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Newbrook Library kicks-off Halloween





By Brandie Majeau

Newbrook The Public Library was buzzing with excitement as it ushered in the enchanting and eerie spirit of the Halloween With their creative youth program coordinators working together, they orchestrated a delightful morning filled with whimsical Halloween festivities. Children were encouraged to don their most imagcostumes, embodying their favorite characters and

creations. From pintsized Spidermen to shimmering cesses and from mischievous witches to bold wizards, the air was alive with colour and creativity.

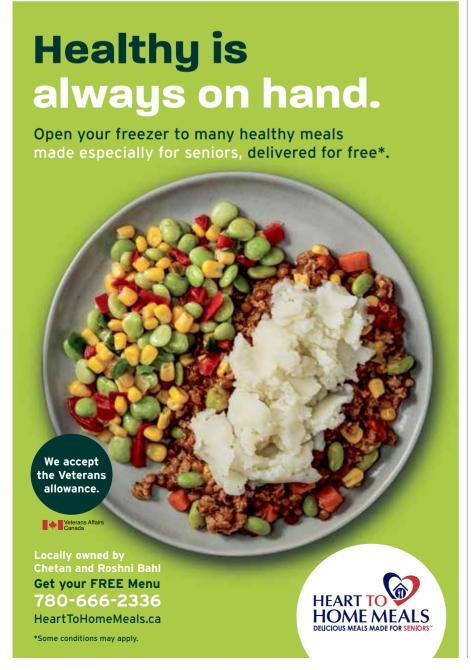
The Halloween crew gathered eagerly to listen to a trio of delightfully silly spooky tales, each story weaving a thread of laughter and suspense throughout the room. After the storytelling, the young participants dove into a crafting bonanza, where they transformed materials into

elaborately decorated ghosts. Each creation was as unique as the children themselves; one little boy proudly declared that he had made a "Batman" ghost, fluttering in the imaginary wind.

Following the crafting session, the group embarked on an adventurous scavenger hunt, delving between the shelves and exploring the cozy nooks and crannies of the library. The excitement was palpable as they searched for dozens

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Is workplace bullying on the rise?





Bv Brandie Maieau

Week. Awareness When one thinks of bullying, it quite often leads to images of school hallways or kids at a playground. However, bullying in the workplace seems to be an increasing trend.

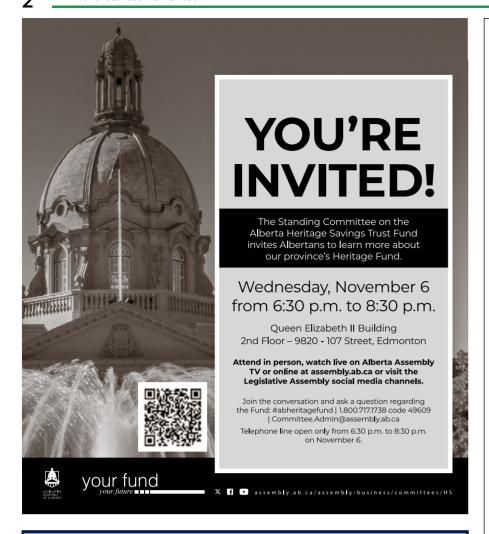
The increase in discussions surrounding mental health, sexual harassment, and racism has raised questions about whether bullying in the workplace is on the rise or if there is simply more

of workplace domand promotions may be gained simply because of favouritism or those in power or leadership roles grant positions to those who may not really deserve it. Additionally, discriminatory attitudes among those "at the top rungs of the ladder" can hinder the recognition of genuine talent and hard work.

Self-importance and arrogance among those who ascend the corporate ladder may

awareness. The tiers lead to the mistreatment of subordinates. 13–19 inance and chain of There may also be the marked International command often mask expectation that em-Workplace Bullying underlying problems, ployees should take on the responsibility of addressing and compensating for the shortcomings of their These supervisors. expectations can create an undue burden on employees, particularly when they are not appropriately compensated for this extra responsibility. This dynamic can lead to feelings of frustration and disengagement, especially if team members feel

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Essentials for prairie orchards







Fruit grower perspectives

Peace Cherry Ranch and Broken Tine Orchard will cover various aspects of day-to-day commercial orchard operations such as production techniques, market and customer types, helpful tools, equipment, labour and more.

