

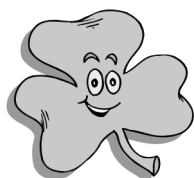


MARCH TOWN NEWS

What's Happening

March

- 7 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 21 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 28 Committee of the Whole 6:00pm



Happy St. Patrick's Day

April

- 4 Council Meeting 6:00pm
- 7 Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 10 Easter Monday (Office Closed)
- 18 Council Meeting 6:00pm



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Mayor's Message

As outlined in our Strategic Plan, our priorities for 2022/2023 are as follows:

1. **Increase Community Engagement:** Establish a community services department dedicated to enhancing the social and cultural life within Coalhurst.
 2. **Increase Community Engagement:** Enhance our engagement with community members by utilizing tools and technologies that are effective and relevant to them.
 3. **Provide Coalhurst Residents with Exceptional Service:** Ensure that our services align with the needs of the community while remaining mindful of budgetary constraints.
- Incentivize Business Development in Coalhurst:** Foster a welcoming environment that encourages business growth and expansion.

I am pleased to report that significant strides have been made in pursuing these goals. Recently, we advertised for a Coordinator of Community Development. This position will work to spearhead partnerships, foster connections, and drive new projects and initiatives. Our Council is thrilled to welcome this new staff member and looks forward to the contributions they will make. Furthermore, we have several upcoming events to increase community engagement. **On Monday, March 6th**, the RCMP will be hosting an open house to discuss tactics that can help ensure our community's safety. We invite you to join our Council to learn strategies from the RCMP and engage in discussions around community safety.

We will also be hosting an open house **on March 14th** to gather ideas and feedback on the new wetlands area that is currently under construction. Join us for an opportunity to share your thoughts about what you would like to see in that area. Our administrative team is dedicated to providing exceptional service to the community, and we have already received positive feedback regarding the monthly CAO report included in the Town News. Interim CAO Coffman continues to lead and inspire the administrative team to identify areas for improvement to meet our residents' needs better. Regarding business development, we remain committed to supporting our local business owners and attracting new ones. To this end, Councilor Florence recently brought forward a unanimously passed motion to collaborate with Community Futures on their Business Investment Loan program. Under this program, local businesses can apply for loans through Community Futures, and the Town will cover the interest, resulting in an interest-free loan. It's an exciting time for Coalhurst! We are excited about the continual progress and welcome any questions or feedback you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any member of Council. We value your input and are excited to hear from you.

Until next month,

Mayor Lyndsay Montana





COMMUNITY SAFETY **PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 | 7:00 PM

RON COOMBES ROOM, COMMUNITY CENTRE
527 50TH AVE

Join us for a presentation from the RCMP on strategies and tactics that individuals and businesses can use to keep people and property safe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

PHONE: 403-381-3033

EMAIL: MAIN@COALHURST.CA

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- Business Equipment
- Technology (Hardware/Software)
- Business training, consulting or certification
- Removal of barriers to access for people with disabilities and mobility challenges
- Interior painting
- Interior flooring (carpet, laminate, tile, hardwood)
- Shelving (removable)
- Interior counters and display cases
- Interior light fixtures

STORE FRONT BUSINESSES ONLY

- Signage in the front of business locations
- Repair or replacement of storefront windows and doors
- Exterior lighting of the building and signage
- Removal and disposal of broken signage and fixtures
- Installation and design of awnings and signs
- New storefront window openings and new doorways
- Interior window display areas and lighting
- Removal of exterior materials that cover architectural details
- New architectural details such as entryway features and cornices
- Signs that are uniquely designed to integrate into building architecture
- Creation of new retail bays in an existing building
- Addition of patio areas and permanent landscaping elements



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT LOANS

COALHURST BUSINESSES

Interest Free Loans

Up to \$10,000

*** Available to home based
and store front businesses***

**Loan interest paid by
Town of Coalhurst**



HOW TO APPLY:

✓ *Pick up Grant Application documents at either:*

Town of Coalhurst Office

100—51 Avenue
Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0
Phone: 403 381 3033

Attn: Chief Administrative Officer

or

Community Futures Lethbridge Region

2626 South Parkside Drive
Phone: 403 320 6044

Penny Patching, Business Advisor Direct:
587 800 8417
ppatching@albertacf.com

✓ *Complete Loan Application document:
Application for Credit*

✓ *Set up a meeting with a Community Futures
Business Analyst to present application.*

✓ *Once the completed grant application
documents are received, CFLR will perform
due diligence on the application and contact
the business owner to set appointment within
10 working days to proceed.*

✓ *Once approved by CFLR, loans documents will
be signed by the business owner and a cheque
will be disbursed within 5 working days.*



Community Futures  Lethbridge Region
Growing communities one idea at a time.

