

The Corn Husk Chronicles

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October

TOWN LAUNCHES NEW WASTE COLLECTION APP

The Town of Taber is thrilled to announce the launch of our community's new waste collection app- Recycle Coach! This innovative app has been implemented based on valuable insights gathered from the Town's 2023 Waste Collection System Survey. We listened to the suggestions of our residents, and we are proud to announce that the Recycle Coach app is now available for download.

Recycle Coach eliminates the guesswork from our waste collection system, empowering residents to actively participate in reducing household waste while making informed decisions about recycling and composting. By embracing this app, Taber can anticipate better recycling and composting diversion, resulting in reduced waste contamination – a win-win situation for everyone involved. As our waste collection service, often referred to as the 3-cart system, reaches its 7-year milestone, this app marks the next milestone in making our service even more user-friendly for our citizens.

Key Features of the App Include:

- "What Goes Where?" Search Tool: Effortlessly identify where specific items should be disposed of or find comprehensive local recycling and disposal information. You can search by item name or even take photos to discover where items need to go!
- Collection Reminders and Real-Time Updates: Stay informed with timely collection reminders and receive immediate notifications regarding service disruptions.
- **Problem Reporting Tool:** Utilize the geolocation-enabled reporting tool to promptly inform Town staff of issues like missed collections.
- Customized Calendar: Stay organized with a personalized curbside collection and events calendar tailored to your specific needs.
- Find Nearby Facilities: Easily locate the closest recycling, composting, and disposal facilities for any household item based on your zip code.
- Weekly Quizzes: Test your knowledge with "We Wanted to Know" quizzes, leveraging local data to boost your recycling/composting confidence.

Scheduled Meetings

The public is welcome to attend:

Council

Special/Regular Meetings:

October 10th: 3:30 pm @ Council Chambers

October 23rd: 3:30 pm @ Council Chambers

Livestreams or recordings of Council meetings: www.taber.ca/livestream

<u>Municipal Emergency</u> <u>Management Committee</u>

October 3rd: 5:00 pm @ Council Chambers

Recreation Board

October 5th: 5:30 pm @ Council Chambers

Library Board

October 12th: 5:15 pm @ Library Board Room

Development Authority (MPC)

October 16th: 1:30 pm @ Council Chambers

Arts & Heritage Committee

October 17th: 5:30 pm @ Council Chambers

Taber Police Commission

October 18th: 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.

Thanksgiving Closures:

Town Offices will be closed Monday, October 9th

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NOVEMBER

- Thursday, November 23rd: 7-8 PM
 - 。 @ Parkside Manor (4830 50th Ave)
- Friday, November 24th: 11 AM-12 PM
 - @ Taber Public Library Program Room (5415 50th Ave)



Waste Collection App- Continued

For all residents currently using the 3-cart system, signing up with your address will grant you access to custom calendars and notifications. For citizens not currently using the 3-cart system (commercial customers, apartment buildings, etc.), features of the app can still be accessed using the link below.

The Recycle Coach app is available to download

for free in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Scan the QR code to download:

Users can also go to www.taber.ca/ recyclecoach to access features on desktop or mobile devices.





Fall Tree Chipper Program

The Town will still be offering the Fall 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	October 2nd—8th	October 9th
#2	October 9th—15th	October 16th
#3	October 16th—22nd	October 30th

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Emergency Preparedness Tips: Guides for People with Disabilities and Special Needs

While disasters and emergencies affect everyone, their impact on people with disabilities/special needs is often compounded by factors such as reliance on electrical power, elevators, accessible transportation and accessible communication – all of which can be compromised in emergency situations. The following information is sourced from the Government of Canada, based on the Government of Ontario's *Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities/Special Needs*, which is a cooperative effort between twenty public and private organizations who were consulted for their subject matter expertise and special insights:

Different Guides are Available

The Government of Canada's website contains a number of different emergency preparedness guides & checklists tailored specifically for those with different disabilities/ special needs, including mobility, non-visible disabilities, hearing, vision, seniors with a disability/special need, and high rise safety. To view them all in full, please visit https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/pblctns

Service Animal Emergency Kit Checklist

This checklist identifies the basic items you should prepare to keep your service animal comfortable during an emergency. Make sure the kit is easy to carry in case of a home evacuation:

