

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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IT'S A COUNTY FACT!

The County of Thorhild highly values the safety of its 43 volunteer firefighters. In accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, the department possesses 26 Fire fighter protective ensembles, each worth \$2500, which must be replaced every 10 years. Individuals interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter are encouraged to call Brett Demary at (780) 398-2828.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 27, 2010 August 10 & 24, 2010

Regular & Special 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.

THORHILD SWIMMING POOL

Renovations to the pool are nearly complete and operation will tentatively begin in early August. Please call Angela at (780) 398-2812 to have your name put on an interest list for swimming lessons, aqua size classes, and private pool rentals.

A Grand Re-Opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 10 am with MLA Jeff Johnson and MP Brian Storseth in attendance. Events include a ribbon cutting, refreshments, pool tour, and a free swim sponsored by FOTSPA and the County of Thorhild. Please attend to show your support for this facility!

Maintenance work has now been completed on the cook shack north of the Swimming Pool. We encourage residents and visitors to enjoy its use.

2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nomination Day is Monday, September, 20, 2010. Information packages for potential candidates will be available online or at the County Office after August 3rd. Alberta Municipal Affairs will be holding an information session for individuals interested in running for municipal office. It will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in Morinville, Alberta. Call (780) 264-5333 to register or visit www.elections2010.info.

Election Day is Monday, October 18, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please check the website, the Review, and future utility bill inserts for information on advance polls, changes to electoral divisional boundaries, and locations of polling stations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Opal Road Overlay

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Summer Programs

Our summer fun is in full gear and only 3 left to get in on and enjoy!!!

Program	Date	Age	Time	Fee
Bowling/Laser Tag	Aug. 4	9 - 13	9 am-4 pm	\$20
Movie Matinee	Aug. 19	12+	10 am-4 pm	\$15
Millennium Place	Aug. 24	9 - 13	9 am-4 pm	\$10

Call (780) 398-3978 for more information or to register.

Long Lake Picnic and Play

Meet us at Long Lake from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on July 28th, August 11th and 25th for a day of Sun, Sand & Surf for the little ones and their families. Please bring along a picnic lunch, sand/water toys, a hat and plenty of sunscreen. There is no cost to attend although registration is required for planning purposes and contact information in case of inclement weather. Please register by calling (780) 398-2809 or emailing tammy@thorhildcounty.com

Parent/Child Morning Groups

Our informal parent/child drop-in play groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the Parent Link Centre will be continuing throughout the summer. Please call (780) 398-2809 for a more detailed summer schedule.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Natural Gas Construction

If you are interested in a natural gas service to your property for 2010 please contact Jessica at 780-398-2811 as soon as possible. This will be to ensure that we can get everything organized (paperwork, plan a route, etc) to be able to complete the construction before the ground freezes.

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.

Potable Truckfill

All potable truckfills in the County (Abee, Thorhild, Egremont, Radway, & Newbrook) are now operated on a prepaid pin system. If you still have a key for Egremont or Radway please return it to the office to setup up a new account and you will then be no longer charged the monthly service charge. To set up an account please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811. The same pin information will be then operational at all potable truckfills.

Truckfill Updates

The Opal Road overlay is now complete. We are waiting for the company to remove their stakes and then we will be able to mow the ditches.

Roadside Mowing

This year we will be mowing the east/west roads. We start by mowing every second road and then return to do the rest

Correction Line Road

The work on the Correction Line Road is complete except for some minor clean up.

Summer Graveling

Our summer graveling program is progressing as weather allows. We ask that you be patient as this program takes place. **Be prepared to stop, slow down when you meet a gravel truck and allow extra room between your vehicle and the gravel truck so that you are easily visible to the trucker. The truckers will pull over and let you pass, if it is safe for them to do so**

County Roads affected by Mill Creek Fire

Most of these roads have been re-graveled once and some will need another application of gravel at a later date

Opal Road North

Opal Road North from Hwy 18 to SH661 will be undergoing a re-grade for approximately the next two weeks. **Please be advised that there will be some disruption to traffic along that road and we ask for your patience as this work progresses.**

Please be advised as of March 1, 2010, each customer that uses the County truckfill services will be required to carry their own attachment to hook onto the spout as per Alberta Environment Code. The attachment that will be needed is a 3 inch female cam lock fitting and any length size of hose that is desired. These fittings can be found at most hardware stores.

Utility Billing

Beginning August 1, 2010, Preauthorized Payments will be available to pay your utility bills automatically by your bank on the first business day of each month. This will also apply to our Budget Payment Plan customers. Please contact Monique Michetti at (780) 398-2825 for further information or to request an application.

Beginning August 1, 2010 **ALL** payments for utility bills will be due on the last day of the month.

For any questions or concerns regarding your utility account (billing/service) please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811 or email jessica@thorhildcounty.com.