

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE



June 12 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm Town Hall Gym | 962 St John Avenue

Join us for an evening of information sharing with members of Council and Town staff. We will be presenting the results of the Winter Maintenance Survey in addition to the following information stations:

Emergency Services | Child Care | Taxes and Assessment | Recreation | Operations | Housing | Communications Plan

PINCHER CREEK POOL

25TH ANNIVERSARY!



July 8, 2024 | 5:30pm – 8:00pm 895 Main Street

Help us celebrate the pool's 25th anniversary! Join us for a BBQ, dignitaries, pool games, and FREE swim from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. More details to come in the next few weeks.

REUSE & RECYCLE FAIR



JOINTHE RECYCLE FOR FREE

BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES TO:

Saturday, June 8 | 10:00am - 2:00pm MD Office/Eco Centre | 1037 Herron Ave

**No early birds or drop-off before 10:00am to allow staff to safely set up.

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Drop-off Deadline 1:30pm

Bring items you no longer use that are in good working condition to be loved by someone new!



Ready to spring clean? Join us on Saturday, June 8 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Eco Centre (1037 Herron Ave) and bring in your household hazardous waste, reuse fair items, plant exchange and more!

Don't miss the SPCA's fundraising BBQ!



ITEMS ACCEPTED AT THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP

Abrasive cleaners Acetone Aerosol paints and sprays Air fresheners (aerosol) All-purpose cleaners (solvent-based) Ammonia Ant/wasp spray Antifreeze Autobody filler **Barbecue starters** Bleach Butane refills Brake and transmission fluid Carbon tetrachloride Car (lead-acid) batteries Car waxes and polishes (solvent and water based) Contract cement Degreasers (petroleum based) Disinfectants Drain cleaners Fabric softeners Floor wax strippers Hair sprays (aerosol) Insecticides Kerosene Laundry starch

Laundry stain removers Lighter fluid Liquid cleaners Lve Mildew removers Muriatic acid Nail polish and remover Oven cleaners Paint thinners and strippers Paints (oil and water based) Photographic chemicals Propane gas cylinder (recyclable) Rubbing alcohol Septic tank degreaser Shoe polish Silver and brass polish Solvents, turpentine, varnish, lacquers Spot removers Spa and pool chemicals **Toilet cleaners** Used oil Weed killers Windshield washer solution containing methyl alcohol Wood preservatives

RECREATION & PARKS

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL CO-ED

Mondays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm Town Hall Gym | 962 St John Avenue For ages 12+ Drop-in | Free Everyone is welcome to come play!

COMMUNITY BASKETBALL

Wednesdays | 6:00pm - 8:00pm Town Hall Gym | 962 St John Avenue For ages 13+ Drop-in | Free Everyone is welcome to come play!

KIDSPORT SPONSORED SWIM – JUNE 27



SOUTHERN ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES – REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 9



SPORTS FIELDS AND PARKS

This week our Parks Staff will be focusing on the grass maintenance schedule, which will substitute some regular tasks with the goal of trying to catch up on the mowing schedule.

Spring Cleanup Parks & Sports Fields

Weekly Maintenance:

- Focus on grass maintenance catch-up
- irrigation systems are getting turned on in the next few weeks
- Cenotaph Fountain running
- Finished removing an old cottonwood tree that had fallen beside site #14 at Veteran's Memorial Campground



Schedule subject to change dependent on weather and group schedules

This week our Parks Staff will continue to provide the following weekly maintenance tasks:

- Baseball Diamond Maintenance (Mondays)
- Bathroom Maintenance (Mondays)
- Grass Maintenance (Mondays)
- Sports Field Maintenance (Tuesdays)
- Watering/Irrigation Maintenance (Tuesdays)
- Grass Maintenance (Tuesdays)
- Parks Garbage Maintenance (Wednesdays)
- Dog Park Maintenance (Wednesdays)
- Skate Park/Bike Park/Tennis Court Maintenance (Wednesdays)



- Grass Maintenance (Wednesdays)
- Baseball Diamond Maintenance (Thursdays)
- Garden Maintenance (Thursdays)
- Grass Maintenance (Thursdays)
- Parks/Playground Maintenance (Fridays)
- Campground Maintenance (Fridays)
- Cemetery Maintenance (Fridays)
- Grass Maintenance (Fridays)

Sports Fields continue to be utilized by the local user groups like Minor Baseball, High School Baseball, Minor Soccer, and High School Rugby.

Irrigation systems within the town will be turned on during the next few weeks, and the Cenotaph Fountain is now operating from 8am-8pm.

This past Friday we finished removing an old cottonwood tree that had fallen beside site #14 at the Veteran's Memorial Campground.

For private bookings of sports fields and parks, contact Rhonda at 403-627-6322.

BOREDOM BUSTERS



www.pinchercreek.ca | 403-627-3156 | 962 St. John Avenue

SENIORS WEEK – JUNE 3-8

The Town of Pincher Creek celebrates our Seniors and all of the many wonderful contributions they make to our community and lives!

Come out for Coffee With Council on June 4 at 10:00am at the Huddlestun Centre Free swim all week for 55+! This includes open swim, lane swim, and aqua fit

CANADA DAY FIREWORKS

Don't miss out on our annual Canada Day fireworks display in collaboration with the MD of Pincher Creek!

