

TOWN NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025



Town of
Coalhurst

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Mayor's Message

Hello Coalhurst!

As we move into the heart of winter, I hope this message finds you warm, safe, and well. We have much to be proud of here in Coalhurst. From the strength of our local businesses to the dedication of our volunteers, there's a spirit of collaboration that makes this town a great place to live.

While we face the challenges of winter, I encourage everyone to continue supporting one another. Whether it's shoveling a neighbour's driveway through the Snow Angels program, or lending a hand to those who may need help getting around, small acts of kindness go a long way in building a caring and resilient community.

For those who may be looking for a new way to get to know your neighbours, I want to remind you of our Coalhurst Community Grant Program. Through the micro-grant stream, you could be eligible for up to \$500 in funding to help host a block party, a get-to-know-your-neighbours event, or something like a bake off challenge for local kids or teens. Even better - you could host the activity on the Family Day weekend (February 15 - 17)! Details of the grant program are available on the Town's website: www.coalhurst.ca.

Another date to keep in mind is Monday, March 3. That's when applications will start to be accepted for our new community garden. We had a handful of residents use the new garden plots last summer and they had great success, so we can't wait to see all the boxes filled this year and what you choose to grow! Details of the program and key dates are also listed on our website.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to making Coalhurst a wonderful place to call home. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns for myself or Council, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together we will continue to make Coalhurst a vibrant and welcoming community for generations to come.

Best wishes,

Mayor Lyndsay Montina



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings for Council and Committees:

- February 4: Regular Meeting of Council
- February 11: Finance and Committee of the Whole
- February 18: Regular Meeting of Council

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

PUBLIC NOTICES



OPEN HOUSE: LAND USE BYLAW & OFF-SITE LEVY BYLAW

Join us for a public open house to review draft revisions of Coalhurst's Land Use Bylaw and Off-site Levy Bylaw. Before Council considers changes, they want YOUR input. The open house will be come-and-go, and all are welcome.

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- **Time:** 4:30 - 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Town Office, 100 51 Avenue, Coalhurst, AB

SNOW MUCH FUN AT MINERS PARK

After an unseasonably warm and dry January, the cold winter weather we've been anticipating has finally arrived. Thanks to a drop in temperature, the Coalhurst Fire Department is flooding the outdoor skating rink.

It takes several days of very cold weather (about -20 C) and several inches of ice to make the surface usable so please stay off the ice until we let you know it's ready. We'll post a notice on our website, LED billboard, and Facebook page when the rink is open.

A big thanks goes out to the Fire Department and the Town's Public Works Department for working to make this park amenity available. If you head out for a skate, please remember helmets are strongly encouraged.



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SIDEWALKS, DRIVEWAYS AND GUTTERS... OH MY!

We're hopeful that February will bring more moisture in the form of snow and not just cold weather. If Old Man Winter does drop snow throughout the month, here are some quick reminders to help keep yourself and your family / friends / neighbours safe as we move about town.

KEEPING THINGS CLEAR

After a new snowfall, residents and business owners need to make sure the sidewalk adjacent to their property is cleared of snow and ice within 48 hours. We understand it can be a lot of work and some of that snow can be tough to move, but it's vital for keeping our community safe and accessible.

If you are a senior or someone with a mobility issue that makes it too difficult to shovel your driveway and/or sidewalk, we also want to make sure you're aware help is available through the **FCSS Snow Angels program** (check out the full page ad later in this newsletter).



KEEPING THINGS SAFE

If we do get snow and the temperature fluctuates, you might find the sidewalk outside your place becomes icy. If so, the Town provides winter sand (free of charge) that can be used for traction on sidewalks. There are

four (4) locations with sand boxes around town that can be accessed any time. These boxes are located at the following places (see yellow dots on the map below):

- Coalhurst Esso (201 51st Ave)
- Coalhurst recycling depot (702 55 Ave)
- Imperial Meadows Park (613 Spruce Drive)
- The south end of Sundance subdivision



KEEPING THINGS DRY

Finally, if we get snow followed by a big melt, we can sometimes find pooling along streets if grates and catch basins get covered. Town staff work diligently to keep these areas clear of snow but sometimes a fast melt can mean they get covered before we can get back to an area.

If you see slush and water pooling around these areas in your neighbourhood or if your road gutters are full, please consider clearing the slush and snow out of the way to help with drainage into the storm system.

COALHURST COMMUNITY GARDEN

Starting Monday, March 3, applications can be received for Coalhurst's new community garden, located in Miners Park. For details on the program and an application form, check out www.coalhurst.ca.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE:

LAND USE BYLAW & OFF-SITE LEVY BYLAW



Tuesday, February 25, 2025



4:30 - 7:00 pm



Town Office

100 - 51 Avenue, Coalhurst, AB

Join us for this come-and-go event
to review draft updates of the two
bylaws and provide your feedback.

Your input matters!



**Town of
Coalhurst**

EVENT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 DO Crew (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm	4 Move it! Move it! 10:00 - 11:30 am Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 PM	5	6 Youth Drop-in (FCSS) 3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Night (FCSS) 6:00 - 7:30 pm	7 Stay & Play (FCSS) Drop-in 9:30 - 11:30 am	8
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#PINKSHIRTDAY

WHEN: February 26th is Pink Shirt Day!

WHAT: Pink Shirt Day raises awareness about the importance of promoting a supportive, kind, and accepting school, work, and home environment. Wear pink to support anti-bullying day on February 26th.

Other ways to be kind during the month of February:

- Hold the door for a stranger.
- Shovel your neighbour's sidewalk.
- Express gratitude to people in your life.
- Leave a kind note for your parents, teachers, friends, siblings, or spouse.
- Go in to visit the bank teller instead of using the ATM.

