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Municipal Office has a drop Box
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building at the South Door Staff Entrance



Happy Halloween

Town Web Site

The town is including the ratified Council minutes on the web page along with the agendas for upcoming Council Meetings. You will also find some of the more pertinent bylaws and additional bylaws will be added on an ongoing regular basis.

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Take a look at the web site; there is lots of information located on it; however if there is other information that you feel should be part of it please email or give the town office a call and let us know what news worthy items should be included. Also please note that a more thorough overview of the town's statistics is included on the Alberta First web site @

www.albertafirst.com

75th Anniversary Dedications

This year, the Town of Turner Valley provided support in the form of working with organizations to promote local events. Special dedication ceremonies were held during and in conjunction with the Valley Garden Tour and Tea and Art in the Park festivities.



Dr. Ted Morton, MLA for Foothills/Rockyview presented the Mayor with a provincial Certificate of Recognition to commemorate its 75th anniversary.

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Newsletter

Town of Turner Valley

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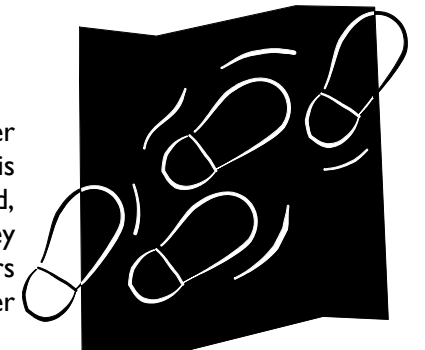
Town of Turner Valley Census



As everyone is aware the town undertook a census this spring and we are very pleased to announce that we have grown by 178 people since the last census was taken in 2002. The previous census count was 1608 and we are now at a population of 1786. This is good news for the town, especially when we are applying for grants, as most of the grants are based on a per capita basis. Council and staff would like to thank everyone that co-operated when the census takers came to your door.

Fall Town Meeting

Council will be hosting an open meeting in October to present to residents, projects that the town is working on, new ventures that are being proposed, and what the new council has been doing since they were elected last October. Please watch for posters and newspaper articles detailing the date and further information of the town hall meeting.



Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.



Property Taxes - Reminder

The 2005 property taxes were due by the last day of June. Any current taxes that were not paid by this date were assessed a 6% penalty on July 1st and there will be another 6% added to current taxes not paid by the last day of September. A reminder that the Town of Turner Valley has a Tax Installment Prepayment Program that is available to anyone that would like to pay property taxes on a regular monthly basis. This relieves the stress of having a large bill to pay at one time. Please give the town office a call at 933-4944 to obtain further information.

Dr. Lander Memorial Swimming Pool

The outdoor pool is now closed for the 2005 season and we feel that it has been a very good season. We had exceptional staff, so-so weather and great support from the community. Any comments or ideas residents may have on how to improve the programs that are being offered at the pool are always welcome and we encourage you to submit them to the town. The Friends of the Turner Valley Pool Society is a fund raising body that looks at ways to raise money to help with the pool facility improvements and if you would like to be part of this committee, please give Hazel Martin a call at 933-7808.



Congratulations go out to pool staff and Friends of the Pool volunteers who were awarded "Best of the Foothills" Silver Award in the category of Best Recreational Facility

