

TOWN NEWS

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Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst!

What a great summer it has been in Southern Alberta and we still have another month to go!

We had such a great time hosting community members and visitors for our annual Canada Day and Miners Days celebrations. Thank you to all our local community groups, service clubs, volunteers, businesses, and Town staff for the work you put in to host these events. It's always amazing to watch our community come together, roll up its sleeves, and do the work needed to pull off fantastic activities. And what great events they were!

Council and I had so much fun celebrating with you.

Although both of those major events are done, we still have great things happening in August including two more youth summer camps that are being offered by FCSS and Family Ties Lethbridge. I'd like to take a moment to thank the staff of both those organizations for coming into our community to provide a much-needed and appreciated service for residents.

In the midst of the summer fun, it's important that we also recognize this season has been very difficult in other parts of our province, where residents and emergency responders have been significantly impacted by the ongoing wildfire situation. Council is proud of the Coalhurst Volunteer Fire Department for its commitment to supporting the firefighting efforts in Jasper, with the deployment of personnel and its new Wildland Fire Truck. It's times like these the new wildland unit is greatly needed and we're honoured to be able to help our provincial neighbours.

With that, I wish everyone a continued safe summer season. Warm regards,

Mayor Lyndsay Montana



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- August 20: Regular Meeting of Council

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



NEWS FROM THE TOWN

COMMUNITY GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING

On July 1, members of Town Council gathered at the Coalhurst Community Garden for a ribbon cutting of this exciting new amenity that has been added to our community. Funding for the garden project was provided by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada through the Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF). The LFIF is intended to improve food security in communities through investments in equipment and infrastructure needs. The Town would like to thank the Government of Canada for its generous contribution to this project.

Residents have shown great interest in the garden since its completion and the growing season is well underway for this year's gardeners. For those who are interested in participating in the Community Garden Program next year, applications for plots will open **March 1** and plots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the annual program, visit coalhurst.ca.



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CVFD DEPLOYS TO JASPER

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, four members of the Coalhurst Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) deployed to Jasper, AB, following a request for more apparatus and emergency personnel to fight the Jasper Wildfire Complex. The local crew included the CVFD's Deputy Fire Chief, a Captain, and two Firefighters, as well as the Town's new Wildland Unit. According to the Municipality of Jasper in its July 31 update, more than 750 personnel from across multiple federal, provincial, and municipal agencies have committed to responding to this particular fire.

The crew has been assisting with a variety of duties including structural protection within the municipality and extinguishing hot spots in and around the community. As of August 1 (the time of publishing this newsletter), the crew is still active with its response. CVFD and the Town of Coalhurst are honoured to assist the residents and emergency responders of Jasper with this event and provide support during this extremely difficult time.

For more information and updates regarding wildfires in Alberta, visit the Government of Alberta website: alberta.ca/wildfire-status.



PUBLIC NOTICES

RECYCLING DEPOT REMINDER

Over the last while, the Town has found an increasing amount of illegal dumping at the Coalhurst Recycling Depot. Please remember the depot is **only for recyclable material, as noted on the bins**. No garbage, large furniture, electronics, liquid or yard waste, construction material, or batteries may be placed at this site. Please use your household garbage bin or the Lethbridge Waste and Recycling Centre for all other materials. Illegal dumping is costly to remove and significantly impacts the Town's annual operating budget when materials have to be removed and hauled to the appropriate location.



IMPERIAL MEADOWS PARK REPAIRS

Visitors to Imperial Meadows Park may notice a southeast portion of the park has been fenced off for remediation of the grassy area. This section will be repaired with topsoil and grass seed when weather conditions are optimal for growth again. Please note irrigation in this area may come on without notice to support the grass repair process.

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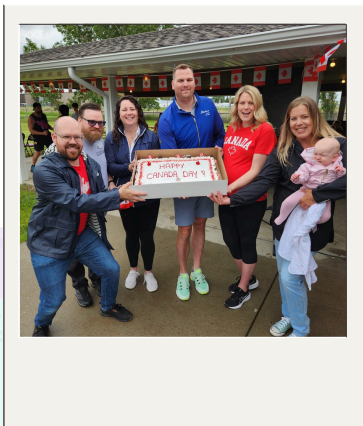
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SUMMER CELEBRATIONS: CANADA DAY AND MINERS DAYS

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who joined us for Canada Day and Miners Days 2024! Both events were a wonderful time to gather with community members and celebrate.

Congratulations goes out to Arlene Purcell, the 2024 Miners Days Honourary Parade Marshall. Thank you for being part of our beloved celebrations and for leading the parade with so much excitement!

The Town also thanks all the volunteers, local non-profit groups, businesses, and service providers who offered their time and skills to help host the events, and the community visitors who joined us for the fun. The outstanding contributions of everyone involved made our celebrations a great success. We truly could not have done it without you. We're already looking forward to our 2025 celebrations and making them bigger and better, but for now we'll kick up our feet and think about the good memories that were made as we enjoy the rest of summer!



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EVENT CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					Bookmobile @ Spray Park 12:00 - 5:00 pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Civic Holiday Town Office closed					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Bookmobile @ Spray Park 12:00 - 5:00 pm	
		-- FCSS 'Summer Fun' Day Camp (13-16) --				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM				
	-- Family Ties 'Fun in the Sun' Day Camp (19-22) --					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Coalhurst Cruisers Show 'n Shine 12:00 - 3:00 PM					Bookmobile @ Spray Park 12:00 - 5:00 pm	Legion Dinner Special

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY: August 12

Celebrate International Youth Day by recognizing youths' contributions and empower them to be leaders in the community! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

How youth can participate in International Youth Day:

- Volunteer at your local library.
- Consider joining a local club, like 4-H, to connect with others who share your interests.
- Share your talents with the community through music, sports, art, or other activities.
- Spread kindness to fellow youth both in-person and online, creating a supportive environment for everyone.

How adults can participate in International Youth Day:

Supporting youth at FCSS.

FCSS provides a wide range of programs and services for youth, including the Youth DO Crew program, which is a leadership and volunteering program for youth in the FCSS service area. This program gives participants the opportunity to develop skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. For more information about youth programs and services, please visit our website at www.fcss.ca.

Submitted by:

Kaylene Sawicki

Youth Development Coordinator
Canada Summer Jobs Student



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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273

5205-6 St Coalhurst Ab, T0L 0V0 403.381.3080

Opening Hours: WED/THURS 5pm FRI 4:30pm SAT 3pm
CLOSED SUN, MON, TUES

August 2024

Wednesday -- Dessert Wednesday 5pm - 8pm

Thursday -- Jitney Pool
Burgers

7pm start (everyone welcome)
August 1, 15, 29

\$6 Burgers and chips -- Cooked from 5:30pm - 7pm (kids get a free pop with meal; Everyone Welcome)

Friday -- Jitney Darts
-- Meat Draw
-- Chase The King

7pm start (Everyone Welcome)
6pm, 6:30pm and 7pm
7pm draw time

Saturdays -- FREE pool
-- Slap The Jack

3pm opening (Everyone Welcome)
6pm draw

Saturday August 31

Legion Dinner Special



August 25, 2024 is our next Bingo

We are always looking for New Volunteers. If this is something you would like to consider, please contact Wendy @ 403-634-5262

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



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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.