

Beep-Beep: Acme News

February 2022 Edition



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Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
* Closed 12:00 - 1:00 for lunch
* Closed all statutory holidays

FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONE: AMETHYST



FEBRUARY FLOWER: VIOLET



Message from the Village Office

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 14 at 6:00 pm at the Village Office
February 28 at 6:00 pm at the Village Office

ACME OUTDOOR RINK (ODR)

ODR Lights On = Skating permitted.
ODR Lights Off = Please stay off ice for your own safety.

Please be respectful of the facilities:

- Please do not adjust the temperature in the skate shack.
- Please keep washrooms clean.



WINTER REMINDERS

- ◇ Please keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice.
- ◇ There is sand available in the yellow bin at the fire department if you need some for your sidewalks.
- ◇ Reminder: No personal plowing on streets/alleyways.
- ◇ Please remember that electrical cords must not be across the sidewalk.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Submit a question to the Mayor at the Village Office or via email at acmemayor@gmail.com and your question/answer will be in the next Newsletter!



The Village Office is now accepting nominations for the "Volunteer of the Year 2021" Award.



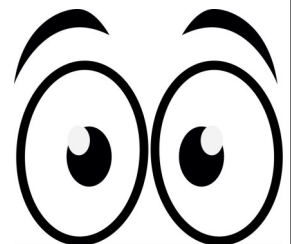
This award will be presented during the Sports Day Celebration in June 2022.

Final date for nominations will be April 30th, 2022.



February at a Glance

February 2 - Groundhog Day!
February 2 - Senior's Winter Walk Day
February 3 - Senior's Information Session from St. Mary's regarding Housing and Meals - Trochu Drop In - 10:00 am
February 9 - Parent Café - Virtual - 6:30 pm (Call to register)
February 14 - Valentine's Day!
February 21 - Family Day!
February 21-26 - Library Closed

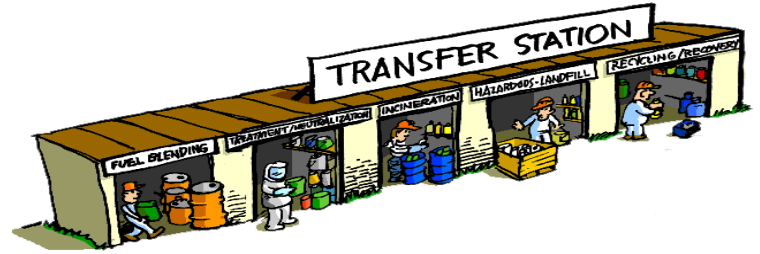


Message from Public Works

Transfer Site Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is the transfer site open?

A: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Q: What recycling is available?

A: Newsprint, * Flattened Cardboard*, Oil Containers (please remove lids), Used Motor Oil, Oil Filters.

Please Note: Plastics 1 & 2 are no longer accepted.

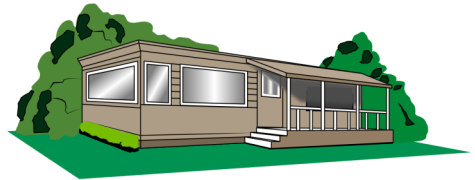
*Cardboard with food particles (pizza boxes/donut boxes), envelopes, bills, wrapping paper, bond paper, and shredded paper cannot be recycled.

Q: What do I need to do to have my garbage picked up on Garbage Day?

A: Please have all garbage **BAGGED**.
Please ensure your bags are all **TIED**.
A maximum of **4 bags** will be picked up each week.
Garbage bags must not exceed **40 pounds**.
Please have all garbage **out by 8:00 am** on Wednesday.
Please Note: When leaving garbage outside, please ensure it will not freeze to the ground or be ripped open by varmints. Public Works is not responsible for cleaning up any of these garbage messes.

ATTENTION: MOBILE HOME OWNERS/RENTERS

To prevent water lines from freezing under your home in the winter, please ensure your water lines are protected with heat tape, insulation, and proper skirting around your home.



2022 UTILITY RATE INCREASES

Council passed the 2022 Master Rates Bylaw at their January 10th Council meeting. There have been approved increases to the utility rates. Below are the reasons for the increases.

