

## Pope urges Christmas prayers for peace in Syria and Libya

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The Associated Press

### VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis issued a Christmas Day prayer that recent U.N.-backed peace processes for Syria and Libya will quickly end the suffering of their people, denouncing the "monstrous evil" and atrocities they have endured and praising countries that have taken in refugees.

Speaking from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Francis issued a plenary indulgence for all Catholics in hopes of spreading the church's message of mercy in a world torn by war, poverty and extremist attacks. The sun-soaked St. Peter's Square was under heavy security, as it has been since the Nov. 13 Paris attacks by Islamic extremists that left 130 dead.

An indulgence is an ancient church tradition related to the forgiveness of sins. Francis announced it after delivering his annual "Urbi et Orbi" (To the city and the world) speech listing global hotspots and his prayers for an end to human suffering.

Francis referred to the "brutal acts of terrorism" that struck the French capital this year, as well as attacks in Egypt's airspace and in Beirut, Mali and Tunisia. He denounced the ongoing conflicts in Africa, the Middle East and Ukraine and issued words of consolation to Christians being persecuted for their faith in many parts of the world. "They are our martyrs of today," he said.

In an indirect reference to the Islamic State group, he urged the international community to direct its attention to Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen and sub-Saharan Africa, where atrocities "even now reap numerous victims, cause immense suffering and do not even spare the historical and cultural patrimony of entire peoples."

Francis said he hoped the plenary indulgence he issued for this, his Holy Year of Mercy, would encourage the faithful "to welcome God's mercy in our lives, and be merciful with our brothers to make peace grow."

"Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst," he said.

Francis has made the church's message of mercy the focus of his pontificate, and dedicated an entire jubilee year to stressing it.



MICKEY WELSH/THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER VIA AP

A vehicle drives along a flooded section of Hayneville Road in west Montgomery, Ala., on Christmas morning. The line of springlike storms continued marching east Thursday, dumping torrential rain that flooded roads in Alabama and caused a mudslide in the mountains of Georgia.

## Three of the 14 dead in U.S. storms were found in submerged vehicle

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### ASHLAND, Miss.

Three of the six people killed in storms that rolled across Tennessee were found in a submerged car, police said Friday.

The Columbia Police Department said in a news release that the bodies of three people were found in a car submerged in a creek Thursday afternoon.

The names of the victims have not been released, but the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said the deceased are a

19-year-old female and two 22-year-old males. The agency said the deaths were weather-related.

The unseasonably warm, severe weather also was responsible for seven deaths in Mississippi and one in Arkansas.

Dozens more were injured, some seriously, Greg Flynn, spokesman for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, said Thursday.

Peak tornado season in the U.S. South is in the spring, but such storms can happen at any time.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

8 AM - 4 PM  
SPECIAL SERVICES

Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828

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### PROTECT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The following actions should be considered to protect your water lines.

1. Repair broken windows and ensure windows/vents are closed during the winter.
2. Insulate water pipes in unheated areas, include crawl spaces.
3. For sinks located against a non-insulated outside wall:
  - Open the vanity door to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.
  - A light bulb placed near the water pipe may generate enough heat to keep the water flowing.
  - Heat tape wrapped around the pipe may keep the pipe from freezing.
4. For Residents of mobile homes
  - check the condition of the heat tape on their water service and meter
  - protect unheated indoor water meter with an insulated box
  - water pipes should be wrapped in insulation using heat tape
  - Outside water taps and underground sprinkler systems should have the water supply shut off inside the house at the isolation valve for the tap
  - Sprinkler lines and taps should be drained/blown out
5. A thin stream of water (as thick as a pencil lead) running continuously from at least one tap will help prevent a frozen water service.
6. If you plan to be away from home over the winter period, close the main water isolation valve in your home. This is located next to your water meter.

A frozen water service, or a burst water pipe, is an inconvenience and expense that most people would like to avoid. Please take precautions to prevent this happening in your home or business.

### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 27, 2015 – January 31, 2016

Remove all plastic bags, stands, tinsel and decorations and drop off at one of the following locations:

- Medicine Hat Mall (3292 Dunmore Rd. SE)
- Kipling Recycling Depot (240 Kipling St SE)
- Shamrock Recycling Depot (172 Altawana Drive NE)



Refer to [medicinehat.ca/eu](http://medicinehat.ca/eu), download the My-Waste App, or contact Customer Service at 403-529-8176 for more information.

### SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

**COLLECTION DAY CHANGES**  
There will be **no solid waste collection on Christmas Day, December 28 in lieu of Boxing Day and New Year's Day.** Residential waste zone collection will advance as follows:

DATE	CITY ZONE
Friday December 25, 2015	No Collection
Monday December 28, 2015	No Collection
Tuesday December 29, 2015	Zone 5
Wednesday December 30, 2015	Zone 1
Thursday December 31, 2015	Zone 2
Friday January 1, 2016	No Collection
Monday January 4, 2016	Zone 3
Tuesday January 5, 2016	Zone 4

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### CART COLLECTION

- Carts must be out by 7 a.m. on your collection day to ensure service.
- Make sure carts are accessible with 3 ft. (1 m) clearance on all sides.
- Ensure cart lids are closed to avoid litter or collection problems.
- Yard waste material in plastic bags **WILL NOT** be collected.

**RETURN CARTS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY (AND OFF OF ROADWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BACK LANES, ETC.) WITHIN 24 HOURS OF COLLECTION TO PREVENT THEFT OR DAMAGE TO YOUR CART.**

### WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Residents are reminded that the City of Medicine Hat Waste Management Facility will be **closed on December 25-26, 2015 & January 1, 2016**

- Winter hours at the Waste Management Facility are:
- Monday through Saturday.
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - The landfill is closed on Sundays.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE ROAD CLOSURE APPROVAL OF SALE OF LAND TO THE MEDICINE HAT TRAP CLUB SALE OF LAND IN THE NE 23-13-6-W4M

The municipal council of the City of the Medicine Hat gave First Reading to Bylaw 4338 on Monday, December 21, 2015, a road closure bylaw. The Land & Properties Department (L&P) is seeking approval of the sale of land in the NE 23-13-6-W4M (the "Subject Lands") to the Medicine Hat Trap Club ("MHTC"). The Subject Lands are presently leased to MHTC.

A copy of proposed Bylaw #4338 and related documents may be inspected between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca).

Any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Council prior to consideration of second and third readings of this bylaw, which will occur in City Hall Council Chambers during the course of a regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 18, 2016.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street S.E. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, January 13, 2016

THIS NOTICE is provided pursuant to Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 26 day of December, 2015.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk  
Phone: 403-529-8234  
Fax: 403-529-8182  
E-mail: [angcru@medicinehat.ca](mailto:angcru@medicinehat.ca)

### DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED DECEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 23, 2015 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

#### RESIDENTIAL

- 68 Hamptons Crescent SE (Lot 2, Block 8, Plan 1411961) Permit No. DP13005. Single Detached House.
- 1795 28 Street SE (Lot 31, Block 45, Plan 1655HS) Permit No. DP13019. Single Detached House (Interior Renovation And Rear Addition).
- 333 2 Street SW (Lot 11,12,13, Block 3, Plan 833M) Permit No. DP13021. Garage Including Height Variance.



#### COMMERCIAL

- 4401 Southlands Drive SE (Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP12626. With Conditions. Assisted Living Facility (Apartment) Including Interior Side Yard And Front Yard Setback Variances.

#### HOME OCCUPATION

- 29 Saunders Crescent SE (Lot 110, Block 5, Plan 8010981) Permit No. DP13000. Office Use Only. Home Repair.
- 110 Sunset Road SW (Lot 30, Block 24, Plan 0410307) Permit No. DP13002. Customers to Attend Site. Manicure/Pedicure/Aesthetician, Online Sales and Teaching – Address Change.
- 599 Ross Glen Drive SE (Lot 49, Block 33, Plan 8311431) Permit No. DP13003. Office Use Only. General Contractor/Project Manager.
- 940 Ross Glen Drive SE (Lot 213, Block 18, Plan 8010096) Permit No. DP13006. Office Use Only. Designated Driving.
- 11 Rossland Green SE (Lot 21, Block 10, Plan 7711248) Permit No. DP13007. Customers to Attend Site. Online Sales (Home Decor).
- 368 Somerside Crescent SE (Lot 15, Block 10, Plan 1012845) Permit No. DP13023. Office Use Only. Automotive (Agent/Broker).

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca). **All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FEST**  
5:00 - 8:00 PM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31  
Family Leisure Centre | 2088 Shiloak Avenue SE

- SWIMMING** 5:00 - 6:20 PM & 6:40 - 8:00 PM (First Come, First Served. Pool Capacity is 450 (if over 500) lane tickets may be added up to admission starting at 4:00 PM)
- COME TRY SLEDGE HOCKEY** 2:45 - 4:30 PM (Volunteers teach you how to skate on a sled!) **PUBLIC SKATING** 5:00 - 8:00 PM (Ice will be closed if flooded as required)
- ON THE ICE**
- THE BLUE MONSTER WATERSLIDE** (sponsored by)
- CHILDREN'S CRAFTS** 5:00 - 8:00 PM (Masks and noise makers (while supplies last))
- HOT DOGS & JUICE**
- COTTON CANDY** (Adults supplied cost)
- HAY RIDES** 5:00 - 7:45 PM

All activities between 5:00 & 8:00 PM are FREE of charge courtesy of the City of Medicine Hat Parks & Recreation Department

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