

Want to become a sponsor of the Alliance update? Let us know at the Village office.

What’s happening near you

**December 7:** Killam Christmas Market, at the Killam Community Center, doors open at 8am.

**December 14:** Alliance Santa Daze, Market 10am to 3pm at the Alliance Community Hall, Parade at 5pm and so much more.

**December 15:** ECA Choir Christmas Cantata 2:30pm at the Alliance Church, Refreshment to follow

**December 20:** Community Christmas Concert at 7 pm, This is a COMMUNITY event held at the Alliance church because of the amazing acoustics! Come and enjoy a fun festive evening with stories, songs, poems, etc. from local community members. Please let Diane Dammann know (780-879-3970 or 780-385-1483) if you want a spot to share a story, song, skit, poem, etc.

**December 31:** New year celebration! Doors open at 8pm, at the Alliance Community Hall.



**We are in need of Float entries for the Parade of Light!!**

**Contact Dale Lambden if you are interested!**  
**780-781-0053**



Attention Residents of Alliance!

One of Santa’s elves is loose in the Credit Union and we need your help to find him!

Every day, from **December 1<sup>st</sup> until Christmas Eve** come in and try to find the elf hiding somewhere in the branch.

The first person to help us find him each day will win an amazing VCU prize!

We look forward to seeing you in the branch soon!  
Vision Credit Union



# Celebrate the NEW YEAR! 2025

**ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HALL**  
**FUN, FOOD, FAVORS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

*With Fireworks donated by Battle River Steam  
December 31st, doors open at 8pm*

**\$40 EACH / \$70 COUPLE / \$100 FAMILY**

**MUSIC BY THE RIVER JACKS**

*Get your tickets today, at the Seed Plant,  
Via Diane, Trudy or WI members*



## Alliance SANTA DAZE

**DECEMBER 14TH, 2024**

**Market 10am to 3pm @ the Alliance Community Hall**  
*To rent a table call Dale Lambden: 780-781-0053*

**Battle River Train arrives at 2pm**

**Hay Ride**

**Parade of Lights at 5pm**

**And at the Alliance Multiplex & Arena**

**Turkey Curling**

**Bonfire with Free Weiner Roast & Hot Chocolate**

**Fireworks**

**50/50 Draw**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE  
ALLIANCE MUSEUM

SENIOR’S CHOICES FCSS

Now offering Frozen Meals delivered locally! We’ve partnered with Meals on Wheels to offer delivered frozen meals lovingly prepared by Twists & More. Our ready to heat meals are available for **ANYONE** who’s looking for affordable, convenient and nutritious meals.

Frozen Meals are \$9.50 each, Subsidies available, contact us for more information.

Delivered Tuesdays by our Senior’s CHOICE volunteers.

Call 780-672-0141 to order or Holly Bovencamp 780-385-8736 for more information.

**Next Council Meeting:**  
**December 19 2024 at 4:00pm**  
[www.villageofalliance.ca](http://www.villageofalliance.ca)

**Newsletter Deadline  
December 19th**  
Items can be emailed to [cao@villageofalliance.ca](mailto:cao@villageofalliance.ca)  
Or Put in door slot at office.  
*\*Please note any submissions after the deadline date will no longer be accepted\**

**CHANGES IN THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY!**  
Starting September 24th, there will be a change in the hours of operation for the Fall & Winter seasons.  
**Every Tuesday we will be open from 12pm to 6pm & Thursday 10am to 4pm**

**NOTICE TO THE VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE RATEPAYERS**  
**2024 PROPERTY INSPECTIONS**  
This notice is to inform the Village of Alliance ratepayers that inspections of properties for assessment purposes will take place in the month of November/December. Inspections will be done by Wainwright

Assessment Group Ltd. An Assessor will be on site and show I.D. when occupants are present and leave

notes in doors and proceed to do exterior inspections when no one is at the property.


**Vision Credit Union in Alliance is looking to hire a caretaker.**  
Duties to start as soon as a candidate is selected.

