

# DISCOVER THE SADDLE HILLS **ADVANTAGE**

#### **WEED INSPECTORS BEGIN WORK**

Did you know that Saddle Hills County is at the heart of one of Canada's most important crop producing regions? To help ensure the high quality of our crops and eliminate pests, our Weed Inspectors carry out regular annual inspections, looking for noxious and prohibited weeds listed under the Weed Control Act and nuisance and pest species listed under the Agricultural Pests Act. So, if you see a County staff member in your field in the coming months, they are there to help! Weed Inspectors may park vehicles in field approaches but will never drive onto your land, and follow strict biosecurity protocols to prevent disease spread. If you have any questions or concerns about weed inspections, or other services that our Ag Services Department offers, please call us at (780) 864-3760 or email ag@saddlehills.ab.ca

#### **SCHEDULED OFFICE CLOSURE - MAY 22, 2023**

The Saddle Hills County office will be closed for Victoria Day, on Monday, May 22, 2023. We will re-open at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

#### WATER INFRACTION

The County have recently issued a fine for an infraction under Bylaw 411-2022 Waste and Wastewater Systems. Please note that any unauthorized connections to or unauthorized use of Municipal Utilities, including interfering or tampering with meters etc. carries a fine of \$2,500, as per Bylaw 414-2023 Master Rates.

# **CONSTRUCTION SEASON - EXPECT DELAYS**

Construction is scheduled to take place on the following roads:

- Hwy 725 (Hwy 49 to Hwy 681) incl. Asphalt Paving: May 24 July
- Hwy 84 (Hwy 681 to Twp. Rd. 822) Asphalt Overlay: June July
- Hwy 115 (Pilsworth) (Hwy 49 to Hwy 681): May 24 July 1 Drivers should expect delays on these routes throughout the construction period. We thank you for your patience.

#### POWER OUTAGES DUE TO WILDFIRE

Are you experiencing a power outage due to Peace River Banks/ Cleardale fire, North of Fourth Creek? If so, please call the County for possible assistance at (780) 864-3760 or email frontdesk@saddlehills. ab.ca. You can track current outages on the online ATCO outage map.



May 23, 9:00 a.m. Regular Council Meeting Agricultural Service Board Meeting May 25, 6:00 p.m.

# **WE'RE HIRING**

For full job descriptions and to apply head to the County website.

#### TEMPORARY SEASONAL

 Equipment Operator I-II (must have Class 1 or 3 Drivers License)

#### PERMANENT, FULL-TIME

• Nurse Practitioner

#### TAX NOTICES ARE ON THE WAY

The County mailed out the 2023 combined Assessment and Property Tax Notices by May 8, 2023. Taxes are due by July 31, 2023. If you do not receive a notice by May 30, 2023 please contact us at taxation@ saddlehills.ab.ca or visit us at the County office. If you have recently moved or sold property please contact us to confirm we have the correct details on file. Our hours are Mon. - Fri., 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### AGRICULTURAL APPEAL COMMITTEE SEEKING MEMBERS

Saddle Hills County is looking for volunteers interested in sitting on the board of the Agricultural Appeal Committee. You can apply on our website or the County office by completing the Application for Publicat-large Position. ag@saddlehills.ab.ca | (780) 864-3760

#### **PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY GRANTS - DEADLINE MAY 31**

These grants are intended to help small community groups, clubs, and organizations, including schools, serving children, youth, or seniors. This includes: athletics, culture, arts, crafts, health, and well-being. For full details please visit the County website or call us at (780) 864-3760. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2023.

# STUDENT BURSARIES - DEADLINE JUN. 1

The Student Bursary program for 2023 is now accepting applications. For full details please visit the County website or call us at (780) 864-3760. Deadline for applications is June 1, 2023.

# PEACE OFFICER CONTACT DETAILS

If you need to contact our Peace Officer with a Bylaw infraction or concern please use the dedicated complaints line: (780) 506-0109 Please note if it is an emergency or criminal offence call 911 or contact the RCMP.



# **RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM**

Making sure residents have access to clean and safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. If you are interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no connection charge, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760



# THE WILDERNESS IS OUR BACKYARD

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Monday to Friday 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM









