

October Happenings in Hardisty

CAO Corner

Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes for a bountiful harvest.

While the leaves are now changing to their fall colors the Town is still showing off their beautiful flowers this year. Escaping the few frosts, our barrels of petunias are still as bright as ever. I am sure this has been one of our best years for our flowers. Thank you again to the Beautification Committee for organizing and planting and to our public works summer crew for looking after the flowers and helping them grow to their beauty.

October is Fire Prevention month. Reminding us all to check our smoke detectors ensuring they are operating effectively (battery replacement, and expiry date of the detector) at the same time review with your family your home fire escape plan. Have you practiced your fire escape plan with your family members? When was the last time you checked your home fire extinguisher? Do you have the right type of extinguisher? Do you know how to operate your fire extinguisher? Being prepared protects you and your family and will also save their lives if a fire should occur. Our Hardisty Public Library Board received some volunteer service from our Hardisty Fire & Rescue Dept. Deputy Chief, Hobie Campbell attended and provided them with a training session at their last Board meeting on how to properly use a fire extinguisher. Board members and staff were pleased with the training they received and expertise that our Deputy Chief provided. Our Hardisty Fire & Rescue Dept. highly trained members and officers not only provide our community with fire & rescue service protection but with fire prevention awareness and training. As we keep fire prevention top of mind it is also a time to recognize the important service our volunteer fire department provides in our community. Send our department a Facebook message @hardistyfirerescue or e-mail the department at firedept@hard-

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

In-church services have resumed at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Open door every Wednesday 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Watch for information about Fall Beef Supper - Take Out Style. Tentative date Nov. 9th. Tickets will be pre-sold at locations around town.





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know your appreciation for their service and commitment. Perhaps you are interested in becoming a member and broadening your skill sets with training provided to become a firefighter, drop them a note and the Chief will discuss the position of a volunteer firefighter with you further.

The regionalizing of our fire departments within Flagstaff County via the creation of the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) has been a slow process. With the challenges that 2020 have delivered (COVID-19, proposed assessment valuation changes in the regulated sector with proposed revenue losses for municipalities in particular our Counties & MDs in the neighborhood of 20-30%) has left Flagstaff County uncomfortable with moving forward with the rest of the urban municipalities to make FRESS happen. The proposed Business and Implementation Plan had future requisitions for Flagstaff County nearing \$972,246 in four years from establishment. Flagstaff County's requisition would make up 63.58% of the total requisition each year. With revenue sources for the County under pressure from decreased assessment and unpaid taxes from struggling and non-existent oil & gas companies has required Flagstaff County Council to heavily review the services they deliver and the associated costs to delivering these services to their ratepayers. Flagstaff County requested that each of the urban municipalities forming a part of this new regional emergency services society to consider capping the County's requisition at \$450,000, providing them veto power on the budget within the new FRESS and that the proposed Business & Implementation Plan be redeveloped to demonstrate a more affordable plan to meet the region's needs. These requests have been not accepted by any of the urban municipalities with a strong will from the urbans to move forward with the creation and signing on of the membership agreement and allow the Society to be formed and for the Board and the Regional Chief to be established and work on the Business Plan.

The Town of Hardisty wishes a happy and healthy retirement to Gary Barber from Wainwright Assessment Group. Gary has been the appointed Assessor for the Town of Hardisty for over 40+ years. Being the Assessor for a community is not an easy task. Establishing property valuations for a municipality to generate taxable revenue is important. Wainwright Assessment Group will still be operating and providing assessment and appraisal services, Gary is just passing his torch to another one of his long-time staff, Larry James. We look forward to working with Larry and continuing our relationship with Wainwright Assessment Group.

Council decided to move forward with using their Municipal Stimulus Program funding towards the 48th Strt rehabilitation project from 48th Ave. to 52nd Ave. This project will be a full underground and above ground rehabilitation project. As we await the Minister's final approval on the project the Town is preparing the final specs for tendering. This project is estimated to be a value of \$3 Million with complete watermain, new stormwater conduit, wastewater main & manhole replacement, along with lateral service connections to property lines. Above ground rehabilitation will be new curb, gutter and surfacing. Council will be undertaking debt to endeavor to have this project completed by the end of 2021. However, this is an important project for our community as it will "pave" the way to delivering future water and wastewater services for new development in our Commercial and Industrial subdivision and for any new developments in the proposed Battleview Subdivision. While addressing deficiencies in our current delivery and collection of water and wastewater services. Fire protection will be enhanced with upgraded sizing of watermain and the installation of new fire hydrants to meet the safety needs of the community. The Town also proposed a "Relaunch Alberta" Partnership proposal to Flagstaff County where the proposal was for the use of Municipal Stimulus Program funding to partner in the development of strategic infrastructure required needed to stimulate new commercial & industrial development activity with the building of the new 48th Strt starting at highway 13 and ending at 43A Ave. Included were the required intersection improvements at 46th Ave. and the removal of the 44th Ave. intersection. While Flagstaff County gave our proposal some heavy consideration, due to the