▶ Date: November 12, 2024

▶ **Time**: 7 to 8:30 p.m.

► Location: Free online webinar

▶ **Registration**: fruitgrowerperspectives.eventbrite.ca Deadline to register: November 5

Contact Krysanne at kcarlson@sturgeoncounty.ca with questions.















SECTION 251 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw FIN-05-2024 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town of Redwater to borrow monies from the Alberta Capital Finance Authority by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purpose(s), namely the the watermain rehabilitation / replacement project for 52 Avenue within the limits of the said municipality

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to an estimated \$465,000. The net amount to be reallocated on the credit and security of the municipality at large by the reallocation of debentures is \$465,000. The debentures are to be repayable to the Alberta Capital Finance Authority in twenty (20) equal consecutive semi-annual instalments of combined principal and interest, the semi-annual interest estimated at a maximum interest rate of 7%, or the interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Alberta Capital Finance Authority.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Redwater that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw FIN-05-2024 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing bylaw

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves

DATED at the Town of Redwater, in the Province of Alberta, this 15th day of October, 2024.

Chief Administrative Officer

A copy of the proposed bylaw and related documents may be inspected on the Town website www.redwater.ca or

INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

Pursuant to Section 1(i) of the Municipal Government Act an "elector" means: A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the *Local Authorities Election Act*. Pursuant to section 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person:

- is at least 18 years old,
- is a Canadian citizen, and
- resides in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in the local jurisdiction on election day

A poll may be demanded in the Town of Redwater by electors equal in number to at least

- in the case of a municipality other than a summer village, by electors of the municipality equal in number to at least 10% of the population, and in the case of a summer village, by a number of the electors of the summer village equal to at
- least 20% of the number of summer village residences in the summer village.

in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with the provisions of section 251 of the Municipal Government Act.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in section 224 of the Municipal Government

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 12th day of November 2024



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of lollipop ghosts cleverly hidden in secret spots; each discovery was met with squeals of delight. Little feet raced between the rows of shelves, adding to the fun and engagement of the hunt. culminated with a sweet treat: homemade "square pumpkin" Rice Krispie treats, perfectly cubeshaped and colourful, offering the ideal ending to a magical Halloween celebration. It was a great way to start the festive season and create lasting memories.









Protect your keys and support amputees with a War Amps key tag. The Key Tag Service can save you hundreds of dollars in replacement costs.





Redwater School News



Redwater School's Pancake Breakfast was a resounding success, bringing together staff and students for a delicious morning meal. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped organize and serve this amazing breakfast. Your hard work made the event a memorable one for all!







SHAPING THORHILD COUNTY'S ECONOMIC FUTURE TOGETHER!

Thorhild County is excited to announce the launch of our new **Economic Development Initiative** aimed at boosting the resilience and sustainability of our regional economy. Partnering with **Lochaven Consulting**, we are working together to create a stronger, more vibrant community—and we **need your input** to make it happen!

Our Key Focus Areas:

- Empowering Local Businesses: Supporting existing businesses to overcome challenges and reach their full potential.
- Encouraging Entrepreneurs: Providing essential resources and mentorship to help new ventures succeed and flourish.
- Attracting New Investments: Bringing fresh opportunities, business growth, and long-term economic vitality to Thorhild County.

Get Involved!

Your input is crucial to shaping our strategy and programs. Keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to get involved and be heard. Your insights will help guide our path forward.

 $\label{thm:conditional} \textbf{Together, we're aiming to build the future of our region for generations to come!}$

"We are thrilled that Thorhild County has been awarded \$90,000 from the Government of Alberta through the Small Community Opportunity Program to contract an economic development officer. This initiative will ignite a project dedicated to fostering small business growth, attraction, and promotion."

Reeve Janine Paly

"Thorhild County is embarking on a crucial initiative to enhance its economic resilience and sustainability through a comprehensive Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program. This program

sustainability through a comprehensive Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program. This program aims to create a supportive environment for existing businesses, ensuring they can thrive adapt, and remain competitive in a constantly evolving market. By focusing on the local business community, Thorhild County seeks to secure jobs, stimulate local investment, and pave the way for future growth and innovation." **Lochaven Consulting**

Phone: 780-398-3741 | www.thorhildcounty.com 801 - 1st Street, Box 10, Thorhild AB ToA 3Jo



310-4AUC 1-833-511-4AUC www.auc.ab.ca 1400, 600 Third Avenue S.V Calgary, Alberta T2P 0G5

Notice of application to be filed for reapproval of the natural gas franchise agreement between the Village of Waskatenau and Apex Utilities Inc.

