

#### Village Office Hours Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Payments can be made in person at the Village office, online, per e-transfer, per cheque per mail, or use the 24 hour drop box at the Village Office.

 128 Main St. Box 60
 Heisler, AB T0B 2A0

 Phone (780) 889-3774
 Fax (780) 889-2280

Public Works Emergency (780) 830-6928

Email: administration@villageofheisler.ca

\*If you are wanting to post an ad in the newsletter please make sure you are submitting the ad <u>BEFORE</u> the newsletter deadline\*



Village of Heisler Council and staff would like to wish residents a Happy New Year. The office will be closed until January 6, 2025

#### **PENALTIES ON UNPAID TAXES**

Any <u>Outstanding Taxes</u> will receive a 16% penalty after Dec 31/24 as per penalties on unpaid taxes taxes bylaw #533-21

#### PLEASE DO NOT PUT CASH ON THE DROP BOX

Automatic E-transfer

We have set up automatic e-transfer.

If you pay with e-transfer you no longer need a security question and password.

Please continue to leave the account

number in the comment section so we know where to post your payment.

Reach every resident of our fine village and beyond by advertising in the

**February Newsletter** 

Newsletter Deadline January 23, 2025

advertising in the Heisler Newsletter! It's FREE!





#### <u>These are some of the HIGHLIGHTS from the December 17, 2024</u> <u>Regular Council Meeting</u>

The next regular council meeting: January 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to attend. If you have a concern that you would like addressed by council and wish to make a presentation, please contact the Village Office at least one week prior to the meeting to fill out a delegation form on our website: www.villageofheisler.ca

- Council reviews and approves the attached 2025 Election Data Sharing Agreement.
- <u>Council makes a motion to accept the information that CAO applied for the 2025 Canadi-</u> <u>an Summer Job Grant on November 20, 2024 as presented.</u>
- <u>council passes a resolution to adopt the revised 2025 Village of Heisler Capital Budget as</u> <u>presented</u>
- Council gives all three readings of Bylaw #557-24 The Fees and Charges Bylaw



#### **Attention Residents!**



The Village of Heisler would like residents to email us with updated contact information including <u>your email address</u> to ensure everyone receives the most updated information and quality services. Thank You

# The holidays aren't easy for everyone

For many, the holiday season is a time of joy, but for some, it can bring challenges like loneliness, financial strain, added stress and feelings of loss after a loved one has passed.

# You're not alone

Struggling Emotionally? Book an appointment with the counsellor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 - 4:30 (No fee required) at Flagstaff Family & Community Services 780-385-3976

Facing Food Insecurity? Call the Flagstaff Food Bank at 780-385-0810 for a food hamper

Struggling with crisis, thoughts of suicide, or addiction? Worried about a loved one? Call 9-8-8 (Toll free National Helpline)

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Come, join the Heisler Community Association. Become a board member. You can help make a difference in our community. Now is the time.

Contact a member for more information: Mickey Heisler, Wanda Hihn, Lorn Schulte, Janice Badry, Brian Sunderman, James Zimmer, Lorie Zimmer, Kevin Zimmer or Martha

#### HEISLER AG SOCIETY SPACE FOR RENT



CONTACT MARGARET: 780-889-2190 or REC CENTRE 780-889-2262 Two great spaces available to rent in the Heisler Rec Center. Heated, Fans, Shale Floor, Power, Picnic Tables. Bring your outdoor party inside! Walking, Ball, Soccer, Archery, Family Reunions, Auctions



#### St. Martin's Parish Heisler

Join us in worship every Thursday at 9am and Saturday evening's at 7pm

All are welcome!



# AIB

HEISLER AGENCY ATB Financial Kathy Kuntz Box 152 Heisler, AB TOB 2A0 780-889-3981 kkuntz2@atb.com

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#### BANK LOCALLY IN <mark>HEISLER</mark>

We offer more than just cash transactions

Did you know we offer a wide array of financial support right here at the Heisler Agency? You can open a new account, apply for a Mastercard and manage your investments...ALL WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN.

