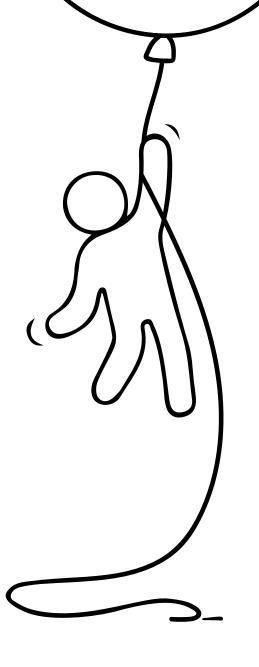




From conception to organization to execution, all of these events are led by High River Citizens.



Our High River is a citizen led community development network. We support community engagement; building social capital by highlighting great neighbors and linking people to opportunities.



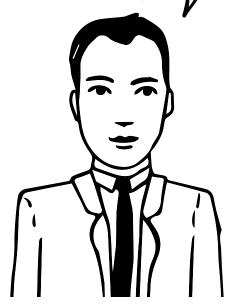
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Thank you for stepping up to be a change maker in our community. Every person makes a difference. This community is 'rooted in people' and we as a Town Council are committed to supporting citizen led initiatives that make this the vibrant town it is today.

Take Care!

VELLNESS TIPS

In High River we are committed to wellness, please take care of yourself as you dive into this process - you matter! Look for Wellness Tips throughout this guide if you find that you or the people you are working with are struggling and you don't know what to do, reach out:

Family & Community Supports

CONTACTS

Our High River

Jody Seeley 403-603-3547 www.ourhighriver.com

Community Support, Town of High River

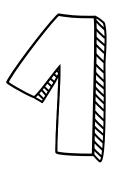
Janelle Kennedy 403-603-3447 www.highriver.ca





"Without leaps of imagination or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all is a form of planning."

~ Gloria Steinem



DREAMING

You may want to open a notebook or a computer file to go along with this play book. There will be questions to help you get to where you want to go., lists to be made and you will want to capture all of your great ideas in case you want to do it again.

So what do you want to do? With who? For what reason? Where and When?

Is this something you can do on your own or do you need a group? If alone, or you already have a group jump to **Great Plans**.



ASSEMBLING A TEAM

Who else might be interested in this? Who would be helpful?

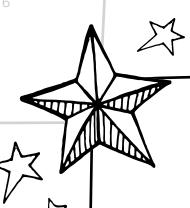
Make a list of everyone you know that might help you out (take a look at the **team page** for jobs you may like to fill)

The 'why' of your project will act as both a guiding light and as a fire to keep you and your team inspired- see next page.

What makes this important to you and to the community?

You may find in these beginning stages that you are super excited and working all the time. Please make sure you pace yourself. You may feel overwhelmed. Don't forget to ask for help! Assistance is a phone call away: 403 603-3447



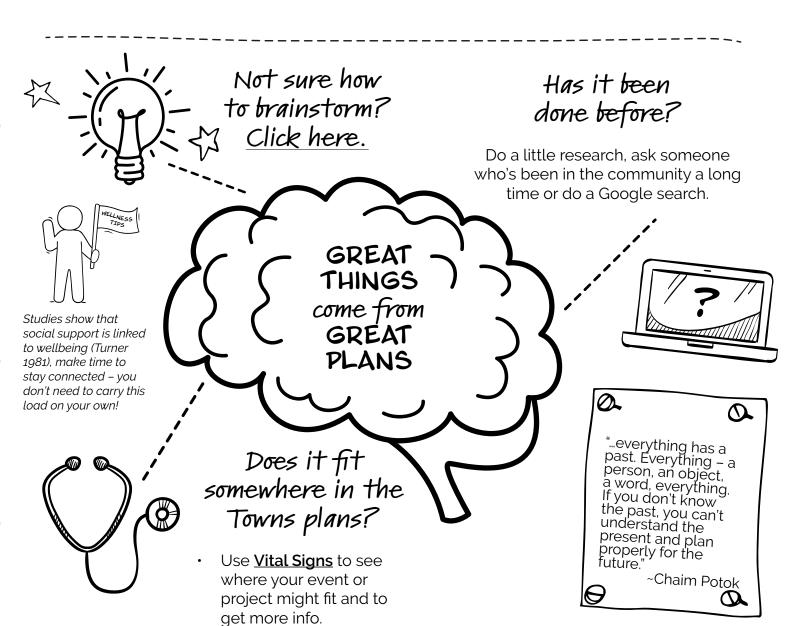


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TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

