

Community News

Pappa's Restaurant Celebrates 30 Years of Business!

In April of 1995, Rick Jabr moved from Lebanon to Canada.

After some work in Grande Cache, he settled in Edmonton and started to look for a job in the big city.

He ultimately applied to be a delivery driver for the Beverly Boston Pizza in early 1996. At that time, Beverly's Boston Pizza sat at 4702 118 Avenue, but was working on a move down the Avenue to the location where it still operates today at 3303 118 Avenue.

Rick decided to instead sublease their old location and open his own restaurant, and so Pappa's Restaurant was born.

Officially opening on March 8, 1996, Pappa's Restaurant has now operated in that same location for 30 years. Early days were not easy, and saw Rick lose his business partners because there simply was not enough money coming in.

Rick saw it as a challenge and declared, in his words, "I'll make it on my own or I'll break it on my own".

He kept the restaurant going, working 7 days a week to survive. Rick was always there, always working, and ultimately it succeeded and Pappa's became a beloved staple of the Beverly community.

From delicious pizzas to burgers to pastas to steaks, Rick's restaurant continues to offer a tasty menu worthy of exploring, but more than anything it is Rick's commitment to, in his words, "generous portions" that makes Pappa's stand out.

Meals are enormous, making it a safe bet you will be enjoying the rest of it as leftovers for lunch the next day. From their famous loaded thick-crust pizzas to their hearty pastas, every dish is made with care, and the restaurant preserves a true family dine-in experience.

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Rick Jabr, the owner of Pappa's Family Restaurant, standing inside his restaurant. Rick opened the restaurant in 1996 and has been serving the community for decades with family-style comfort food such as pizza, pasta, burgers, and other hearty dishes. (Inset) The spacious dining area inside highlighting the restaurant's warm, casual, family-friendly atmosphere.



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Pappa's Restaurant

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Rick speaks quickly to the support he has received from the community to make his restaurant ownership dream one that has thrived for 30 years. "I like the area," he says. "They keep coming and supporting me. I'm not going anywhere, I'm staying here".

In more recent years, the restaurant introduced a lounge and VLTs in 2018. They offer delivery, dine-in, and pick up, with online ordering available directly on their website. They are a great spot for group bookings, watching a sports game, or an outing with the whole family.

All are welcome to pop in to Pappa's Restaurant to experience their delicious food, their generous portions, their inviting atmosphere, and be part of a Beverly institution that has served its community so well since that first day in 1996.

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It is certainly easy in the midst of snowstorms and frigid temperatures to shelter in and hide away from the world. But when the weather is at its worst, it is still important to see friendly faces and be social, though it can feel like opportunities to do so

are limited. This is where a year-round farmers' market becomes such a critical community resource, as it provides an automatic weekly social opportunity and a chance to stretch our legs and visit a sea of friendly folks while shopping high quality goods.

The market has run every Tuesday from 2-6pm inside the Riverview Crossing Shopping Centre common area. Enter through any of the centre's doors and you will instantly see rows of vendors and be greeted by a sea of intertwined smells from freshly baked cookies, bread, cinnamon buns, and so much more. You can pick up all your favourite fresh vegetables from the friendly folks at the Holden Colony, grab a take-home meal to enjoy, stock up on baked treats, beef jerky, honey, bread, or tea, and browse all sorts of made-with-love jewelry and craft items. While doing so, you will be greeted by a host of welcoming local

market vendors who themselves bring a warmth to the shopping centre. This has run all winter long for the past two winters, providing a special place to be neighborly even on the coldest days.

If you have not visited the Beverly Farmers' Market indoors this winter, do so as the weather turns and see for yourself why the Riverview Crossing Shopping Centre is the place to be on a Tuesday. The market also does a weekly customer appreciation draw to win market certificates, so each purchase enters you to win free market goods every week!

The market will return outdoors on May 12.

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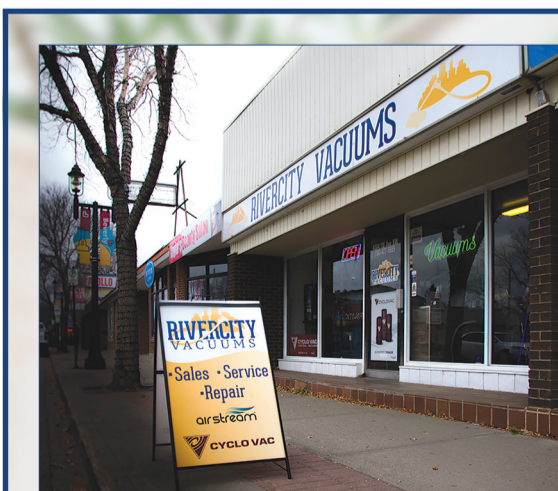
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Throughout that year, Amrit and Harpreet have been committed to expanding and developing their menu, including going from 10 pizza options on day one to 35 types today. Amrit notes that choosing what to eat is a part of the dining experience, joking that it “takes 20-25 minutes to see the menu, it’s so big”. This includes unique pizza flavours that can’t be found anywhere else in the city, such as the brie fungi, the popular bomba pizza with artichoke and mushroom, or the breakfast pizza with bacon and eggs. While the classic meat lovers pizza remains the most chosen, there is no denying that there is a flavour for everyone on the menu.