- ⇒ Minimum 72-hour supply of bottled water and pet food
- ⇒ Portable water and food bowls
- ⇒ Paper towels and manual can opener
- ⇒ Medications with a list identifying medical condition, dosage, frequency and contact information of prescribing veterinarian
- ⇒ Medical records including vaccinations
- \Rightarrow Leash and collar
- \Rightarrow Blanket and toy
- \Rightarrow Plastic bags
- ⇒ Bandages (a dog's paws could get cut on rough terrain)
- ⇒ Up-to-date ID tag with your phone number and the name/phone number of your veterinarian (a microchip is also recommended)
- ⇒ Recent photo of your service animal in case they get separated from you
- ⇒ Name of the animal's training centre and qualifying number (for identification purposes)
- ⇒ Copy of licence (if required)
- ⇒ Other items as deemed necessary

Personal Support Network

- A personal support network is a group of at least three people you know and trust and who would help you during an emergency.
- How do you create a support network?
- Ask people you trust if they are willing to help you in case of an emergency. Identify contacts for important locations such as home, work or school. Neighbours are often the closest and most available contacts in an emergency.
- Tell these support people where your emergency kit is stored. Give one member a key to your home.
- Include a support network contact who is far enough away that they are unlikely to be affected by the same emergency.
- Work with your support network to develop a plan that meets your needs.
- Practice your emergency plan with your network. If applicable, show them how your special needs equipment works.

People With a Disability/Special Needs – Tips

- Make sure all your emergency kit items are organized in one place, easy to find and to carry.
- Tag all of your special needs equipment including instructions on how to use and/or move each assistive device during an emergency.
- Complete a checklist and personal assessment sheet and provide a copy to your designated network(s). Keep a copy in your emergency kit(s).
- If you have food / drug allergies, wear a MedicAlert® bracelet.
- List all food/drug allergies and current medications (for each medication, specify the medical condition being treated, the generic name, dosage, frequency, and the name and contact information of the prescribing physician). Provide this list to your designated network and keep a copy in your emergency kit(s).
- If you rely on any life sustaining equipment or if you require regular attendant care, ask your network to check on you immediately if an emergency occurs and have an emergency backup plan in the event of a power outage.
- During an emergency, if your support network is unable to help, ask others for help and inform them of your special needs and how they can assist you.
- Carry a personal alarm that emits a loud noise to draw attention.
- Be aware that experiencing an emergency can be overwhelming and stress can worsen some medical conditions.

It's important to prepare your family and property for emergencies before they occur. Being prepared ahead of time reduces stress and helps keep you safe and ready. For more hazard information and easy steps to take to be more prepared, visit: www.alberta.ca/BePrepared or www.getprepared.gc.ca

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Taber Public Library

- ♦ Sat Oct 7 **Ukulele Jam** at 1:30 pm. Please bring your uke and jam along with like-minded ukulele players. There will be extras around if you would like to try it. For all ages and abilities.
- Wed Oct 11 Senior Speaker Series at 10:30 am. The topic is "Getting Through Difficult Times" and preregistration is required as we are also celebrating International Day of the Older Person!
- ♦ Wed Oct 11 Circle Jam with Shelley K at 6:00 pm. This is for the musician who would like to come play with others and take your turn at performing. All ages, abilities and instruments are welcome. Food is allowed so you can bring dinner with you. Last month was very enjoyable but please come with songs that you would like to perform.
- Sat Oct 14 Eagle Spirit Nest Community
 Association Craft Day at 10:30 am. Please remember an adult should accompany children, as the crafts are not for beginners. Pre-registration is a must as supplies are limited. The craft will be a Dream Catcher and is only open to 15 participants.
- ♦ Fri Oct 20 **Family Movie Night** and the movie will be "Lightyear". This is about the very beginning of how Toy Story began with Buzz Lightyear for those that have not seen it. Begins at 6:30 pm and popcorn is provided. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.
- ♦ Thur Oct 26 **Canada Revenue Agency** will be here for another presentation. There will be two topics. The first is for Newcomers to Canada and the second is on Scams, which will begin at 11:00 am. These are so timely for many in our community.
- ♦ Fri Oct 27 **Halloween Readings** with Tara. This will be similar to last year's presentation where Tara will read truly terrifying short stories. This is for teens to seniors to attend. Begins at 6:30 pm so please use the east door when entering.
- ♦ Tue Oct 31 **Childrens Trick or Treat Story Time** at 10:45 am. Come listen to a few stories, maybe a few songs and have a treat to eat! If you come in costume, more treats will follow!
- ♦ Coming mid-November Leaving Canada: the Mennonite Migration to Mexico interactive display for approximately 5-6 weeks. The display is from the Mennonite Historical Society of Canada and Mennonite Heritage Village