We're open: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:00am - 3:00pm Thursday 10:00am - 12:00pm here to serve you.

Come in to chat about your banking or just to say hi! You can also reach us at <mark>780-889-3981</mark>.



# Join the Heisler Municipal

We are always on the hunt for volunteers to add to the Library board. If you are interested please stop by on Wednesdays 9am – 5pm and speak to one of our lovely library members for more info.



# **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### JOIN THE FRESS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

If you are 18 years of age, and would like to be a Volunteer firefighter

Please call: Fire Chief Shawn Badry—780-679-7015 - or Deputy Fire Chief Matt Badry 780-781-1934 or Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Meyer 780-385-1231

The FRESS Fire Department is always recruiting for more Volunteer Firefighters.

Everyone is welcome to come to a meeting and see what they are all about! For meeting times and dates contact Shawn, Matt, or Dennis at the above numbers.

#### **Contacts for Emergencies & Non-Emergencies**

ANY Emergency Heisler Fire Department Killam RCMP (non-emergency) Ankerton Gas (24 hours a day) ATCO Electric (Residential Outages) 911 911 (780) 385-3502 (780) 373-3773 1-800-668-5506





Front row, from left: Thomas Rohe, Joe Martz, James Martz, Deputy Chief Dennis Meyer, Chief Shawn Badry. Missing from photo: Blaine Wolbeck, Jordan Volk, Deputy Chief Matt Badry, Elone Listoe, Ryan Duerichen, Robert Badry, Rob Dingerville, Rayan Duerichen, Brandon Martz, Spenser Sommer, Duane Wolbeck, Mickey Heisler, and Evert Kampert.

## **Reminder Dog Tag Fees Are Due**

Dog owners are required to pay yearly for their dog tags. The purpose of dog tags are so if your beloved dog gets out and is lost the village can properly identify the dog and who the owners are so they can be returned safely. If your pet is found without an identification tag it will be brought to the Sedgewick Vet Clinic and the owner will be subject to a fine per Dog Control Bylaw #468-12

Dog tag fees are due by January 31st, Before January 31st 2025: \$15.00 Per dog 2025 Payment can be made by cash, cheque, online After January 31st 2025 Late Fee: \$30.00 or Per dog E-transfer to administration@villageofheisler.ca With Winter right around the corner We are once again accepting donations for Local

#### the village would like to remind residents of the snow removal bylaw.

Snow removal on sidewalks must be done within 72 hours, local businesses within 48 hours. This is to ensure the safety of all residents using the sidewalks. There are many residents in town that provide snow removal

if you are unable to do it yourself.

### **Animal Shelter in Daysland**

Feeling the Holiday Spirit and wanting to give back? Canine Love Animal Shelter in Daysland is looking for donations. They are in need of: Blankets, puppy food, dog toys, dog beds, towels etc.

Donations can be made at the village office or the public works office.

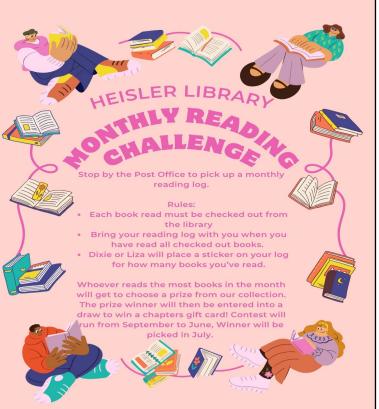
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### Now offering **Frozen Meals** delivered locally!

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Meals On

Wheels

prepared by

Twists and More Simple Delights From Grandma's Kitchen

Camrose & District

featuring meals

### Let us do the cooking!

We've partnered with Meals on Wheels in Camrose 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.

#### About Patricia, Owner of Twists & More

Both my husband and I grew up on farms where long days and hard work were just what you did. Living on a farm northeast of Camrose and growing our own and making much of our own food has been part of our lives since we were first married and raising our family of five children!

