



CORN HUSK CHRONICLES

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The Spring 2012 Take A Class catalogue is now out!

If you didn't receive one in your mail box, stop by the office in the Provincial Building to pick up your copy or check it out online at www.taberadultlearning.com

Exercise and our Immune System

Did you know that being active could help you ward off colds and flus? Our bodies are complex machines that operate best when well maintained. Eating well and being active helps keep everything working properly and that includes our immune system. It may be a bit harder to be active in the cold winter months, but it will be well worth it. Bundle up, get outside and be active.



FEBRUARY Meetings

Council

Regular Meetings:

5:00pm - Mon. Feb. 13, 2012
5:00pm - Mon. Feb. 27, 2012

Recreation Board

5:15pm—Thur. Feb. 2, 2012

Municipal Planning Commission

4:30pm—Tues. Feb. 21, 2012

Police Commission

4:30pm—Wed. Feb. 15, 2012

Green Printing Comes to Taber

The Town of Taber is embracing a new printing technology that is cost effective and environmentally friendly. When the time came to replace one of its photocopier / printers, the Town asked for proposals from a range of vendors and went through a proposal evaluation process to choose a new device. The unique technology of one product allowed it to achieve the top ranking of all the solutions proposed.



The Xerox ColorQube[®] photocopier was chosen for a printing solution at the town Administration Office. This photocopier uses solid ink technology instead of toner cartridges. The solid ink is completely consumed during printing, eliminating a huge amount of waste. The ColorQube[®] also allows the town to print color pages in a very cost effective manner; which will result in a significant decrease to our printing costs. Therefore, the Corn Husk Chronicles will now be brighter and enhanced for you, the reader. Xerox[®] is to be congratulated on developing this innovative technology.

The Town of Taber is happy to have found a solution that allows affordable business printing in color, and especially happy to be able to make significant progress towards our goal of reducing our environmental impact.

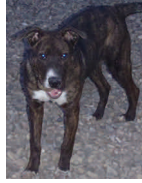
We are certainly **GREENER** in 2012!

FOR ADOPTION



Alvin - DSH white, neutered male, approx 1 year old. Alvin is an active, inquisitive boy that likes to be involved with everything! Does well with other cats.

Rexton - pitbull x, male, approx 10 months old - Rexton is very active, loves playing fetch and enjoys attention! He needs an experienced owner and will benefit from training.



Rio - lab/heeler x, neutered male, approx 1 -1.5 years old - Rio is very active and loves to run, would make a great hiking partner! He does well with most other dogs and would benefit from a canine friend.

Glenna - DSH Tortoiseshell & White, spayed female, approx 3-4 years old - Glenna is a quiet, calm cat that does well with other cats and dogs. Loves attention!



Please visit our website at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/AB56.html> or e-mail Norma at taberadooptionoptions@hotmail.com



Rental Property Owners “Nuisance Bylaw 4-2008”

As a property owner, it is your responsibility to maintain the property. If you own a rental/development property the onus falls on you to maintain it unless other arrangements have been made with renters, property representatives or contractors to fulfill that responsibility. Cutting grass, trimming trees, shovelling sidewalks and properly disposing of garbage are duties that need to be done. If any of the above tasks are not completed a Bylaw notice is delivered to the property with a due date to complete the task. If the task is not completed by the specified date and time and no contact has been made with the Bylaw department, a town hired contractor is assigned the job and the expense is added to the property taxes.

To avoid unexpected expenses, I would encourage all property owners with renters or representatives for their property to clearly explain that if a Bylaw notice is delivered to the property, notification to the owner is the renter/representative's responsibility.

Please be aware, to maintain clear roads, the town would ask that no snow be shovelled onto the roads. In the residential areas, put snow on the grass or under trees. In commercial or industrial areas, snow needs to be hauled away; some exceptions apply.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Taber Police Service (Bylaw department). (403) 223-8991

Ray's Thoughts ...

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish all good health and happiness in 2012. Looking back at 2011, several things come to mind.

The Taber area continues to be very giving. Tremendous support continues for:

- ◆ Taber and District Health Foundation Telethon;
- ◆ Relay for Life Cancer Event;
- ◆ STARS/EMS Charity Auction; and
- ◆ the special event , Taber Cares – Japan Fundraiser.

Finally, the much awaited Northwest Storm Project had a successful conclusion. The installation of the storm line will benefit our community for decades to come.

The partnership between Alberta Health Services and The Good Samaritan Society resulted in the grand opening of Linden View. This supportive living facility provides us with another option to consider as we continue on our journey through life.

The Taber and District Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Dinner and Awards on January 20th.

Congratulations to the following:

Gouw Quality Onions – Small Business of the Year
Pharmasave – Customer Service Excellence
Communities in Bloom – Spirit of Taber
Rod Yokoyama – Citizen of the Year



“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – *Theodore Roosevelt*



When Should I Call 9-1-1?

“I’m not sure if this is an emergency” or “I wasn’t sure who to call.” These are typical statements given by the public when calling 9-1-1. What is the difference between calling 9-1-1 and calling the Police on the administration line? You should call 9-1-1 in an **emergency**. Call 9-1-1 when you require immediate help, there is a potential life or death situation, or the situation could possibly worsen or become volatile. The decision can be this simple, if the event is not occurring at the time you are calling, call the regular police line.

