



January
2026

The Alliance Update

ISSUE #37

What's happening near you

January 17: The Lougheed Ag Society & Community Hall Society, invite you to **Hillbilly Wedding: A Murder Mystery Comedy on January 17, 2026**, at the **Lougheed Community Hall**. Dress in your best hillbilly wedding attire and enjoy a fun evening featuring a “moonshine” hour at **5:30 p.m.** and a **roast beef supper at 6:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$70**. For tickets, contact **Holly (780-385-8736)** or **Rose (780-913-4054)**. Ticket sales close **January 10, 2026**.

January 31: 18th Annual Robbie

Burns Dinner & Dance: This formal evening celebrating the life and poetry of Robert Burns will be held **on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Killam Community Hall** (previously listed for the Hardisty Community Hall, the Killam location is the most recent information). The event features dinner, live music, pipes and drums, and poetry readings.

Alliance Arena skating hours

Every day from
10am to 10pm



*Except if there
is a Rocket's
game or a
private event booked.*

Thank You from the Alliance Volunteer Fire Department!

We would like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to everyone who attended our very first Christmas Supper and Dance**. We were thrilled by the amazing turnout and truly grateful for the support shown by our community.

A special thank you goes out to **everyone who donated items for our silent auction and door prize raffle**. Your generosity helped make the evening such a success, and we appreciate all who contributed.

We hope everyone had a great time celebrating with us, and we look forward to making this event a new tradition. As we head into the new year, we wish you and your families a **Happy New Year** filled with health and happiness.

The Alliance Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for new volunteers. **Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, with practice nights on the third Wednesday**, both at **7:00 p.m.** If you're interested, we invite you to stop by or reach out, we'd love to meet you.

Thank you again for your continued support.

A New Year's Message from Council & the Village Staff

As we welcome the start of **2026**, Council and the Village staff would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone in our community.

A new year brings fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and a chance to reflect on the strength, resilience, and neighbourly spirit that make our Village such a special place to call home. Whether you have lived here for generations or have recently joined our community, each of you plays an important role. Your contributions, kindness, volunteerism, and willingness to look out for one another help shape the welcoming Village we are proud of.

As we look ahead, we are excited for the year to come and for the opportunity to continue working together with residents, volunteers, local organizations, and businesses. By staying connected and engaged, we can continue building a community that is welcoming, safe, and supportive for all.

We encourage everyone to stay involved in Village events and initiatives throughout the year. If you have ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns, or complaints, we invite you to share them with us through our new online **Share Your Voice Program**. Simply scan the QR code included in this newsletter, or visit our website and follow the **Share Your Voice** link to access the same form.

On behalf of Council and the Village staff, we wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and prosperous **New Year**. May **2026** bring you happiness, good health, and many moments worth celebrating.

Warm regards,
Village Council & Staff



DOG License Application or Renewal

Fill and return form to the Village office with payment BEFORE MARCH 31st, 2026

Owner's Name & Address: _____

Owner's Phone Number: _____

(1) Pet Name: _____	Breed: _____
	Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00
(2) Pet Name: _____	Breed: _____
	Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00
(3) Pet Name: _____	Breed: _____
	Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 / NO \$20.00

Bylaw #2024-04, Keeping and controlling of animal

Schedule A: Owners who fail to obtain annual license before March 31st will be charged a fine of \$100.00 for a first warning and \$200.00 for a second warning.

Section 8, Subsection K: No more than three (3) Dogs shall be kept or harbored at one time on the land or premises occupied by their Owners.

You can pay at the Village Office or by e-transfers to: bills@villageofalliance.ca
Make the password Alliance

**Next Council Meeting:
January 15 2026 at 4:00pm**
www.villageofalliance.ca
Newsletter Deadline

January 22

Items can be emailed to cao@villageofalliance.ca
Or Put in door slot at office.
Please note any submissions after the deadline date will no longer be accepted

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting

February 19 at 6:00 p.m.
Alliance Rec. Centre
(room across from the library).

During the meeting, Council and Administration will review the **2026 budget**, highlight **capital projects that have been completed**, and discuss **projects planned for the year ahead**.

We will also be taking questions and strongly encourage residents to **submit questions in advance**. This allows us time to research and provide complete, accurate answers during the meeting.

Questions can be submitted through our **Share Your Voice Community Outreach Program**:

- Scan the **QR code** in this newsletter
- Visit our website and follow the Share Your Voice links
- Submit a written question in person at the Village Office
- Email your question to cao@villageofalliance.ca

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there. Your input helps shape our community.

