



# GATEWAY GAZETTE



## Happy New Year, Irricana!

As we usher in the promising dawn of 2024, let us embrace the fresh opportunities and possibilities that the new year brings. May this year be filled with joy, prosperity, and fulfillment for each resident of Irricana. As we venture into the future, may your endeavours flourish, and may the bonds of friendship and unity strengthen. Let the spirit of optimism guide you through the challenges and celebrations that lie ahead. Here's to a year of growth, resilience, and shared accomplishments. Happy New Year, Irricana!

May the coming months be a canvas of success, happiness, and memorable moments for all.

## SNOW ANGELS ARE NEEDED!

Become an Irricana Snow Angel OR get on the list if you're in need of a Snow Angel! This FREE initiative connects community members who are in need with those willing to lend a hand... and a shovel! Let's keep our sidewalks safe!

Email Brook at [bswanson@irricana.com](mailto:bswanson@irricana.com) or fill out the form below:



<https://forms.gle/aoN1FJYqNBiwF6gR8>

## Contact Us

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**Mailing:** P.O. Box 100  
 222 - 2nd Street  
 Irricana, AB, T0M 1B0

## Hours of Operation

**Monday-Friday:** 8:45am-12:30pm  
 1:30pm-4:15pm  
**(Excluding Holidays)**  
 Closed 12:30pm-1:30pm Daily  
**Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED**

## Social Media

Check out our website [www.irricana.com](http://www.irricana.com) or our [Facebook Page](#) for updates & other helpful information!  
**Website:** [www.irricana.com](http://www.irricana.com)

# Town Office Resources

## Garbage & Recycling Schedule

**BLUE = RECYCLING** GREY = GARBAGE

Access a digital download of the 2024 Garbage & Recycling Calendar on our website's Community Information page at [www.irricana.com](http://www.irricana.com) or pick up a printed copy at the Town Office.

### Did you know?

Extra garbage bag tags are available at the Town Office for \$5 each (up to 30 lbs).

January 2024						
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## 2024 Pet & Business Licenses

Pet Licenses and Business Licenses for 2024 are due by January 31, 2024! Invoices were mailed out in December and can be paid by Cash, Debit, Cheque, or E-transfer to [irricana@irricana.com](mailto:irricana@irricana.com). Visit our website to review the bylaws and for more information. Contact the Town Office with any questions.

## Land Use Bylaw (007:2023)

Planning a construction project in 2024? The updated Land Use Bylaw is your roadmap to success! It's essential to review this updated guideline to ensure your project aligns with zoning regulations and community standards. View the updated Bylaw on our website. Contact the Town Office with any questions.

## We Offer Online Payments!

This quick and easy service is available for Irricana Utilities, Property Taxes, and Pet & Business Licenses through your online banking institution.

**Option #1:** Add us as a Payee through online banking by searching for "Irricana," selecting either Utilities or Taxes and entering the account number on your bill. (Note: This service is only available for Town Utilities and Property Taxes.)

**Option #2:** E-transfer to [irricana@irricana.com](mailto:irricana@irricana.com), reference what you're paying for and the account number. (Best for Business & Pet Licenses)

Please note that we do not offer direct billing at this time.

## Register for E-Billing

Save \$5 on your Town Utilities by switching to paperless billing! Request the E-billing form by emailing [irricana@irricana.com](mailto:irricana@irricana.com) or visiting the Town Office.

## Snow & Ice Clearing

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowfall according to our Community Standards Bylaw (007:2012). A sand and salt mixture is available north of the Fire Hall on 1st Ave for FREE throughout the winter.

A map of the priority routes for snow removal in Irricana can be found on our website at [www.irricana.com](http://www.irricana.com).

# Community Calendar

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## Ice Skating Winter Fun

Beiseker has an indoor skating arena and offers a free skate on Sundays from 11:45am-12:45pm and a Parent and Tot Skate from 11:00am-12:00pm! The Beiseker Arena schedule can be found at [www.beisekerice.com](http://www.beisekerice.com).

Irricana has its own outdoor skating rink located on Henricks Drive and will be ready for skating when temperatures are cold enough! Everyone is welcome to enjoy a family-friendly skate and helmets are strongly suggested for anyone under 18 years of age! Please note that the arena lights are on automatic timers until 9pm during the winter months. The arena is maintained by our Public Works Team and is weather-dependent. If the arena needs attention please contact the Town Office at (403) 935-4672.



