

THE CAO'S CORNER

Hello Ryley!

It's been gradual. Perhaps COVID was a contributor. Perhaps it was brewing before COVID. Perhaps it's social media. Perhaps simply, it's just the way democratic societies evolve, and this was inevitable.

At one time, we cared for each other. We knew our neighbours, we knew all the people up and down our street and across town. We did favours for each other – without being asked; sometimes in secret. And not just for our best buddy. We looked after everyone equally and we did things for our community. We showed up, we supported, we didn't assume and we didn't blame. Or, if we did blame, we kept it to ourselves and we always realized that times, situations, and history have a lot to do with the troubles someone might be having. We assumed first that there must be some explanation other than that person is a jerk. We tried hard to see the good in others first. Nowadays, it seems like our first reaction is mistrust, suspicion, and accusation. We are too quick to assume, to believe the bad and refute the good. We are too quick to pass along the wildest of stories before we stop and consider whether it's likely or if we are spreading misinformation.

We need to get better. My experience says that we grow together greater as a community if we lift each other up, spend more time together and get to know each other better. We don't need to spend every hour of everyday socializing, but we need to get out of our homes more, get off of social media, get some fresh air and come together to meet and greet each other more often. We need to support each other first and tear down others last. We need to seize every opportunity to start caring more for each other, for our community. *Continued on next page*

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Our Legion holds regular events and some people come out, but there could be more. Our Senior's Sunshine Club has morning coffee. Our FCSS holds family friendly events. Our Library is a bigger social hub than you would expect. Our Community Resource Centre is open for a group of you to drop by for coffee during most weekdays. Our Community Engagement & Enrichment Committee (CEEC - sounds like KEEK) organizes community events, as do many of our local community groups like Friends of Ryley School Society (FORSS) and the Beaver and Heritage Agricultural Society. These community groups also need volunteer members to join their boards or committees.

We need to do much better at getting to know each other. It starts with you. Step away from social media and step into real life socializing. Start now, each week, this week! Is there something happening this week or next week in Ryley that you haven't done? How about next month? Go to the Harvest Dinner & Dance on Sat 24 Oct. Go swimming at the Ryley Pool. Go attend a meeting – there's probably one happening tonight. If you can't find a way to meet others, let me know and I'll be happy to help you organize something right here in Ryley.

Let's get together more often. Let's Live the Life of Ryley.

Glen Hamilton-Brown
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ryley Family & Community Support Services is looking for additional board members. Ryley FCSS runs many valuable programs in our community and needs an active engaged board. **Board Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Ryley Community Resource Centre.** Contact fcss@ryley.ca to find out more.



October



VILLAGE of RYLEY

COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

October 2026

NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Claystone Garbage Bins - Residential and Commercial

The waste bins (dumpsters) in the alleys within the Village are designated for general household waste. (Please do not place items beside bins or fill them to overflowing) The cardboard waste bin is located at the semi park at 5115 50 Avenue or cardboard can be dropped off at the Claystone Waste Ryley Transfer Station 50117 Range Rd 173. Large items are accepted during annual pick-ups or at the Claystone Waste Ryley Transfer Station. Other products can be taken to an appropriate transfer station. To view the list of items accepted at the Ryley Transfer Station please visit <https://claystonewaste.com/residential-collections/ryley-transfer-station/>.

To view where you can drop off large items, please visit <https://claystonewaste.com/residential-collections/large-item-pickup/>.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Claystone Waste at 780-663-2038.

(Community Standards Bylaw 2015-912 Section 4.5)

VILLAGE OF RYLEY

Box 230, Ryley, Alberta, T0B 4A0

Phone: 780-663-3653

Email: admin@ryley.ca

Animal Control: 780-288-0304

Water Emergencies: 780-663-0421

Public Works Emergencies: 780-991-7358

Odor Issues & Concerns:

Claystone Waste: 780-663-2038

Clean Harbors: 780-663-3828

FORTIS (Powerlines/Trees): 780-310-9473

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harvest Dinner and Dance

Saturday, October 24th

Don't miss this new fall event!