- See team check list for possible positions that you need to fill (don't need all)
- Need Volunteers? Our <u>High River App</u> can connect you
- Have you thought of having an apprentice?
- · Remember to delegate!





Who do we need to make this work?

Shoppers

Security

Bartenders/

Wait Staff

Valet/

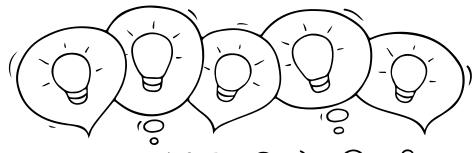
Parking

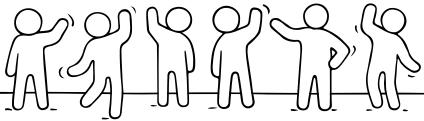
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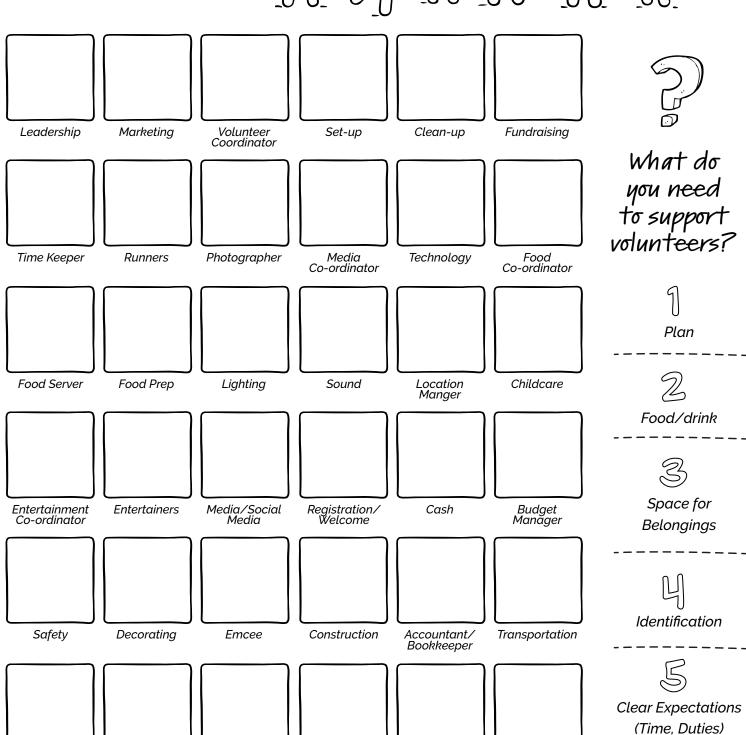
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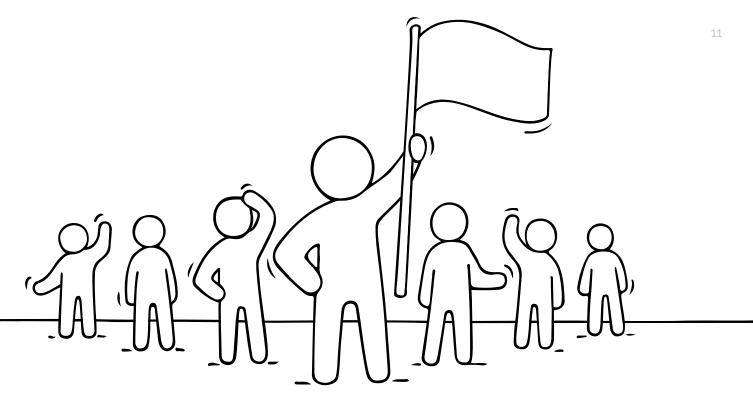


CONSIDER PARTNERS

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

~Henry Ford





HOW TO INVITE COUNCIL TO YOUR EVENT

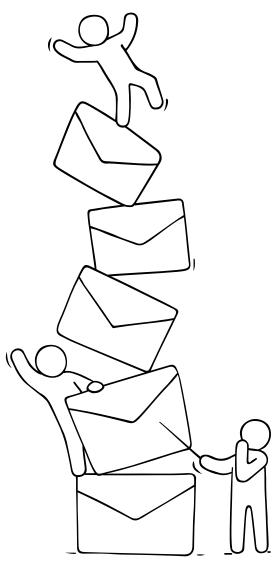
Town of High River's Mayor and Council receive several invitations to community events, conferences, and speaking opportunities each month.

Community groups and event organizers can now invite the Mayor and/or members of Council to their event via a simple_fillable form on the Town's website!

If your group would like the Mayor and/or a member of Council to attend a public event (e.g., conferences, anniversary celebrations, charitable or cultural events), please use the online form located at <a href="https://high.nih.gov/high.gov/high.nih.gov/high.gov/high.gov/high.nih.gov/high.

Due to the large number of invitations received, the Town requires that requests are sent at least three weeks in advance of the event. Please note, the Town cannot guarantee the attendance of Mayor and Council.

Once the invitation is received, the Town will contact event organizers to confirm the availability of the Mayor or Councillors.





Check the Town of High River Calendar, see what else is on - do they work with or against your project?





Season/Weather? Traffic/Construction? Time of Day/Mood?



Choose a time that makes it easy for the people you want to come to show up.





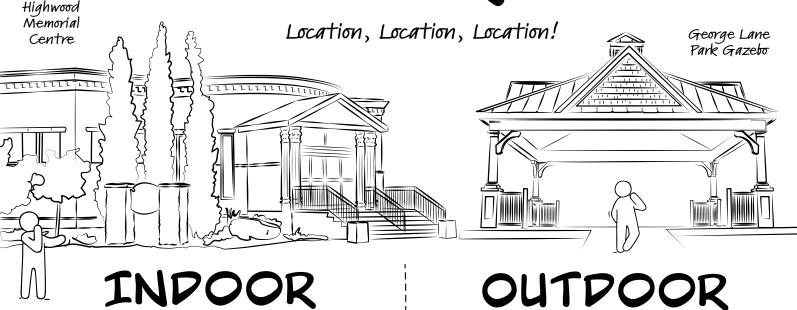
Do you need time to book things? Some things that may require time are: Venue (where are you having it?) Permists (Town, Alberta Health Services Foof Permit or ALCB liquor license.)



Create a timeline from start to finish and everything in between.



WHERE?



Things to ask the venue:

- What is the cost?
- How far ahead do I need to book?
- How many people are allowed in the space?
- Do you need a deposit?
- When would I have to cancel so that I can get my deposit back?
- Do you have catering?
- Do you have wifi?
- Do you have power?
- Tell me about your bathrooms.
- How accessible is the space?
- What is the parking like?
- How much decorating is it going to need to get the mood you are looking for?
- Signs
- Decoration (refer to your mood page)
- Lighting and sound

Will your event be held in a public space? You may need a permit check here:

OUTPOOR

Things you need to ask:

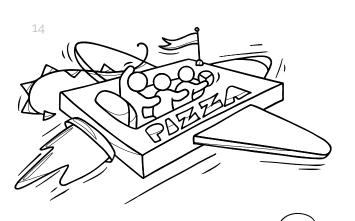
- Is it a private or a public space?
- Do you need a permit to use it? There are bylaws for land use, noise and care of trees in High River
- Do you have an alternate location or a way to get out of the weather?
- Are there bathrooms or will you need to supply them?
- Is there power available if needed?
- Things you might need: fencing, chairs, tables, dance floor, garbage can

CHALLENGE

Think outside the box - where would be a cool and unlikely place to hold your event?



https://www.highriver.ca/special-event-application-process/





Are you going to have food & drink?

