

WELCOME HOME

NEW RESIDENTS GUIDE





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Welcome Home

Welcome to Picture Butte! This is a great place to grow and find a sense of community. There is something special about small towns and Picture Butte is no exception. You will quickly come to find that the people here are friendly, helpful and really make this community “Picture Perfect”.

This guide is filled with essential information about Town services, community groups, and our best insider tips. It is nearly impossible to include everything you need to know about living in Picture Butte in these pages, but we hope this guide will help get you started.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the staff at Town Office. Be sure to check out the community supports listed in this guide or on our Town website. They are a valuable resource in a new community. Before you know it, Picture Butte will start feeling like home.





About Picture Butte

Picture Butte was incorporated into a Town in 1960 and was named after a large hill (butte) in the area. First Nations groups sent smoke signals from the large butte before the early settlers came. The excellent view from the butte prompted the name “Picture Butte”. The dirt was removed from the butte in 1947 to extend the beet piling area at the Rogers sugar factory and to accommodate future development of the Village. With the coming of the railway and the establishment of the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District, sugar beets became firmly established in the area and a large factory was built. The factory served as a major employer in the Town until it closed in 1978.

Picture Butte is considered a “bedroom community” because it is situated so close to the City of Lethbridge. It has all the perks of small town living with the convenience of the city nearby.

Our Town has a big walking community with a trail project that is planned to connect the Town’s walkways. Walk on the Wildside trails along the reservoir offers views of the migrating birds during the fall and sport fishing during the summer.



Find everything in this guide here:

www.picturebutte.ca



Meet Town Council

Picture Butte Town Council welcomes you and your family to Picture Butte. Council takes great care in making this a place where people want to raise their families, make lifelong friendships, and grow old and retire.

Town Council is comprised of five elected members. They are responsible for passing Town bylaws, policies, budgets and setting the municipal tax rate. Council meetings are open to the public to attend at Town Office in Council Chambers on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are also available to watch on Zoom. The link can be found on the Town website under Government - Council Meetings or on the Town Facebook page. Council normally does not meet during July and August.

To have an issue be discussed at a Council meeting, a written request must be received by Administration on the Thursday before a Council meeting. Municipal Elections are held in Alberta on the third Monday of October every four years (2025, 2029, 2032, etc.). If you have questions, or concerns you can always speak to a member of Council or someone at Town Office. Council's contact information can be found on the Town website.



Mayor
Cathy Moore



Deputy Mayor
Cynthia Papworth



Councillor
Henry de Kok



Councillor
Teresa Feist



Councillor
Crystal Neels

Find out more about Town Council:

www.picturebutte.ca

Our Services

Town Office

403-732-4555

info@picturebutte.ca
120-4th Street North

Administrative Services

- Council Support
- Board Recruitment
- Communications
- Finance
- Budget
- Property Taxes
- Utility Account Billing
- Financial Reporting
- Land Sales

bylaw@picturebutte.ca
Planning & Development

- Development Permits
- Business Licences
- Home Occupations

Bylaw Enforcement

- Bylaw Complaints
- Dogs at Large

recreation@picturebutte.ca
Facilities

- Bookings
 - Lion's Park Building
 - Community Centre
 - Baseball Diamonds
 - Ice Rentals
 - Off-Season Arena Rentals
 - Campground

Town Shop

403-732-4881

publicworks@picturebutte.ca
117-2nd Street South

Public Works

- Waste Collection
- Roads and Sidewalks
- Water Treatment
- Sanitary Sewage
- Facilities Maintenance
- Facilities Upkeep

Cor Van Raay & Community Aquatic Centre (May-Aug)

403-732-5060

pool@picturebutte.ca
108-4th Street North

Outdoor Pool

- Swimming Lessons
- Pool Rentals
- Pool Passes

Emergency Services

403-732-4100

ambulance@picturebutte.ca
120-4th Street North

Ambulance Services

- Billing Inquires
- Call Town Office for payments

fireprevention@picturebutte.ca

Fire Services

- Fire Prevention
- Volunteer Recruitment
- Emergency Management
- Fire Investigations
- Fire /Emergency Training

North County Recreation Complex (Oct-Mar)

403-732-4156

recreation@picturebutte.ca
108-4th Street North

Arena

- Call Town Office for ice bookings
- Curling is managed by the Curling Club. See Town website



Do you have an emergency after hours? Call the Town Office and follow the prompts to reach an on-call Public Works employee.