short time frame for the MSP grant funding to be used by and with the Town moving forward on the 48th Strt infrastructure rehab project, Flagstaff County Council decided to move forward with one of their own projects but are still considering a possibility of partnering with us once they have reviewed their capital projects for the next few years a little closer. The Town will be pursuing a grant application to be submitted to AB Transportation under the Strategic Transportation & Infrastructure Program, where their intent is to complete the intersection improvements and the new 48th Strt construction.

The Town has also received interest from a couple of individuals who would like to place hangars out at the Hardisty Aerodrome/ Airport. While the revenue from the Hardisty Aerodrome is negligible and closer to nil, Council has been allocating budgetary expenses each year of \$27-\$28,000 to keep the facility maintained and operational. With hangar development and other types of development out at the airport creates new assessment to the facility which become a taxable revenue stream for Flagstaff County. While the Hardisty Airport is owned by the Town of Hardisty, it is not located within the municipal boundary of the Town, it is within the municipal boundary of Flagstaff County. On this note Council wanted to know going forward if Flagstaff County would be in favor of sharing taxable assessment revenue going forward from the airport and unfortunately their decision was "no". Flagstaff County as part of their regional approach to the delivery of certain services, made a decision many years ago to support one regional airport facility and that was the Killam/Sedgewick Airport, which is now owned by Flagstaff County and operated by the Iron Creek Flying Club. Therefore, the Hardisty Airport does not meet their regional objectives. If the Town of Hardisty wishes to support the airport on their own that is fine however as it is stated in the Municipal Government Act an assessed person who holds a lease, license, or permit or the person who occupies the land with the consent of that holder will be assessed taxed accordingly. The only items that are assessed but exempt from taxation are those items of an airport that are for delivery of a public utility or service for example the runway, terminal and machinery/equipment used in operating the

airport. Therefore, hangar development and any other development not required to operate the airport now become assessable and taxable under the jurisdiction of that municipality.

The Welcome Sign Committee have narrowed down their perspective design for the new sign. We will be posting their decision along with the other option on our website and in this edition of the Town of Hardisty newsletter. The committee would like feedback on their choice. You can:

• view the options and submit your choice at:

- https://www.hardisty.ca/residents/sign-poll
- email the Town @ town.office@hardisty.ca
- or comment on Facebook with Justine Ness, Julie Pasztor, Anita Miller or Councillors Beringer and Wurz with your comments.

The Committee raised just over \$20,000 towards the new sign development and are still a few thousands off their total cost of the sign but they are working on an upcoming "howling" good fundraiser.

The Hardisty Hospital Auxiliary are hosting a COVID style appreciation for Dr. Ivare Isadore. They would like the community and surrounding area to show Dr. Ivare their appreciation for his commitment to the Hardisty Health Centre and Community during these trying times. Send him a letter, card of thanks, a picture to the Hardisty Health Center to his attention. Or come up with your own ingenious way to show how much we appreciate his services. They would like your thankyou's to be sent in by October 12th, 2020.

The United Church will be moving forward with their Fall Supper – COVID style November 9th, 2020. Watch for posters and Facebook postings on how to get your ticket and pick-up your meal.

Another important reminder is about the mobile mammogram clinic which will be November 7th-10th, 2020 at the Hardisty Health Centre.