- ◇ **Water Rate Increases (from \$4.55/m³ to \$4.66/m³):** These increases are due to the increased rates from our water provider, Aqua 7, who has to reflect their increased rates they receive from Drumheller.
- ◇ **Water Maintenance Increases (from \$15.00 to \$16.00):** The cost of repairs for infrastructure continues to increase. These fees charged on our Utility Bills is to help offset the cost of these repairs to ensure we can continue to provide the level of service expected by our residents for their water and sanitary needs.
- ◇ **Sewer Rate Increases (from \$16.00 to \$17.00):** The cost of infrastructure repairs are continuing to increase. Due to these increases, Council approved an increase to the sewer rates which are used for any maintenance and repairs of the sanitary infrastructure.
- ◇ **Garbage Rate Increases (from \$36.00 to \$37.00 for residential & from \$72.00 to \$74.00 for commercial):** The cost for the Village to have Drumheller Waste maintain and manage the refuse from the Village's garbage disposal has increased, this has been reflected in the rates our residents pay for this service.



All the increases that have occurred for 2022's Utility Rates are a proactive way for the Village to prepare for the inevitable repairs and maintenance of the system all our residents rely on. These fees help us to have sufficient funds to immediately repair and replace infrastructure in the Utility System.

2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW...

In 2021, the Village completed the following Capital Projects:

- ♦ **Water Meters:** Continued replacing all water meters to remotely read meters in the properties throughout the Village to better serve our residents with utilities. (*Ongoing*)
- ♦ **Sidewalks:** Replaced a block of sidewalk on the South side of Fowler Street between Prospect Avenue and Clarke Street.
- ♦ **Road Work/Utility Replacement:** Completed the proposed project on Davis Street & North Prospect: Repair/upgrade sewer and water systems and storm drains.
 - ◇ This project was budgeted at \$1.6 million and came in about \$200,000 under budget. Included in the cost was the block North of Davis Street on Prospect Avenue.
- ♦ **Culverts:** Replaced the culvert under Hwy 806 by the West Village Entrance to provide better flow of storm water through the Village.
 - ◇ The full cost of this project was covered by Alberta Department of Transportation.
- ♦ **Road Repairs:** South end of Pacific Avenue up to the Transfer Station was fixed after the damage caused by the May 2020 flooding.
 - ◇ The cost of this project was covered by the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Program.
- ♦ **New Municipal Office:** Purchased 615 Pacific Avenue which was fully renovated into a new municipal office providing a space in the East Side of the building for a new business to come into the Village.
 - ◇ This project came within \$5,000 of the originally proposed budget.
- ♦ **Playground Equipment:** Installed new playground equipment in the green space behind the pool and at Rose Park.
 - ◇ The cost of these playgrounds was paid for in part by government grant monies and generous donations from the community.
- ♦ **Municipal Development Plan (MDP):** Passed a new MDP Bylaw.
- ♦ **TrailNet Agreement:** We have signed an agreement with TrailNet (the owners of all the old grain elevator land and railway track) to create some walking paths and green space for the Village. We began plans for the green space.

2022: THE YEAR AHEAD...

In 2022, the Village anticipates doing work on following Capital Projects:

- ♦ **Water Meters:** Finish replacing all water meters to remotely read meters in the properties throughout the Village to better serve our residents with utilities.
- ♦ **Sidewalks:** Replace some sidewalks throughout the Village,
- ♦ **Paving:**
 - ◇ Complete the final overlay paving on Davis Street, the cost of which was included in the original budget from 2021.
 - ◇ Paving Bennett Avenue from Allison Street to Nolan Street.
- ♦ **Lift Station:** The Village has applied for a grant for a new lift station. We have not received notice of the decision on our application. Should we be approved, we will move ahead with this project.
- ♦ **Green Space:** Construction of the Green Space owned by TrailNet South of the Village Office will begin. This will include a central feature, trees, shrubbery, and open grass space for residents to enjoy.
- ♦ **Land Use Bylaw (LUB):** Complete the new LUB that will add more clarity for residents looking at developing or renovating areas within their properties and the Village.
- ♦ **Area Structure Plan (ASP):** Working on developing an ASP for the Area on the North side of the Village to prepare for future growth.

WE CAN'T HELP
EVERYONE, BUT
EVERYONE CAN HELP
SOMEONE.

