Calgary has considerable infrastructure that is old. There were studies done that inventoried and assessed the state of all city assets. This would have resulted in a very comprehensive report that looked at age and condition of all assets. Above ground infrastructure is easy to assess, but underground infrastructure can easily be neglected. This study was done in Calgary nearly 20 years ago; however, the report was not seen as a priority. After the second major water disruption within a year people are asking questions. Finger pointing has begun.

What does this have to do with Nobleford? A lot. Using a provincial grant of 200K, a similar study was done in 2021 for Nobleford to look at all town's assets. This resulted in an Infrastructure Master Plan, known as the IMP, which is a tool that council can use to prioritize infrastructure projects. Above ground issues are easy to identify whereas below ground, namely water and sewer, can go un-noticed for years. I cannot comment on the entire report as it lengthy, so I will highlight a few water and sewer items. So, where are we at?

In 2021, a problem with the town's water reservoir(s) was identified, as the liners had torn due to movement in the banks. This was repaired at a cost of \$3.8 million. \$1.4 million came from town reserve funds and the remaining as a grant from the province. At the same time the reservoir capacity was increased by 18%.

The water treatment plant is 20+ years old. Water pretreatment is done through a system called PALL membranes, which were at the end of their life expectancy. A new system has been installed at a cost of about \$300K. Currently, there are redundant strainers nearing end of life. Replacements cost is about \$600K. We are awaiting word of a grant that could cover 60% of the cost.

Water delivery occurs through 3 types of pipes in our town. 48.5% is PVC pipe in the newest installations, with a life expectancy of 100+ years. 30.5% is asbestos/cement pipe with a life expectancy of 50 to 75 years and was installed between 1960 and 1980. Lastly, 21% is cast iron pipe also with a life expectancy of 50 to 75 years, being installed between 1940 and 1960. The report states that despite age, water distribution is functioning with a recommendation scheduling replacement of older assets over the next 25 years. Like water, sewer travels through a combination of old and new - PVC (61%) and clay pipe, known as vitrified clay tile (39%). Much of the clay pipe was identified as poor in the IMP. In recent years, the town has had sections of pipe repaired using a PVC-like liner that is placed inside of the damaged sewer pipe, expanded and cured. This is a proven, cost-effective solution with good longevity.

Recently we committed \$400,000 over the next 2 years on increasing our water license by 100-acre feet, from the 250-acre feet we owned. This comes out of the subdivision reserve. Water licenses are no longer granted by the province and must be bought on the open market at a cost of \$8K to \$12K per acre foot. Projecting water will only increase in value over time; we were able to purchase 100-acre feet at \$4K per acre foot. This will accommodate future growth for many years.

How is this paid for? Either through grant monies, town reserves, taxes or borrowing. Borrowed monies are recovered through taxation. Currently we have a total of \$ 3.9 million in reserves. This is money set aside for capital projects, water, sewer, roads, town equipment etc. These reserves would not be nearly enough to tackle all the recommendations, so the work must be done incrementally over years. Another consideration in today's economic climate is the buying power of our reserves. Inflation over the past few years has significantly reduced our buying power despite reserves increasing. I encourage the importance of growing our reserves.

Even though I am only scratching the surface of the report, I emphasize the importance of continuous, incremental spending on infrastructure.

Good news, Nobleford is not unique – all municipalities must deal with infrastructure maintenance costs, so being prepared is important.

## *Updates & Bits and Pieces of Information:*

**Pet Licenses:** **All dog and cat licenses are due by January 31st.** Licensing your pet helps us identify your pet and contact you quickly should your furry friend wander off; making sure they get home safe and sound.

As per our Dog Control Bylaw No. 689, we will need to have a database with following information: Name, Street Address, Telephone Number, Email Address of owner; Breed, Colour, Name, Gender of dog, and if the dog is Altered, Microchipped, or has a Tattoo (Tattoo Number needed); the Date of License Issued, License Tag Number, and the Amount Paid.

**Please provide a note from your veterinarian to confirm that your pet has been altered to be eligible for the reduced license fee! The fee for an unaltered dog or cat is \$30/per year, for an altered dog or cat \$20/per year.**

Please be a responsible pet owner and have your pets altered, we have a lot of homeless stray cats in Town at times! These poor things have nowhere to go, will suffer in our extreme cold and heat, and multiply rapidly when unaltered.

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**Business Licenses:** Business licenses are due in **January**. The yearly fee is \$50 for businesses within the Town of Nobleford and \$100 for businesses outside of town that operate within Nobleford.