Their pizzas continue to be top quality, including special Fior di Latte cheese, as well as bread, sauce, meat, and flour all sourced directly from Italy for the most authentic flavours. This quality and care extends to their paninis, specialty coffees, desserts, and the rest of their massive menu as well. A recent liquor license addition has also afforded them the opportunity to include quality Italian beers, wines, and cocktails. Amrit and Harpreet note this difference from other



Amrit and Harpreet, owners of Moon Cafe in Edmonton’s Beverly neighbourhood, stand in front of a vibrant Venetian canal mural that brings a touch of Italy to the café’s warm, welcoming space.

establishments in a time of ordering through online food delivery services. These days, “they care about number of orders”, says Harpreet, “but we care about quality”.

Over the year, the couple has noted the love and care they have felt from their community, and how they seek to reciprocate that with each customer. “The community is supportive”, says Harpreet, and the restaurant gives that back “by serving them from the heart”.

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He began officially selling them on Facebook Marketplace out of his basement, but in early 2023 made the decision to open a storefront. Local to Beverly, he set his sights on 118 Avenue and officially debuted Rivercity Vacuums off 40 Street.

His goal for the first six months was simply to break even. "I just wanted to be able to pay the rent", he recalls. What Zachary experienced instead blew him away. "The old adage that build it and they will come rings true in this scenario", he says. The customers came, and the community and his neighboring businesses supported him, and year after year he saw his business grow and thrive. "I experienced exponential growth year over year", he says. "It's been phenomenal".

Fast forward three years to the present, and the success of the business has allowed him to purchase a building just a few bays down from his original Rivercity Vacuums site. Now a commercial property owner, Zachary can hardly believe what a whirlwind the last years have been. "Three years ago, I was selling vacuums on Facebook Marketplace out of my basement", he says. "Little did I know that in three years, I would be a commercial property owner with a business that is seeing growth year after year".

Zachary's story is a special testament to the fact that small businesses can thrive in Beverly, and how our community shows up to support its own. From his basement to a storefront to owning property, all in three years, is a powerful example that business in Beverly is good.

Zachary certainly feels this, and readily gushes about a community he adores. In fact, when the opportunity to buy his new property came up, he never hesitated for a moment. "I never thought that I could fall in love with a community more," he says.

"So when the opportunity came for me to purchase the building, it only made sense for me to deepen my tie to the community. I have such a vested interest in Beverly, when the opportunity came to buy a building, there was no second choice. The decision made itself."

Zachary has spent the past several months building a brand new storefront, and has now officially moved Rivercity Vacuums down the sidewalk to complete his dream permanent space within his own building. Now located at 4012 118 Avenue, his new business location is beautifully put together and meticulously designed to be the perfect permanent space for vacuum sales and repairs.

As a business and now property owner, Zachary is excited about what the future brings, both for his business and in the relationships he has grown in the Beverly community. "Seeing my customers in the community and them recognizing me by name shows how strong the community is in Beverly", he states. "The community ties in this neighborhood are unlike anything I've ever seen, and that's why Beverly is my home for life".

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 No longer a town. No longer even really a "Beverly".
 Is Beverly a town anymore? No.
 Yet still, we run into friends and neighbors on a trip to the grocery store, and it is nearly impossible to grab a quick item without a lengthy conversation with someone we know.
 Still, we know the names of all the shop owners, and they know ours, and they know exactly what we will order and how we like it.
 Still, we put on local farmers' markets and attend in part because we love the goods, but also in part because we can't wait to see who we will run into so we can visit for a while.
 Still, we put on Variety Shows, and commit to gathering together each year to laugh and joke, when every other community abandoned them long ago.
 Still, our kids meet as often as they possibly can for a game of shinny at the rink, disregarding how cold it is because tonight's game just might be the one where two goalies show up.
 Still, we volunteer tirelessly and thanklessly for sports teams, fundraisers, bingos and everything in between because that's just what we do in Beverly.
 Still, we know the names of every neighbour on our block because, well, most have been the same for decades.

Still, we can name every school and park and road and know them all by heart.
 Still, we refer to a trip downtown as "going into the city".
 Still, we cross 50 Street heading east and feel like we've left one place and entered another, like somehow crossing that threshold means we are now "home".
 Still, we live in this beautiful community that our parents and grandparents did, and never wanted to leave.
 Somehow, decades after it became a part of Edmonton, it is still the town of Beverly.
 How is that even possible?
 Somehow, this Olde Towne of Beverly persists.
 By sheer passion, Beverly lives on. The name lives on. We are still Beverly.
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Construction everywhere! Take a trip through the Beverly area these days and it will be impossible not to notice it: construction vehicles and cranes and worksite trailers and more. There is no doubt about it... Beverly is growing! Head down 34 Street and you'll see the

replacement for St. Jerome Catholic School well on its way. Visit the Riverview Crossing Shopping Centre and you'll spot a frenzy of activity as a new fitness centre comes in. Stroll along 118 Avenue and watch a new commercial space come up at 48 Street.

Look up from... well... anywhere really and see the giant crane over the future senior's complex behind the No Frills. New businesses, commercial spaces, senior living, and schools are coming to Beverly, making it a very exciting time for our community!



