

# Town Hall News



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## ONP Enters New Phase of Service

At its meeting of 24 November 2009, the Olds Neighborhood Place Society (ONP) passed a motion to wind up its affairs 31 December 2009. For approximately ten years this not-for profit society has facilitated the provision of a wide range of programs to support social development needs in our community, including Community Kitchens, Aboriginal Connections, Rainbows and Prisms, Office of the Public Guardian and support to Seniors. Olds Neighborhood Place has also been the host agency for the Healthy Families program that provides services for young families in Olds and parts of Mountain View and Knee Hill Counties.

Earlier in 2009, the board of ONP requested that the Town of Olds consider assuming responsibility for this group of initiatives. "Our board requested support earlier this year. We knew then that we could not ensure continued service without the vision and support of the Town of Olds," says ONP Chair Sam Moebis.

Effective 1 January 2010, programs running at Olds Neighborhood Place will come under the jurisdiction of the Town of Olds. "We are excited at the prospect of building community capacity in the area of social development," says Mayor Judy Dahl, "Since approached earlier this year, Town administration has worked collaboratively with ONP to determine the best way to continue to meet community needs in the immediate future."

Both Chair Sam Moebis and Mayor Judy Dahl indicated how much working together has been a key aspect of this transition process. While ONP is changing, the programs and services, so critical to social development in our community, will continue. NU2U Thrift Store operations will continue at the current location on 51 Street. Office operations for ONP programs and services will be closed for the Christmas break on 18 December, and will resume under Town of Olds leadership Monday 4 January 2010.

## Snow on Sidewalks

Town of Olds Community Peace Officers continue to vigorously enforce the requirement of the Town's Unsightly Premises & Snow Removal Bylaw for property owners and occupants to **clear snow and ice from adjacent town sidewalks within 24 hours of deposit.** Instances of non-compliance will be dealt with (once only per specific property) through the issuance of a Notice to Remedy. If the deadline in the Notice is not complied with, the Town will hire someone to clean the sidewalk, and all expenses, including a Town Administrative charge, will be passed on to the property owner. Absentee property owners are urged to address this issue with their renters. In addition, for serious or repeated infractions, a charge under the Bylaw may be laid carrying a fine of between \$250 and \$500. Questions? Call 403.507.4836 or 403.507.4837 (please leave messages if no answer).

## Rural Crime Watch

Rural Crime Watch provides resources to and works with local RCMP, Fish & Wildlife Officers, and other enforcement agencies to identify suspicious or unlawful activity and to report these occurrences to the appropriate enforcement agencies. Membership is open to all rural or municipal residents and businesses who pass an RCMP security clearance and who believe in the goals and objectives of the organization. It's neighbours looking after each other! For more information, visit the Olds Community Policing Advisory Committee website: [www.olds-cac.org](http://www.olds-cac.org), or call Judy at 403.556.8846.

## Town Info...

### Holiday Closures

**Town Office** will be closed 24 December to 28 December inclusive, and Friday 1 January. The **Sportsplex** will be closed 23 December to 27 December inclusive, and 31 December & 1 January. The **Aquatic Centre** will be closed 25 December & 26 December. See page 2 for schedule!

### Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meetings are held in Council Chambers the second Monday of each month at 1.00 pm, and the fourth Monday of each month at 7.00 pm, unless indicated otherwise.

- Monday 14 December - 1.00 pm
- Monday 21 December - Policies & Priorities meeting - CANCELLED
- Monday 11 January - 1.00 pm
- Monday 18 January - Policies & Priorities meeting - 3.00 pm

### Request for Proposals

The Town of Olds is accepting Proposals to provide contracted cleaning services for the Olds RCMP Detachment located at 5110 65 Avenue, contract to be effective January 2010. Complete details are available on the News & Announcements page at [www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca).

