



The Corn Husk Chronicles

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April

JOIN US FOR OUR

BACKYARD
BBQ COMPETITION

• YOU'RE INVITED •

FOOD { FIRE } FUN

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2023

CONFEDERATION PARK

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR COMPETITORS. EARLY BIRD
PRICING OF \$50 UNTIL MAY 31ST; \$100 AFTER MAY 31ST.

FULL RULES & FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

MORE EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON

WWW.TABER.CA/BBQ

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS; THIS EVENT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

Scheduled Meetings

The public is welcome to attend:

Council

Special/Regular Meetings:

April 11th: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

April 24th: 3:30 pm @
Council Chambers

We encourage the public to view the
livestream or recordings of Council
meetings at www.taber.ca/livestream

Recreation Board

April 6th: 5:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Library Board

April 13th: 5:15 pm @
Library Board Room

Development Authority (MPC)

April 17th: 1:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Arts & Heritage Committee

April 18th: 5:30 pm @
Council Chambers

Municipal Police Commission

April 19th: 4:30 pm @
Council Chambers

The above dates are subject to changes
at any time. See www.taber.ca/calendar
for most current meeting info.

Easter Closures

Our offices will be closed **Friday, April 7th and Monday, April 10th** for Easter. The Transfer Station will be closed **April 7th & April 8th** in lieu.

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NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE

Aquafun Temporary Closure

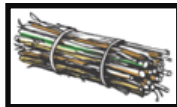
Our HVAC system at the Aquafun Centre is in need of some TLC, so we have to close the pool for a short period of time to do so. But don't worry, once it's complete our pool will be back up and running with better heat and ventilation, and the same smiling staff you've come to know and love. **The Aquafun Centre will be closed from April 5th – 13th.** We are hoping to reopen on April 14th, but it will depend on how the fixes go, so we strongly encourage everyone to watch our social media channels and our website (www.taber.ca/news) for any updates, or call the Aqualine ahead of time before coming to the pool: 403-223-5544 (3). Families who have registered for our spring swim lessons who will be affected will receive information from our pool staff about an extension on their lessons. Our staff will contact you directly if you have registered for lessons occurring while we are closed. Thank you to all of our pool patrons and public for your support and patience while we give the HVAC system a total spa treatment!

Spring Tree Chipper Program

The Town will still be offering the Spring Tree Chipping Program; **this is NOT an alley clean up.** We will be in each area to pick up tree branches for chipping and leaves which can be left in a container or compostable/paper bags. Check below for the dates in each collection area. **You have the full week to set yard waste out and we will collect it the following week.**

Please note that only tree branches/leaves will be collected; anything else placed in the alley will NOT be picked up and may be subject to a fine.

Or look for this symbol in your 2022-2024 Waste Calendar: (www.taber.ca/wasteschedule)



Area	Dates branches can start being left out	Date collection starts
#1	May 1st—7th	May 8th
#2	May 8th—14th	May 15th
#3	May 15th—21st	May 22nd



EVENT LISTINGS

SAVE THE DATE

- JUNE 10** BACKYARD BBQ COMPETITION
Confederation Park
- JUNE 5-11** SENIOR WEEK
Various Locations
- JUNE 15 - SEPT 14** FARMERS' MARKET - THURSDAYS
Confederation Park
- JUNE 17** KIDS CAN CATCH
Taber Trout Pond
- JULY 1** CANADA DAY
Confederation Park
- JULY 28** TABER'S TABLE
Long Table Dinner in Confederation Park
- AUG 11** MOVIE IN THE PARK
Confederation Park
- AUG 26** CORNFEST FUN RUN
Aquafun Centre
- OCT / NOV** VETERAN BANNER PROJECT
Throughout Down Town
- OCT 31** COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY
Community Centre - Auditorium
- DEC 2** "ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS" MARKET
Community Centre - Auditorium

Schedule subject to change www.taber.ca/events

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Canada Greener Home Grant

Are you looking to improve the energy efficiency of your home? Did you know that there is a Federal Grant that can help you with that? The Canada Greener Home Grant provides grants and interest-free loans for residents to complete upgrades. In order to receive energy-efficient grant-funded technology in your home, an EnerGuide home inspection report pre-retrofit and post-retrofit must be done on the home. The Grant is available to help with costs for the inspections and some of the recommended upgrades.

