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Measles: Stay Informed

Although uncommon, measles cases and outbreaks still happen in Canada, as with the current outbreak in Alberta. Cases usually occur here when an individual who is not vaccinated travels to or comes from a country where measles is circulating. It can then spread in Canada among people who are unvaccinated or not immune from a previous infection.

SYMPTOMS

Initial symptoms include: fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes.

About three to seven days after symptoms begin, a rash develops on the face and spreads to the rest of the body, including the arms and legs. The rash looks like red spots and blotchy patches that can last four to seven days. In darker skin colours, the redness may be harder to see, or it may appear purple or darker than surrounding skin.

RISKS

Anyone with measles infection can develop complications. People at higher risk of developing severe complications from measles are:

- children less than 5 years of age, especially infants who are too young to be vaccinated
- people who are pregnant
- people with weakened immune systems

Though rare, severe complications include deafness and brain injury caused by inflammation of the brain, and can even be fatal.

You're at risk of getting measles if you have been exposed to measles and aren't immune. To be immune, you must:

- be vaccinated or
- have had a laboratory-confirmed measles infection before or have laboratory evidence of immunity to measles.

MEASLES IS VERY CONTAGIOUS

Over 90% of people who aren't immune to measles and who come into contact with the virus can become infected. People infected with measles can spread it to others before the rash appears and therefore before they know they have a measles infection. Parents are urged to ensure that their child receives measles-containing vaccines according to their provincial or territorial vaccination schedule.

If you believe you or your family may have been exposed to measles and have not been vaccinated (or have not had a measles infection in the past), isolate and contact your health care provider or local public health department immediately for guidance.

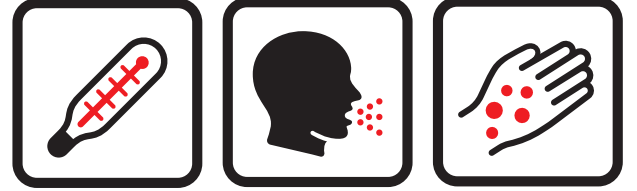
If you develop symptoms of measles, isolate and call a health care provider immediately. The health care provider can arrange to see you while preventing the spread to others.

MEASLES PRE-SCREENING

Due to a concerns regarding recent measles cases reported in Alberta, and to protect our patients and staff from exposure, all patients at the Saddle Hills County Health Clinic will be required to complete a series of pre-screening questions before booking an appointment.

Patients will be screened for the following measles symptoms:

- Fever (high, often above 101°F or 38.3°C)
- Cough (dry, persistent)
- Runny nose (rhinorrhea)
- Red, watery eyes (conjunctivitis)
- Sore throat
- Rash



Patients will also be asked to confirm if they have had close contact with someone diagnosed with measles in the past two weeks or have recently travelled to areas with known measles outbreaks or outside of Canada. If patients are experiencing any of these symptoms, they are advised to call **HEALTH LINK: 811**



For more information on measles and Saddle Hills County's procedures, visit our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/Measles

2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2025.

An election will be held for each of the seven Councillor positions, representing each of the County's wards. The Reeve and Deputy Reeve are then elected from among the members of Council at the annual Organizational Meeting. Elections will be conducted in accordance with the Local Authorities Election Act and other applicable municipal bylaws and policies.

NOMINATIONS

Due to changes made to the Local Authorities Election Act, this year's Municipal Election will run slightly differently to elections in the past.

Beginning this year, the nomination period opens on **January 1, 2025**.

Nomination period closes on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RUN

Candidates who plan to run in the 2025 Municipal Election, must also file a **Notice of Intent to Run** as a candidate, and can only accept campaign contributions and incur campaign expenses once this has been filed with the Returning Officer and they are added to the Register of Candidates.

To file your Notice of Intent, candidates must visit the Saddle Hills County Administration Building during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To ensure that the Returning Officer will be available, we recommend arranging a delivery time in advance. This can be done by contacting our office, at (780) 864-3760.

