

Town Hall News

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Dog Licenses Due

All dogs aged three months or older are required to be licensed annually under Town of Olds Bylaw 2005-25. Pet licenses are affordable and dog owners who purchase new licenses or renew existing licenses prior to January 31 do receive a discount. Town Office has sent out reminder notices for the current year. The maximum fine for having an unlicensed animal is \$200.

Dogs must wear collar tags to ensure we can re-unite you and your lost pet. Please notify us if you no longer have your pet, if you have moved or have new contact information. Currently, cats are not required to be licensed. Purchase Dog Licenses at Town Office.

Intact	\$45
Neutered or Spayed	\$35
Vicious Dog, intact or neut	\$110
Hobby License (3 or more dogs)....	\$50 additional
Change of Owner for dog already licensed with the Town.....	no charge

Impoundment Fees

Non-vicious dog.....	\$25
Vicious dog	\$100
Care & Subsistence.....	set by Pound
Veterinary Services.....	as incurred

Questions? Call our Community Peace Officers at 403.507.4837 OR 403.507.4836 (please leave messages at these numbers if there is no answer).

Citizens Committee on Council Compensation

The Town of Olds is accepting applications from the public for the 2010 Citizens Committee on Council Compensation.

The Committee is charged with the

review of Corporate Policy 401 titled, 'Council Remuneration and Benefits and the Reimbursement of Expenses'. The Committee has 90 days from March 1, 2010 to make recommendations regarding compensation and benefits for Members of Council that are to be elected in the 2010 General Municipal Election to be held in October.

Application Forms are available at Town Office or may be downloaded from the "Boards & Committees" page in the Council section at www.olds.ca. **The Application Deadline is Wednesday 17 February 2010 at 4.00 pm.** Send completed applications to the attention of the CAO & Council Assistant at Town Office, in person, by fax 403.556.6537 or, email godfrey@olds.ca or mcinnis@olds.ca.

Utilities Equalized Billing - Check Today

If you are on our Equalized Payment automatic debit plan for Utilities, the annual adjustment to your account was made on your December statement, which you received in January.

Every month, your statement shows the exact amount of the payments you have made to date, and also shows either a Credit (meaning you have overpaid), or a Debit (meaning you have underpaid). Check your last utility statement - if the actual amount is much higher or much lower than the amount you have paid to date, call our Utilities Administrator at 403.556.6981 to make adjustments to your Equalized Payment monthly amount, to avoid large differences at the end of each year.

Town Info...

Office Closure

Town Office will be closed Monday 15 February for Alberta Family Day. Payments or correspondence may be left in the Drop Box outside the front entrance.

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 8 February - 1.00 pm
- Tuesday 16 February - 3.00 pm
- Policies & Priorities
- Monday 22 February - 7.00 pm
- Monday 8 March - 1.00 pm

2010 Business Licenses Due

All businesses operating within the corporate boundaries of the town of Olds are required to possess a valid Town of Olds Business License, per Town of Olds Business License Bylaw 00-016. Business Licenses are for the calendar year and must be renewed annually. The Application / Renewal form is available on the Business Licenses page in the Planning & Development section at www.olds.ca. Questions about Business Licenses? Call 403.507.4866.

Winter Compost Pickup

A reminder to everyone that we are on the WINTER Roll Out Collection Schedule until the end of March. In winter, Compost (green bin) is picked up approximately every 4th week only. The complete schedule is available at Town Office and at www.olds.ca.

Employer Workshop

For more information on the following workshop and to register, contact Barb at the Olds Chamber, 403.556.7070 or email oldsclam@telusplanet.net. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Workshops are sponsored by Alberta Employment & Immigration and the Olds & District Chamber of Commerce. Free of charge.

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.

New Director

The Town of Olds is pleased to welcome Ms. Barbara Hill, who joined the Town's team as Director of Community Services on 1 February 2010.

