

TOWN NEWS

APRIL 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

As we launch into spring, I'm thrilled to share with you the latest happenings within our community.

Celebrating service: National Volunteer Week April 14 – 20

This month, we celebrate National Volunteer Week, a time to shine a light on Coalhurst's heart and soul—our volunteers. The dedication of these remarkable individuals amplifies the strength of our community. From coaching soccer to lending a hand at our community events, volunteers play a myriad of roles, each vital to the spirit and functioning of our community.

In honour of your contributions, we're excited to celebrate all of our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, which will take place on April 20th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Community Centre. Please remember to RSVP by April 5th—your presence will make the event special.

Shaping tomorrow: Recreation Master Plan open houses

Looking ahead, we're at a pivotal moment to shape the future of recreation in Coalhurst. On **April 19 and 20**, we invite you to participate in our Recreation Master Plan open houses. Your insights and aspirations are crucial as we plot the course for enriching and accessible recreational services. Come share your thoughts, dreams, and suggestions!

Warmly,

Mayor Lyndsay Montina



TOWN NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

April Meetings for Council and Committees:

- April 2: Regular Meeting of Council
- April 16: Regular Meeting of Council
- April 23: Committee of the Whole

For meeting information including scheduled dates, minutes, and agendas, visit: <https://coalhurst.ca/government/council-committee-meetings/>

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

One of our favourite times of year is just around the corner - National Volunteer Week! That's because we have an absolutely outstanding community of volunteers in Coalhurst who help make life a little brighter for those around them.

Whether it's a small act of kindness or a big community project, your efforts make a significant impact. In fact, it's because of volunteers that many of the major activities that happen in Coalhurst are even possible - things like our annual Canada Day celebrations, Miner's Days, activities hosted by the Parks and Recreation Society, and gatherings put on by the 55 Plus Club. We also have folks offering their time to help shape the future of our community by serving on a variety of Council committees, helping with programs at our local schools, coaching kids' sports and recreation activities, leading programs like Girl Guides and Brownies, and assisting with programs run by Family and Community Support Services (FCSS).

It takes a lot of hands to make many of these things happen and the efforts of those involved never go unnoticed. Volunteers are the backbone of a community and we are so grateful for those who are in ours! So **THANK YOU**, to each and every one of you, for helping to make Coalhurst one of the best places to be!

National Volunteer Week takes place April 14 - 20, 2024. To learn more about the week and volunteerism in Canada, you can visit volunteer.ca.



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Town of Coalhurst is pleased to invite local residents to celebrate National Volunteer Week with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

On **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, the Town is hosting a luncheon for residents who give of their time throughout the year. This might include volunteering with a local non-profit group, helping out at one of our local schools, taking part in a Council committee, or helping to plan, coordinate or host community events such as Canada Day and Miner's Days. But it doesn't end there. Maybe you volunteer by shoveling your neighbour's driveway and sidewalk so they don't have to. Or perhaps you grab groceries and help run errands for someone who needs an extra set of hands.

In Coalhurst, we believe that "Every Moment Matters" when it comes to volunteering. So let's get together to recognize and appreciate all the heroes in our community who make a difference!

This event will include a catered lunch, live entertainment, a chance to mix and mingle, and information about various volunteer groups and activities in Coalhurst.

To ensure we have the right amount of food on hand, we do require attendees to RSVP. If you plan to attend, please fill out a quick RSVP form at coalhurst.ca before Friday, April 5, 2024.



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ROAD BANS IN EFFECT

Seasonal road bans are now in effect for some of the roads in our area. Each spring, load restrictions are put in place for commercial vehicles in order to reduce the risk of damage to road infrastructure during freeze and thaw cycles. The following local roads are restricted to 75% until further notice:

- TWP Road 9-2 from Highway 25 to Range Road 22-3
- Range Road 22-3 from TWP Road 9-2 to 45 Ave in Coalhurst
- 45 Ave in Coalhurst from 6 St to Range Road 22-3

Heavy vehicle and equipment operators should be aware of affected roads and the maximum allowable weights. More information regarding local road bans can be found at lethcounty.ca and alberta.ca.

SPRING CLEANUP WITH FIRESMART™

March went out with a bang as we navigated our most recent major snow fall. We definitely appreciated getting all that new moisture, but despite the heavy snow, we know spring is coming and everything will dry out again. That's why we're reminding everyone to think about using FireSmart principles when you head outdoors to do spring cleanup around your home.

By doing simple cleanup tasks, you can help significantly reduce the risk of fire damage to your home, your neighbour's home, and the community at large, if we have a grass or wildfire event.

While spring cleaning, be sure to remove leaves, branches and debris from your gutters, under your deck, and away from all buildings. Keep firewood and propane tanks 10 - 30m from your home, and keep trees well-pruned. To get more easy tips and an at-home guide book, visit firesmartalberta.ca.

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RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Recreation opportunities help make our Town a great place to call home! Recreation offers many benefits to our Town and residents, including addressing growing social and health concerns such as physical inactivity, increasing rates of chronic health problems, and social isolation. All residents, even those who do not actively participate, benefit from the provision of recreation opportunities and services in Coalhurst.

With this in mind, the Town of Coalhurst is developing a **Recreation Master Plan** that will guide its service delivery and inform decision making over the next 10+ years. Through community input and extensive research, the Master Plan will be an actionable strategy that will help us be able to adapt to future changes and growth in our community and respond to emerging recreation trends and community needs.