NOMINATION PERIOD

The nomination period runs from **January 1, 2025 to September 22, 2025, at 12 p.m.**

Candidates who are interested in running, can find more details in the Candidate Information Package, available online at saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-Election

NOMINATION FORMS

Candidates are required to complete and submit the following forms in order to be nominated for election:

Nomination Paper and Candidate's Acceptance (Form 4)

Candidate Financial Information (Form 5)

Each nomination form must be complete and include the signatures of at least five (5) eligible electors.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Returning Officer at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To ensure that the Returning Officer will be available, we recommend arranging a delivery time in advance. This can be done by contacting our office, at (780) 864-3760.

ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

If at the close of nominations, at 12 p.m. on Nomination Day, the number of candidates nominated for any office is the same as the number required to be elected, the Returning Officer will declare the candidate(s) to be acclaimed to the office for which they were nominated.

VOTING & ELECTION DAY

ADVANCE VOTE

An Advance Vote will take place on **Monday, October 13, 2025**, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building.

ELECTION DAY

Election Day will take place on **Monday, October 20, 2025**.

Every Voting Station will open promptly at 10 a.m., and will remain open continuously until 8 p.m.

Voting Stations will be located at the following facilities (subject to change):

Gundy Hall

Bonanza Community Hall

Savanna Rec. Plex

Saddle Hills County Administration Building

Woking Community Hall

Eligible electors can vote at any Voting Station in the County, but are encouraged to vote at a station in their ward, if possible.

SPECIAL BALLOTS

This year, Saddle Hills County voters have the option to vote by **Special Ballot** (i.e. mail-in ballot) during the 2025 Municipal Election.

Special Ballots are used when an elector, whose name is contained in the permanent electors register, is unable to vote at the Advance Vote or on Election Day.

If you require a Special Ballot for the 2025 Municipal Election, you must complete a Special Ballot Application.

Electors can apply for a special ballot:

- in person at the Saddle Hills County Administration Building
- by written request to: Returning Officer, Saddle Hills County, RR1, Spirit River, AB. T0H 3G0
- by phone, at (780) 864-3760
- by email, to admin@saddlehills.ab.ca
- by completing the online Special Ballot Application

There is also a fillable PDF version available for those who would like to submit this by email or print it and submit in person.

The deadline for Special Ballot Applications is October 17, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Completed Special Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m., on Monday, October 20th, 2025 (Election Day), to be eligible. Special Ballots can be mailed to Saddle Hills County or dropped off at a Voting Station on Election Day.

Special Ballots will be sent out via mail at the beginning of September 2025. If you have not received your ballot by October 1, 2025, please get in touch with the Returning Officer.

When voting by Special Ballot, the elector will be required to attach a copy of the proper identification.



For more information, including:

- Voter Registration & Requirements
- Election Results
- Forms & Applications
- Election Worker Applications

VISIT: [SADDLEHILLS.AB.CA/2025-ELECTION](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/2025-ELECTION)



RIDING OUT THE DROUGHT: Riparian Strategies for Resilient Landscapes

Gordondale Hall | April 8, 2025 | 5 p.m.
with Kerri O'Shaughnessy, Cows & Fish

REGISTER ONLINE FOR FREE:
[saddlehills.ab.ca
/Riding-Out-The-Drought](https://saddlehills.ab.ca/Riding-Out-The-Drought)





FCC Launches Trade Disruption Support Program for Ag Industry

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) has announced the launch of a Trade Disruption Customer Support program for ag producers to help support the Canadian agriculture and food industry as U.S. tariffs are implemented. They will be providing \$1 billion in new lending to help alleviate financial challenges to allow farmers to keep their operations going in the wake of supply chain disruptions and increasing costs.