Please deliver resumes to the Alliance branch.



**THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS**  
**Alliance Museum Society**



DECEMBER 2024		THE ALLIANCE UPDATE	
<b><u>Syl's Info Column - December 2024</u></b>  Alliance and Area Senior Information Senior Drop in Coffee Group: Open to those 55 years of age and older. Membership is \$20 a year.  <b>Gatherings are on Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 1-4pm</b> For more information or sign ups call:		Chair person, Donna Chalifoux: 780-385-1236 Secretary/treasurer, Dale Lambden: 780-781-0053 Communications, Phyllis Lambden: 780-281-0851 <b>SENIORS FIRST</b>  Donna Coombs: Senior programs and information 780-679-4191 seniorsfirst@outlook.com	<b>Thursday Dec 26th the Seniors Drop In will be open from 1pm to 4pm as usual and we are planning to have Potluck snacks.</b>  <b>Newcomers welcome. Don't sit at home alone on Boxing Day.</b> <b>Membership dues \$20/year are due Dec 1st each year</b>
<b>Farmer's Market</b> Please come and enjoy the last few Alliance Markets <b>LAST Market December 14th 10:00 to 3:00</b> At the Alliance Community Hall For a table or more information call Linda Jans (780) 879-0008 or Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236  <b>The time has come to say our goodbyes. Due to changes in everyone's lives, its time for our group to shut down our Farmers Market fun.</b> We have made so many friends with the vendors, the people that came to have lunch, and our own group of workers in the kitchen. It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.  So after the upcoming Santa Daze, we will be folding our dishcloths and our aprons. <b>If anyone would like to take over the operation starting January 2025, please contact Donna Chalifoux or Linda Jans</b>		<b>Learn about blizzards and extreme cold conditions and what you can do to protect yourself and others.</b>  <b>Blizzards</b> A blizzard warning is issued when falling or blowing snow reaches speeds of at least 40 km/h, and is expected to last 4 hours or longer. Visibility during this time is reduced to 400 m or less. Blizzards or blowing snow can occur when there are clear skies, and can cause zero visibility. What to do <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid driving and wait several hours after the storm ends before going anywhere. If you have to drive, check <u>Alberta 511</u> for current road conditions, travel during daytime hours, make sure you have a well-stocked vehicle emergency kit and use the buddy system so someone knows where you are going and when you expect to get there.</li><li>• If possible, avoid going outdoors. If you have to go outdoors, make sure you dress for the weather.</li><li>• If you live in a rural area, string guidelines between your house and any other buildings you might have to get to during the storm.</li></ul> If you are stuck in your vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• remain calm, stay inside and call for help</li><li>• occasionally run the engine to stay warm, but beware of exhaust fumes and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked with snow</li><li>• allow fresh air in by opening the window slightly on the sheltered side away from the wind</li></ul> <b>Freezing rain and ice storms</b> Freezing rain is rain that freezes on impact and creates a buildup of clear ice (glaze) on surfaces. An ice storm occurs when large amounts of freezing rain continue for several hours. They can also include wind, ice fog and cold temperatures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Freezing rain can cause damage by creating a heavy load wherever the ice forms.</li><li>• Ice from freezing rain can build up on any surface making sidewalks and pathways dangerous for falls and slips.</li></ul> What to do <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avoid driving and wait several hours after the storm ends before going anywhere.</li></ul> <b>Extreme cold</b> In Alberta, an extreme cold warning is issued when temperatures or the wind chill index reach minus 40°C or colder. Being exposed even for short periods in these conditions can be dangerous. Protect yourself and your loved ones <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay safe, warm and protected.