

# Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

#### **2025 ELECTION RESULTS**

The results from the 2025 Municipal Election are available online at saddlehills.ab.ca/election-results. Saddle Hills County extends sincere thanks to all candidates for their participation and commitment to our community. Staff look forward to working with the newly elected Council as they begin their term serving County residents.

#### LOCAL MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES OPEN DURING STRIKE

The Bonanza and Savanna libraries would like to remind the community that both locations remain open and available for student use during the Teachers Strike. 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.

#### TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2026

Do you want to plant trees on your property? The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in it's 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

#### KSITUAN NON-POTABLE WATER FILL STATION IS CLOSED

The Non-Potable Water Fill Station at the Ksituan Water Treatment Plant, is now closed for the 2025 season, reopening May 2026! Thank you for your understanding.

## COUNTY CALENDAR: **NOVEMBER 2025**

Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m. Nov. 10, 9:00 a.m. Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 26, 9:00 a.m.

Grant Program Budget Meeting Regular Council Meeting **Operating Budget Meeting** Regular Council Meeting 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

#### **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 November 11, 2025.

#### FCSS GRANTS - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Saddle Hills County is accepting applications for the 2026 FCSS Grant Program. Any organization in the County may apply for programming based on the provincial requirements, full details of which can be found on our website, at saddlehills.ab.ca/FCSS-Grants. The deadline for applications is **November 30, 2025.** 

#### **UPCOMING 2025 TAX PENALTY REMINDER**

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 the office by October 31, 2025. Payments can be made online through most financial institutions or at the County Administration office. Credit cards, debit cards, and cheques are accepted.

#### PERMITS REQUIRED FOR DITCHING

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

#### **ALUS - GET INVOLVED!**

Are you interested in conducting an ALUS project on your land or sharing your knowledge with the community? ALUS Expressions of Interest are now open. Learn more about the ALUS program at saddlehills.ab.ca/ALUS



### **RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM**

interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760



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