Farm Crisis Line Launched

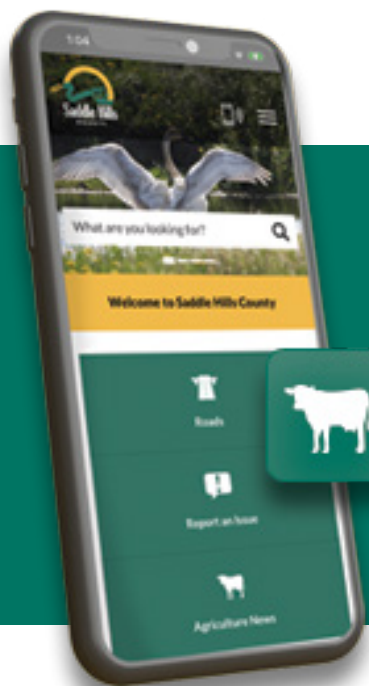
The Canadian Centre for Agricultural Wellbeing (CCAW) has announced the launch of the National Farmer Wellness Network (NFWN) Crisis Line - 1-866-FARMS01. Farmers, producers, and those working the agriculture industry can now dial the secure and confidential line to access support at any time, at no-cost. The program is designed to address the unique mental health challenges Canadian farmers and farm families face daily.



The Green Acreages Program for Acreage Owners and Hobby Farmers

As the ownership of small acreages and hobby farms is growing in Alberta, more property owners are searching for information and support on managing their properties in a sustainable manner. The Green Acreages program offers resources developed with the needs of these property owners in mind, from publications to workshops and incentives, all aimed at helping them implement stewardship practices that conserve and protect valuable natural assets.

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ON AG NEWS FROM SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

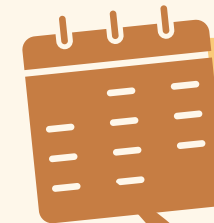


Agriculture is at the heart of our community. Keep informed of all the latest Agriculture News in Saddle Hills County or get more information on any of the stories below by visiting the dedicated Agriculture News stream on our website at saddlehills.ab.ca/agnews or by scanning the QR code. You can also follow the hashtag [#saddlehillsag](https://www.instagram.com/saddlehillsag) on Instagram for all the latest agriculture updates.

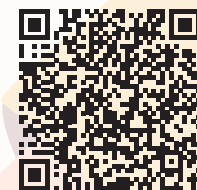
BRANCHING OUT

TACKLING TREE PRUNING & CARE

w/ Tree Expert, Toso Bozic



10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | April 30 2025
Saddle Hills County Admin Building



REGISTER ONLINE FOR FREE:
saddlehills.ab.ca/Branching-Out





Capital Grants over \$25k

Recipients of Saddle Hills County's Capital Grants, over \$25,000, were invited to attend the February 11, 2025 Council Meeting, to be presented with their funds.



BONANZA & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY \$194,829.30

L-R: Deputy Reeve Alvin Hubert, Bree Hamilton, Reeve Kristen Smith, Councillor Danny Roy

Bree Hamilton was present on behalf of the Bonanza & District Agricultural Society, who are planning to use their \$194,829.30 in funding to add synthetic lanes to the Bonanza Bowling Alley, apply 125 yards of gravel, install a roof over the bleachers and replace lumber.



GORDONDALE COMMUNITY CLUB \$76,500

L-R: Reeve Kristen Smith, Councillor Danny Roy

Councillor Danny Roy accepted the cheque on behalf of the Gordondale Community Club, who received \$76,500 for an air conditioning unit and gravel for landscaping.



HAPPY HOUR CLUB OF SPIRIT RIVER \$31,500

L-R: Councillor Shirley Klatt, Deputy Reeve Alvin Hubert, Reeve Kristen Smith, Nancy Badiuk, Councillor Gerry Richard, Councillor Don Hoffart, Harriet Boivin, Lowell Bauman, Marion Paish, Councillor Ed Armagost, Jim Hindmarch, Elaine Bauman, Councillor Danny Roy

The Happy Hour Club of Spirit River are planning to spend their \$31,500 on re-siding and insulating their current building.



HAPPY VALLEY AG. & RECREATION CLUB \$26,708.37

L-R: Councillor Shirley Klatt, Connie Poss, Owen Poss, Councillor Gerry Richard

Connie and Owen Poss, on behalf of the Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Club, accepted their \$26,708.37, which will be used to create a permanent round corral, expand fencing, sand the arena, purchase folding tables, replace the shed door, and install a manure storage facility, dog kennel, signage, and a sea can.