**A printed license will be issued upon payment, and the 2026 Business Directory on our website will be updated accordingly.**

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**Transfer Station:** **Winter hours for “the dump” are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.** If you have any questions regarding the Transfer Station, please call them at 403-824-3158. If you are unable to contact anyone under that number, please try 403-329-7367, Lethbridge County, by which the Transfer Station is operated by.

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**Ice Rink:** Our Public Works staff are dedicated to flooding and freezing the rink so kids and adults alike can enjoy it. Changing temperatures makes this a bit of a challenge - we appreciate your patience. **Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates on when the rink is closed while freezing is in progress, and when it is open and safe to skate.**

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**Facebook:** The Town of Nobleford is not engaging on Facebook but instead we are encouraging everyone with questions or concerns to reach out directly to the staff via phone, email, or by stopping by, we are happy to help!

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**Office:** We are open Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12 pm – 1 pm). Phone 403-824-3555, email: [clerk@nobleford.ca](mailto:clerk@nobleford.ca), [finance@nobleford.ca](mailto:finance@nobleford.ca), or [cao@nobleford.ca](mailto:cao@nobleford.ca). Please send any E-transfers to [payments@nobleford.ca](mailto:payments@nobleford.ca).

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Kristine Jean from the Sunny South News came to the Town of Nobleford Office to conduct an interview with Mayor Joan Boeder and CAO Steven Leusink - Here is her article!

Sunny South News, January 27, 2026:

## Town of Nobleford receives CFLSA grant to replace historical signs

By **Kristine Jean**  
Sunny South News

The Town of Nobleford is replacing its historical signs in town thanks to a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta (CFLSA).

The joint project was spearheaded by the Nobleford Parks and Recreation Society and is receiving support from the Town of Nobleford as well.

“They went around the town and looked at all the different signs. There’s a lot that are sun faded or that have just been weathered, so they’re destroyed,” said Nobleford CAO Steven Leusink. “It’s basically putting new signs in where the old ones are too damaged.”

The CFLSA made the grant announcement in December and awarded fall applicants who applied to the Community Priorities Fund and the Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life. The CFLSA is supporting 36 projects and initiatives with grants totalling \$528,795 through its fall and winter grant programs. While no new information will be added to the new signs, the original information and historical details will be shared on the new, updated historical signs, noted Leusink.

There are several historical signs in town, including

those at Centennial Park, along the walking path, at the spray park and next to benches on the east side of town near the rail line.

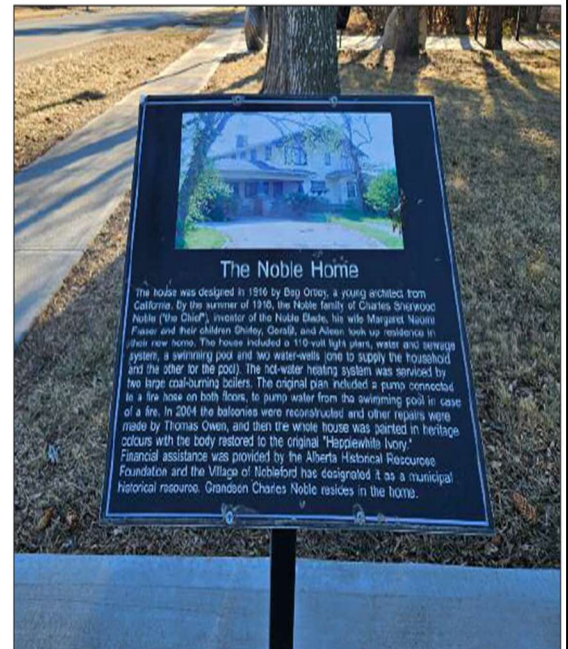
Town of Nobleford Mayor Joan Boeder spoke on the importance of the historical signs and said they are a way of preserving and sharing the town’s history for current residents and future generations.

“I think the preservation of history is very important in any community,” said Boeder.

“I think it’s a way of taking pride in your community, as to how it started and where we came from and the people that worked hard to build this town,” she added. “While it’s grown a lot over the last number of years, I don’t think we should forget our roots and how it’s grown since (the town) started.”

She said the generous funding from the foundation will go a long way in helping the town preserve that important history.

“We very much appreciate receiving this grant,” said Boeder. “We thank the Parks and Rec Society very much for spearheading this and getting (the project) off the ground and making sure that



One of the historical signs in Nobleford, located at Centennial Park, that will be replaced thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta.

the grant application was applied for.

