

# DOWN TOWN

## GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB

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ISSUE:

January 2017

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AGM Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion

Breakfast - 7:30am  
Meeting - 8:00am  
Election of Officers  
2017 Budget  
2017 Activities Calendar  
Art Ouellette Award  
Downtownner of the Year Award

If you are interested in sitting on the Board or a Committee, call Helen 780-538-1909.

Beautification - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month - 8:30am  
Promotion - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 8:30am  
Member Affairs - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month - 8:30am  
Board - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month - 8:30am  
Parking - 4 times a year - Monday - 8:30am

**A BIG THANKS** to *You Go North (Pomeroy Group)*. They are going to post our events on their calendar. Thanks also, to Snapshot Studio for supplying the photos.

**ESQUIRES COFFEEHOUSE RAILTOWN** *is now licensed!* Now you can visit your favourite coffee shop, just off Resources Road, for a glass of wine, craft beer, or an Esquires warmer. Skip the noise and busy atmosphere of a restaurant or bar and meet with friends in their cozy café to enjoy a glass of wine or beer. Add a shot of Bailey's to a cup of their Fairtrade Organic Coffee, or try another coffee cocktail from the Esquires Warmer menu. Join them on Thursday & Friday evenings from 6pm-10pm for their Esquires @ Night menu of small plate tapas and light desserts. Find them on Facebook for more information at Esquires Coffeehouse in Grande Prairie. New extended hours are: Monday to Wednesday 7am-6pm. Thursday & Friday 7am-10pm. Sunday 10am-5pm.

**SPINAL CORD INJURY** - "StopGap.ca is an initiative started in Ontario to help businesses get ramps for accessibility".

They are interested in having us adopt a StopGap Foundation Community Ramp Project. This project allows businesses with single step storefronts the opportunity to receive a deployable access ramp at little or no cost. Volunteers help build ramps and typically building materials are acquired via a donation or discounted rates from local hardware stores. If you are interest in us starting this project call the office 780-538-1909.

**AFFORDABLE ELEGANCE WEDDING & EVENT RENTALS** is now located at 9830 100 Avenue. Stop by and see their new location and if you're planning a wedding, this is where to visit. 780-532-0801. email: [affordableelegance@telus.net](mailto:affordableelegance@telus.net) [www.affordableelegance.ca](http://www.affordableelegance.ca)

# News

GPRTA and the GPRC have partnered together to bring *customer service training* to our area. This is a pilot run for these courses they will likely put together future courses if they get a good response. Tourism members will receive a discount on the cost of the course. Full price is \$198.45 which is cut in half for members.

#### Front-line customer Service Training:

February 6, 9am - 4pm

This course will help you to learn new ways to work in customer service situations. You will learn how to display professional attitudes and behaviours, as well as present a professional image; understand best practices; and understand the difference between ordinary and outstanding customer service.

#### Service Excellence for Supervisors:

February 7, 9am - 4pm

You will learn to assess your strengths and weaknesses, understand the dynamics of teamwork, recognize instances of cultural and generational conflict and suggest best practices, and use problem solving and coaching techniques to help build commitment from your team.

To register through GPRTA call 780-539-7688 or email [admin@gptourism.ca](mailto:admin@gptourism.ca)

#### REVOLUTION PLACE

**Feb 2 - Feb 5 - Western RV Country Indoor Show & Sale** - Public Hours - Thursday/Friday 10am - 8pm, Saturday 8am - 8pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm.

**Feb 8 - Maraians Trench** with special guest Shawn Hook; Doors open 6pm. Multi-platinum selling progressive pop band *Maraians Trench* will be rocking the Arena on their *Last Crusade Tour*. They bring with them a strong opener in Canadian *Shawn Hook*, playing hits from his smash album *Analog Love*.

**March 5 - The Original Harlem Globetrotters**

**March 7 - Tom Cochrane Mad Mad World 25 Tour**

**May 12 & 13 - Monster Truck Throwdown**

#### GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY -

**Instagram & #Selfies.** Instagram is one of the most popular social media sites and is entirely image based. Learn how to use the app including taking selfies and other types of images that are popular on the app. The instagram app only works on smartphones and tablets. Tuesday, January 31 - 6pm - 7pm - Rotary Training Room.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday to Thursday	10am - 9pm
Friday	10am - 6pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	1pm - 5pm

GRANDE PRAIRIE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION  
2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

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**SCHEDULE**

*All dates may be subject to change*

- Mar. 1 Annual General Meeting - 8:00a.m. / Breakfast 7:30am
- June Downtown beautifies with the installation of hanging flower baskets, and planters
- June 24 Sizzling Summer Sidewalk Sale - street displays, demonstrations and sales tables will make shopping, browsing, or just wandering a delight. 100 Avenue will be closed from 99 Street to 102 Street.
- July 1 Canada Day Parade - Proud to be Canadian - red & white abound Downtown.
- July 21-22-23 Street Performers Festival - Professional entertainers make the street a wonderland of awe inspiring activity.
- Oct. 28 Halloween Party.
- Nov. 17 Vegas Night - cut the cards, spin the wheel, roll the dice for discounts. It's no gamble at all. (Open until 11:00pm)
- Dec. 3 Santa Parade - Experience the wonder & joy of Christmas.
- Dec. 4 - 23 Elf On The Shelf - Look for Elf in participating stores and enter to win a DT Gift Card for \$100 each week and (1) \$500 gift card from all entries submitted during the month. Draw will be made Dec. 22.
- Dec. 4 - 23 Mary Christmas - Mary will be walking throughout the downtown handing out gift cards from downtown businesses.

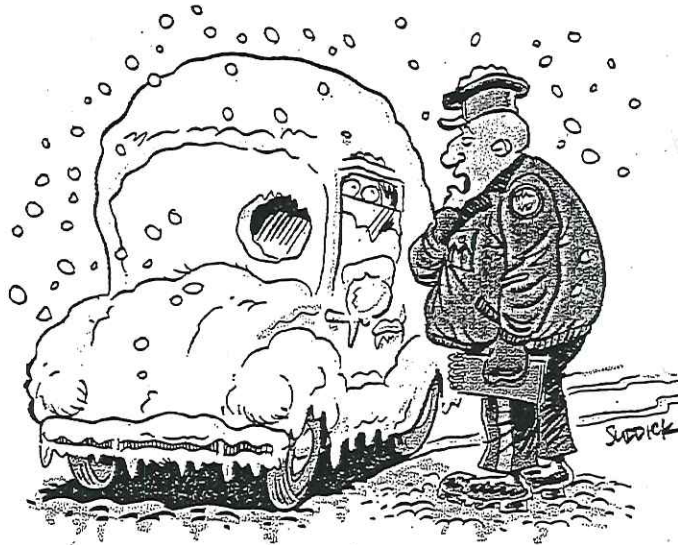
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**2017 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE** - We will be meeting with the City & the contractor, in the near future, to discuss the 2017 Construction Schedule & Communication Plan. **More to follow.**

**PARKING SPACES** - We have a couple of parking spaces available, for rent, adjacent to Subway (west side parking lot) on 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue. If you're interested in having a parking space for yourself, employees or customers, give the office a call 780-538-1909.

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