

HIGHWOOD NEWS

THE OFFICIAL SEASONAL NEWSLETTER FROM THE HIGHWOOD CENTRE



CHECK IT OUT

LOVE

ALBERTA FILM INDUSTRY

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GUN SHOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOVE IS IN THE AIR...

The height of the wedding season was a busy one for us. Love was definitely in the air this summer. The Medicine Tree Hall is the ideal space for weddings featuring high ceilings and bonus room access food and bar service. The Veterans and Heritage rooms are also a great option for a more intimate gathering while our larger parties enjoyed the entire upper floor for their special day!

The colours this summer ranged from purples and green to burnt orange with an integration of real and silk flowers. From our glorious rotunda front hall, to many room selections accented by elegant decor options to our comfortable accent rooms and washrooms - we have it all for your wedding or next event.



WHAT'S NEW?

We are always adding to our rentals inventory and the Highwood Centre has flameless candles. Ask us about adding them for your next event.



EVENT TIP

Planning an event? Don't know where to start?

Don't worry- we can help!

The Highwood Centre can help you plan your event and provide some useful tips on how to bring your dreams to life.

Ask us about our All-Inclusive Packages which provide the best 'one-stop shop' option for your event.



This summer, the Alberta Film Industry experienced a resurgence, highlighted by productions such as Netflix's My Life with the Walter Boys, Season 18 of Heartland, Abandons, Billy the Kid, and various independent Indy projects.

These productions contribute significantly to High River by sourcing local goods, hiring local talent, and utilizing local fuel and water suppliers. This influx provides a substantial economic advantage for the town and its residents. Notably, Heartland and other productions contributed over \$100,000 towards the reconstruction of High River following the 2013 flood. The Alberta Film Industry appreciates High River for its stunning landscapes, varied architecture, and proximity to the city. The Highwood Centre plays a vital role in supporting the local film sector by offering facilities for background holding, hair and makeup, and additional crew requirements. It has also served as a filming location in previous projects.

LIGHTS...

CAMERA...



HIGH RIVER GUN SHOW

The 3rd Annual High River Gun Show, hosted by the Rotary Club of High River was a huge success! Featuring 90 vendors who offered a variety of firearms including rare and antique collectables, knives, war memorabilia & many other collector items. Over 800 people were in attendance for the show! Be sure to visit next year for the 2025 Edition of the High River Gun Show!



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

For more than 77 years, the Highwood Centre has been a second home for various community groups including the High River Legion, Town Offices, Council Chambers, Old Timers, Teen Town, Air Cadets, Rotary Club, 20/30 Club, Windmill Theatre Players and the High River Library. Today, we continue that tradition, and the lower level of the Centre is currently home to St. Luke's Outreach.

St. Luke's Outreach Centre's vision is to create a loving, caring, faith-filled learning environment where students are equipped to become resilient, confident, valued and engaged community members who make healthy decisions in their work and personal lives. Furthermore, the students will recognize their own value and worth and that of others.



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EVENT PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



Canadiana Music is a local production and recording company who provides sound and lighting event production services. From rentals to experienced sound technicians, Canadiana Music can assist with any event production and provides the best quality to ensure every event is a success.

Canadiana Music is the authorized sound production company partner for the Highwood Centre.

Canadiana Music supports local groups and initiatives and also has a vision to be leaders in creating a community sourced authentic, and meaningful Canadian music identity. Other services offered include business education for emerging artists, coaching and mentorship, production and recording.

www.canadianamusic.com



THE REHEARSAL

*A Southern Alberta
Wedding Fair & Market*

FEBRUARY 22, 2025



On February 22, 2025 we will be hosting our third annual wedding fair here at the Highwood Centre. The Rehearsal is a Southern Alberta wedding fair and market where industry professionals can come and share their expertise with engaged couples. It is the perfect boutique experience for those looking to plan their big day. Not only will tickets be going on sale soon, but we still have a number of booths available for vendors. If you or someone you know own a business that would be a good fit we would love to hear from you.

You can find any and all information on The Rehearsal at www.therehearsal.ca and our Instagram page @_therehearsal. Follow along as we do giveaways and other promotions.