We love knowing where our food comes from and being able to go fetch a pail of fresh potatoes and a handful of carrots for supper is just great.

We love fresh veggies, picked fresh from the land and we have enjoyed sharing over the years and decided to expand and allow others to experience fresh raw, cooked or processed for winter enjoyment.

#### Some of the Meals We Serve

- · Chicken and broccoli stuffing casserole
- Frittata
- · Cheesy scalloped potatoes and ham casserole
- · Meatloaf, roasted beets and carrots
- · Spaghetti bake with ground beef

#### Frozen Meals

\$9.50 each

Subsidies available, contact us for more information.

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

Please don't forget to pick up after your dog!

All dogs must be on leash while entering and exiting dog park. Once dog is inside dog park, you may take leash off and let them run!

Heisler Seniors Friendship Club Coffee- for a loonie every morning 7am to 9am Social Afternoon– Every Friday at 1pm Movie nights- 2nd Wednesday every month at 7pm

Supper and meeting- 4th



#### **Killam Baptist Church**

Sunday School Sunday's starting at 9:45am

Worship Service Sunday's starting at 10:55am

Prayer Meeting Thursday's at 9am **Forestburg Community Baptist Church** 

Worship Service Sunday's starting at 9am

Prayer Meeting Thursday's at 1:30pm

#### For more information connect with us at (780) 385-3607 Or email at kbc01@live.ca

We would like to invite you to come and join us. Also, join us as we enjoy fellowship and Coffee after the service and prayer meetings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### 2024 - 2025

HEISLER WINTER LEAGUE BOWLING

Senior Starts : Oct 18 at 10:00 am (Fri.)

Contact Margaret at 780-889-2190

Ladies starts: Oct 15 at 10:00am (Tues.)

Contact Margaret at 780-889-2190

Mixed League starts: Nov 4 at 7:30 pm. (Mon. & Wed.)

ContactAl at 780-385-6213

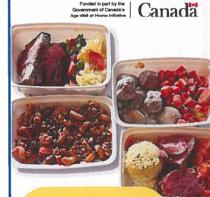
All other bowling, neon bowling, rentals of lobby and backroom phone Margaret at 780-889-2190. Everyone is welcome. Come out and have fun.



serenitymassageandrevival.noterro.com 107 Main Street Heisler, AB

#### **Shelby Heinrichs**

**Registered Massage Therapist** Certified in Dynamic Cupping Phone/Text 780 - 781 - 0756 Shelbyrmt@gmail.com



**Delivered Tuesdays** by our Senior's CHOICE volunteers



Support Services



VILLAGE OF HEISLER 2025 Utility Rate Change Information

Dear Residents,

At the November 28, 2024 regular council meeting, Heisler Council reviewed and discussed the current utility rates and decided to increase the utility rates to cover the essential costs of operating the village's water and wastewater systems, including infrastructure improvements, utility emergency response (leaks and ruptures), and system maintenance.

#### Transition Plan

To implement the total cost recovery, the village would need to increase the rates by 34.94% due to the overall economical cost increase over the last years. The village tried to keep the cost and the utility rates as low as possible for a long time, however, due to rising inflation, and to ensure the sustainability of our village we must meet these demands.