Keep Connected

Listed are some of the ways to keep connected to the things going on in the community. There may be more channels, but this will get you started!

Official Town Channels		
<p>Town Website www.picturebutte.ca</p> <p>All Town related information can be found on the website. Municipal government, services, events, notices and contact information</p>	<p>Butte Bulletin</p> <p>A newsletter on the back of the monthly utility bills that includes Town notices, events and information</p>	<p>Town Social Media</p> <p>Facebook: @TownofPicture Butte</p> <p>Town events and notices are advertised here.</p> <p>@PictureButteEmergency Services</p> <p>Emergency Services shares tips about safety and events that they are involved in.</p> <p>@CorVanRaay&Community AquaticCentre</p> <p>Pool events, news and closures during the season.</p>
Third-Party Channels (not associated with the Town of Picture Butte)		
<p>Sunny South News www.sunnysouthnews.com</p> <p>Local newspaper published in Coaldale every Tuesday with local news and events.</p>	<p>Picture Butte & District Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Facebook: @PictureButte&District ChamberofCommerce</p>	

See what we are posting on Facebook:

www.picturebutte.ca



Town Utilities

The Town Utility bill includes water, sewer and garbage services.

About Your Town Utility Bill

- Utility bills are prepared at the beginning of the month and bill for the previous month's usage
- Each resident is allowed 20 cubic meters (20,000 L) of water a month. Any additional water used is billed at the rate of \$1.90 a cubic meter.
- Utility bills are always billed in the property owner's name(s)
 - Utility bills will not be billed to a renter or tenant of a property
- Utility bills are due on the last day of the month. Payments made after this date are subject to a penalty.
- You can go paperless and get your Utility bills sent by email
 - Utility bills mailed through Canada Post are subject to a \$2.00 monthly fee
 - See our website or Town Office Staff for the form to sign up

Power & Gas Utilities

- The Town does not offer Power or Gas utilities. It is the choice of the property owner what company to choose. See our website for companies that serve the area.

How to Pay Your Utility Bill

- Pay in person at the Town Office
 - Cash, cheque, debit, or credit
 - There are fees for paying with credit
- Drop off cheque in drop box outside of the Town Office doors
- Mail cheque to Town Office
- Pay at Financial Institution
 - it may take 3-5 business days for payment to reach the Town
- Pay through Online banking
 - See our website or Town Office staff for more information on setting up as a Payee
- Through the Town's Pre-Authorized Payment Program
 - See our website or Town Office Staff for more information and the form to sign up for the program

Internet & Cable TV

- Internet and cable are also up to the property owner. The most popular options are Rogers(Shaw) or Telus.



Waste Collection

The Town of Picture Butte offers weekly garbage pickup. Recycling can be sorted in the green bins near Lion's Park across from the Pool.

- Each residence is provided a black garbage bin with a unique number. This number is recorded by the Town in case a garbage bin needs to be identified.
 - The homeowner is responsible for the garbage bin. If a bin is lost/goes missing, a new bin will need to be purchased.
- All waste must be bagged before being put in the black bin
- The black bin must be put out front of your property by 8 a.m. on day of collection
 - If you live on Highway Avenue or Rogers Avenue, your garbage will be picked up in the alley behind your house
- The North side of Town has garbage collection on Wednesdays
- The South side of Town has garbage collection on Thursdays
- Black bins must be stored on your property when not out for collection
- If your garbage has not been collected by 3:30 p.m., contact the Public Works Shop at 403-732-4881
- The Town offers grass/leaf pickup on Tuesdays from May through October (dates depending on weather)
 - Grass and leaves can be placed in plastic bins that can be dumped or paper leaf bags
 - Do NOT use plastic bags
- On the last Tuesday of the month during grass pickup, the Town offers branch pickup
 - branches must be cut to 4 ft. in length and bundled when possible.
- Find the garbage schedule under Utilities and Public Services on the Town website to know when your garbage will be picked up during a holiday.
- Lethbridge Regional Waste Management Services Commission operates four transfer stations in Lethbridge County.
 - Picture Butte - Hwy 843 next to Prairie Tractor Club
 - Tues & Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Iron Springs - 1.5 miles E. of Iron Springs
 - Thurs & Fri 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Accepts items with freon



Recreation & Leisure

Picture Butte is a small town with lots to offer. There is something for everyone. Get out and explore our beautiful town.

Lions Park

Lions Park is located along 4th Street and features a playground with swings. This park also has beach volleyball nets, horseshoe pits, camp kitchen, and a basketball hoop. There is plenty of space for a picnic or throwing a frisbee. Make a day of it by renting the Lion's Park Facility building for a family gathering.

Outdoor Arena

Also located at the Lion's Park is the outdoor arena. During the winter, the arena is flooded for an outdoor skating rink when the weather allows. The Lion's Park building offers benches to put on your skates and warm up. During the summer it is used for basketball and events throughout the year.

Tennis & Pickleball Courts

Located on the West side of the High School are tennis courts and pickleball courts that are open to the public. The nets are set up in the Spring and taken down in the Fall.

Harry Watson Memorial Park

Harry Watson Park is located on 6th Street North across from Dorothy Dalgliesh School. There is plenty of green space with mature trees, public washrooms and a camp kitchen. It is close to the Walk on the Wildside trails along the Picture Butte reservoir.

Baseball Diamonds

The Town operates two baseball diamonds in Harry Watson Park. A large diamond and a small diamond mostly used by Minor Baseball. They can be rented by contacting Town Office. Keep watch for tournaments during Jamboree Days.

Dog Park

Adjacent to the baseball diamonds is an off-leash dog park. It is well used by residents. There is a dog fountain for the pups to get a fresh drink and a shelter for the "parents" to use in the windy days. We ask that you pick up after your dog and abide by the rules posted while using the park.



Recreation & Leisure **Cont.**

Walking Trails

The **Walk on the Wildside** Trails located along the Picture Butte reservoir were built and looked after by a group of volunteers. Each year more is added to make the trails better. The Town has converted the old CP Railway between the pool and 5th Street into a walking trail with plans to have a continuous walking loop around town.

SPRING/SUMMER

- Coulee Kickers Soccer Association
 - Registration: January - February
 - Season runs April - June
 - Facebook: Coulee Kickers Soccer Association
 - cksasoccer@gmail.com
- Picture Butte Minor Baseball
 - Registration: February - March
 - Season runs April - June
 - Facebook: Picture Butte Minor Baseball Association
 - pbmba2019@gmail.com
- Lifesaving Society Swimming Lessons
 - Registration: May
 - Season: June - August
 - picturebutte.activityreg.com
 - Register at the Pool Office

FALL/WINTER

- Judo - Arena
 - Season runs October - March
 - Liz Van de Bruinhorst 403-732-5991
 - pbjudoclub@gmail.com
- Dance Class - Elks Hall
 - Season runs Mid Sept - June
 - Liz Chronik 403-732-4779
- North County Figure Skating Club
 - Registration: September & December
 - Fall Session: October - December
 - Winter Session : January - March
 - Facebook: North County Skating Club
 - northcountyskatingclub@gmail.com
- Picture Butte Archery Club
 - Season runs November - April
 - www.pbfishandgame.com
- Picture Butte Curling Club
 - Season runs November - March
 - Adult, Youth and Senior
 - Ken Johnson 403-634-1757
- Picture Butte Minor Hockey
 - Registration: July
 - Season runs October - March
 - Facebook: Picture Butte Minor Hockey
 - pbhockey2017@gmail.com
- Yoga - Library
 - Weekly October - April
 - Monthly rates or drop-in



Town Facility Map

Facilities:

1. Walk on Wildside Trail
2. Harry Watson Memorial Park
 - a. Baseball Diamonds
 - b. Dog Park
 - c. Campground
 - d. Fish & Game Association Building
3. Dorothy Dalgliesh School
 - a. Playground
 - b. Soccer Fields
4. St. Catherine School
 - a. Playground
5. Picture Butte Community/ Seniors Centre
6. North County Recreation Complex
7. Cor Van Raay Aquatic Centre
8. The Gathering Place
9. Recycling Trailers
10. Lion's Park
 - a. Playground
 - b. Outdoor Arena
 - c. Volleyball Net
11. Piyami Health Centre
12. Picture Butte High School
 - a. Tennis Courts
 - b. Baseball Diamond
 - c. Running Track





A Beautiful Region

Picture Butte is located in a great place to get out explore. There is so much to see and do. Explore the area and find some hidden gems.

