

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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IT'S A COUNTY FACT!

Emergencies involving County roads or utilities can be reported to staff 24 hours a day. After business hours, call (780) 398-3977 for Public Works issues or (780) 398-3939 for Utilities and then follow the prompts.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Apr. 21, 2011 - Special Council Meeting at 9:30 a.m. - Auditors from Wilde & Co. will present the 2010 Audited Financial Statements of the County of Thorhild.

Apr. 26 & May 10, 2011 - Regular Council Meetings

Regular Council meetings commence at 9:30 a.m. in the County Administration Building and are open to the public.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS & MINUTES

You can obtain agenda packages and approved minutes on our website (www.thorhildcounty.com) or at the County Administration Building.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Please be advised that County offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 22 and Easter Monday, April 25. Have a safe & enjoyable weekend!

SWIMMING POOL

Staff is now planning for a busy season of swimming lessons, aquasizes, Moms and tots, and lots of fun summer activities. Please watch for the schedule soon to come!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

Wow, it's almost time for spring clean up! What am I going to do with all these old paint cans, expired farm chemicals and the rest of these items that have been collecting since last clean up?

Bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup being held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Thorhild Emergency Response Centre located at 21416 TWP Rd 600A (west of the Public Works shop).

2011 Dust Control

We are now accepting applications with payment for dust control products. This year we are offering oil or calcium. The last date to sign up and pay regular prices for these products is Friday, April 29, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the Public Works Office - ONLY. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN MAY 1 - 31, 2011 AT AN EXTRA COST OF \$100.00 PER APPLICATION. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Have you updated your mailing address with the County of Thorhild No. 7 Tax Department?

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Fire Permits

REMEMBER, Fire Permits are required year round for all types of fires and are necessary to monitor, control and promote safe burning activities.

For fire permit issuance, please contact Brett Demary, Emergency Operations Supervisor, at (780) 398-2828.

2011 Weed & Brush Control Program

Agriculture Service Board staff will soon commence its 2011 weed and brush control program along the right of ways within the County.

Landowners not wanting spraying to be conducted along their properties are requested to visit the County Agriculture office to sign a No Spray Agreement, which is valid for the year it is signed, and pick up 'DO NOT SPRAY SIGNS', which must be visibly posted on your property. Landowners who sign agreement are responsible to control the weeds and brush along the No Spray Zones. **Agreements must be signed prior to Friday, May 13, 2011.**

For further information, please contact the Agriculture office at (780) 398-3978. Thank you for your co-operation during the 2011 spraying season.

Community Adult Learning

If you have any ideas for courses you'd like to see offered or if you have any skills or knowledge you would like to share with others in the community, please contact Carolyn at (780) 398-3978 or carolyn@thorhildcounty.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Free Festival and Event Planning Workshop

A speaker from Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation will present information on how to start or grow your festival or event on Thursday, April 28 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the County Office. Refreshments and a light supper will be provided. Please call Carol at (780) 398-2806 to register by April 21, 2011.

Community Organization Database Update

The Community Resource Coordinator is currently updating the information listings for all Community Non-Profit organizations in the County of Thorhild. Please contact Carol Kassian at (780) 398-2806 or carolk@thorhildcounty.com to update your organization contact information. We are looking for the following information: Organization Name, mailing address, president and their contact information (telephone #, email address).

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Water Meter Maintenance

We are underway in changing water meters in the Hamlet

Please notify the Tax department if you have recently moved or changed your mailing address within the last year. This will ensure that all mailing of Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be delivered in a timely manner. Please contact Cindy Hutchinson at (780) 398-2822.

of Thorhild to upgrade our system to an Automated Meter Reading program. If a utility serviceman has not been to your home to change your water meter or to do some maintenance that is required for this program, please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811 to arrange for an appointment.

DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG!

ALBERTA ONE CALL 1 - 800 - 242 - 3447

If you are planning **ANY** excavation work, please call Alberta One Call. Line locates are only valid for a two-week period; any work commencing after that time must have line locations re-confirmed again.

Natural Gas Construction

If you will be requesting a Natural Gas service installation to your property this year please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811. The sooner we get all the paperwork in order, plan a route, etc the better we can arrange construction to fit everyone's schedule.