

## TOWN NEWS

Coalhurst, Alberta

April 2022



#### APRIL

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday (office closed)
 Easter Monday (office closed)
 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Committee of the Whole 7:00 p.m.

#### MAY

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

8 Mother's Day

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<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS3kdzlvzavAguAj\_aM4d">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS3kdzlvzavAguAj\_aM4d</a><a href="mailto:sg</a> or find the link on the Town web site under Government – Council Minutes & Agendas.



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#### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 24 – 30, 2022

To ALL VOLUNTEERS in the Town of Coalhurst, we thank you for giving your time and support to help make our community strong and connected.





## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town Office will be closed on Friday,

April 15 and Monday April 18, 2022 for Easter.

Have a safe and happy Easter!

For public works emergency call: 403-634-1627



APRIL 2022

In March's Mayor's Message, I wrote about our Council's value of ongoing communications. This month I am focusing on community engagement and our commitment to creating ongoing two-way dialogues with residents. First, I'd like to start out by thanking community members for getting in touch with Council members to let us know your feedback. These conversations, emails and messages have sparked many great conversations about the future of Coalhurst.

I'm happy to say that we have employed the services of a skilled consultant to ensure the thoughts and opinions of our residents are reflected within our strategic plan. Community members will have the opportunity to share what matters to them through an engagement process. This information will then be used to form a strategic plan that will guide the work of Council and the Town for the next four years. We are excited to have your voices included within the strategic planning process as we continue to build towards an even brighter future!

Community engagement has become a core principle of how our Council operates and I welcome you to hold us accountable for this. We're always open to hearing new ideas on how residents would like to be informed and engaged with the Town. It's an exciting time for Coalhurst and I can't wait for the engagement and strategic planning process to begin.

Now, on to the important stuff – last month I promised to provide some ideas on how to make excellent charcuterie boards. I may be more of an expert in indulging, but I have picked up a few tips along the way:

- 1. Go for a variety of textures and tastes. Everyone loves something different so it's good to incorporate some mild cheeses all the way up to ones that have been aged. Right now, I'm loving camembert, St Agur blue and an aged gouda.
- 2. Honey with coffee grounds sprinkled on top is a marvelous accompaniment to your favourite meats and cheeses.
- 3. Add sweet and salty notes to the board. Think olives, chocolate, fruit, nuts, and a variety of crackers/breads.
- 4. Look like a professional by filling all the spaces on your board. Start with the big items and then use your smaller pieces like nuts, herbs or dried fruit to make it look full. Your guests will think you're Picasso and constantly come back for the beautiful presentation (and delicious snack).

Until next month, Mayor Lyndsay Montina



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME.

JOIN US TO LEARN

ABOUT OUR GOALS AND

FUTURE PROJECTS AND

WHY WE ARE SO PROUD

TO BE A PART OF THIS

COMMUNITY! COME TO

LISTEN OR GET

INVOLVED!

APRIL 13, 2022 | 7 P.M.
COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTER

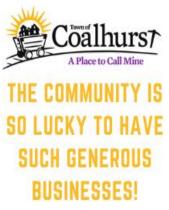
VISIT US ON FACEBOOK @COALHURSTPNR



# **HEADWATER EQUIPMENT SALES**

CABINET EXPRESSIONS

Coalhurst Hand Up Not Out, Food Distribution Event



April 15th 11am-3pm Miner's Memorial Park





# FUN ACTIVITIES TO HELP KICKSTART SPRING

Have you and your family felt cooped up from the long winter months? As spring slowly but surely starts to set in, it can be fun to get outside and get moving to help boost your mood and your energy. Here's a helpful list of activities that you and your kids can do to make the most out of springtime:

- Make a Snow Sculpture Unfortunately, snow is still a regular occurrence during spring.
  Why not take snowman making to another level and let your creative juices flow! For
  example, try spray-painting the snow using water and food coloring in a spray bottle. This is
  a fun and creative way to make your yard or community feel more cheery and bright. By
  making something different, you will be more engaged and excited to be outdoors.
- **Invite the neighbor kids to play outside** By helping someone else out, you will feel more responsible and motivated to have fun with them.
- **Go for a walk** Fresh air and exercise will boost your mood and make you feel refreshed.
- Join the Snow Angels Program through FCSS As mentioned, the snow isn't completely gone yet, so why not help volunteer in the meantime? By becoming a Snow Angel, you can help a senior in your community by shoveling their snow. Connect with Cindy Lauwen, FCSS's Volunteer Coordinator for more information: 403-915-7063 and cindy.lauwen@fcss.ca.
- **Do a spring themed scavenger hunt with your family or friends** This is a great way to get outdoors, have fun, and get connected with your community!