</li><li>• Stay indoors when possible. If you have to travel by car, know your route ahead of time and make sure you have a well-stocked emergency kit in your vehicle.</li><li>• Dress in warm, windproof layers. Watch for signs of frostbite, which can occur in less than 10 minutes in extreme cold.</li><li>• When working outside, do not over exert yourself. Sweating can lead to hypothermia, which can be fatal.</li></ul> <b>Helping others</b> Check with your community to learn how to help others during severe weather events. If you are concerned for someone's safety, call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 211 if someone is in distress or in an unsafe place</li><li>• 911 if they're unconscious or need medical help</li></ul>	
<b>Alliance Directory</b>  <b>Village of Alliance Office: (780) 879-3911</b> Open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9am to 3pm www.villageofalliance.ca or follow us on Facebook  <b>SENIOR'S FIRST</b> Donna Coombs: Seniors Programs Information & Help 780-679-4191  <b>FOOT CARE WITH GWEN</b> (call for appointment) Gwen will come to your house if you have your equipment at home: 403-882-3739 or 403-740-5418  <b>FFCS/FIRST:</b> (leave a message if no answer they will always return your call) Handivan/Care-A-Van for out-of-town medical appointments - 780-385-3976  <b>FOOD BANK</b> in Killam/serving everyone in Flagstaff (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 780-385-0810  <b>SENIOR DROP IN COFFEE GROUP:</b> For more information and sign ups call: Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053 or Phyllis Lambden (780) 281-0851  <b>ALLIANCE UNITED CHURCH:</b> Services every Sunday at 10:00am Sunday school provided during the service - For more info call Beth Davidson: 780-879-2173 You can also find us on Facebook "Alliance United Church"  <b>THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY:</b> Open on Tuesday 10h-4h & Thursdays 10h-4h - 780-879-3733 - www.alliance.prl.ab.ca  <b>ALLIANCE MUSEUM:</b> Is closed for the season. Museum contacts are: Steve (780) 906-6581 or Dale (780) 781-0053  <b>FORESTBURG MEDICAL CLINIC:</b> Phone 780-582-5185 Open Tuesdays and Thursday: 8am to 12pm - 1pm to 4:30pm  <b>CASTOR MEDICAL CLINIC :</b> (403) 882-2665  <b>KILLAM MEDICAL CENTER:</b> (780) 385-7890 Mon, Wed & Thurs / 8:30-4:00  <b>BOTTLE DEPOT:</b> Open Wed, Thurs & Sat 10-5 - 780-385-4413  <b>LANDFILL HOURS: OPEN</b> Wednesday and Saturday 1:00pm TO 4:30pm  <b>ALLIANCE CEMETERY:</b> Village Office (780) 879-3911, Bob Rombough (780) 879-3632/(780) 717-1480, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053		 <b>Alliance United Church &amp; Christmas Community Events</b>  <b>Starting December 1: The Alliance Mitten Tree!</b> Please bring mittens, gloves, toques, hats, and scarves (for all ages) to decorate the tree at the top of the steps. After Christmas, they are donated to the Flagstaff Food Bank. You do not need to be a church to participate. Call us for more info. <b>December 15:</b> ECA Choir Christmas Cantata 2:30pm at the Alliance Church, Refreshment to follow <b>December 20:</b> Community Christmas Concert at 7 pm,  <b>December 24</b> - Christmas Eve service at 7 pm Sunday Service Worship Leaders 1 – Roger Spady, Advent of HOPE 8 – Rev. Barbara Zimmerman, COMMUNION, Advent of PEACE 15 – Dell Wickstrom & Dale Jones, Advent of LOVE 22 – Elias White, Advent of JOY 24 –Laura Towers,  <b>December Worship Leaders.</b> <b>Dec 1:</b> Roger Spady <b>Dec 8:</b> Rev. Barbara Zimmerman (Communion) <b>Dec 15:</b> Dell Wickstrom & Dale Jones <b>Dec 29:</b> No service <b>Jan 5:</b> Beth Davidson, Epiphany “Winter is a season of recovery and preparation” - Paul Theroux  <i><b>“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.” – Pope Benedict XVI</b></i> Write to us: allianceunitedchurch@gmail.com / 780-879-2173 / 780-390-0266 FB/Messenger - “Alliance United Church”	
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