



MAY 15, 2010

Council Newsletter

Town Council

Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month commencing at 10:30 a.m.

The public is welcome to come and observe.

On the second Tuesday of each month Council will be reviewing policies, procedures and priorities during the meeting commencing at 10:30 a.m. that the public is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

- May 4
- May 11 – Policy Review
- May 18
- June 1
- June 8 – Policy Review
- June 15

NEWSLETTER

If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in the Council newsletter please contact any member of Council or advise Town office staff.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Town Office will be closed on

Monday, May 24, 2010
for Victoria Day.

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

Town of Rocky Mountain House

2010 Spring Clean up – Starting Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 a.m.

The Town will pick up everything except animal carcasses, fridges, freezers, old vehicles and hazardous materials. Items must be put out on or before **7:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 25**. 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 25 and Friday May 28. **Town workers will not re-attend a location they have previously attended under any circumstances.**

ASSESSMENT AND TAX NOTICES

Notices will be mailed on or before
May 17, 2010.

Please contact the Town Office
at (403) 845-2866
if you do not receive your tax notice by
May 25, 2010

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS Distinguished Voluntary Service

Marvin Peterson

Fine and Performing Arts

Ed Medeiros

Mayor's Special Award

Dr. Stanley Bristow

Dr. Gordon Brown

Dr. Harold Roth

SUMMER WORKERS

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.

TOILET REBATE

Did you know - Almost 30% of all water consumed in the home is flushed down the toilet!

As a water conservation incentive, the Town of Rocky Mountain House will offer its residents an incentive to retrofit old water wasting toilets.

This rebate program is also offering up to a **\$50** when a 13 litre or more toilet is retrofitted with a 6 litre toilet.

This rebate program is also offering up to a **\$100 rebate** when a 13 litre or more toilet is replaced with a dual-flush toilet.

**REBATES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS,
AND ONLY UNTIL CURRENT ALLOCATED FUNDS LAST.**

To get either rebate, you will need to prove you have met **ALL** the requirements for the program. Once your application has been approved, your rebate will be issued as a credit to your water bill.

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ALBERTA ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES (cats, dogs & skunks)

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

Office hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and on all statutory holidays

In case of an emergency related to animal control please call 1-866-340-2388.

Animal Licensing Tags can be purchased at the Town Office
in Rocky Mountain House at 5116—50 Avenue.

Purchase of licensing tags made after January 31, 2010 will be the following rates:

Spayed or neutered \$30.00 Not Spayed or neutered \$60.00.

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.

Did you know – there
are new laws for
safely passing
emergency vehicles,
tow trucks and
construction workers.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Signage for garage sales and public events can be posted in the area provided at the east end of the swimming pool parking lot (5202 53rd Avenue), and is discouraged in any other area.

Tax Payment Plan

The pre-authorized tax payment plan may be a benefit to you. The following are some of the highlights of the plan:

- Your installments will be based on your previous year's taxes (e.g. taxes divided by 12 equal monthly payments.)
- When taxes are levied, for current year, your monthly payment will be adjusted to pay the balance owing by December 31, of that year.
- There will be no penalty levied on unpaid current taxes for those participating in the plan.
- On signing an authorization form, your monthly payments will automatically be deducted from your bank account. All tax arrears must be paid before you can participate in the plan.

**For more information
please call 403-845-2866.**

FIRE PITS

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

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

Fire Pit 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!

SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE

Will be available May 25th and you can register for programs May 26th

Publications are available at the Recreation, Parks, and Community Services Department at 4503 42nd Street, the Town Office at 5116 50th Avenue, Arena, Public Library, Swimming

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.