Sometimes, even if the activity you want to do is fun, it can be difficult to motivate yourself to go out and do it. It can be helpful to schedule some time each day or week to get outside. It can also be motivating to help someone out, for instance shoveling snow for your neighbors!

Stacey provides leadership and volunteering opportunities for youth ages 11-13 through DO Crew Jr. <a href="mailto:stacey.vandenhoek@fcss.ca">stacey.vandenhoek@fcss.ca</a> **Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.** 

Submitted by:
Stacey Vandenhoek
Youth Program Leader



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# COALHURST COMICS CLUB

A FOUR PART WORKSHOP SERIES

YOUTH 13 - 18 | IN-PERSON | FREE

**Every other Friday**@ **1:00 to 3:00 PM**April 29, May 13,
May 27, June 10

Learn about & create your own comics, including designing, planning, writing & drawing.

Drop-in hangout from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Pre-register today!** Contact Jamie Lewis at **403-795-2963** or **jamie.lewis@fcss.ca** to sign up & to get location details.



# Registered Play



# Coalhurst FCSS is OPEN for PLAY

- 6 Families per session, 2 sessions per day
- · Registration is Required!
- Current COVID- 19 Protocols will be followed

#### Wednesdays

Session 1: 8:30-10:00 am Session 2: 12:30-2:00 pm

#### Coalhurst FCSS

Community Centre 527 50 Ave To register contact

**Jackie** 

403-732-5470 jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca



# Move it! Move it!

This program inspires movement and muscle development through activities and play.

Grown-ups together with their children 0-6 years of age.

Wednesdays
January 26<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>
10:00-11:30 am
Coalhurst FCSS
Community Centre ~ 527 50 Ave



I like to move it move it!



To register contact

**Jackie** 

403-732-5470 or jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca

COVID-19 Protocols will be followed. Limit of 5 families.

### The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

#### **APRIL 2022**

Friday:

Meat Draws: 6:30 and 7:00 for Mad Butcher Certificates.

Queen Draw: 7:00

Thursday: Burgers and Chips:

\$6:00

Steak Dinner: April 23 sign up by

April 20

Horse race: April 2-4pm Voices of Legends May 14-7pm



Veterans who need assistance can send an email attention Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Funds raised from Bingos help support the branch, the Seniors 55 Club, the Schools, and the community.

Pick a date and call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

Apr 22, May 29, June 26, Jul 31, Aug 28

We are still chasing the Queen of Clubs and she is worth over \$4,000. If you don't catch her you still win 20% of the nights sales if your number is drawn.





And they are off again on April 2 at a 4ish start. Sponsor and name your speedy steed.

# Steve Hillis of Voices of Legends was postponed till May 14 Tickets are \$25 each.

Remember to come in for your free birthday drink the week of your birthday.



#### Hours of operation

Wednesday -Thursday 5:00 until close Friday 4:30 until close Saturdays 3:00 until close

We will remain open if there are Patrons

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday



THROUGH YOUR DONATION TO THE LEGION POPPY FUND, THE LEGION PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VETERANS, INCLUDING THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE IN NEED.



Host your own garage sale along with others in the town.

\* Please put your own signs up for your garage sale\*



## Coalhurst Reuse Weekend May 13, 14, 15

On May 13, 14, and 15 residents are invited to take this opportunity to clear out usable, unwanted items that are taking up space in their homes.

Residents can place any items that are suitable to reuse on their property in front of their house on Friday evening and mark them with a FREE sign or sticker. Over the weekend, people are invited to cruise the streets and help themselves to any of the goodies, free of charge. The event is over on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Anything remaining after 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> must be taken back in by the owner. For more information call the Town Office at 403-381-3033.