“They originally had applied for \$5,000 and we received \$7,500 so that is very exciting,” Boeder concluded.

# BUSINESS LICENSE

TOWN OF NOBLEFORD

**BUSINESS LICENSES FOR 2026 WERE DUE BY  
JANUARY 31, 2026.**

IN-TOWN BUSINESSES: \$50  
OUT-OF-TOWN BUSINESSES OPERATING IN  
NOBLEFORD: \$100

*WE WILL PRINT YOUR 2026 BUSINESS LICENSE  
WHEN IT HAS BEEN PAID FOR, AND WILL ALSO  
UPDATE OUR BUSINESS DIRECTORY ON OUR  
WEBSITE [WWW.NOBLEFORD.CA](http://WWW.NOBLEFORD.CA) ACCORDINGLY*

**PLEASE UPDATE/INCLUDE ALL THAT APPLIES:**

NAME OF BUSINESS, NAME OF BUSINESS OWNER, EMAIL, PHONE  
NUMBER, STREET ADDRESS, BOX NUMBER, POSTAL CODE, FAX,  
DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS, WEBSITE



**All dog and cat licenses are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> every year**

Licensing your pet helps us identify your pet and contact you quickly should your furry friend wander off; making sure they get home safe and sound.

**As per our Dog Control Bylaw No. 689 and Cat Control Bylaw No. 688, the Town of Nobleford needs records of the following:**

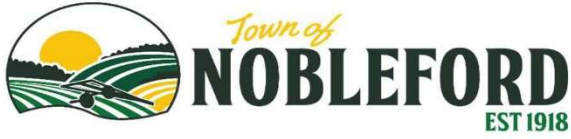
- **Name, street address, telephone number, email address of the owner**
- **Breed, colour, name, gender of the dog/cat**
- **Is the dog/cat altered, microchipped, or has a tattoo (please provide number if available)**
- **Date of license issued, license tag number, and the amount paid**

*Please provide a note from your veterinarian to confirm that your pet has been altered to be eligible for the reduced license fee!*

*The fee for an unaltered dog or cat is \$30/per year, for an altered dog or cat \$20/per year.*

Please be a responsible pet owner and have your pets altered, we have a lot of homeless stray cats in Town at times! These poor things have nowhere to go, will suffer in our extreme cold and heat, and multiply rapidly when unaltered.

Please email your pet's updated information to [clerk@nobleford.ca](mailto:clerk@nobleford.ca) – Thank you!!



# February 2026

## Nobleford Community Calendar

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|---|----------|--|----------|
| 1      | 2<br>Garbage pick-up                             | 3<br>FCSS Baby Play 9:30-11am<br>Pizza&Pop with a Cop 6pm | 4<br>Coffee at Senior's Centre 9-11 am<br>FCSS Stay&Play 9:30-11:30am                                 | 5        | 6<br>Men's Pool Game at Senior's Centre 1-4pm<br>FCSS Open Play 9:30-11am  | 7        |
| 8      | 9<br>Garbage pick-up                             | 10<br>FCSS Baby Play 9:30-11am<br>Regular Council Meeting | 11<br>Coffee at Senior's Centre 9-11 am<br>FCSS Stay&Play 9:30-11:30am                                | 12       | 13<br>Men's Pool Game at Senior's Centre 1-4pm<br>FCSS Open Play 9:30-11am | 14       |
| 15     | 16<br>Garbage pick-up                            | 17<br>FCSS Baby Play 9:30-11am                            | 18<br>Coffee at Senior's Centre 9-11 am<br>FCSS Stay&Play 9:30-11:30am<br>Winter Carnival 5:30-8:30pm | 19       | 20<br>Men's Pool Game at Senior's Centre 1-4pm<br>FCSS Open Play 9:30-11am | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br>Garbage pick-up<br>Regular Council Meeting | 24<br>FCSS Baby Play 9:30-11am                            | 25<br>Coffee at Senior's Centre 9-11 am<br>FCSS Stay&Play 9:30-11:30am                                | 26       | 27<br>Men's Pool Game at Senior's Centre 1-4pm<br>FCSS Open Play 9:30-11am | 28       |

### Monthly Health Tips - February:

Focus on Heart Health. Incorporate regular cardio exercise and foods that are good for your heart, like leafy greens and fish.



