

Town of Mayerthorpe

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Left to Right: Councillor Pat Hagman, Councillor Pat Burns, Deputy Mayor Anna Greenwood, Mayor Janet Jabush, Councillor Sandy Morton, Councillor Bernie Jogola, Councillor Clay Davidson

Our Connection

2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

2021 Municipal Election for the Town of Mayerthorpe will be held October 18, 2021. If you wish to become a Candidate, Nominations Forms are available at https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/engage/2021-municipal-election-information, or you may pick up a copy at the Town Office.

As per the Local Authorities Election Act RSA 2000 L-21

Nomination day

- 25(1) Nomination day is 4 weeks before election day.
 - (2) A person may file a nomination to become a candidate
 - (a) for a general election, within the period beginning on January 1 in a year in which a general election is to be held and ending at 12 noon on nomination day, and
 - (b) for a by-election, within the period beginning on the day after the resolution or bylaw I passed to set election day forthe by-election and ending at 12 noon on nomination day.

Nomination Day is September 20, 2021. Nomination Papers must be submitted to the Municipal Office by 12:00 p.m.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well, it's been quite a year! My prediction for Mayerthorpe for 2020 was for an awesome year. I'm not sure awesome is the best word to describe 2020. Unbelievable, unprecedented, and unpredictable are, perhaps, better adjectives.

Like most municipalities, we were faced with bitter fiscal realities, we tested the limits of our staffing capacity and we asked Council to make decisions no one would have imagined possible.

All the while, the day-to-day business of the Town forged ahead, despite a rash of equipment failures, challenges with our potable water infrastructure and projects continuously hampered by weather delays.

You'd think after the list above I'd say my predictions were way off, out to lunch, even. But that's just not the case. It's true, things have not gone as I'd envisioned, but Mayerthorpe has had a pretty darn good year!

2020 saw the completion of several large projects including the addition of street lights in key locations around Town, installation of solar panels on the Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre/Dick Granley Arena, installation of automatic doors on the Arena and the Diamond Centre, and the completion of a critical water line looping project near the hospital that will ensure continuous water supply to key facilities in the event of an emergency.

The highway commercial development known as Gasoline Alley North reached a milestone in its construction with the completion of the approach into the subdivision. Three development permits have been issued and the sale of individual lots can now commence.

The BMX/Skateboard park will see asphalt applied in the spring adding another activity for the youth in our community. Also adding to our facilities for youth and the rest of the community, the Town acquired the assets of the Fallen Four Society and assumed control of the building and grounds. While the Society will maintain the monument and its surrounding grounds, the Mayerthorpe Public Library has found a new home in the building. We're looking forward to the grand re-opening sometime this spring.

And, while many municipalities were watching businesses close or leave, Mayerthorpe realized a net gain of new businesses in 2020!

Yes, despite it all, Mayerthorpe's had a pretty darn good year, indeed. Here's to bigger and better things for 2021!

Take care, be safe and, above all, be kind.

Mayor, Janet Jabush



Have you registered your business on Shop43.ca yet? If not, please do so at www.shop43.ca. This is a free marketing tool for businesses in communities along Highway 43. Not a business, but would like to know what businesses offer services along Highway 43. "Like" Shop43 on Facebook or on Twitter today!

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE WELCOMES NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, JOHN ANDERSEN



John Andersen is the Town's new Economic Development & Communications Officer. He moved to Mayerthorpe from Fort Saskatchewan where he worked for the County there. He brings 10 years experience working in economic development, communications, and marketing with municipalities, regional development organizations and the Province of Alberta. Prior to a career in economic development, John worked in the private and not-for-profits sectors

John grew up in Winnipeg and Saskatoon before moving to Ontario for high school and university. He has worked in communities throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta and now calls the Town of Mayerthorpe home.

Economic Development/Communications Officer, John Andersen

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONNER CREEK ON YOUR RE-OPENING AND WELCOME SIMPLY RANCHY

Both businesses are located in the Conner Creek store on main street.











LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Town of Mayerthorpe wishes to recognise Lac Ste. Anne County for their contribution of \$3,500 toward the 2020 Mayerthorpe Playgroup Program and \$1,500 toward the Senior Outreach Program.



