

Town of OLDS Connector

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Record Attendance for Canada Day Celebrations

Another successful Town of Olds Canada Day celebration is in the books!

2019 saw record crowds attend the parade and watch over 50 floats in the procession. The overall champion float was awarded to Olds College, who are the first recipients of a hand-carved mascot trophy named "Oliver - as you can find him 'all over' Olds!"

Festivities in Centennial Park included bouncy houses and booths with face painting, popcorn and balloon animals to name just a few.

There was a record 1500 hotdogs served by the Kiwanis Club along with 1500 cupcakes handed out to residents by the Town of Olds Mayor and Council.

A huge thank you to our community volunteers and service clubs who assist in making Canada Day extra special for Town residents and visitors. The Canada Day committee has already started planning for next year's event, so if you are interested in volunteering on this committee, please contact Heather Dixon at 403-556-6981 or hdixon@olds.ca

Cornerstone Art Commons Murals - Call for Artists!

The Town of Olds is currently welcoming Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local artists to create murals this summer for three of the 4ft x 8ft art frames located at the Cornerstone Art Commons (46 Street and 65 Avenue).

This work is scheduled to be completed by September 20, 2019.

Details on how to apply and further information on the "Call for Artists" project is available on our website: <https://www.olds.ca/discover-olds/heritage-arts-culture>
Please note - the deadline for applications is July 19, 2019.

As pictured to the left, the frames are currently showcasing photos taken from the Canada 150 project called "Eye of the Lens".



PUBLIC NOTICE - The Splash Park will be closed indefinitely due to an operating system (tank) failure. The Town is working in consultation with the Splash Park supplier to determine next steps.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The Valiant Five

A storytelling performance written and articulated by Mary Hays was held on Tuesday, June 4 during Seniors Week, and again in the Centennial Park Gazebo during our Canada Day Celebrations.

The Famous or Valiant Five were prominent Canadian suffragists who advocated for women and children.

Weekly Grass Mowing Recommended!

The best weed killer is prevention! Town of Olds Municipal Enforcement is asking residents to please care for and mow lawns on a weekly basis to aid in weed control and regular grooming for aesthetics. The best way to control dandelions and other weeds in your yard is to grow a thick, vigorous lawn. Dense grass crowds out weeds and blocks the sunlight that their seeds need to germinate. Your neighbours will thank you!

National Indigenous Peoples Day

The 2019 National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration saw over 1500 people in attendance.

860 Chinook's Edge students were fed a lunch of bannock and bison chilli, and were ready for a day of understanding and learning about Indigenous and Métis cultures of Canada. Local Elder John Sinclair shared a message of equality with the youth in attendance, noting that, "The Creator made life for us, he put the air, he put a sun, he put the earth, water, plants and animals, everything that gives us life, he put it all there. Then finally he created us because we needed all of that to live and when we were made we were all made with two legs, two arms, two eyes, two ears, right? That means we're all the same." (Olds Albertan, June 28, 2019)

The Town of Olds would like to thank the volunteers of the National Indigenous Peoples Day Committee for all their hard work in bringing this important event to Olds.



Increase in Sewer Problems



Did you know the Town of Olds has seen an increased amount of sewer problems in town. Please take heed on what you are flushing down sinks and toilets.

What is truly Flushable?

It isn't cotton swabs, dental floss or feminine hygiene products and it is definitely NOT baby wipes. It doesn't matter if the package is marked as "flushable", baby wipes do not actually break down in the sewage system. Moreover, wipes compound problems already caused by non-desireables such as fats, oils and greases, which grab onto the wipes and snowball into huge blockages. These products collect in our pipes and plug up the Town's infrastructure costing a great deal of money on maintenance and repairs.

Please do your part and help maintain the Town's infrastructure by following these guidelines and only flush human waste and toilet paper.

What if the label says Flushable?

Products that say they're flushable - like tampons and wipes - may make it down your toilet, but they might not make it through the sewer line. There are currently no regulations to specify which products can be labelled "flushable". Municipalities around the world are developing standards to more accurately label whether products are truly flushable. For now, PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE TRASH!

For further information, please check out our website <https://www.olds.ca/town-services/water-wastewater>

Aquatic Centre Reduced Hours Monday, August 5, 2019

11:30 - 1:00 pm Lane & Tot Swim
1:00 - 3:00 pm Public Swim



Join us THURSDAYS 5-7 pm for a BBQ in a PARK!

The Great Neighbours Program is an initiative connecting residents by helping neighbours get to know one another and the Town better.

Town of Olds staff will join residents at each park in an effort to collect information about what people love about our Town, our parks and greenspaces.

You are invited to come out and join us each Thursday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm for a hot dog BBQ and fun family activities.

July 11
July 18
July 25
Aug 1
Aug 8
Aug 15
Aug 22
Sept 5
Sept 12
Sept 19
Sept 26

Ralph Maybank Memorial Park (5001 56 Avenue)
Neil Leatherdale Park (4249 54 Avenue)
Vista's Rotary Playground (49 Valiant Crescent)
Craig's Corner Park (4614 56 Street)
Highlands Playground (32 Breigel Road)
Kiwanis Park, 56 Avenue & 58 Street (5511 56 Street)
Hartman Green (5507 53 Street)
Lion's Balsam Crescent (43 Balsam Crescent)
57A Close Park (5707 57 Close)
Centennial Park (5037 53 Street)
Deer Meadow School (5411 61 Avenue)