



Adult Community Conversation Notes:

February 7, 2024

Janeen Keelan, Community Outreach Services:

- Winter Bucket list Feb 13th Ice climbing, March 5th Sem and Soak \$10, March 12th Fat Biking \$25 – Contact Ian to register.
- Every Wednesday: Programming for all adults in Quorum basement,
- Free Tai Chi for all people Tuesdays 12-1 PM in Multi-purpose Hall. (Program is looking to train more instructors for the Summer)
- Mental Health supports now available on Thursdays 1-4 PM at Seton hospital on a drop-in basis with Ryan Verge.
- Prime Time programming every Wednesday 55+ in library basement 1.30-3 PM

Tasha Porttin, Jasper Mettra Pharmacy

- Mettra has a Coldest Night of the Year team and is accepting donations in store as well as online <https://cnoy.org/location/jasper>
- Thank you to Pursuit Community Fund for their generous donation to Mettra's Coldest night of the year fundraising.

Traudi Golla, Library

- Library is now open on Mondays 10 AM-5 PM.
- Food for Fines running for the entire month of February! Make a non-perishable food donation to the food bank box at the library and have your fines waived!
- Upcoming programming: Roll for equality board games night with Jasper PRIDE Wed Feb 14th 5-8 PM, Visible mending for clothing Thurs. Feb 15th 6.30 PM.
- From the Stacks every second Thursday, Knitting group on Wednesdays 10.30 AM
- Library are looking for locals willing to share their knowledge and interests for programming.

Jennifer Stolfa, Jasper Food Bank

- Food bank open 5.30-6.30 PM Thursdays in basement of Anglican Church.
- March 3rd Oilers game's 50/50 draw proceeds will be given to Jasper Food bank. There will be watch parties for the event around town – Locations to be announced.
- Food bank have been collecting data on who is accessing the program. Trends over past 6 months show that the largest group accessing program are adults between 25-35 yrs with FT jobs often living in staff accommodations.
- Last week a new record of 90 families/ individuals served.
- Trend: 25% of people only access program one time and do not return.
- 30% are long term users of a year or longer.
- Current amount of people accessing the program is not sustainable.
- People have reported being able to access the food bank as a result of the New Jasper Transit – especially for staff that live outside of town at Pyramid Lake or JPL for example.



- [Coldest Night of the Year](#) Fundraiser coming up February 24th. Sign up to a local team or create your own and help raise funds for the Jasper Food Bank and Community Caring Fund. 100% of funds raised go directly to meeting and providing peoples basic needs in Jasper: Shelter, food and clothing. Option to walk 2 or 5 km with rest stops along the way serving hot chocolate. After the walk a Soup Dinner for participants will be held at the Activity Centre.
- **Jo Ann Sherlow, Fitness & Aquatic Centre**
 - Renovations are going as scheduled
 - Gym busy,
 - Aqua Fit with 17 participants with some space on the waitlist Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30-10.30am. Feb 6,8,
 - limited swimming Lessons in collaboration with Tonquin Inn.
 - Full First Aid course offering March 16-18.
 - Free indoor walking program 3 Days a week in multi-purpose hall. Monday 10-12, Wednesday 2-4 PM, Saturday 11AM-1.30 PM.
 - Activity Centre remains open with lots happening including Shinney Hockey, Free Skate, Roller skating, Coffee Connections, Free Soup For You program & Food Recovery fridges.

Jennifer, Jasper Employment and Education Centre

- JEEC are currently hiring; P/T Employer engagement coordinator, P/T Operations coordinator, a F/T Career Advisor, and a Contract English Language Tutor.
- Spring positions have begun being advertised on Job board
- Receiving calls from people looking to come to Jasper for the summer season.
- Increase in clients with unreliable employment – Trend of reduced hours.
- Rural Renewal program offers a pathway to PR working with employers. Looking to support up to 80 20-25 employers submitted applications.
- Speed friending event Feb 13th, 5-6.30 PM at JEEC hosted by Jasper Local Immigration Partnership.
- English Language courses and drop-in classes are running Mon-Thursday Beginner literacy to Advanced.
- Small reduction in numbers for class attendance.
- Looking for volunteer language and GED tutors.

Rev. Linda McClaren, United Church

- Faith Communities, Muslim and Cristian churches working together to host this weeks Community Dinner Feb 11th.
- Shrove Tuesday Feb 13th, Anglican and United Church offering Pancake Dinner (Melissa to check time on Facebook ad). Proceeds from Pancakes will be donated to Soup for You program.
- Wednesday 14th Special Wednesday service open to the community.
- Thrift store open Monday & Thursday afternoons 12-3 and Monday & Wednesday evenings 7-9. Reminder that the church can not accept furniture.



- Donate items in weather-proof bag to keep items in a reusable state.
- Mod Squad Book club: Books and conversations around current world issues. Open to all to attend. February's book is 'Net Positive' by Andrew S. Winston and Paul Polman. Meeting Thurs Feb 29th, 4.30 PM on zoom.
- United Church has a Coldest Night of the year team – all welcome to join.

Melissa Day, Community Development

- Community Dinner launched with great turnout of over 450 residents. Seniors and people with diverse needs will be seated first at the new time of 4.30pm. Families with young children at 5pm and everyone welcome from 5.30pm.
- Food Security Survey is open to take through Jasper food Alliance.
- The Library of Things is still open at the Jasper Activity Centre. Check out what's available on the website.
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What do you think?

- ✓ [Engage Jasper – Jasper's brand-new online engagement portal. It's a place to share your ideas and provide feedback.](#)
- ✓ [Municipal public engagement opportunities](#)
- ✓ [Give feedback, contact council or report an issue.](#)
- ✓ [You can also contact council by emailing them.](#)

Promote your program or event:

- ✓ [Check the Community Calendar to find out what's going on in Jasper.](#)
- ✓ [Add your program or event to the calendar.](#)

Share your passion:

- ✓ [Fill out this form](#) and we will contact you to discuss your idea!

All things Community Conversations:

- ✓ [Community Conversations schedule and information](#)
- ✓ [Community Conversations most recent notes](#)
- ✓ [Register to join Community Conversations](#)
- ✓ [Municipal Community Conversations policy.](#)

Do you have neighbours or colleagues who are new to Jasper?

- ✓ The [New to Jasper page of the website](#) has helpful information for them.
- ✓ Welcome them to your neighbourhood using our [welcome bags](#).
- ✓ [Plan a neighbourhood gathering using our Neighbourhood Connections program.](#)

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