



2010 Final Budget Approved

The Saddle Hills County 2010 Budget has been passed. For more information, visit www.saddlehills.ab.ca.

CENTRAL PEACE REGION Disaster Social Services

The Central Peace Region Disaster Social Services will be holding a meeting on April 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Saddle Hills County Administration building. Anyone interested in attending or becoming a volunteer please contact Carmen Dolan at 780-864-8735.

Community Garage Sale

On April 24 there will be a Community Garage sale at the Woking Community Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Rent your own table for \$10.00 and sell your own items or donate your items and the Woking Willing Workers will add them to their table. All these proceeds will go to the Woking Willing Workers for upgrade and maintenance of the hall. Lunch will be available. To book a table call 780-774-2469 or 780-774-2552. Save the environment. Your unneeded items will be needed by someone else!

ATTENTION Woking Dog Owners

Saddle Hills County has a bylaw (77-1997) to control dogs running at large within the Hamlet of Woking. This bylaw requires that no owner of a dog shall permit their dog to be running at large within the hamlet, campgrounds, picnic grounds or school yards within the County. Failure to comply with the bylaw may result in the dog being impounded and penalties charged.

Anyone concerned with dogs running at large are encouraged to call the County office at 780-864-3760.

Country Market, Art Show & Sale

There will be a Country Market, Art Show & Sale at the Silver Valley Hall on May 1st, 2010. Activities will happen from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be paintings, crafts, baking, bedding plants, and many other wonderful items available. For information about the art show or to book a table, call Vi Steinke at 780-351-2174. Hope to See You There!

Construction Equipment BIDS FOR DAY LABOUR USE, GRAVEL HAUL

All owners of construction equipment wishing to submit bids for positions on the day labor list and the annual gravel haul are requested to pick up a bid sheet. Bids for the following equipment are sought by the County:

Dozers, graders, packers, buggies, hoes, water trucks, trucks in combination with trailers (Gravel Trucks), steamers, etc.

Bid sheets are available online at www.saddlehills.ab.ca and at the Saddle Hills County Field Operations Shop at 5203 - HWY49, Spirit River, Alberta.

The closing date for the submission of bids by April 30, 2010.

MADD Canada Presentation

Victim Services will be hosting a presentation by MADD Canada on the topic of Notification of Next of Kin. The presentation will take place Monday May 17, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Saddle Hills County Administration building. The meeting is open to anyone who is interested, Contact Carmen Dolan at 780-864-8735 for more info or to register.

Road Bans Remain in Effect

Pursuant to Saddle Hills County By-law 80-1998, and policy no. PW04, road bans remain in effect. For the most up to date road ban information for County roads go to saddlehills.ab.ca or call Matt Moorman at 780-864-8417. For information about road bans on secondary and primary highways please call Alberta Transportation at 1-877-236-6445.

Combined Assessment and Tax Notices

Please be advised that the 2010 Saddle Hills County Combined Assessment and Tax Notices will be mailed as of April 23, 2010 and taxes are due and payable on or before October 15, 2010.

Assessment inquiries may be directed to the Assessment Department at the Saddle Hills County Office. Phone 780-864-3760 or fax 780-864-3904. The assessment roll is open for inspection during office hours. After hour appointments can be arranged if necessary. An interview with the Assessor may save the cost of the complaint fee.

If you believe this or any other assessment is unfair, you may file a written complaint with the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board

by June 30, 2010 using the Assessment Review Board Complaint Form available at the Saddle Hills County Office or on our website at www.saddlehills.ab.ca. Please submit the appropriate form and fees.

This year there will be a 3% discount on the municipal portion of the taxes if paid before August 1, 2010. Tax payments may be made at most Financial Institutions, by online banking, mail or in person at the Saddle Hills County Office. Payments may also be placed in the night deposit box at the Saddle Hills County Office.

All 2010 Assessment and Tax Notices are deemed to have been received 7 days after mailing.



2010 Dust Control

Saddle Hills County is pleased to provide Calcium Chloride as a dust abatement agent on roads in 2010. The standard fee is \$7.50 per linear meter. However, the County will share a percentage of the cost with residents who request dust control. The cost-sharing percentages are outlined below.

Residents on Collector and Local Roads shall pay 75% of the first 100 meters and Saddle Hills County will pay the remaining 25%. The resident shall pay the full cost of any additional length over the first 100m at the standard unit price per linear meter established above.

Residents on Arterial Roads must apply for a minimum of 200 meters of dust control. The resident shall pay 50% of the first 100 meters and Saddle Hills County will pay the remaining 50% as well as the entire cost for the

second 100 meters. The resident may also apply for up to an additional 200 meters at the 50% cost-shared rate. Residents applying for distances greater than 400 meters shall pay the full cost for the distance over 400 meters.

Residents on Secondary Highways must apply for a minimum of 350 meters of dust control. The resident shall pay 50% of the first 100 meters and Saddle Hills County will pay the remaining 50% as well as the entire cost for the second 250 meters. The resident may also apply for up to an additional 100 meters at the 50% cost-shared rate. Residents applying for distances greater than 450 meters shall pay the full cost at the standard rate established above.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., May 14, 2010.

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

May 3	Bonanza Fire Hall Woking Fire Hall	May 5	Blueberry Fire Hall
May 4	Happy Valley Fire Hall Savanna Fire Hall	May 17	Bonanza Fire Hall
		June 1	Happy Valley Fire Hall Savanna Fire Hall