CFLR SERVICES:

ALTERNATIVE FINANCING
CONSULTING
BUSINESS TRAINING
BUSINESS PLANNING
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FLEXIBLE TERMS

- Loans between \$800 and \$10,000
- Terms between 1-3 years

Sample Loan

\$10,000 Loan

- Term of Three Years
- Loan Payment \$277.78/month

Grant to cover interest

Community Futures  Lethbridge Region

CAO Report: March 2023

I'm not certain why February – the shortest month – feels like the longest. However, we have made it through the month relatively unscathed ... except for the scratches, bruises and sore muscles we earned relegating some rather large shelving to the basement! Public Works stayed on top of the snow and continue to prepare for Spring cleanup.

Here's what your Town staff have been up to, and what we'll be doing in the month ahead:

Two Open Houses in March

Community Safety – Public Open House (Presentation):

On Monday March 6th at 7:00PM, the RCMP will host a presentation regarding 'community safety' in the Ron Coombs Room of the Community Centre (527 50th Ave). The presentation will focus on strategies and tactics that individuals and businesses can use to keep people and property safe. Please join Council in learning some valuable solutions.

Wetlands Feedback – Public Open House:

On Tuesday March 14, from 5:00 to 7:00PM, Council will be hosting a public open house to gather community input and guidance on amenity development in the Wetlands. The open house is a 'come and go' format to accommodate resident availability. Council hopes that residents will attend the open house to share their vision of the future of the Wetlands. The open house will be held at Town Hall (100 51st Ave), in Council Chambers.

Serving our Residents

Coordinator of Community Development:

We have posted the Coordinator of Community Development position on the websites for Alberta Municipalities, RMA, and the Town. My mention of this position in the February Newsletter generated some interest, so I'm optimistic that we will receive some amazing applications for the position. This is a new initiative of Council, stemming from their Strategic Plan ("Increase Community Engagement" and "Provide Coalhurst Residents with Exceptional Service").

Public Works Employee:

We received about 140 applications for the public works position, from which we have narrowed the list to about 10 individuals. We thank and appreciate everyone who applied! Interviews will be taking place on the second week of March with the intent of having the individual in place at the end of March. This position adds one public works employee to our roster for two significant reasons. First, we are growing, and this means increased work and expectations, especially with our infrastructure maintenance and repair. Second, we have three employees who will be eligible to retire in three to five years. Succession planning starts *now*, especially considering the knowledge, skills and certification our current staff hold and the necessity of this person acquiring training and (mandated) licensing and certification.

Development Officer: We received quality applications for our Development Officer position. I have extended an offer to an applicant for the position and – hopefully – will introduce this person to you in the next newsletter. This position exists currently, and we are replacing Sarah, who departed in December.

Community Peace Officer

In the language of a Community Peace officer (CPO) a “file” is a complaint, concern or pro-active activity to which the CPO responds or undertakes. Year to date, we have approximately 35 files.

CPO John is working to ensure that the community sees a peace officer presence in town, once again. Included in his regular patrols is working with, and educating, residents on our municipal bylaws. For example, one ongoing concern is the “poor parking” behavior on Lake Drive. (Examples of “poor parking” behavior would include parking on the wrong side of the road, parking too close to an alley or driveway, and parking too close to intersections).

In the Lake Drive area, the CPO issued several “education” stickers (orange warning tags), placing them on “poor parking” vehicles along the road. The result was that almost all of those who received a sticker changed their behavior – i.e. followed the Traffic Act and Town Bylaws - with only two parking tickets issued. Residents in the area understand the Act and Bylaw requirements and people have responded accordingly. Thank you!

