

Town Hall News

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Toilet Rebate 2010 Program Underway

The Toilet Replacement Program gives Olds citizens an opportunity to receive toilet replacement Rebates for replacing old toilets with new water saving toilets. Applicants may be eligible for a toilet replacement Rebate by installing water saving six-litre, 4.5-litre or three-litre / six-litre dual flush toilets. Rebates range from \$50 to up to \$100 per toilet, and are processed in the order they are received.

Complete information and application forms are available at www.olds.ca!

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

If you need help completing your personal income tax return and you can't afford to pay for assistance, Town of Olds Social Development has individuals available who can help you complete your income tax and benefits returns.

A Drop-In service for **SENIORS** will be available in the Dieppe Room at the Royal Canadian Legion in Olds the following dates:

- ☞ 12 March 2010 10 am to 2 pm
- ☞ 16 March 2010 10 am to 2 pm
- ☞ 16 April 2010 10 am to 2 pm
- ☞ 30 April 2010 10 am to 2 pm

A Drop-Off service for **OTHERS** is available by calling Deb at 403.507.8892 (evenings). If you are within the prescribed income limits AND are in receipt of certain types of income, you may be eligible for volunteer assistance.

For more information regarding this service, contact Katharine Perich at 403.507.4847 or email kperich@olds.ca.

Domain Name Expiry: town.olds.ab.ca

Do you have your internet Home Page set to www.town.olds.ab.ca? If so, take note that this domain name will expire on 2 April 2010 and will not be renewed. The Town of Olds current domain name is **www.olds.ca**, so after 2 April, you will no longer be automatically forwarded to www.olds.ca if you type in the old domain name.

All Staff Meeting

All Town of Olds facilities will be closed from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on Tuesday 6 April to allow Town employees to attend an important All Staff Meeting. Thanks for your cooperation.

Shape the Future

Join with Olds community leaders in social development, sport, recreation and culture to work together to shape the future. The Olds Institute for Community & Regional Development and the Town of Olds present "Connecting the Dots & Shaping Our Future", with Guest Speaker & Facilitator Mark Cabaj, Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement, Saturday 20 March, 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Olds Evergreen Centre. Registration fee \$10/person, and lunch is provided. Please register by 18 March - call 403.556.4000 or email office@oldsinstitute.com.

Town Info...

Office Closures

Town Office will be closed the following days:

- Friday 2 April - Good Friday
 - Monday 5 April - Easter Monday
 - Tuesday 6 April - All Staff Meeting (all Town facilities including OAC, Arena, and Public Works will be closed)
- 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 8 March - 1.00 pm
- Monday 15 March - 3.00 pm - Policies & Priorities
- Monday 22 March - 7.00 pm
- Monday 12 April - 1.00 pm

Summer Roll Out Schedule

The Roll Out Bin Collection Schedule for April to October will be available at Town Office and at www.olds.ca by Friday 26 March. It will also be published in the 30 March issue of the *Olds Albertan*.

Keep in the Loop!

Sign up at www.olds.ca to receive Town of Olds eNews on a regular basis! This is an effective and timely way to hear about Town news FAST! Go to the home page at www.olds.ca and click on the eNews icon.

Please join us for the 10th Annual Town of Olds

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Friday 23 April 2010

Olds Evergreen Centre

FREE Admission (advance tickets required)

6.00 pm Doors Open

6.30 pm Dinner

Musical Entertainment,
featuring **Lewis & Royal**

Sponsors:



Pick up your FREE ticket at Town Office or
Shoppers Drug Mart Uptowne by 16 April!

Due to Company Restrictions, a maximum of 125 tickets will be issued.

Get Wet!

March is an exciting month at the Olds Aquatic Centre as we will be launching Triathlon Training in partnership with Olds College. Clinics are available for individual or group training for both experienced or novice triathletes. It's also your last chance to sign up for our last set of Winter Swim lessons - the Mon/Wed lessons begin 8 March and Tues/Thurs lessons on 9 March!

