

# COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Jan. 24, 2012 - Regular Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**

**Feb. 14, 2012 - Regular Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**

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](http://www.thorhildcounty.com)) or at the County Administration Building.

### OFFICE CLOSURES

All County Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 for Family Day. We wish County residents a happy and safe long weekend!

### LONG LAKE SKI HILL

The hill will be opening as soon as snow/snowmaking conditions become more favorable. Please call (780) 576-2161, 1-866-576-2161, or visit the website at [www.skilonglake.com](http://www.skilonglake.com) for details on current conditions or available employment opportunities.

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### Equipment Registration

Local contractors wishing to work with the County for the 2012 season must register their equipment by February 14, 2012. Please see the full ad in the Review or call Public Works at (780) 398-3977 for a copy to be faxed to you.

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

#### Gas Leaks

**Reminder:** If you discover and report a gas smell that leads to a confirmed underground gas leak, you will be rewarded a **\$100.00 credit** on your gas bill or towards a natural gas infill.

#### Truckfill Rates (\*Effective Jan 1, 2012\*)

Rates for Thorhild, Radway, Egremont, Abee and Newbrook stations are:

- Residential - \$6.00 per cubic meter consumed.
- Industrial - \$8.00 per cubic meter consumed.

#### Natural Gas Construction 2012

If anyone is interested in a Natural Gas Service to their property for 2012, please contact Ken Reil at (780) 398-2819.

### AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Rural Women's Conference

Friday, February 24, 2012 at Radway Agri-Centre  
Doors Open 5:30 PM Tickets: \$35.00

This year we are Celebrating 25 Years of Living, Laughing, Loving and Learning. Evening will include supper, door prizes, purse exchange, fashion show and speaker. Also, Hypnotist Sebastian Steel is coming back.

This is an evening not to be missed so register early as seats are limited for this fun filled evening. For more information or to register please call Carolyn at the County of Thorhild at (780) 398-3978.

#### Shelterbelt Program

For rural land owners of 2 hectares (5 acres) or more, acquiring free trees under the Prairie Shelterbelt Program, completed & signed applications are accepted until March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Tree orders are still on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis with distribution May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Distribution is a one day event at County of Thorhild ASB Shop. All successful applications will be notified of schedule.

For full details visit AAFC Agroforestry Centre online at [www.agr.gc.ca/shelterbelt](http://www.agr.gc.ca/shelterbelt).

Applications are available at the County ASB office.

#### Upcoming Courses

Course	Date	Fee
CORE (Absession) - Monday nights for 7 weeks	Jan. 30 - Mar. 19	\$55
Zumba Fitness - Monday nights for 7 weeks	Jan. 30 - Mar. 19	\$85
Zumba - Tuesday nights for 8 weeks	Jan. 31 - Mar. 20	\$100
Bootcamp - Wednesday nights for 8 weeks	Feb. 1 - Mar. 21	\$100
Shape-up - Thursday mornings for 8 weeks	Feb. 2 - Mar. 22	\$100
Restricted Firearm Safety	Feb. 8	\$100
Intermediate Watercolor Tuesday nights (6 weeks)	Feb. 21 - Mar. 27	\$165
Adult Drop In Soccer Thorhild Central School	Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm	\$2/evening

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#### Bylaw Reminders

**SNOW REMOVAL ON OUR STREETS.** In the County's several Hamlets, snow removal operations will occur following snow storms. In most cases, the work is performed by the County's Public Works department. In the case of Highway 827 through Thorhild and Hwy 661 through Newbrook, Carillion is the Province's contractor

Infill Charges for 2012 are as follows:

- Urban - \$3000.00 Per service installation in a hamlet.
- D Rural - \$5500.00 Per service installation outside a hamlet.

Utility Bill Payment Options

All County Utility bills can be paid at most financial institutions either by online banking, telephone banking, or in person. The County also offers a Pre Authorized Withdrawal; this means that we can debit your account on the last day of every month for the balance that is outstanding. Payments also can be mailed or dropped off at the County office.

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.

that performs the work. When work needs to be performed, the Chief Administrator Officer (CAO) for the County can cause temporary "No Parking" signs to be placed along the routes to be cleared. These signs will give vehicle owners time to relocate the vehicles so that the work can occur unhindered. Failure to remove the private vehicles could result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

**(County of Thorhild No.7 Bylaw No. 1154-2011, Sect 4.31 and Sect 4.32)**

**GARBAGE COLLECTION IN THE HAMLETS.** The waste containers from each household or business can only be present at the "collection point" or "curb side" for a short duration. The removal of waste in a municipality is a necessity however; the waste containers do add an increased hazard to those using the roads and sidewalks during the short duration that they are present. With this in mind, waste containers can only be placed at the "collection point" or "curb side" after 7:00 PM on the night before "collection day" and must be removed back to the owner's property no later than 9:00 PM on "collection day". A Warning will be administered for the first offence followed by fines commencing at \$100 for subsequent breaches.

**(County of Thorhild No.7 Bylaw No. 1145-2011, Sect 5.4 and Sect 5.5)**

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.