- RONALD REAGAN

ACME MUNICIPAL LIBRARY NEWS

Location: 610 Walsh Avenue (Acme School) Box 326, Acme, AB. T0M 0A0

Contact Info: Phone: 403-546-3879 Email: aamlibrary@marigold.ab.ca Website: acmelibrary.ca

Regular Hours:

Tuesday: 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday: 12:00pm - 4:30 pm
Thursday: 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 2:30pm



The Library will be closed the week of February 20 - 26.

Acme Municipal Library is pleased to offer access to any e-resources found at <https://www.acmelibrary.ca/eResources>. A few popular options are:



PressReader:
online
newsstand



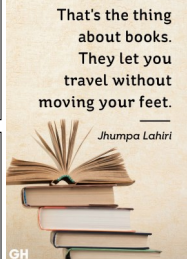
Hoopla:
movies, tv episodes, music albums,
eBooks, comics, and audiobooks.



Libby:
eBooks and
eAudiobooks



Library Press Display:
online newspaper
kiosk



Visit: <https://marigold.ab.ca/Public-Services/Library-Card-Application>
to apply online for your library membership today!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTION



We want to take time to acknowledge the businesses in our community who are helping make Acme the wonderful community that it is. In our Newsletter, we would like to dedicate space to the businesses in our community. If you are a business owner and would like to share anything about your business with our residents through our monthly newsletter, please call the office or email j.waugh@acme.ca. Thank you for providing your services to our community - we are grateful for your business!

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for local job opportunities?

Check out the Village of Acme's Local Job Opportunities page on the Village website.

Are you a local business looking to employ members of our community?

Please email your job posting to j.waugh@acme.ca to have it added to the Village of Acme's Local Job Opportunities page on their website.



FEATURED BUSINESS

Napa Auto Parts

128 Main Street



"Your local NAPA auto parts store in Acme stocks everything you need to repair or maintain your car or truck. We get all you need to do the job including tools and equipment, heavy duty, farming parts or equipment."

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 403-546-2425



Kneehill Dementia Friendly Communities is a group of community members in the Kneehill area dedicated to ensuring that those living with dementia and those who

care for them feel supported and confident they can participate in their community in a meaningful way. Their mission is to raise awareness of dementia with the hope of reducing stigma, to build community capacity so individuals can remain in their community, and provide community based supports and services for those living with or impacted by dementia.

The **Kneehill Dementia Friendly Communities** group invites any individual or organization with experience, knowledge or perspectives to share, who are committed to promoting the well-being of those living with dementia and their caregivers in the Kneehill area to contact **Shelley at 403-443-3800** and learn more about how they can become involved in making the Kneehill area a Dementia Friendly Community.

Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services presents



JOIN OTHER PARENTS,
SHARE STORIES,
& GROW FRIENDSHIPS

February 9 and March 9
6:30 PM Virtual

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for an opportunity to connect with other parents in a small setting from the comfort of your own home!

For more information or to register
contact angie@krfcss.com or call
403-443-3800

- ◇ Q: Can February March?
A: No, but April May.
- ◇ Q: What did the French groundhog see on February 2nd?
A: His chateau.
- ◇ I can't wait for Tuesday, February 22, 2022... we can call it 2's day!
- ◇ February 1st, 1234 AD must have been the birth of the world's best drummer
one / two / one two three four!
- ◇ Not to brag, but I already have a date for Valentine's Day...
February 14th.
- ◇ Q: Why are artichokes so beloved?
A: They're known for their hearts.



Family Rules

1. Put the other person first
2. Speak with *Love*
3. Tell the truth
4. Mind your manners
5. Make *the right* choice
6. BE *COURAGEOUS*
7. GUARD your *Heart*
8. Forgive Freely
9. Always do your best
10. Be Thankful



JokeTime



FEBRUARY 2022

SENIORS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: Everyone Welcome for All Activities!
 Call Seniors Outreach Office for more info: 403-443-2555 OR 1-888-443-2555 (Carbon)
Protocols are in place to protect both you and the staff.
Masks are mandatory on all Alberta public transportation & in all offices.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SeniorsOutreachKneehill/>

Connect on Facebook for news, information and interesting links.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2022



February 21

Offices will
be closed for
Family Day



Three Hills Seniors Outreach Office Hours:

We can help with your gov't forms,
questions, programs & support for seniors.
To make an appointment call 403-443-2555!
 Open Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Please call for an appointment, instead of
dropping by the Provincial Building. Thank you.