Town Office Welcomes New CAO

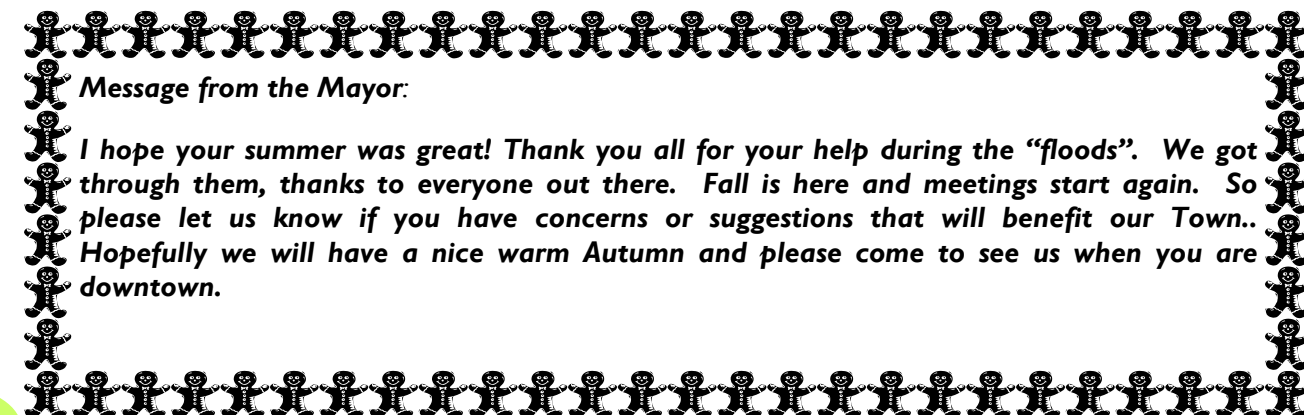
Council and staff want to welcome Stan Ogradniczuk (we refer to him as Stan O) as the new Chief Administrative Officer for the town. Stan comes to us from Redwood Meadows and has a lot of managerial experience behind him. He has been with us since the end of June and has been getting his share of new issues to deal with. Stan is a friendly person, so if you are in the town office just pop in, say hello and welcome him to the town's team.



Council Meeting Dates



Now that summer is over the regular Council meetings will resume every 1st and 3rd Monday starting at 7:00 p.m. Council likes to have an audience, so try and attend every once in a while to get informed about your town and keep up to date on what is happening. Council encourages questions and is interested in hearing your comments and suggestions. The agendas and approved minutes are posted on the town's webpage at www.turnervalley.ca.



Message from the Mayor:

I hope your summer was great! Thank you all for your help during the "floods". We got through them, thanks to everyone out there. Fall is here and meetings start again. So please let us know if you have concerns or suggestions that will benefit our Town.. Hopefully we will have a nice warm Autumn and please come to see us when you are downtown.

Turner Valley Skateboard Park Grand Opening

On September 17th, the Town hosted the Bike and Board Blaster event, an event celebrating the grand opening of the skateboard park in Turner Valley. The facility is the result of a year and a half of planning involving a committee comprised of representatives of the Turner Valley RCMP, Foothills Lions Club, local youths and Town of Turner Valley staff and Council. They worked tirelessly to pull the project together and did an outstanding job of building a great new facility for the residents of Turner Valley, Black Diamond and the M.D. of Foothills to use.

Mayor Marjorie Straub and Council extend their sincere thanks to the Skateboard Park committee members and donors.

The park would not have been possible without the financial and volunteer support from:

- Turner Valley RCMP
- Foothills Lions Club
- ConocoPhillips Canada
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 78, Turner Valley

Proudly sponsored by:



Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmerie royale du Canada



Recycle Depot Open House

The recycle depot is holding an open house on Saturday, October 22, 2005, during Recycle Week. This year in Alberta, recycle week is October 17 to October 23. There will be information and recycle posters available, as well as a free draw. Composters, Water saver kits, Rain barrels and Recycle bins are available for purchase (pre-pay at the town office).

Find out what goes into each bin and learn more about recycling. The door is always open during business hours, so bring your recycling inside to have better access to the bins. If you have a business with larger loads, call ahead to the Recycle Depot at 933-3303, to arrange to drop off materials inside the building.

Please do not put household garbage, styrofoam etc into the slots. There is a sign on the building stating which products are not accepted. If you are not sure, call ahead and possibly save a trip. We encourage everyone to presort to save time and money.

Feel free to drop by and enter into a free draw for a Indoor Water Conservation Kit and Recycle Bin!

See you at the open house!



Art in the Park and Valley Garden Tour and Tea

This year, organizers from various groups got together to create a new event. The Valley Garden Tour and Tea was originally a suggestion taken from Katrina Diebel, owner/manager of Vale's Greenhouse. Over 30 outstanding gardens were featured in a self-guided tour brochure, taking visitors and locals around various neighbourhoods in Turner Valley to admire the diverse styles and talents offered by residents.