### Want to Share Your Events?

*If your group or organization would like to feature upcoming events or meetings in our community calendar, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to the Town Office to get started.*

### Newsletter Deadlines

*To be included in the monthly newsletter, submissions must be received by the 25th of each month. The newsletter is published on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, at least most of the time!*  
 Email: [clerk@nobleford.ca](mailto:clerk@nobleford.ca), Phone: 403-824-3555  
 A drop box is also available at the office!

Come on out and enjoy Nobleford's first annual

## "Winter Carnival"

**When:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Community Ice Rink



The Town of Nobleford sees this as a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together and add a little extra warmth and fun to the winter season.

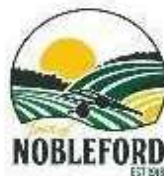
We are hoping for a strong turnout, and to make this annual event even better next year!

### What is being offered:

- Tim Horton's (Highland Blvd West) is supplying hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies
- Members of the Nobleford & District Emergency Services are setting up and supervising their fire pit
- Public Works is setting up Hay Bales for some cozy seating, attaching rope lights around the rink for a nice ambience, and connecting speakers for some background music
- The Town of Nobleford provides marshmallows, roasting sticks, pop, and water
- Ice skating (weather permitting)

**Washrooms are available at the Community Complex**

**Please keep your pets leashed at all times!**





### **A Friendly Reminder About Our “Pantry of Hope”**

Just a friendly reminder that our Pantry of Hope is available to anyone in our community who would like to share food items, as well as to those who may need a little extra help feeding their families. It is located across the Town Office/FCSS Building, in Centennial Park.

We kindly ask everyone to treat the pantry with care and respect when stocking it or taking items. Please be sure to close the door securely after use to prevent damage, especially during windy conditions.

*A little background:* In June 2022, local youth came together through FCSS and the Do Crew Junior program to build this pantry and organize a food drive to fill its shelves. Since then, it has been supported through the generosity of Nobleford residents who are able to donate items, helping ensure that those in need can access food when they need it.

*This is a wonderful community initiative, and the Town of Nobleford and FCSS would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who continues to support and care for the Pantry of Hope.*





## NOBLEFORD OLDTIMERS ASSOCIATION

We would like to invite you to join us! Our invitation is open to anyone 45 years and older.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. for coffee, snacks, great conversation, puzzles, games, and a game or 2 of pool.

The men play pool from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. every Friday afternoon.

We have a breakfast once a month and, in the summertime, have Barbeques.

We also take part in the services FCSS provides. Courses such as Fraud Prevention for Seniors, Computer Training, Healthy Living Program, Drumming, just to mention a few.

We have offered exercise programs for seniors, as well as this year we are working with the local school in providing a mentorship program. Our seniors are very connected with the Nobleford community and enjoy volunteering whenever possible.

The Nobleford Senior Center is "Where New and Old Friendships Grow". Consider this your invitation, "Come Check Us Out"!

**The cost for being part of this cool group is only **\$30/year!****

## The Nobleford Agricultural Society: A Legacy of Community and Agriculture

For the past 45 years, dedicated volunteers have served to improve the quality of life in their rural community as members of the Nobleford Agricultural Society. The success of a society lies in its volunteers and their passion for its projects.

Many of our early members were farmers and community workers. They knew the value of neighbours and community.

This belief encouraged them to take on the project of completing a half-constructed community hall. It was a massive undertaking that took hours of volunteer labour and creative fundraising. The community hall provided an affordable venue for meetings and events. Spring Fling Dances and Harvest Suppers have gathered neighbours and friends together for years. Many members were avid gardeners and applied their passion to a Spring Plant Sale and a Summer Horticultural Show. These annual events continued for over 30 years.

After 25 years of operating the community hall, differing visions had it returned to the (then) Village of Nobleford. Pivoting away from facility management enabled creativity and flexibility in our society.

The passions and values of new board members became reality, and collaborative partnerships were forged with local businesses and other community organizations.

In recent years, our society has contributed to the community's celebration of Heritage Day and Christmas in the Park. We facilitate agricultural tours and celebrate Women in Agriculture. We financially support the NCS breakfast program, Corn Maze trip, Turkey Bingo and post-secondary scholarships. We have helped the Nobleford Fire Department purchase new equipment. We host a Mother's Day event and a fall Harvest Supper. We coordinate the annual Community Christmas Hamper program.

We are currently seeking to assist producers interested in updating their Environmental Farm Plans and to facilitate producer meetings.

We truly appreciate our members and volunteers, and we host a feast in their honour each year.

New members and volunteers are essential to the society's continued existence. The Nobleford Agricultural Society is compassionate, collaborative and seeks to engage with like-minded individuals as members and partners.

Agricultural societies receive funding from the province. If an AG Society folds, this funding likely leaves a community permanently, as currently, a new AG Society cannot be incorporated within 80 kilometers of any existing agricultural society.

Submitted by Nancy Atkinson, Member, Nobleford Agricultural Society



The **Nobleford Heritage Society** is looking for new members/volunteers who like to be part of this awesome group!

Meet them at their upcoming meeting at the Sandwich Stop on Monday, February 09, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

NOBLEFORD HERITAGE SOCIETY

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

730 PM  
**9**  
FEB

**JOIN US AT  
THE SANDWICH STOP  
FOR OUR NEXT MEETING**

147 KING STREET, NOBLEFORD, AB  
Be apart of something great in your community and help make  
a difference in our Town events

★ NOBLEFORD.HERITAGESOCIETY@GMAIL.COM






# Noble Central BLADES BULLETIN 2025-2026

February 2026



## February 2026



| Sun | Mon       | Tue       | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
|-----|-----------|-----------|---|--|--|-----|
| 1   | 2         | 3         | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   |
|     |           |           |   | Ski Trip<br> | Jersey Day<br> |     |
| 8   | 9         | 10        | 11  | 12   | 13   | 14  |
|     |           |           |   |  |  |     |
| 15  | 16        | 17        | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  |
|     | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL   | NO SCHOOL  | NO SCHOOL  |     |
| 22  | 23        | 24        | 25  | 26   | 27   | 28  |
|     |           |           | Pink Shirt Day<br> |  |  |     |
| 1   | 2         | 3         | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   |
|     |           |           |   |  |  |     |

### Reminders

- Feb 5 - Ski Trip
- Feb 6 - Jersey Day
- Feb 6 - Read-A-Thon -Grades 2,3,5,6
- Feb 16-20 - No School - Spring Break
- Feb 25 - Pink Shirt Day

**An Important Reminder from the Government of Alberta:**



**Elm pruning ban starts April 1**

To prevent the spread of Dutch elm disease, burn, bury or chip properly pruned elm wood and elm firewood by March 31.

To help keep Alberta Dutch elm disease (DED) free, the Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease (STOPDED) encourages everyone to pay attention to the **provincial elm pruning ban between April 1 and September 30.**

To help eliminate beetle habitat, **it is important to properly prune all dead wood out of elms and dispose of all pruned elm wood and elm firewood by burning, burying or chipping by March 31.** Stored elm wood can harbour the elm bark beetles that can carry DED.

**“Elm bark beetles are responsible for spreading the deadly DED fungus.** They feed on healthy elms and breed in dead and dying elm trees,” says Janet Feddes-Calpas, STOPDED executive director.

**“If elm trees are pruned during the pruning ban period, beetles that are active at this time can be attracted to the scent of the fresh wound and possibly infect an otherwise healthy elm with DED. Once an elm tree is infected with DED, it will die within that year.”**

**Having trees pruned properly is important. Every year improper pruning kills or ruins many trees.** Pruning like any other skill requires knowledge and should be done by a **professional certified arborist** who can determine what type of pruning is necessary to maintain or improve the health, appearance, and safety of the trees.

Topping or removing an excessive amount of live wood is not recommended on any variety of trees and will weaken the tree’s structure.

For more information, call the STOPDED hotline at 1-877-837-ELMS or see Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease. To find an ISA Certified Arborist, see International Society of Arboriculture Prairie Chapter



**FCSS**  
Family & Community  
Support Services  
www.fcss.ca

# BABY PLAY



## WHAT

In this class, new parents with children, 0-18 months, learn about the rewards and challenges of being a parent. Learn about infant development and milestones, receive community information and resources, and make new friends. Activities such as baby gym, music, brain development, and much more.

## WHEN

**Tuesdays, January 20 - February 24**  
**9:30-11:00 am**

## WHERE

**Nobleford FCSS**  
231 King Street, Nobleford



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Maria**  
403-795-7561 Text / Call /   
Maria.Klassen@fcss.ca





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# OPEN PLAY



## WHAT

In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

## WHEN

**Thursdays, January 22 - February 26**  
**9:30-11:00 am**

## WHERE

**Nobleford FCSS**  
231 King Street, Nobleford



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Maria**  
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# STAY & PLAY




**WHAT**  
In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided and structured play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

**WHEN**  
**Wednesdays, January 21 - June 10**  
**9:30-11:30 am**

**WHERE**  
**Nobleford FCSS**  
231 King Street, Nobleford

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**Maria**  
403-795-7561 Text/ Call/   
[maria.klassen@fcss.ca](mailto:maria.klassen@fcss.ca)





Office phone: 403-345-6009  
Phone/text/WhatsApp  : 403-915-3145  
Email: [clclcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:clclcoffice@gmail.com)  
Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale (located in the library)



*Alberta*

We can assist **adults** with resumes, job searches and online job applications.