THREE HILLS COMMUNITY BUS

Regular Downtown Bus Run

Thursday: 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$3.00

Call the office if you need to be
picked up at your own home!



**WINTER
WALK
DAY**

February 2, 2022



Contact us for
MEALS ON WHEELS



Frozen Meals are available
in all Kneehill Communities

Alzheimer's Society

Virtual Support's:

1 866 950-5465 or

lgrande@alzheimer.ab.ca

**Alzheimer
Society**

Kneehill South Office

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Carbon

~ Tuesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Acme

~ Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Linden

~ Thursday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact Sherry at 403-412-4195
to book an appointment.

Kneehill North Office

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Torrington

~ Open for appointments Thursday am

Trochu

~ Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Call: 403-425-1555 or 403-443-2555
to book an appointment.

The Kneehill North Seniors' Drop In Centers

Trochu Drop In: (**Vaccinations required to enter!**)

Monday - Saturday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

- * Information Session from St. Mary's regarding
Housing and Meals : February 3rd @ 10:00 am
- * Birthday Bingo : February 8th @ 2:00 pm - \$3
- * Regular Bingo : February 22nd @ 2:00 pm - \$3

Silver Willows Torrington:

Monday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Wimborne Community Center:

Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 11:30 am

The Kneehill South Seniors' Drop In Centres

Acme Seniors Association:

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

(Pool, Cards, & Coffee)

Carbon Seniors Horizon Centre: CLOSED

Linden Care & Share 50+: CLOSED

THREE HILLS CommUnity Drop In Centre IS OPEN

Cost: \$2.00 for Coffee & Games with Covid Restrictions.

Monday - Friday (& sometimes Saturday):
9:00 am - 12:00 pm 499-3rd Avenue S

Volunteer Opportunities in Acme

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

IF YOU HAVE COMPUTER SKILLS AND A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF INCOME TAX, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

CONTACT
ROCHELLE@KRFCSS.COM OR
PHONE 403.443.3800
WWW.KRFCSS.COM



Acme Golf Club
EST. 1968

Casino Volunteers Needed!

February 22 and 23

For more information or to volunteer, please contact
Jason Bates
@ 403-512-6940

Acme Daycare Casino

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MARCH 28 AND 29

Hotel Stay and Food Included!!

MORE INFO
aliciastoutenburg@yahoo.com
Call: 403-546-0028

Looking for Volunteers?

If your business, service group, club, etc. is having an event where you will need volunteers and you would like to advertise for them in the Village Newsletter, please send your information to Juanita Waugh at j.waugh@acme.ca. She will be in touch with you about adding your request to the monthly newsletter.



Kneehill Area Emergency Social Services (ESS) Volunteers

Kneehill Regional Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is looking for volunteers from Acme, Carbon, Kneehill County, Linden, Three Hills and Trochu to be part of their team.

You would support residents that have been impacted by an emergency or disaster with registration, lodging, food and referrals. A combination of on-line and in-person training is provided for volunteers.

We are seeking volunteers who:

- ◆ Have concern for people affected by disaster and want to help in a compassionate way
- ◆ Have the flexibility to respond with limited notice
- ◆ Enjoy working as part of a team
- ◆ Can multi-task in an environment that has potential to be stressful

If you are interested in learning more or being part of our ESS Team, please call 403.443.3800



Volunteer Kneehill

KNEEHILL REGIONAL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS) hosts the **VOLUNTEER KNEEHILL** website. This website (www.volunteerkneehill.ca) serves volunteers and volunteer organizations in the areas of Acme, Carbon, Kneehill County, Linden, Three Hills and Trochu.

Kneehill Regional FCSS has made it a part of their mandate to support volunteers and organizations in the Kneehill area. Volunteering is vital to communities. It contributes to social cohesion and has the power to transform lives and communities. Volunteering doesn't take any special skills or extensive experience – and there's never a shortage of organizations looking for help!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS? REGISTER YOUR ORGANIZATION!

1. Go to www.volunteerkneehill.ca
2. Select the "Register" button at the top right corner of the page.
3. Complete the required information, and register your organization.
4. Once your organization has been approved, you will be able to log in and start adding and editing your volunteer opportunities!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers do not need to register on the Volunteer Kneehill website. Easily view all the available opportunities by visiting www.volunteerkneehill.ca and selecting "Opportunities" at the top of the page. If you are interested in staying updated on new opportunities, upcoming events or receiving valuable volunteer resources, subscribe to the Volunteer Kneehill mailing list!