"Thank you is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding." – Alice Walker



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PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEW POLL! FAVORITE LARGE MONUMENT

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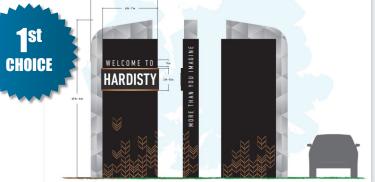
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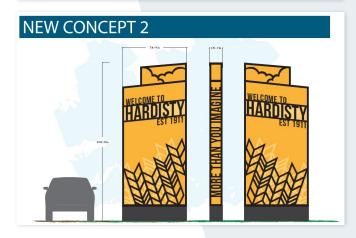
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CONCEPT 1 - Illuminated Push-Throughs



NEW CONCEPT 1 - Committee's Choice

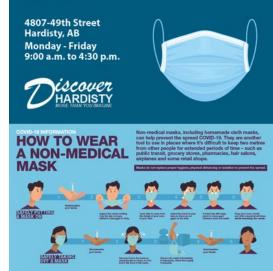


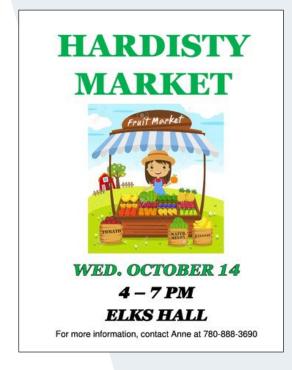






The Town of Hardisty Office is a MASK distribution center for ALL TOWN RESIDENTS & FLAGSTAFF COUNTY RESIDENTS in the area.





A great big **THANK YOU** to the Hardisty Fire Dept and its Volunteers. The Hardisty Library Board had a course on Fire Extinguuisher safety and how to properly use them. The Hardisty Fire Dept also graciously donated a AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to the library for our building, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. We are proud of all our community volunteers and ever so thankful for their dedication. Firefighters Cheif Todd Baumgartner, Tim Abel, Hobie Campbell, Jarret Hays, Max Nelson.





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Development Permits Issued - 2020

L = Lot; B = Block, P=Plan

Permit No 2020-001 - L4-7, B12, P76U Use & Storage of Recreational Vehicles

Permit No 2020-002 - L24, B26, P172 0652 Structural Roof Changes & Repairs

Permit No 2020-003 - L16-18, B6, P945R Installation of 10 meter wood pole

Permit No 2020-004 - BA, P7031KS 40' x 14' Pole Shed

Permit No 2020-005 - L13&14, B16, P6726AJ Cement Driveway

Permit No 2020-006 - L26, B16, P752 0527 Remove Manufactured Home

Permit No 2020-007 - L1, P982 2598 Demolition of Accessory Building

Permit No 2020-008 - L9, P6429NY Addition to Shop

Permit No 2020-009 (MPC) - BA, P802 0586 Training Grounds & C-Can

Permit No 2020-010 - L19, B23, P772 2832 Replace & Expand Existing Deck

Permit No 2020-011 (MPC) L26, B16, P752 0527 Move in Manufactured Home



Hardisty Medical Clinic Women's Wellness/Pap Clinic 4531-47 Avenue, Hardisty

Miriam Neufeld, NP

October 7, 2020 Appointments from 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Phone to schedule an appointment today!

Please call 1-780-888-3662 to book an appointment



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is coming to:

Hardisty November 7 - 10, 2020

Hardisty Health Centre



Call to book a mammogram appointment: 1-800-667-0604 (toll free)

To learn more visit: screeningforlife.ca

Due to COVID-19, Screen Test is taking a number of precautions to ensure the safety of our clients and staff. Details will be shared when you call to book your appointment.







Best Before: Nov.10, 2020

October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5 ₩	6	7 Women's Wellness/Pap	8 Seniors First	9	10	11
12 Thanksgiving	13	14 Hardisty Market	15	16	17	18
19 ₩	20	21	22 Seniors First	23	24 📚	25
26 ₩	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween ♪	

LEGEND

- Curb-side Gargbage Pick-up
 - Hardisty Fire Department Meeting
 - Hardisty Library Open
 - Hardisty Bottle Depot Open
 - Bingo at Elk's Hall

Hardisty Fire Department Meetings - have resumed. Hardisty Library - open. Hardisty Bottle Depot - open. Bingo - has resumed.

HARDISTY THRIFT SHOP

Open by appointment. Please message or call: www.facebook.com/HardistyThriftShop Michele (780) 888-1637 Shelly (780) 888-7676 - Gail (780) 888-2266 or (780) 888-1106

Would you like to see your event listed in our newsletter and our website or announced on our Facebook and Twitter accounts?

Email upcoming events to **marketing@hardisty.ca** no later than the 29th of the preceding month.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Website: www.hardisty.ca Phone: 780-888-3623 Fax: 780-888-2200



Seniors FIRST with FFCS

Thursday, October 8 & 22 Town Council Chambers | 10 AM - 12PM

> COFFEE TIME Cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.