**Contact us to book your appointment.**

### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have 1-2 hours per week to make a difference in someone's life?

We are looking for  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING TUTORS**

We offer free tutor training and on-going support. No experience necessary, just a willingness to make a difference in the life of someone in your community.

Serving :

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Barons       | Coaldale      |
| Coalhurst    | Diamond City  |
| Iron Springs | Monarch       |
| Nobleford    | Picture Butte |
| Shaughnessy  | Turin         |



### Are you having technical difficulties?

Do you have questions about email, social media, navigating websites or would you like to start with "what's a mouse used for?"

We are here to walk you through your basic tech questions.

Contact us today to book your tech tutor session.

## Monthly Meal Suggestion:



### HOLD THE MEAT BOLOGNESE

🕒 15 minutes (Prep)  
🕒 45 minutes (Cook) 🍽️ 8 servings

#### Ingredients

|                                   |  |
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| 1/4 Cup Olive Oil                 | 1 Tsp Black Pepper                       |
| 2 Yellow Onion (Small Diced)      | 1 Tbsp Italian Seasoning                 |
| 1 Carrot (Grated)                 | 8 Fresh Basil Leaves (Roughly Chopped)   |
| 8 Gloves Garlic (Minced)          | 1 Tsp Sugar                              |
| 1/2 Cup Dry White Wine            | 1 Tsp Red Wine Vinegar                   |
| 1 Can of Tomatoes (Whole - 796ml) | 1 Lb. Hold The Meat - Plant Based Ground |
| 2 Tsp Kosher Salt                 |  |



#### Directions

1. In a pot - heat to medium heat, then add olive oil.
2. Add onion, carrot and garlic. Sauté for 5 min.
3. Deglaze with wine.
4. Add Can of Tomato. Crush with hands, along with all seasonings. Add 1 pound of Hold The Meat (Plant Based Ground)
5. Cover, turn to low and simmer for 45 minutes.
6. Add a little bit of water (if needed), or a pinch of Red Chilli Flakes (if desired).  
Serve with your favourite pasta.



## Monthly Activity Suggestion:



### **Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump:**

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre is a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site that preserves and interprets over 6,000 years of Plains Buffalo culture. Through vast landscapes, exhibits, and diverse programming, learn about the cultural significance of this cliff to the Plains People.

### **Hours - Winter Season - October 14, 2025, to May 12, 2026:**

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

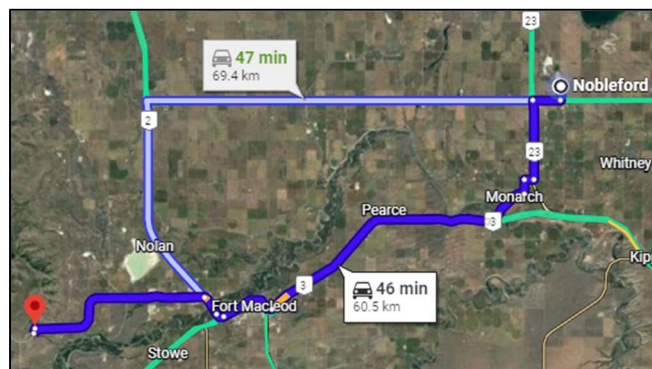


### **Admission:**

Adult (18-64) - \$15, Senior (65+) - \$13, Youth (7-17) - \$10, Family (2 Adults + Youths. Maximum of 8 people) - \$40, Child (0-6) – Free

### **Location:**

18 kilometers (15 minutes) north and west of Fort Macleod on secondary Highway #785 (paved) - Fort MacLeod, Alberta, 403-553-2731



## Monthly Maintenance Suggestion:



House Maintenance Tips for the year - research-based, not from a professional!

### **February** - Stay warm and protect your home this month!

#### Interior Maintenance:

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace batteries if needed.
- Replace or clean furnace filters.
- Wrap exposed pipes in cold areas; let faucets trickle in extreme cold.
- Inspect windows and doors for drafts; seal as needed.
- Monitor humidity; use a humidifier or dehumidifier as appropriate.