#### Examples of giveaway items can include:

- books, CDs and DVDs
- furniture, electronics and small appliances
- sports equipment and toys
- kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots and pans
- unwanted gifts
- clothing

Give away etiquette: Respect other people's property, belongings and traffic laws. Consider the safety of items left out for reuse and consult the Consumer Product Safety Bureau if unsure.

The Town of Coalhurst hopes residents will take part and enjoy a weekend perusing through the neighbourhoods in search of new-to-you treasures! This weekend will coincide with **Spring Clean Up**, being held May 25<sup>th</sup>, to help cut down expenses. (Watch for spring clean up details in Town News and on web site.)







# SPRING CLEAN UP

# YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SPRING CLEAN UP ITEMS OUT BY 8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

ITEMS PLACED OUT **AFTER THAT TIME** WILL BE THE **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER/RESIDENT**. PLEASE PUT YOUR ITEMS IN THE BACK ALLEY IF YOU HAVE ONE, OR, IF YOU HAVE NO BACK ALLEY, NEAR YOUR FRONT SIDEWALK.

## ITEMS SHOULD BE PUT OUT NO EARLIER THAN I WEEK BEFORE CLEAN-UP.

WE <u>WILL NOT</u> BE DOING FOLLOW-UP COLLECTIONS. PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE.

# WE WILL COLLECT



- \*\* Bagged yard waste and household waste
- \*\* Furniture and appliances except refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units
- \*\* Tree roots and tree stumps separated from branches

#### Branch Chipping Please follow these guidelines

- ... Do not include branches with roots, dirt, leaves, metal or other refuse.
- ... Pile branches so as not to obstruct pick up
- ... Branches should be stacked in one direction and piled as neatly as possible.

#### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS (THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED)

- NO construction or renovation material
- NO concrete, lumber, roofing shingles, siding material
- NO dirt or piles of sod
- NO paint, solvents, oils, antifreeze
- NO car parts or car bodies
- NO refrigerators, freezers or air conditioner units

#### PLEASE ENSURE:

- -- Grass and leaves are bagged. Please do **NOT** pile them loose in your alley.
- -- Material should be neatly stacked and **SEPARATE** from your regular weekly garbage pick-up.
- -- We will not enter private property to collect alley line is private property line, curb for front pick-up.
- Please be sure that objects you do not want disposed of are not in your alley or collection area.

## ARE YOU RENOVATING?



Renovation, construction and landscaping waste will **NOT** be collected during Spring Clean Up.

Please.....Take it to the Lethbridge landfill (403-327-3288), or rent a garbage bin from a private hauler.

Please place TV's, Bikes, Appliances and Metals in separate piles in pick up area

#### FROM YOUR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

#### Tis' the season for home improvements!

Whether your plans involve developing your basement, building a deck, adding a shed, or even to create an outdoor oasis with a gazebo, hot tub, or gas firepit, you will likely need permits – here's what you need to know

#### When do I need a permit?

Development and Safety Codes permits are almost always required when doing any construction, including renovations and additions, as well as when there is a new or change-in-use on the land. Projects that require permits include:

- New buildings (houses and garages)
- Additions to buildings, which includes decks that are enclosed, covered, and/or higher than 2 ft. above the ground
- Sheds not on a permanent foundation over 120 sq. ft.
- Sheds of any size on a permanent foundation and gazebos
- In-ground pools (\*hot tubs require Building and Electrical Permits)
- Basement suite development
- Home-based businesses of any scale
- Roof-mounted solar panels

When you start planning your project, it is highly recommended that you contact the Town of Coalhurst Development Officer at 403-381-3033 or email <u>development@coalhurst.ca</u> to discuss your project and determine what information is required to be submitted with the permit applications.

#### How do I apply for my permits?

Application forms are available at the Town Office and on the Town's website coalhurst.ca/services/planning-development/. These include Development Permits, Building Permits, Electrical Permits, Plumbing Permits, Gas Permits, and Private Sewage Permits. Applications can be dropped off at the Town Office or emailed to: <a href="development@coalhurst.ca">development@coalhurst.ca</a>. Applicants will be advised if any additional documentation is required, including the applicable application fee(s), and will be provided with a reasonable timeframe to submit the absent information. Any application that has been deemed incomplete may be refused if the applicant does not submit the missing documentation before the deadline. Once a complete application has been received, the Development Authority has up to 40 days to make a decision.