Application summary

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from Apex Utilities Inc. to reapprove its franchise agreement with the Village of Waskatenau, following the submission deadline indicated below.

The franchise agreement will, subject to further renewal, continue to allow Apex Utilities Inc. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of the Village of Waskatenau for approximately 10 years from the effective date of the franchise agreement.

The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain the same at 8 per cent. The average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer is forecast to remain at \$7.55. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 120 gigajoules per year.

You may send your objections, concerns about, or support for the application in writing to Apex Utilities Inc. or Village of Waskatenau on or before November 13, 2024 at:

Apex Utilities Inc., Irv Richelhoff, 5509-45th Street, Leduc, AB, T9E 6T6t, phone: 780-980-7305, email businessdevelopment@apexutilities.ca.

Village of Waskatenau, Bernice Macyk, Box 99, Waskatenau, AB, T0A 3P0, phone 780-358-2208, email: waskvillage@mcsnet.ca.

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either Apex Utilities Inc. or the Village of Waskatenau at the addresses listed above.

For more information:

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at info@auc.ab.ca.

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial regulatory body responsible for making decisions about utility-related applications.

Issued on October 30, 2024.

Alberta Utilities Commission

done in autumn

By Brandie Majeau

Thorhild County, collaboration with ALUS Barrhead -Westlock- Athabasca, Athabasca County, County of Barrhead, and Westlock County, is excited to invite residents to participate in an enriching Tree Staking Workshop. This excursion will take place after the trees have had time to acclimate for winter and enter their dormant phase. **Participants** will have the pleasure of joining Lisa Card for an engaging afternoon of exploration along the scenic trails of the ACA Lunnford Conservation Site.

The Tree Staking Workshop offers an invaluable chance to deepen vour understanding of local flora. Attendees will learn to identify various tree species and discover which ones are most suitable for harvesting stakes. The workshop will provide practical instruction on the art of harvesting these stakes, as well as essential techniques for planting them to maximize their survival rate. This hands-on experience will equip individuals with skills

that can be applied in their own gardening and landscaping projects. Taking hardwood cuttings in mid-autumn, the leaves have fallen, is a great alternative to early spring clipping and planting. Most gardeners and landscapers are busier in the spring, so this is a prime time to do it when there isn't as much work to do. This workshop will also teach planters to ensure the plants are fully dormant and how to take clippings without harming the original

This event is a fantastic option to learn sustainable practices related to trees. By responsibly harvesting from existing trees, participants will contribute to the creation of future shelterbelts, enhance landscaping, and support ecological reclamation efforts. It is a great opportunity to foster a greener future!



Tree staking can be **EmployAbilities visits Smoky Lake**

By Brandie Majeau

Smoky Lake Library recently hosted EmployAbilities, an organization dedicated to tackling employment barriers faced by many Albertans. Despite significant strides in workplace diversity awareness and pronumerous motion, individuals continue to encounter obstacles on their path to employment. This organization is committed to empowering individuals facing diverse employment barriers, including medical conditions, mental health challenges, permanent injuries,

and disabilities. Their mission revolves around providing tailored skills development, training, and career support ensure every client can thrive and attain self-sufficiency in the workforce.

EmployAbilities North offers essential mobile job placement services to support small and rural communities. They travel to various locations within its service area, equipped with vital tools such as laptops with internet access, wireless printers, and office supplies. This initiative aims to make job placement resources accessible to individuals without reliable transportation. It also collaborates with community cenorganizations, and libraries to engage communities, providing personalized job counseling to help individuals identify suitable employment opportunities. Additionally, they offer hands-on assistance in creating resumes, enhancing people's chances of securing employment.