SIGNS OF BULLYING:

- Anxiety
- Low self-esteem
- Lack of interest in activities
- Changes in mood

WHO: Resources for those who are experiencing bullying

- FCSS Counselling Intake at 587-370-3728 (call or text)
- Kids help phone (a toll-free phone available for any youth) 1-800-668-6868
- Alberta bullying helpline 310-1818 (call or text)
- Mental Health hotline 1-877-303-2642
- Child abuse hotline 1-800-387-5437

FCSS offers many programs that can help prevent bullying as well as to support those who have experienced bullying, including free Counselling Services and programs that help support youth to make healthy transitions towards adulthood.

To learn about FCSS programs visit our website: www.fcss.ca

Submitted by:
Michael Fedunec
Counselling Services Supervisor



SERVING:

Barons | Barnwell | Coalhurst | Coaldale | Coutts | County of Warner |
Lethbridge County | MD of Taber | Milk River | Nobleford | Picture Butte |
Stirling | Raymond | Vauxhall | Warner



NEED HELP SHOVELING YOUR SNOW?

APPLY FOR THE FCSS SNOW ANGELS PROGRAM

The Snow Angels Program invites neighbors to volunteer and shovel snow for community members who are unable to clear their own sidewalks. It's the neighbourly thing to do!

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Reside at the property.
- Have a condition or disability preventing you from participating in snow removal activities.
- Not have any other able-bodied person residing in your home to assist shovelling snow.

To apply, contact Cindy at
volunteerservices@fcss.ca
or (403) 915-7063



**A SNOW ANGEL IS
NEEDED HERE**

Please shovel the walk and
driveway of this home.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

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.



**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)



Seeking a Board Treasurer

For more information, please contact
our Executive Director, Melanie:
clclcouncil@gmail.com
403-345-6009

We are currently seeking a **Volunteer Board Treasurer**
to assist us in providing lifelong learning in Lethbridge County.

Join us in our mission to enrich the quality of life, promote lifelong learning,
increase awareness of the community and assist individuals in developing
foundational skills through the Community Learning programs.

Small time commitment with 4 board meetings and an AGM per
year between September and June.

The Royal Canadian Legion Coalhurst Branch 273

5205—6 Street

Coalhurst, AB T0L 0V0

Phone (403) 381-3080

Opening hours: WED 5pm ● THUR 5pm ● FRI 4:30 ● SAT 3pm

We will remain open if there are Patrons Closed SUN, MON, TUE

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday	Dart League
Thursday	Dart Sharks & Pool League
Friday	Meat Draws 6, 630, 7 pm
	Chase the King 7pm
Saturday	Smack the Jack 6 pm
	Free Pool



Veterans who need assistance can send an email to : Attention Service Officer
legionbm273@gmail.com

Through your donation to the Legion Poppy Fund, the Legion provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including the Canadian Armed Forces and their families, who are in need. Donations are accepted.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 DART BOARD SPONSORS ★ El Dorado RV ★ Lethbridge Nissan ★ Ida & Dan Hinds ★ Amy & Todd Yates ★ Wendy & Skifty Borthwick ★ Linda & Doug Smith ★ Bernice & Paul Carrier ★ Rob Eakett ★ The Jesters Pool Team ★ The Dart Sharks ★ Coalhurst Legion Br 273

February 9



Doors open at 4pm

February 13 & 27

\$6 BURGER NIGHT

Kids get a free pop and chips

February 22



Details to follow



Coyote Creek

February 15

7—11 pm

Tickets \$15

Raffle

Tickets available at the branch

Please consider volunteering for bingo

it's only once a month

The money we receive helps our branch and the community.

Our next bingo is **FEBRUARY 23**

Please call Wendy to volunteer (403) 634-5262

You don't need to be a member ...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Craft Night

March 1 st

Provincial Singles Pool

March 21, 22

We have complimentary meeting rooms for Non-Profit organizations,
and room rentals available for private functions.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

CES CITRUS FUNDRAISER

JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 14

BOX OF **ORANGES** = \$55

BOX OF **GRAPEFRUITS** = \$55

1/2 BOXES AVAILABLE FOR \$27.50

**ORDER
HERE:**



SCAN ME

NAVEL ORANGE
CASES (40-44
ORANGES IN A CASE)

GRAPEFRUIT CASES
(20-22 GRAPEFRUITS
IN A CASE)

PICK-UP DATE IN EARLY
MARCH, TO BE DETERMINED.



COULEE KICKERS SOCCER ASSOCIATION



SCAN ME

SOCCER

Registration

\$65-\$75
PER PLAYER

OUTDOOR SEASON

**APRIL TO
JUNE**

FOR CHILDREN BORN IN

2007-2019

REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 28

WEEKLY DIVISION GAME SCHEDULE:

MONDAY: U7 (6PM) & U18 (7PM)

TUESDAY: U9 (6PM) & U15 (7PM)

WEDNESDAY: U11 (6PM)

THURSDAY: U13 (7PM)

TEAMS IN COALHURST, IRON SPRINGS, NOBLEFORD,
PICTURE BUTTE, CROWSNEST PASS (ONLY
U13/U15/U18), FORT MACLEOD (ONLY U11/U13/U15/U18)

FOR MORE INFO, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL CKSASOCCER@GMAIL.COM



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

COALHURST COMMUNITY
SPRING
MARKET

SAT. MARCH 29
10AM - 4PM | COALHURST
COMMUNITY CENTRE

**APPLY TO BE A
VENDOR HERE:**



SCAN ME



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
THE CATS SASS RESCUE**