Self Prepared?

Make sure you follow AHS Guidelines.

Things You May Need:

knife/fork/spoons garbage bags recycling napkins plates/glasses/cups

Be Sensitive

to food allergies, preferences, cultural considerations and safety.

Food Trucks

See list in resources.
Ask about Fire, AHS and
Business permits.

Liquor License Info

https://bit.ly/2J42ion

Paid or Volunteer Wait Staff?

May need

AGLC Proserve

Catering

See list in resources.

Taxi Service

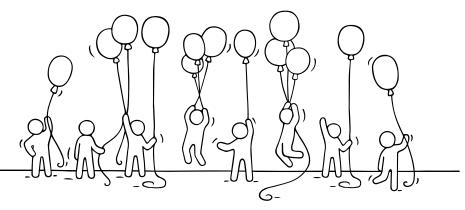
See list in resources.

HAVE FUN

Food brings us together!



When you are mindful you are happier and healthier. Take a moment now to breathe. Notice what you feel, hear, see, taste and smell. Enjoy this moment – here, now. This planning process will be much more fun if you make these quick breaks often – take it all in.



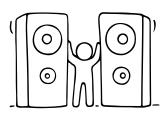


GUEST SPEAKERS & ENTERTAINMENT

Choosing a great entertainer, MC or guest speaker:

- Consider your Budget
- 2 Understand what you want from your guest speaker or entertainer.
- Double check availability
- 4 Consider your audience





Be sure to ask what equipment they will need at the venue. Assign a volunteer to them.

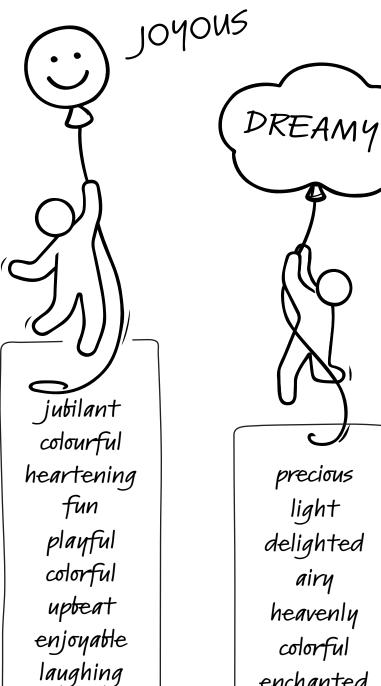


Book your guest speaker or entertainment before you set your date if you want to make sure they are available



Think local, is there someone from the area who fits your event and already has a following? Set the tone with decorations, lighting, food, dress code - be creative

FORMAL



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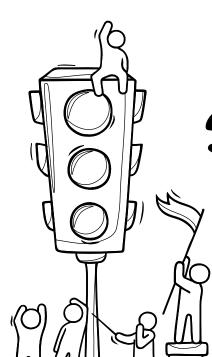
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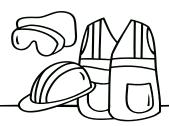
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SAFETY



Have a safety plan – template in resources



Will you need equipment?



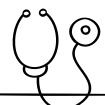
Do you need security? Fences?



Do you know the location of all Emergency Exits?



First Aid professionals or first aid kit?



Emergency Services on site?



Where is the fire extinguisher located?



Provide emotional safety too!

Communications

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS!

An important part of any event or project is letting people know about it!

PON'T FORGET TO INVITE THE MEDIA!

Let our local media know what you are up to - list of local newspaper and radio station contacts and a sample media release are listed in resources. You should be thinking of doing a media release between 2 and 4 weeks before your event.

Having trouble communicating? When you are frustrated or finding it difficult, communicate up – try a kind of communication that gives you more information – for example if you are having trouble with an email or text – call, with a call – meet in person.

