

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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IT'S A COUNTY FACT!

County staff assembled and distributed 32 hampers through the Christmas hamper campaign in December 2010. These hampers provided food and gift items for 71 adults and 50 children. Although a large number of items were donated, there was a noticeable shortage of items appropriate for teenagers.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Jan. 25, 2011 & Feb. 8, 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.

LONG LAKE SKI HILL

The ski hill is now open Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The hill is also open to the public on certain weekdays during school programs. Please call 1-866-576-2161 or check online at www.skilonglake.com for availability and updates on ski conditions.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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 FURTHER NOTICE.

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 so that the grader does not put it back into the driveway when plowing the road. 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

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.

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES Community Adult Learning - Upcoming Programs

Course	Date	Fee
Power Stretching	Jan. 25	\$20
Self Care-Head, Hands, Feet	Feb. 8	\$50 or \$75/pair
Ukrainian Classics - Perogies	Feb. 11	\$40
Air Brakes	Feb. 12	\$155
Non-Restr. Firearm Safety	Feb. 22 or Feb. 27	\$100
Rural Women's Conference	Feb. 25	\$30
Ballroom Dance	Mar. 1 - Apr. 26	\$200/couple
Restricted Firearm Safety	Mar. 1	\$60

Please call (780) 398-3978 to register for any programs listed.

2% Liquid Strychnine

County of Thorhild Agricultural Services Department will be ordering 2% Liquid Strychnine for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels this year (2011).

You MUST PRE-ORDER BEFORE FEBRUARY 25, 2011.

Please call (780) 398-3978 for information and to place your pre-order.

Strychnine will be sold in 250 mg bottles for \$10.00 per bottle. (Same paper work and conditions as last year).

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.

Upcoming Parent Link Programs Webcast Series—Evening Group 4:00-6:00 pm, Council Chambers

Influences on Behaviors — Monday January 24th

Many factors influence child behavior. Learn about the power of observation, behavior as communication, and reasons children engage in certain behaviors.

Behavior Prevention — Monday February 7, 2011

Most of our time and effort should be focused on proactive strategies. Explore relationship factors, how children learn, and ways to encourage positive behavior. **Please PRE-REGISTER for the above programs at the Parent Link Centre, FCSS office or by calling 780-398-2809 or 780-398-3978. A \$10.00 refundable deposit will be required at the time of registration.**

Messy Mondays

This program is designed to give children the opportunity to engage in activities they may not get to do at home because of the "mess" it makes. Due to nature of the activities and space limitations this program can only accommodate 4 participants per each 3 week session. Participants **must pre-register** for the program. Parents will be required to assist their children with the activities. **Please note:** Before registering your child for this program please consider their attention span and ability to stay engaged in planned activities. Please call 780-398-2809 to register for this program.

Email Distribution list: If you would like to receive the Parent Link Calendars and Notices via email please Email tammy@thorhildcounty.com Subject: Calendars

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

*The Preauthorized Payment remittance date for your utility bill has been changed to the **due date (being the last day of every month)**. The next preauthorized payment to be withdrawn will be **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 also 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.