Understanding that this rate change can significantly affect household budgets, we are implementing a phased approach to ease the transition. This plan means that the first year (2025) of implementation is meant to align the rates increase of 17.47%, with the move toward full cost recovery in the second year (2026) after an additional review by Heisler Council. Following the transition period, utility rates will be reviewed and adjusted annually to keep up with the actual costs of all services to our residents. Village Council and Staff will assure you, that we will monitor and review economic change to keep it to a minimum impact for our residents.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Water, Sewer and Ga	urbage Rates changed effective Dec	ember 28, 2024
Total Bi-Monthly Wa	ter/Sewer/Garbage/Fire Protection	Service Charges
As o	f Bylaw #557-24 Fees and Charges	
	PREVIOUS Total Rates	<b>NEW Total Rates</b>
Residential Accts:	\$184.06	\$216.22
Commercial Accts:	\$232.50	\$273.12
Infra Residential Accts:	\$125.06	\$146.91
Infra Commercial Accts:	\$154.26	\$181.21
Com Bin Rental/Service Accts:	\$205.44	\$241.33
Water Service Charges	PREVIOUS Monthly Rates	<b>NEW Monthly Rates</b>
Residential Properties	\$39.53 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.08 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )	\$46.44 for 18 cubic meters (\$2.44 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )
Infrastructure fee for all	\$19.36 per month	\$22.75 per month
CLOSED Residential water accts	(\$2.08 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$2.44per additional m <sup>3</sup> )
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Commercial Properties	(\$2.08 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )	(\$2.44 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED Commercial water accts	\$24.57	\$28.86
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$38.71 per occupied suite, plus \$58.07 for the general area (\$2.08 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )	\$45.48 per occupied suite, plus \$68.22 for the general area (\$2.44 per additional m <sup>3</sup> )
Sewer Service Charges	PREVIOUS Monthly Rates	NEW Monthly Rates
Residential Properties	\$18.67	\$21.93
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED		
Residential sewer accts	\$9.34	\$10.97
Commercial Properties	\$29.17	\$34.26
Infrastructure fee for all CLOSED	¢14.50	¢17.14
Commercial sewer accts	\$14.59	\$17.14
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$18.67 per occupied	\$21.93 per occupied
	suite, plus \$28.01 for the	suite, plus \$32.91 for the
	general area.	general area.
Waste Collection & Disposal Charges	PREVIOUS Monthly Rates	NEW Monthly Rates
Residential Properties	\$21.78	\$25.58
Commercial Properties	\$25.92	\$30.45
Heisler Cozy Corner	\$78.73	\$92.48
Res/Com/Ind/Single Lot	\$22.26	\$26.15
Waste Disposal Charges	PREVIOUS Monthly Rates	<b>NEW Monthly Rates</b>
Commercial Bin Rental/Service Accounts	\$12.39	\$14.55
Fire Protection Service Fee	\$12.05	\$14.16
Please contact the V	illage Office (780) 889-3774 for m it our website www.villageofheisler	

Heisler, Alberta TOB 2A0 P.O. Box 60

Phone: 780-889-3774 Fax: 780-889-2280

Email: administration@villageofheisler.ca www.villageofheislenca

#### EMAIL BILLING SIGN-UP FORM

Name On Account:	Utility Acct No.:
Street Address:	
Phone Number:	
Mailing Address:	
Name of Renter (if applicable):	
Name of New Owner (if applicable):	

If you require assistance or have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our office at; administration@villageofheisler.ca or call (780) 889-3774 and leave a message. We would be happy to assist you!

NOTE: In the case of a renter where the renter will be responsible for the utilities, the bills will remain in the owner's name. The owner remains responsible for any arrears. A copy of the utility bill may be sent to the renter, if requested.

E- bills will be payable thirty-(30) days from the date of the invoice. Payments may be made at the Village Office or by E- mail. Please add the e-mail address; <u>administration@villageofheisler.ca</u> to your safe list of senders as this is the address from which the e-bills will come.

If ever in the future you do not receive a utility bill via e-mail, please check your junk or spam folder as occasionally our emails end up in the junk mail if an email provider changes their security settings.

Thank you for helping to save paper and postage, we hope e-bills will be more convenient for you.