Dinner catered by local and well-known **A1 Catering**,
dance recital by Ryley's own **Niko's Dance Studio**
and a night of dancing to 80's/Country music by
Dahlia and the Villains!

Tickets on sale NOW

\$35 each or 2/\$60

Tickets can be bought at the Village Office or from a
Community Enrichment & Engagement Committee
Board Member



WELCOME BBQ

Are you new to the community?

**You are invited to a free BBQ on October 1st from
5:30pm-7:30pm**

Menu: hotdogs, potato salad, chips and ice cream
sandwiches!

Not new to Ryley? Come down to the Resource
Centre & meet your new neighbours!



**Congratulations to the Beaver Heritage & Ag
Society for hosting the 30th RyTof Slo-Pitch
Tournament in Ryley on September 5-7!**

RyTof had over 70 teams playing in this multi-town
event that is organized by the Beaver Heritage &
Tofield Ag Societies. On Saturday September 6,
they held an annual tournament after party at the
Ryley Community Centre, dancing the night away
with music provided by a DJ. The Village of Ryley
would like to extend our appreciation to the Ag
Society for continuing to host this annual event in
our community. Your dedication helps brings
residents and visitors together, create
opportunities for connection and contribute to the
vibrancy of our Village! **THANK YOU!**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

See Village of Ryley Bylaws online at:
<https://www.ryley.ca/government/planning-development/>

Utility bills are sent before the 10th of each month.

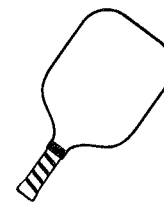
Want to receive your utility bill by e-mail? Send an email to
admin@ryley.ca to sign up for emailed utility bills.

The deadline for 2026 Property Taxes has now passed. A 10%
penalty was applied to any current property tax balances on
September 10, 2026. Another 10% penalty will be applied on
December 31, 2026.

Recent Council Donations:

(funded by Claystone Waste Good Neighbour Grant)
Tofield and Area Health Services Foundation - \$2,004.45
Community Attraction & Retention Committee - \$1000
Kid's Help Phone - \$575

Thank You
Claystone
Waste Ltd



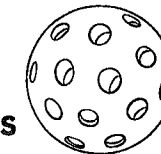
PICKLE BALL @ The Curling Rink

Monday & Thursday

9:30 AM-11 AM

Tuesday & Thursday - Kids & Newcomers

6:30 PM-8:30 PM



MCPHERSON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY FALL HOURS

Monday 2-6 PM
Tuesday - Thursday 1-6 PM
Friday 10 AM-6 PM
Saturday 12-4 PM
**Sundays & ALL Stat
Holidays:
CLOSED**

RYLEY POOL FALL HOURS

Morning Swim
Mon & Wed: 7-9 AM
Friday: 7-9 AM
Public Swim
Mon, Wed & Fri: 6-8 PM
Sunday: 2-5 PM
Lane Swim
Monday: 5-6 PM



**The Community Resource Centre is now open
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-3pm.
Drop-in Play Group - new dates coming!**

**Tuesdays @ 1:30pm Drop-in Chair Yoga
Thursdays @ 9am Drop-in Chair Yoga**
Free program. Wear comfy clothing.

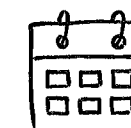
1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm Prize Bingo
Free program. Bring a prize item to add to the
prize racks or donate to FCSS and get extra
cards. Loonie concession. Now sponsored by
Busy B Bargains!



**Join us at the Welcome BBQ, October 1st from
5:30pm- 7:30pm to celebrate 60 years of the
FCSSAA in Alberta!**

All activities are at the
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
unless otherwise noted.

SPECIAL & POP-UP EVENTS
are posted on the windows at the Centre.
Ryley Community Resource Centre



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fcss@ryley.ca

