

MARCH 2011

## OUR CONNECTION



TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE

# Spring Clean Up

**MAY 16, 2011**  
**COMMENCING @ 8:30 A.M.**

PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE STARTING ON THE WEST END OF TOWN AND WORKING THEIR WAY OVER TO THE EAST SIDE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO PUT OUT PLEASE HAVE THEM OUT **BESIDE YOUR GARBAGE BIN THE NIGHT BEFORE** TO BE SURE THAT IT'S NOT MISSED. IF YOUR ITEMS **ARE NOT MARKED WITH ORANGE SURVEYORS TAPE THEY WILL NOT** BE PICKED UP.

WILL ACCEPT: STOVES, MICROWAVES, AIR CONDITIONERS, REFRIGERATORS, DEEP FREEZES, WASHERS, DRYERS, HOT WATER TANKS, COUCHES CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, GENERAL METAL, WIRE, WOOD, Etc.

Non Bulky Items can not be heavier than 40lbs

Carpet must be cut up into manageable pieces.

No Renovation Materials Of Any Kind.

**FEES WILL BE CHARGED ON ALL WHITE GOODS AND FURNITURE WITH SPRINGS**

**NO HAZARDOUS WASTES**

**NO TIRES**

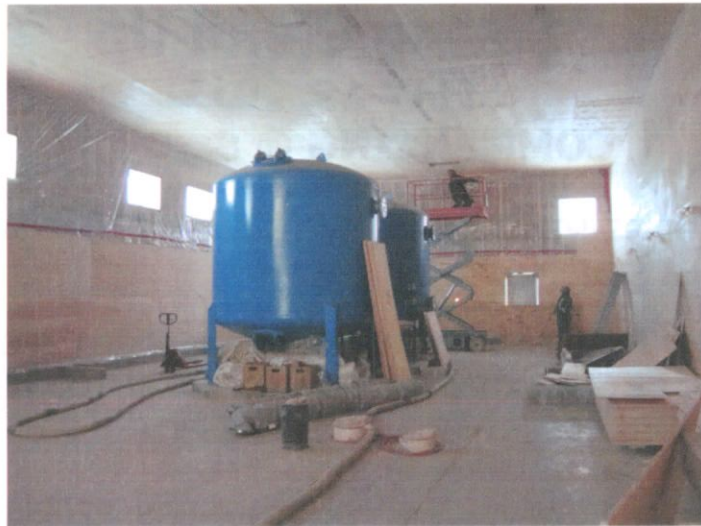
**NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

**NO COMPOST ITEMS**



## Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Expansion

The Water Treatment Plant Upgrade/Expansion Project is slightly behind schedule due to the wet summer and colder winter, with this being said, QQR Mechanical Contracting Ltd. is confident that the schedule can be brought back on track. The new water reservoir and building have been constructed, bulk water access have been constructed, interior mechanical and heating, ventilation, and water treatment plant process piping are currently being installed, and interior finishes and painting being completed. The anticipated date of completion for this Project is June 17, 2011.



## Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, Force Main, and Main CCTV Inspection and Upgrade

The Force Main consisting of a 17 3/4" line from the Lift Station to the Sewage Lagoon has been replaced by Kran Construction Ltd. This component of the overall Project is complete.

Retrofit of the Lift Station has been awarded to Schendel Mechanical Contracting Ltd. It is anticipated that work will commence mid March upon delivery of key mechanical equipment and pumps. The Lift Station building, wet well, and dry well have been deemed to be in good condition and therefore replacement of the internal components is all that is required at this time. It is anticipated that this component of the Project will be completed by the end of June, 2011.

CCTV Inspection of the Town's Sanitary Sewer Mains have been completed. This video footage allows the Town and the Town's Engineer to view and assess locations within the Sanitary Sewer Mains that are in need of repair or replacement. Closed circuit television, or CCTV, drain inspection is a state of the art method of inspecting pipes and drains without having to dig them up. The technology presents a high quality image that can be recorded in a similar way to domestic video devices. This footage can be used to identify faults within a drain, or the build up of sludge, dirt or debris that requires cleaning out. This component of the Project has been completed with the exception of 3,720 lineal meters. This data formed the basis for preparation of the Invitation for Tender for Cure in Place Pipe.

Invitation for Tender for Cure In Place Pipe lining of Sanitary Sewer Mains was issued on February 28, 2011 with a closing date for proposals of March 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 2,700 lineal meters of Sanitary Sewer Main will be relined. This trenchless pipe relining offers minimal impact on the surrounding environment and is a permanent solution to pipe corrosion, infiltration and exfiltration. It also offers the benefit of long-term, complete structural rehabilitation, even in scenarios where the host structure is completely deteriorated. This product will extend the design life of existing sewer mains throughout Town. This component of the Project is anticipated to commence at the beginning of April and be completed by the end of June, 2011.

## Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre Replacement Project

The Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre Replacement Project is currently on schedule and on budget. During March crews will be finalizing bleacher seating, drywall mudding and painting, mechanical, electrical, lighting, dasher board installation, door hardware, overhead shutter installation, ceramic tile, millwork, rubber flooring, washroom accessories, and rink refrigeration. During April crews will be connecting mechanical equipment, charging brine to the system, manufacturing ice, final coat of painting, completing site work, and fixing any deficiencies. The anticipated date of completion is May 17, 2011. Council has approved the date for the official opening being May 28, 2011. Watch for further details on the official opening.



Cure In Place Pipe lining of Sanitary Sewer Mains



CCTV Video of Sanitary Sewer Pipes

## Lac Ste. Anne FCSS & Partners are pleased to present...

Community Organizations & Board Development Workshop Series

Hosted by: Lac Ste. Anne FCSS in partnership with Alberta Culture & Community Spirit

Workshops are \$10.00/person (including supper). Minimum numbers are required to run each workshop, so we ask that you pre-register.

### Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers - Wednesday, March 23, 2011

What is currently happening in the voluntary sector, current & future trends, pre-planning for recruitment strategies, volunteer retention and question period.

6:00-8:30pm, **Onoway Heritage Center**, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N., Onoway, AB

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

### Role of Board & Board Governance - Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Are you interested in organizing your Board's work to avoid Volunteer burnout and to build an effective board/volunteer team?

6:00-8:30pm, **Sangudo Community Hall**, Langston Street, Sangudo, AB

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 23, 2011

### Proposal Writing - Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Basics in completing Grant application requests – through various Funders.

6:00-8:30pm, **Sangudo Community Hall**, Langston Street, Sangudo, AB

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

### Funders Forum – Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Do you have a specific project in mind for your organization...unsure of what types of grants are out there? Information will be presented on different types of funding that your organization could be accessing.

6:00-8:30pm, **Onoway Heritage Center**, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N., Onoway, AB

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

### Proposal Writing - Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Basics in completing Grant application requests – through various Funders.

6:00-8:30pm, **Onoway Heritage Center**, 4708 Lac Ste Anne Trail N., Onoway, AB

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 27, 2011

For more information and to register for the above workshops, please contact:

Lori LaBoucane, Recreation/FCSS Assistant

Lac Ste. Anne County

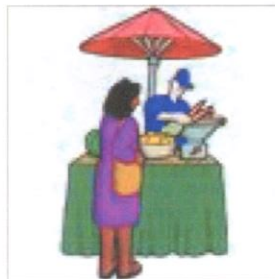
(780)785-3411

## Mayerthorpe & District Farmer's Market

Starts April 7, 2011 at the Diamond Centre every Thursday from 11-2.

For more information you can contact Manager Barb Fleet @ (780)786-2998 or Christina @ (780)786-2535.

### Board Members Needed



## Mayerthorpe & Area FCSS & Parent Link

Mayerthorpe & Area FCSS is pleased to introduce **Brenda Gylander** as our new **Parent Link Coordinator**.

Parent Link early childhood programs include: Mom's Dad's & Tots drop in program held on Monday mornings 10:30 – 12:00 noon in the Playgroup room. We are offering Talk Box drop in workshops through March on Monday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:00 at the Mayerthorpe Public Library. The Talk Box workshops are designed to help parents learn key strategies that enhance language skills during everyday activities. Playgroup is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with the last session going April to June. The Tumble Tots drop in program is held on Thursday mornings 10:00 – 12:00 noon at the Diamond Center and will be over at the end of March. There is also a Mini Musician drop in program on Friday mornings 10:30 – 12:00 noon in the Playgroup room for the month of March. All drop in programs are free programs and welcome parents with children 0 – 6 years of age

Glue cotton balls on baby food jar attach wiggly eyes, small pom pom for the nose and the big one for the tail. On the lid glue on the pipe cleaner after shaping it into bunny ears. Use a piece of cotton glued in the middle of the ears to be sure it will stay. Fill the jar with your favorite Easter Treats and your project is complete.

Teen Center drop in program is open to 10 – 15 year old youth Tuesday to Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Senior Outreach is open Monday to Thursday 9:30 – 12:00 noon. We will be doing low income tax returns from the Senior's Center, call Ann at 786-4153 for an appointment. For information on our volunteer driver program, or on other programs for older adults you can either drop into the Senior's Center Monday– Thursday mornings, or call for information or assistance.

## Economic Development

### Be a Good Ambassador For Mayerthorpe

The summer holiday season is fast approaching. Many of us will have family and friends come to visit and the "Fallen Four Memorial Park" will likely have close to 12,000 people visit again this year.

Will we be good "Ambassadors" for our Town of Mayerthorpe this year?

Let's all brag about what we have:

- the 54 service clubs and organizations and the 15 recreation groups in the area
- our medical, educational, and protection services (RCMP, Fire Dep't)
- our brand new arena, senior's lodge, and senior's drop-in centre
- the friendly people
- the peace and quiet
- our close proximity to lakes, wilderness, mountains, and a major city

And this is only a small part of it. We have so much more to be thankful for!

Let's tell the whole world about it! Let's always be "Good Ambassadors" for Mayerthorpe!

### Adopt-a-Block

For the past few years, residents of our Town have 'adopted a block'. Every spring after the snow has disappeared, and then every couple of weeks after that, these dedicated people walk around their 'adopted' block with a garbage bag in hand to pick up any garbage that's lying around on boulevards, back alleys, parks, and roadways. What a significant difference it's made to our Town's beauty and appeal!

If you haven't yet 'adopted a block' and you'd like to this year, please let Sylvia know by calling her at 786-2416 or by e-mail, [edo@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:edo@mayerthorpe.ca).

### Mayerthorpe in Bloom

A group of people have had a lot of fun working together for the past few years to plant flowers, trees, and shrubs in parks, flower pots, and in the flower baskets hanging from the decorative poles in the downtown area and to try to keep these areas looking attractive.

Many people have commented that the Town is looking neater and prettier all the time, and a lot of that is thanks to these wonderfully dedicated people. As with any project, the more people willing to help, the easier it is on everyone.

If you'd like to help with this project, please contact Sylvia at 786-2416 or by e-mail, [edo@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:edo@mayerthorpe.ca).

### Traveler

Last month, Mitch and Sylvia participated in a webinar about the "New American Traveler" and got a lot of information about the wants and needs of these tourists, many of whom travel to Alberta and along the Alaska Highway, right past our Town of Mayerthorpe!

The majority of these people are looking for less expensive but comfortable accommodations, with 44% preferring to stay in private homes. If you've often thought about opening up your home to tourists, this might be a good time to begin a "Bed and Breakfast" establishment or a "Country Vacation" opportunity.

1 in 3 leisure travelers are grandparents who occasionally take their grandchildren with them, so they'll be looking for experiences enjoyable to all of them. Another surprising statistic is that 76% of people want to find ways to reduce the stress in their life and, as a result, 2 times as many travelers want a spa and massage rather than to play a game of golf during their vacation!

The most important thing on the minds of today's American traveler is **Bed Bugs!!** 31% are very concerned and 29% somewhat concerned. As a result, we want our travelers to go home with good memories of our hospitality, the beauty of our land, the affordable amenities, and the cleanliness of our accommodations.

When they get back home, we want them to tell their family and friends about the wonderful time they had in Mayerthorpe, Alberta!

## The New American

### Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre

Grand Opening of the New Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre is scheduled for May 28th, 2011. Watch for more information as the date draws nearer.

## Important Information

### Are You Fully Protected

Do you have adequate fire protection insurance on your home owner's policy?

Most homeowners or tenants do not realize until it is too late after the fire or loss has occurred that their insurance policy does not go far enough to protect them against rising costs of fighting fires.

Policies vary as much as the insurance companies do, however you should get in touch with your policy provider and ask how much coverage there is. Did you know the average cost for a single family dwelling fire can exceed \$3500.00 in firefighting costs it can in fact be as high as \$5000.00, and for commercial structures even higher?

You maybe surprised to learn that some policies provide only limited amounts and start as low as \$1000.00. If there is not enough coverage you are responsible for the rest. The costs for insuring coverage to \$5000.00 can be done for a very low amount in addition to your policy amount.

Remember home owners insurance is just about the cheapest insurance you can buy. Do yourselves a favor and insure you have enough coverage for your costs incurred.

Fire Chief  
Randy Schroeder



### Compost Station Employment Opportunity

The Town of Mayerthorpe is seeking a responsible individual with good Public Relations to work at the Composting Station, Must be willing to work Saturdays. This contract position consists of approximately 22 hours a week.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

### Cemetery Caretaker Employment Opportunity

The Town of Mayerthorpe is presently seeking a seasonal part time caretaker responsible for Mayerthorpe and Area cemetery general maintenance, grass cutting, weeding of flower beds.

Hours of work are flexible and based on 24 hrs per week; the primary responsibility is the provision of a neat and well-kept cemetery. This seasonal contract position pays \$920 per month, and commences May 1 to September 30.

Applicants should own a vehicle, and be in good physical condition to perform manual labor. Written applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on March 23, 2011. Applications can be faxed to 780-786-4590, mailed to Box 420, Mayerthorpe, or e-mailed to: [admin@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:admin@mayerthorpe.ca).

Detailed job description is available at the Town Office.

### Town of Mayerthorpe Summer Job Opportunities

Applications for the following temporary positions are now being accepted by the Town of Mayerthorpe:

Cemetery Maintenance

Library

Public Works (2)

Application forms can be picked up at the Town Office. Applications can be dropped off at the Town Office, e-mailed to [admin@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:admin@mayerthorpe.ca), faxed to 786-4590, or mailed to Box 420, Mayerthorpe, AB T0E 1N0.

Be sure to indicate the job you are interested in.

Applicants must be 16 years old by May 1, 2011. The **Deadline for applications is noon Friday, April 29, 2011.**