

Town Hall News



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July 2011



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Tax Penalties & Appeals!

Property Taxes for 2011 were due at Town Office by 4:30 pm on June 30, 2011. **Any current (2011) tax amounts outstanding as of July 1, 2011 are now in arrears and subject to a 5% penalty, as per Bylaw 2005-19.**

The next penalties on current tax amounts are 6% (Sept. 1) and 7% (Nov. 1). Penalties are also applied to arrears (prior to 2011) tax amounts at the following times: Feb. 1 (3%), Apr. 1 (3%), Aug. 1 (4%), Oct. 1 (4%) and Dec. 1 (4%). If you have any questions about taxes or penalties, please contact K. Greene at Town Office, 403.556-6981.

The combined Assessment & Taxation Notice contains important information regarding assessment appeal procedures. **Appeals must be received at Town Office or postmarked on or before July 12, 2011, and must be accompanied by a completed form and the applicable fee.**

If you prefer not to pay next year's taxes in one lump sum, why not consider signing up now for the Monthly Tax Payment Plan (MTPP) for payment of property taxes for 2012. This is a free service. If your taxes are paid up to date, all you need to do is complete an application, and provide us with a void cheque. Contact K. Greene at Town Office for more information.

Red Cross Swim Lessons

Register now for Red Cross Swim Lessons beginning on July 4th. Registration is also available for the following summer aquatic programs:

Lifeguard School #2 July 18th - 29th

Waterpolo - begins July 5

Red Cross Assistance Water Safety Instructor and Babysitting Course

For more information about schedules, lessons, or programs offered at the Olds Aquatic Centre, call 403-556-7665 or visit us on the Town of Olds website at www.olds.ca/aquatics.html.

Town of Olds

**Subdivision and Development
Appeal Board (SDAB)**

Volunteer Member

The Town of Olds is recruiting to fill a volunteer vacancy, which term will expire in October 2012, on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

The SDAB holds public hearings as required under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act Part 17 and the Town of Olds Bylaw 1493-95.

Functions and Duties of the Board are to:
Within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of an appeal in accordance with the provision of the MGA, the subdivision and development appeal board is obligated to hold a public hearing to hear an appeal of:

- a decision of the Subdivision Authority or Development Authority;*
- the Subdivision Authority or Development Authority's refusal or failure to make a decision within the time allowed for a decision established by the MGA;*
- a stop work order issued by a Development Authority.*

A volunteer application can be downloaded at www.olds.ca or can be picked up at the Town of Olds at 4512 - 46 Street.

Applications should be addressed to the "Mayor and Council" and will be received until Monday, August 8, 2011.

Applications can be delivered by one of the following methods:

**Mail to: Town of Olds
4512 46 Street
Olds, Alberta T4H 1R5**
or email: dgodfrey@olds.ca
or fax to: 403-556-6537

Town Info...

Office Closure

Town Office will be closed on Monday, August 1, 2011 for Civic Holiday.

Payments or correspondence may be left in the Drop Box outside the front entrance at Town Office.

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, July 11 - 1.00 pm - Council Meeting
- Monday, July 18 - 3.00 pm - Policies & Priorities meeting

Save the DATE!

SEPTEMBER 2011						
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**Thursday,
September 8, 2011**
for the

Fall Community Information & Registration Night

**Olds Sportsplex
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

*Come and see what our
amazing COMMUNITY has to
offer for Seniors, Adults, Children
& Families*

If you wish to showcase your
Community Organization contact

Debra at 403-791-1511



Communities in Bloom

*Another Excellent
Reason to Mulch*



This year has been very wet so far. It seems to rain every second or third day and as a consequence there are many more mosquitoes. A neighbor came over the other day to look at something in my garden. Most of my yard is covered with wood chip mulch pathways with just a small patch of lawn around the fire pit. As we were standing there talking he said, "Wow, if we were standing in my yard we would have been swarmed by mosquitoes now." His yard has several beds but is mostly lawn.