### Christmas Tree Disposal

You may dispose of your live (not artificial) Christmas Tree for FREE at any of the following locations until 23 January:

- Olds EcoSite
- Sundre EcoSite
- Water Valley EcoSite
- Didsbury Landfill

PLEASE DO NOT be irresponsible or lazy by dumping your tree at the recycling centres or in your green compost bin (or in any other unauthorized place) - the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission is generously allowing residents to dispose of trees for FREE at local EcoSites. If you purchase and enjoy a live Christmas Tree, be a good citizen and dispose of it responsibly. Questions? Call 403.556.8120.

## Employer Workshops

For more information on the following workshops and to register, contact Barb at the Olds Chamber, 403.556.7070 or email olds@telusplanet.net. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Deadline to register is two working days prior to each event. These workshops are sponsored by Alberta Employment & Immigration and the Olds & District Chamber of Commerce. All are free of charge.

### Finders Keepers - Employee Recruitment Strategies

Tuesday 19 January 2010, 9 am to noon  
Town of Olds Council Chambers  
Employers will learn new strategies to successfully find the talent they need while raising their profile as an "employer of choice." Learn about recruitment strategies used by Alberta employers; explore how to customize your approach to engage frequently overlooked talent sources; review the recruitment planning process.

### Skills by Design - Employee Development Strategies

Tuesday 9 February 2010, 9 am to noon  
Town of Olds Council Chambers  
Through this interactive workshop, employers will learn to increase their knowledge of effective employee development practices and resources that can assist their businesses. Discover the benefits of establishing comprehensive training and development programs to build employee skills; learn about the broad range of learning opportunities for your employees; analyse your needs to develop objectives and strategies for creating a more skilled workforce.

### Beyond Pay & Benefits - Employee Retention Strategies

Thursday 18 March 2010, 9 am to noon

Town of Olds Council Chambers  
Through this interactive workshop, employers will learn how to create an organization where people want to work. Develop an understanding of the best practices and tools to help your business retain workers; discover creative strategies to attract and keep employees; review your current plans, wage strategies and retention actions and update them.

## Coats for Everyone

Winter is here! Recycle unused coats that are still in good condition by bringing them to Olds Neighborhood Place or to The Brick. We will make sure they get into the hands of people who need them. Please note that the coats are housed at the Olds Church of the Nazarene - if you need a coat, call 403.556.8820.

Drop off locations:

- ✧ Olds Neighborhood Place Tues to Fri 11 am to 5 pm
- ✧ The Brick Monday to Friday 10 am to 8 pm
- ✧ Olds Church of the Nazarene Tues & Thurs 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

## Advertise with Travel Alberta

Don't miss the opportunity to advertise your special event! At times, groups or businesses may miss the opportunity to ensure their events are included in the various guides published by Travel Alberta, and which are inserted in all the major daily newspapers in the province (800,000 insertions).

If your business or group has an event that could be included in the 2010 Spring and Summer Event Guide, make sure that the TIC information

is updated about the event on the Travel Alberta web site. If you are unsure, contact Kathie Vance at Prairies to Peaks Tourism Association. She can make sure the entry is correct, plus she can flag the event as significant to our region as applicable. Contact Kathie at 403.556.1049 or email kathie.vance

@prairies2peaks.ca. The response from the public to these events in the publications is huge. It's simple - make sure the information is loaded and updated...and Travel Alberta does the rest.

## Events 'n' Stuff

The **Olds Figure Skating Club** will be holding its Winter Registration and Skate & Dress Sale for ages 4 and up, Wednesday 16 December from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Olds Sportsplex. More information on the club and its activities is available at [www.oldfigureskatingclub.com](http://www.oldfigureskatingclub.com).


The **Warm Up to a Good Book** kids program will be at the Olds Library on Saturday 12 December from 10 am to noon, for kids ages 3 to 12 years. This is another opportunity for busy parents to go shopping for two whole hours sans children. Kids will take part in stations set up in the Library, featuring stories, crafts and games. This is a no-cost event.

