



ATTENTION COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS Recreation Capital Grants Now Available

Deadline For Applications Is February 28, 2010

Community Organizations within Saddle Hills County or serving Saddle Hills County residents are invited to submit applications for 2010 recreation and cultural capital grant funds. Applications forms are available at the County Office. **Deadline for applying is February 28th.**

Eligible projects must be completed within two years of receiving funds and the facility must be accessible to the general public.

Eligible projects include renovations and repairs to existing structural, electrical or mechanical systems, upgrades to existing facilities to improve operations efficiencies or to comply with current building codes, or to

enhance program delivery at the facility. If cost feasibility dictates the rebuilding of a facility, funds may be available for that purpose.

Those organizations that provide a five year capital plan may receive preferential consideration of their application.

Non eligible projects include retirement of debt, cost of developing a proposal, ongoing services and studies to assess existing facilities or to help assess the need for a new or renovated facility.

For further information contact Faye Kary, Director of Corporate Services, Saddle Hills County.

Agricultural Service Board Breakfasts

Come on down to the Saddle Hills County Ag Service Board Breakfasts for some great food and see an excellent speaker at each one! The breakfasts kick off at 9am. We hope to see you there!

Feb. 22 Woking Community Hall
Mar. 1 Blueberry Mountain Community Hall
Mar. 2 Savanna Rec Plex
Mar. 3 Bonanza Community Hall

Fire Services Meetings

Fire Services meetings and practices in Saddle Hills County take place on a regular basis. Find out when and where the next one in your area takes place.

Feb. 1 Bonanza
Woking (Fire Behavior)
Feb. 2 Happy Valley
Savanna (Building Construction)
Feb. 3 Blueberry Mountain
Feb. 15 Bonanza

For more information, call the County at 780-864-3760.

Water and Sewer Rates

Notice is given to all Water and Sewer account holders in Saddle Hills County. Effective March 1, 2010 the rates for all water and sewer usage will be increased by 5%. This includes all bulk water sales.

Communities in Bloom

Woking Communities in Bloom will be holding a meeting at the Woking Fire Hall January 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Incident Command System

The AEMA will be sponsoring two course offerings of ICS 200. Prior completion of ICS 100 not required. Contact Brian or Janice at 780-864-3760 to register. Choose from the following two offerings.

Location: Savanna Fire Hall
Date: February 5 & 6, 2010
Times: Fri. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Hosted by Savanna Fire Department

Location: Saddle Hills County Council Chambers
Date: February 6 & 7, 2010
Times: Sat. 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saddle Hills County Calendar

**Calling all Community Groups
within Saddle Hills County!**

Saddle Hills County will be publishing a calendar which will run from August 2010 to July 2011. We are looking for Community Events that are being held in the County. If you would like your community event published in the calendar please contact Norma Maxwell at 780-864-3760. All those who wish to have their community events published in the calendar must have their submissions into the County office by February 5, 2010.

Growing the North Conference

Saddle Hills County is a sponsor for the Growing the North Conference, a Transportation & Economic Development conference hosted by the County of Grande Prairie, with its partners the Northern Alberta Development Council, Farm Credit Canada and the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

The conference will take place January 21 and 22, 2010 at the Evergreen Park TEC Center in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Early registration is \$110.00. Additional Tickets for the evening dinner are \$30. Prices are subject to taxes.

Register soon and get more info by going to www.countygp.ab.ca and choosing from the "County" menu: Departments > Economic Development > Growing the North Conference.

Enjoy a Winter Barbecue

On Sunday February 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. enjoy a winter barbecue at the Savanna Rec Plex. Activities will include cross country skiing, skating, and visiting. Sunscreen is optional.

Admission is free with donations being accepted for the Savanna Agricultural Society.

Wild Boar Bounty Program Extended

Wild boar was declared a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act in 2008. Saddle Hills County and Alberta Agriculture are pleased to announce that the Wild Boar Bounty Program of \$50/pair of ears has been extended until March 31, 2011.

How do I participate in the program?
In order to be eligible for the program, the wild boar killed must meet the following conditions:

- Was found at large when it was killed;
- Was not, to your knowledge, intentionally released;
- Was killed by hunting or trapping, and not slaughter;
- Was killed humanely;
- Was killed at the location you reported;
- Was not killed in a manner that contravened any law.

Failure to meet the above conditions will render the claimant ineligible for payment.

I've killed a wild boar. What do I do now?
Remove both ears from the animal. The ears must be whole and undamaged and you must have both of them in your possession in order to receive payment. Call the Manager of Rural Development, Amy Kaut, at 780-864-0053 to make arrangements for the ears to be dropped off or picked up. The ears will be notched and returned to you to

dispose of how you wish, and the County will then issue payment. In order to speed up payment, please have the legal land description where the animal was killed with you.

Do I have to kill the wild boar in Saddle Hills County in order to collect the bounty?
The boars must be killed within Saddle Hills County and you must submit the correct legal land description of where the animal was killed. You must have landowner permission to enter and hunt on their land. Lack of or false information will render you ineligible for payment. If you kill a wild boar in another municipality, you must contact them to inquire about payment for your ears.

Is there a limit on how many wild boars I can receive the bounty for?
There are no limits on the number, gender or age of boars that are eligible for payment. These animals are legislated pests that have caused millions of dollars in agricultural and structural damages elsewhere in North America. Through this proactive bounty program, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and the Alberta Agricultural Service Boards hope to prevent wild boar from establishing in Alberta.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Manager of Rural Development at (780) 864-3760.