Have you downloaded the **Our High River APP?** Great place to find your volunteers

PAID ADVERTISING

in the local papers and on social media maybe something you want to do if you have the budget for it.

In any of your communications think about who you are trying to talk to. Think about the language you use, is it easy to understand? You can get translations from our local immigrant services, or have Literacy for Life look at it - they suggest aiming for Grade 5 literacy for general public.

POSTERS

Be sure that posters are clear and have all the information people need on them. List of poster locations listed in the resources.

Is there anyone you would like to personally invite? Consider a save the date card. In this digital age a face to face or phone call invitation goes a long way. Sample letters for dignitaries in resources.

SOCIAL MEDIA is

a great way to communicate your project or event.
Find someone on your team or contact Our High River to see how you can make

- to see how you can make Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked-In, etc work for you!

#itllbegreat

BE NICE.

Think about who your event might impact (neighbors, businesses, etc.) and let them know ahead of time what is going on. THANK YOU' NOTES are a nice touch

you sweet talker, you

Don't forget to put your event on the **Town of High River Event Calendar**. highriver.ca/events/

HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST?

Do you have money for this? - Will you need to fundraise? - Are there any grants or funders for this?

BUPGET				
Expenses	Estimated Cost			
VENUE	·			
Room/Hall Rental	\$			
Furniture Rentals	\$			
Equipment Rentals (Speakers, Microphones, etc.)	\$			
Decorations	\$			
Signage	\$			
REFRESHMENTS				
Food	\$			
Drinks	\$			
Other	\$			
PROGRAM				
Presenters	\$			
Performers	\$			
Presenter/Performer Travel	\$			
Presenter/Performer Accomodations	\$			
PROMOTION				
Paid Advertising	\$			
Web Development	\$			
Special Offers/Giveaways	\$			
MISCELLANEOUS				
Name Tags/Badges	\$			
Printed Agendas/Programs	\$			
Swag (Stickers, Keychains, etc.)	\$			
Stationary/Pens/Pencils	\$			
Other:	\$			
GRAND TOTAL	\$			



FUNDRAISING

What makes cents?

Fundraisers are an event themselves so you can use the playbook to organize that as well. Here are some ideas to get you going.

GRANTS	Usually available to non-profits – are you one or could you partner with one? Do an internet search for the grants that might be available for what you want to do.			
RAFFLES	AGLC has guidelines and licensing around raffles https://aglc.ca/gaming/charitable-gaming/licences/raffle-10000-and-less			
CROWDSOURCING	Use social media (Facebook) or a crowdsourcing platform to generate funding online.			
SERVICE GROUPS	High River has several <u>service groups</u> that may have funds for what you want to do.			
SALES	Garage sale, bake sale, used clothing sale, partner with a business or sell something (meat, flowers, chocolates) service – car wash – again you may need an AGLC license			
SPONSORSHIPS	Find a business or benefactor who believes in what you want to do			
HOLD AN EVENT	Gala, golf tournament, dance/yoga/skate/ swimathon, get creative.			
PARTNERSHIPS	Contact the Chamber of Commerce with your idea and see if there is a business who'd like to work with you.			



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On the day of your event or launching your project you may want to:

- Checklist
- Contact List
- Agenda/Timetable
- Look after your volunteers (water, plan, someone they can contact with questions)

HAVE FUN

Take a moment to take it all in and celebrate the work and persistence it's taken to get to this point!

AFTER

Gather your team and look at:

- How did it go?
- Would you do it again?
- What was the best part?
- What would you do
- differently?



MEASURING SUCCESS

- What successes did you enjoy?
- Did everyone stay safe?
- Was it well attended?
- Did attendees enjoy themselves?
- Is it worth doing again?
- Capture the learnings from your event to make it easier for the next person or group who wants to do it.