EmployAbilities also partners with local employers to facilitate on-site resume printing during hiring events. This approach

eliminates technological barriers and fosters direct interactions between job seekers and potential employers. The organization promotes its services through community bulletin boards and social media to keep residents informed about upcoming job placement opportunities. Since its inception in 1974, it has been a transformative force for Albertans, equipping them with essential job skills and facilitating meaningful employment nections through

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Employment Facilitators (left) Lindsay Sutherland and (right) Derek Christensen are part of the Employabilities team that recently visited Smoky Lake Library. Photo courtesy of Employabilities

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they are carrying the weight of their supervisors shortcomings without receiving recognition or additional rewards for their efforts.

Workplaces prioritizing seniority can also create issues, as long-term employees may fulfill only the minimum requirements to retain their positions, often leaving junior staff to shoulder most of the workload. In commission-based roles, intense competition can further foster a toxic environment. These dynamics are often a

natural consequence of the diversity of people and groups in professional environments. However, when organizations neglect to deal with these conflicts, employees may retaliate with indolence and a lack of dedication to the company or abuse of "sick days" or may add to the low morale by contributing to the poor workplace environment. The workplace becomes increasingly negative and feeds a cycle of bitter employees, often leading to a company with high turnover rates.

When individuals are faced with abuse, aggression, or humiliation in their work environment, the results of this stress may not only cause mental weight but often transform itself into the physical manifestations of stress. Employees that are dedicated and skilled may struggle through the day-to-day motions of their job. It is important to be aware of personal responses and situations, as well as the surrounding employees, and learn to speak up. The Canadian Institute of Workplace Bullying Resources is a great place to start.



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partnerships within the local community. Their impactful programs have changed countless lives, reinforcing the belief that individuals are given the chance to develop relevant work-related skills, they can achieve remarkable success.

Driven by a vision of an inclusive society, EmployAbilities sees a future where every individual is valued,

respected, and provided with opportunities to reach their fullest potential. This vision inspires us to work towards a future where everyone, regardless of their circumstances, can find meaningful employment and contribute to our community.

With a compassionate and innovative approach, they collaborate with a wide range of partners to deliver inclusive services marked by integrity. They are devoted to providing outstanding personalized support for job seekers and employers, ensuring that everyone can find nuanced and fulfilling opportunities. When driven by an individual's determination, combined with the mentorship offered by EmployAbilities, they can successfully achieve employment aspirations and contribute meaningfully to their community

H.A. Kostash School News





H.A. Kostash students in Smoky Lake's Kindergarten and Grade 10 physical education classes played "What Time Is It, Mr. Wolf?" together.

5224 54ST REDWATER



This charming 1.5-story home in Redwater offers an unbeat able location, backing onto the 6th hole of the Redwater Golf Course and just steps from the hockey arena and Redwater School. The main floor features a cozy living room, a kitchen with newer appliances and a spacious pantry, a 3-piece bath-room, a mudroom, and one bedroom. The upper floor, currently used as a primary bedroom with ample closet space, can easily be converted back into two separate bedrooms as it once was. The unfinished basement provides excellent storage space and potential for future development. Outstorage space and potential for future development. Outside, enjoy a fully fenced yard with a fire pit and pergola, perfect for relaxing or entertaining. The double detached heated garage is a standout feature, complete with a private bar for hosting gatherings, and still offers plenty of space for parking. Additional outdoor parking, including space for an RV. Upgrades over the years, including shingles, fencing, most windows and renovations to the kitchen & bathroom.

#14 CEDARWOOD, REDWATER



This three-bedroom condo features brand-new carpets on the upper level, along with a new dishwasher and stove in the kitchen. The top floor includes a primary bedroom with a walk-in closet, makeup vanity, and a 2-piece ensuite, plus two additional bedrooms and a 4-piece bathroom. The main floor offers a spacious living room with a gas fireplace and access to the fenced yard, as well as a large eat-in kitchen and a 2-piece bathroom. The undeveloped basement provides a blank canvas, ready for your personal touch.

