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July



We're back in Confederation Park for the 2024 Farmers' Market! Join us every Thursday to support local artisans! In the case of inclement weather, we'll be in the Auditorium.

Scheduled Meetings

The public is welcome to attend:

Council

Special/Regular Meetings:

July 15th: 3:30 pm @ Council Chambers

August 19th: 3:30 pm @ Council Chambers

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

Development Authority (MPC)

July 8th: 1:30 pm @ Council Chambers

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

Extra Early Reminder:

Town Offices will be closed on **Monday, August 5th** for Heritage Day

See more future events and holidays at www.taber.ca/calendar

Planning an Event?

Planning your own event this summer? If so, did you know we have a Special Event Application that we can help you with?

Check it out at www.taber.ca/ eventplanning for full details!

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Taber Public Library

*Summer Reading Program will run from July 2 to August 29, Tuesday through Friday. It is for ages 6 to 14 years and is totally free of charge. Register in person or by email at tabersrp@outlook.com

- Wed July 10 Mario Kart Tournament for ages 9-11 yrs. It will begin at 1:30 pm and some snacks provided. Preregistration is a must as no late entries allowed. Small prize for the winner!
- Tue July 16 LEGO Contest begins. Drop off your entry beginning today. This year there are two age categories 6-9 years old and 10-13 years old. There will be small prizes to be won. Contest runs until August 17. Please pick up entries promptly after that date. Displayed in our locked cases.
- Tue July 16 19 Craft Camp for ages 6-9 years. Must preregister to determine supplies. It will be every day from 10 am to noon.
- Thur July 25 Nerf Gun Wars for ages 10-12 years. From 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please bring your own gun that uses long bullets that will be supplied. Please pre-register up until the day before.
- Tue July 30 − Aug 2 Craft Camp for ages 10 − 12 years.
 Must pre-register to determine supplies. Every day will be from 10 am to noon.

Online Cemetery Database

Did you know the Town now has an online, searchable database for the Taber Memorial Gardens? For those interested in genealogical research or trying to find the grave locations of family members or friends, this tool helps you!

You can search by name, interment date, or veteran status (if the Town was made aware of the person's veteran status at the time of burial or since).

You can find the database at www.taber.ca/cemetery

Please note that due to the long history of our paper records, inaccuracies may exist. If you notice an error in our database, please contact us at 403-223-5515 or cemetery@taber.ca and we will be happy to assist. Some records may not appear in the database as per the privacy wishes of the family.

Common Online Services

We're over halfway through the year, and we thought we would remind residents of some of our most common online services and ways you can access our services and information 24/7:

Contact Information

Looking for the contact information for Councillors, Town staff, or our Department Emergency on-call numbers? They're always available at www.taber.ca/contact

Service Requests

Want to report some work you think needs to be taken care of in Taber? We have an online Service Request tool where you can request different topics from our various departments, ranging from roads and sidewalk maintenance, weeds and grass mowing, cemetery maintenance, general comments, and much more. You can submit service requests any time at www.taber.ca/servicerequests

Online Payments (Paying with Credit Cards)

Do you prefer paying your bills with a credit card? We can make that happen. Certain Town services can be paid online through OptionPay. You can make payments for your utilities, taxes, business licenses, and other accounts receivables by visiting www.taber.ca/onlinepayments for instructions and the link to pay.

As always, you can visit www.taber.ca for Town information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

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.

Find it here: www.taber.ca/businessdirectory

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Emergency Preparedness: Extreme Heat

Summer is officially here, and in Southern Alberta that often means periods of extreme heat. While we are still experiencing milder temperatures, it's important to be prepared. Here are some tips, but remember to make a plan that considers the unique needs of your household and family (including pets):

Prepare before Extreme Heat:

- Include back up power options to keep medical and mobility equipment running, or medications from spoiling.
- Store water (4 litres, per person, per day for a minimum of 72 hours) and non-perishable foods and snacks.
- Fans and spray bottles can help to keep you cool and consider vests and mats that you can soak with water to help keep your pets cool too.
- Identify family, friends and nearby community members who are at higher risk of heat illness and set up a 'Heat buddy' system. Buddies can check on each other, help with cooling measures in the home and call for help if needed.