CPO John has also undertaken traffic enforcement patrols daily. He is pleased to report that there were no tickets issued in February, although several warnings and education stops were conducted. Additionally, five abandoned vehicles have been removed from the street and four heavy truck parking violations were issued.

These might seem like minor things, but everything our CPO does relates to public safety and (legislated) community expectations and standards. With an “education first” approach, we are reminding everyone of the values we hold as a community.

Finally

“I’m not sure what people think happens to ...

... dog poo.”

I received an email, last week, regarding people leaving bags of dog feces on pathways, often mere feet from a garbage can. This quote was in the email and it’s a great statement: do we stop and think of the consequences of our actions? What *does* happen to those little packages left carelessly – selfishly – on pathways and sidewalks?

The answer is “Town staff clean it up.” While keeping the community to the standards you desire is what we do, please recognize that thoughtless actions reallocate our limited resources (tax dollars) to fixing things that 10 seconds of courtesy could resolve. Staff time and materials spent on these activities means that we are *not* spending staff time and materials (tax dollars) on the activities that we *need* to undertake.

Jeffrey Coffman

CAO (Interim)



EVER WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BECOME A FIREFIGHTER?



Coalhurst Fire Department is now hiring positions for Paid on Call Firefighter.

- Must have a valid class 5 license (no GDL's)
 - Be 18 years of age or older
- Live or work in town with permission to leave for emergencies
 - Be able to attend weekly training on Wednesday nights
 - No prior training necessary, however would be beneficial
 - Be physically able to perform duties as a firefighter

We will be hosting an open house on March 7 from 6-9 pm. If you would like to apply before, please email your resume to firechief@coalhurst.ca or drop off at the Town office. If you have any questions or can't make it out to the open house give the Fire Chief a call @ (403) 892-0223 or at the email above. We will be accepting applications until March 15, 2023

CPO REPORT

Just a reminder to residents that snow from driveways cannot be placed on roadways, however, snow from public sidewalks can be placed on the street. Any resident caught putting snow from their driveway into the street could result in a \$100 fine, plus the cost of removing the snow. Another quick reminder regarding snow removal, all sidewalks in front of or adjacent to your residence must be cleared within 48 hours of snow fall.

Notices were sent to all residents with a dog in January reminding them to renew their dog licenses. If you have not done so, please come into the office to renew to avoid any fees or penalties as per bylaw #379-15. Additionally, please be mindful of the temperature outside as it is very dangerous to leave pets in the yard in cold temperatures and here in Southern Alberta, temperatures can change drastically in a short amount of time.

If you have any complaints, or bylaw related question, please email bylaw@coalhurst.ca, or call 403-635-2529.



Officer Herasemluk

2023

CAREER
&
POST SECONDARY FAIR

ALBERTA RCMP RECRUITING ZERO GRAVITY CRANE FISH & WILDLIFE
BROADCASTING / COMMUNICATION/ MEDIA C&A GROUPS
BROADCASTING / COMMUNICATION/ MEDIA
ELECTRICIAN - NEU LITE

LAKELAND COLLEGE LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE
MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY PRAIRIE COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA-AUGUSTANA
CAMPUS
ALBERTA UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS BOW VALLEY COLLEGE
SAIT POLYTECHNIC



Thursday March 23,

1pm - 7pm

COALHURST HIGH SCHOOL



415 53 AVE
COALHURST , ALBERTA

www.coalhursthighschool.ca

Everyone Welcome!

Youth Centre

Games, snacks & more..

Coalhurst
Community
Centre

January 12 & 26
February 9 & 23
March 9 & 23

Ages 7-12

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Ages 13-18

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Absolutly FREE for youth to attend

Contact Trinity for more info

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





COALHURST COMMUNITY
Spring Market

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

VENDORS WANTED

\$30/PER TABLE | **APPLY HERE:** bit.ly/coalhurstspringmarket

COALHURST PARKS & RECREATION
SOCIETY PRESENTS...