5413 EASTVIEW CR REDWATER



Affordable living in this 1,295 sq. ft. home situated on a spacious lot. This property has undergone numerous upgrades in recent years, including a large addition that enhances com-

17339 TWP RD 592A, SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



This recently updated 1,229 sq. ft. bungalow is situated on .5 acre lot just a short distance from the town of Smoky Lake. The beautifully renovated kitchen features a breakfast nook, quartz countertops, and stainless steel appliances. Adjacent is the dining room, leading to a sunken living room with a cozy fireplace. The main floor offers 3 bedrooms, including a primary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, and a 5-piece main bathroom. The basement is prepped and ready for your finishing touches, with drywall and primer already in place. It includes a spacious rec room, a bedroom, a den, a 3-piece bathroom, a utility room, and cold storage, along with an exterior door and stairs for easy access to the back-yard. A highlight of the property is the dream garage/shop, measuring 26x38, complete with a new natural gas heater and front and rear overhead doors, providing convenient



Cozy 1,017 sq. ft. 2-bedroom bungalow with a fantastic lay out. The main floor features all-new flooring installed within the last year. Step into the renovated kitchen with brand-new appliances, countertops, sink, and cabinets. The dining and living rooms flow together, providing ample space for gatherings. Toward the back of the home, you'll find two bedrooms, including a spacious primary, and a recently renovated 4-piece bathroom. A few steps down leads to a mudroom by the back door and access to the unfinished basement, ready for your personal touch. Other upgrades in recent years include new shingles, vinyl siding, most windows, electrical improvements, a sump pump, and a high-efficiency furnace. Outside, enjoy a large fenced yard with a patio and a double garage that needs some TLC but is equipped with gas and

5224 50 AVE BRUDERHEIM



Well-maintained and move-in ready bungalow. The main floor features a bright kitchen with a skylight that fills the space with natural light, a spacious living room, three bedrooms, and a 4-piece bathroom. Newer windows throughout both levels add to the home's appeal. The basement offers an additional bedroom, a family room, a 3-piece bathroom, a large laundry room with ample built-in storage, and a cold room perfect for preserving goods. Outside, the fully fenced yard includes a covered deck and a storage shed. The double heated detached garage provides warmth and protection for your vehicles year-round.

THE HOETMER TEAM



Ravmond Hoetmer



Website: ahoetmer.remax.ca Email: rhoetmer@live.com



Austin Hoetmer



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REDWATER ALLIANCE CHURCH

Facebook: The Hoetmer Team





The Redwater Alliance Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner on November 16 from 5 -8 p.m. The dinner is free, and everyone is welcome. The community is encouraged to come in for a delicious meal and great company.





Community Events Calendar

Community Services 780-942-4101

November 2024

Town Office 780-942-3519

An active town with a big heart, working together to build a safe, beautiful, and sustainable community. www.redwater.ca





For details on the following and other programs, visit the Town of Redwater Facebook page and the Events and Programs page on our website (redwater.ca/p/events-programs). To register for any of our programs or events please scan the QR code above or visit https://townofredwater.perfectmind.com.

Pickleball: Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm; Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm; and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00pm. \$40 season pass or \$5 per session.

Chair Fitness Classes: Wednesdays, 10:45-11:45am. \$80 for 8 weeks or \$12 per session. Fun fitness for ages 18+ and all levels of fitness.

Lunch Crunch Classes: Wednesdays, 12:00-12:45pm. \$80 for 8 weeks or \$12 per session. Medium intensity workout for adults 18+.

Triple Boost Fitness: Sturgeon County is teaming up with the Town of Redwater for a dynamic three-session fitness program on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00pm. \$20 for all three sessions, ages 16+. Register by October 31 at www.sturgeoncounty.ca/programs.

Recreational Skating for Kids: Level 2: Building Balance and Control runs on Wednesdays, November 13-December 18 from 5:15-5:45pm. \$40 for 6 lessons. Register for by November 6.

Free Shinny & Public Skating: Thanks to a very generous sponsorship by Pembina Pipeline, all shinny and public skating is FREE for the 2024/2025 ice season. View ice calendar at www.redwater.ca/p/pembina-place or scan the OR code below:





Festival of Trees

decorated tree festival! Businesses, community groups, and individuals

are invited to showcase their trees during the Kris Kringle Holiday Mingle on Friday, December 6, and the Redwater & District

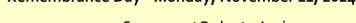
Ag Society's Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday,

Festival of Lights

Light up the Town with Christmas spirit by decorating your home, ousiness, or community center!

Whether you go big or just hang a few lights, register for the town-wide tour on Saturday, December 7. Rural residents can also register their homes as bonus locations.