Lethbridge County:

1. Prairie Tractor & Engine Museum (5 mins. South)
2. McVinnie Trout Pond (20 mins. North)
3. Keho Lake (25 mins. North-West)
4. Park Lake (15 mins. South-West)
5. Lethbridge Corn Maze (13 mins. West)
6. Picture Butte Golf Course (5 mins. West)
7. Birds of Prey Centre (20 mins. South-East)

Nearby Cities:

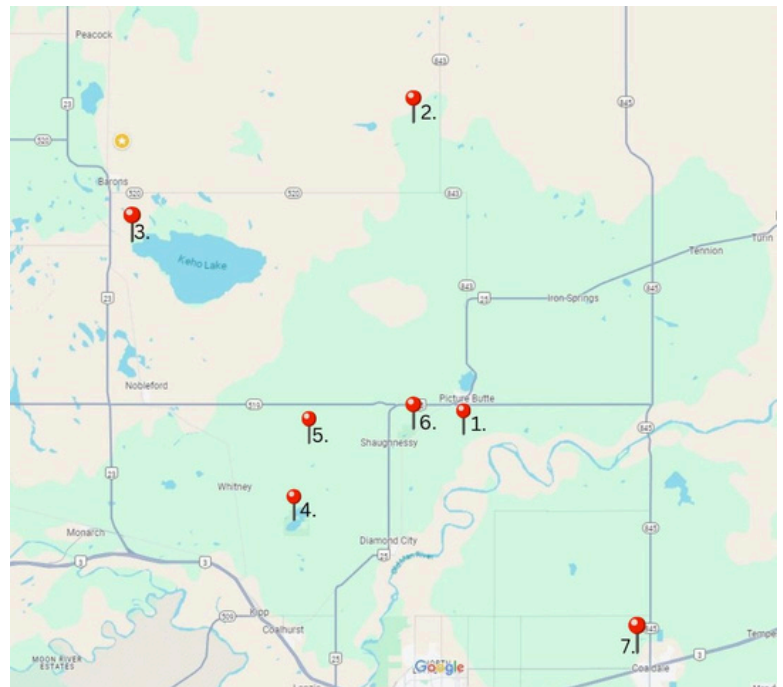
- Lethbridge (20 mins South)
- Calgary (2 hours North)
- Medicine Hat (2 hours East)
- Crowsnest Pass (2 hours West)

Nearby Airports:

- Lethbridge Airport (YQL) (35 mins. South)
- Calgary International Airport (YYC) (2 hours 20 mins North)
- Kalispell, MT Airport (4 hours South)

Tourist Gems of Southern Alberta:

- Waterton Lakes National Park (1.5 hours South-West)
- Franks Slide Interpretive Centre (1.5 hours West)
- Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre (1 hour West)
- Lundbreck Falls (1 hour 20 mins. West)
- Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park (1 hour 40 mins. South-East)
- Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens (Lethbridge)
- Dinosaur Provincial Park (2 hours North-East)
- Galt Museum & Archives (Lethbridge)
- Helen Schuler Nature Centre (Lethbridge)





Events & Programs

There are so many fun and exciting events happening In Picture Butte all year. Watch for communications to know what is going on.

Jamboree Days & Harvest Days

- On the third weekend in August each year, the Town holds Jamboree Days hosted by the Picture Butte & District Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural Society.
- Festivities are held all weekend long through out Town. Don't miss the parade on Saturday!
- On the same weekend, Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum hosts their Harvest Days at Coyote Flats Pioneer Village. It's a fun weekend you don't want to miss.

Eddy Stroeve Annual Fishing Derby

- An annual event for youth hosted by Picture Butte Fish & Game Association the first Saturday in June.
- There are prizes and a BBQ to follow!
- Register at the Fish and Game Building by the baseball diamonds on the Saturday morning.

Coffee with a Cop

- Enjoy a coffee and donuts from Koster's bakery while discussing town issues with local R.C.M.P. officers and town councillors

Best of Butte Awards

- Hosted by the Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce, this event celebrates businesses, community members and organizations.
- Residents vote for the awards for businesses and Citizen of the Year.
- Tickets purchased include dinner and admission to the award ceremony.

