



THE Wilderness IS OUR BACK YARD

Upcoming Events

NEW DATE BASICS OF HOOF TRIMMING WORKSHOP

Hands-on workshop with expert farrier Blane Friesen at Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club on **September 19!** Space is limited. To reserve your spot call (780) 864-3760.

SCHOOL ZONES ARE BACK, PLEASE SLOW DOWN

Students returned to schools on **September 3, 2026**, and school zones will once again be in place. Drivers are reminded to slow down, observe speed limits, and watch for children walking or biking. Please allow school buses plenty of room and remember not to pass when red lights are flashing, as children are entering or exiting the vehicle. School zones are in effect, Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SADDLE HILLS COUNTY HEALTH CLINIC CLOSURE

The Saddle Hills County Health Clinic is closed as of **September 1, 2026** while the Nurse Practitioner is on maternity leave. During the closure, patients should contact their family physician or visit a walk-in clinic for non-urgent medical needs. For urgent or emergency medical care, visit the nearest emergency department or call 911 in an emergency.

TREE SEEDLING ORDERS FOR 2027

Do you want to plant trees on your property? The Tree Seedling Program for residents is in its fourth year, and orders are now open! Available species and more information on the program, including pricing, can be found on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Tree-Seedlings.

THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

Toilets are for human waste and toilet paper only. Wipes – even those labelled “flushable” – feminine hygiene products, paper towels, cotton swabs, dental floss, grease and medications can clog sewers, damage equipment and increase repair costs. Please put these items in the garbage to help protect the wastewater system.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE NEEDED FOR BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Saddle Hills County is currently seeking members-at-large to sit on a number of boards & Committees:

- ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) (1)
- Agricultural Services Board (2)
- Central Peace Assessment Review Board (1)
- Saddle Hills County Municipal Library Board (3)
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (1 alternate)

Numbers indicate how many positions are available. Those interested in applying should complete the Member-at-Large form or the ALUS PAC Application on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/applications, before **September 30, 2026**.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITY GRANTS NOW OPEN!

Saddle Hills is now accepting applications from community groups, clubs, organizations, and schools for Program and Activity Grants. Applications are accepted for a wide range of activities and age groups. Details about the grant and application forms can be found on the County's website, at saddlehills.ab.ca/grants. The deadline for applications is **September 30, 2026**.

STORIES THAT BUILT SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

Every community has a story. Help tell ours. Saddle Hills County is gathering the stories, photos and memories that capture the people, places and moments that have shaped local communities. Share historic photos, family and pioneer stories, school memories, farming and homesteading history, community milestones, local landmarks, or stories about the people who made a difference. Selected submissions may be featured in the 2027 Saddle Hills County Calendar and future County communications. Have a story or photo to share? Submissions can be sent to communications@saddlehill.ab.ca

PROJECT AURORA CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Construction is underway in Silver Valley, Bonanza, Gordondale, Whitburn and Blueberry Mountain as part of Project Aurora. Canadian Fiber Optics is building approximately 550 km of fiber infrastructure across Saddle Hills County, bringing high-speed internet to nearly 600 homes and businesses. Residents can expect to see drilling and plowing crews, equipment and construction activity as work progresses. Construction updates will be posted at saddlehills.ab.ca/News.

NON-POTABLE WATER AVAILABLE AT KSITUAN & BONANZA

Residents and contractors can now access free non-potable water at both the Ksituan Water Treatment Plant and the Bonanza Water Treatment Plant (TWP 802, RR 123). The Ksituan station has reopened with a larger pump, providing increased water volume and pressure. These stations are intended primarily for agricultural use and are also suitable for dust control, construction, equipment washing, and other non-drinking purposes. Please note: Non-potable water is not safe for human consumption, including drinking, cooking, or personal hygiene. Both stations are available throughout the summer season.



COUNTY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

Sep. 10, 6:00 p.m.
Sep. 22, 9:00 a.m.
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Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 22 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 27, 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 27, 11:00 a.m.

ALUS Advisory Committee Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Regular Council Meeting
Agricultural Service Board meeting
Organizational Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

RURAL POTABLE WATER PROGRAM



Making sure residents have access to clean and safe water is a top priority for Saddle Hills County. If you are interested in having your property hooked-up to the County's expanding rural potable water system, at no connection charge, please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For more information: Darren Lubeck (780) 864-3760



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