HORSESHOE OF THE PEACE HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$50,490

L-R: Ulrich Thomsen, Reeve Kristen Smith, Yvonne Thomsen, Councillor Ed Armagost, Carrie Yanishewski

Ulrich and Yvonne Thomsen and Carrie Yanishewski were present for the Horseshoe of the Peace Historical Society, who plan to use their \$50,490 to place a concrete pad under the memorial area at the Savanna Rec. Plex, as well as creating sidewalks to connect the memorial to the building and the grounds to the south.



WOKING MULTIPLEX ASSOCIATION \$122,594.25

L-R: Jenn Van Rootselaar, Councillor Don Hoffart, Reeve Kristen Smith, April Thomi

Jenn Van Rootselaar and April Thomi were present on behalf of the Woking Multiplex Association to receive their \$122,594.25 in funding, which will go towards combining and replacing several furnace units, as well as replacing ceiling tiles and lighting.



Update: Student Bursaries

Saddle Hills County Council recently made changes to the County's Student Bursary Program, to accommodate students enrolled in trades and commercial driver training programs, recognizing the importance these fields play in our region and continued prosperity.

Applications are always open for this bursary, with the deadline being June 1 of each calendar year.

ABOUT OUR STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

Our Bursary Program is available to eligible local students looking to enter or advance their education. This includes post-secondary education, trades, or commercial driver training school. Applicants may also qualify for additional matching NADC bursaries.

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be a resident of Saddle Hills County for a minimum of one year and have a minimum of one year's residency in Alberta immediately prior to the application date.
- Be enrolled full-time in a recognized program, which includes post-secondary education, trades, and commercial class 1 driver training.
- Be committed to living and working in northern Alberta post-graduation.
- Have reasonably good prospects for employment in northern Alberta post-graduation.

For more information about the program or to apply, please visit saddlehills.ab.ca/Student-Bursary



APRIL 12, 2025 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Sec. Hwy 680 & Rge. Rd. 73

RIBBON-CUTTING ✂ FACILITY TOURS
LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

OPEN HOUSES



6-8 p.m.

APR 02

SAVANNA REC. PLEX

BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN HALL

APR 03

APR 16

BONANZA HALL

WOKING COMMUNITY HALL

APR 23

APR 24

GORDONDALE HALL

ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

GET PROJECT UPDATES

CHAT WITH COUNCIL & STAFF

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County News



CENTRAL PEACE FOOD BANK

Chris Potrebenko, Janet Sinkwich, and Desiree Gaudet from the Central Peace Food Bank Society, were present at the February 11, 2025 meeting, to provide Council with an update on the society's operations and financials, and thank Saddle Hills County for their support over the years.

As part of their delegation, Chris, Janet, and Desiree presented Council with a plaque honouring their support to the organization. The plaque was gratefully received by Council and holds pride of place in the Saddle Hills County Administration Building's memorial cabinets, located in the reception area.

SADDLE HILLS COUNTY MOBILE APP

As part of continued efforts to improve accessibility the way information is delivered to residents, Saddle Hills County has begun creation of a mobile app.

The app will be available to download on both Apple and Google Play stores, and will allow easy access to important information and updates on the go, including truck fill volumes, facility opening hours, service disruptions, County news, job opportunities, and more.

The app is currently in the development stages and is expected for release in mid-2025. Once released, users will be able to customize their experience and even receive notifications of relevant updates.

More information will be provided on the release date, as available.

COUNCIL MEETING LIVE STREAMS

Residents and the public will soon be able to access Saddle Hills County Council Meetings from anywhere.

Bylaw 439-2025 Council, Board, and Committee Meetings was recently updated by Council, to allow for audio and video recordings of meetings, which will be live streamed on the County's Youtube page.

Staff are currently implementing and installing the technology and equipment needed to carry out these recordings. Video meetings will consist of a screen share of Council's agenda so that viewers can follow along with the meeting and see relevant information and attachments, alongside audio of Council's discussion.

