

Town Hall News

July 2010



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Tax Penalties & Appeals

Property Taxes for 2010 were due at Town Office by 4.30 pm on Wednesday 30 June 2010. Any current (2010) tax amounts outstanding as of 1 July are now in arrears and subject to a 5% penalty, per Bylaw 2005-19. The next penalties on current tax amounts are 6% (1 Sept) and 7% (Nov). Penalties are also applied to arrears (prior to 2010) tax amounts at the following times: 1 Feb (3%), 1 Apr (3%), 1 Aug (4%), 1 Oct (4%), and 1 Dec (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 14 July 2010, 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 starting January 2011. 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.

Water Restrictions

All communities served by the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission are now under the **standard seasonal Level 1 Water Restrictions** until further notice. Under Level 1, citizens are asked to restrict outside watering (lawn, garden, car washing at home, etc.) to even-numbered addresses on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered calendar days.

The Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission owns and operates the Anthony Henday Water Treatment Plant, which is situated on the banks of the Red Deer River northwest of Innisfail. The Anthony Henday plant is a regional water treatment plant which serves a growing population of 25,000 people in the six communities of Innisfail, Bowden, Olds, Didsbury, Carstairs and Crossfield. As the providers and stewards of our water, the Commission at its discretion may impose Water Restrictions on its member communities at any time. The Commission reviews water restrictions with its member communities annually. For additional information on Water Restriction Levels, see the News item at www.olds.ca.



Town Info...

Office Closure

Town Office will be closed on Monday 2 August for Heritage Day. 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 12 July - 1.00 pm
- Monday 16 August - 3.00 pm - Policies & Priorities
- Monday 23 August - 7.00 pm

Election Packages Available

Candidate Information Packages for the 2010 Olds Municipal Election are now available at Town Office and at www.olds.ca. Packages contain detailed information on how to run for office, and the responsibilities, commitments and duties involved. Nomination Day is Monday 20 September, and Election Day is Monday 18 October.

Attention Rec Centre Users

As of 1 May 2010, the Recreation Centre on 52 Street is under the ownership and management of the Air Cadets. For information on current and future rentals or for access to the building, please contact Marianne Dowell at 403.556.2088.

Olds Aquatic Centre News

Congratulations to the staff at the Olds Aquatic Centre for receiving a Recognition Award from the Lifesaving Society! Details are available at www.olds.ca.

Registration is available now for Summer Swim Lessons at the Olds Aquatic Centre. If you register for Red Cross Swim Lessons two weeks early you will receive one FREE Family Swim Pass per family! This summer we are also offering a Babysitting Course on 30 July – see the schedule on the Aquatic Centre page at www.olds.ca.

Advanced Aquatics courses this summer include NLS from 16-20 August, Standard First Aid & CPR from 27-29 July, and a combined Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross course that will run from 19 July to 23 July. The cost for the combined course is \$230.

NEW this June, the Olds Aquatic Centre will be offering Boating Exams. The cost is \$40 per exam, available Mondays 10 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 6 pm, and Saturdays 12 pm to 4 pm. Contact us at 403.556.POOL (7665) if you have questions or to arrange to write your exam!

Check out our new Summer Schedule which covers 1 July to 6 September, available on the Aquatic Centre page at www.olds.ca, or visit us at Facebook under "OAC Information Centre."

Business Awards Nominations

Once again the Chamber of Commerce is looking for your input on the businesses in our community. Nominations for the "People's Choice Award" will be accepted until 15 September. Nominate your favourite business that demonstrates support, service, success and sincerity! You can also cast your vote for the "Exceptional Customer Service Award", for a

local employee who exemplifies high standards of service to you the customer. Vote by 15 September! Clip and submit the ballots below, or get them at the following two locations:

- Olds Chamber website: www.oldsalberta.com

- issues of *The Olds Albertan*

The top five nominees for the People's Choice and the Exceptional Customer Service Awards will be advertised after 15 September, and the recipients will be honoured at the Business Awards Banquet in October. For tickets or more information, call Barb at 403.556.7070 or visit www.oldsalberta.com.

Olds & District Chamber of Commerce is requesting input from the citizens of our community to nominate a "Business of Choice" for the

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Support - Service - Success - Sincerity

(Print Business Name of Choice)

(Signature of Nominator)

(Printed Name of Nominator)

Ballot Selection Deadline - September 15, 2010
Submit your ballot to the Olds Chamber by:
Mail Box 4210, Olds, AB T4H 1P8, Fax 403.556.1515, or
Email oldscham@telusplanet.net

Recipient to be announced at the Business Awards Week Banquet in October 2010

Olds & District Chamber of Commerce is requesting input from the citizens of our community to nominate an "Employee of Choice" for the

EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Friendly -- Efficient -- Knowledgeable - Outstanding Service

(Print Employee Name of Choice)

(Print Employer / Business for this Employee)

(Signature of Nominator)

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Events 'n' Stuff

The **RCMP Musical Ride** will perform in Olds on Saturday 31 July. The Musical Ride has been performing for Canadians since 1887, and the Olds Agricultural Society is excited to host this beloved Canadian institution again in 2010. The show begins at 5.00 pm at the Grandstand. Watch for more details to come or call Tracy at the Olds Ag Society, 403-556-3770 or email tracy@oldsagsociety.com.

Attention current or prospective Olds Sportsplex Users - the Town of Olds annual **Ice Users Meeting** will be held in Council Chambers at Town Office on Thursday 22 July at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you require additional information, call the Sportsplex at 403.556.3244. See you there!

The Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association presents **ArtWalk 2010**, from 26 June through to 7 September. Tour through numerous businesses in Didsbury, Olds, Sundre and new this year, Innisfail! 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.

As part of Olds Communities in Bloom, businesses and industries displaying the "Caught You...Doing a Good Job" certificate have been recognized by their colleagues and community as having done a good job in beautifying their places of business. The "Nominate Your Neighbour" program is an opportunity to honour those residents who exhibit hard work and talent in making their homes and yards more attractive and tidy. If you see or know any business or home that you think should be recognized, contact Lorraine at Town Office, 403.507.4811!