What is a Pre-Retrofit Inspection?

The EnerGuide home inspection takes a look at your home to determine how energy efficient it is, and what potential renovations & upgrades can be implemented to make it more efficient. It is a comprehensive document that walks you through what upgrades are suitable for your home, savings, and grant opportunities for the upgrades.

How much Do Inspections Cost?

Roughly around \$500. But this cost is eligible for grant funding under the Canada Greener Homes Grant.

What Kind of Things would the Inspection Recommend?

All sorts of upgrades and technologies! Window replacements, water conservation measures, attic insulation, or even renewable energy technologies (solar, etc) could be recommended. It depends on your house.

Can I Hire my Own Inspector?

Homeowners must hire a registered energy advisor who can provide an EnerGuide home evaluation. There are multiple inspection agencies in the area so homeowners can shop around.

Anything else I Need to Know?

Make sure to follow all of the steps on the Government of Canada's website if you are thinking of taking part in this program.

Additionally, if you are hiring a contractor to complete any of your upgrades, make sure they are legitimate, licensed, and follow through on all necessary permits as required by Bylaws of the Town of Taber. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that contractors get the proper permits for any work done to the home. If you want to check if permits are taken out and your contractor has a legitimate business license to do work in Taber, just give our Planning Department a call at 403-223-6009 or planning@taber.ca and they will be happy to tell you.

How do I Get Started?

All the FAQs and application information is available on the Government of Canada's website: <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/energy-efficiency/homes/canada-greener-homes-initiative/canada-greener-homes-grant/canada-greener-homes-grant/23441>

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Taber Equality Alliance Pride Planning Meetings

Thursday, April 6th
from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Thursday, April 20th
from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

@ the Taber Public Library
(use the side doors on the east side as it's after Library Hours)

Parkside Manor

Dinner: Noon; April 12th
Soup & Sandwich: Noon; April 26th



Taber & District Sports Hall of Fame

Is pleased to announce
its 2023 inductees:



Joe Orban — “Builder”
Devin Setoguchi —
“Athlete”

Come help us recognize and celebrate these individuals whose skills, talents, and contributions to sport have brought prominence and distinction to Taber and the district communities.

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

Heritage Inn

Tickets: \$55 from the Town of Taber
or Members

Planning an Event in Taber?

Did you know we have a page dedicated to helping you plan your own event in Taber? It has information on permits, facility rentals, the special event application, a Block Party Guide and more.

www.taber.ca/eventplanning

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Monthly Emergency Preparedness Tips: Summer Storms

Although we're still in spring, it is never too early to start getting prepared for summer storms in Alberta. While flooding is typically our concern in spring (see our February Corn Husk Chronicles for flooding preparedness tips), we want to make sure Taberites are prepared in advance of summer:

Thunderstorms

- ◇ All thunderstorms are potentially deadly electrical storms, whether or not there is a severe weather warning in effect. Severe weather can bring damaging conditions like wind, hail, heavy rain, and tornadoes.
- ◇ If you see/hear lightning or thunder, always consider it a threat.
- ◇ Seek shelter in a fully enclosed building
- ◇ Avoid windows, doors, fireplaces, sinks, tubs, and showers because these areas are more likely to pass electricity
- ◇ Wait 30 minutes after you hear the last rumble of thunder before going outside
- ◇ If stranded outdoors, avoid standing near tall objects or anything made of metal
- ◇ Avoid water and take shelter in low-lying areas such as a ditch
- ◇ If you are on a body of water, seek shore immediately and follow instructions above
- ◇ If possible, avoid sheltering in your vehicle. It does not offer significant protection from lightning