10:45am - Ceremony at Redwater Legion 5:00-7:00pm - Roast Beef Dinner (\$25.00, while supplies last)

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #251, 4708-50 Avenue

FRIDAY

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TUESDAY

MONDAY

Indoor Walking

at Pembina Place

Monday - Friday

8:30am to 12:00pm

Drop-in Fee or \$20/person for the season.

Check in at reception.

Phone 780-942-3555

for more info.

Winter Wear Depot

If you are in need of free warm winter wear, call the Community Services



Office at 780-942-4101

WEDNESDAY Caregivers' Coffee

For more info:

780-942-4101 Lspicer@redwater.ca

<u>Saturdays</u> Museum and Art Gallery Open 11:00am-3:00pm

Pioneer Club - Coffee

THURSDAY

Thursdays

Museum

Open 1:00-3:30pm

Library - Mother Goose's Rhythm & Rhyme (10:00-11:00am) (6:00pm)

Legion - Coffee

(8:30am-10:00am)

Library - Mother Goose's

Legion - Coffee

(8:30-10:00am)

Library - Movie Night Legion - Social Night (6:00-10:00pm)

Sturgeon Royal Canadian 2 Air Cadets - Poppy Drive (10:00am-2:30pm)

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

Art Society -Christmas Cards(10:00am-4:00pm)

Pioneer Club - Pancake **Breakfast** (9:00-10:30am)

Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) **Redwater Crafting Group** at Pembina Place (1:00-3:00pm)

Silly Sprouts at Pembina **Place** (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - General Meeting (1:30 pm) Library - Drop-in Lego Club (2:00-4:00pm) **Town Council Meeting** (6:30pm)

Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Art Society - Watercolor Orchid (1:00-3:00pm) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Board Meeting (6:00pm)

Legion - Coffee (8:30am) 13 Art Society - Watercolor

(9:00-10:30am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15-11:00am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling Pioneer Club - Recreational Evening (7:00pm)

Rhythm & Rhyme (10:00-11:00am) Legion - Social Night (6:00-10:00pm) 14 Pioneer Club - Coffee

(9:00-10:30am) **Library - Toddler Time** (10:15am), Corn Pencil Case Holder (12:00-3:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling Pioneer Club - Recreational Evening (7:00pm)

Legion - Coffee 📞 30-10:00am) Library-Mother Goose's Rhythm & Rhyme (10:00am), STÉAM Balance Bot (12:00-3:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling Tournament

Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am)



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Town Office Closed

Remembrance Day 10:45 am Ceremony at Royal Canadian Legion **Library - Saturday Morning** Cartoons, Breakfast & Lego with HYPE (11:00am-2:00pm) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling

Orchid (1:00-3:00pm) Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Worms in Dirt (12:00-3:00pm) Pioneer Club - Community Supper (5:00pm). Phone 780-942-3772 by November 6 to book tickets

Fall Break - No School (November 11-15)

Legion - Social Night (6:00pm)

Library - Mother Goose's

Library - Drop-in Makerspace

Art Society - Christmas Show &

Legion - Coffee

(8:30-10:00am)

Rhythm & Rhyme

(10:00-11:00am)

(3:30-4:30pm)



Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Coffee (9:00-10:30am) Redwater Crafting Group (1:00-3:00pm) **Redwater Health Centre** Auxiliary - General Meeting at Pioneer Club (2:00pm)

Legion - Coffee

(8:30-10:00am)

(9:00-10:30am)

Pioneer Club - Coffee

Redwater Crafting Group

Silly Sprouts at Pembina 19 **Place** (9:30-11:30am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm) Museum - General Meeting (1:30pm) Town Council Meeting/2025 Budget Deliberations (6:00-9:00pm)

26 Silly Sprouts at Pembina **Legion - Coffee** Place (9:30-11:30am) (8:30-10:00am) Pioneer Club - Floor Casino Bus - Phone Curling (1:30pm) Sharon at 780-942-3838 to Committee of the book your spot (9:15am) Whole/2025 Budget Art Society - Snow Scene (1:00-3:00pm) **Deliberations** Legion - Whist (1:00pm)

20 Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Shopping Bus - Phone Sharon at **780-942-3838 to book** (9:45am) Art Society - Snow Scene Legion - Whist (1:00pm) Library - Friends of the Library Meeting (5:00pm) Town Council 2025 Budget Deliberations (6:00-9:00pm)

