

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD

Continuous Voluntary Service - Sylvia Pedrazzini
Distinguished Voluntary Service - Ruth Jahraus

MARTHA KOSTUCH MEMORIAL AWARD

Business - GHG Solution Corporation
Individual - Louise Bruns

NOMINATIONS FOR THE MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AND MARTHA KOSTUCH MEMORIAL AWARD

In all categories the achievements must have enhanced the image of Rocky Mountain House, and a span of three years must elapse before a previous Mayor's Recognition Awards recipient will be considered for an additional award, subject to the discretion of the Selection Committee.

Nomination forms may be requested by telephone at 403-845-2866, or picked up at the Town Office located at 5116—50 Avenue, Rocky Mountain House.

Responsibility for nominating deserving candidates lies with the public. Nomination forms can be submitted to the Town Office at any time and will be held for the next years selection committee to review.

Don't Discard

- Donate, reuse and recycle items before throwing them into the trash
- Harmful materials like chemicals, batteries, electronics, etc. should be taken to local hazardous waste depots or recyclers

WEED AND FEED

Effective January 1, 2010 Alberta will ban the sale of lawn-care products that combines herbicide and fertilizer.

SUMMER OPERATIONS

The Town of Rocky Mountain House summer operations are now in full swing. You will notice Town crews on the streets, in the parks and around Town performing various duties. Many of these crews will consist of summer students and people working for the very first time with the Town. Please use caution when passing workers. Obey all traffic signs and remember that safety starts with you. Slow down in construction zones—even when workers aren't visible. Construction zone signs indicate the beginning and end of the "double the fines" areas.



THE 2008 SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE



Will be available May 26th and you can register for programs May 27th

Publications are available at the Recreation, Parks, and Community Services Department at 4503 42nd Street, Arena, Public Library, Swimming Pool and Rocky Community Learning Council.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month commencing at 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome to come and observe.

"STORE IT DON'T POUR IT"

What you pour down your sink can "drain" your bank account. Fats, oils and greases can cause sewer back ups and expensive property damage, so **"store it, don't pour it"**.

Pouring fats, oils and grease down the drain can block the main sewer lines as well as those on private property. This can result in sewer backups, property damage and significant costs to residents and to the Town. The cost to clean the buildup of grease can be extensive.

Residents are asked to store fats and grease in a disposable container. When it is full, it can be thrown out with other garbage. Used cooking oil should be cooled and put into a covered plastic bottle, labeled and put out for garbage collection.

Contrary to popular belief, running hot water and soap down the drain will not help break down the grease. Running hot water only pushes the grease further down the sewer pipes but once the grease cools, it solidifies and blockages can result in the sewer line on private property or in the Town's drainage system.

IDLING YOUR ENGINE

Contrary to popular belief, turning off and starting an engine uses less fuel than letting the engine run for 10 seconds. An idling vehicle emits nearly 20 times more air pollution than one traveling at 50 km/hr. According to Natural Resources Canada, if every driver of a light duty vehicle in Canada avoided idling for just five minutes every day, we could prevent 1.6M tonnes of CO2 from entering the atmosphere each year.

BURNING/FIREPITS

There shall be no burning inside the Town limits, with the exceptions of:

1. Barbecues
2. Outdoor fireplaces and fire pits meeting the requirements as indicated below for the purpose of burning wood or briquettes.
3. Dates that may be set by Council from time to time and for materials stipulated by the Town
4. Controlled burning undertaken by the Fire Department or for which approval has been received by the Fire chief.

FIRE PITS

Requirements:

- Minimum 10 ft. from buildings, property lines, fences etc.
- Minimum 1 ft. fire ring above ground, can be cement, culvert or brick rocks
- Kept out from under trees, power lines, etc.
- Burn only clean wood, no leaves or garbage



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION !

The Swap/Reuse Tent Event Is HERE AGAIN!!!!!!

The Rocky Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is holding their Tent Event from May 23—30, 2009 located at 5313 44th Street
For more information regarding the event please call 403-845-4121

Town Office Contact Information

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TOWN OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MAY 15, 2009



ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notices will be mailed on or before May 31, 2009.