The Master Plan will explore:

- Indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, including parks and open spaces.
- Recreation programs and services.
- Community events.

This project highlights the Town's commitment to developing a physically, socially, and environmentally healthy community; in which a balance of recreation opportunities is provided, public access to recreation is enhanced, and overall quality of life for residents is improved.



We NEED to hear from YOU!

Community input is essential when developing a Recreation Master Plan. We know our residents have diverse recreation and leisure interests, and we would like to learn more about the direction you think the Town should take when considering investing in recreation opportunities. Your input will help ensure the Town makes the best use of available resources to meet the needs of our residents.

There are going to be a variety of opportunities for you to help shape the future of recreation here.

- **Come to an Open House event.**
 - Chat with our consulting team about recreation and give your feedback on the future of recreation in Coalhurst.
 - **Join us at the Coalhurst Community Centre:**
 - **Friday April 19 @ 6 – 8pm**
 - **Saturday April 20 @ 11am – 2pm**
 - No experience is needed, just a desire to make our Town a great place to live.
 - Refreshments and activities for children will be provided.
- **Complete the online Resident Survey.**
 - Please watch your mailbox for a postcard with details about how to complete the resident survey or visit the Town website for more information.
 - **Complete the survey before May 1, 2024.**

We look forward to hearing from all of you! We will also be reaching out to the youth in our community to learn from them about the types of activities and events they would like to have in Coalhurst.

EVENT CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY: TOWN OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rainbows for all Children (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Rainbows for all Children (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rainbows for all Children (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rainbows for all Children (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CKSA Ref Clinic</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rec Master Plan public survey opens online Visit coalhurst.ca</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>CKSA season begins</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Rec Master Plan Open House 6 - 8 pm @ Community Centre</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Disc Golf Tournament 8:30 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Volunteer lunch 11:30 am</p> <p>Rec Master Plan Open House 11 am - 2 pm @ Community Centre</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Infant Massage (FCSS) RSVP 10:30 - 11:30 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Move it! Move it! (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:00 am</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am</p> <p>Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Legion dinner</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Infant Massage (FCSS) RSVP 10:30 - 11:30 am</p>	<p>30</p>				

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week is April 15 – 19, 2024 and it's an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, voice, and resources to meet the needs of our communities. Volunteering is very rewarding as it can help support the development of skills such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and creativity. Volunteerism can also bring people closer together as it allows like-minded people from a variety of backgrounds and generations to form meaningful connections.

There are many rewarding volunteer opportunities in your community. Here are a few tips on how to find a great volunteer opportunity!

1. **What are you passionate about?** – Do you feel strongly about a particular problem or issue? Animals, helping children, seniors? Identifying those things is a great start before volunteering.
2. **Check your calendar** – How much time do you have to give? Do you want something short and infrequent? Or could you give a certain amount of time each week or month? Fortunately, there are volunteer opportunities to fit any schedule.
3. **Connect with relevant organizations** – Look up organizations in your community that deal with the issues you care about. Contact them and visit them in person.
4. **Look for a volunteer opportunity that will be fulfilling** – It's important that you enjoy your volunteer opportunity, so you will be motivated to continue doing it.
5. **Match your skills to the volunteer opportunity** – Make a list of the things you are good at and share them with the organizations you talk to. The better match you are to the volunteer job, the happier you will be.

Volunteer opportunities are everywhere – at local hospitals, schools, religious and non-profit organizations, and even at your local FCSS! FCSS has many volunteering opportunities across the region that may spark your interest. For example, FCSS is currently recruiting volunteers to help with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and early childhood programs. FCSS also provides a volunteering program for youth ages 11-18 known as the Youth DO Crew.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities at FCSS, contact Cindy Lauwen at (403) 915-7063.

Visit www.fcss.ca for more information.

Submitted by:
Cindy Lauwen
Volunteer Services Coordinator



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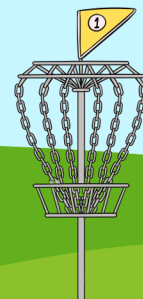
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Details and registration:
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Sunday April 28th is our next Bingo.

We are always looking for volunteers. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact **Wendy** at **403.634.5262**

The money we receive helps our community and our club

- THURSDAY - Pool League - Final date April 11th
Burger Nights - April 11th and 25th
\$6 Burger and chips from 5pm-6:30 pm (kids get a free pop with meal)
- FRIDAY - Jitney Darts - 7pm Start (Everyone is welcome)
Chase the King - 7pm Draw time
Meat Draws - 6pm, 6:30 & 7PM Draw times
- SATURDAY - Smack the Jack - 6pm Draw time
Free Pool - All day (Everyone is Welcome)
April 20th - Bruce Peterson and Ranahan
7 pm Start and everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are \$20 in advance (during club hours) and will be sold at the door the Night of the event.
April 27th - Legion Dinner Special & Horse races
Sign-up sheet is at the legion. Must sign up by April 24th to attend. Cost is \$20/plate
Horse races start at 4pm, come and place your bets on some horses and have some FUN!

Veterans in need of assistance can send an email to the attention of the Service Officer at legionbm273@gmail.com. Through your donation to the Legion Poppy Fund, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and their families who are in need. Donations are gratefully appreciated at any time.

