

COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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IT'S A COUNTY FACT!

The Thorhild Swimming Pool holds 67,500 gallons of water and has a total capacity of 103 adult patrons.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 28 & July 12, 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.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR A CLASS II LANDFILL

A Joint Report from Administration regarding the Development Permit for a Class II Landfill submitted on behalf of Waste Management of Canada was presented to County Council on June 14, 2011. This report is available online at <http://www.thorhildcounty.com/publicnotices.htm> or at the Admin Office.

OFFICE CLOSURES

Please be advised that County offices will be closed on Friday, July 1, 2011. Happy Canada Day!

IMPORTANT 2011 CENSUS INFORMATION

In addition to the 2011 Census, one in three households will be asked to participate in the new National Household Survey (NHS). The information collected in the NHS will provide data needed to plan and support family services, housing, roads and public transportation, and skills training for employment.

Your information will help paint a detailed and comprehensive picture of Canadian society. If you receive the NHS, please support your community and complete the survey. For more information about the NHS, visit www.nhs.statcan.gc.ca.

THORHILD SWIMMING POOL EVENTS

Canada Day - Fun activities for after the parade including face painting, relays, water fights, beach volleyball, and contests. Please call to register. Intended for children aged 5 and up. There is no fee but please bring a food bank donation.

Thorhild Lions Club Free Swim - July 1st from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Lessons & Aquasizes - Offered all throughout the summer. Please call (780) 398-3730 for a detailed schedule.

Rentals - Please call about booking the pool for your birthday, club wind-up or any special event!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Standstone Waste Services

There will be regular garbage and recycle pickup services on Friday, July 1, 2011.

AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2011 Summer Programs

July 7 - Golf	Age: 12+	\$10
July 18 - Jurassic Forest	Age: 7 - 10	\$10
July 26 - Paintball	Age: 12+	\$35 (or \$25 with own equip.)
July 28 - Gymnastics/Swimming	Age: 7 - 11	\$15
August 4 - Metis Crossing	Age: 10 - 14	\$20
August 15 - Vertically Inclined/Movie	Age: 7 - 11	\$25
August 18 & 19 - Babysitter Safety	Age: 11+	\$20
August 23 - Paintball	Age: 12+	\$35 (or \$25 with own equip.)

Please register 10 days before the scheduled program date. For more information or to register please contact Carolyn Sedlowsky @ 780-398-3978 or by e-mail carolyn@thorhildcounty.com

Long Lake Picnic & Play

Sun, sand, & surf for the little ones and their families. Please bring along your favorite sand toys, a bagged lunch, and plenty of sunscreen!

Dates: June 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Age: 0 - 6 years

Fee: No Charge

YOU MUST pre-register with Tammy at (780) 398-2809 or tammy@thorhildcounty.com in order to be notified of any dates changes or cancellations due to inclement weather.

Bylaw Reminders

UNSIGHTLY PROPERTIES: Your properties, or the residence that you are renting, can easily transform into "Unsightly Properties" or become "Nuisance Properties" this time of year by simple neglecting to mow your grass on a regular basis and /or allowing refuse to accumulate on your property.

Solution - Maintain a neat and tidy yard sight by mowing the lawn regularly and taking refuse to the County's Waste Transfer Stations (Thorhild and Long Lake) and/or using the scheduled waste pick-up contractors that service the County's Hamlets.

(County of Thorhild No.7 Bylaw No. 1135-2010)

"DOGS AT LARGE": Ownership of a dog can be extremely rewarding however; this self-initiated obligation to the dog comes with responsibilities, not only to your dog but also to those in the communities or county side that you live amongst. Remember to keep your dogs on your property, and when walking them, keep them on a leash and "pick-up

Summer Graveling

Our summer graveling program will begin early in July. We ask that you be patient as this program takes place. **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. BE PREPARED TO STOP!**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

2011 Combined Assessment and Tax Notice Deadline

The 2011 property taxes are due June 30, 2011. A penalty of 10% will be applied on July 1st to all current tax levies not paid. With the recent postal strike; please check with your bank for the following payment options available to assist with making your tax payment:

- Internet banking
- Telephone banking
- Paying directly at bank

Other options available include:

- Using the drop box at South door at the County of Thorhild office building or
- Paying directly at the County office, located at 801 - 1st Street, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday and closed from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. for lunch

Any questions please call Cindy Hutchinson at (780) 398-2822.

after them". Dogs found to be "running at large" or running free on your neighbors' properties or on Public / County Land will be picked-up by Bylaw Enforcement and Bylaw Fines and Pound Fees will be applied.

Solution - Enjoy your pet but keep your responsibilities and public safety always at the forefront.

(Village of Thorhild Bylaw No.03-2008)

(County of Thorhild No.7 Bylaw No. 1024-2002)

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.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Water Meter Maintenance

We are underway in changing water meters in the Hamlet of Thorhild and Newbrook 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.

Equalization Payments

Equalization payments are a monthly payment plan. The payment amount for each month is based on the average of last year's consumption and service charges (May 2010 - May 2011). If you are interested in equalization payments for your utility account or have any questions, please contact Jessica at (780) 398-2811.

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.

Safety Tips for Drivers of Passenger Vehicles

- Stay out of blind spots! Stay far enough behind big trucks so that you can see both side mirrors on the truck. If you can't see the truck driver, he can't see you either!

- Never cut in front of these vehicles.

- Allow yourself extra time to pass a big rig.

- Signal well in advance when planning to turn or change lanes.

- If you are driving beside a truck - watch for turn signals as trucks require a wide turning radius.