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Pathways Family Services Foster Care News

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Pathways Family Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 6th

From 1:30 to 3:30 pm

**Location: Bonnie Doon Bowling Lanes
8330 - 82 Avenue, Edmonton**

Please join us for our annual Christmas party.
We will be having a pizza party, with bowling!
Santa will be making an appearance and there will be an opportunity for photos with the big guy as well.
We are so excited to celebrate the holidays with you and your families!

Sign-up information was previously emailed to you.
If you haven't received the email yet, please contact Pam or Scott ASAP.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st**



Please Note:

Pathways office will be closed December 24th to January 2nd inclusive, re-opening January 5th.

Because of this, payroll cutoff for the December 16th to 31st pay period is at **noon on Tuesday, December 23rd.**

Contact on-call with any emergencies during this time.



Indigenous Languages Corner

Cree

Merry Christmas

miyo-manitowe-kîsikânîsik

mee-yoo-manny-towee-key-see-can-sick

Saulteaux

Christmas Day

manitowi kisikan

man ih tow ee KEY shaw gun

Pronunciations are approximate.

To hear a language spoken and for access to more words, download a language app to a tablet or smart phone.

Apps used here are "Maskwacis Cree" and "Saulteaux."

Wondering When You'll Get Paid?

We do our best to ensure our foster parents are paid for their expenses in a timely manner. Sometimes payments will be held up if we're waiting for an approval. We do have procedures in place when this happens.

If you have questions about reimbursements, please contact your FCSW or email general@pathwaysfamilyservices.com and we'll be happy to follow up.

Please **don't** submit expenses more than once.

Thanks!



The holiday season can be a stressful time. Check out this article from the Align website about ways to make the holidays easier for you and the children in your care.

<https://alignab.ca/resource/caring-for-foster-kids-during-the-holidays-bringing-joy-and-stability-to-their-lives/>

Christmas Fun Around Town

Candy Cane Lane

December 12, 2025 to January 2, 2026

Nightly from dusk to 11:00 pm

148 Street between 100 Avenue to 92 Avenue, Edmonton



Back with more fun for 2025, including festive sleigh rides, fire pits, and food trucks! This beloved Edmonton tradition has filled the city with Christmas cheer for over 50 years! Enjoy the sights and sounds with a drive, walk, or sleigh ride down the lane beginning on Friday, December 12, 2025.

Open Street Nights:

Candy Cane Lane is excited to offer three walking exclusive nights where vehicle traffic will not be allowed down the lane. Park the car and visit on December 13, and 23 to enjoy a stress-free stroll down the lane. The Lane is run by Crestwood residents and serves as a collection site for Edmonton's Food Bank, so when you visit, please remember to bring a non-perishable food donation.



Fort Edmonton Park Winter Wagon Rides

November 18, 2025 to February 28, 2026

Ride Times - 6:00 pm; 7:00 pm (rides last 30 to 40 minutes)

Can you hear those sleigh bells jingling? Discover the magic of winter in Edmonton's scenic River Valley. Admire twinkling lights strung along Fort Edmonton Park's historic streets while bundled up on a festive horse-drawn wagon ride throughout the park. Enjoy a cozy hot chocolate to warm you up and wrap up your experience with a toasty bonfire in our historic streets.

For more information and to purchase tickets go to

<https://www.fortedmontonpark.ca/events/featured-events/winter-wagon>

Kingsway Holiday Parade

Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 pm (start time)

Kingsway Holiday Parade will start at the east Airport Road entrance (across from Superstore) and make its way along Kingsway and ends at Kingsway Mall where Santa will be visiting. The parade will take part on the south side of Kingsway, heading eastbound towards Kingsway Mall. There are many areas you can safely sit with your family to view. Bundle up and be ready to enjoy the holiday parade!



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**Office Closed
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