WOODLANDS COUNTY FINANCIAL CONTRIBU-TION

The Town of Mayerthorpe would like to thank Woodlands County for their financial contribution of \$7,100 towards Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), Preventative Programs and Services offered in the Town of Mayerthorpe.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

The number of businesses being required to temporarily shut down and people staying home has caused small local businesses to suffer. Some of this will be temporary, but some business owners will be forced to shut down. The government is doing what it can in terms of financial relief and other initiatives, but that can only go so far and for so long. Ultimately it's going to be up to us, the local communities and customers, to support these businesses.

Local business is essential for our economy. They bring growth and innovation to our communities. They provide employment and create entrepreneurship opportunities that support the local economies, communities and neighborhoods.

The also care about their community. They know their customers by name; they are our neighbors and friends. They are what make our Town special and unique.







BUSINESS SUPPORT NETWORK (BSN)

The Mayerthorpe and area BSN is a chapter of the Alberta BSN. The Alberta BSN is a collective of regional business support networks in Alberta that work to build stronger partnerships within their respective business communities, and to address common local and regional workplace challenges.

The Government of Alberta and Town of Mayerthorpe support the Mayerthorpe and Area BSN as a tool to support our local business community through networking and information sharing. Due to Provincial

Health Restrictions our meetings are virtual, but still productive. If you own or operate a business in the Town or surrounding area, we recommend you sign-up and follow us on Facebook (@mayerthorpebsn).

The COVID-19 Business Support Grant was developed in response to the pandemic and 7 businesses received support from the Town in 2020.

TOWN MAGNETS

The 2021 Town Magnets are here! Town Magnets were mailed out to with the January 2021 utility bill.

Information includes the garbage and recycling schedule, critical phone numbers, important dates to remember, and annual events (subject to COVID -19 Health Restrictions).

This information is also on the Town website on the Town Services page.

If you did not receive your 2021 Town Magnet, and wish to obtain one, please contact the Town Office.

Direct link:

https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/public/download/files/170669

COVID-19 PANDEMIC BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT

Council has renewed the COVID-19 Pandemic Business Support Grant for 2021. This grant was developed in response to the pandemic and seven businesses receiving this support in 2020

If you own an operating business in the Town of Mayerthorpe and have been open for more than three months, have had a decline in revenue, an increase in costs directly related to COVID-19, will not be declaring bankruptcy, and meet all other grant criteria, you may qualify for this relief funding from the Town.

To request an application, please e-mail edo@mayerthorpe.ca or simply download the application. Information on the policy and application can be found on the grants section of the Town website:

https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/engage/grants

COVID-19 BUSINESS IMPACT SURVEY

Are you open for business? Can I still shop here? How do I get the products or services essential to me?

In December 2020, the Town released a short survey to answer these questions and to help the business community inform clientele of the COVID-19 business disruptions under the Provincial Health Restriction. The voluntary survey reflects the results received from the business community from December 17 – 22, 2020. The results are posted on the Town's website and can be found on the Business Directory page.

Direct link:

https://www.mayerthorpe.ca/public/download/files/172174

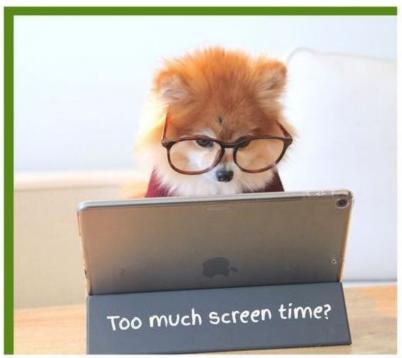
Children's Wellness Kits

A little support for kids and teens suffering from the Covid blues . . .

Enter your child or teen into a draw to receive a wellness kit containing diy crafts, books and other items.

To enter, contact the Library by 5pm Thursday, Feb 11. Winners will be contacted for pickup on Feb 12.





MAYERTHORPE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayerthorpe Fire Department is recruiting. Our Station is a proud Station serving your community and surrounding area since

Who is eligible to become a firefighter?

