



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

LOCAL MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES OPEN DURING STRIKE

In light of the ongoing teacher strike, the Bonanza and Savanna libraries would like to remind the community that both locations remain open and available for student use. These libraries offer a quiet, safe space for studying, reading, and accessing educational resources, helping students stay engaged and continue their learning during this disruption. Library staff are on hand to assist with finding materials, accessing online resources, and providing a supportive environment for independent study. All students are welcome.

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DITCHING

Don't forget to apply for a **FREE** permit before completing any work in County ditches and rights-of-way. It is the responsibility of the landowner to contact the County prior to any proposed work in the County's developed or undeveloped rights-of-way, including items like approach construction or modifications, new ditches or deepening of existing ditches, brushing, and any other work. Rights-of-way are used for various purposes and may have high-pressure gas lines and oil pipelines running across them. For more information, or to apply for a permit, call us at (780) 864-3760 or email publicworks@saddlehills.ab.ca

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2026

Do you want to plant trees on your property? The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its fourth year, and orders are now open! Available species and more information on the program, including pricing, can be found on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings

CHANGE TO SATURDAY TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Please note, the Blueberry, Bonanza, and Woking Transfer Stations will begin operating 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., on Saturdays, as of **November 1, 2025**. The stations will continue to operate at the same hours on all other days, and the hours at Gundy Transfer Station will remain the same. For more information on opening hours, please visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Transfer-Stations



COUNTY CALENDAR: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
Oct. 28, 11:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m.	Grant Program Budget Meeting
Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m.	Operating Budget Meeting
Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m.	Regular Council Meeting
Nov. 26, 9:00 a.m.	Capital Budget Meeting

WE'RE HIRING

For full job descriptions and to apply, visit saddlehills.ab.ca/careers.

TEMPORARY MATERNITY COVERAGE (12-18 months)

- Nurse Practitioner

PERMANENT FULL TIME

- Administrative Services I

2025 IT EQUIPMENT AUCTION

The County has a variety of used IT equipment available for purchase by sealed bid. The highest bid for each item will be accepted; however, the highest bidder of multiple items will have an option to accept any or all of their highest bids. Please be advised that bids will be taxable and GST added. This offer is open to the general public. For a catalogue of the equipment available and bid sheet, please visit saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Fall-Auction or visit the County office. The deadline to submit sealed bids is **October 25, 2025**, at 2:00 p.m. Successful bidders must pay for and pick up their equipment by **November 7, 2025**.

FARM FAMILY NOMINATIONS - NOW OPEN!

Each year, farm families from Northern Alberta communities are selected as the recipients of the AAAS Northern Alberta Farm Family Awards. These awards recognize and celebrate the outstanding farm families who form the backbone of Northern Alberta's agricultural communities. The initiative honours families who demonstrate excellence in agriculture production, community leadership, and innovation. If you know of a deserving Saddle Hills County family, please nominate them by filling out the application at saddlehills.ab.ca/Farm-Family25. The deadline for applications is **October 30, 2025**.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY

Did you know that Saddle Hills County offers a Childcare Subsidy to eligible residents? We know how hard it can be to juggle life when returning to work with young children. For more information, contact FCSS at fcss@saddlehills.ab.ca or visit our website, at saddlehills.ab.ca/Childcare

UPCOMING 2025 TAX PENALTY

A reminder to ratepayers, that a 6% penalty will be applied to outstanding 2025 property taxes, on **November 1, 2025**. To avoid this penalty, please have all outstanding payments into our office by October 31, 2025. Payments can be made online through most financial institutions or by visiting us at the office. We accept credit cards, debit cards, and cheques.



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**



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