July 1 | 11pm Ag grounds | 209 Canyon Drive No dogs are permitted on the grounds during this event



COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Plant an orange flower in honour of our Indigenous communities! Communities in Bloom will be presenting "Best Drought Tolerant Gardens" throughout the summer.



PARKS PASSPORTS



SCAVENGER HUNT



KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE

FATHER'S DAY FIRE DRILLS

June 16 Enter your team of 5 to participate in an EMS themed relay race to support Project: Bring it Home building a new EMS and Paramedicine Firehall exhibit to house the "new to KBPV" 1967 fire truck. Check out the cruise at the museum around 2:00 after the fire fun!

CANADA DAY IN THE VILLAGE

July 1 Free admission from 10:30am – 3:00pm Join KBPV for fun and food!

TALKING TOMBSTONES

July 13 6:30pm

Join Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village as they learn about the NWMP members and the scoundrels they chased! Tickets available at <u>www.kootenaibrown.ca/buy-tickets</u>

HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS - MULTIPLE DATES IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

Join Miss Mallory or Ranger Gord on a walk around town, learning more about Pincher Creek's history. Find out more online at <u>www.kootenaibrown.ca</u>

ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL OF PINCHER CREEK

GALLERY AND GIFT SHOP HOURS

Wednesday – Friday | 10:00am – 5:00pm Saturday | 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Visit the AAC gallery in June to experience " V V V an interactive exhibition by Kenzie Housgo. The first of its kind at the AAC, this show blends fibre arts with technology and encourages audience participation, featuring work which can be communicated with via text message. The use of technology such as LEDs, micro-controllers, texting, and screens within her research is symbolic of the virtual realms in which we participate as a society. The virtual encompasses social media platform activity, online personas, online dating, and online branding.



KIDS ART CLASSES

Only three weeks of Friday Art classes left before the summer holidays!

Fridays | June 7, 14 and 21 After School Program | 1:45pm – 2:45pm Ages 6 - 9

Artists @ Heart Fridays | June 7, 14 and 21 3:00pm – 4:30pm \$5.00 per person | Pre-registration is encouraged Ages 9+

Visit www.thelebel.ca/kids-art-classes to register or call 403-627-5272

DROP IN CERAMICS STUDIO

Ages 18+ \$10 per drop in day for folks with clay experience. Visit www.thelebel.ca/studiocalendar for our June studio schedule.

PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

What is a property assessment?

Property Assessment is the process of estimating a **fair actual value** (average market value) of a property for taxation purposes.

Assessments for all types of property are prepared annually by accredited municipal assessors appointed by the town and governed by provincial legislation and regulation.

Assessments are based on market conditions as of **July 1 of the previous year** and on the properties physical condition and characteristics as **of December 31 of the previous year**.

Assessors obtain required information through many means including site inspections, building permits and blueprints, aerial imagery, GIS data, sales information from Alberta Registries, MLS data, industry publications and by annual written requests. Learn more about request for information surveys <u>RFI's</u>.

The property assessment is used to fairly distribute the annual tax revenue requirements throughout the municipality.

Where do my taxes go?

Your Assessment and Tax Notice includes three separate tax levies taxed at different rates that make up your Total Property Taxes:

- 1. **Municipal Levy -** This amount is paid directly to the Town of Pincher Creek and pays for municipal infrastructure, facilities, service and programs.
- 2. **School Levy -** This amount is collected by the Town of Pincher Creek and paid directly to Province of Alberta, for maintenance and development of the school system. The amount of school funds paid by each municipality is based on population and the tax base. *All municipalities must collect and forward these funds to the Province.*
- 3. **Senior Housing -** This amount is collected by the Town of Pincher Creek and paid directly to the Pincher Creek Foundation and helps pay for senior housing in our area. *If applicable, all municipalities must collect and forward these funds.*



PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

Tax Notices were mailed May 27, 2024

PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS' IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is the property owners RESPONSIBILITY to ensure they receive a property tax notice. If you have not received a property tax notice for by mid-June 2024, and you are a property owner (including mobile homes), please contact the town office at 403-627-3156 to get a copy to avoid penalties for late payment.

HAVE YOU RECENTLY PURCHASED A PROPERTY OR HOME?

Did you receive a tax notice? If not, please connect with the Town Office immediately.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2024

Payments can be made in person by attending the Town Office, 962 St. John Avenue and/or leaving payments in mail slot, by mail, online banking or at any financial institution (please take your bill). To avoid late penalties property tax payments must be made or post marked by June 30, 2024. To ensure that your payment goes onto your account when using online banking please use the full 12digit account (roll) number without the decimal that can be found on your tax notice. Please note if a tax payment is made online after hours on the due date the bank may post it to the following day. Please try not to make late payments or you may be required to submit proof of payment date to avoid penalties applied to your account.

IMPORTANT PENALTY INFORMATION

Penalty charges on outstanding current taxes will be levied at 12% on July 1, 2024. A further 10% penalty will be assessed on all remaining unpaid taxes January 3, 2025.

403-627-3156 reception@pinchercreek.ca



CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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A NEW WAY TO PAY FOR RENOVATIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The **Clean Energy Improvement Program,** provided by the Town of Pincher Creek and M.D. of Pincher Creek, offers a fixed interest rate of **2%**, convenient repayment through your property taxes, and access to an incentive of **\$450 or more.**

Funded by the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund. Program administered by Alberta Municipalities. *Some conditions apply.

APPLY TODAY AT: myCEIP.ca/pincher

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