



GATEWAY GAZETTE



Happy New Year, Irricana!

As we step into 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the strength, resilience, and community spirit that define our beautiful town. The New Year brings with it new opportunities, fresh beginnings, and endless possibilities. Together, we can make 2025 a year of growth, connection, and positivity. Whether through neighborly acts of kindness, supporting local initiatives, or simply sharing smiles on our streets, every effort strengthens the fabric of our community.

Let's celebrate the opportunities ahead and continue building a brighter future for Irricana. Here's to a year of health, happiness, and prosperity for you and your loved ones.

Cheers to 2025—may it be our best year yet!

THANK YOU SNOW ANGELS!

To all the registered and anonymous Snow Angels in our community, we extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible work you do. Your selfless efforts to help those in need – from our elderly neighbors to individuals facing medical challenges, and anyone simply in need of a helping hand (and shovel!) – truly embody the spirit of kindness and community.

Volunteers like you are the backbone of a strong and caring community. Your dedication ensures that everyone has access to safe walkways and driveways, allowing them to move about with confidence and ease.

Thank you for stepping up, digging in, and showing that even the coldest months can be filled with warmth. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are all better for having you as part of our town.

Contact Us

Phone: (403) 935-4672

Fax: (403) 935-4270

Email: irricana@irricana.com

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

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-12:30pm

1:30pm-4:30pm

Closed 12:30pm-1:30pm Mon-Thurs

Fridays: 8:30am-1:30pm

(Excluding Holidays)

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Social Media

Check out our website
www.irricana.com or our
social media for updates &
other helpful information!

Website: www.irricana.com

Town Office Resources

Garbage & Recycling Schedule

BLUE = RECYCLING **GREY = GARBAGE**

Access a digital download of the 2025 Garbage & Recycling Calendar on our website's Community Services page at 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).

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

To better reach our community audience, we have official social media channels with information about FCSS programs, Town of Irricana events, and community information!

Follow us @[townofirricana](https://www.facebook.com/townofirricana)

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, 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.

January 2025

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Welcome New Residents!

Welcome to our new residents in Town! Stop by the Town Office to set up your Town Utilities and Pet Licenses, and receive helpful resources within our community. Can't make it into the office during regular hours? Email us at irricana@irricana.com and we'll provide you with digital copies and online payment options.

Register for Utilities E-Billing

Help reduce paper waste and switch to paperless billing! Request the E-billing form by emailing irricana@irricana.com or visiting the Town Office. Paper copies of bills have a \$5 fee.



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Scan QR Code for website
or go to
www.irricanaunitedchurch.com

IRRICANA UNITED CHURCH

What's Happening at Irricana United Church

Service Time: 11am Worship, 10:30am Coffee & Conversation before service. Children's ministry offered during service.

Our Home Routes Concert Series continues into 2025!

Date: Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

Time: 7pm, doors open at 6pm

Tickets: \$30, children 12 and under are free!

Burnstick

Join us for an evening with the JUNO-nominated folk duo Burnstick, as they fill our building with their heartfelt storytelling and unforgettable vocal harmonies. This husband-and-wife team, Nadia and Jason Burnstick, create deeply moving, cinematic folk music that has been over a decade in the making. Their music stirs the soul and is an experience not to be missed!

Watch Facebook and our website for more details including performers and times and other events! For more info contact irricanaunited@gmail.com

IUC - Connecting with our Community in fresh and inspiring ways!

IRRICANA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

LICENSED CHILDCARE NOW AVAILABLE!

BGC Irricana is now offering Before and After School Licensed Child Care (PD Days included) starting January 6th, 2025! We provide fun, engaging, and child-led programming that inspires creativity and growth. Our program is eligible for the Alberta Child Care Subsidy. To register, or for more information phone (403) 948-3331.

Location: 302 3rd Street (Rec Centre)

Phone: (403) 948-3331

Website: www.bgcairdrie.com

IRRICANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Irricana Chamber of Commerce is a group of local businesses supporting local businesses and the community. Are you a local business owner? Come join us at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting! Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month. Learn about all the exciting benefits a Chamber can bring to your business. Contact the Chamber by emailing info@irricanachamber.ca.

