



MAY TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

May

- 2 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 14 Mother's Day
- 16 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 22 Victoria Day (Office Closed)



June

- 6 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 18 Father's Day
- 20 Council Meeting 6:00pm



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CAO Report: April 2023

March may have gone “out like a lamb,” but April came in like a cheetah ... and kept running all month. April saw Town operations - public works and office staff - busy with cleaning up, preparing, planning, transitioning, renovating, and working to meet community needs. Here is some of what was going on:

New CAO, Shawn Patience

Shawn was in the office several times, over the month. He has met all staff and is getting the ‘lay of the land.’ We have been bringing him up to speed on Town activities, and he has provided sage advice and guidance on several matters.

He also came to the office to conduct interviews for the positions of Coordinator of Community Development and Development Officer, respectively. I am pleased to report that we had quality applicants for both positions.

Coordinator of Community Development.

As mentioned above, Shawn and I interviewed three stellar candidates for the position of Coordinator of Community Development. An offer letter was extended to one candidate, who has agreed to take on this significant role. This individual will begin on May 15th. CAO Patience will introduce you to her.

Public Works in Springtime

Part of the April blur comes from Public Works’ transition from Winter into Spring (snow fences down, parks and park amenity condition assessments, road repairs, plows away and mowers prepped, etc). This transition supported a disc golf event, and the arrival of the 2023 Coulee Kickers Soccer Association season. While we were able to support the CKSA requirements with a roll-out of available fields, the long (long ... long) winter left grounds frozen and inaccessible for our clean up machinery. However, I would like to thank the CKSA volunteers who spent time on Easter weekend *manually* raking two fields in preparation for the beginning of the season.

Fortunately, Spring *has* arrived and at the time of this writing, all the fields are clear of debris, mowed and ready for another great summer season of soccer, baseball and general play and enjoyment of our great amenities. Thank you to our Parks staff for the great work!

A note on mowing

Mowing of fields and parks is completed when there is a need to mow. A lot of rain and sunshine means that a field can require two mows in one week. A dry spell means that grass does not grow at a rapid pace so – to efficiently and effectively allocate limited resources – Public Works may leave a field or park until mowing makes sense. We don’t mow a field or park if it doesn’t meet the requirement to mow it.

We do monitor growth and conditions in all our parks and sports fields, and we do commit to tending to them at the appropriate and necessary time.

New office ... kind of ...

We have undertaken some renovations to the office, to accommodate one new position (Coordinator of Community Development). The construction was completed in about 2 weeks, and we have redesigned spaces for the CAO, the Director of Corporate Services, the Coordinator of Legislative Services and for our (future) Development Officer (DO). The office for the DO is accessible from the lobby since people come in for permits and development questions. Once we have a DO in place, s/he will have a unique office set up dedicated to helping residents and businesses achieve their goals.

Professional Administrator's Day

There are people in our lives who keep things running, and we don't take the time to say "thank you" for their on-going support. On Wednesday April 26th, staff gathered to acknowledge the contributions to our office and our work, of Ashley and Cathi. *Someone* has to answer the phone, assist with resident requests, take payments, check accounts ... basically undertake the daily and "routine" work of the municipality and these two women do just that. Ashley is our front-line and the forward face of the office, with Cathi providing the back up and support. Without these two ... residents would be looking at my perplexed expression as I fumble my way through questions and unsuccessfully seek answers. As incoming CAO Patience says, "we win or lose together as a team" and Ashley and Cathi are valuable teammates who contribute in ongoing, often unappreciated ways.

I'd like to extend a special "thank you" to Ashley who has been an invaluable assistance to me, by undertaking the things with which I needed support (there was a lot!) or with which I needed context, advise or input (there was a lot of that too!). Thank you, Ashley!

Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up is coming and this seems to be one of those events that has seen a slow creep away from the "acceptable" conditions around what waste we collect, piles in alleys, debris not collected that remains in an alley, et cetera. Residents can support the program by continuing to put small waste into the regular collection bins, and can do so year-round. If items fit into your regular bin, please use that for disposal. Again ... year-round.

To accompany this year's program, our CPO will be monitoring alleys pre and post collection, enforcing our bylaws when required.

Thank you!

The past six months have been an incredible journey. There are two things I'd like to share. Staff: In my studies of municipal organization, two recurring issues - "lack of municipal innovation" and "poor work culture" - constantly appear as barriers to accomplishment. Please recognize that you have a compliment of employees incredibly dedicated to the success of the community. Your work force is innovative, creative and they embrace the *good* habits of a healthy work culture. Each day is filled with equal doses of silent work, problem sharing and solving, and laughter. There is a mutual respect for each other and everyone carries core competencies. You have employees and an Organization to be celebrated!