These pages are subject to change - if you see additions needed or resources that are no longer available please message us at ourhighriver@gmail.com

Town of High River Special Events (events on public property): https://www.highriver.ca/special-event-application-process/Janelle Kennedy

Community Development Coach

jkennedy@highriver.ca 403-603-3447

Marketing, Design, Printing & Promotional Material:

AJ's Trophies and Engraving

www.ajtrophies.com | 403 652 4446

Highwood Printing

www.highwoodprinting.com | 403 652 3101

Foothills Signs

www.foothillssigns.com | 403 652 1010

Foothills Custom Promotionals

www.foothillscustompromotionals.ca | 587-320-1474

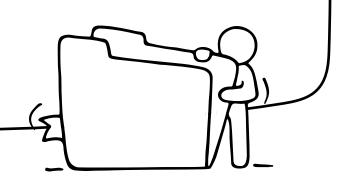
Freshly Pressed

www.freshly-pressed.ca | 403-616-3716

Fly's Etc.

www.flysetc.ca | 403-601-6120

J R Trophies



Alberta Health Services (Food Safety):

https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/Page13999.aspx

Alberta Liquor and Gaming Control:

Gaming (raffles, etc.): https://aglc.ca/gaming/charitablegaming/licences

Liquor https://aglc.ca/liquor/liquor-licences/applying-licence/liquorlicences-private-special-events

Event Planners:

Envious Events - 403 6011674 **Inspired Events and Catering** - 403 605 7753

High River Service Groups and Organizations:

Highwood Lions Club
Independent Order of Oddfellows
Kinettes
Kinsmen Club
Masons
Newcomers Club
Optimist Club of High River
Activettes
Rebekah Lodge #129
Rotary Club

Templates:

Media Release Formal Invite for Dignitaries Safety Plan



Videos:

Social Media tips and tricks with Jody Seeley

Venues:

Culture Centre (403) 652-2110 https://www.highriver.ca/culture-centre/

Ramada (403) 603-3183 http://www.guestreservations.com/about/contact

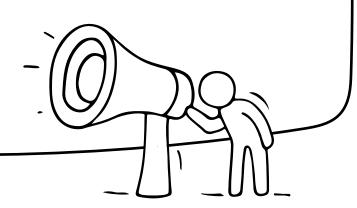
Memorial Centre (403) 652-4404 office@highwoodmemorialcentre.com http://www.highwoodcentre.com/

Churches

Anglican Highwood Parish (403) 652- 2271 dbeaman8@telus.net https://www.joinmychurch.com/churches/Anglican-Highwood-Parish-High-River-Alberta-Canada/1074

Bahai Faith (403) 652-1329

Christian Reformed Church 403) 652- 7179 admin@highrivercrc.ca https://www.crcna.org/churches/624



Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (403) 652-4141

Full Gospel Church
(403) 652-2633
info@hrfgc.org
http://hrfgc.org/ f - @fgchighriver @ @fgchighriver

Good Shepherd Lutheran Phone Number :(403) 652-2992 gslchr@telus.net http://www.gslchr.ca/

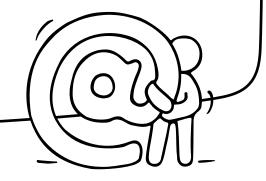
High River Alliance Church Phone Number: (403) 652-4170 https://highriverchurch.com/

High River Baptist Church (403) 652-2985 office@hrbaptist.ca http://www.hrbaptist.ca/contacts/

High River United Church (403) 652-3168 http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org

Jesus Rock of Ages Church (403) 923- 5466 bautistajhon3@gmail.com and mhile.jram.edu@gmail.com http://jesusrockofagesministries.com/jram-ab-highriver/

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (403) 652-2203 francisdesales@shaw.ca http://sfshighriver.com



The Salvation Army Foothills Church (403) 652-2195

Co-op Community Room

Literacy for Life Board Room (403) 6525090 info@litforlife.com http://www.litforlife.com/contact-us.php

Schools

Foothills School Division No. 38 École Secondaire Highwood High School (403) 652-5500 highwood@fsd38.ab.ca https://highwood.fsd38.ab.ca/