WE'RE MAKING THINGS BEAUTIFUL

Thanks to a successful grant application with the Community Facility Enhancement Program, we secured funding from the Highwood Memorial Centre Society, along with matching contributions from the Town of High River. This financial support allowed us to refurbish over 11,000 square feet of hardwood flooring on our upper level. In addition, the Town of High River has replaced the deteriorating paving stones at the main entrance of our building, resulting in a more polished and contemporary look. Special thank you to the Town of High River for the continued support of the Highwood Centre.

This renovation will support many more years of events at the Highwood Centre.



The newly restored hardwood floors have brought a renewed brightness



New paving at the entrance: clean and contemporary

Alongside the renovations, we are consistently enhancing the Highwood Centre to ensure it embodies the pride of High River, as this building serves as a significant cornerstone of our community. Additional projects have involved the meticulous polishing of the tile and flooring on both the upper and lower levels, as well as the application of protective coatings to all exterior railings. Future minor projects will encompass repairs to walls and baseboards, in addition to painting. Stay tuned for updates on our progress for other improvements...

HIGHWOOD MEMORIAL CENTRE SOCIETY

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DR. DAN CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR

After a distinguished career spanning 50 years in chiropractic care, Dr. Dan Campbell, a long-standing resident of High River, has recently retired. His dedication to community service is highlighted by his 18 years on the Town Council, including a six-year term as Mayor, as well as 13 years with the 20-30 club. Following his time as Mayor, Dr. Campbell joined the Highwood Memorial Centre Society to continue his community involvement. His diverse background and extensive knowledge of High River and its residents greatly benefit our board. Dr. Campbell is optimistic about the Highwood Centre's evolution and believes that, with sustained effort, it can become one of the leading event centers in southern Alberta, showcasing the pride of High River.

ARTS, CULTURE & INCLUSION



**Bengali Association
Of Calgary**

We are honored to host the Bengali Association of Calgary from October 12th to 14th for their Durga Puja celebrations. More than 400 delegates from the association will gather in High River to celebrate and honour this cherished tradition. This will be the first visit to High River for the majority of the participants.

The Bengali Association of Calgary operates as a registered charity under the Societies Act and engages in numerous volunteer initiatives within the Calgary region. They contribute financially to reputable organizations, including the Canadian Red Cross, and their members regularly participate in blood donation drives and various community service activities. The mission of the Bengali Association of Calgary is to enhance the understanding and practice of the principles and beliefs of the Hindu faith as observed by Bengali Hindus, promoting knowledge, virtue, and selfless service for the betterment of individuals and society as a whole.

Durga Puja is a major festival of Hinduism that celebrates the victory of the goddess Durga over the demon king Mahishasura. The word "Puja" means worship of Gods/Goddesses and involves offering Prasad (food), flowers and sweets; Puja is performed by a Priest. The dates for performing these religious celebrations are determined based on the Bengali Hindu almanacs.



If you would like to learn more, please visit their website at www.bacalgary.org

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

Monday, November 11th - 10:30am



Royal Canadian Legion High River Branch
Poppy Campaign begins on Oct 25, 2024

Buy a Poppy
or
Donate Directly to
the Poppy Fund



Scan to donate

JOIN OUR BOARD

If you have a desire to give back to the community and join the Highwood Memorial Centre Society Board of Directors and would like more information, please contact

Tim Whitford, Chair at
tim.whitford@highwoodcentre.com or 403-336-1137.

HIGH RIVER HEALTH CARE DISTRICT FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

We always love hosting the High River Health Care Foundation fundraiser dinner and auction. This year will be no different. Join us here at the Highwood Centre on October 19th for a groovy party meant for a great cause.

Keep an eye on the High River Health Care Foundation Facebook page for more auction and event information.

<https://www.facebook.com/hrhealthcarefoundation/>



Windmill Theatre Players is coming to the Highwood Centre November 21 - 24 and November 29 & 30

Please visit www.windmilltheatreplayer.com for tickets and more information.



UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

November 11

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

November 16

Sundays Market & Town of High River
Christmas Market

November 21-24/29 & 30

Windmill Theatre Shrek the Musical

December 6 & 7

Inclusion Foothills Christmas Market

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