Council: While there are councils who put the "fun" in "dysfunctional," your Council works well together: differences are respected, patience is exhibited, and the desire to move collectively is at the forefront. Respectful disagreement is a core element of a Democracy and Council exercises that with great care.

While I'm happy to have served and happy to step aside for Shawn's leadership as CAO, I am sad that I won't be part of the amazing, incredible things that Council and staff are going to accomplish during the rest of this term ... and beyond. I firmly believe that Coalhurst will achieve many successes!

Thank you to everyone who reached out and offered support and encouragement, during my time here. It has been my pleasure to serve Council and this community!

Jeff



Spring Community Garage Sale

May 12-14 2023

**Individual dates and times will vary depending on individual residents.
Take a walk or drive around the Town and find hidden treasures!**

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

*Host a garage sale at your
home to help promote Reduce,
Reuse & Recycle*





Coalhurst Reuse Weekend ***May 19, 20, 21***

On **May 19, 20, and 21** residents are invited to take this opportunity to clear out unusable, 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 21st 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 24th**, to help cut down expenses. *(Watch for spring clean up details in Town News and on web site.)*





Spring Clean-up

The intent of spring clean-up is to allow residents to dispose of yard waste, branches, and large items. We ask that residents use their garbage carts for regular bagged waste throughout the year to help reduce trucking and loader clean-up costs. Up to \$8,000 could be saved if we reduce regular garbage from spring clean-up.

Piles of loose debris will not be picked up.

You must have all of your items out by 8:00 AM May 25th.

Please do not put items out before May 18th.

Items placed out after that time will be the responsibility of the homeowner/resident.

Items that will be collected:

Tree branches: stack neatly in one direction as to not impede traffic in the lane. Please bundle small branches with string. No branches over 6 ft in length. **Place branches in a separate pile** as they are picked up at a different time.

Bagged yard waste

Furniture and mattresses

Appliances: All appliances that **do not** contain freon. No refrigerators/ freezers

Metal Items: Bikes, BBQs, other metal items **place in a separate pile** as metal is recycled and picked up at a different time.

Electronics: **Place in a separate pile as these items are picked up at a different time.**

We will not collect:

Renovation or Construction Material

Dirt, rocks, concrete, bricks, sod

Roofing Materials (shingles)

Paints, solvents, chemicals, oils, antifreeze

Car parts or car bodies

Drywall

Refrigerator, freezers, A/C units or other items containing freon gas



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

WE HAD A
TOTAL OF
139
NOMINATIONS

TO EACH OF THE
VOLUNTEERS THAT
HELP OUT
IN THE COMMUNITY,
THANK YOU!

ANY ACT OF KINDNESS,
NO MATTER HOW SMALL,
IS EVER WASTED.

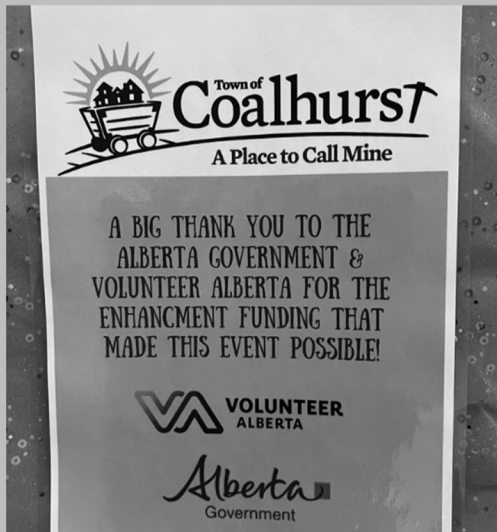
DOOR PRIZE
DRAW WINNERS

JUDY P.
JILL R.
TED A.
SHAWNA H.

“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT
NECESSARILY
HAVE THE TIME;
THEY JUST
HAVE THE HEART.

ELIZABETH ANDREW

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COALHURST COMMUNITY
Spring Market

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023 | 9AM - 3PM
COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

FREE ADMISSION

STILL ACCEPTING VENDORS \$30/PER TABLE | APPLY HERE: bit.ly/coalhurstspringmarket



UPCOMING EVENTS

CPRS MONTHLY MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 15, 7 P.M. | COALHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE



Saturday, May 13, 2023

Community Spring Market

Free Admission with over 30 vendors! Join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coalhurst Community Centre! **For more information visit our Facebook event page: bit.ly/spring-market-event**



Saturday & Sunday, June 3/4, 2023

First Aid Workshops

Join us for Emergency First Aid Level A CPR & AED (Day 1) or Standard First Aid CPR-C & AED (Day 1 & 2) and get certified!

