

Town Hall News

November 2009



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2009 WINTER Roll Out Bin Collection Schedule November 2009 to March 2010



- = Garbage (BLACK bin)
- = Compost (GREEN bin)
- X** = No Pickup

Effective 1 June 2007, the Town of Olds contracted with Mountain View Regional Waste Management to take over Residential Roll Out Bin Collection. The Town of Olds will continue to administer Utilities accounts and deliver bins to new residences.

For ALL other inquiries about waste collection please call MVRWM at 556-8120.

Roll Out Bins must be out for pickup by 7.00 am

There are two schedules per year - a SUMMER schedule for April to October, and a WINTER schedule for November to March.

WINTER Schedule notes

- ALL bins must be out for pickup by 7.00 am on your pickup day
- If you have ALLEY pickup, bins must be placed on EACH SIDE of the alley, depending on bin colour, as follows (*this is the same as the Summer Sched*):
 - > BLACK bins must be placed on either the NORTH or EAST side of the alley only
 - > GREEN bins must be placed on either the SOUTH or WEST side of the alley only
- If pickup on your block is only on one side, pickup location is on that side only
- GREEN bins will be picked up EVERY FOURTH WEEK ONLY (approx. once a month) due to the small volume of compost produced in winter
- ALL bins must be placed at least two feet apart from each other and from any obstacles

The Schedule is NOT disrupted by STAT HOLIDAYS unless indicated

NOVEMBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	X	X	X	X	X	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
6	X	X	X	X	X	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	X	26
27	X	29	X	X	X	31

JANUARY 2010						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	X	X	X	X	X	30

Biodegradable Compost bags for use with your Kitchen Compost Pail.
\$15 per roll of 100 bags (price subject to change)
Available at Town Office.

FEBRUARY 2010						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	X	X	X	X	X	27

MARCH 2010						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	X	X	X	X	X	27
28	29	30	31	APR 1	2	3

Friday Dec 25 BLACK bin pickup will be Tuesday Dec 29 instead
No pickup for any other customers the week of Dec 28 to Jan 1

For April to October, see Summer Schedule, available at Town Office and at www.olds.ca in March 2010.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK will be in MAY 2010.

The Schedule is available in COLOUR at Town Office and on the "Garbage Day" page at www.olds.ca

Franchise Fee Increase

Please be advised that the Town of Olds is proposing to increase the local access fee which is charged to FortisAlberta Inc. (FortisAlberta) for use of municipal lands for its power lines, effective January 2010.

This fee is recovered by FortisAlberta from its customers as the local access fee on electric billings of all customers that receive electric service in the town of Olds. The local access fee will be increased from 5.00% to 7.93% of the delivery charge of FortisAlberta, excluding energy-related riders.

The revenue from the electrical franchise fees will be used to pay for the budgeted street lighting

costs in 2010.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Cliff McDonald, Director of Corporate Services at 403.556.6981, or to Norm McInnis, CAO at 403.507.4800.

Portable Building for Sale

The Town of Olds has an ATCO portable skid-style office building for sale. The building is located at 4825 51 Street and is available for viewing at this location between the hours of 7.30 am and 3.30 pm Monday to Friday. The deadline for sealed bids is Monday 16 November. Complete details are available from the link in "News & Announcements" at www.olds.ca.

Town Info...

Office Closure 11 November

Town Office will be closed Wednesday 11 November for Remembrance Day. The Royal Canadian Legion Olds will host a community Remembrance Day service at 10.00 am at the Olds Jr/Sr High School.

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 9 November - 1.00 pm
- Monday 16 November - 3.00 pm - Policies & Priorities meeting
- Monday 23 November - 7.00 pm
- Monday 14 December - 1.00 pm

Street Light Repair - Reporting

Street lights in Olds are owned and operated by FortisAlberta, not the Town of Olds. If you see a street light in town that needs maintenance (e.g. burned-out bulb) or repair, please contact Fortis directly using one of the following methods:

1. Phone Toll Free 310-WIRE (310-9473) OR
2. Use Online Form at www.fortisalberta.com
Go to the "Customers" tab
Select "Residential"
Select "Street Light Repair" for the form

Town Council Proclamation

Town Council has proclaimed November 2009 as "Family Violence Prevention Month" in the town of Olds. For more information, go to www.child.alberta.ca/home/593.cfm.

Traffic Survey

The Town of Olds and Mountain View County are doing a Transportation Master Plan. Part of that process involves gathering data to understand the number and type of vehicle trips being made, and the general origin and destination of these trips. This information is extremely valuable for developing forecasts for future traffic patterns and infrastructure.