Picture Butte Fire Department Valentines Ball

- A fundraising event by the Picture Butte Firefighters Association
- Purchase tickets for a great night out that includes dinner, music and auction.

Countdown to Christmas

- Another amazing event hosted by the Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce. Some events from the past:
 - Specials at local businesses
 - Pictures with Santa
 - Hay rides
 - Free public Skating

See more about Town-planned events here: www.picturebutte.ca



Events & Programs Cont.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

- A wreath laying ceremony is held at the Cenotaph at Lion's Park at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th each year.

Figure Skating Carnival

- The third Saturday of March the North County Figure Skating Club hosts a skating Carnival that showcases the hard work of the figure skaters.

Curling Bonspiels

- The Curling Club hosts a **Men's Bonspiel** on the second weekend in March and a **Farmers Bonspiel** on the third weekend in March.
- If you are interested in participating, contact Ken Johnson at 403-634-1757.

Hockey Tournaments

- Throughout the hockey season, home tournaments are played at our Arena. Come out and cheer on our Blades!

Terry Fox Run

- This is a fun family-friendly event in Mid-September. Run, walk, bike ride your way around town.

Picture Butte Library Summer Reading Program

- This is a free drop in program at the Library during open hours. It runs the second week of July through mid-August.
- Kids complete a new STEM related project each week.

FCSS Summer Camp

- Children aged 8-12 participate in indoor and outdoor activities in this week long program held at the Community Centre.
- Usually held in July. Check out fcss.ca for information to register.

Cornerstone Vacation Bible School

- This is a popular program that goes on at the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church the first week of July.
- This program is free and open to kids aged between 4 to entering Grade 6.

Check out the local churches to see what other programs they may offer!

Keep a look out for more great events going on throughout the year!



Social Services

There are many great resources in Picture Butte that are free or have a minimal cost to residents.

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

- FCSS offers free or minimal charge programs and supports to residents within Lethbridge County.
- Some services offered are:
 - Counselling - all ages
 - Seniors programs
 - Newcomer supports
 - Children and Youth programs
 - Parenting supports & programs
 - Indigenous supports & programs
- FCSS also offers fun events for youth like Summer camps and movie nights and for Seniors like informational events throughout the year or free tax support.
- Visit fcss.ca for upcoming events

North County Interfaith Food Bank

- The food bank offers food hampers to those in need
- They are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 326 Highway Avenue 587-787-4022

County of Lethbridge Learning County (CLCLC)

- CLCLC offers adult learning support services to Lethbridge County residents.
- English as a Second Language classes are taught in Spring and Fall at our local library
- They also offer tutoring services, citizenship supports, and help with the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP).
- Visit communityclasses.ca

Picture Butte Municipal Library

- Membership at the Picture Butte Library offers so many great benefits and resources:
 - Unlimited books and DVDs from any member libraries
 - E-books and audio books
 - Chromebook rentals
 - Access to desktop computers and WIFI
 - CO2 monitor rentals
 - Hot spots for accessing internet at home
 - Programming throughout the year



Volunteering

If you like to volunteer or spend time with people, there is a place for you here. There are plenty of groups and committees to join that will value your time and input.

Picture Butte has many service groups that participate in the community. If community groups are what you are looking for there is the **Picture Butte Lions Club**, **Picture Butte Elks Club**, **Knights of Columbus** and the **Catholic Women's League**. Their contact information can be found on the Town website.

If you like spending time at the local library and want to give back, keep an eye on the Town's website for openings on the **Picture Butte Municipal Library Board** or join **Friends of the Picture Butte Library Society**. The society is group of community-focused volunteers who raise funds for the library to help provide books, equipment, and educational aids to patrons. Talk to a clerk at the library for the next meeting date.

The **Picture Butte Recreation & Culture Society**, **Picture Butte Agricultural Society**, and the **Prairie Tractor & Engine Museum Society** holds community events throughout the year and are always looking for volunteers to help out.

If you are passionate about the trails along the reservoir and want to know more about how you can help out, join the **Walk on the Wildside Society (WOWS)**. They always have some exciting projects and ideas on the go.