Barbara Hill has over 30 years experience in the municipal recreation field. She offers strong facilitation, project management, policy development and public engagement skills. Her experience includes organizational change, infrastructure investment planning, facilitating park and facility planning, strategic planning, policy development and community development.

Barbara (call her Barb!) combines her strong analytical abilities with her ability to relate to people to create a balanced approach to those projects of which she is a part. She is willing to ask the difficult questions and more importantly, take the leadership role in resolving issues.

She is a strong advocate for recreation, parks and culture in Canada. Barbara also brings a range of volunteer leadership in the not-for-profit sector which includes the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (President 2004), the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) (President



2001) and the University of Alberta Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Alumni Association. She was recognized in 2007, with the Wild Rose Award for exemplary volunteer service to recreation and parks in Alberta and the ARPA.

Barbara is excited to be back in Olds playing a part to continue in the evolution of this community. You may reach her at 403.556.6981 or 403.507.4848.

AltaLink Meet & Greet

The Olds & District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an AltaLink Meet & Greet for Olds and area businesses and residents, on **Monday 22 February** from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the Boardroom at Town Office. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required by 17 February. To register, contact Barb at 403.556.7070. Leigh Clarke, AltaLink's Senior VP of External Engagement will be on hand to provide background information on AltaLink and its plans for the next several years.

AltaLink is Canada's only fully-independent electrical transmission provider, with more than 11,800 km of transmission lines and 270 substations in Alberta. It has recently announced the launch of its consultation program, underscoring the company's deep commitment to listening to landowners and residents of the community in which it operates. For more information, call 403.556.7070 or visit www.altalink.ca.

Welcome, Social Development Staff

The Olds Neighborhood Place transition is complete and staff are now officially located at Town Office in Social Development, part of the Town's Community Services department. The four dedicated staff will continue to offer a range of programs to support social development needs in our community. We welcome:

Katharine Perich, Program Assistant
403.507.4847, kperich@olds.ca

Bernadette Gregoire, Healthy Families Visitor, 403.507.4846, bgregoire@olds.ca

Jennifer Lanthier, Healthy Families Supervisor, 403.507.4845, jlantier@olds.ca

Terry Rompain, Nu 2 U Store Manager, 403.556.3279, trompain@olds.ca

Office hours for Social Development are the same as for Town Office, 830 am to 430 pm, Monday to Friday.

Events 'n' Stuff

On now at the **Olds Municipal Library: Brown Bag Lunch Series**

Third Tuesday of every month, starting 19 January, 12.15 pm to 12.45 pm
Get connected with people in your community. Learn more about organizations and ways of life! Bring your lunch, your thoughts and opinions as you discover Olds on a whole new level.

Talented Tweens

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks, starting 19 January, 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Ages 9-12

This 6-week arts and crafts session for youth aged 9-12 years will introduce you to ways to be creative, have fun, and learn new things. Pre-registration is required. Call 403.556.6460.

Remember the Library's new temporary location is on main street (50 Avenue). For more info on any programs, call 403.556.6460 or visit <http://oml.prl.ab.ca>.

Tickets are still available for **The Polyjesters**, coming to Olds on 12 February! This concert is part of the Olds Kiwanis Performing Arts Society Concert Series at the TransCanada Theatre in the Fine Arts Centre, and tickets are available for \$30 each at Stevens Jewelers or by calling 403.507.9738. The next concert in the series features "Doug Fox & Friends - Big Band Sound," on 17 April. Tickets \$30 each at Stevens Jewelers. For more info, visit www.oldskiwanis.org/concert.htm.

The **Physician Recruitment & Retention** sub-committee is looking for new volunteers to assist with this ongoing project. Physician Recruitment & Retention is part of the Community Lifestyle Committee of the Olds Institute for Community & Regional Development. This group works with Alberta Health Services, the Town of Olds, and local medical clinics to recruit and retain medical professionals. If you are interested in being involved with this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Mel or Bonnie Giles 403.556.8498, mvgiles@shaw.ca, or bcgiles@shaw.ca.

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!