Book Club (11:15am) Pioneer Club - Floor C Library - Coffee and Cards with Liz (6:00-7:00pm) Pioneer Club - Recreational Evening (7:00pm) 27 Pioneer Club - Coffee

Pioneer Club - Coffee

Library -Toddler Time

(10:15-11:00am), **Homeschooler**

(9:00-10:30am)

(1:30pm)

28 (9:00am-10:30am) Library - Toddler Time (10:15- 11:00am) Pioneer Club - Floor Curling (1:30pm)

Town Council 2025 Budget Deliberations (6:00-9:00pm) Pioneer Club - Recreational Evening(7:00pm)

Sale (5:00-9:00pm) Legion - Social Night (6:00-10:00pm) **29**

Legion - Coffee (8:30-10:00am) Library - STEAM (3:30-4:30pm) Legion - Social Night (6:00-10:00pm)

23 Quilters Guild at Alliance Church (9:30am) Art Society - Christmas (10:00am-5:00pm)

Birthday Party Rental Package!

Book your child/youth birthday party at Pembina Place! Receive 1 hour ice time, and 2 hours lobby rental. For more details, call 780-942-3555 or email facilityadmin@ redwatér.ca

(6:00-9:00pm) (1:00-3:00pm) Need Information or Assistance?

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One call can connect you to community groups, resources and information Town of Redwater - Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) 780-942-4101

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Book your Christmas hampers between November 25 - December 6. Call and leave a message at 780-942-2061.

Volunteer drivers needed for delivery Call 780-942-2061



drivehappiness.ca



780-424-5438





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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 22, 2024

Below is a brief summary of decisions made at the October 22, 2024, Regular Council meeting:

Unfinished Business - Community Economic Advisory Board Recommendations to Council

Council directed Administration to proceed with applying for the Northern Regional Economic Development Program Funding 2024-2025 for the Revitalization of the Thorhild County Professional Building.

Coffee with Council

Council directed Administration to schedule Coffee with Council on December 3, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., to be held in Thorhild at the Golden Age Drop-In Centre and to invite the Redwater RCMP Detachment.

Public Auction Title Transfers

Council moved to take no action on the unsold 2024 public auction properties at this time.

Joint Use and Planning Agreement Thorhild County and Aspen View Public Schools

Council approved the draft Joint Use Planning Agreement between Thorhild County and Aspen View Public Schools and moved to forward it to Aspen View Public Schools for their review.

Correspondence for Action - Thorhild Minor Hockey

Council directed Administration to reply to Thorhild Minor Hockey asking them to write a letter of application for the small grant section as per Policy 1405.

Correspondence for Action - Transportation and Economic Corridors

Council directed Administration to request a meeting between Director of Infrastructure Gary Mayhew and the North Central Region, to discuss: Long Lake Road, Bridges, Highway 28 West of Highway 63, and Highway 827.

Correspondence for Action - Thorhild Legion

Council approved the request from the Royal Canadian Legion Thorhild Branch 234 to support its application to the Government of Alberta for the closure of Highway 827 during its Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11, 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF REEVE AND DEPUTY REEVE

During the annual Organizational Meeting held on October 22, 2024, County Council appointed Janine Paly as the County's Reeve, and Trevor Dafoe as the County's Deputy Reeve for the 2024-2025 term.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Special Council Meetings will be held in Thorhild County Council Chambers on

Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Commencing at 9:30 am

for the purpose of discussing and acting upon the following item(s) of business: 1. Closed Session - CAO Budget Planning Session (FOIP S. 24(1))



New fire burn permits will now be issued. Please note, there is up to a 72-hour turnaround for permits as our Fire Guardians are volunteer members of Thorhild County Emergency Services. The use of burn barrels, cooking fires and warming fires are permitted. Residents and visitors to Thorhild County are advised to be diligent in fire safety practices while conducting any burning.

Be cognizant of burning in high winds as they will dry fine fuels quickly and carry embers long distances leading to spotting and fast-moving surface fires.