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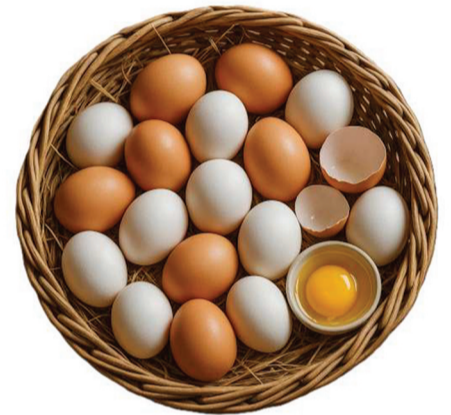
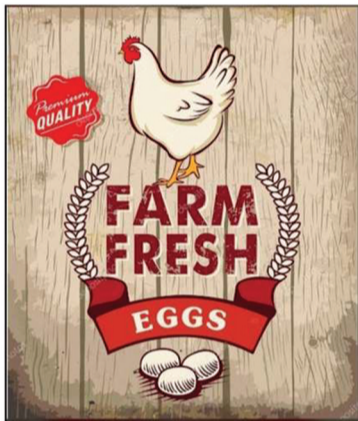
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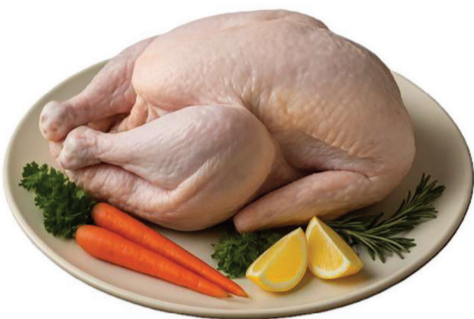


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This story was told in a meticulously researched and carefully crafted book written by Lawrence Herzog and titled "Built on Coal", a special resource that brings together a wealth of history to tell the story of what made Beverly what it is today.

The story of Built on Coal begins back in the 1990s, when the City initiated a Community Development Plan to revitalize the Beverly area.

This plan saw the hiring of community coordinators Colleen Fidler and Ann Nicolai, who were tasked with engaging the community to ask how they saw Beverly and what they wanted from Beverly in the future.

The plan took a year to write, and ultimately was approved by City Council



A display featuring the book *Built on Coal* alongside a coal bucket, miner's helmet with headlamp, and a pickaxe highlights the tools and history of the coal mining industry.

with three years of implementation funding.

In the final year of that, Shirley Lowe was hired for the newly formed Beverly Business Association, one of the City's Business Revitalization Zones, and businesses began paying into a fund to contribute to the growth of the Beverly business corridor.

Shirley moved into an office with the community development team in mid-1996, and they started implementing a joint business and community vibrancy operation. This included

starting the well-loved Beverly Farmers' Market, community festivals, and much more.

For her work with the community development team, the gym at the Abbottsfield Rec Centre was named for Colleen Fidler, who passed away in 2020 and was a true warrior for the Beverly community.

It was in 1998 that Ann Nicolai and Shirley Lowe, from that office, decided that Beverly needed a history book, and began to lay the groundwork with Colleen. Shirley had previously

written the 124 Street story and it became a significant success with two printing sell outs. She saw the rich history of Beverly and the importance of doing the same here.

1998 did not have the same digital technology advantages as today, so Shirley spoke to Lawrence Herzog. She knew him previously from a committee they once sat on, and knew that Lawrence was also writing a column in *Real Estate Weekly* and so had the means to publish. He immediately got excited about the project, and, as Shirley notes, he was "a very good writer and photographer and researcher", a combination that made him the perfect person to join the project.

The City of Edmonton had boxes of Beverly's historical material from when the Olde Towne amalgamated with the City, but had not sorted it, which became the starting point for the project.

Much time was spent at the archives combing through decades of material. It was, however, the people and their stories that would ultimately become the core of the book.

Lawrence had the idea to simply sit and meet with people to hear their stories.

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Built on Coal

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Shirley notes that the strategy was simple: “find the old timers, feed them cookies and coffee, and go through their memories”. Many of their parents at that time were from the pioneer generation that had built Beverly, and they loved the Olde Towne. Gathering stories and photographs meant pulling from their memories as well as images from private collections. Coal mining photos came directly because it was their uncles and their dads in the photos. Thus, a key moment was caught wherein family connections existed, stories still existed in people’s memories, and early days could be recalled and captured. “Many of the people who came to the table are gone now”, notes Shirley. “We caught the story in time, without them we wouldn’t have had half this book”.

“It was the stories of the people that emerged as the real treasure”, says Lawrence. “The names from Beverly’s life as a town – Bergman, Dando, Lawton, Abbott, Prins, Hollingworth, Hunter, and a hundred more – are not well known to most Albertans. But in each of their stories resonate the spirit that builds and binds every great community – hard work, determination, friendship, respect, and goodwill”.

So the story unfolded over that year of research,

and Lawrence and Shirley felt privileged to sit back and enjoy each and every tale. “We just listened in fascination”, says Shirley. “Through the Beverly mines and the wooden sidewalks and not having any utilities, and then in the 50s Beverly Heights was the largest Community League in the Edmonton area”. It was a fascinating tale of the rise of a town and the people who passionately made it happen.

This year of storytelling saw Shirley leave her role at the Business Association by June 2000 but stay engaged in the editing of the book. It was first printed in 2000, written by Lawrence Herzog with editing by Shirley Lowe and graphic design and layout by Liz Bolduc Design.

