

TOWN NEWS

MAY 2024



Town of
Coalhurst

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CAO's Message

Another month has passed, and as our world begins to green up, our thoughts are now turning to more outdoor activities. For the Town, that means readying your parks, playgrounds and other outdoor amenities, as well as preparing for 2024 construction projects. Some of those projects include, among others, street and sidewalk restoration, upgrading of the Community Hall parking lots, construction of the community garden, and lining of a significant portion of our sanitary sewer system which will extend the life of those systems without major street restoration costs and disruptions for our residents. As we look to the future of recreation in Coalhurst, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to participate in our Recreation Master Plan survey and open houses. Our consultants report having great discussions with our residents, community groups and especially the youth of Coalhurst. They are now analyzing the data and feedback from those sessions and compiling a 'What We Heard' report for Council and the community.

We also had the opportunity to thank our tremendous volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, which was just a small token of our appreciation for what volunteers do to make the community a better place to live. Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped make it a special event.

We will soon be completing the 2024 capital and operating budgets followed by sending out the Property Tax and Assessment Notices, which I'm sure you are all waiting anxiously for. As always, despite inflationary pressures, we strive to be as efficient as possible with our tax regimes while still providing the services that are essential and necessary to maintain a vibrant community.

Going into this new season, we would ask everyone to be water wise. 2024 may be a very challenging year for our water supply and everyone's efforts to conserve will go a long way to assist with any potential supply issues as we move into the heat of summer.

All the best everyone; happy camping, planting, hiking or whatever else May brings you and yours.

Shawn Patience

Chief Administrative Officer



TOWN NOTICES

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

April Meetings for Council and Committees:

- May 7: Regular Meeting of Council
- May 14: Committee of the Whole
- May 21: Regular Meeting of Council

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

NEWS FROM THE TOWN

SPRING IN COALHURST

It's a busy time throughout town as we all transition from winter to spring and get our homes and yards ready for the summer season. Over the last few weeks we've seen many residents start to clean up their yards, spruce up patio furniture and get their gardens ready for planting. With that, our Public Works crew has also been hard at work, clearing parks, ball diamonds and soccer fields of debris (and SO MANY tumbleweeds - the most we've seen in years!), prepping lawn maintenance equipment, and preparing for major annual activities such as street sweeping and the Spring Cleanup program.

We've received a few calls with questions about some of the annual spring programs, so here's a rundown of what you need to know to successfully take part.

STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

Dates for the annual Street Sweeping Program are still being finalized so we don't have specific details to share yet, but keep an eye on the [Town's website](#), [Facebook page](#) and billboards to find out when crews will be in the community. At this time, based on weather conditions and contractor availability, we anticipate the cleanup to happen toward the end of this month. When the time comes, please park off-street if possible so sweepers can clean as much roadway as possible.



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SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAM

During this one-week program, you may place specified items along the fence in your rear alley, if you have one. If you do not have a rear alley, you may place items in the front of your property near your regular garbage pickup location. **Materials must be placed no sooner than Wednesday, May 15, and no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22.**

The intent of this program is to allow residents to dispose of large household items, bagged yard waste, and pruned branches. **The following items are accepted in the program.** *(Please note items that need to be piled separately, as each type of material may be collected at different times.)*

- **Tree branches:** Pile separately from all other material and stack neatly in one direction so traffic is not impeded in the lane. Bundle small branches with string. No branches over 6 ft in length.
- **Bagged yard waste**
- **Furniture and mattresses**
- **Appliances:** Must not contain freon. No refrigerators or freezers.
- **Metal items:** Pile separately from all other material. May include bikes, BBQs, other metal items.
- **Electronics:** Pile separately from all other material.

Items NOT accepted for spring cleanup:

- Renovation or construction material
- Dirt, rocks, concrete, bricks, sod
- Roofing materials (shingles)
- Paints, solvents, chemicals, oils, antifreeze
- Car parts or car bodies
- Drywall
- Refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, or other items containing freon gas
- Piles of loose debris

Items placed after 8:00 a.m. on May 22 will be the responsibility of the homeowner/resident.



As residents prepare for the Spring Cleanup Program, please consider what you're placing curbside. **If there are items that can fit inside your regular garbage cart, please use that option instead, which is available year-round.** This is to help reduce trucking and loader clean-up costs associated with the spring program.



DOWNSPOUT EXTENSIONS

A few days of wet weather to end April and start May have been good reminders that it's time to check our downspouts and install/repair/replace our downspout extensions if they've been damaged or removed.

Putting an extension on your downspout can help mitigate the risks of water collecting near your home's foundation, entering your basement, or causing your sump pump to run more often (if you have a sump pump).

The Town of Coalhurst [Utility Bylaw #424-21](#) says extensions must be installed on downspouts to a minimum of 1.8m (6ft).