#### Exterior Maintenance:

- Remove heavy snow from the roof safely using a plastic roof rake (leave a thin protective layer).
- Ensure gutters and downspouts are clear of snow and ice.
- Keep snow clear from gas meters, vents, and exhaust outlets.
- Shovel sidewalks and driveways; apply sand or eco-friendly ice melt.





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# Community Member Survey

**If you are a resident of one of the 16 municipalities in the study region and 18 years of age or older, you are invited to participate in a research study.**

Research Study Title:  
Prevention priorities and municipal action in southern Alberta  
Principal Investigator: Lars Hallström

In the survey, we ask about community assets, satisfaction with local services, and if there are any service gaps in need of attention.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.  
You can find more information about this study & the survey below:

**[bit.ly/surveyfcss](https://bit.ly/surveyfcss)**

## WHAT IS THE STUDY'S PURPOSE?

The purpose of this project is to support the 16 municipalities and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in this region to make informed decisions about how they invest in their communities and address challenges related to:

- homelessness and housing insecurity;
- mental health and addictions;
- employment;
- family and sexual violence across the lifespan;
- aging well in the community.

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

This is a project for the people who live in the region: **Barnwell, Barons, Coaldale, Coalhurst, County of Warner, Coutts, Lethbridge County, Milk River, M.D. of Taber, Nobleford, Picture Butte, Raymond, Stirling, Taber, Vauxhall, and Warner.**

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Until March 2026, researchers from the Prentice Institute are conducting a community needs assessment study in your region.

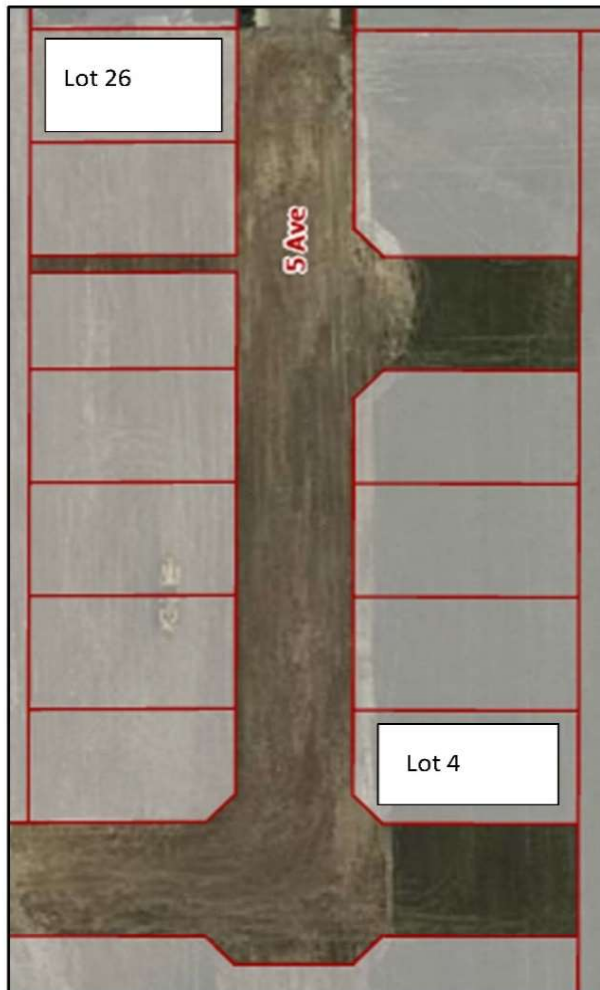
Starting in the summer of 2025, we are reaching out to community members (18 years and older) to ask for their perspectives. At the end of the project, we will put together a report that will be shared with each of the local councils in the region and the FCSS team.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lars Hallström (Director, Prentice Institute) at [prentice@uleth.ca](mailto:prentice@uleth.ca) or (403) 380-1814 and/or Zakk Morrison (Executive Director, FCSS) at [zakk.morrison@fcss.ca](mailto:zakk.morrison@fcss.ca) or (403) 715-2260.

UofA Ethics ID (Pro00141131), Version Date: Aug 15, 2025

**Available lots in 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Subdivision – only 2 lots left!**



The Town of Nobleford has only 2 fully serviced lots left available in the new 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Subdivision!

Lots may be purchased in full or may be reserved with a 30% deposit.

If the 30% deposit option is selected, the balance must be paid within five weeks of the purchase date.

