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BUYER BEWARE

Taber Police Service would like to remind residents who use online classified advertising services such as Kijiji or Craig's List, to be cautious and do their homework before completing any transactions. One of the best ways to protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud is to ensure that all transactions take place locally and in person. Buyers should meet with the seller in order to view the product and exchange payment. Meeting in a public place is recommended. Sending wire transfers or other forms of payment prior to viewing the item for sale is not recommended. It is also important to be cautious when transferring money to overseas accounts or sellers unless you are certain about who you are dealing with. Be cautious when giving out personal banking information, such as credit card numbers, over the internet, and be sure to always use common sense. If something sounds too good to be true, you're right!

AUGUST Meetings

Council
 Regular Meetings:
 5:00pm—Mon. Aug. 20, 2012

Recreation Board
 N/A

Municipal Planning Commission
 N/A


Police Commission
 N/A

Sponsored Swim Sessions

Looking for an affordable recreation option for your children? The Kinsmen Club of Taber is sponsoring a free swim Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm for those under 18 years of age. Adults pay regular admission – use of existing swim passes acceptable.

Maximum capacity – 149
 Program starts July 3rd and will run until the end of September (excluding Facility Shutdown)

Contact the Aquafun Centre for more information.



Ray's Thoughts.....

"If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm"
 -Vince Lombardi



Individuals occasionally ask how they can make a difference in our Community. Fortunately, we have many citizens who volunteer to serve on a Board, Committee or Commission. At this time, we have one vacancy on each of the following:

- Taber Recreation Board; and
- Taber Municipal Library Board

If you are interested, please contact Kerry at the Town Office for an application form.

The last Municipal census completed by the Town of Taber in June 2011, indicated that our official population figure is 7935. However, the Federal census that was just released indicated the population of the Town of Taber as being 8104. The figure registered with Municipal Affairs is recorded as 8104.



As our population continually increases, we were encouraged by the value of Building Permit statistics. In 2011, the figure was \$14,167,726.00 compared to \$7,977,149.00 in 2010.

TABER IS A GREAT PLACE TO GROW!



Taber Public Library

August Activities

July 3 to August 10 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Imagine". For ages 5 to 12. Activities include reading, crafts, movies, games and so much more. From Tuesday to Saturday every week and from 2 to 4 pm daily. Participants must be registered by a parent at the front desk. Please supply your child with appropriate clothing, footwear, sunscreen and insect repellent.

LEGO CONTEST We will be hosting a LEGO contest again this year. It will take place between **July 17th** and **August 17th**. Bring in your entry any time between those two dates for display at the library. Age categories are 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 13. A prize will be awarded for a boy and girl in each age category. Please provide name, age and telephone number for each entry.

Gobbledee Book (Teen Book Club) meeting **Tuesday, August 28** at 1pm.

Origami Club meets the **last Saturday of every month** from 10 to 11:30 am. Open to all ages. Each member can "teach" a new project on a rotating basis.

Library Board Cornfest Book Sale will be Saturday, August 25 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come out and support your library.

"Look for a calendar of events in-house and on our website at www.taberlibrary.ca ."



Wild Wild West Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp is a fun one week camp for youth ages 6 - 11 which runs from Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 3:30 pm and Fridays 8:30 - 12:30. During this time, youth will participate in fun wild west theme crafts, games, and recreational activities such as scavenger hunts and obstacle courses. They will also get the opportunity to go on field trips like wild west golf and the Corn Maze.

The cost is free and will include lunch and snacks.

July 30 - August 3: Ages 10 & 11

August 7 - 10 Ages 6 & 7

Please call to register: (403) 223 - 0483



Operated by Safe Haven Women's Shelter Society

Website: www.tabersafehaven.org

taber & district health foundation

STEWART GENES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant must be any past or present graduate of a Taber, Vauxhall, or Grassy Lake High Schools.
2. Applicant must be accepted to an Alberta College, Technical School, or University leading to a recognized medical, nursing, or health science degree or certificate.
3. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student.
4. Applicant must not be a previous winner.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2012

Application can be obtained at the schools or printed off our website at www.tdhf.ca

20th Annual Cornfest Fun Run

The 20th Annual event begins at 8:45 am for 10 km runners and 9:00 am for 5 km runners/walkers. Medals will be awarded to the top three place finishers in each age category. There will be water stations along the route as well as at finish line. Fruit and muffins will be provided to the runners also.

Entry deadline: August 10, 2012

Late registrations will be accepted however no shirts will be available. Late registration fee increases to \$32.00.

Cost:

Without T-shirt - \$27.00

With cotton T-shirt - \$33.00

With performance T-shirt - \$42.50

Dogs will not be allowed on the walk/run due to safety concerns of the participants. Walkers will only be allowed on the 5km event.

All participants are entitled to a free swim/shower at the Aquafun Centre following event. Register in person at the Taber Aquafun Centre or online at www.runningroom.com



Town of Taber Drinking Water Tips

During the summer some residents may notice taste and odour in their tap water which is associated with growth of algae in Taber's raw water supply. This is a common problem in Alberta for lake or reservoir water supplies.

However, Taber's treated water is safe to drink and continues to meet or exceed all drinking water guidelines.