Cindy Cummings is a certified First Aid Instructor and will instruct you and test you during this training. You will receive training and a St. Johns First Aid certification valid for 3 years. This event is part of the Coalhurst Parks and Recreation Society's Learn from Your Neighbour Series!

For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/first-aid-workshops

Follow us on Facebook for more upcoming events! facebook.com/CoalhurstPnR

FREE HIGH FITNESS EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM!

COALHURST PARKS & RECREATION
SOCIETY PRESENTS...

MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH FOR CPRS MOVIE AT THE HALL!

MAY 19 | JUNE 16 | JULY 21

Minors must be accompanied by an adult



The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

May 2023

Thursday: Pool League 7pm

Burgers and Chips: May 11&25 Cooked from 5-6:30pm
for \$6.00 Kids get a free pop with meal.

Friday: Meat Draws: 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00.

King Draw: 7pm

Friday: Jitney Darts 7:00 start

Saturday: Free pool table

Steak Dinner \$20 May 27 sign up by May 24

Jam Session: See you in September.

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Please call Wendy to volunteer 403-634-5262.

May 20, May 28, June 10, June 25, July 2, Aug 17, Aug 27

Note: May 20 & June 10 are Saturdays, July 2 (evening) in place of July 30
We have complimentary rooms for non-profit organizations. We also
have room rentals for private events. Please call for bookings.



The King is over **\$10,000**. You could win half, if **you catch him**. If you don't catch him, you still win 20% of the nights sales if your number is drawn.

*Always wanted
to be a race horse
owner? Here's*

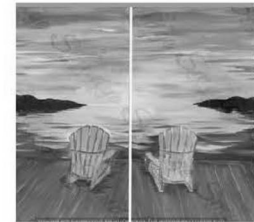


*your chance to sponsor a wooden stick
horse in a variety of colours, for the
meager price of \$25. Sponsorship money
goes to our sports fund. Racing Season
starts in the fall.*



Mother's Day Raffle.
Ticket 3 for \$5.00

Bring a friend or come by
yourself for a sip and paint
night Saturday May 13th at
7pm. Cost is \$45 Deadline
to sign up is May 4th.



**Members come sign in, pay your Loonie for a chance
to win either the weekday or the weekend
membership draw, pots vary. Is it your Birthday? Get
your complimentary Birthday drink. The camaraderie
is free too.**

The Navy League invites members to attend, "Battle
of the Atlantic Commemoration", Sunday May 7.
Parade starts at 9:45 and ceremony begins at 10:00.
The Ship 1708 10 Ave S. Please wear a uniform if you
have one.

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

403-381-3080

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

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. Donations accepted at
any time.

Youth Centre

Games, snacks & more..

NEW DATES & TIMES

Coalhurst
Community
Centre

Ages 7-12

3:30-5:00

April 6 & 20

May 4 & 18

June 1 & 15

Ages 13-18

3:30-5:00

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

June 8 & 22

Absolutly FREE for youth to attend

Contact Trinity for more info

(403)394-8101 call/text or trinity.walker@fcss.ca



Move it! Move it!

**NEW
Day**

MONDAYS

(Starting January 9, 2023)

&

WEDNESDAYS

(Starting January 11, 2023)

9:30-11:30 am

Coalhurst FCSS

Community Complex

This drop-in program inspires movement and muscle development through activities and play.

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

For more information contact

Jess

(403) 795-2963

jess.walton@fcss.ca

I like to move it move it!

FCSS
Family & Community
Support Services
www.fcsc.ca

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Alberta Government

FREE Online Support Group
for Parents of children with Autism.
(Ages 0-6 years)

Connecting with families with similar needs can often give great insight and support.



**Last Monday
of the Month
7:30-8:30pm**
continuing once a month.

To register contact :

Jackie Fiorino

Family Support Worker

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



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For all that you do
and for all that you
are to us I say,
“Thank You”!

Happy Mother's Day

FREE Online Support Group
for Parents of children with Down Syndrome.
(Ages 0-6 years)

Connecting with families with similar needs can often give great insight and support.

First Monday
of the Month , continuing once a month.
7:30-8:30pm

To register contact :

Jackie Fiorino

Family Support Worker

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

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Stay & Play

Drop-in Program for Parents/Caregivers & Children (birth to 5)

Learning through play children develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences.