The demand was immediate. Community members waited in line to get a copy. “There was a thirst for local history”, says Shirley. “They wanted to know about where they lived”. More printings were required. The book was sold for a low cost out of a passion to make the story accessible.

Giving the book a read is truly a treat, as it is packed full of special stories. Appropriately titled “Built on Coal”, it tells of the expansive coal mining operations at the turn of the century that spread vast mine shafts networks that still exist deep below us. It tells of

the growth of a hamlet, and then a village, and then a town, and the emergence of a mayor and council, and a school system, and emergency services. It tells of the early appearance of a business corridor and its original shops. It tells of incredible settlers from William Humberstone to Jacob Prins, and the way they shaped the area and built a life and a family in Beverly’s earliest days. It tells of the Community Leagues, the churches, the schools, and the parks that came to be as years passed. It tells, too, of the downturn of the Olde Towne and the eventual amalgamation with the City of Edmonton, and how the area ushered itself into a new era. The stories are special, impactful, and incredibly important.

Lawrence and Shirley both played immense roles in the production of the book, and both readily point to a sea

of people who contributed to the project. They are listed in the introduction at the start of the book. “Without any of them, we would not have succeeded”, says Shirley.

Perhaps the words of Ann Nicolai that close the final page of the book say it best: “the real credit goes to the citizens who wouldn’t give up and knew that if they worked hard, Beverly would one day step closer to its potential”. Indeed, there is much to be learned from the past about serving one’s community with truly selfless devotion, and the incredible resource that is Built on Coal reminds us of this lesson with excellence.

Built on Coal can be purchased for \$25 at the Beverly Farmers’ Market on Tuesdays or by visiting the Beverly Business Association office.

With thanks to Shirley Lowe and Lawrence Herzog.

What’s Going on in Beverly and Rundle Heights?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

- Hear about this year’s accomplishments;
- Learn about upcoming activities and programs;
- Elect board members;
- Vote to approve the amended BHCL bylaws - The revision, agenda, and financial report link will be emailed to current league members and available at beverlyheights.ca after March 18

When: **April 12, 2026 at 3:00PM**

Where: Beverly Heights Community Hall **4209-111 AVE NW**

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Thank you!

The **55th Annual Beverly Heights Variety Show “Skits & Giggles”** has wrapped up! Thanks to patrons, volunteers, and sponsors who supported the show - we are so thankful for this fun, community-building event and you make it possible! Feeling inspired? Interested in writing next year’s show? Email varietyshow@beverlyheights.ca for details!

Beverly Heights Annual Easter Egg Hunt

When: **Saturday April 4th, 2 - 3:30 pm**

Where: In the Family Centre at **4209-111 AVE NW**

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contact easter.bhcl@gmail.com to register

Cake, hot chocolate, crafts and more...

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Sunday Night Magic (the Gathering): Alternating Sundays 6:30PM

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Percy Benjamin Lawton: Beverly's Principal

Percy Benjamin Lawton, or PB, as he was known, was Beverly's longest serving and best loved teacher and principal. Lawton began teaching in Beverly in 1927 and reached the position of Supervisor of Beverly Schools before retiring in 1957, a remarkable 30 year record of service in the same jurisdiction. During that time, he taught 805 students.

Lawton was born in Lacombe in 1902 and came to Edmonton in 1905. He was educated at Queen Alexandra School and Strathcona Collegiate Institute and began his teaching career at Duffield, west of Edmonton, in 1922. He taught there for two years before moving to Angle Lake for a one year stint. Then Lawton came to Beverly in 1927.

While other teachers in early Beverly used their position as stepping stones to other opportunities, Lawton reflected that, "as soon as I arrived in Beverly, it seemed like home." When Lawton first arrived, it was common to hear the town's children referred to in city schools as "Beverly Bums," but Lawton helped change that by instilling a strong work ethic, a motivation to learn, and an atmosphere that helped give the town a good reputation for education.

Over the years, stories involving the teacher and principal became the stuff of legend. Lawton's old Essex automobile was the butt of many pranks, including one involving yet to be Edmonton Mayor William Hawrelak. It seems Hawrelak and four other students were caught trying to push the Essex out of the school yard. The five were dispatched to the bush to each select a sturdy willow switch. Hawrelak found a good stocky one, while the others, anticipating what was coming, chose slender twigs. The story goes that Lawton used the sturdy cane on the four who thought they could outsmart the principal and released the future mayor with a stern warning.

Another time, Lawton reprimanded a group of boys who had carried the school's outhouse up onto the front steps. He knew who did it and made them pick it up and haul it back over its rightful hole, with the instigator at the appropriate place to catch the aroma of the deed. Mr. Lawton, who was sometimes endearingly called "baldy" by his students, also found time for public affairs and served as a town councillor in 1931 and was elected mayor of Beverly the following year.