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COMMUNITY GARDEN COMING SOON

We're looking forward to the opening of Coalhurst's new community garden in Miners Memorial Park in the coming weeks. The garden will be located near the playground and social area and will include 12 raised garden beds that will be accessible to community members.

Thoughtful consideration has been given to the location of the garden based on ease of access and safety for gardeners, parking availability, appropriate access to water, community impact, and sustainability of the program.

Details of the Community Garden Program are being finalized, so as soon as the garden site is complete and the program is ready to roll out, we will announce details on the Town's website and Facebook page. Please look there for updates.

As we work through the first year of this new program, we will also be looking for feedback from community members so we can continue to make improvements for the 2025 growing season, to offer an excellent outdoor recreation and community-building opportunity for residents each summer.



DROUGHT UPDATE

Speaking of gardens and outdoor landscaping activities, it's prudent we all take a close look at the current drought conditions and what steps we may need to take as a community in response to a very dry year.

The Town of Coalhurst is working closely with the Province of Alberta and its regional partners to monitor water levels and consider what steps we may need to take to reduce water consumption while maintaining public safety.

The Town and many of its municipal neighbours are following the same plan as the [City of Lethbridge](#). **As of May 1, there are no water restrictions in Coalhurst.** However, all residents are asked to voluntarily reduce their water consumption as best as possible, implementing appropriate water conservation efforts such as taking shorter showers, only running full loads of laundry and dishes, and minimizing outdoor water use.

Seasonal water levels in surrounding reservoirs remain extremely low, which means there is a possibility that mandatory water restrictions will be required. If this happens, Coalhurst will implement the same water restrictions used in Lethbridge, which may impact the amount of water residents can use for watering lawns, trees and shrubs, when watering will be allowed, and whether outdoor pools, ponds and hot tubs can be used.

As we navigate the changing conditions, please stay tuned to municipal websites and local media to know if or when water rationing actions may be required and implemented. We all have a part to play in water conservation and we appreciate everyone's efforts to help. (Get Provincial updates at alberta.ca/drought.)

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SAVE THE DATES!

We have an exciting lineup of activities happening throughout July and August in Coalhurst for the entire family.



July 1: Canada Day

Join us at Miners Memorial Park for our annual **CANADA DAY** festivities. We'll have a variety of activities taking place including yard games, live entertainment, giveaways and birthday cake... just to name a few.



July 9 - 11: Youth Leadership Camp

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) is hosting a **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP** for those aged **13 - 18**. During the camp, youth will have a chance to identify and address a community need through leadership and volunteerism. Each person who completes the program will get a certificate of completion and DO Crew merch. Snacks will be provided.

- **Time:** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm each day (bring a bagged lunch)
- **Location:** FCSS room at the Community Centre
- **Registration required.** Visit fcss.ca for details.



July 15 - 18 & August 19 - 22: Kids Camp

Family Ties is hosting a **FUN IN THE SUN DAY CAMP** for those aged **8 - 12**. During the camp, children and youth will take part in a variety of activities that will be fun and educational with a chance to connect with other kids in town. Snacks will be provided.

- **Time:** 10:00 am - 3:00 pm each day (bring a bagged lunch)
- **Location:** Coalhurst Community Centre
- **Registration required.** Contact Darcy at Family Ties: d.nalerefamilyties.ca or 403-320-8888.



July 23 - 26 & August 13 - 16: Kids Camp

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) is hosting a **SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP** for those aged **6 - 13**. During the camp, children and youth will take part in a variety of activities that will be fun and educational with a chance to connect with other kids in town. Snacks will be provided.

- **Time:** 9:30 am - 4:00 pm each day (bring a bagged lunch)
- **Location:** Coalhurst Community Centre
- **Registration required.** Visit fcss.ca for details.



July 26 - 28: Miner's Days

It's everyone's favourite annual community celebration: **MINER'S DAYS!**

Yes, we're hosting it a little earlier this year, but we'll still have all the same fun. Mark your calendars and get ready for a delicious pancake breakfast, an exciting parade, a parking lot party, night market, afternoon kids' games, bouncy castles, snacks, and so much more.

A complete schedule of events will be announced in the coming weeks. We're looking forward to bringing everyone together to celebrate our amazing community and spend some time in the sun.



EVENT CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Family Night (FCSS) Drop-in 6:30 - 7:30 pm	3 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am	4
5 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	6 Infant Massage (FCSS) RSVP 10:30 - 11:30 am	7 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	8	9 Family Night (FCSS) Drop-in 6:30 - 7:30 pm	10 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm	11 Spring Market @ Community Centre 9 am - 3 pm
12 MOTHER'S DAY Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	13 Infant Massage (FCSS) RSVP 10:30 - 11:30 am CPRS AGM @ 7 pm	14 Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	15	16 Family Night (FCSS) Drop-in 6:30 - 7:30 pm	17 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am	18
19 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	20 VICTORIA DAY: TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	21 Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	22	23 Family Night (FCSS) Drop-in 6:30 - 7:30 pm	24 Stay & Play (FCSS) 9:30 - 11:30 am Bookmobile @ CES 12:00 - 5:00 pm	25 Legion 60th Anniversary event 3 - 8 pm
26 Drop-in volleyball @ CES (age 15+) 6:00 - 8:00 pm	27	28	29	30 Family Night (FCSS) Drop-in 6:30 - 7:30 pm	31	

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COALHURST COMMUNITY

SPRING MARKET

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

9 AM - 3 PM

Coalhurst Community Centre
527 50 Ave., Coalhurst, AB



bit.ly/springmarket-2024

PLEASE
CONSIDER
BRINGING YOUR
NON-PARISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS TO
DONATE TO THE FOOD
BANK, WE WILL BE
COLLECTING AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE
MARKET

CHECK OUT ALL OF THE AMAZING VENDORS:

Foxy Fun Jewellery
Sweet Sheets With Distinction
The Cats Sass Rescue
Scentsy
Color Street
Cheryll's Creative Crafts
Bernie's handicrafts
Susanna's This and That Shop
A Little Twisted
Nat's Rocks
Bags Etc
Inspired Creative
The Catdish Collective
Freeze It

Super Patch/voxxlife
BooSue Cards
rugged mountain roasters
FOREVER with Marcelle
Savi's Super Dips
My Design
Flatlander Fusionz
Paintings by Izzy
Gentle Whispers Guidance
Girl Guides
Big Bear Blocks & Boards
Pampered Chef
Ludwig Creations
Babeez Loved
Craft On The DL
Hawkes Woodworking & Design
RiverStone Pottery &
WildRose Stamper

Eleventeen Cocoa Beans
Hedgehog Inklings
Iron Thorne/The Raw Edge
Sunset Gourmet
Bubbles Baubles
Lucky dog treats
Knothole Photography
VH BEAD DESIGN
Kpop's Incredible Sugar
Scrubs (K.I.S.S)
Ghost Mountain Creations
Ranch Dressing
Mystic
Big Daddy Cheesecake
Gosia's Gosia's Pierogies
AVON
AND MORE!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MONDAY,
MAY 13
7:00 P.M.

COALHURST
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

EVERY SUNDAY AT 6 P.M.

FREE

AGES 15+



AT COALHURST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM



County of Lethbridge Community Learning Council

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp 📞: 403-915-3145

Email: clclcoffice@gmail.com

Website: communityclasses.ca

Visit: 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale
(located in the Coaldale Library)

Do you need help with your

Resume?

We offer
FREE

resume help by appointment
for adults in Lethbridge County.

Resumes ready within 4 days



Intermediate First Aid Level C and AED



St. John Ambulance

SAVING LIVES
at work, home and play



Dates: Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Coaldale Public Library

Fee: \$180

We are celebrating

50

years

1974 - 2024

of serving adult learners in Lethbridge County

Please join us on

Wednesday, June 5 from 1 - 3pm
for cake & refreshments at our office.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205-6 St Coalhurst AB, T0L0V0 403.381.3080
Opening Hours: WED/THURS 5pm FRI 4:30pm SAT 3pm
CLOSED SUN, MON, TUES

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Sunday May 26th 10am-4pm 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 club and the community.

“Celebrating 60 years of our Charter”

Aug 19, 1964 District Command was present to install Officers and Executives, helping create our Legion as it is today.

Celebrating with the Community on May 25th with Free Burgers a side and Cake and Entertainment

We would love to see everyone in our Community out to support us!
3pm-8pm

Thursday- Jitney Pool 7pm start time (everyone welcome)
Burgers May 9th and 23rd

\$6 Burger and Chips from 5:30pm - 7pm (kids get a free pop with meal; ALL are welcome)

Friday- Jitney Darts 7pm start time (everyone welcome)
Chase The King 7pm Draw Time
Meat Draws 6pm, 6:30pm & 7pm Draw times

We have changed our meat draw to fresh product supplied by Mad Butcher (everyone welcome)

Saturday- Slap the Jack 6pm Draw Time
Free Pool All day (everyone welcome)

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 anytime.



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**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**to join the
55 Plus Club!**

Mondays

2 pm

Gentle stretching and mobility exercises.



**Wednesdays
& Fridays**

**10 am
- to -
Noon**

Join us weekly to play Crib.



Wednesdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Shuffleboard, ping pong, crafts,
jigsaw puzzles, followed by 1000 rummy.



Saturdays

**7 pm
- to -
10 pm**

Join us weekly to play 1000 rummy.



Coffee and snacks available.

Drop-ins welcome. Fee of \$1 per week and crib players pay an additional 50-cents each day we play.

Lower level of Coalhurst Legion building (5205 6th St)
Enter off the back alley.
Accessible parking available near door.

Not 55 yet? Don't worry! We welcome
anyone over the age of 45. Join us for social
activities and conversation.