Please contact the Town Office at (403) 845-2866 if you do not receive your tax notice by **June 8, 2009**

Good Growing Tips

Healthy lawns are less susceptible to weed problems. They smother weeds and also prevent their seeds from germinating. Before resorting to herbicides, try managing weeds by improving the general condition of the lawn as well as the occasional hand weeding.

Feed your lawn with compost and leave grass clippings where they fall for nutrients recycling.

If the soil is compacted, **Aerate** in the fall. This helps oxygen, water and nutrients reach the roots.

Mow high to promote vigorous growth, prevent weeds and discourages insect pests (most grass species are not meant to be cut short).

Water deeply and infrequently to promote deep roots. Too much water starves the soil of oxygen and invites disease.

Overseed thinned areas or choose alternative ground cover in difficult spots.

Developing a certain level of tolerance for weeds in your lawn can be a no-cost, no-effort alternative to weed control for more tips, go to www.healthylawns.net.

How Much Water does your grass need

If nature has not supplied water as rain applying approximately 1 inch of water is a general rule of thumb. This will give deep penetration of the soil to a depth of six to eight inches. One inch of water or rain is equivalent to 623 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. Water should be applied no faster than the soil is able to absorb it. If water begins to run off before one inch is applied, stop sprinkling until it is absorbed and then resume.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Water conservation strategies are part of the Town's management of the water utility; this includes the low flush toilet rebate program and leak detection program.
- The Town has been part of a recycling program to divert solid waste from landfills since the mid 90's and has a garbage bag limit to encourage less waste generation.
- Town Council host "meet and greet" sessions in the form of neighbourhood barbecues and encourages public involvement in local decisions.

2009 SPRING CLEAN-UP

Starting Tuesday May 19 at 7:00 a.m.

THE TOWN WILL PICK UP EVERYTHING EXCEPT ANIMAL CARCASSES, FRIDGES, FREEZERS, OLD VEHICLES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

- Spring clean up starts May 19, 2009, immediately following the long weekend.
- In order to have your spring clean-up materials picked up they must be put out on or before 7:00 am, Tuesday, May 19, 2009. This does not apply for waste picked up under regular garbage pick-up.
- All items to be picked up are to be left at your usual location of garbage pick up.
- Items will be picked up sometime between Tuesday, May 19 and Friday, May 22, 2009.
- **Items must be set out before 7:00 a.m. on the 19th of May.**

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS THAT YOU DO NOT WANT PICKED UP, PLEASE CLEARLY MARK THEM STATING SAME.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PICK-UPS AFTER MAY 22
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**



TOWN WORKERS WILL NOT RE-ATTEND A LOCATION THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED.

For further information please call 403-845-3220.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES for the Town of Rocky Mountain House are contracted to Alberta Animal Services

For questions and concerns during office hours or after hours, please call toll free 1-866-340-2388 or 403-347-2388.



Their office hours are: Monday–Friday 9 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Saturday 1 p.m.– 5 p.m. Closed on Sundays and all statutory holidays

If you have lost your pet you can check their website: www.albertaanimalservices.ca and then click on Petlynx to enter your information about your animal. Animal Licensing Tags can be purchased at the Town Office in Rocky Mountain House at 5116–50 Avenue.

Remember the primary identification for animals is the license tag worn on their collar. Most of the animals found with a license DO get home! A lost pet's BEST ticket home is a license tag worn on its collar. As well, please note you are responsible to pick up anything your dog leaves behind. A ticket can be issued for animals defecating on or damaging public or private property, 1st offence is \$50.00. Thank you!



HOLDING A GARAGE SALE OR PUBLIC EVENT?

Signage for garage sales and public events are to be located at the east end of the swimming pool parking lot (just off of 53rd Avenue) and are discouraged anywhere else. For your convenience, at this location we now have a Garage sale notice board; that can be used to advertise your Garage/Yard sale event. Just bring a small notice and thumb tacks.



Check It Out

Town Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes are posted on our website. www.rockymtnhouse.com