Once complete, the County will provide further information on how to access the live streamed meetings, through posts on the County website and social media channels.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITY GRANTS

Council awarded the first round of Program and Activity Grants for 2025, based on the January 31, 2025 submissions. The grant amounts ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,400, for a total of \$31,400.

- Blueberry Mtn. Goodwill Society **\$5,000**
- East-West Woking 4H Club **\$2,500**
- Peace Area Motor Sports Assoc. **\$1,500**
- River Bend Jr. Cattleman's Club **\$2,000**
- Savanna 4-H Multi Club **\$2,500**
- Savanna Agricultural Society **\$3,500**
- Savanna School **\$8,400**
- Spirit River Regional Academy **\$5,000**
- Woking Willing Workers **\$1,000**

SNOWPLOWING FOR BUS DRIVERS

After a delegation request from local school bus driver and Saddle Hills County resident, Brad Bouck, Council directed Administration to add school bus drivers to the County's Driveway Snow Plow list at no charge. The changes to Policy PW10 Snowplowing Driveways, were adopted at the February 25, 2025 Council meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Due to openings on the Saddle Hills County Municipal Library Board, the County recently advertised for residents to submit applications to sit on the board as Members-At-Large.

Two applications were received for this position and Council appointed both John Croken and Corry Heinricks to the board at the March 11, 2025 meeting, each for 3-year terms.

MAILBOX SHELTER

A mailbox shelters will soon be available for residents of the Woking area!

In January 2024, Council asked staff to look into the possibility of installing shelters at Canada Post

mailboxes in the County, to stop residents from facing the elements while collecting their mail. After much research and discussion with Canada Post, Council received a proposal to install three-sided shelters, outlining potential construction and other associated costs.

The final shelter will be locally sourced, with \$20,000 allocated to the project in the 2025 Final Capital Budget, with funds coming from the General Capital Reserve.



BLUEBERRY FIRE HALL FUNDING

Due to an increase in prices since the original budget was set in 2021, Council were presented with a request for additional funding for the new Blueberry Fire Hall, at the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting.

The budget was originally amended in October of last year, to account for an increase in steel prices and the mandatory HRV requirement. After final invoices were received, an additional \$114,560 was required in order to complete the project.

Council granted \$126,016 in additional funding, including a 10% contingency, with funds coming from the New County Facilities Capital Reserve. The Grand Opening of the new fire hall will take place on April 12, 2025.



LA GLACE ICE UPGRADES

Representatives from the La Glace Agricultural Society were present at the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting, to request funds to assist with the addition of a regulation size ice surface for their Regional Recreation Center, after the failure of their prior ice plant.

Upon review of their proposal, Council voted to provide initial financial assistance of \$100,000, and to forward the request to the 2025 Final Budget Meeting for consideration of additional funding.



SAVANNA REC. PLEX ICE RINK

Members from the Savanna Agricultural Society attended the March 25, 2025 Council Meeting, to request funding to replace the existing ice plant at the Savanna Rec. Plex.

The existing natural gas and diesel facility was built in 1991, and uses R22 freon, which has not been manufactured since 2012. Due to ongoing issues with the plant, it was forced to shut down over 100 times during the winter of 2024-25, and required constant volunteer checks to ensure ice quality. The ongoing maintenance and shut downs has taken an immense toll on the equipment and volunteers, as well as impacting the near-daily usage of the space by minor hockey teams, local schools, and private rentals, as well as public skating. Concerns raised by the Agricultural Society included the potential for an ice plant failure, which would cause an end to the local hockey season, with the next nearest arenas located up to 80km away for some families.

The proposal brought forward was to replace the current facility with an electric plant, which would be more efficient, safer, cheaper, and easier for volunteers to operate. There would be no need to store diesel on site any longer, with the 438A freon required being safer and less than half the price of the existing freon. The project would also include a three-phase power upgrade to be tied into the Rec. Plex once completed. The total costs for replacement and repairs, were estimated to be \$757,157.56, with \$90,000 already raised towards this goal, through various fundraisers, auctions, and community donations.

After discussion, Council voted to provide funding for the project through the Capital Grant program stream. The program covers 85% of the project cost, with Council setting the County's portion for the renovations at a maximum of \$750,000, giving the project a funding total of \$882,353.