If you have the proper driving qualifications you might be a good fit to volunteer with the **Picture Butte & District Transportation Society**. This group takes seniors from Piyami on outings and residents to appointments in the city.

The **Picture Butte Fire Department** has spring and fall recruitment intakes for volunteer firefighters. talk to the Fire Chief to learn about benefits of volunteering and the impact that it makes in the community.

The **North County Interfaith Food Bank** is ran by volunteers and may need a helping hand. Stop by on a Tuesday or Thursday.

During **sport seasons, teams and organizations** are always looking for board members to lighten the load and make the season go smoothly. Keep an eye out for the AGM notices.



Emergency Services

Picture Butte Emergency Services is a combination of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services department. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Fire Department

- The volunteer Fire Department serves the Town of Picture Butte and the surrounding Lethbridge County residents.
- The Fire Department is very active in the community by offering tours to community groups, being involved with the schools, and fire safety and prevention education.
- Recruitment intakes for new firefighters are held every spring and fall when positions are available. See the Town website under Emergency Services for more information about volunteering.
- Town Council has passed property tax incentives to individuals that volunteer with the fire department as well as businesses that employ volunteers with the department.

Ambulance

- The Basic Life Support(BLS) ambulance is available 24 hours a day, everyday of the year.

Police Services

- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) serves Picture Butte and Lethbridge County from the main detachment in Coaldale.
- Contact the R.C.M.P. for all criminal and traffic offences. Coaldale detachment complaint line 403-345-5000 and Picture Butte detachment complaint line 403-732-4429.
- Non-Emergency complaints can also be reported through the Alberta RCMP App.
- The Picture Butte detachment can be contacted to obtain criminal record checks.

Bylaw Services

- The Town is serviced by a Municipal Enforcement Officer. You can find an online complaint form on the Town website or email bylaw@picturebutte.ca.
- All Town Bylaws can be found on the town website.
- Did you know that our Bylaw officer also works part-time as the Development officer? He can issue development permits and answer any questions you may have.

Volunteer with the Fire Department:

www.picturebutte.ca



Health Services

Picture Butte has medical professionals working in the Town to provide the care you need. The Town has a Doctor Retention and Attraction Committee that works to attract and retain more doctors into our rural community.

Family Medical Clinic

315 Jamieson Avenue
403-732-4542

Nurse Practitioner Heidi and the staff at the Family Medical Clinic will help you with your medical needs.

Picture Butte Dental Clinic

300 Jamieson Avenue
403-732-5621

Dr. Lowry is new to Picture Butte but the dental clinic is not. If it's a cleaning or a filling you need, the staff can help you with any dental needs.

Pharmasave

309 Jamieson Avenue
403-732-5511

Pharmasave offers prescription dispensing, vaccinations, medical advice and over the counter medical needs. Get your blood pressure checked while you wait.

Piyami Health Centre

300A Rogers Avenue South
403-388-6751

The Health Centre provides public health services as well as lab services and physiotherapy. The walk-in Clinic is also located at Piyami Health Centre.

After-Hours Walk-In Clinic

The ambulatory clinic is a walk-in clinic that offers non-urgent care for those that need to see a doctor but don't need to be seen in an emergency department.

- Weekdays 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Weekends 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Picture Butte Chiropractic

335 Highway Avenue North
403-732-4655

Dr. Gerard Bower offers a walk-in chiropractic service on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Education

Picture Butte has two elementary schools, one in the Palliser School Division and one in the Holy Spirit School Division. There is also a public high school that offers a FarmEd program and some dual-credit programs.

Holy Spirit School Division

St. Catherine School

St. Catherine School provides public Catholic education to students from Preschool (Early Learning Program) up to Grade 9. St. Catherine's provides support to students whose primary language is not English and can assist in registration for programs such as English as a Second Language (ESL).

scpb.holyspirit.ab.ca

Palliser School Division

Dorothy Dalgliesh School

Dorothy Dalgliesh School provides public education for students from Preschool (Early Learning Program) to Grade 6.

www.dorothydalgliesh.ca

Picture Butte High School

Picture Butte High School provides public education from Grade 7 through Grade 12. The high school boasts an athletic program that has seen the school consistently perform at provincial level in different sports. Other programs offered are Fine Arts, Multimedia, Foods, Woodworking, Automotive, and Welding.