It is important to remember that if you do call 9-1-1 or the administration line, that you follow these tips:

- ◆ Stay calm and don’t hang up.
- ◆ Know the address or location of the emergency and the phone number you are calling from.
- ◆ Wait for the dispatcher to ask questions, then answer them clearly and calmly.
- ◆ If you get a recording do what it says to do. The 9-1-1 centre may be receiving multiple calls, hanging up only lengthens the process it does not decrease it as every 9-1-1 call is followed up on – even if you hang up!
- ◆ Let the dispatcher guide you through the conversation. There is a lot going on at the centre and the dispatcher is putting the information into a computer program to guide the appropriate resources to you as quick as possible.
- ◆ Follow all the directions that the dispatcher tells you to. This is for the victim/patient’s health and safety, and for yours.
- ◆ Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you that it’s ok to do so.

Did you know that the Taber Police Service building and 9-1-1 Centre is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – we never close. Whether you walk-in or call you are important to us and our staff is trained to be able to help you through your emergency or any routine inquiry.



TOWN OF TABER UTILITY RATES FOR 2012 Effective January 1, 2012

STORM SEWER :

Residential, Commercial, Industrial,

Institutional

- \$8.74/month

WATER :

Residential

- \$ 25.55 Flat Rate/month + \$1.03/m³
- Multi-Unit Structure
\$25.55 Flat Rate/month + \$12.78/additional unit
+ \$1.03/ m³

Non-Resident

- \$ 25.55 Flat Rate/month + \$.1.74/ m³

Commercial, Industrial and Institutional

- \$ 26.32 Flat Rate/month + \$0.99/m³
- Multi-Unit Structure
\$26.32 Flat Rate/month + \$13.16/additional unit
+ \$0.99/ m³

RECYCLING:

Residential

- \$2.16 Flat Rate/month

Commercial, Industrial, Institutional

- \$13.35/month

SEWER:

Residential

- \$ 27.36 Flat Rate/month + \$0.62/ m³
- Multi-Unit Structure
\$27.36 Flat Rate/month + \$13.68/additional unit +
\$0.62/m³

Non-Resident

- \$ 27.36 Flat Rate/month + \$1.14/ m³

Commercial, Industrial and Institutional

- \$ 28.18 Flat Rate/month + \$0.59/ m³
- Multi-Unit Structure
\$28.18 Flat Rate/month + \$14.09/additional unit +
\$0.59/ m³

GARBAGE:

Residential

- \$18.87 Flat Rate/month

Commercial, Industrial, Institutional - All bins will be picked up twice weekly

- \$18.87 Flat Rate/month (includes use of one bin) +
\$42.63/month/bin pick up fee

25th Anniversary
Rick Hansen
Relay

RELAY COMMUNITY

The Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay **February 18th, 2012 & February 20th, 2012** **Join the Celebration!**

Relay Vision: An inclusive and celebratory journey that inspires Many In Motion: changing the world, one good turn at a time.

Relay Mission: To be the public force that celebrates Rick Hansen's original Tour, creating a new journey that raises awareness, engages communities and celebrates the people who make a difference – leaving behind a more inclusive and accessible nation.

Participants

Over 7,000 participants, have been chosen by the Rick Hansen Foundation who embody the values of determination and excellence have been selected to participate through a national public contest retracing the Canadian portion of Rick's original Tour. These "difference makers" will carry the Rick Hansen Medal across the country. **While Rick cannot be present, his spirit and energy will be represented through the participants.** Their remarkable stories will not only showcase the difference they have made in their communities, but will remind us that we can all become powerful champions of change; and working together, we can build a stronger country and world. They have selected 26 medal bearers from this area to participate in the Taber leg of the relay.

End of Day Celebration

It is the hope that all celebrations including Taber celebration will provide the opportunity for the community to come together, recognize local difference makers, raise awareness about accessibility, celebrate progress that has been made and inspire a new generation to take action. Come and celebrate the local medal bearers with all of us either along the route or at the Civic Centre.

Itinerary

Sat. Feb. 18

1:10 pm – 2:00 pm – Relay route through the community

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm - Relay Celebration at the Taber Civic Centre Auditorium

2:00 pm – Final Medal Bearer – Lolly Turner will arrive at the Civic Centre where she will be honored for her achievements. There will be a presentation to the Mayor from the Rick Hansen Foundation at that time as well.

** The event will feature local entertainment including: Dance Images, Project 89, Dr. Hamman School Choir, and Taber youth singers. Snacks will be available.

Mon. Feb. 20

9:45 am – Final leg of the community relay will make its way from the Civic Centre to Highway 864 with a stop at Clearview Lodge at 9:55 am.

The relay route may be viewed at www.taber.ca or www.rickhansenrelay.com or the Taber Times. For more information please contact Aline Holmen at 403-223-5544 ext 4.



On behalf of the Safe Haven Staff and Board of Directors, we would like to extend our gratitude for all community members, businesses, volunteers, and participants who helped to make the Safe Haven New Year's Eve Black and White Gala such a tremendous success!

Highlights of the evening included amazing live entertainment by The Hitmen, an incredibly successful silent auction and a celebration at midnight to help us all ring in 2012!

Thanks again for all who support Safe Haven Women's Shelter in our effort to end the cycle of violence.

We are looking forward to a great 2012!