SPONSORS



WWW.VOLUNTEERKNEEHILL.CA

Valentine's Day

Find the words on the list in the word search below!

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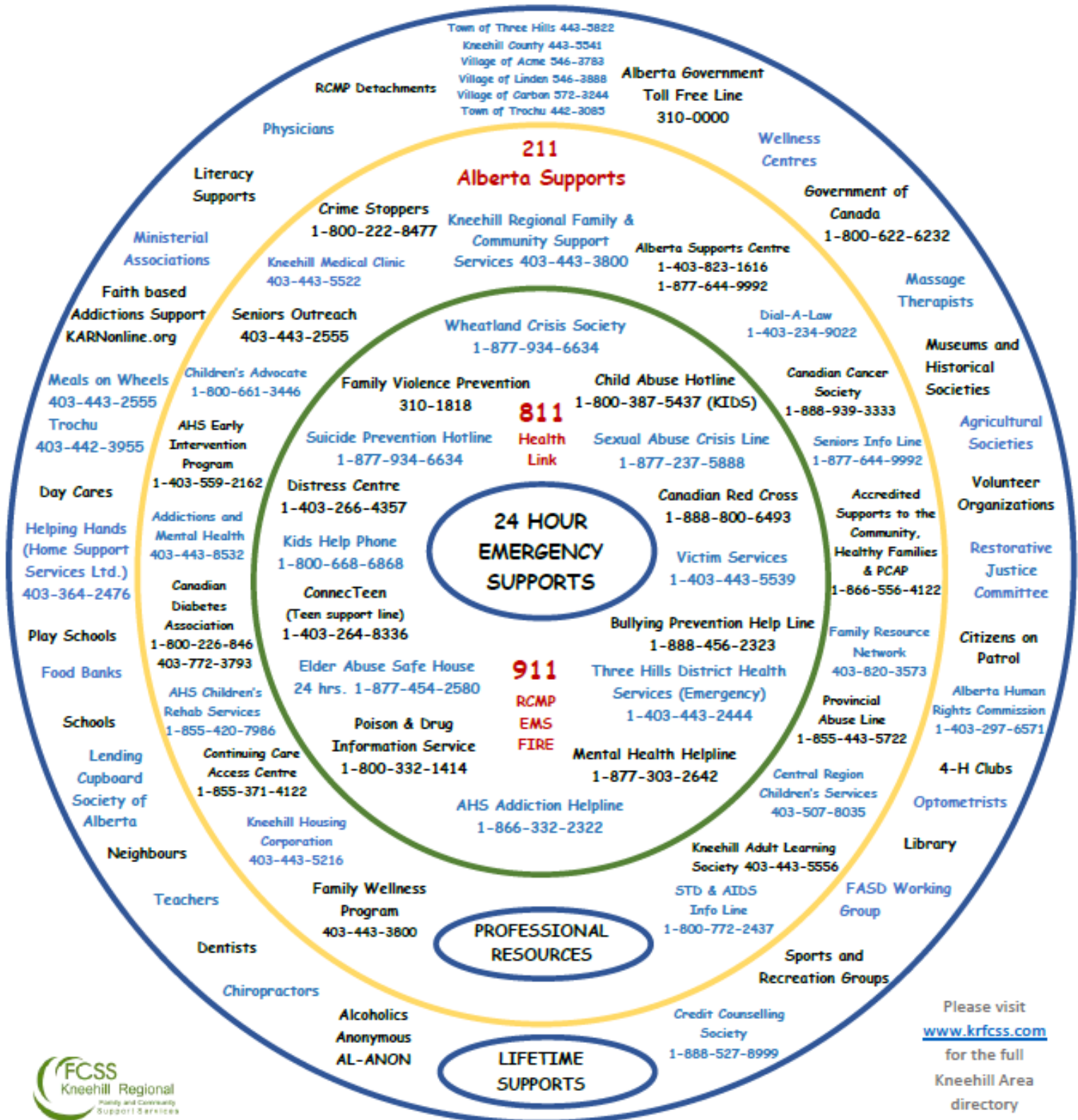
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KNEEHILL AND AREA

Circle of Supports



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