In 2022, Picture Butte High School was chosen to be a pilot school for the Farm Ed program. The program has grown into housing aquaponics, hydroponics, greenhouse operations, apiculture and poultry livestock. The school is always looking for more ways to expand this program.

Bee Hive Child Care Centre

The Bee Hive is a non-profit early learning child care centre that cares for children from 12 months to six years of age.

beehivechildcarecenter.com



Religion

Our Community has many religions and places of worship where you can find your place.

Cornerstone Community Evangelical Church

440 Crescent Avenue
403-732-4212
www.cornerstonepicturebutte.com
Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

601-3A Street
403-732-5765
nrcpicturebutte.ca
Sundays 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Picture Butte Mennonite Church

212029 Hwy 519
403-732-4120
www.pbmchurch.org
Sundays
German Service: 9:30 a.m.
English Service: 10:45 a.m.

Shiloh Free Reformed Church

112 4 Street South - Elks Hall
www.sermonaudio.com/solo/bethelchurchplant
Sundays 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church

762 Crescent Avenue
403-732-4433
www.stambroseparish.ca
Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.

The Church of God

451 Crescent Avenue
403-915-3804
churchofgod.com
Sundays 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter - Day Saints

801 Willow Avenue
403-732-4594
ca.churchofjesuschrist.org
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Trinity United Church

528 Maple Crescent
403-732-4787
www.prairiespiritpc.ca/trinity-picture-butte-and-barons-memorial
Sundays 9:30 a.m.



Seniors

Seniors in Picture Butte stay active by walking around town on the trails and volunteering in the community.

Seniors Living

- Picture Butte has every level of housing need for Seniors. If you are looking to downsize, you might be interested in a place in **Autumn Estates**. This adult living community offers maintenance free condo living. The units are barrier free and wheelchair friendly.
- Green Acres Foundation hosts a multitude of seniors housing options at **Piyami Lodge** depending on the level of care needed all in one place. There is a central recreational area for social gatherings and activities.

Picture Butte Transportation Society

- The Transportation Society operates a community bus and van for residents needing rides to and from appointments.
- The drivers are volunteers from the community.
- To book a ride call Piyami Health Centre during office hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at 403-388-6751.

Community Group

- **Happy Oldtimers** is a seniors group that meets at the Community/Seniors Centre from September through June. Memberships cost \$20.00 a year per person. Activities throughout the year include exercise classes, cribbage, and painting.
- Keep up to date on events going on by attending the Business meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. They are always looking for volunteers to help out.
- On the fourth Thursday of the month the Happy Oldtimers host an Entertainment Evening at 7:00 p.m.
- The Happy Oldtimers put on a Soup & Sandwich luncheon on the third Wednesday of each month from September through June. This is open to the public.



The Town of Picture Butte celebrates its seniors annually with an event during Seniors Week in June.



Housing

Building a House

If you are building a house or doing any type of development, contact the Development Officer at the Town office. With a new build, a development permit will be required from the the Town. Along with the development permit, additional permits for safety will be required. Picture Butte uses Superior Safety Codes to issue and inspect building, electrical, plumbing and gas permits. To apply for a development permit, the following is required:

- completed application form
- non-refundable application fee
- site plan that includes:
 - lot dimensions
 - location of existing proposed structures including porches, balconies, decks, and eave overhangs
 - setbacks to all property lines, north arrow and scale
 - names/numbers of adjacent streets, avenues and highways
- a building plan that includes:
 - grade/elevation details
 - height of highest point of structure
 - diagram showing support features
 - how the development will be constructed

Local Real Estate

Picture Butte has a local Re/Max office with realtor, Leeon Hage. Leeon has been in the community his entire life, and is raising his own family here. He has 30 years experience and knows every property in town.

Rentals

Picture Butte does not have a specific area that lists house rentals. Check out the local buy & sell groups on Facebook and talk to the local real estate agent.

- Make sure you know you rights and responsibilities as a tenant:
 - www.alberta.ca/residential-tenancies.aspx

Sunset Park Subdivision

The new subdivision on the West entrance of Picture Butte is owned by the Town. Lots are available for purchase in Phase 2. Contact the CAO at the Town Office to purchase a lot. Information can be found on the town website.

The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) lists what is allowed in each land use district along with applicable setback requirements. The LUB can be found on the town website.



