

# COUNTY OF THORHILD COMMUNICATOR



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## ***IT'S A COUNTY FACT!***

The County of Thorhild covers an area of 199,936 hectares or 494,053 acres. There are approximately 1863 dwellings in this municipality.

## ***UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS***

**Nov. 21, 2011 - Regular Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**  
(this meeting was originally scheduled for Nov. 22, 2011)

**Dec. 8, 2011 - Special Council Meeting - 9:30 a.m.**  
(to discuss the 2012 budget)

**Dec. 13, 2011 - 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.

## ***PUBLIC WORKS***

### Driveway Site Lines

If you have issues with site lines when exiting your driveway due to brush in the County road allowance, please contact Public Works at (780) 398-3977 and you will be put on a list to have the brush cleared when our mulcher is in the area.

We will only be removing the brush from the County road allowance and only far enough back from the driveway to correct site lines for your safety.

**NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE REMOVING BRUSH IN YOUR FENCELINE, ONLY ON THE COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY.**

## ***PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT***

### Notice to County of Thorhild No. 7 Ratepayers

A 15% penalty will be applied to all outstanding tax balances on December 1, 2011. Payments can be made during office hours (8:00 am - 4:30 pm, closed between 12:00 - 1:00 pm), by online banking, or dropped off in the box near the south doors of the Administration building located at 801 - 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Thorhild.

## ***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.

### 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.

## ***AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES***

### Share in the Christmas Spirit

### 2011 Christmas Hamper Campaign

Once again we are looking for donations of non-perishable goods, mitts, coats, toys and monetary donations to be used for the Christmas hampers. Donations will be accepted at the County of Thorhild Community Services office. For more information please contact Corinne Arsenault at (780) 398-2813 or the Community Services Department at (780) 398-3978.

### Great Christmas Gift Idea

Ian Tyson Excursion - January 13, 2012  
Leaving at 4:00 pm from the County Admin Building  
Cost is \$50 and includes ticket and transportation

### Save this Date

25<sup>th</sup> Rural Women's Conference - Friday, February 24, 2012 at Radway Agri-Centre  
Celebrating 25 Years of Living, Laughing, Loving and Learning. Hypnotist Sebastian Steele is back. You won't want to miss this one! Watch for more information.

### Babysitter Safety

Great training program for teens or pre-teens.  
January 20 from 4pm-7pm and January 21 from 9am-4pm  
Cost \$ 25  
To register call Carolyn at 780-398-3978 or e-mail [carolyn@thorhildcounty.com](mailto:carolyn@thorhildcounty.com)

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

### Shopping Market Opportunity

Do you have a cottage based business such as Avon, Tupperware, Arbonne, etc. that appeals to women? Plans are underway for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Women's Conference in Radway on Friday, February 24, 2012.

If you are interested in setting up a display table as part of a Women's Shopping Market at the conference please contact the Carolyn at the County of Thorhild office at (780) 398-3978 before January 31, 2012.

Please register your business early as space is limited.

### Important Reminder

The Emergency Services Department is responding to an increasing number of fires started by faulty electrical wiring in abandoned cattle sheds and outbuildings. Residents are reminded to check and/or disconnect electrical services that are no longer needed and to ensure that block heaters in vehicles and equipment are working properly.

### Bylaw Reminders

**Traffic Safety Bylaw** - this bylaw was passed by Council on October 11, 2011. It addresses speed limits, parking

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.

restrictions, and other safety issues in both hamlets and rural areas of the County. Copies are available at the Admin office or it may be viewed online.

**Solid Waste Collection Bylaw** - all Hamlet of Thorhild residents are reminded to remove their garbage containers from the street by 9:00 pm on the day of collection. This will reduce vandalism and theft of these containers. Residents are responsible for the replacement cost of their container should it be damaged or stolen.

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.