Request Authorized by:

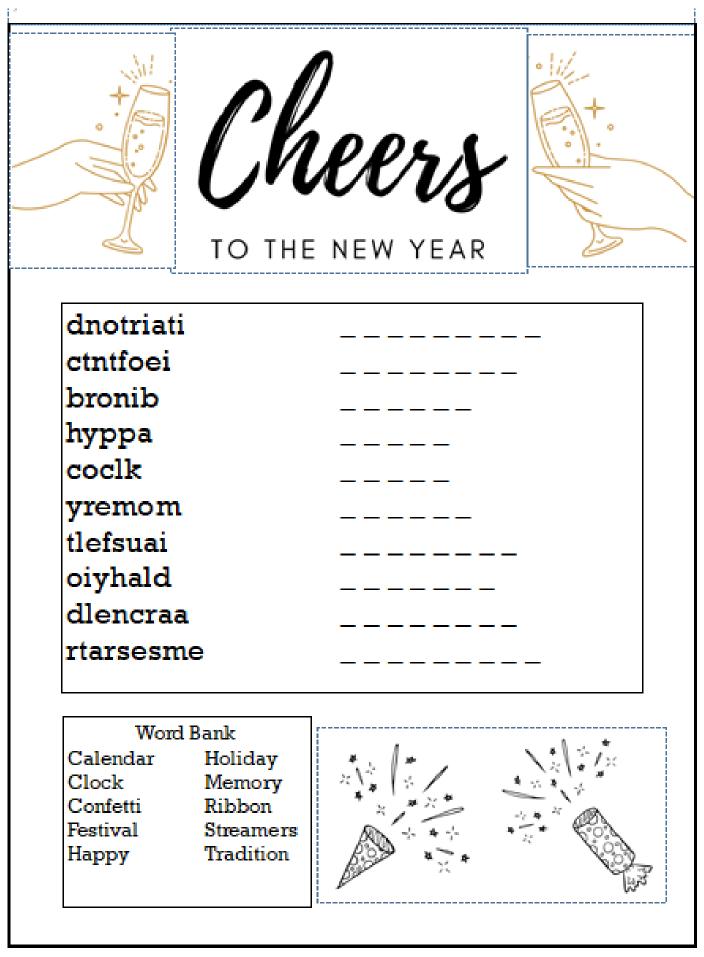
Effective Date:

Signed on behalf of Village of Heisler:

We take privacy seriously, We do not sell or share your data. All information collected is for the Village of Heisler use only and will be held in strict confidence. By providing your email, you expressly agree to receive emails, in addition to your e-bill, from the Village of Heisler which may include emergency notices, newsletters, or information & updates pertaining to the Village of Heisler.

If you would like to sign up for future E-Billing, please use this form







The Heisler Library is governed by trustees appointed by Heisler village council. The library staff are Dixie and Liza. Board members are:Delijiah Antaloczy, Gwen Wild, Andy Stephen, Carmen Stephen, Whitney Badry and Beverly Kovacs (our village representative). Library meetings are held 4 times per year and open to the public. If you see these volunteers thank them for all they do for the library.

<u>HOW TO REACH US</u>: at heislerlibrary@prl.ab.ca or visit our website at www.heislerlibrary.prl.ab.ca. Phone 780-889-3925 (this number is shared with the Post Office). Find us on Facebook.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE POST OFFICE and LIBRARY FOR ONLY \$12.00. Support the Heisler Royal Purple. They thank you for your support !

Happy New Year to all Heisler library patrons and everyone using our library. We will be purchasing many new books again in 2025. Make a book suggestion to library staff if you want us to purchase a book of your choice.

#### Benefits of Membership to Parkland Regional Library System

Municipalities that have joined Parkland Regional Library System are providing access to many professional services for their local public libraries, including the following:

- Purchasing, processing, and cataloging library materials to save time and money for member libraries
- · Access to eResources that would otherwise be unaffordable for many member libraries
- Better accessibility to resource sharing via book delivery between member libraries and out-ofsystem libraries
- Professional support and training to library staff and boards in all aspects of library operations, management, and governance including collection development, programming, marketing, advocacy, and many other areas
- · Support and training for library boards
- Member libraries are provided with computers, software, and technology support.

