

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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IT'S A COUNTY FACT!

So far in 2010, a total of 3158 hours have been dedicated to emergency response and training by County staff and volunteer responders.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Jan. 11 & 25, 2011 - Regular Council Meetings, 9:30 a.m.

**Please note that the Council meeting originally scheduled for December 28, 2010 has been cancelled.*

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURES

All County Offices will be closed from Friday, December 24 to Friday, December 31 (inclusive) and will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2011. **The Public Works and Utilities Departments will have employees on call to provide essential services during this time.** In case of an emergency, call Public Works at (780) 398-3977 and the emergency/after hours center (Kyetech) will answer, take your information and then contact the on-call employee(s). The Utilities Emergency number is (780) 398-3939. Please do not call grader operators, Public Works, or Utilities staff at home.

We would like to wish County residents all the very best during this holiday season!

STAFF SAFETY MEETING

County offices will be closed on Friday, January 7, 2011 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. so that all staff members may participate in an OH & S meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Hamlet of Thorhild StandStone Garbage Pick up

Friday, Dec. 24, 2010 - REGULAR PICK UP

Friday, Dec. 31, 2010 - REGULAR PICK UP & RECYCLABLES

Thorhild & Long Lake Landfill Holiday Closures

Saturday, December 25, 2010 - CLOSED

Sunday, December 26, 2010 - CLOSED

Saturday, January 1, 2011 - CLOSED

Thorhild & Long Lake Landfill **Change** in Hours

Effective, Monday, January 10, 2011, Thorhild & Long Lake Landfills will be changing the days they are open.

Long Lake Landfill - Thursdays & Sundays - 9:00 am - 5:00pm

Thorhild Landfill - Wednesdays & Saturdays - 9:00am-5:00 pm

THESE DAYS & TIMES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL

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.

Community Organizations/Groups

We are in the process of updating our Welcome Packages and need updated information on all Community Organizations/Groups in the County of Thorhild as well as their contact information. Please call the Community Services office at 780-398-3978 with your information.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

"CC" Valve Maintenance

The County has been underway in doing maintenance on or replacing "cc" valves in the Hamlet of Thorhild. Residents will be notified when their area is scheduled for this maintenance.

Water Meter Maintenance

We are underway in changing water meters in the Hamlet 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.

Utility Billing

PLEASE NOTE* Beginning January 2011 the previous Preauthorized Payment remittance date will be changed to the Utility bill due date being the last day of every month. After the January 1, 2011 bill payment date, the next billing will be preauthorized to withdraw payments on January 31, 2011.

Preauthorized payments are now available for all utilities accounts. Please contact Monique at (780) 398-2825 for further information or to request an application.

Utility payments may be deposited into the drop box located outside at the south end of the Administration office. For any questions or concerns regarding your utility account (billing/service) please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811 or email jessica@thorhildcounty.com.

FURTHER NOTICE.

D Snowplow Flags

Please pick up any flags you may need before 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 23, 2010.

Resident Plowing

When plowing out your own driveway or having a private contractor plow, the snow must be pushed to the right of your driveway. SNOW is not to be pushed across the road into the opposite ditch as this leaves ridges in the road and if a vehicle was to hit these ridges and sustain damage to the vehicle, its driver, or its passengers, you, the landowner could be held liable for these damages.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

2011 TIPPS (Tax Installment Payment Plan)

BENEFITS OF TIPPS PROGRAM

- 12 equal monthly payments.
- **No penalties on accounts in good standing.**
- Automatically withdrawn from bank account every month.
- No post dated cheques.
- No mailing issues.
- No big tax payment on June 30th.

All Tax accounts must be at a \$0.00 (zero) balance to start the TIPPS program. Deadline for 2011 tax year is January 14, 2011. Tax Installment Payment Plan forms are available at the County of Thorhild office from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, closed for lunch from 12 Noon to 1:00 pm., or at www.thorhildcounty.com under The Community - Public Notices section. Please contact Cindy Hutchinson at (780) 398-2822 for further information.

Personal Information Changes to Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Sewer Permits

Please notify the Planning and Taxation Department at (780) 398-3741 of any changes pertaining to change in address, phone number, cell numbers or changes with contractors to enable us to update your permit information. This will enable the Planning Department and Inspections Group Inc. to process your permit in an expedient manner.