Adult firefighters must be over eighteen (18) and be in reasonable physical condition in order to perform firefighting duties. Applicants for the Cadet firefighting program must be between the ages of fifteen (15) and eighteen (18) years old and eligible to attend or be attending school, a minimum of 152 cm (5 ft.) in height and be in reasonable physical condition in order to perform firefighting duties.

If I have no training or experience, can I still apply?

ABSOLUTELY!! All necessary training is provided to new members. New members are expected to attend and complete courses in First Aid/ CPR, and Entry Level Firefighting. Subsequently, members are encouraged to take more advanced courses for structure fires, vehicle extrication, liquid fuel fires, dangerous goods, pump operations, apparatus driving, wildland fires, urban interface fires. Most of the courses are held within the county and are free of charge to members.

How much time does it take to be a member?

Members are expected to attend weekly training sessions.

Members are expected to attend as many incidents as possible.

What benefits do "YOU" get out of this?

* Training and Knowledge * Develop important skills * Confidence * Pride * Self Assurance * * Sense of accomplishment * Being part of a bigger team * Learn to stay cool in situations *

**That GOOD FEELING of a job well done **

The training you receive is the same standard of training that is provided to firefighters across Canada and is internationally recognized. Please contact Mayerthorpe Town Office for inquiries 780-786-2416 or Fire Chief Schroeder at 780-608-3392 or firechief@mayerthorpe.ca

ALBERTA HEALTH SERIVES (AHS) WARNS OF VACCINE SCAM ALERT

AHS has received reports of a phone scam where Albertans over 75 are told they can book their COVID-19 immunization for a fee. AHS has stated they would never request a payment for COVID-19 immunization. If you receive a call like this, please hang up immediately and report to the non-emergency line for local law enforcement. 780-786-2800



MEDIA NOTIFICA-TIONS

Would you like to receive the Town's 'Our Connection' newsletter via email? How about Town notifications through Facebook? Stay up to date on Twitter? Town of Mayerthorpe wants to keep you connected!

Signing up for the newsletter is easy. Go to

www.mayerthorpe.ca, and click 'Newsletter sign-up'.

Facebook: <u>www.fb.com/</u> <u>mymayerthorpe</u>

Twitter: @Mayerthorpe1

INFORMATION CHANGES

In order to keep our records current and up to date, we are asking that if your phone number or mailing address changes, please notify the Town Office so we can update your information. This information is helpful to the Town and beneficial in the event the Town would have to notify of water shut offs due to line repairs, or any other Town emergency that may arise.

BECOME AN EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES VOL-UNTEER! (ESS)

Town of Mayerthorpe is looking for Emergency Social Services volunteers who:

- Have concern for people affected by disaster and want to help (experience or training in social services is an asset):
- Have good written and verbal communication skills;
- Have the ability to respond with limited notice;
- Are a Team Player;
- And can multi-task in an environment that can be fast paced and stressful.

PERSONAL REWARDS FOR BECOMING A ESS VOLUNTEER NETWORK MEMBERS?

Making a Difference: You are part of a local volunteer group that assures the essential needs of people affected by an emergency are met (shelter, food, emotional support).

Training: On-line training is provided to ESS volunteers, based on their function within the ESS team.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in being one of Mayerthorpe's ESS volunteers, please contact Joanne St. Martin by email atfcss@mayerthorpe.ca or you can contact the Town Office.



CHILDREN'S WELLNESS KITS

Children's Wellness Kits Draw: A little support for kids and teens suffering from the COVID-19 blues...

See poster for details, (Pg. 5) and enter your child or teen into a draw before 5p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021

Please visit Town of Mayerthorpe Public Library Facebook page for some great Do-it– Yourself and craft projects.