Architectural controls can be found at [www.nobleford.ca](http://www.nobleford.ca)

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Town of Nobleford's CAO Steven Leusink at 403-824-3555**



**Lot 26:**

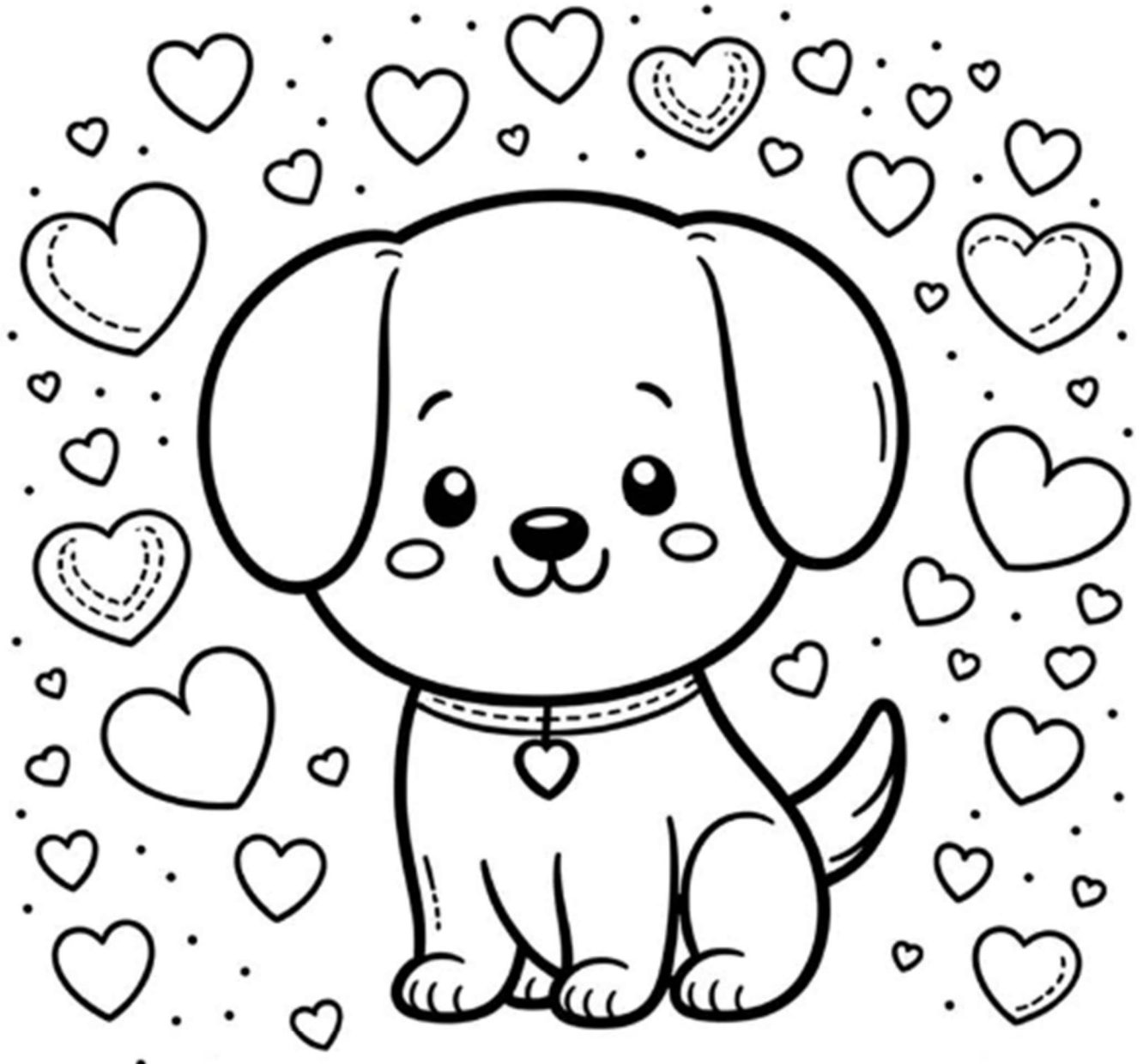
Lot Size: 7,549 ft<sup>2</sup> (20 m x 35 m)

Purchase Price: \$91,000 (30% Deposit: \$27,300)

**Lot 4:**

Lot Size: 8,077 ft<sup>2</sup> (20 m x 38.2 m)

Purchase Price: \$97,000 (30% Deposit: \$29,100)



FEBRUARY