Heavy Rain

- ◇ Before a heavy rain, check the drainage around your home. Take preventative measures such as grading your property and pointing downspouts away from your home (do not point it towards neighbors, as per Town Bylaw)
- ◇ Ensure you have a working sump pump in your basement (if applicable)
- ◇ During a heavy rain, check your basement/property for flooding or leaks
- ◇ If outside during a heavy rain, avoid roadways and underpasses (NEVER park/stop on an underpass during a storm), drainage ditches, or low lying areas
- ◇ Stay away from power lines and electrical wires

Tornadoes & Extreme Winds

- ◇ May through September is tornado season in Alberta, with mid-June to early August as peak time. Not all tornadoes have a visible funnel cloud

- ◇ Tornadoes usually come from the South or West, but can quickly change direction without warning
- ◇ A tornado is deceptive— it may appear to be standing still when it is moving toward you
- ◇ When you are aware of a tornado in your area, seek shelter immediately and remain in place until the weather passes
- ◇ If you are outdoors or exposed, get to low-lying ground, lay flat and protect your head from flying debris
- ◇ Try to get to a basement or underground shelter, or take shelter in a small interior ground-floor room such as a bathroom, closet or hallway
- ◇ In large buildings like arenas or halls, take cover under a sturdy object like a desk or table
- ◇ If driving, you may be able to avoid a tornado by driving at right angles to its path. Otherwise seek shelter in a solid building immediately.
- ◇ If you can't get to shelter, get out of the vehicle and take cover in a ditch, culvert, or low-lying area away from the vehicle. Never try to outrun a tornado. Avoid sheltering under overpasses or bridges, where wind speeds can increase

Find more details on how to be prepared:
<https://www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx>

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Are you facing obstacles to employment and/or post secondary education?

The **Taber Youth Employment Program** assists youth with developing employment skills and gaining practical on-the-job work experience.

CONTACT:
403.416.5115

VISIT:
5327 48 AVE
TABER AB



UPCOMING START DATES
INTAKE 9 -APRIL 3, 2023
INTAKE 10-JULY 24 ,2023
INTAKE 11-NOVEMBER 6, 2023



Apply online today!

7 weeks of Employability Skills Training and 12 weeks of Quality Employment Opportunity

ELIGIBILITY

- AGES 18-30 AND NOT IN SCHOOL
- ABLE TO LEGALLY WORK IN CANADA
- NOT RECEIVING E.I. BENEFITS
- UNEMPLOYED
- HAVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

THE
TABER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
IS A PROJECT OF TABER & DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
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Hey Kids!

It's time for our 23rd Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday April 8th
Hunt starts at 10 A.M.

(Table registration starts at 9 a.m.)

Taber Confederation Park

3 BIKES

COURTESY OF TABER KINSMEN CLUB

WATCH FOR THE DESIGNATED
AGE CATEGORY SIGNS

1 BIKE: 2-4 Years Old

1 BIKE: 5-7 years old

1 BIKE: 8-10 years old

Plus many other prizes!

THIS ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORED BY:



Easter Contest Entry
Name: _____
Age: _____

Don't forget to cut out & bring this ballot with you.

Volunteers Needed

Taber Health Centre

is looking for volunteers who would like to bring a cat in to visit with patients and families.