Along with the tour, a tea was hosted by the Sheep River Community Library and held at the Flare and Derrick. A great line up of area entertainers performed for the crowd throughout the afternoon. Art enthusiasts enjoyed the exhibits of art featuring again, local artists. The combination of art, tea, gardens and music culminated into a very positive event and all proceeds were donated to the library. The Town of Turner Valley was a proud sponsor of the Garden Tour and Tea Event as well as Art in the Park.

Special thanks are extended to the volunteers who pulled the event together, including the Art in the Park organizers, especially Muriel Knowler, the Sheep River Community Library Board and Staff, the Diamond Valley Girl Guides, Royal Canadian Legion Turner Valley Branch, Key Disaster Services, members of the Communities in Bloom committee, who along with numerous volunteers contributed their time and talents to this year's event.

Discovery Days Declared a Winner!



Rain hampered many outdoor events scheduled over the summer. Regrettably, it forced the cancellation of this year's parade, much to the disappointment of the spectators, organizers and participants. There is a huge commitment of volunteer time and labour that goes into each event and the June floods tested the resilience and patience of each organization involved this year. One pleasant surprise was the great turnout Discovery Days received for its activities. Luckily, the performances and most activities could be moved indoors to the Flare and Derrick Community Centre. Over 1,200 people attended a full day of family fun which included children's entertainers Michael Berrends and Kiki the Clown who delighted the crowd. A heritage fashion show presented by the Kerby Centre, featuring costumed models was a big hit and the United Church's non-pancake breakfast, featuring everything but flapjacks, was enjoyed by all. Thankfully the weather cleared by late morning and families could be seen throughout downtown Turner Valley at the Astro Jump, participating in the Pooch Parade, enjoying the Show and Shine classic cars, petting zoo and pool. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who persevered and helped put on one of the best attended Discovery

Days ever. Thanks to all those who selected the event in the Best Free Event category of the Best of the Foothills Awards, presented by the Western Wheel.

We appreciate your support.

Turner Valley Disaster Services Update

Fall is almost upon us once more and with winter shortly to follow, time to get those fall chores done before the wind and snow start to swirl around your doorstep. There is a brochure available at the Town Office that helps you prepare yourself and your family for **winter storms and power outages**. The first step in any emergency response plan is your family's preparations.

Your Turner Valley Disaster Services volunteers took a much needed break over the summer as well. Life returned to normal after the June floods for most of us. There is still work going on in your community however, with river banks being reinforced, people repairing flood damage in basements and the town staff implementing lessons learned from the flood.

Disaster Services is also looking at our planning and organization. We are once again reviewing plans, practicing scenarios, and ensuring we are prepared to respond to local emergencies. We are only as good as the volunteers who chose to assist. And we need more volunteers. There are a few key positions that remain unfilled. You can help. If you have a few days a month to join your community Disaster Services organization all of us will benefit. And you will benefit with training, and the sense that you are contributing to a stronger community. Give us a call at 933-4944!

Emergency Services don't just happen. It takes resources and people power to build robust emergency services. We are fortunate that local industry contributes to the strength of our town Disaster Services. You are all aware of the ongoing remediation work ConocoPhillips is performing within the community. It is tough to miss the service rig and flare stack just south of town. What you may not know is just how much they contribute to our town in other ways. Their staff helped out enormously during the flood, filling sandbags, going door to door, helping with flood damaged goods, cleaning up around the town and generally contributing their labour to our town. But the contribution goes beyond that! In August, Eric Mohun, on behalf of ConocoPhillips presented a cheque for \$2000.00 to your Disaster Services organization (See picture below).

This money will go toward completing the necessary physical infrastructure that will allow us to assist the community. Things such as radios, backup power and equipment will be purchased with this community service money. A big thank you to ConocoPhillips.



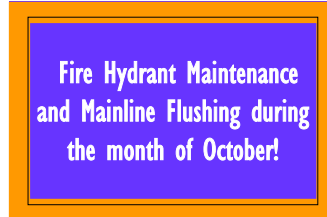
Talisman Resources has also provided funding over the next three years to your Disaster Services organization. Talisman is a major player around and within our town. They have been doing much of the gas exploration work in the surrounding countryside and we meet with them on a regular basis to ensure emergency plans are in place. Their financial assistance is much valued. Next issue we hope to obtain a photo for our newsletter.