M&K'S BURGER RUN

M&K's Burger Run is getting a new home!

Soon, residents and visitors to Saddle Hills County will be able to stop at M&K's Burger Run's new location, near the Ksituan Water Treatment Plant. Saddle Hills County have entered into a rental agreement with owner, Mernie Grinder, to park the food truck at the County facility, as well as providing the 120V power connection needed to run equipment.

We look forward to welcoming the truck to its new home at the County, and invite all those driving by to stop in and have a bite!



Update: Central Peace Regional Water Project

Saddle Hills County Council, along with MPE Engineering Regional Manager, Drew Fellers and members of Administration, recently visited locations associated with the Central Peace Regional Water Project, including the future site of the Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project is a joint effort by the G5 group of municipalities, consisting of Birch Hill County, the MD of Spirit River, Saddle Hills County, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft, to provide a reliable source of potable water for the region.

Under the scope of work for the current project, MPE Engineering Ltd. is providing engineering services for the first two phases of overall project, with Saddle Hills County as the managing partner.

Phase 1 & 2 of the project is currently split into three contracts:

Contract 1: New Raw Water Intake on the Peace River and a Raw Water Pumping Stations. This part of the project is currently out for tender, with a closing date of April 30, 2025.

Contract 2: Drill through the Peace River Valley and install a steel pipeline. This was awarded to contractors, Option Excavating, and is now considered complete.

Contract 3: Raw Water Pipeline to the Town of Spirit River and the Village of Rycroft.

The recently completed 1.8 km of 400 mm steel pipeline was directionally drilled through the Peace River Valley, from the pumping station near the river extending up the valley, at a depth of 90 meters to avoid the slide area. In addition to this, waterlines have been drilled on easements already obtained on the planned route to the future Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant and the Town of Spirit River and Village of Rycroft reservoirs.

MPE Engineering was contracted to complete the design of the Central Peace Water Treatment Plant, with 90% funded by an Alberta Water for Life Grant. Saddle Hills County purchased two quarters of land for the project, with the Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant currently being designed on one of them.

The original project budget for Phase 1 & 2 was \$40 million, with \$16 million provided by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, \$20 million provided by the Alberta Water for Life Grant Program, and \$4 million provided by Saddle Hills County. The new project budget, as of October 2023, is now estimated at \$103,430,000.

In June 2024, an additional \$22,700,000 was received through the Water for Life Grant Program, giving the project a funding total of \$25,222,000, with a 10% municipal contribution. Another application to the program has been submitted for 2025. The G5 municipalities are responsible for 10-15% of total project costs.

The Central Peace Regional Water Treatment Plant project includes the following:

- Raw Water Storage Reservoirs;
- A Water Treatment Plant with a Truck Fill capable of supplying treated water to the entire G5;
- Retrofitting of the Town of Spirit River, Village of Rycroft, and Hamlet of Woking Water Treatment Plants to convert them to Pumping and Reclamation Stations; and
- A pipeline to the Hamlet of Woking.

Most recently, another Water for Life Grant application has been submitted, with a request of \$68,756,000. This would cover \$26,065,000 for the Rural Water Reservoir, \$35,889,000 for the new Water Treatment Plant, and \$6,802,000 for existing plant modifications and a pipeline.





Rural Potable Water Project

Through the Rural Potable Water Project, the County is investing in the infrastructure necessary to provide potable water directly to rural properties. Council consider expansions to the program annually, based on the interest expressed by residents.

