

# TOWN NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

## Mayor's Message

Happy October, Coalhurst!

As we get further into the rhythm of fall, if your household is like mine, your schedules are filling up fast and activities such as sports, classes, and clubs are ramping up. It's a busy time both personally and professionally, and that includes the work of our Council as we prepare for the annual budget cycle and continue our advocacy work at a provincial level.

Recently, myself and Council attended the Alberta Municipalities Convention in Red Deer. While there, Deputy Mayor Scott Akkermans was voted in as Director of Towns South for Alberta Municipalities. We're so proud to have our Deputy Mayor representing the interests of Coalhurst and other towns in our area at the provincial level.

The next major area of focus for Council will be on the development of our 2025 annual operating and capital budgets. Staff have been diligently reviewing their departmental budgets for Council's review and preparing for our budget discussions later this month. As your Council, we know the importance of every dollar spent and how we choose to invest in our community and its services and we remain committed to being fiscally responsible with the resources with which you - our valued citizens - have entrusted us.

To stay well informed about the budget and all other Town business, I encourage you to visit our Council meetings and agendas section of the Town's website. And of course, if you ever have questions for Council, please feel free to reach out to us. You can do so easily by using the contact form for Council, which is also located on the Town's website at [www.coalhurst.ca](http://www.coalhurst.ca).

In the meantime, I know many of us are preparing for the first major holiday of this new season, as we get ready to gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving. On behalf of my family, Council, and all the Town staff, I want to wish you an early and happy Thanksgiving and the best of the season.



Mayor Lyndsay Montana



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- October 1: Committee of the Whole
- October 8: Committee of the Whole
- October 15: Regular Meeting of Council
- October 22: Committee of the Whole/Budget
- October 29: Organizational Meeting of Council

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### **REMINDER: COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AVAILABLE**

The 2024 Community Grant Program has a balance of approximately \$6,000 still available to be awarded to successful applicants. Local community groups, residents and businesses are encouraged to review the program information and submit their applications if they are seeking funding for special one-time or ongoing projects, or economic development initiatives. Community Grant Program information is available on the Town's website at [www.coalhurst.ca/government/community-grant-program/](http://www.coalhurst.ca/government/community-grant-program/).

### **FALL LEAF COLLECTION**

- The Town of Coalhurst will be offering a leaf collection for the fall of 2024.
- Leaves and compostable yard waste such as plants and flowers must be in **disposable brown paper bags** available at the Town of Coalhurst office (Maximum 5 per household) or for purchase at various retailers.
- If leaves are in any other type of bag or container, they will not be picked up.
- The bags must be out on **November 4th by 7:30 AM**. There will be no callbacks for pick-up.



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### COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

Residents who are participating in the Coalhurst Community Garden are reminded that all plants and plant material must be removed from their garden boxes and the garden keys must be returned to the Town Office by Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

For those who are interested in participating in the 2025 Community Garden Program, applications will begin to be received as of March 1, 2025. A reminder that garden plots are first-come, first-served.



### HAVE YOUR SAY: COMMUNITY HOUSING SURVEY

The Town has launched a brief survey to better understand the housing needs of current, past, and future residents.

“We know that choosing a place to call home is about much more than finding a place to live,” said Heather Caldwell, Community Housing Advisory Committee Chair. “It’s about finding the right fit for your family – whether that’s related to your budget, lifestyle, proximity to services, or type and size of home. The individual needs of a community are diverse and widespread, and we want to know whether we’re hitting the mark or if we need to make changes to better fit residents’ needs.”

The survey – which takes about 10 minutes to complete – is open to current, past, and prospective residents of Coalhurst. Its aim is to help the Town’s Community Housing Advisory Committee better understand potential barriers residents are facing and identify creative solutions to make life in Coalhurst more attainable and sustainable.

“We want to hear from current residents, but also from those who have lived here before and moved away. We want to understand why they chose to leave Coalhurst and whether a change in housing options or services may have kept them in our community,” said Caldwell. “It’s critical that we hear from a range of people and learn from their experiences.”

Answers within the survey will remain anonymous and will be used to guide the Committee’s next steps in making housing, development, and land use recommendations to Council to ensure the right mix of housing types and features are available to meet community needs.

The survey is available on the Town’s website at [coalhurst.ca](https://coalhurst.ca) and is open until Monday, October 21, 2024.





**SCAN  
ME!**



# WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Help us better understand your  
housing needs in Coalhurst

PLEASE FILL OUT A CONFIDENTIAL  
SURVEY BY **OCTOBER 21, 2024.**

**Go to [coalhurst.ca](https://coalhurst.ca)**



# EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	2	3 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	4 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	5
6	7 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	8 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	9	10 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	11 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	12
13	14 <b>Thanksgiving Town Office closed</b> 	15 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	16	17 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	18 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	19 Cinnamon Bun Fun Run (CHS) 10:00 am
20	21 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	22 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am Committee of the Whole 6:00 - 9:00 PM	23	24 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	25 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	26 Legion Dinner Special
27	28 Youth DO Crew 3:30 - 5:30 pm	29 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	30	31 Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>Halloween</b> 		

# INTERNATIONAL DAY of the OLDER PERSON

**WHAT:** International Day of the Older Person was declared to bring awareness to seniors, their interests, and the issues that affect them.