To apply visit
<https://btrr.im/hqoms>
or scan the QR code



For more information
contact 587-787-2843 or
volunteer.taber@ahs.ca



Taber Public Library

- Tues April 11 **Smash Bros** tournament for ages 8 – 11 beginning at 1:00 pm. Please pre-register at the front counter before April 7.
- Wed April 12 **Senior Speaker Series** at 11:00 am with Darin Wight of Baldry Sugden and he will present on **Estate Planning for Death and Incapacity – Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney and Personal Directives**. Please pre-register by calling the library 403-223-4343.
- Wed April 12 **Nerf Gun Wars** for ages 7-10 yrs. The fun begins at 6:30 pm. Please pre-register at the front counter. We supply the bullets, as we cannot guarantee the return of your own. We will be using the bullet type not the ball type.
- Fri April 14 the Family Movie will be **“Lyle, Lyle Crocodile”** beginning at 6:30 pm. Please use the east doors. You are welcome to bring your own snacks but popcorn is provided.
- Sat April 15 **Open Mic** from 1- 3 pm. This is for people who play or sing and for those who just want to listen.
- Wed April 19 **Music and Munchies** at noon will feature Hank and Alvina Wall. Bring your lunch and listen to some great music while you eat!
- Fri April 21 is **National Canadian Film Day** and we are celebrating with the Canadian movie **“The Grand Seduction”**. This film stars Gordon Pinsent and begins at 6:30pm. Popcorn is provided.
- Sat April 22 is **Earth Day** and the National Film Board of Canada has provided us with a movie called **“Sovereign Soil”** about a couple who grow vegetables in the Yukon year round. If interested, stop by at 1:00 pm to watch this 90-minute film.
- Sat April 29 Eagle Spirit Nest Community Association craft day is **Safety Pin Headdress** from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Please pre-register at the library as space and supplies are limited.



WATER SAVING TIP #39

When shopping for a toilet,
consider models that have been given
the WaterSense label, which certifies that
the toilet uses 20 percent less water.

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Waste Collection FAQs

Can I get another recycling or compost cart?

Yes, while supplies are available (due to supply chain issues)! You can contact the Public Works Shop at pss@taber.ca or 403-223-6018 and you can get recycling or compost carts for free!

Can I get an extra Brown (Residual Waste) Cart? Mine is way too small!

Our brown carts are smaller to encourage residents to use the compost and recycling carts more, but we understand sometimes larger families or people with medical waste, etc. need an extra brown bin. Those are available for an additional utility fee that requires a minimum of a one year usage. Contact the Utility Clerk at utilities@taber.ca or 403-223-5500 ext 6002 if you would like another brown cart.

My cart was damaged/broken/missing a piece. Can I get a replacement/fix a piece?

If your cart is damaged during collection, give our Public Works Shop a call (403-223-6018) or email pss@taber.ca and we'll be happy to give you a replacement cart (while supplies last, see first FAQ).

If your cart is missing however, there is a fee for replacement. Most often, missing carts are found mixed up in a neighbouring property, so we encourage you to look for your cart first so you don't have to pay for a replacement. We encourage residents to place their address on their carts so they can be easily identified/found.

What can I line my compost cart with since I can't use compost bags?

Although you don't have to line your carts, if you wish to, we recommend using newspaper or compostable cardboard (like a pizza box).

Green Cart Program - Finished Compost is Now Available!

The Town of Taber is offering free compost for residents to use in their yards and gardens this spring. The compost is the finished product from the food and yard waste collected in our Green Cart Program. This is our Thank you for doing such a great job sorting out your waste Taber!



When: Available now!

Hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Tuesday – Saturday (except Statutory Holidays)

Location: Town of Taber Transfer Station (North-west of the Scale – ask the attendant for directions)

Cost: Free for Town of Taber residents

What to bring with you:

This is a self-serve offering – you should bring the following with you:

- Shovel & Gloves
- Containers to hold the compost (5-gallon buckets, totes, etc.)
- Tarps – to load into your trunk or truck bed.

How much compost can you take?

You can take up to 100 litres of compost per vehicle, per day (no mechanical equipment allowed for loading). **NO TRAILERS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**



Five 20 litre (five gallon) buckets filled with compost (approximate size 12" x 15")



Two 50 litre plastic tubs filled with compost (approximate size is 24" x 16" x 12")



TABER FARMERS' MARKET

Food Truck & Vendor Applications Now Open

Thursdays from 4 PM - 7 PM; June 15th to September 14th
Confederation Park

Applications: www.taber.ca/market



TABER IGA
SPONSORED FREE SWIM

APR 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

AQUAFUN CENTRE

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