Keeping your drinking water cold will reduce taste and odor, as will adding lemon wedges. Inexpensive point-of-use carbon filters will also assist in the removal of taste and odor. Remember to follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacing the filter regularly.

New options to control taste and odour are currently being added to the water treatment plant as part of the upgrades which are expected to be completed in spring of 2013.

For more information contact about water quality please contact EPCOR Taber Operations at 403-223-0618.



Aquafun Happenings

- Waterslide only will be closed for annual maintenance August 13-19, 2012
- Facility Annual Shutdown is scheduled to occur Sept. 4-16th inclusive (subject to change)
- Please check our website or facility schedules for reduced hours of operation during Cornfest August 23-25th

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades



The Water Treatment Plant project includes upgrades to the raw water system (Chin Reservoir and Taber Irrigation Canal water sources), chemical storage and feed systems including chemical addition for taste and odour issues, upgrades to the DAF system, expansion of the filtration systems, expansion of the existing WTP building and ancillary systems (structural, geotechnical, HVAC, architectural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, control, site works, etc.)

Contractor Tritech Group Ltd. is on-site and has begun the construction work.

2012 Surface Improvements Program



The Annual Concrete Program or the Surface Improvements Program takes place every year and involve the following: asphalt milling and overlay, replacement of various concrete sidewalks, replacement of curb and gutter, concrete swales and wheel chair ramps. This work is completed based on our 10-year capital plan as well as annual inspections that take place in the Town of Taber.

The following surface improvements work is occurring in the 2012 construction season:

- The existing asphalt road surface will be milled (removed) and **new asphalt road surface overlay** will be constructed along 52nd, 53rd and 54th Streets within 'downtown Taber' and along 54 St between 42nd and 43rd Avenue
- New **concrete drainage swales** on some intersections south of Highway #3 along 54th and 55th Streets; at the intersection of Heritage Drive & 50th Street; and on the north side of Highway #3, at the intersection of 62nd Avenue and 50th Street
- Concrete **sidewalk/curb** replacement – 43rd Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets
- Phase 2 of the community **pedestrian trail** will be constructed in 2012, north of the existing entrance to Ken McDonald Memorial Sportsfield Complex, north to 80th Avenue and then West along the southerly side of 80th Avenue. The Town acknowledges and appreciates the donation from the MD of Taber, of trail base course gravel material for this second phase of trail construction.

For more information, please contact the Town of Taber Public Services Department

English as a Second Language **Work Foundations Program**

*Free English School. Learn English for work.
Can get Employment Insurance (EI) if you are eligible.*

Please Call before September 7, 2012.

(403) 223-1169

8:15 am - 4:00 pm

November 19, 2012 - March 22, 2013

Christmas holidays: December 14, 2012 - January 6, 2013

Clients that are eligible for employment insurance (EI) funding will be able to collect EI while attending the program.

Must apply to attend the program prior to September 7, 2012. No late registrations will be accepted.



Community Adult Learning

opens doors to personal growth and achievement through education. We help adults overcome barriers, seize opportunities and create pathways to learning and employment through our Adult, Family and Workplace Literacy, English as a Second Language, Citizenship Learning and Take a Class education programs.



July 25, 2012
NEWS RELEASE

Taber Joint Economic Development Committee Economic Development Initiative Announced

www.TABERCOBB.com

The Taber Joint Economic Development Committee consisting of representatives from the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce, The Municipal District of Taber and the Town of Taber announce the development of the Taber Community Online Community Bulletin Board also known as TABERCOBB.com



"THECOBB" is an online Community Online Bulletin Board that will connect the community of Taber and District including individuals, local government, schools, service clubs, youth organizations and local businesses with one another.

Bruce Warkentin – President of the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the Taber Joint Economic Development Committee stated that "Connecting the community through an online bulletin board will facilitate interaction within our community including individuals, businesses and organizations. Understanding what is going on in our community – from downtown retail events to community and school events to cultural and other special events that can even include minor one-of type events such as bake sales and garage sales will increase community spirit and serve to keep economic activity in Taber."

Anyone in Taber and District can post an event under the "Submit New Event" heading on the calendar by choosing one of the event categories including:

-Arts & Culture	-Community	-Government	-Retail
-Chamber of Commerce	-Continuing Education	-Clubs / Organizations	-Other
-Festivals & Celebrations	-Recreation & Sports	-Schools	

All posts are reviewed by the calendar administrator – Taber and District Chamber of Commerce - prior to posting.

Residents of Taber and District are invited to visit the Community Online Bulletin Board and post events happening in and around Taber at www.tabercobb.com

The Taber Joint Economic Development Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce, The Municipal District of Taber and the Town of Taber for their cooperation and assistance in this project.

The Taber Joint Economic Development Committee is an initiative of the Taber and District Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal District of Taber and the Town of Taber and provides recommendations to the member organizations on policies and strategic initiatives that the Committee feels will enhance commercial, industrial and residential development within the geographic boundaries of the Municipal District of Taber. The Committee believes in a collaborative rather than competitive approach to regional economic development and views all development achievements attained as a result of the efforts of the Committee as a success regardless of where the development occurs.



Community Online Bulletin Board



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