**WHEN:** The International Day of the Older Person is on October 1, 2024

**WHY:** Our aging population is increasing. In 2019, there were 703 million people over the age of 65 across the world. Over the next three decades, that number is expected to double. In light of this, it is important that we work together to make our communities a safe and supportive environment!

**HOW** to foster a safe and supportive community for seniors:

- Volunteer and spend time with seniors in your community.
- Keep your neighborhood accessible by raking leaves, keeping sidewalks shoveled and salted, and collecting debris.
- Educate the seniors in your life about elder abuse. Here are some helpful resources for learning about and preventing elder abuse:
  - Government of Alberta: [Facts on Elder Abuse](#)
  - Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council: [Staying Safe: A Resource for Older Adults Living in Alberta](#)
  - Contact the Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network: 403-394-0306

**HOW** FCSS supports seniors:

- FCSS has many programs and services available for seniors, including presentations, workshops, conferences, and support with applications (provincial and federal seniors' benefits). For more information about Senior Services, contact Renee White at (587) 370-8518 or [renee.white@fcss.ca](mailto:renee.white@fcss.ca).

Visit [www.fcss.ca](http://www.fcss.ca) for more information.

Submitted by:

**Renee White**

Senior Services Coordinator



**SERVING:**

Barnwell | Barons | Coaldale | Coalhurst | Lethbridge County | County of Warner | Coutts | Milk River  
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# ADVERTISEMENTS



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

## October 2024

### Loonie Auction

October 19, 2024

Preview: 10am - Noon

Auction Start: Noon

Join us at the Coalhurst Legion for a fun afternoon with friends and family!

Take part in our Loonie Auction, where you can bid on exciting items and support a great cause. It's a fantastic way to enjoy the day while contributing to the Coalhurst Legion. Don't miss out -see you there!

**Donations will be accepted until 7pm on October 12**

<b>Wednesdays</b>	Dart League	
<b>Thursdays</b>	Burger Nights	Oct 10 & 24 5:30pm - 7pm
	Pool League	
<b>Fridays</b>	Meat Draws	6:00, 6:30, & 7:00pm
	Chase The King	Returns Friday October 18,2024
	Jitney Darts	7pm start Everyone Welcome!
<b>Saturdays</b>	Smack The Jack	6 pm draw time
	No Free Pool on Oct 5 or 26 Due to Pool Tournaments	
<b>Dinner</b>	Saturday October 26, 2024 5:30pm	



October 20, 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](mailto:legionbm273@gmail.com). Through your donations 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.





**County of  
Lethbridge  
Community  
Learning  
Council**

celebrating **50** years

Office phone: 403-345-6009

Phone/text/WhatsApp 📞: 403-915-3145

Email: [clclcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:clclcoffice@gmail.com)

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



**We have classes starting in  
October!**

Contact us if you are an adult (18+) living in Lethbridge County and would you like to improve your:

- reading and writing
- basic math
- basic computers or
- need to prepare for the Driver's Class 7 knowledge exam

### **INTERMEDIATE FIRST AID LEVEL C AND AED CERTIFICATE**

instructed by St. John Ambulance



**Dates:** Saturday, October 19 and Saturday, October 26, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Location:** Coaldale Public Library, 2014 - 18 Street, Coaldale, AB

**Fee:** \$ 180



# SENIORS' EXPO

## WHAT

Connect with service providers that support seniors at this FREE event. There will be a variety of information booths, refreshments, and door prizes. Free transportation available!

## WHEN

**Wednesday, October 23**  
**10:00 am-3:00 pm**

## WHERE

**Coaldale Community Centre**  
1217 20th Ave

**FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK  
A FREE RIDE**

**Renee**

587-370-8518

[Renee.White@fcss.ca](mailto:Renee.White@fcss.ca)







# COALHURST 5K CINNAMON BUN FUN RUN



**Saturday, Oct 19, 2024 | 10 am**  
Coalhurst High School

Under 17: \$10  
Adult: \$20  
Family \$50  
\*Kids in strollers free

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT CHS ACTIVITIES**

**REGISTER ONLINE**

[www.racepro.ca/coalhurst](http://www.racepro.ca/coalhurst)



COALHURST PUB

# HALLOWEEN

KARAOKE



**Friday, Nov. 1**

**8:30 pm**

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BEST COSTUME PRIZES

DRINK SPECIALS