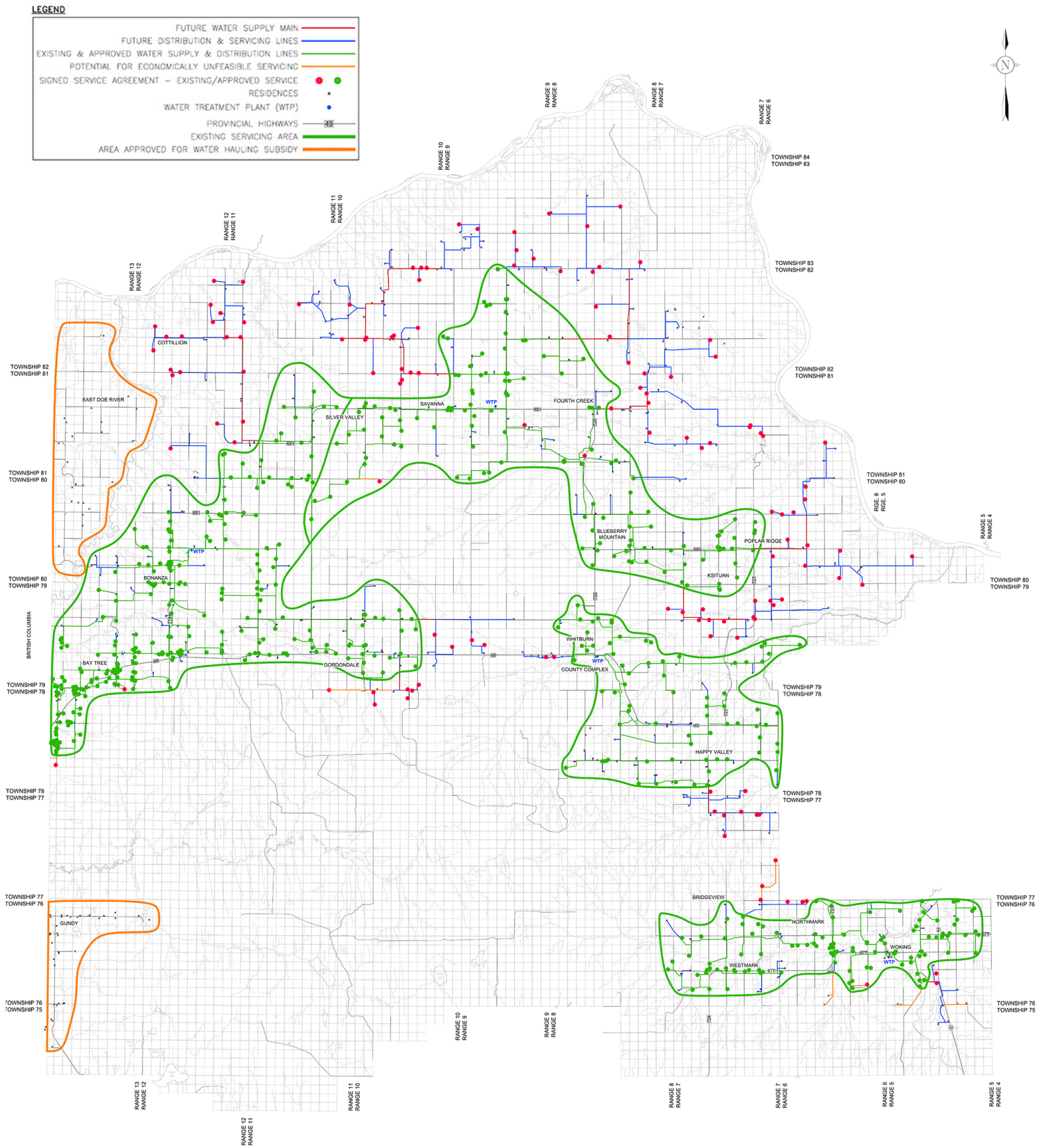
As of 2025, Council invites all residents, as identified on the map, that are not in areas designated under the Remote Potable Water Hauling Subsidy (identified in orange), to sign-up to be connected to the Rural Potable Water Network to have water delivered to their residence. There is no financial contribution required at the time of sign-up or once waterline is installed.

If Council deems the responses from an area to represent sufficient public demand, and the project meets the other criteria of Council's policy, they may include a new waterline expansion in your area in future budgets.



TO APPLY FOR RURAL POTABLE WATER:

Please complete a Rural Potable Water Servicing Agreement, available on our website at www.saddlehills.ab.ca/Rural-Water, by scanning the QR code, or at the County office. For any questions or help completing your application, please contact Manager of Env. Services, Darren Lubeck, at (780) 864-3760.