Looking for a unique Christmas gift for that hard-to-buy-for person who has everything? Why not buy them a tree through the **Trees for Ever program**? Trees are planted in the park or green space of your choice, and are a wonderful legacy and a way to recognize a family event or personal milestone. Call Lorraine at 403.507.4811, or go to the Communities in Bloom page at [www.olds.ca](http://www.olds.ca) and click on "Trees for Ever Program."

The **2010 Community Directory** will be published in January. Letters have gone out to current listings, and we need your response by 11 December. If your service group or community group is not listed but would like to be, submit your information to Kate at Town Office by Friday 11 December.

The **Olds Community Choir** presents its annual Christmas Concert Sunday 20 December at 7.30 pm in the TransCanada Theatre at the Fine Arts Centre. This concert is part of the Olds Kiwanis Concert Series, and tickets are available for \$5.00 each at Stevens Jewelers or by calling 403.507.9738. The next concert in the series features "The Polyjesters," Friday 12 February. For more info, visit [www.oldskiwanis.org/concert.htm](http://www.oldskiwanis.org/concert.htm).

**Oldslearning.ca** offers learning opportunities for people of all ages in the areas of arts, leisure, sports, family, health, self-improvement, personal development, and professional development. New courses are being continually added, so check it out today!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE DEC 21 to JAN 3, 2010						
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Lane Swim 6:00-9:00 am	Lane & Tot Swim 6:00-1:00 am	Lane Swim 6:00-9:00 am	Lane & Tot Swim 6:00-1:00 am	Lane Swim 6:00-9:00 am	<b>CLOSED</b> <b>FRI, DEC 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>&amp; SAT, DEC 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
Shallow Aquafit 9:00-9:45 am		Shallow Aquafit 9:00-9:45 am		Shallow Aquafit 9:00-9:45 am		
Deep Aquafit 9:45-10:30 am	Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm	Deep Aquafit 9:45-10:30 am	Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm	Deep Aquafit 9:45-10:30 am	Lane Swim 12:00-1:00 pm	Rentals 10:00-12:00 pm
Parent & Tot Aquafit 10:45-11:30 am		Parent & Tot Aquafit 10:45-11:30 am		Lane Swim & Toonie Tot Swim 11:30-1:00 pm		Lane Swim 12:00-1:00 pm
Lane Swim & Toonie Tot Swim 11:30-1:00 pm	Deep Aquafit 4:30-5:15 pm	Lane Swim & Toonie Tot Swim 11:30-1:00 pm	Deep Aquafit 4:30-5:15 pm	Lane Swim & Toonie Tot Swim 11:30-1:00 pm	Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm	Free Family Swim Legion Sponsored 1:00-3:00 pm
Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm		Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm		Public Swim 1:00-4:00 pm		Rentals 4:00-6:00 pm
Deep Aquafit 7:00-7:45 pm	Public Swim 5:00-8:30 pm	Deep Aquafit 7:00-7:45 pm	Public Swim 5:00-8:30 pm	Deep Aquafit 7:00-7:45 pm	Public Swim 6:00-8:00 pm	
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Lane Swim 8:45-9:45 pm	Lane Swim 8:30-9:30 pm	Lane Swim 8:45-9:45 pm	Lane Swim 8:30-9:30 pm	<b>Olds Aquatic Centre</b> 5303 - 46 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Olds AB T4H 1E8 Call: (403)556-7665 Email: <a href="mailto:pool@olds.ca">pool@olds.ca</a>		
<b>Pool Closures &amp; Reduced Hours:</b> Reduced hours on December 24: Lane Swim 12:00 - 1:00 pm & Public Swim 1:00 - 3:00 pm, closed December 25 & 26; December 31 reduced hours - closing at 5:15 pm; January 1: Lane Swim 12:00 - 1:00 pm & Public Swim 1 - 3 pm						
*** PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ***						