TUESDAYS

9:30-11:30 am

Coalhurst FCSS

527 50 Ave

For more information contact:

Jackie

403-732-5470

jackie.fiorino@fcss.ca

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SPECIALS MAY

2-6: SYRUP WAFFLES REG. \$ 4.99 SALE \$ 4.50

12&13: MOTHER'S DAY CAKE REG. \$ 24.95 SALE \$ 17.50

16-20: 6 SAUSAGE ROLLS REG. \$ 17.94 SALE \$ 15.50

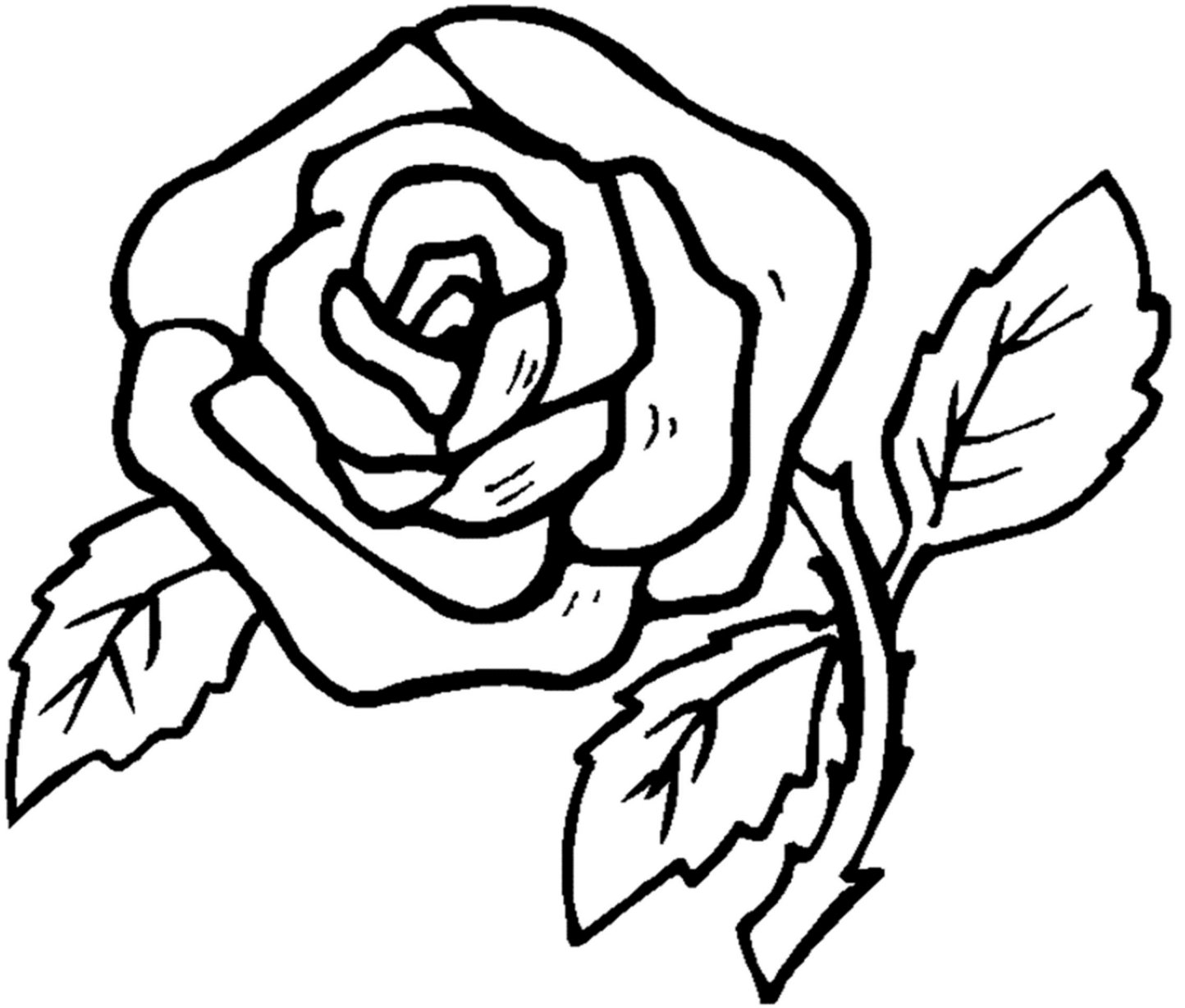
23-27: APPLE CUSTARD PIE REG. \$ 13.95 SALE \$ 11.50

Tuesday – Friday 8am-6pm Saturday 8am-4pm

514 51 Ave, Coalhurst, 403 394 7676 cell: 403 795 3202

email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com

Colour Me



Happy
Mother's Day!