Lawton was a long time resident of 4823 Ada Boulevard, a house near the North Saskatchewan River. In his years of service, he helped the Beverly school system grow from a single four-room school to a modern \$2 million system with classrooms for 1,500 students. At a ceremony commemorating his 30 years of service to the community in 1957, he was given a plaque which read: "Presented to P.B. Lawton for outstanding service to school and community, 1927 to 1957, from the Town of Beverly." Former colleague Harold Gerry, master of ceremonies for the event, noted that not only did Lawton "lay the foundation of citizenship in this town, but he padded the foundation of many of the leading

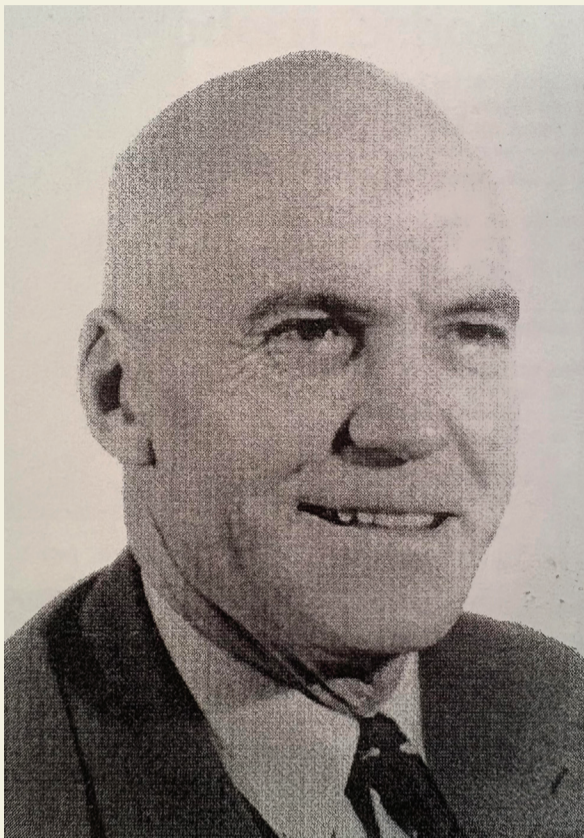


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Percy Benjamin Lawton

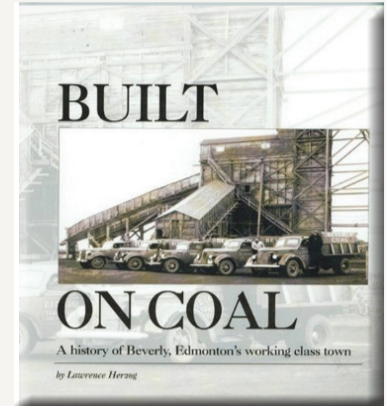
citizens and many of them are here tonight to thank him for it."

Even though he was suffering from cancer, Lawton remained at his job as superintendent until the month before he died. Lawton died January 2nd, 1962, at the age of 59 and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. In a letter to the Edmonton Journal published January 15, two weeks after Lawton's death, long time associate George Pojalow called him one of the greatest human beings who ever lived. "During the depression years, as Mayor of the Town of Beverly, Mr. Lawton was a true champion of Beverly and its populace, never thinking of himself, working ceaselessly for the town, school and his pupils whom he deeply loved, with no compensation for his efforts. If any of the children needed clothing, Mr. Lawton came up with his best efforts and we received them." Pojalow noted that Lawton had the esteem of old and young, rich and poor. "If there was a heaven above, Mr. Lawton is right up front there, as he was in Beverly."

From Lawrence Herzog's *Built on Coal*

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Beverly Heights Variety Show: A Quintessential Beverly Experience

The Beverly Heights Variety Show turned 55 this year! The longest running show of its kind in all of Canada, the Variety Show is a special piece of our community, as synonymous with the idea of “Beverly” as anything.

Compiled by Teena Lantz and directed by both her and Kathy Stark, the 55th show was titled “Skits and Giggles”. It ran for 8 shows covering Fridays and Saturdays from February 20 to March 14.

Like the 54 shows before it, the show blended quick hit one-liner comedy with long-form skits that saw a brilliant acting team crack jokes from the bar, the penalty box, the maternity ward, and much more. The live band provided the backing track while also offering a few full numbers that showcased their skill.

Paired with a full Ukrainian dinner, an expansive concession, a full bar, as well as a 50/50, Nevada tickets, and draw prizes, the experience of the Beverly Heights Variety Show as a whole amounts to a fantastic night out year after year. The show is a gargantuan undertaking from a dedicated small army of volunteers who selflessly serve to make it a reality over and over again.

The show is special for so many reasons, and has been for so many years, and is a



true testament to what a tight-knit community can accomplish. It is one of those local gems that gives Beverly that ongoing small town feel that has persisted long after our actual town amalgamated with the City of Edmonton decades ago. It is synonymous with exactly what built Beverly: hard-working people giving of themselves selflessly to lift up their community and make it a lively, vibrant place to enjoy.

If you have not yet attended the show or volunteered to support it, consider do-

ing so when it returns for its 56th year, because this core piece of what makes Beverly so special is truly worthy of supporting for many more years to come.

Look out for information about the 56th show coming later in 2026. Anyone interested in writing the 2027 show can check the Beverly Heights Community League website starting in September for show information. Visit the website in November for information on their wine & cheese volunteer information night as well.

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At Candora, food has been built into our DNA and has also become a way to create opportunity.

Through Candora Food Services (under the direction of food service pro, Luis Valbuena), meals and hospitality help support community programs while also creating practical opportunities for people to build skills and move toward employment.

From social enterprises that generate revenue and workforce experience, to long-standing community programs that bring neighbours together around a shared meal, food plays an important role in Candora's work throughout Beverly and surrounding neighbourhoods.

This is why Candora is expanding our food service operations with our new social enterprise, Café Candeur based out of the University of Alberta's, Campus Saint-Jean!



