



YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BIG LAKES COUNTY
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BIG LAKES CONNECTIONS

Annual County BBQ
Big Lakes County Council is hosting their Annual County BBQ June 16! Come join us for lunch.

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Seniors Week Events
Big Lakes FCSS are hosting events the week of June 6 for all seniors in Big Lakes County and High Prairie.

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Hamlet Waste Round-up
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Firefighter of the Month
Meet Tyler Mindel our newest Firefighter graduate from Grouard and our Firefighter of the month!

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BIG LAKES DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Now that the weather has made up its mind to stick to spring, things are greening up in Big Lakes County and we're all spending a bit more time outside in our yards. Our Bylaw Enforcement officer would like to remind residents of our Unsightly Properties bylaw that includes unkept yards, garbage, weeds, grass, unregistered vehicles, stacked furniture and general debris. Lets do our part to beautify our hamlets!

The Annual County BBQ is Back

We missed you! Big Lakes County is pleased to invite our ratepayers to join us at the County administration building in High Prairie for our Annual County BBQ on Thursday, June 16! Your Big Lakes County Council will be serving the public lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grab some lunch, meet your councillors, learn about County services, and take this opportunity to gather with your community once again!

Taxes Taxes Taxes

Property Assessment and Tax Notices were mailed out on April 29, 2022. Property taxes are due and payable on or before Thursday, June 30, 2022. Please contact our Tax and Assessment Clerk if:

- your address has changed,
- you have bought property in the last four months, or
- you have yet to receive your tax notice in the mail.

Alberta Land Titles Processing Delays

Alberta Land Titles is reporting a three to four-month delay in processing land title transfers. In cases where a property has recently been sold, this may result in new owners not receiving their combined Assessment and Tax Notice. If you did not receive your assessment and tax notice because of this delay, please call our office as soon as possible and speak to our Tax Clerk. The deadline for payment of taxes remains the last business day in June.

Seniors Week

Seniors Week has been recognized since 1986 to celebrate and recognize the contributions seniors make that enhance the quality of life in our communities. All seniors in Big Lakes County and the Town of High Prairie are welcome to join us for some fun activities and socializing June 6th & 7th, and of course for our Lakeshore Luncheon on June 8th. For more information visit our events page at biglakescounty.ca/events

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDARS



Seniors Week
Regular Council Meeting
County Barbeque
Regular Council Meeting
Municipal Planning Commission Meeting
2022 Property Taxes Due

June 6th–10th
June 8th
June 16th
June 22nd
June 22nd
June 30th

Hamlet Waste Round-up

Big Lakes County's Hamlet Waste Round-up is back! County staff will be in the Hamlets removing waste as part of our 2022 Hamlet Waste Round-Up program. Bring any household waste you may have, such as mattresses, couches, bed frames, construction debris or any other item too large to fit into your regular service container, to your property line and get it picked up for FREE!

County staff will be in Enilda on June 7, Grouard on June 9, Jossard on June 14, Faust on June 16, and Kinuso on June 21. The Round-up is for residential use only. Waste from a commercial business will not be accepted. Visit biglakescounty.ca/events for more information.

Municipal Roadside Spraying

Municipal Roadside Spraying is taking place in Big Lakes County now until September 30th. Limited spot spraying of problem areas will take place throughout the County and in all County Hamlets. Safety is everyone's job and first priority. Please be aware of the crews working in your area and around you and be cautious. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Big Lakes County office at 780 523 5955.

Public Real Estate Auction

On Wednesday June 15, 2022, Big Lakes County is having an unreserved online auction for 33 parcels of surplus land in Salt Prairie, High Prairie, Grouard, Enilda and Faust. Every lot will be sold to the highest bidder on auction day, regardless of price. For more information, visit our website biglakescounty.ca/public-notice

Return of Service Bursary Deadline Extended

We know Big Lakes County grows innovative, hard-working students – so we wanted to make it easier for you to return back to your roots. The deadline for the Return of Service Bursary has been extended till June 15! Information for other local and regional scholarship opportunities are also on our website. Visit biglakescounty.ca/grants for more information and to fill out an application online.



Firefighter of the Month: Tyler Mindel

Tyler Mindel has been a Junior Firefighter with Grouard Fire District since May 2019 and recently became a graduate in May of 2022. Tyler has a passion, dedication, and work ethic that is unrivalled, plus the practical jokes and sense of humor to keep us all on our toes. This young man is wise beyond his years when it comes to understanding the fire service and what it means to serve and protect your community. When asked what being a firefighter means to him Tyler answered, "Being a firefighter is about serving your community and its people, not just as a firefighter yourself but as a team with your fellow firefighters and friends that you serve with."

Farm Family Award Nominations

Each year, farm families from North/Central Alberta communities are selected as the recipients of the Farm Family Awards. These awards recognize families who best represent the values of the family farm within their rural community. Nominate a farm family in Big Lakes County! Go to biglakescounty.ca/agriculture to fill out an application. The nomination deadline is June 30, 2022.

Big Lakes County Bike Safety Rewards Program

Big Lakes' Bike Safety Program will commence June 30th! If our County Bylaw Officer, Public Works staff, or Peace Officers spot your child wearing a helmet while riding a bike, scooter, or rollerblades, they will receive a coupon for a FREE ice cream cone or frosty beverage.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Transfer Station summer hours - April 1 - September 30

Big Lakes County Transfer Stations are open Wednesday & Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm. The Regional Landfill is open Monday, Thursday & Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Please note: the Transfer Stations are closed Christmas Day. The Regional Landfill is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, and Easter Sunday.

FCSS NEWSLETTERS

Big Lakes FCSS produces community newsletters every month for each of our hamlets. Community newsletters are available by email and can be found at each FCSS location as well as on our website at biglakescounty.ca/fcss.

To be added to the FCSS email list email tdumaresque@biglakescounty.ca or call 780-776-3811.