

Words from Our Mayor

Hello everyone and welcome to May. April saw more below average temperatures than above, our rural neighbors will begin their spring seeding soon and we wish them well.

The town has received our new water meter transmitters. From what Council has been told, there will be no need to stop water flow during the installation. The transmitter just has to be switched out & the meters then would be read just like the power or gas meters. A software problem though has occurred, so the roll out of our new meters must wait until it is fixed. Modern technology is great when it works. We must embrace this new technology because we can no longer get parts for our present system.

Every season brings different challenges to Bylaw enforcement; Bylaws are in place to keep Two Hills a safe and attractive Town. Bylaws are wide ranging from business and animal licenses, to traffic control. Our residential streets are not designed to take heavy equipment. There are individuals that still continue to take heavy equipment to their residences, remember that our infrastructure dollars are limited; once roads are fixed in an area, there may be years before they are scheduled for repair. Neighbours and other residents will have to deal with these poor roads for a long time. Please do not drive heavy equipment on our residential roads. On the subject of roads, the paver will be in town as soon as the weather warms up. We will be paving in the hall and arena area.

We are also getting close to finishing our 2022 budget. Public works is in need equipment upgrades, to help pay for these upgrades Council is looking at placing a Public Works Equipment Upgrade fee on our monthly water bills. This equipment upgrade will benefit all residents and as a Council we feel that this would be a fair way to help pay for equipment upgrades.

Till next month, remember that we all live in this community and it is up to each one of us to do our part. Also please remember to treat everyone the way in which you would wish to be treated.

MAY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

- May 10 - Regular Council Meeting
- May 23 - Victoria Day **OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 24 - Regular Council Meeting

Victoria Day is Canada's oldest non-religious holiday. It marks the birthday of Queen Victoria (1837-1901). Following the death of Queen Victoria, May 24th was decreed as Empire Day across the British Empire. Today, Canada is the only country who still has a holiday on the day.



May 2022



Submit your Town photos to
info@townoftwohills.com
for a chance to be seen
here!



Due to dry windy conditions Fire Restrictions have been issued across the County of Two Hills. This means **NO OPEN BURNING; NO FIRE PERMITS OR FIREWORKS ARE PERMITTED.**

Warming/cooking fires in approved fire pits are allowed.

Refer to albertafirebans.ca for more information.

This will stay in place until conditions improve significantly. Thank you for your understanding.

GET YOUR GARDEN SPRING READY

It's that time of year to pull out your gardening gloves and have your tools at the ready to get your garden all set for Spring. Here are some of our top tips on making your garden bloom now that the frost has settled.

LEAVES BE GONE

Whether it's an old fashioned rake or a powered leaf collector you use, it's time to tidy up any leaves that have made home in our garden. It's the perfect start to see what you're working with this Spring!

TREAT THE GROUND

Whether it's adding compost to your soil, seeding your grass or giving your **artificial version a Hoover** it's important that you give the ground some TLC ready for the new season.

yes, that's a thing!

CLEAN THE SEATS

There's nothing worse than a spider-web ridden set of garden chairs now, is there? Wipe them clean and make sure your garden furniture is BBQ ready for when the time arrives.

SHEAR AWAY

There's no time to snip-snip like the present! Unleash your shears or hedge trimmer on all that appears unruly and give your garden a fresh trim.

SHARPEN YOUR TOOLS

Clean your spades and sharpen your trowels to make the whole process easier. Cleaning them regularly will help them last longer in that garden shed of yours too!

DON'T FORGET THE PATIO

There's nothing that looks quite as fresh as a jet-washed patio! Get rid of all the dirt and grime and restore your patio back to its original state!

HOW TO TRIM TREES - DIY

WHEN DIY TREE TRIMMING IS OK, AND WHEN IT'S NOT

Want to trim a small tree with lightweight branches and a canopy at eye level? Go for it! However, you should not attempt to prune a tree if you have to climb a ladder to reach the branches.



HOW TO TRIM SMALL TREE BRANCHES YOURSELF

Let's start with the steps to trimming just one branch, then get into pruning a small tree. To trim a branch, make sure your pruning tool is sharp and clean. Get to know the parts of the branch and tree.



HOW HOMEOWNERS CAN TRIM A SMALL TREE THEMSELVES

When you trim a small tree, the process of removing a branch remains the same, but other factors come into play. Make a plan for the branches you'll cut and the ones you'll keep.



HOW DIY TREE TRIMMING CAN GO WRONG AND KILL THE TREE

One wrong cut won't immediately kill your tree, but pruning incorrectly or too often can. If a tree repeatedly loses too much of its canopy at one time, it can become weak or even die from the stress.



WHY YOU SHOULD AVOID TRYING TO TRIM A LARGE TREE

You may have noticed the theme here is all about trimming small branches and trees. There's a reason for that! Attempting to prune heavy branches or a tall tree is not recommended.