Candora's Social Enterprise Manager, Luis Valbuena, demonstrating procedures on opening day



Café Candeur serving customers on opening day



Luis and Laura making final preparations before Café Candeur opened on March 11.

Café Candeur Opens as the Latest Expansion of Candora Food Services

Candora Society is excited to announce the opening of Café Candeur at Campus Saint-Jean, the latest expansion of Candora Food Services.

While the café is located at the university's francophone campus, the initiative remains closely connected to Candora's work in Beverly and surrounding northeast Edmonton neighbourhoods. Revenue generated through Café Candeur will help sustain free community programming in the Beverly area, while the café itself provides additional opportunities for practical workforce training for residents of our community. Most of the food prep and pre-packaging still takes place at the Abbottsfield Rec Centre.

Café Candeur builds on several food-based initiatives Candora has developed in recent years, each designed to combine great food with meaningful community impact.

With both pre-set menu options and customized catering menus, Candora catering offers flexible options designed to meet the needs of a wide range of events.

Under the management of an experienced food services entrepreneur, Candora's catering services are focused on delivering high-quality food while supporting Candora's broader community mission.

Together with Café Candeur and Auntie Bev's meals and catering, these initiatives form a growing food services model that helps generate revenue to support community programs while also creating practical opportunities for people to gain experience in food preparation, hospitality, and customer service.

Auntie Bev's Heat-and-Go Meals

One of those initiatives is Auntie Bev's, Candora's line of pre-made heat-and-go meals (as well as delicious heat-and-go sides) designed to make convenient, home-style meals easily accessible for individuals and families.

Auntie Bev's meals are available locally through the Beverly Farmers Market and can also be ordered online at www.auntiebevs.ca.

The Auntie Bev's brand continues to grow as Candora expands its food offerings and explores new ways to serve the community.

Candora (Auntie Bev's) Catering Services

Candora Food Services also provides catering for meetings, community events, and private functions.

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AUNTIE BEV'S CATERING

To better support the community with valuable experience and hands-on skills to prepare for the job market, CANDORA created Auntie Bev's Meals & Catering.

This social venture is a nod to our Beverly community and creates opportunities to gain experience in a variety of industries from marketing and sales to culinary arts to business and customer service. Find us online at www.auntiebevs.ca or at local Farmers' Markets.



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Boneless chicken thighs in coconut curry sauce with potatoes and carrots. Served with basmati rice and naan.
Full Service: \$19.50
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-  **Taco Bar**
Corn tortillas, AI Pastor Pork, Tinga de Pollo, and Seasoned Ground Beef. Toppings include shredded lettuce, Pico de Gallo, cheese, sour cream, pickled onions, jalapeños, and fresh cilantro. Served with nacho chips and salsa.
-  **Chili Bar**
Chili con Carne with seasoned ground beef, tomatoes, kidney beans, and a blend of spices. Toppings include Pico de Gallo, cheese, sour cream, pickled onions, jalapeños, sweet corn and fresh cilantro. Served with nacho chips.
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“Pathways” Employment Program participants attending a workshop.



Candora “Pathways” Employment Program staff and participants making use of the job lab.

coming space where neighbours can gather, share a meal, and connect with one another.

The program remains an important part of Candora’s community outreach and reflects the organization’s belief that food can be a powerful tool for strengthening neighbourhood relationships. Community members can visit www.candora.ca to learn more about Community Lunch, Candora Food Services, or the Pathways to Employment Program.

Candora’s food service social enterprises help support community programming while creating practical job training opportunities.

Through Auntie Bev’s, Candora produces pre-made heat-and-go meals that are available for purchase at the Beverly Farmers Market and online at www.auntiebevs.ca.

Candora (Auntie Bev’s) also provides catering services for meetings, community events, and private functions, offering both pre-set menus and customized catering options.

New initiatives like Café Candeur continue to expand these opportunities—creating real-world training experiences for participants in Candora’s Pathways to Employment Program while generating revenue that helps sustain free community programming in Beverly and surrounding neighbourhoods.

Community Programs That Bring People Together

In addition to food-based social enterprises that support workforce development, Candora Food Services also oversees community programs built around shared meals and connection.

One of the longest-running of these initiatives is Candora’s weekly Community Lunch.

Community Lunch has served the Beverly area for many years and continues to provide a wel-

Building Skills Through the “Pathways to Employment” Program

Food services also provide a natural entry point for many people beginning or re-entering the workforce.

Through Candora’s “Pathways to Employment” Program, participants can strengthen their readiness for work, build confidence, and develop practical skills that support long-term employment.

Initiatives such as Café Candeur, Auntie Bev’s meal production, and Auntie Bev’s catering services provide real-world environments where participants can gain hands-on experience in areas such as food preparation, customer service, teamwork, and workplace expectations.

For some participants, Pathways focuses on foundational skill development and barrier reduction. For others who are already closer to employment, the program offers focused support such as resume assistance, interview preparation, job search guidance, and connections to employers who are hiring.

By combining employment supports with practical experience, the Pathways program helps participants take meaningful steps toward sustainable employment.

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Understanding that Eastern Medicine excels where Western Medicine fails, Melanie set forth to develop treatment protocols for all variations of Peripheral Neuropathy (including diabetic and chemotherapy-induced) and now has a 90% success rate.



