

December 4, 2017

On behalf of the Mayor's Task Team, I'm excited to announce a new community initiative for the winter months that we can all stand behind! "Meal-A-Day for 100 days" will provide one meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner) each day from mid-December to the end of March and is available to **everyone** in the community.

While the most important piece to this is to give access to meals for those who are struggling for various reasons, there are other benefits to the initiative. We can all agree that coming together over a meal has the capacity to create friendships, bring about a sense of belonging, provide ways for people to give in any number of ways, and in the end, create community on a deeper level. Like the breakfast program in schools, it is open to everyone because we absolutely do not want anyone to feel marginalized and we want to do all we can to help those that are in need, but would never think of reaching out, to feel comfortable. Some of the venues will have music, some games afterwards, and others are simply come, eat and enjoy. But it is absolutely for everyone.

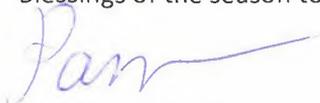
In keeping with the "All Hands On Deck" model, the question we are asking is "What can you as an individual, business or organization do to ensure the success of this initiative?" It's all about doing what we are able to do. Some are providing venues, others transportation, and some are providing time and skills such as cooking, serving and cleanup. Some will create menus and others do the grocery shopping.

While some meals are covered, the costs for many are not. We are asking the community to donate either gift cards from grocers and/or cash to make certain the funds are available for the meals. Donations can be dropped off at Town Hall, attention: 100 meals or mailed to our address above. And are you ready for this... the Town is a registered charity, so official tax receipts can be issued for cash donations received... yes, we're serious!

We are hoping those that are able will "sponsor a meal" (or two or three!) for a \$500 donation per meal. You may opt to "share a meal" by getting together with friends or other organizations to raise the \$500 or you may wish to donate any portion of the \$500. We are tremendously thankful for any amount you can give. If your organization wants to put together a team to cook, serve and provide cleanup for a meal or two, please let us know and we will put you in the calendar!

Thank you in advance for whatever you are able to do. The first meal will be enjoyed December 17th, and we are hoping to have the calendar complete by the 12th of December.

Blessings of the season to you!



Pam Mood, Chair
Mayor's Task Team