TOWN OF MAYERTHORPE PLAYGROUP

There are spots available for the 3—4 year old classes in the Mayerthorpe Playgroup program. If you would like to register your child, please contact Joanne St. Martin by email at fcss@mayerthorpe.ca or call the Town Office.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM

The Volunteer Driver program assists seniors with transportation to medical appointments. For more information please contact Joanne St. Martin by email at fcss@mayerthorpe.ca or by calling the Town Office.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program volunteers prepare income tax and benefit returns for individuals with low to modest income and simple tax situations. These can include:

Aboriginal peoples; Social assistance recipients; Newcomers to Canada; Seniors; and Students

Volunteers will **not prepare** complex returns, such as returns for individuals who:

Have self employment income; Have business or rental income and expenses; Have capital gains or losses; Have employment expenses; File for bankruptcy; or Deceased in the year

To determine a taxpayer's eligibility for the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, use the income levels shown below as a guideline. For each additional dependent add \$2,500.00 to the family income. The taxpayer should not have interest income more than \$1,000.00.

<u>Taxpayer Status</u>	Family Income
Single Person	Up to \$35,000
Couple	Up to \$45,000
One Adult w/One Child	Up to \$35,000

GRANTS

The Town of Mayerthorpe has the following external grants available:

- Billboard Signage Grant
- Business Tradeshow Initiative
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- COVID-19 Business
 Support Grant
- Culture Grant
- FCSS Grant
- Highway Signage
- Historical Residential Home Rehabilitation
- Recreation
- Tourism
- Vitalization

Please visit <u>www.mayerthorpe.ca</u> or call the Town Office for additional information.

INVEST IN ALBERTA

Town of Mayerthorpe is proud to be featured in the 2021 Invest in Alberta Magazine. Invest in Alberta is circulated to over 15,000 key decision makers in North America and around the world.

www.edaalberta.ca/Invest-In-Alberta

Invest In Alberta is the official magazine of Economic Developers Alberta (EDA) and your essential guide to investment and business opportunities across all regions of Alberta. Invest In Alberta helps business owners and managers make informed decisions by profiling each of Alberta's economic regions. Informed articles highlight living conditions and current business trends, along with informative depicting economic graphs data.

WHITECOURT & AREA FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM (FSP)

Facebook @WhitecourtAreaFamilySupportProgram part of the SPARK FRN (Supporting Parents and Alberta's Rural Kids Family Resource Network)

The Whitecourt & Area Family Support Program (FSP) provides:

Diversion Services	Universal Programming and Parent Education
for families with youth aged 7-18 years of age	for families with children/youth 0-18 years of age,
in Whitecourt and throughout the SPARK FRN.	with a focus on early childhood development at the
	Allan & Jean Millar Centre in Whitecourt.

SPARK Family Resource Network Includes:

Alberta Beach	Greenview No.16	Mayerthorpe	Ross Haven	Swan Hills	Woodlands County
Castle Island	Valleyview	Nakamun Park	Sandy Beach	Val Quentin	Whitecourt
Fox Creek	Lac Ste. Anne County	Onoway	Sunset Point	West Cove	Yellowstone

DIVERSION SERVICES

Free, accredited, family centred, solution-focused counselling and family support. Services may be provided in-home and/or in the community, and by virtual means when suitable, and build upon informal supports and resources including discussions, activities, providing strategies, recommendations, and information to help the youth and their family. Groups may be offered that focus on parenting strategies, social skills, emotional health, or other relevant issues.

Areas that the Diversion Program provides support for include:

 Parenting skills Communication Aggressive behaviour Conflicts in family relationships Anxiety/depression Adolescent issues Coping with separation/divorce/family changes - Grief and loss Self-esteem

DIVERSION PROGRAM ACCESS:

Families can self-refer to the program or be referred from a supporting agency. Service can be arranged by contacting the Family Support Program Team Lead by phone: 780-778-3637, ext. 412, or email: angelamillard@whitecourt.ca.

UNIVERSAL PROGRAMMING and PARENT EDUCATION

A variety of free drop-in and registered universal programs that focus on the five developmental domains, asset building, psycho-educational topics, and building family and inter-generational cohesion. The programs will be offered at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre in Whitecourt and at various locations throughout the community. Programs are open to all families in Whitecourt and the SPARK FRN.









Alternate Service Menu

While we remain closed, our staff are happy to provide the following services:



- Curbside Holds ready for pickup when you call
- Recommended Reading lists made for just for you
- **Digital eResources** available 24/7
- Window Shopping at MPL to view our collection
- **Printing** of your file when you email it to us
- Virtual Programming until we can welcome you back!