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Dr. Melanie Morrill Dr. Ac. has designed similar treatment protocols for other complicated, chronic conditions including:

- Fibromyalgia
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Neuropathy
- Post-shingles pain

While each patient plan is tailored specifically to that patient's concerns and goals, all of her treatments are based on a framework that's years in the making.

In addition, Dr. Melanie Morrill Dr. Ac. isn't opposed to more modern medical solutions. "It's in blending the time-tested science of acupuncture with recent innovations in medicine that get me the best results."

One of those advancements is ATP Resonance BioTherapy, originally developed by NASA it aids nerves in regeneration by providing them with the nutrients they need to repair and renew, "very similar to what water does for a plant!"

The Magic of Compassionate Care

And what do those in her care have to say? "Melanie looked me in my eyes and wanted to know about me, not just my condition. I feel like a person, not just a patient," shares Barb. "In fact, I don't think she ever used the word patient." Others proclaim, "her neuropathy treatments gave me my life back," and "it's a miracle she treated my neuropathy, I don't know how else to explain it."

Dr. Melanie Morrill, Dr. Ac. has a long personal history of complicated, difficult-to-understand conditions and understands how tragic it can be if left untreated.

I have sat where my patients sit. I've experienced their pain in a very real way. I know the frustration of feeling hopeless on an intimate level. It's why I practice the brand of medicine I do and why I've made it my life's mission to treat the 'untreatable'. It brings me such incredible joy when I get to say 'I can help you!'"

Furthermore, Dr. Melanie Morrill Dr. Ac. has surrounded herself with staff that embraces this same approach to patient care. "You can ask any one of my patients and they will tell you that their favourite part about treatment is my staff."

"I just love everyone here," shares Barb, "The girls are always so kind, it's like going to the doctor with my girlfriends."

Dr. Melanie Morrill Dr. Ac. and her staff focus on chronic pain, complicated neurological conditions, and autoimmune diseases that leave other professionals scratching their heads.

For more information about Dr. Melanie Morrill Dr. Ac., and what she treats: call the clinic or visit her website.

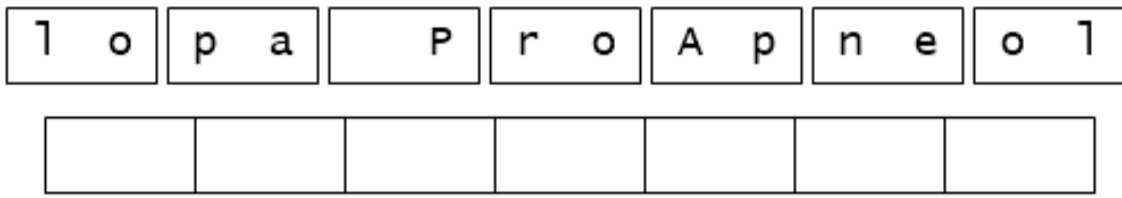
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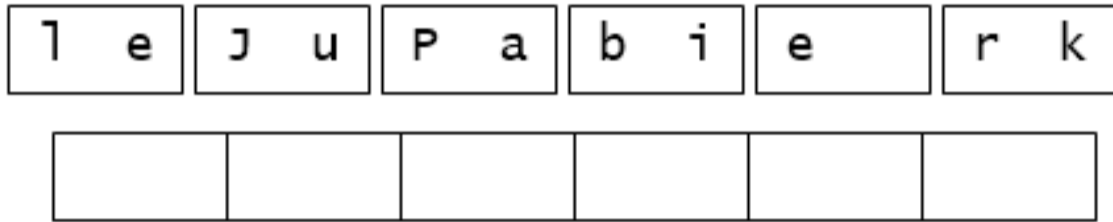
WORD TILE PUZZLES

What Beverly Business Am I?