#### What happens once I submit my completed application?

The Development Officer will review your application and assess the project's compliance with the Land Use Bylaw. If the application is for a discretionary use, which includes waiver requests over 10%, the application will be reviewed by the Town's Municipal Subdivision & Development Authority (MSDA) and notifications will be mailed to the adjacent and affected landowners. Applicants will be advised by email and mail of the Development Authority's decision to either approve or refuse the

application. The Development Authority's decision is subject to a 21-day appeal period. If an appeal is filed, the Sudivision and Development Appeal Board will start the appeal process.

Approved Development Permits come into effect after the 21-day appeal period has been exhausted. Friendly reminder that the Town of Coalhurst has a *zero-tolerance policy* in place for commencing any work without the benefit of obtaining the necessary permits. For more information on this policy visit: <a href="mailto:coalhurst.ca/services/planning-development/">coalhurst.ca/services/planning-development/</a>

#### How long will it take to get my permits?

The process of getting permits depends on the type of permit and the nature of what is being applied for. Electrical, gas, and plumbing permits can typically be issued within a few days. Development Permits and Building Permits may take as little as 1-2 weeks if what is being applied for is a permitted use. Discretionary use applications require additional time, sometimes up to a month, as they require notification to the adjacent and affected landowners.

Please note that Development Permits become valid after the provincially legislated 21-day appeal period following the Development Authority's date of decision has passed.

#### What are the fees for my permits?

The fees are calculated based on what is being applied for. Once the application is reviewed the applicant will be advised of the applicable fees. The permit fees are listed on the Town's website: Coalhurst.ca.

#### What is the difference between a Development Permit and a Building Permit?

Development and building permits are two different kinds of permits, but both are equally important. A development permit ensures that what is being applied for complies with the Town of Coalhurst's Land Use Bylaw. The Development permit allows for the use of the proposed development and its location on the property. A building permit ensures that the development meets the Alberta Building Code. All safety code inspections for the Town of Coalhurst are conducted by Park Enterprises - 403-329-3747. If you have any questions about developing in Coalhurst please contact the Town Office at 403-381-3033 or email development@coalhurst.ca

#### **IMPORTANT INFO RE: SOLAR PANELS**

Thinking of putting solar panels on the roof of your home or garage in Coalhurst? If so, solar panels, including roof-mounted and ground-mounted, require permits from the Town. Depending on the zoning of the property, approval of these permits is not guaranteed. The permitting process can take time so contact the Town Office ASAP to avoid construction delays! Friendly reminder, the Town of Coalhurst has a zero-tolerance policy for commencing development (including solar panels) without permits. For more information or to apply please contact the Town's Development Officer – 403-381-3033 or email <a href="mailto:development@coalhurst.ca">development@coalhurst.ca</a>



# TOWN OF COALHURST PUBLIC OPERATIONS

#### **Storm Sewer and Solid Waste Collection**

The storm system consists of five storm ponds, seventy-eight storm manholes, sixty-eight catch basins, 4.5km gravity storm main, 1.4km of storm force main and a 3.5km outfall gravity main to the Oldman River.

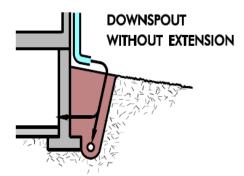
The Town provides collection and disposal of residential and commercial waste. Recycling, annual spring clean-up, leaf pick up and various other collections are performed annually.

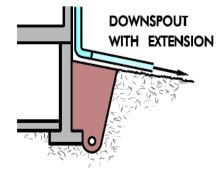
# With Spring Approaching Protect Your Basement With Downspout Extensions

The importance of downspout extensions can not be overstated. The following illustrations show how storm water can infiltrate the foundation of your home if your downspout extensions are not in place, and how stormwater has the potential to damage your building foundation, enter your basement and cause your sump pump to run more often (if your property has a sump pump).

If your home has weeping tile, you do want to prevent water from getting to the weeping tile as the water may enter other parts of the foundation if the weeping tile gets overloaded or plugged with silt/debris. Some older homes may have weeping tile tied into the sanitary sewer system, this can be costly for wastewater treatment of storm water.