Prior to requesting a permit, please ensure that burn pile(s) are a minimum of 82 feet (25 meters) from roads, fences, structures and other uncleared land. Bylaw 12-2023 15(h)(ii)

Fire Permits may now be requested online by going to: www.thorhildcounty.com/Services/Fire-Emergency-Services/Fire-Permits





Friday, November 15th 2:00 - 4:30 Thorhild Library

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DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITS ISSUED -APPEAL BY NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Take notice that the Municipal Planning Commission for Thorhild County has approved the following Development Application(s):

> i) Legal Description: Plan 5811NY, Lot 3; 202 – 1st Avenue - Hamlet of Thorhild C2 – Large Lot Commercial District (LUB 1194-2015) Land Use Designation:

Proposal: Request for Two Cardlock Fuel Tanks with Small Tank and Dispenser and Operation thereof.

Division: Permit # DP24-2643

Date of Decision: October 22, 2024; Appeal by: 4:00 PM, November 12, 2024

Additional Information:

For additional information regarding this permit, please contact Manager of Planning and Development David Blades at 780-398-3741 ext. 2825 or email: David.Blades@thorhildcounty.com.

Appeal Information:

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must appeal to one of the following appeal bodies: (see below for details).

Land and Property Rights Tribunal:

This is the appropriate appeal body if the application is the subject of a licence, permit, approval, or other authorization granted by the Minister of Environment and Parks or granted under any act the minister is responsible for under section 16 of the Government Organization Act, or granted by the Natural Resources Conservation Board, Energy Resources Conservation Board, Alberta Energy Regulator, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board or Alberta Utilities Commission. You can file an appeal via email or by mail to 2nd floor, Summerside Business Centre, 1229 - 91 St. SW., Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9. Telephone enquiries can be made to 780-427-2444.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

All other appeals not subject to the above can be filed with the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board via email at carol.revega@thorhildcounty.com or via mail to Thorhild County, P. O. Box 10, 801 — 1st Street, Thorhild, AB, TOA 3JO. Telephone enquiries can also be made to the Planning & Development Department at 780-398-3741. Pursuant to Section 686 (1) of the Municipal Government Act, an appeal may be commenced by filing a notice of appeal within 21 days of the decision date. Please note that there is a \$200.00 fee for any appeal.



MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Open House Events

A Municipal Development Plan (MDP) is a key policy plan that communicates the long-term desired land use for your community. It is a high-level blueprint that shows how your community is expected to change over time and the shape it will take in the future.

Thorhild County invites all residents to participate in the upcoming Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Open House Events. These sessions are an opportunity for you to share your input and ideas on the current MDP. Your feedback will play a key role in shaping the updated plan, ensuring it reflects the needs and aspirations of our community for the future.

Join us anytime between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM at any of the following locations

Monday, November 25th

ABEE COMMUNITY HALL

Tuesday, November 26th

EGREMONT COMMUNITY HALL 4904 - 50TH STREET

NEWBROOK COMMUNITY HALL

Wednesday, November 27th

4801 - 50TH STREET

Thursday, November 28th

RADWAY NEW HORIZONS SENIORS CENTRE

Friday, November 29th

THORHILD COMMUNITY HALL

Come help shape the future of Thorhild County!

For questions about the Open House Events please contact: Baily Lapp, RPP, MCIP, Manager of Planning & Development Services Beairsto & Associates Engineering Ltd. Email: bailyl@baseng.ca / Phone: 780-512-5818



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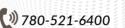
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MOUNTIE MINUTE

Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment



- Break and Enter at PC Energy Worksite, numerous items stolen from the yard and caused extensive damage
- Tip received of a possible stolen vehicle in the Waskateneau area, members could not locate
- RCMP investigating aa Fail to Comply with Release Order
- Post Matron at the Post Office advises that the back window has been attempted to be pried open with a pry bar.
- RCMP located an intoxicated male in the Town of Smoky Lake walking down the street
- RCMP investigating a possible FRAUD of \$1990
- Reports a suspected B&E at the peet moss plant. Live surveillance shows a vehicle entering the property, but not leaving. Police attend, vehicle GOA.
- Member attended a sudden death, not suspicious
- Members took calls for service which included: driving complaints, family disputes, suspicious person and found items

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON A CRIME CONTACT THE SMOKY LAKE RCMP AT 780-656-3550 or CRIMESTOPPERS 1-800-222-TIPS(8477)