Pets & Animals

Picture Butte has an off-leash dog park situated between the campground and baseball diamonds. Due to community support, there is now a dog fountain and a shelter to sit in for the windy days.

Dogs

- All dogs living in Picture Butte over the age of six (6) months must be licensed with the Town.
 - \$20.00 - Fixed/altered
 - \$30.00 - Not fixed/not altered
- Licences expire January 2nd of each year and when the ownership of a dog changes.
- A single household is restricted to three (3) dogs over the age of six months except if the owner applies for a Dog Fancier's License or Fostering Dog license.

Cats

- Cats are not required to be licenced in Picture Butte. However, owners must be responsible with their cats and not allow them to become a nuisance, roam free or cause disturbances.

Urban Hens

- In 2021, the Town passed the Urban Hen Bylaw that allow ten(10) residential properties to be issued a Urban Hen License that allow up to five(5) hens to be housed on their property.
- The Picture Butte High School has been granted permission from the Town as part of their FarmED program to house up to 15 hens.

Prohibited

- The following animals are prohibited in Picture Butte:
 - Livestock, except chickens
 - bovine
 - horses
 - sheep
 - goats
 - turkeys
 - ducks
 - pheasants
 - bees



**Report dangerous wildlife or poaching to Alberta
Fish & Wildlife by calling
1-800-642-3800**



Weather

The weather around Southern Alberta is unpredictable. It is important to be prepared as the seasons can have a wide range. As the saying goes around here, “If you don’t like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change.”

Spring & Autumn

- Sometimes the in-between seasons are mild or they can be an early indication of what is to come.
- We can have heavy rainfalls in Spring that can lead to flash flooding. Make sure those drain spouts are down!
- In Autumn we can experience early snow fall that is wet and heavy with below-freezing temperatures.

Summer

- Summers have long days and short nights that cool off. This can mean that there is a risk of storms at any time.
- Summers in Picture Butte can be hot and dry. Southern Alberta is known as having the most sunny days in Canada.
- With the sun, comes the heat. Watch for fire bans and droughts as it can become very dry in the summer.

Winter

- Southern Alberta winters can be harsh at times with large amounts of snow and extreme cold snaps.
- Be prepared starting in September with winter tires, snow brush, snow shovels, and a winter emergency kit on your vehicle.
- Extreme cold snaps can last for extended periods of time and temperatures can get down to -45 degrees Celsius.
- Plug in your vehicle once temperatures start dropping below -20 degrees at night. Make sure your dressed for the weather and be prepared for power outages.

Always Be Prepared!

- It is important to be prepared for all the seasons in Southern Alberta, because all weather can cause emergencies. Stay informed and prepared:
 - www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx



Picture Butte is situated in Zone 4a of the Plant Hardiness Zones according to our weather. Keep that in mind when planting perennial plants.



Our Best Tips

- Learn information about your parcel of land on the Town GIS. Find it on the Town's website.
 - Street cleaning occurs twice a year in the Spring and Fall.
 - See a street light burnt out? Call Fortis 403-310-9473
 - Need the water shut off to your house for a repair?
 - Contact Town Office to sign a Utility Disconnect Notice
 - Pay the \$65.00 fee
 - Public Works will be in contact with you when they are able to shut off the curb stop shut off valve. The fee includes turning the water back on.
 - In winter, join a men's hockey league or give curling a try.
 - Go fishing for pike at the Picture Butte Reservoir.
 - The campground has 10 un-serviced sites that can be rented.
 - Property tax assessments are mailed in early June and due July 10th. Ask Town Office about the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPPS)
 - Large item pickup service is offered twice a year during Spring Cleanup and Fall Cleanup.
 - Dates will be advertised on the Town website
 - Check out our Business Directory on our website. Did you know some businesses in town offer delivery? Just ask.
 - The Town operates two electric vehicle chargers that are located in the pool parking lot. One level 2 and one level 3 charger.
 - The Transportation Society bus is available to rent for group outings and weddings. Call 403-388-6751.
- New to Canada?**
- Welcome! The Federal Government has a number of publications for new residents:
 - www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship
- New to Alberta?**
- Welcome! The Provincial Government also has information specifically for you:
 - <https://www.alberta.ca/make-alberta-your-home.aspx>