Parkside Manor

- Parkside Manor Regular Dinner: 12:00 Noon, October 11, 2023
- Soup & Sandwich: 12:00 Noon, October 25, 2023

To rent the Hall, call 403-223-4247

Line Dancing Lessons

Who: You (all are welcome)

What: Learn to Line Dance and have fun

When: Fridays, October 6 - November 24, 2023 (8

classes)

Where: Knox United Church–basement (4929 50th

Avenue, Taber)

Time: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

\$40.00 (must prepay), Minimum 12 people For more info, call or text Diane: 403-892-7435



WATER SAVING TIP #36

Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings. Leaks outside the house may not seem as bad since they're not as visible, but they can be just as wasteful as leaks indoors.

Check frequently to keep them drip-free.

Use hose washers at spigots and hose connections
to eliminate leaks.

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Online Business Directory

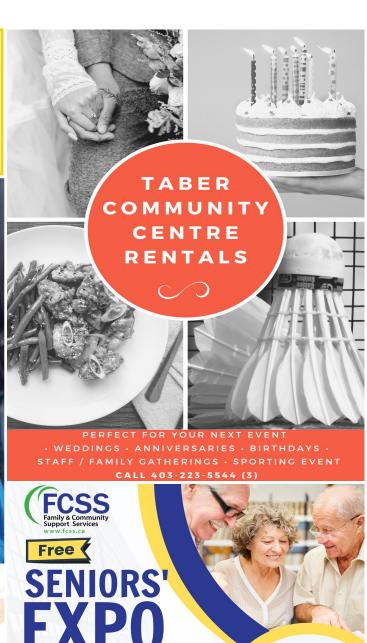
Did you know the Town of Taber has an online business directory? To help promote shopping locally, the Town's website hosts a searchable directory with businesses who hold a valid Town of Taber business license.

www.taber.ca/businessdirectory



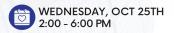


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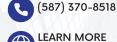




Connect with service providers that support seniors.







www.fcss.ca



Wellness Sessions

2:30 PM CIRCLE OF RYTHYM - DRUMMING FOR ADULTS **3:00 PM** ESSENTRICS MINI CLASS - GENTLE EXERCISES

3:30 PM CIRCLE OF RYTHYM

4:00 PM CAN OPENER FOR YOUR MIND - PRESENTATION

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Noon Shinny

throughout the winter

Monday-Thursdays (Large Ice) & Fridays(Small ice-begins Oct 6) Noon-1:00 pm - \$2.00/visit or \$79.50/season

Helmets, Gloves, & Shin pads are mandatory for shinny

Adult'n Tot

Fridays (Large Ice) 10-11:30 am - FREE

Helmets are STRONGLY recommended

Public Skating

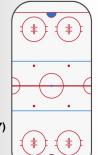
Fridays - (Large Ice) 6:45-7:45 pm - FRÉE (Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Taber)

Saturdays/Sundays-(Small Ice) (Begins-Oct 7) 1-3:00 pm - FREE (Sponsored by the Taber Lions Club)

Helmets are STRONGLY recommended



MORE INFO: # www.taber.ca/dropin



TABER COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY Sponsonship Postens are now AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OF TABER ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OR THE TABER AQUAFUN CENTRE

Now Booking Private Large/Small Ice Rentals

Mon-Fri: 9 AM - 5:30 PM @ the Aquafun Centre: 403-223-5544 (3)

Community Centre \$2 Drop-Ins

www.taber.ca/dropin

Community Grant Applications

The deadline to apply for Community Grants is October 15th, 2023. For more information visit:

www.taber.ca/communitygrants

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