The Town of Coalhurst Utility Bylaw #424-21 states that extensions must be installed on downspouts to a minimum of 2 meters (6 feet). Protect your home and the town sanitary sewer system by insuring that your downspouts carry water away from your foundation.





#### STREET SWEEPING



Street Sweeping is Scheduled for April 12 - 14, 2022, weather permitting.

Please remove vehicle from the streets between the hours of 8AM and 5 PM

Kevin Lewis Director of Operations

#### JOB OPPORTUNITY

THE TOWN OF COALHURST REQUIRES A <u>SEASONAL LABOURER</u> - 40 HOURS PER WEEK STARTING MAY 9, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 26, 2022 UNDER THE RECREATION/PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS (INCLUDING GARBAGE COLLECTION).

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY UNDER MINIMUM SUPERVISION, HAVE A CLEAN CLASS 5 DRIVER'S LICENSE, BE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO LIFT UP TO 50 LBS. CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, BE FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS KINDS OF TRUCKS, TRACTORS AND LAWN MOWING EQUIPMENT, HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF ROUTINE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, AND HAVE EXPERIENCE IN SPRINKLER AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE. A CURRENT DRIVER'S ABSTRACT WILL BE REQUIRED, IF HIRED.

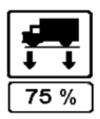
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESUME BY APRIL 25, 2022 TO:

ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS TOWN OF COALHURST 100 – 51 AVENUE BOX 456 COALHURST, ALBERTA TOL 0V0 OR FAX TO: 403-381-2924 OR E-MAIL TO: KLEWIS@COALHURST.CA

ALL APPLICANTS ARE THANKED FOR THEIR RESPONSE, HOWEVER, ONLY THOSE CONSIDERED FOR AN INTERVIEW WILL BE CONTACTED.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### **ROAD BAN**



Effective March 22, 2022, Lethbridge County, in conjunction with the Town of Coalhurst, will implement a Road Ban on the following roads:

- Township Road 9-2 from Highway 25 to Range Road 22-3 75%

- Range Road 22-3 from Township Road 9-2 to 45 Avenue in Town of Coalhurst 75%

- 45 Avenue from 6 Street to Range Road 22-3 75%

Both the province and surrounding municipalities implement road bans when the roads are most vulnerable in an attempt to maintain an acceptable and safe level of service for these types of roads and reduce the amount of damage caused by loading during periods when the road is susceptible.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective April 1, 2022, the FortisAlberta local municipal access fee on electric billings for Town of Coalhurst customers will increase from \$2.71 (4%) to \$3.56 (5%) of the delivery charge, excluding energy related riders, based on 640 kWh consumption in 30 days.

This fee is charged to FortisAlberta for the use of municipal lands for its power lines.





#### **DOG GROOMING**

AND

#### TRAINING

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 dogs are not crated, hand dried, short grooming time, provided with play opportunities

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#### **SPECIALS APRIL**

5-9: 6 MACARONS REG. \$ 7.50 SALE \$ 6.95

12-16: EASTER BREAD \$ 13.95

22&23: APPLE CUSTARD PIE REG. \$ 11.95

**SALE \$ 9.95** 

26-30: POUND CAKE REG. \$ 6.50 SALE \$ 5.50

WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY APRIL 15

#### EVERY FRIDAY HOT LUNCH

Tuesday – Friday 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm 514 51 Ave, Coalhurst 403 394 7676 cell: 403 795 3202

email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com



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ladybugarborists@gmail.com www.ladybugarborists.com





## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

#### Eligibility

- 1. Local Groups and individuals are allowed to nominate a volunteer for special recognition.
- 2. The nominating group or person must supply sufficient information about their nominee to allow an article to be written about the person.

#### Procedures

- 1. Based on the information supplied on the nomination form an article will be written about the nominee and published in the Town News.
- 2. The nominee will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** signed by the Mayor. The nominating group can present the certificate, or it can be mailed directly to the nominee.

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE

Nominating group:	
Contact:	
Name of Volunteer to be recognized:	
Volunteer's home address & phone #	
How many years has this volunteer been with	n your organization?
Why is this volunteer being nominated?	
Ask nominee – "Why do you volunteer?"	
Would your group like to present the Certific	rate? Yes No
PLEASE RETURN TO THE <b>TOWN</b>	N OFFICE, 100 – 51 AVENUE