Our Community

Upcoming Events



SAVANNA CREATIONS - APR. 8-10

Join Savanna Creations, from April 8-10, 2025, at the Fourth Creek Hall, to craft, shop, or visit. Doors open at 9 a.m.

Quilting with the long arm quilting machine will be available.



NORTHMARK PUBLIC CEMETERY AGM - APR. 8

The Annual General meeting for the Northmark Public Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., at the Westmark Hall.

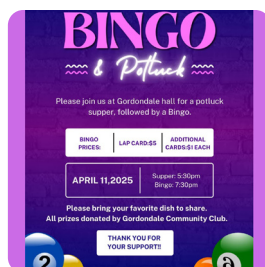
Those that have a connection to the Cemetery or are interested in attaining information about the Cemetery are encouraged to attend.



COMMUNITY HAM STEAK BBQ - APR. 11

Join the Fourth Creek Community Association for a Ham Steak Barbeque, on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Fourth Creek Hall.

Adults tickets cost \$25 per person, children 2-12 pay their age, and those under 2 are free! Everyone is welcome.



BINGO & POTLUCK - APR. 11

Join the community at the Gordondale Community Hall, for a potluck supper and bingo, on April 11, 2025.

Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. followed by bingo at 7:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite dish to share!



EASTER PARTY - APR. 19

The Happy Valley Ag and Recreation Club is hosting an Easter Party, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Happy Valley Ag & Recreation Grounds.

Bring the kids for an egg hunt, snacks, games, and prizes.

For more information, call (780) 864-0785 or email happyvalleyagrec@outlook.com



THE GREAT EGG HUNT - APR. 19

Head out to the Savanna Rec. Plex for Easter activities for children of all ages, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, from 1-4 p.m.

Enjoy egg hunting, crafts, egg decorating, snacks, and pictures with the Easter Bunny! To register, please send your child's age(s) and last name to (780) 864-5061.



MOTHER'S DAY BINGO - MAY. 9

Enjoy 12 games of Bingo with friends, on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the Blueberry Mountain Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

Coffee, tea, hot dogs, and snacks will be served.



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH - MAY. 11

Head out for a special Mother's Day Brunch, at the Gordondale Community Hall, on May 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Spoil your mom for Mother's Day, with pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and fruit, all prepared by the men of the community.

Community Connect

Come and make community connections over a cup of coffee and a game, at a series of regular events, hosted by some of our amazing local organizations. Sponsored by Saddle Hills County.

BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN HALL

1ST & LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2025 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Snacks, coffee, and games will be provided.

BONANZA HALL

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, BEGINNING MARCH 25, 2025 | 7-9 P.M.

Crib boards and a poker table will be available, and beverages and snacks will be provided.

GORDONDALE HALL

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, BEGINNING MARCH 30, 2025 | 2-4 P.M.

Games, movies, and light refreshments will be provided.

More locations and dates are constantly being added. Make sure to check our website and social media feeds, for the latest updates @[saddlehillsrecreation](https://www.facebook.com/saddlehillsrecreation)

Get updates on the latest community events and submit your own, at events.saddlehills.ab.ca



Campground Reservations

We are making some changes to our camping reservations system for the 2025 season and are currently in the process of transitioning to a new reservation platform, **LetsCamp.ca**

As the transition process is ongoing, campground reservations for Cotillion Park, Hilltop Lake, and Spring Lake are unavailable, at this time.

It is expected that this transition will be complete by March 31, 2025. We will provide an update on our website and social media channels, as soon as reservations are available.

We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to welcoming you to our campsites soon!

**2025 OPENING DATES
COUNTY CAMPGROUNDS:**

- COTILLION PARK** MAY 9, 2025
- HILLTOP LAKE** MAY 9, 2025
- SPRING LAKE** TBD

**2025 OPENING DATES
PROVINCIAL CAMPGROUNDS:**

- MOONSHINE LAKE** MAY 16, 2025
- BOOK ONLINE AT ALBERTAPARKS.CA



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