This made me think. Lawns are the perfect habitat for mosquitoes, they will soak up great amounts of water and hold it. Where do mosquitoes like to lay their eggs, that's right, in standing water. That is why when you walk across lawns after rainfall the mosquitoes will swarm up and attack any warm blooded creature including you and I, determined to get blood.

Many people like the look of a great green expanse of lawn with a tree or two in the middle but it can also be detrimental. Perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, taking away all the nutrients and moisture from your trees and costing a great deal in mowing it a couple times a week and in general upkeep and time spent. Mulch is low maintenance, only needs topping up every two or three years and your trees will love it. There is no need to get rid of all your lawn but it is a good idea to cut down on the mosquito habitat by at least mulching your trees and shrubs.

Police Control Overrules Traffic Control Devices

When there is cause for police to take over managing traffic flow red lights, stop signs and other traffic control devices do not apply. The direction of the Peace Officer is what must be followed. The reason control is taken over is to manage the safety of everyone at or moving through an area with traffic problems. The individual manually waving traffic through an area continually gathers information from a variety of sources to make his/her decisions.

They may not allow you to go where you want. This is not because they are trying to annoy you, it is because they must facilitate the safest course of action to keep traffic moving in the area. There is always more than one way to get somewhere and your inconvenience at this point is unfortunately not something they can help you with, without putting others at risk or inconvenience. Think of your suffering benefitting many others and smile! It is a high stress time for everyone involved.

The other thing to be aware of is the person directing traffic may yell at you. This is not an action of anger or aggression, well not normally, :) it arises from the need to be heard through windows and over traffic noises, air conditioners and/or radios.

Have a great summer!

Artwalk 2011 June - September

The Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association presents Artwalk 2011 from June 25 through September 6. Tour through numerous businesses in Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs, Innisfail and Sundre. Browse, enjoy and purchase the amazing artwork, all created by local artists. You can pick up a brochure at the Town Offices of the aforementioned locations or check out the website www.wellspringvisualartnetwork.com for more information.

Oldsmobile Car Show

Hosted by Oldsmobile
Northern Lights Chapter

Saturday, July 16, 2011

Hildebrand Motors, Olds - Noon

18th Annual Oldsmobile Rocket Round Up at Hildebrand Motors in Olds. See all the old cars as they pull in from all over AB, BC, SK and beyond to attend the largest Oldsmobile only show in Canada. Free admission for spectators.

Strut Your Mutt

Located at the Community Learning
Campus from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 23, 2011

4 km Walk Jog for the Airdrie and District Humane Society. Free BBQ, vendors, music, prizes, friends & fun. Registration check in at 9:30 a.m. Start Time: 10:00 a.m. To register, call 403-507-7782 or email behmann@oldscollge.ca.

Kids Day Camp

Hosted by Olds Church of the Nazarene

Saturday, July 23, 2011

Mission to M.A.R.S. Kidz Daze Camp. Come and join us for games, music, stories, snacks, crafts and a family BBQ. For ages 4 - grade 6. \$3.00 per child. (Maximum \$9.00 per family). Please reserve now before the spaceship fills up! Call 403-556-8820.

Farmer's Market

Hosted by Olds Agricultural Society

Thursdays - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

June to September

The 2011 Farmers Markets run Thursdays from June 9 - September 22. Spring Markets are held in the foyer of the Cow Palace, expanding to include the parking area surrounding the Cow Palace during the summer. Vendors offer items like sewing, knitting, baking, woodworking, fruits, vegetables, and numerous other items. Go to oldsagsociety.com for details. Call 403-556-3770.

Nu-2-U is receiving new stock daily!

Come in and view all the treasure....

we have a large assortment of:

***Furniture; Housewares; Puzzles; Fabric; Bedding;
Books; VHS Movies; Lamps; Canning Sealers;
Pictures; Baskets & Collectibles.***



Open Tuesday to Friday Noon to 5:00 p.m. 5030 51 Street (beside the Post Office).

Please call **403-556-3279** if you have furniture or large items that you would like to bring in.