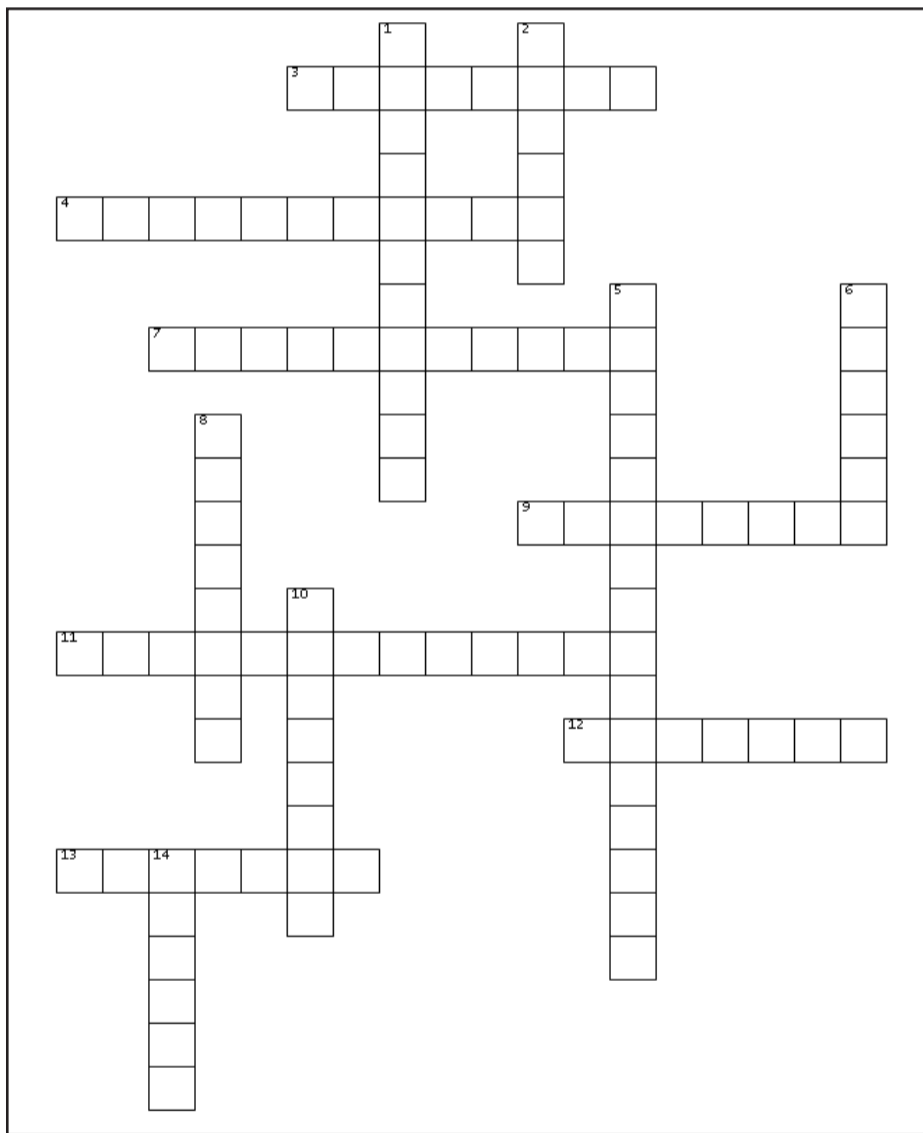


Unscramble the tiles to reveal a Beverly business! Each tile is used only once.

Where in Beverly Am I?



Unscramble the tiles to reveal a location in Beverly! Each tile is used only once.



Beverly Business Puzzle

Can you fill in all the blanks with Beverly businesses?

ACROSS

- 3. As authentic Italian as it gets
- 4. They've got some tasty pizza "bruin" here
- 7. Grab some pad thai!
- 9. Some say this is the borscht restaurant around
- 11. Meats, cheeses, donuts, and so much more
- 12. You'll be all a-buzz about their breakfasts
- 13. Where the kids can play all day

DOWN

- 1. Go here if you love donairs
- 2. Restaurant serving pizza, burgers, pasta, and steak
- 5. This place sucks. Get it?
- 6. Beverly's bank
- 8. Sheldon's place
- 10. Largest buffet in Edmonton
- 14. Their amazing gas prices put the lo in ____

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TRIVIA CHALLENGE

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1. What day of the week is the year-round Beverly Farmers' Market?

- a. Monday
- b. Wednesday
- c. Tuesday
- d. Mondays, Wednesdays, and every second Thursday

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2. Now a Travelodge, what was its original 1960 name?

- a. Drake Hotel
- b. Beverly Crest Motor Hotel
- c. Jockey Motel
- d. Clover Bar Bed & Breakfast

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3. What business exists at 4306 118 Avenue?

- a. Moon Café & Pizza
- b. Italian Bakery
- c. Million Thai Restaurant
- d. Pappa's Restaurant

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4. The Beverly Heights Variety Show just ran for its ____ year

- a. 45th
- b. 50th
- c. 55th
- d. 22.6th

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5. What was unique about William E. Curtis, once the town of Beverly's postmaster?

- a. He also played for the Edmonton Oil Kings
- b. He couldn't read
- c. He lost an arm in World War I
- d. He couldn't find his car keys for over a decade

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6. Which of the following is NOT in the Tegler Youth Centre?

- a. Skatepark
- b. Climbing wall
- c. Basketball court
- d. 3D printer

7. What was discussed at the first Beverly village council meeting on June 17, 1913?

- a. Where should we build the Memorial Cenotaph?
- b. Should Beverly hire a police constable?
- c. What do we do about the stray dogs?
- d. Will Connor McDavid ever win a Stanley Cup?

8. Where in Beverly can you get "The Gladiator Chicken Burger"?

- a. Grill & Wrap
- b. No Frills
- c. JayBees
- d. Old Beverly Café

9. What badly damaged the structural integrity of Beverly's old town hall in the 1930s?

- a. A major snowstorm
- b. A vehicle driving into it
- c. A fire in the neighboring building
- d. Dancing

10. Name the dance studio in Beverly

- a. J'Adore Dance
- b. Elite Dance Studio
- c. Cheremosh Dance Company
- d. Ray Loga's Ballet Studio

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ON THE AVENUE

NEWS FROM THE BEVERLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

2026 SPRING EDITION



SUMMER EVENTS ARE COMING!

Summer is on its way and we look forward to a number of events around the Beverly community! The Beverly Business Association is proud to host or support the following coming in 2026:

Beverly Farmers' Market

Currently running indoors!
Moving back outdoors starting on Tuesday, May 12!

Annual Golf Tournament & Banquet

Friday, June 26, 2026

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Beverly Dining Week

November 13-22, 2026

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11, 2026

Look out for information on these and a number of other activities and events from Beverly's business community taking place all summer long!
Keep up with us on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

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