Date: Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Irricana Rec Centre (Upper Meeting Room), 302-3rd Street

DANDILION HEALING

DANDILION HEALING HAS MOVED TO:

233-4th Street, Irricana AB (Just 2 blocks up from the General Store)

We welcome NEW and returning clientele.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (587) 716-8188





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.

FCSS Programs



The Importance of Volunteerism in a Small Community

Thank you to the incredible Irricana volunteers who make our Town the amazing community it is! From organizing events to running programs and keeping our community spirit alive, their dedication is the heart and soul of our small town. Without them, none of this would be possible. **Volunteers don't just make a difference—they are the difference.** They remind us every day that generosity and kindness build stronger communities.

Have you thought about volunteering and don't know where to start? Our volunteers have helped us create some amazing free programming and events in our community, encompassing a wide range of age-groups and needs. Come be a part of it in 2025 and volunteer a few hours of your time! For questions regarding volunteerism, connect with Brook Swanson at bswanson@irricana.com.



Random Acts of Kindness

This heartwarming initiative is in its third year in the Town of Irricana. This initiative encourages residents to uplift one another through the power of positive words. As part of the campaign, community members are invited to write messages of hope, encouragement, and kindness to their neighbours and fellow residents. These messages, reflecting the town's spirit of unity and support, are displayed on the windows of the Town Office, transforming the space into a vibrant showcase of goodwill. The campaign aims to remind everyone of the importance of small, meaningful gestures in fostering a stronger, more connected community.

The messages will remain on display until the end of January, serving as a beacon of cheer during the winter months. This initiative not only spreads positivity but also highlights the value of kindness in bringing people together, especially during challenging times. Whether it's an inspiring quote, a thank-you note, or a simple expression of care, each message contributes to a collective atmosphere of hope. The Town of Irricana's campaign stands as a beautiful example of how communities can nurture resilience and happiness through small, thoughtful acts.



IRRICANA REC CENTRE PROGRAMS

The Irricana Rec Centre offers Registered Programming for Fall/Winter 2024. Visit our website for more information!

Irricana Rec Centre
302-3rd St. Irricana, AB T0M 1B0

Registered Fitness Programs

FitFusion Small Group Fitness

Ages 18+

FitFusion is a versatile, high-energy class designed for small groups combining elements of strength, cardio, and flexibility. This class is perfect for participants of various fitness levels, focusing on overall health, conditioning, and fun! FitFusion aims to create a supportive, yet challenging environment where participants can achieve their fitness goals while having fun and building camaraderie within the group. Everyone is welcome!

4-Week Sessions

Mondays, 7pm-8pm

Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2025

Thursdays, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2025

\$55 - 1 class/4-wk session

\$90 - 2 classes/4-week session

Register Online



Registration & payment due by Dec. 30th at 4pm

Scan the QR Code or go to the link below to Register Online:

<https://forms.gle/DPKSTmjtrnzNizrUA>

Email & E-transfer to: irricana@irricana.com

FREE Rec Centre Programs

FREE Parent Café

For children 0-3yrs with Parent/Guardian



Join us at Parent Café, a welcoming space where parents can connect and interact with other parents in the community. This program is designed to get your babies moving with a variety of engaging gross and fine motor activities. In addition to activities for the little ones, we also incorporate movement and exercise for everyone, ensuring a fun and active experience for all. While the little ones explore and play, parents can enjoy some refreshments and stimulating conversation. Parent Café is the perfect place to share experiences, gain support, and build friendships with fellow parents. Come for the activities, stay for the connections! **Drop-ins welcome.**

Register Online

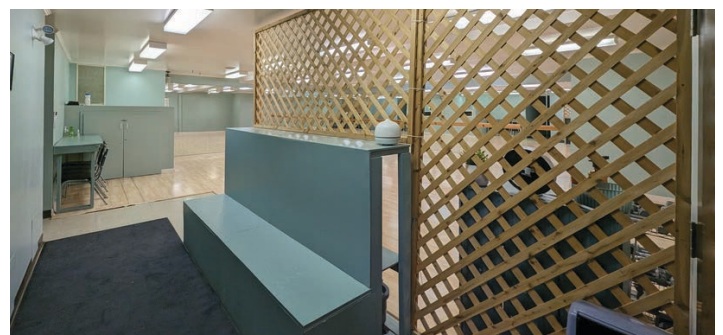


Session #1: Jan. 14th-Feb. 18th, 2025 (6 weeks)
Tuesdays, 9am-10am

Register Online:

<https://forms.gle/YSR1dMfreExJwbS86>

Email: irricana@irricana.com



**IRRICANA
REC CENTRE**

REGISTERED PROGRAM

FITFUSION

SMALL GROUP FITNESS

FITFUSION IS A VERSATILE, HIGH-ENERGY CLASS DESIGNED FOR SMALL GROUPS COMBINING ELEMENTS OF STRENGTH, CARDIO, AND FLEXIBILITY. THIS CLASS IS PERFECT FOR PARTICIPANTS OF VARIOUS FITNESS LEVELS, FOCUSING ON OVERALL HEALTH, CONDITIONING, AND FUN! AGES 18+.

4-WEEK SESSIONS

MON, 7PM-8PM

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\$55-1 CLASS/4-WEEK SESSION

\$90-2 CLASSES/4-WEEK SESSION



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REGISTRATION:

**SCAN THE QR CODE
OR EMAIL**

IRRICANA@IRRICANA.COM

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE:
DEC. 30, 2024 AT 4PM
MINIMUM 4 PARTICIPANTS PER CLASS**



**IRRICANA REC CENTRE
302-3RD STREET, IRRICANA, AB T0M 1B0**

**(403) 935-4672
WWW.IRRICANA.COM**

**TOWN OF
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**IRRICANA
REC CENTRE**

**FREE FCSS
SPONSORED PROGRAM**

PARENT CAFÉ

0-3YRS WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN

JOIN US AT PARENT CAFÉ, A WELCOMING SPACE WHERE PARENTS CAN CONNECT AND INTERACT WITH OTHER PARENTS IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO GET YOUR LITTLE ONES MOVING WITH A VARIETY OF ENGAGING GROSS AND FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO ACTIVITIES FOR THE LITTLE ONES, WE ALSO INCORPORATE MOVEMENT AND EXERCISE FOR EVERYONE, ENSURING A FUN AND ACTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL. WHILE THE LITTLE ONES EXPLORE AND PLAY, PARENTS CAN ENJOY SOME REFRESHMENTS AND STIMULATING CONVERSATION. PARENT CAFÉ IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES, GAIN SUPPORT, AND BUILD FRIENDSHIPS WITH FELLOW PARENTS. COME FOR THE ACTIVITIES, STAY FOR THE CONNECTIONS!

***PARENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

6-WEEK SESSIONS

SESSION 1: JAN. 14-FEB. 18

SESSION 2: FEB. 25-APR. 1

SESSION 3: APR. 8-MAY 13

TUESDAYS

9:00AM-10:00AM

NO COST!



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REGISTRATION:

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FREE Irricana Messy Play & More

Parents/caregivers and children 0-5yrs



Did you know all children learn through play? Do you want to get out of the house and connect with other families? This child-led group is for those who like to get messy, use their imaginations, and explore the world around them. This program will be offered once every month and will provide information about parenting topics, information on upcoming community programs and events, answer your questions about your child's behaviour and development, as well as direct you to other services.

Date & Time: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 | 10am-11:30am

Location: Irricana Lions Community Hall, 300, 1 St., Irricana

Register Online



Register Online:

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/messy-play-and-more-in-irricana>



FREE Irricana Rhyme Time

Parents/caregivers and children 0-5yrs



Does your child love songs, rhymes, and stories? This program will be offered once a month, it is for parents/caregivers and children ages 0 – 5 years. Each month there will be new stories and songs. We will discuss the importance of early literacy, language, and a variety of parenting topics to promote healthy child development. As a result of this group, your family will have a stronger understanding of how to support school readiness and your child's development.

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 | 10am-10:45am

Location: Irricana & Rural Municipal Library, 226 2 St., Irricana

Register Online



Register Online:

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/rhyme-time-in-irricana>



FREE School Readiness (Airdrie)

Adults 55+ and their family members



Are you wondering if your child is ready for kindergarten? This School Readiness program provides you and your child, who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall, the opportunity to be part of a fun, educational, and structured group that emphasizes the importance of social/emotional development along with other key areas of learning. This four-week program provides an overview of ways in which parents can support their four and five year olds to prepare for kindergarten.