Joe Clark (403) 652-2020 joeclark@fsd38.ab.ca https://joeclark.fsd38.ab.ca/

Senator Riley (403) 652-2346 <u>senator@fsd38.ab.ca</u> <u>https://senatorriley.fsd38.ab.ca/</u>

Spitzee Elementary School (403) 652-2376 spitzee@fsd38.ab.ca https://spitzee.fsd38.ab.ca/



Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools Holy Spirit Academy 403-652-2889 http://www.holyspiritacademy.ca/Contact.php

Notre Dame Collegiate 403-652-2231 http://www.notredamecollegiate.ca/Contact.php

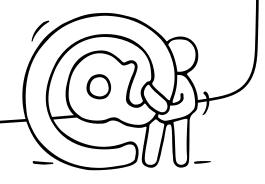
St. Luke's Outreach 403-652-1919 http://www.stlukesoutreach.ca/Contact.php

Bow Valley College (403) 441-2399 <u>bvcfoothills@bowvalleycollege.ca</u> <u>https://bowvalleycollege.ca/schools/regional-stewardship/campuses/</u> high-river

Academy of Learning: 403-652-2116 academyoflearning@highriver.net http://www.academyoflearning.com/locations_alberta_high_river.html

High River Library
(403) 652-2917
maryz@highriverlibrary.ca (director)
library@highriverlibrary.ca (general inquiries)
library@highriverlibrary.ca

Wales Theatre
(403) 561-3787
stkidwai@gmail.com
http://www.walestheatre.com



Shepherd Family Park (403) 652 1128 http://www.sheppardfamilypark.com/

Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex 403-652-4042 parksandrec@highriver.ca https://www.highriver.ca/bob-snodgrass-recreation-complex-and-cargill-field-house/

4th Street

Available for street festivals and parties (contact Town of High River)

Community Communication Inventory

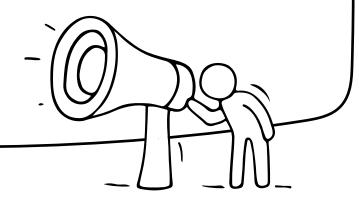
Print

Gateway Gazette https://panopticnews.com/gateway-gazette (403) 933-4283

Town Crier communications@highriver

High River Times https://www.highrivertimes.com(403) 652-2034

Western Wheel https://www.westernwheel.com 403-938-6397



Online

Town of High River Event Calendar
High River Online
Town of HR and Our High River Facebook, Twitter
Chamber of Commerce Website
Cool Little Towns Website

Bulletin Boards

FCSS (Charles Clarke Building)
Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex
Town of High River Office
Hospital
Parentlink

Sobey's

Culture Centre Friendship Centre

Co-op Colossi's

Museum of the Highwood Home Hardware

Churches and Business's

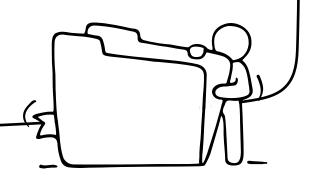
Memorial Centre

LED signs

Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex (town events take precedence) Memorial Centre (only Memorial Centre events) Highwood High School Heritage Inn

Radio

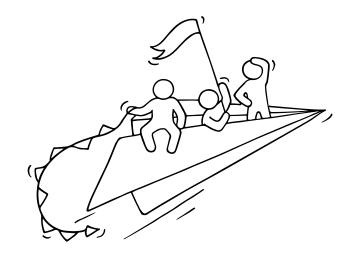
Sun Country - <u>Golden West Radio</u> The Eagle - Golden West Radio AM 1140 - Golden West Radio



PLAYBOOK EVALUATION

How did you work with this toolkit

Online? Hard copy? Both?				
Is this your first time using this toolkit?				
Yes No				
Was this your first event?				
Yes No				
If no, please indicate how many times your event has occurred?				
Was the toolkit helpful to you and your team?				
Yes No				
Please explain:				
What was most helpful?				
What was least helpful?				
Will you use the event toolkit again? Yes No				
Please explain:				
Will you recommend this toolkit to other groups?				
Yes No				



See you NEXT TIME!