## Organic Alberta Farm Clubs - Southern Alberta Session #1

### FREE EVENT, PLUS LUNCH INCLUDED!

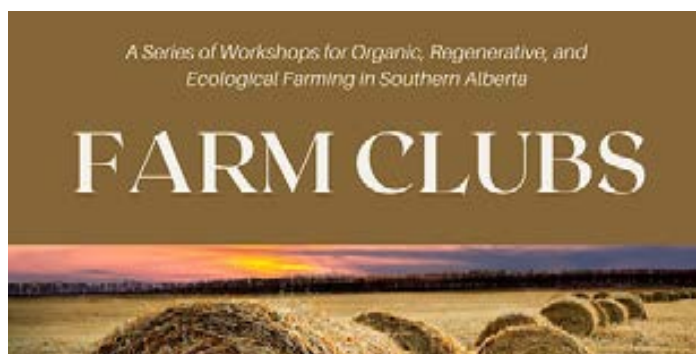
Connect, collaborate, envision the future. Tailored for Southern Alberta farmers! Organic Alberta is thrilled to kick off the program with an in-person session in Okotoks. Come meet fellow farmers who are practicing organic, regenerative, or ecological farming practices on their land. Learn about success and challenges, and what you can bring back to your farm!

### Key Highlights:

- **Farmer Panel Q&A:** Gain insights from a diverse group of farmers. Engage in a Q&A session, where the panelists will share their experiences, challenges, and successes, with a special focus on planning for the unpredictable in agriculture, from weather variations to market fluctuations.
- **Bring Your Own Problems:** Experience collaborative problem-solving through a ProAction Cafe. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own challenges to the table, initiating discussions that tap into the collective wisdom of the group.
- **Networking:** Grab a coffee and enjoy a laid-back lunch with fellow Southern Alberta farmers. Share stories, insights, and expertise in a relaxed setting, strengthening the bonds within our agricultural community.

**When:** Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 | 10:30am-3:30pm

**Where:** Foothills Centennial Centre, Community Way, Okotoks



Register Online



**Register:** [www.eventbrite.ca/e/organic-alberta-farm-clubs-southern-alberta-session-1-tickets-767848715177](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/organic-alberta-farm-clubs-southern-alberta-session-1-tickets-767848715177)



## 2024 Business Directory

Now accepting local business listings to be included in the 2024 Gateway Gazette Newsletter! If you'd like FREE advertising, email us at [irricana@irricana.com](mailto:irricana@irricana.com) with your business name and contact information.

All businesses with an Irricana Business License are posted on our website at [www.irricana.com/business-directory](http://www.irricana.com/business-directory). Support local with your next purchase!



## The Irricana Chamber of Commerce

The Irricana Chamber of Commerce was formed independently by Julie Sim, Nathaniel Fleming, and other local business owners to serve as a vital resource for local businesses, providing them with advocacy, networking opportunities, resources, and community promotion, all of which contribute to the overall economic well-being of the region.

### The benefits of a Chamber of Commerce in Irricana include:

**1. Localized Support:**

- Understanding Local Needs: A Chamber in Irricana understands the unique challenges and opportunities specific to the local business landscape.

**2. Community Engagement:**

- Community Events: The Chamber organizes or supports local events that drive foot traffic to businesses, contributing to the overall economic vitality of Irricana.

**3. Representation:**

- Advocacy for Irricana: The Chamber advocates for the interests of Irricana businesses at both the local and regional levels, ensuring that policies are conducive to business growth.

**4. Information Hub:**

- Local Business Directory: The Chamber maintains a directory of local businesses, making it easier for residents and visitors to find and support them.

### THE IRRICANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS NOW ACCEPTING MEMBERS!

#### Monthly Meeting Schedule:

The Irricana Chamber of Commerce meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Post Office located at 309 1st Ave. The meetings start at 7:00pm with coffee and snacks included.

#### Contact Information:

**Julie Sim**, President: [simplynoknots@gmail.com](mailto:simplynoknots@gmail.com)

**Rick Ball**, Vice President: [kountrycreationsandthrift@gmail.com](mailto:kountrycreationsandthrift@gmail.com)

**Nathaniel Fleming**, Treasurer: [nathanialfleming@gmail.com](mailto:nathanialfleming@gmail.com)

**Chelsea Page**, Secretary: [chelsea@lovestruckportraits.com](mailto:chelsea@lovestruckportraits.com)

*\*The Irricana Chamber of Commerce is a separate entity from the Town of Irricana. For questions regarding the Chamber of Commerce, please contact Julie Sim or Nathaniel Fleming.*



### FCSS Programs



### What is FCSS?

When you see this Logo, these programs, events and or services are hosted, sponsored or funded by Irricana FCSS. **Family and Community Support Services** (FCSS) is a joint Municipal/Provincial partnership that funds preventive social service programs.