If you are looking for exercise that's easy on the joints, yet great for your cardio, check out Shallow & Deep Water Aquafit, Parent & Tot Aquafit/Craft & Splash, and Lane Swim, all drop-in classes designed to get you moving. Aquafit is offered Mon, Wed and Fri: Shallow Aquafit 9:00 am – 9:45 am, Deep Water Aquafit 9:45 am – 10:30 am, and Deep Water Aquafit 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm. On Tues & Thurs enjoy Deep Water Aquafit from 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm.

Parent & Tot Aquafit/Craft & Splash are offered on Mon and Wed from 10:45 am – 11:30 am. Mom or dad exercises while baby enjoys the comfort of our floating boats. To accommodate parents with other young children we have added "Craft & Splash," where siblings spend time with OAC staff creating crafts and playing in the pool.

Lane swim is offered Mon, Wed & Fri from 6:00 am – 9:00 am, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, and Mon & Wed from 8:45 pm – 9:45 pm. Tues & Thurs lane swim is from 6:00 am – 9:45 am, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, and 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Lane swim is also offered from noon – 1:00 pm on Sat & Sun. For more info about classes or other programs check out our website at www.olds.ca/aquatics.html.

YES! Programs

Dove Workshop – 17 March, 6.30 pm

The Youth Empowerment and Support Program of Chinook's Edge School Division is excited to offer this workshop at Deer

Meadow School, designed to spark discussion between young girls and their female role models, giving them the tools to help overcome beauty pressures and build a positive self image. To register contact Marjie Kershaw at 403.586.1153 or e-mail mkershaw@chinooksedge.ab.ca.

Anxiety Prevention and Information – 28 April, 7 pm, Olds High School

The YES! Program is partnering with Mental Health professionals to offer an informative session on anxiety in children and youth. As parents it can often be challenging knowing when your child is appropriately anxious, or when there is something more severe interfering with their day to day activities. Join us to learn more about the signs and symptoms of anxiety in children and youth, and how you can help. If you would like to attend this session but child care is an issue, please let us know. For more info contact Raelynn Notley at 403.550.8016 or email rnotley@chinooksedge.ab.ca.

Chamber Workshops

All workshops take place in Council Chambers, Town Office. There is no charge to attend. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required by the dates indicated. Call 403.556.7070 or email oldscham@telusplanet.net to register or if you require additional information.

23 March, 10-11 am - **Service Canada Presentation** - Work Sharing Program, Web ROE, Employment Insurance, Canada's Economic Action Plan as it relates to small business. Register by 16 March.

24 March, 9 am to noon - **Make a Good Match** - Employee Selection Strategies. Register by 17 March.

29 March, 9 am to noon - **Beyond Pay & Benefits** - Employee Retention Strategies. Register by 22 March.

Events 'n' Stuff

The Olds Municipal Library Annual **General Meeting & Open House** is coming up Wednesday 17 March, 6.30 pm at the Library (4901 50 Ave). Everyone is invited to attend and hear reports from the Board Chair and Treasurer, and the Librarian's Annual Report to the community. After the meeting portion there will be an Open House and building update.

Olds Figure Skating Club presents "Spirit of the Olympics" Ice Show on Sunday 21 March from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Olds Sportsplex. Consider this your opportunity to be part of the Olympic spirit, in the community of Olds, while providing support to local amateur athletes! Everyone welcome.

The 11th annual **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** will be held Tuesday 20 April at 7.00 am at the Olds Evergreen Centre. Catering is by Granny Jacks. This year's guest speaker is Dr. Jon Ohlhauser, former President of Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, and an academic in the field of communication connecting special interest in "how human efforts in communicating the Gospel are empowered by God's Spirit to touch the hearts of people." Tickets are \$15 each, \$13 for seniors, available at Town Office and at local churches.

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

Third Tuesday of every month, 12.15 pm to 12.45 pm at the Library (4901 59 Ave). 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.

Tickets are still available for **Doug Fox & Friends - Big Band Sound**, coming to Olds on 17 April! 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. For more info, visit www.oldskiwanis.org/concert.htm.

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