(Lyn Michaud – Director, Disaster Services on left, Eric Mohun – ConocoPhillips on right).

Public Works Update

Fall Hydrant Maintenance and Mainline Flushing:

The Public Works Department will be opening hydrants and flushing mainlines on the system in preparation for winter. Residents may experience cloudy water conditions for a short period of time and are advised to run cold water until the cloudiness disappears. This is scheduled to take place during the month of October.



Chemlock Building:

The Chemlock building is located at the east side of the fire hall. **This is for household hazardous waste only.** We have noted an increased drop off of materials not accepted at the facility ie: car batteries & parts, propane tanks, other miscellaneous metals and furnishings. **The increased time to process and disposal fees are costly and will be reflected in an increase in the utility bills.**

Accepted items are listed on the building.

Indoor Water Conservation Tips

In the kitchen:

1. Chill drinking water in the fridge instead of running the water until it turns cold.
2. Scrape the dishes clean instead of rinsing
3. Only run the dishwasher when it is full
4. Make sure your tap has an aerator, a small round screen that screws onto the end of the tap and slows down the flow of water

In the bathroom:

1. Install a low flow flush toilet
2. Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving
3. Replace showerheads with low flow models
4. Fix any drips or leaks

In the laundry room:

1. Run the washing machine with a full load
2. Choose to use shorter wash cycles
3. When purchasing a new washer choose a front load machine that uses less water for the wash cycle



Town Policy MP.K.01.01



This policy states that all water meter remote touch pads are to be located to the front of the houses. This allows for ease of access for gathering of information for the utility statements. Homeowners are encouraged to stop into the Town Office to obtain additional wire to relocate their remotes or contact the Town Office @ 933-4944 for more information.



Weed Control

Fall is a good time for weed control because the plants energy begins to accumulate in the roots in preparation for winter. All weeds are easier to remove in cooler weather and can be easily dug out of flowerbeds, planting areas and lawns.



Bylaw Bits on Parking and Noise Complaints

Parking of Recreational Vehicles in Residential Areas During the Off Season

All Recreational Vehicles owners/operators should be aware that the Municipal Bylaws do not allow for the parking of recreational vehicles on the street, in the alley or in front of a residence from October 1st to April 30th. If an Recreational Vehicle is parked in the driveway of a residence, it must be parked at least 12 feet back from the sidewalk. No part of the Recreational Vehicle should impede upon the sidewalk, as it may cause injury to persons using the sidewalk.



Parking of Unattached Trailers on Streets or Alleys

The Traffic Safety Act and Municipal Bylaw does not allow for the parking of any unattached trailers on any public street or alley. If you are not using the trailer, please ensure it is parked on your property. Unfortunately, most insurance policies will not cover a trailer involved in an accident, no matter who is at fault.

Noise Complaints

Over the summer, the RCMP and Protective Services responded to several noise complaints. In some cases, residents should know that they may be required to provide a statement and attend court if a charge is laid under the municipal bylaw. If you have a concern, or a question about the Noise Bylaw please contact either Protective Services or the RCMP.



If you have questions about a Municipal Bylaw or Traffic enforcement/safety, Protective Services can be contacted by either visiting the RCMP detachment or calling 933-7227 during business hours.

Valley Garden Tour and Tea

The rain dampened, but didn't stop the Valley Garden Tour. The self-guided, curb side Garden Tour showcased approximately 30 beautiful residential and public gardens in Turner Valley and Black Diamond. Tour participants were treated to a spectacular display of the area's best and most beautiful gardens.

The Curb Appeal Winners were:

- #1 Mr. & Mrs. Powers -102 Bailey Ridge Close SE
- #2 Mr. & Mrs. Smallwood - 614 Anderson Crescent NW
- #3 Ms. Jo O'Callahan - 1511 Southwood Rd SE

Congratulations and thanks to all who participated!!!



Talisman Garden

The Town officially dedicated the public gardens adjacent to the Flare and Derrick as the Talisman Centennial Garden, recognizing the company's outstanding contributions to the community.