Questions? Visit our website, give us a call or send us an email.



Library Card Renewal

Did you recently receive a notification that your library card is expiring? Good news - you can ignore it! We've pushed back the deadline to renew your membership until we can open and see you in person again! Your service will not be disrupted.



Valentine's Day Photos

Next week Mayerthorpe Public Library will be sporting a beautiful backdrop for your Valentine's Day photos thanks to the Mayerthorpe Lite-Up Committee. Stop by the Library and take a picture of you and your Valentine.



TRACpac App

Keep track of your account on the go. Place holds, renew items and borrow ebooks, audiobooks and magazines inside the App. Download is available for Android and iOS devices.

MAYERTHORPE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW LOCATION 4601-52St. (Former home of the Fallen Four Memorial)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CLOSURE DAYS

February 15, 2021—Family Day

April 2, 2021 - Good Friday

April 5, 2021—Easter Monday

May 24, 2021—Victoria Day

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note due to COVID-19 events could be cancelled or dates may be change.

Fireman's Ball March 20

Rodeo May 21-23

Spring Clean Up May 18

4-H Beef Show and Sale June 7

Senior's Week Activities
June 1-7

Rangeton Farmer's Day Music Festival

June 11-13

Canada Day Events July 1

Agriculture Fair August 14-15

Culture Day September 25

Fall Clean Up September 28

Kin Club Christmas Market November 20

Christmas Lite Up December 3

JOHN BLASKO LEGACY GRANT

We would like to celebrate the memory of Johnny Blasko. The John Blasko Legacy Grant's second inaugural contribution in support of Town charitable facilities including the Mayerthorpe Exhibition Centre, Mayerthorpe Aquatic Centre, and other similar facilities amounted to \$24,706.00 in 2020.



2021 BUSINESS LICENSES—BYLAW NO. 1113

2021 are now past due and a 20% penalty has been added if you have not purchased yours yet. To avoid future penalties please purchase your license before the end of February. 20% is added to the total every month that your license is outstanding.

2021 MAP & DIRECTORY

The 2021 Town Map and Directory is under development and 2021 ads are sold out! This publication includes information on Town businesses, services, community and faith groups, schools and more. If your organization is included in the Town Map and Directory publications and your information has changed, please contact the Town office or email edo@mayerthorpe.ca for your change request prior to February 11th, 12:00 p.m. (noon).

COWBOY TRAIL WAYFINDING SIGNS

Have you seen the Town of Mayerthorpe's upgraded Cowboy Trail Wayfinding Signs around Town?

Modifications have been made to the metal framework and the signs have been relocated to the inside of the posts.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Since Covid-19 began in March 2020, the Town of Mayerthorpe postponed the 2020 Volunteer Appreciation Event, typically held in April each year.

Town of Mayerthorpe wishes to recognize and thank our Volunteers, and since Covid-19 remains, The Town is offering Volunteers a free dozen wings coupon from the Royal Canadian Legion. This coupon will be valid from December 1, 2020 until March 31, 2021, for take- only on wing night Wednesdays; with a pre order call required to 780-786-2470. Coupons are available at the Town Office. Volunteers will need to stop in to pick up the coupon and provide your volunteer group for registration.

THE NEW BUSINESS BANNER PROGRAM

How does the new Business Banner Program differ from the last one?

The goal of this program is to enhance business visibility to motorists, increase business exposure to a greater audience, increase customer traffic and enhance curb appeal. The new program features two sided ¼" aluminum painted flatbed printed with 3M Scotch lite gloss protective overlaminate and are waterproof and UVA protected.

The new banners look great and reflect the Town's new branding. If your business participated in the previous Business Banner Program and would like to upgrade to this new program, the cost of the previous banner will be credited to a new, upgraded banner.

If you are interested to learn more about the New Business Banner Program, availability of banner space, cost or specifications, please contact the Town Office or email edo@mayerthorpe.ca.



If you would like to upgrade to this new Business Banner program, the cost of your previous banner will be credited to the new, upgraded banner.