Date & Time: Fridays, Jan. 24-Feb. 14, 2025 | 9:30am-11am

Location: Community Links, 211, 125 Main St. N.W. Airdrie

Register Online



Register Online:

<https://mycommunitylinks.ca/programs/school-readiness>



FREE Irricana & Rural Municipal Library Programs



Employment Services: Every 3rd Wednesday, 11am-3pm

Adult Book Club: Every 2nd Thursday, 11am-2pm

Parents & Tots: Every Thursday, 11:30am-1:30pm

Story Time On Facebook: Every Saturday, 11:15am

Special Events:

Library Board Meeting: Jan. 9th, 7pm

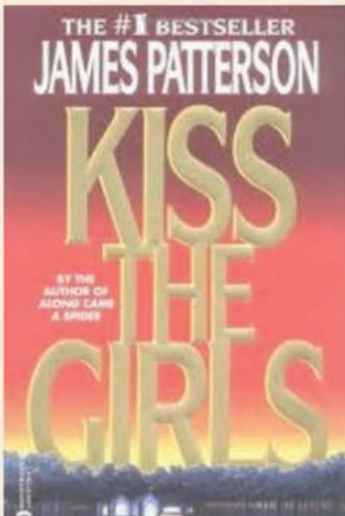
Book & Movie Club: Jan. 24th, 6:30pm

**IRRICANA &
RURAL
MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY**

More Information:

Phone: (403) 935-4818

Email: aimanager@marigold.ab.ca



WELCOME TO OUR **BOOK & MOVIE CLUB**

What is better, the book or the movie. We will read a book and then at our monthly get together discuss the book and then watch the movie

WHERE: IRRICANA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

TIME: 6:30PM

**SIGN THE BOOK OUT FROM THE LIBRARY,
READ YOUR OWN COPY
OR BUY YOUR OWN COPY**

**JANUARY BOOK:
KISS THE GIRLS
BY JAMES PATTERSON**

Gather at 6:30pm

Movie Starts at 7:00pm

Bring your own snacks, blanket, pillow

IRRICANA RENTAL SPACES

BOOK ONLINE!

FIND THE PERFECT SPACE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT OR PROGRAM!

Have you been searching for a space for a birthday party, family gathering, wedding reception, meeting, or fitness/dance class? **Look no further than right here in Irricana!** With two facilities with various rooms and spaces, we have the perfect fit for your next event.* Discounts for local non-profits and long-term rentals are available.

View our facilities online where you can conveniently view availability, easily find the cost of rentals, view all forms, insurance requirements, cleaning checklists, and more with easy invoicing.

*SOME SPACES ARE NOT AVAILABLE DURING THE CURLING SEASON HOWEVER PLEASE REACH OUT TO RENTALS@IRRICANA.COM TO SEE WHAT ALTERNATIVE SPACES COULD BE AVAILABLE.

✓ **Irricana Recreation Centre**

✓ **Irricana Lions Community Hall**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON RENTAL SPACES EMAIL RENTALS@IRRICANA.COM OR VISIT WWW.TOWNOFIRRICANA.GETCOMMUNAL.COM/FACILITIES TO BOOK ONLINE.



LOOKING FOR A LARGE HALL SPACE FOR A VARIETY OF EVENTS INCLUDING WEDDINGS & WEDDING RECEPTIONS, PARTIES, FAMILY REUNIONS, FUNDRAISERS, FUNERALS, AND CELEBRATIONS? CHECK OUT THE IRRICANA LIONS COMMUNITY HALL!



ARE YOU A FITNESS INSTRUCTOR LOOKING TO BRING GREAT COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING TO IRRICANA? CHECK OUT THE FITNESS SPACE AT THE IRRICANA REC CENTRE TO HOST YOUR PROGRAMS!



ARE YOU A SPORTS GROUP/ LOCAL ORGANIZATION OR NON-PROFIT LOOKING FOR SPACE TO HOLD YOUR MEETINGS, CHECK OUT THE AFFORDABLE MEETING ROOM AT THE IRRICANA REC CENTRE!

Request Space





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 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.