The Town and County would like you to take an on-line survey to provide basic information related to your typical afternoon "rush hour" travel habits. The Traffic Survey has five questions and takes less than five minutes to complete. No personal information is collected.

To take the survey, go to www.olds.ca and click on the "Traffic Survey" icon at the top of the page.

Open House

The Town of Olds and Mountain View County invite you to an Open House on Thursday 12 November from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm at the Olds Legion, to view the Transportation and Utilities Master Plans being developed for the Town of Olds and Growth Sector of Mountain View County by the Calgary firms of Bunt Engineering, BSEI (Municipal Engineers) and Synergy Planning Inc.

This Open House will provide an opportunity for Olds and Mountain View County residents and businesses to provide input into the planning process. Letting us know your thoughts and ideas is an important component in ensuring your concerns are heard and included in the overall planning and design process. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bylaw Reminders

The Town of Olds Traffic Bylaw states that trees must not be allowed to overhang a sidewalk, roadway or back alley unless at a height of 4 metres or higher. Avoid a warning or (worse) a ticket, and please trim your trees.

Parking Zone "A" Permits

Do you live in Parking Zone A (streets east of 47 Ave around Olds College)? Anyone parking in this Zone during the day needs a permit to avoid a parking ticket. Permits are available at Town Office. Proof of Residency in Zone A may be required before any permit is issued.

Snow on Sidewalks

Town of Olds Community Peace Officers will again be vigorously enforcing 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. For serious or repeated infractions, a charge under the Bylaw may be laid carrying a fine of between \$250 and \$500.

Olds Fashioned Christmas

Whew! we've made it past Hallowe'en, so now you can go to www.olds.ca and click on "Christmas in Olds!" This page has just been updated with all of the latest information on this year's Olds Fashioned Christmas activities, including the new 2009 Calendar of Events. Plus, tickets are now available at Town Office for the Olds Fashioned Festival of Trees to be held 27 and 28 November. Check it out! Interested in volunteering with OFC activities this year? Call Town Office at 403.556.6981 or email olds-fas@olds.ca.

Light Up Festival 28 November

At the annual Light Up Festival which is held the last Saturday of November every year, Centennial Park and the Cow Palace are transformed into a winter wonderland, featuring a spectacular light display, Kiwanis Heritage Village and skating pond (weather permitting), along with fireworks, food, entertainment, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus! This year's events:

- ❖ **Mrs. Santa's Kitchen** – Cow Palace – free hot dogs, hot chocolate & coffee – 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm
- ❖ **Maple Sugaring** – Centennial Park – first pour 4.30 pm, second pour 4.45 pm, third pour 5.15 pm, last pour 5.30 pm
- ❖ **Santa Claus Parade of Lights** – Uptowne Olds – 5.00 pm. Parade route available on the OFC page at www.olds.ca. Parade route may be shortened depending on weather conditions.
- ❖ **Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus** – Cow Palace – after Parade, approx. 5.30 pm
- ❖ **Entertainment & Children's Activities** – Cow Palace – 5.30 pm
- ❖ **Hayrides**, Centennial Park – 5.30 pm to 7 pm

All activities are FREE, and take place in Centennial Park and indoors at the Cow Palace, located near the Uptowne Olds at the corner of 50 Avenue and 54 Street.

Check the Olds Fashioned Christmas Calendar of Events at www.olds.ca for details and times of other Olds Fashioned Christmas events.

Events 'n' Stuff

Give a child a gift through **Operation Christmas Child!** Olds First Baptist Church at 50th St and 53rd Ave is the local collection centre for shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and other gifts for needy children in developing countries. The church will be open during the week of 16-21 November for shoebox drop off. Call 403.556.3219 if you require additional information.

The Olds Library presents **Pyjama Story Time - A Midnight Madness Event for Kids**, on Saturday 20 November from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, for kids ages 3 to 7 years. This is a great opportunity for parents to get in some Christmas shopping alone while their kids have a fun, relaxing time. Parents, drop your children off at the Library in their pyjamas at 7 pm, where they will listen to a story and make a Christmas craft. This is a no-cost event.

Can't get to Midnight Madness? 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.

Bean Brokers (Hwy 27) presents an **ESL Coffee House**, the first Thursday of every month, from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. This free event aims to get people in the community together who need and want to learn more english and who don't know very many people in Olds. The coffee house is a walk-in format where you can come and go as you please. Free coffee and tea are provided.

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!

Discover Canada without even leaving your living room! That's what **Katimavik**, Canada's leading national youth service program has to offer if you become a host family between 20 and 29 November 2009. This organization is looking for families willing to host Katimavik participants aged 17 to 21 from across Canada. For info, visit www.katimavik.org or visit their blog at www.gokatimavik.com.