MOVIE NIGHT

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

FEBRUARY 17 | MARCH 17 | APRIL 21

Minors must be accompanied by an adult



The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch

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5205 6 Street Coalhurst Alberta

March 2023

Wednesday: Dart League

Thursday: Pool League and Dart Sharks League

Burgers and Chips: March 16&30

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: Mar 25 sign up Mar 22

Jam Session: March 4 from 1-5ish

General Meeting: March 13 at 7pm



NO ONE HAS CAUGHT THE KING OF CLUBS YET. YOU COULD WIN HALF OF OVER \$7 000. IF YOU DON'T CATCH HIM, YOU STILL WIN 20% OF THE NIGHTS SALES IF YOUR NUMBER IS DRAWN.



Come young and old. Come shy, loud, and bold. Sing and play and have your Jamday! March 4 starting at 1-5ish

Party Like a Leprechaun

Get "Jigg'en" and "Drink'en" in your "Green Wear" and listen to *Mick and Dona Guyette* from 7-11.

Congratulation goes to Kenna Filgas won best seat in the house which includes a reserved table, champagne and snacks. Kathy Wiess won the 1 night stay at the Prairie Rose Cottage and a bottle of champagne.

General Meeting March 13 at 7pm.

Our Legion has 157 paid members for 2023 so far. This is our club, and it needs your support to help make decisions on how it operates. We run on volunteers to make activities and events happen. Members who attend general meeting get a dollar off their drink and can participate in a Loonie draw, winner takes all.

We are looking for a volunteer to do an internal audit. Please contact the Branch if you qualify to do so.

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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.

*Mar 7, Mar 26, Apr 17, May 20, May 28, June 10, June 25,
July 17, July 30, Aug 17, Aug 27*

We have complimentary rooms for non-profit organizations. We also have room rentals for private events. Please call for bookings

PARTY LIKE A LEPRECHAUN

COALHURST LEGION

SATURDAY MAR 18

7PM-11PM



*Join
Mick & Dona Guyette
For
Live Entertainment
and
Dancing*



**Dress in your
best GREEN!**



COALHURST SENIORS IN ACTION COALHURST 55 PLUS CLUB

A great place for Coalhurst and district seniors

to get

together for fun and socialization.



ACTIVITIES

Wednesday mornings 10:00am for cards, coffee, snacks, and socialization.

Wednesday evenings 7:00pm crafts ping pong, shuffleboard, cards, coffee, and snacks

Friday mornings 10:00am crib, coffee, snacks, and socialization.

Saturday evenings 7:00pm cards, coffee, snacks and of course socialization.

INFORMATION

Drop in to one of the activities and learn all about the 55 Plus Society. The age for membership is 45 and up, however you must be 55 to vote. For more information call Judy Plunkie at 403-849-2954 or email riis.plunkie@gmail.com

The 55 Plus Society is located at 5205 - 6th Street, downstairs in the Legion. Use the entrance off the back alley.

There is always a jigsaw puzzle on the go if you would like to work on it.