The Alliance Library hours have changed

Tuesday & Thursdays 10am-4pm
780-879-3733
www.alliance.prl.ab.ca

**Hours of operation**

Thursday 10am-4pm

Thursday 6pm-9pm

Friday 10am-4pm and 6pm-10pm

Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm

if there is a booking -- please call ahead to confirm

In the event of extreme weather conditions, Valley Ski Hill may not be open for operations. We are closed at temperatures reaching -25 or below. Our Website and Social Media pages are updated on a daily basis. Please phone 780-879-2106 for any other information.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1 - Closed

January 2 - 10am - 4pm

January 3 - 10am - 4pm

January 4 - 10am - 4pm

Night skiing starts January 8th

Alliance Directory**Village of Alliance Office: (780) 879-3911**

Open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9am to 3pm
www.villageofalliance.ca or follow us on Facebook

SENIOR'S FIRST Donna Coombs: Seniors Programs Information & Help 780-679-4191

FOOT CARE BY ANDREA GRIEBEL: Call or Email for appointment Licensed Practical Nurse: (403) 916-4299 or footcarebyandrea@gmail.com

FFCS/FIRST: (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

FOOD BANK in Killam/serving everyone in Flagstaff (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 780-385-0810

SENIOR DROP IN COFFEE GROUP: For more information and sign ups call: Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053 or Phyllis Lambden (780) 281-0851

ALLIANCE UNITED CHURCH: 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"

THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY: Open Tuesday & Thursdays 10am-4pm - 780-879-3733 - www.alliance.prl.ab.ca

ALLIANCE MUSEUM: Closed for the season. For group visit of the Museum contacts are: Steve (780) 906-6581 or Mary (403) 575-5562

FORESTBURG MEDICAL CLINIC: Phone 780-582-5185 Open Tuesdays and Thursday: 8am to 12pm - 1pm to 4:30pm

CASTOR MEDICAL CLINIC : (403) 882-2665

KILLAM MEDICAL CENTER: (780) 385-7890 Mon, Wed & Thurs / 8:30-4:00

BOTTLE DEPOT: Open Wed, Thurs & Sat 10-5 - 780-385-4413

LANDFILL HOURS: OPEN Wednesday and Saturday 1:00pm TO 4:30pm

ALLIANCE CEMETERY: Village Office (780) 879-3911, Bob Rombough (780) 879-3632/(780) 717-1480, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053

ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HALL RENTAL: To rent the Alliance Community Hall, please contact Connie at the Alliance Trading post or (780) 385-4363

THE ALLIANCE UPDATE**Syl's Info Column - January 2026****Alliance and Area Senior Information**

Senior Drop in Coffee Group:
 Open to those 55 years of age and older.

Annual dues of \$20 a year are due.

Seniors drop in is open from 1pm to 4pm Tuesday & Thursday.

For more information or sign ups call:

Chairperson, Donna Chalifoux:

780-385-1236

Secretary/Treasurer, Dale Lambden:

780-781-0053

Communications, Phyllis Lambden:

780-281-0851

SENIORS FIRST

For more information call FCSS at 780-385-3976

or

Nav.scflagstaff@gmail.com

Alliance Senior Drop In Group

- Wishing everyone a Happy New Year
- Members are signing up for the 2026 while have a steady group coming out every Tues and Thurs. 1 pm – 4 pm
- Yearly membership Dec 1 – Dec 1
- \$20 per person, 55+ welcome to join
- We welcome back Paul and Marie to Alliance

Alliance & District Museum**Thank you to:**

- Everyone who braved the cold and participated in our Santa Daze events
- The Fun for All group for putting on the lunch at our Christmas Market
- Alliance Legion for supplying fireworks
- Vern Spady for supplying and fireworks and lighting up the sky with a fantastic show
- Wildrose Co-op for donating the hot dog and buns for the wiener roast
- Lori Fess for doing the museum float
- Ag Society for the hay wagons, kids treats, Santa. Also the turkey curling event
- Glen Bullee for preparing ice for free skating
- Carmen and Natacha for printing and advertising
- Bob Rombough for marshalling the parade
- Gord Beer for judging the floats and awarding ribbons and prize money
- Hazel and Jaqui for making the hot chocolate and handing out wiener + buns
- Clarence Wold for making the wiener roast sticks and lighting the bonfire
- Fire Dept members for collecting and hauling two trailer loads of firewood
- Also to the Fire Dept for putting on the dinner and dance to cap off the evening

Winners of Floats

1st — Trading Post

2nd — Battle River Steam

3rd — Battle River Dance Academy

Winner of the 50/50

Beth Davidson

As always thanks to Wayne and Jay for moving mountains of snow and clearing the streets for our beautiful parade of lights.

Alliance United Church

"Happy New Year! Resolve to lose the wait and gain the Faith!"

Worship Leaders

January 4 - Beth Davidson

January 11 - Dale Jones

January 18 - Laura Towers

January 25 - Rev. Stephen Haughland, Communion

Thank you to all who donated to our mitten tree and food drive!

Remember to pick up your 2026 Alliance Community Calendar!! They are FREE this year to residents of Alliance area and available at Main Street Medley, the Library, the church, or by contacting Beth Davidson 780-390-0266 or Diane Dammann 780-385-1483.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors for making this possible.

Write to us: allianceunitedchurch@gmail.com / 780-879-2173
 FB/Messenger - "Alliance United Church"