Tips to Stay Cool & Safe Indoors:

- Install curtains, blinds or awnings in windows to deflect the heat, and keep them closed during the day. A lowcost option is covering windows with cardboard.
- Identify areas in your home that stay cool, think about how to keep them cool and how they can be set up for sleeping.
- Fans help move cooler air from outdoors into your home during the late evening and early morning hours but should not be relied upon as a primary cooling method during extreme heat events.
- Close all windows and doors during the day and block sunlight from entering by using window coverings.
 Create a cross breeze by opening windows in the early morning or late evening and placing fans to pull cool air in and push hot air out.
- Take a cool shower or bath and apply a cold towel to your neck. Staying cool at night can help you sleep so you can cope with the effects of extreme heat. If it is too hot to sleep indoors, find a safe place to sleep outdoors.

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Learn more about making an emergency plan and how you can be prepared before any type of emergency:

www.alberta.ca/BePrepared

Taber Police Service CCTV Security Camera Registry

The purpose of the Registry is to assist the Taber Police Service with investigations where a private security camera(s) may have captured video



evidence. The program allows the registrant to register the existence of their CCTV system.

The goal of the CCTV Camera Registry program is to detect crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the Taber Police Service and the community we serve. Registration in the program is voluntary. Accordingly, all CCTV Camera registrants agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. The Taber Police Service (TPS) may request access to video footage containing or related to criminal activity, that was collected by the home or business. The owner may decide to disclose the requested video footage to TPS.
- 2. If necessary, the TPS will contact the home or business owner directly, using the information provided upon registration, to request the appropriate CCTV camera footage.
- 3. Under no circumstances shall registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the Town of Taber and/or the TPS through the CCTV Camera Registry program.
- 4. Under no circumstances shall the TPS obtain any information or footage/feeds without the direct assistance from the registrants.
- 5. The provided CCTV footage may be disclosed to the court for any criminal or civil proceedings.

The Taber Police Service does not own any CCTV cameras in the community, but frequently utilizes business and residential CCTV Security systems for its investigations.

We believe the Registry will enhance the ability of the Taber Police Service to solve crimes which occur within our community.

To register and for more information:

www.taber.ca/cameraregistry

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Outdoors

When temperatures are high it is important to plan activities during the coolest part of the day. Check your local forecast daily to help you plan.

- Drink water regularly, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Take breaks in cool areas often. Our bodies store heat and take time to cool down.
- Wear sunblock and seek shaded areas, like a treed location. Umbrellas help to create shade and are cooler by several degrees.

If it is too hot for people, it is too hot for our pets. Make sure they drink plenty of water and keep them out of the heat as much as possible, especially if they have medical conditions, are older or overweight.

Heat & Air Quality

- Extreme heat and air quality events like wildfire smoke can happen at the same time. Monitor your local news, weather and air quality alerts for advice on actions you can take to protect yourself.
- For most people, exposure to extreme heat is a bigger risk to health than short-term exposure to wildfire smoke. If you cannot get cool inside, go outside even if there is smoke.





See a pothole or something that needs maintenance in town? Report it online: www.taber.ca/servicerequests

WATER SAVING TIP

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If you are planting a new lawn, or overseeding an existing lawn, use drought-resistant grasses such as "Eco-Lawn". Many beautiful shrubs and plants thrive with far less watering than other species. Replace herbaceous perennial borders with native plants. Native plants will use less water and be more resistant to local plant diseases. Consider applying the principles of xeriscape for a low-maintenance, drought resistant yard. Plant slopes with plants that will retain water and help reduce runoff. Group plants according to their watering needs.

Celebrate Summer: Taber 7th Annual Yard & Garden Tour

Taber Communities in Bloom invites everyone to tour our lovely Taber yards and gardens. Take a self-guided tour and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at Luigi's at your leisure on Saturday, July 6th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lunch tickets will be honoured from 12 to 5 p.m. Tickets - \$20 includes lunch @ Luigi's, can be purchased at Pharmasave, Johnson's Drugs, Sunnyside Nursery in Taber or Green Haven Garden Centre in Lethbridge.

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