## Random Acts of Kindness Kits

We had another great response from our Random Acts of Kindness Kits in December of 2023! Over 100 Kindness Kits were distributed to the Irricana Post Office and Library, spreading joy and good will to friends, family, neighbours, and strangers. In addition, we asked you to spread holiday joy by writing a kind message to your fellow community members. The responses were heartwarming and a great representation of our Town! The responses are posted on the Town Office windows and will be available until January 31st, 2024.



## Cup of Joy Program Overview

We want to send our heartfelt appreciation to Cathryn Hagel (Rural Mental Health Animator) and other local community groups and organizations that helped deliver 10 Cup of Joy events in 2023. These events were hosted locally in Irricana and focused on providing a variety of activities that were aligned to well-being and mental health. These programs created opportunities for residents to connect with others in their community to foster engagement, community connectivity and positive feelings in relation to overall well-being. Approximately 290 individuals participated in the Cup of Joy sessions that were offered from August-December 2023.

Thank you again to the Rural Mental Health Project (Canadian Mental Health Association) for providing the funding to support these important and valuable programs, and to Cathryn Hagel for leading the initiative!

## 2023 Youth Volunteer Appreciation

Congratulations to our 2023 Irricana Youth Volunteers **Jacob Ormstrop, Cassie Hagel, Kaiden Sim and Frances Hagel!** They all received certificates of appreciation, a letter of recommendation, and a small thank-you gift for all their hard work and dedication to events and programming in Irricana! Without volunteers like them, the following events just wouldn't be the same. **Great job everyone!**

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Car Cruise & Community Showcase
- Canada Day Dance & Fireworks
- Family Summer Movie Event
- Community Connections
- Snow Angel Program



**FREE Triple P Raising Confident, Competent Children (Airdrie)**  
For Parents/caregivers of tweens 7-12 years



Would you like to help your child be more confident, succeed at school and get along with others? Would you like your child to be respectful and considerate, communicate well, be more positive, and have healthy self-esteem? Be prepared to face the teen years with as much confidence and parenting knowledge as possible! During this group, we will focus on how your child can be a good problem solver and be able to make good choices and decisions for themselves.

**Location:** Community Links, 211-125 Main St. NW Airdrie  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 6, 2024 | 6pm-7:30pm  
**Registration deadline:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024



**Register:**  
[www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/triple-p-raising-confident-competent-children](http://www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/triple-p-raising-confident-competent-children)



**FREE Parenting Children with ADHD Zoom Q&A Sessions (Zoom)**



Do you have a child diagnosed with ADHD, or are wondering if your child might have ADHD? Parents/caregivers will have an opportunity to send in questions prior to the ZOOM session, at which time these questions will be discussed. This allows parents to have more access to a Parent Coach who can support them between regular workshops.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 6pm-7pm  
**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024



**Register:**  
[www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parentingchildrenwithadhdzoomqandasessions](http://www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/parentingchildrenwithadhdzoomqandasessions)



**FREE Healthy Wholistic Relationships Group (Airdrie)**  
For Adults 18+



Are you tired of doing everything for everyone else and are feeling empty and used at the end of the day? Every time you try to talk or speak your mind, does it always end up in an argument or more bickering as no one listens? Are you always busy doing chores and have no time for yourself? If you feel like this, then Healthy Relationships is definitely for you!

**Location:** Community Links, 211-125 Main St. NW Airdrie  
**Date & Time:** Wed, Jan. 17 - Feb. 21, 2024 | 6pm-7:30pm  
**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, January 10, 2024



**Register:**  
[www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/healthywholisticrelationships](http://www.mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/healthywholisticrelationships)



**FREE Cup of Joy Rural Mental Health Project (Irricana)**



Cup of Joy is presented by the Rural Mental Health Project to support rural mental health in Irricana and the surrounding area. Join Cathryn for coffee, crafts, and connection with your fellow community members.

**Location:** Irricana Rec Centre, 302 3 St, Irricana  
**Date & Time:** Jan. 25, 2023 | 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm

**Contact Cathryn Hagel:**  
Email: [cupofjoyirricana@gmail.com](mailto:cupofjoyirricana@gmail.com)





# Snow ANGEL Program

Become an Irricana Snow Angel OR get on the list if you're in need of a Snow Angel! This **FREE** initiative connects community members in need with those willing to lend a hand... and a shovel!

*Let's keep our sidewalks safe!*

SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER!



<https://forms.gle/yYpLaco5zPpJrqNd6>

Email Brook at [bswanson@irricana.com](mailto:bswanson@irricana.com) for any questions or to register.

**DID YOU KNOW?** A sand and salt mixture is available for anyone in need north of the Fire Hall on 1st Ave for **FREE** throughout the winter.



\*Last-minute requests may not be guaranteed due to volunteer availability.