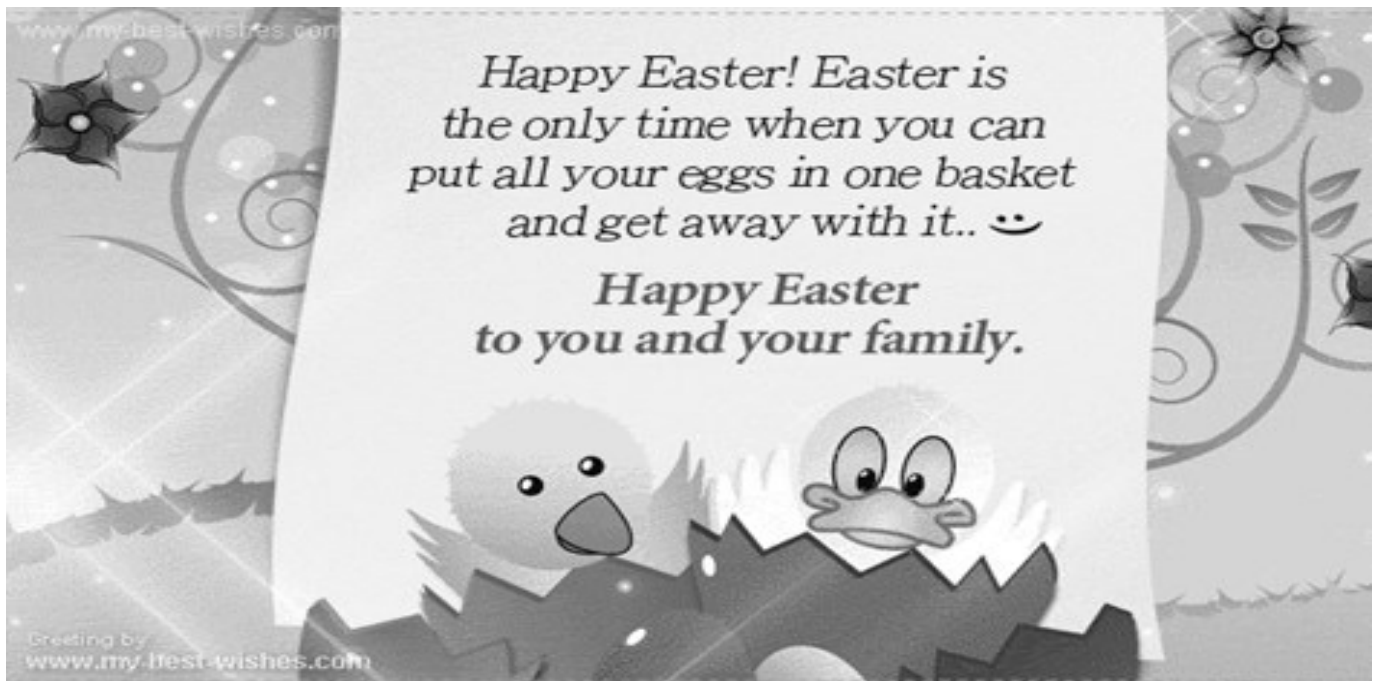
YOUR TOWN NEWS

The Coalhurst Town News is a publication for you, the residents, to inform and be informed of what is happening in your community.

All local groups, organizations, schools, and residents are encouraged to submit their activities, functions, thank you's, congratulations, or any information you think may be of interest or amusement to the community. These things are offered free of charge as it is your Town News.

Any business, with a current business license, may use the Town News as a means of advertising and promoting your business, for a reasonable fee. A quarter page ad is \$10.00 plus GST and can give your business exposure and get your name out to the public. (Also available is - half page/\$20.00, whole page/\$40.00 plus GST). Payment must be made at time of submission. Many residents don't realize just how many businesses are in our community and would utilize the services available here.

All submissions must meet the deadline of 9:00 a.m. on the 1st of each month. If the 1st falls on a weekend, the information must be in by 9:00 a.m. the Friday before. Email ads to ap@coalhurst.ca



The Month of MARCH

Did you know:

- ♦ In the early Roman calendar, March (or *Martius*) was the **first** month of the calendar year. As March brought the first day of spring with the vernal equinox, it was the start of new beginnings..
- ♦ The March equinox occurs on **Monday, March 20, 2023**. In the Northern Hemisphere, this is known as the vernal, or spring, equinox and marks the start of the spring season. In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn begins.
- ♦ March's full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**. Look for it in the evening of Monday, March 6, as the Moon rises above the horizon!



What's happening in March?

- **March 8** is **International Women's Day**, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights, but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.
- **March 12** is the start of [Daylight Saving Time](#), which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!
- **March 17** is [St. Patrick's Day](#). According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to explain the Trinity.
- **March 22** marks the start of [Ramadan](#), which begins at sundown on that day. In Islam, Ramadan is considered a holy month when a month-long, sunrise-to-sunset fast is observed.



SPECIALS MARCH

1-4: RAISIN BUNS REG. \$ 6.50 SALE \$ 5.95

7-11: 6 CUPCAKES REG. \$ 7.95 SALE \$ 6.95

14-18: APPLE CUSTARD PIE REG. \$ 13.95 SALE \$ 11.95

21-25: 4 PEPPERONI STICKS \$ 13.00 SALE \$ 11.50

We will be closed for Prayer Day

Wednesday March 8

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

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

email: kooymanbakery@gmail.com

Kids Stuff

(Color by Letter)

P - yellow

O - black

T - green