SIDEWALK WINTER SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL RE-MINDER

The Town would like to remind businesses and residents to apply salt/sand/grit to sidewalks when icy, and please chip any ice which includes any wooden transition bridges that are part of the sidewalk system bordering private properties. Properties within commercial and industrial districts are required to remove ice and snow 24 hours after the end of a snowfall event and residential districts are required to remove ice and snow 48 hours after the

end of a snowfall event. Public Works has placed a sand bin at 5040 - 52nd Street with free sand for use on public sidewalks only. Please help elderly neighbours who may not be able to attend to their sidewalks. Thank you in advance for your attention to these sidewalks!

NEW INFILL

It's amazing how quickly this new infill has come together! The Town welcomes our newest residents to Mayerthorpe and congratulate them on the lovely work on this infill property; one less vacant lot in Town!

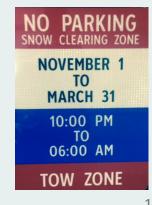
Remember to check with the Town of Mayerthorpe to inquire about Infill Rebate Policy eligibility!



Please be reminded that if you have a Curb Booster/Ramp at the end of your driveway, it will need to be removed prior to any snow removal. If are left, the grader could damaged the ramp.

Permanent Snow Removal Signs for 50th Street between 47th Ave and 51st Ave.

Please keep in mind these "No Parking" restrictions will be in effect from November 1st—March 31st,! 10:00 p.m. —6:00 a.m.



COUNCIL MEETING DATES

All meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

February 8, 2021

February 16, 2021 P&P

February 22, 2021

March 8, 2021

March 15, 2021 P&P

March 22, 2021

April 12, 2021

April 19, 2021 P&P

April 26, 2021

If you wish to meet with Council please have your written request to the Town Office the Thursday before the Policies and Priorities (P & P) meeting.







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P. 780-786-2416 F. 780-786-4590

Email: admin@mayerthorpe.ca

BYLAW NO. 1134 AMENDING BYLAW NO 1046 BEING THE UTILITIES BYLAW

Council passed Bylaw No. 1134, there has been an increase to Storm Water Infrastructure Fees as follows:

R1 Residential – Single Detached R2 Residential – Mixed Housing R3 Residential – Medium Density	\$ 1.98 \$ 1.98 \$ 5.77
R4 Residential – High Density	\$ 3.77
R5S	\$ 1.98
R5P	\$ 66.37
Direct Control	\$ 1.98
C1 – Commercial Downtown Core	\$ 5.77
C2- Commercial General	\$ 14.41
M – Industrial General – Low Intensity	\$ 14.41
M- Industrial General – Medium Intensity	\$ 28.84
M – Industrial General – High Intensity	\$ 43.25
US – Urban Services – Low Intensity	\$ 14.41
US – Urban Services – Medium Intensity	\$ 43.25
US – Urban Services – High Intensity	\$ 72.07
US – Churches	\$ 1.98
P – Recreational	\$Exempt

SCAN—SAFER COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOR-

Safer Communities and Neighbors (SCAN) is a unit of the Alberta Sheriffs that helps keep communities safe by dealing with problem properties that are being used for specific illegal activity such as:

- Drug Trafficking
- Prostitution
- Child Exploitation
- Gang-Related Crime

Reporting suspicious properties through SCAN:

- Improves Community Safety
- Empowers Citizens
- Targets Properties
- Holds Property Owners accountable for activities on their properties

How SCAN works:

Once a member or members of a community reports a suspicious property, SCAN investigators may begin an investigation, gather information, or apply to the courts for a Safety Order. This can allow the property to be secured and closed for at least 90 days. Many citizens have concerns about their neighbors, but unfortunately there are limitations as to what we can be done with those concerns. However, YOU can make a difference to ensure your community is a safer place to live. Concerned citizens are encouraged to visit: www.alberta.ca to learn further information. Details about the process and what the program can do to resolve concerns.

To report a suspicious property, either call 1-866-960-SCAN(7226) or fill out the form at the bottom of the web page. The process is completely confidential, and complainants will not be involved in the investigative or court proceedings that may result from the complaint.

Let us make this a better place to live.

Dwight Dawn, Community Peace Officer