COUNTY CONNECTIONS

WINTER 2016

MAJOR PROJECT UPDATES

The County wants your help in developing our Growth and Economic Development Strategy

Over the last decade and a half, the County of Grande Prairie has experienced significant growth and change. More recently, the economic landscape of Alberta has also been altered. In order to respond effectively to these changes, the County has launched the project MyCountyGP and is preparing a Growth and Economic Development Strategy.

This strategy will be a roadmap for attracting new investment to the area that ensures long-term, socially-responsible, diversified, and sustainable growth. It also provides a framework for how land in the County can best be utilized to create additional economic opportunities. This strategy will shape how residents live, work, and play over the next 50 years. It is therefore vital that all residents and interested parties provide their input into this once-in-a-generation plan. For updates and more information, including how you can provide feedback and attend a public engagement session, stay tuned to the County's website at

www.countygp.ab.ca/growthstrategy, social media pages, and the online public engagement forum website at www.mycountygp.ca. Tweet the project using #mycountygp.

Recreation Master Plan adopted

The County of Grande Prairie in coordination with the City of Grande Prairie, towns of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith and Wembley, and the Village of Hythe have adopted area's Joint Recreation Master Plan. With adoption secured, a committee consisting of the County, City and neighbouring communities council and administration, as well as other larger stakeholders groups within the community will now be formed to implement the Plan by providing guidance on recreation service delivery.

The Recreation Master Plan as well as other detailed can be viewed at www.countygp. ab.ca/recmasterplan.

County to Host Outdoor Recreation Programs Soon!

Starting in the new year, the County will be launching a number of outdoor recreation and nature programs for people of all ages and skill levels to register and participate in. The programs will focus on activities that encourage healthy, active living and provide participants skills they need to feel confident participating in outdoor activities.

The County will have instructors leading the programs to teach skills ranging from camping, snowshoeing, wilderness survival, to nature, landscape, and eco-system exploration, and environmental stewardship.

The programs will be taking place in a number of County campgrounds, greenspaces and parks through 2017.

Stay tuned to www.countygp.ab.ca and the County's social media pages for upcoming announcements and further details on this exciting, new initiative.

Bezanson Area Strucutre Plan -Where are we at?

The County is currently in Phase Four of the Bezanson Area Structure Plan (ASP). The Bezanson ASP is a comprehensive outline of policies that will guide future development in the hamlet of Bezanson for commercial, industrial and residential purposes. An ASP also ensures that development is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the County.

Thus far, the County's planning and

development staf have engaged with the Bezanson Study Area residents and landowners at three separate open houses, two of which recently took place in late October. During these consultations, residents identified suitable land uses to be included in the ASP area; preferred locations for future residential, commercial and industrial developments in Bezanson: as well as drafted four land use concept plans. The County's Planning and Development department, with assistance from consultants - WSP and V3, then combined the ideas from these four plan into a single Land Use Concept Plan. Planning and Development are now making revisions to the Plan based off of feedback from the community and will bring it forward to Council for review in the new year.

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For details information about the ASP, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/bezansonasp. Information can also be found by downloading the Bezanson ASP App, available by searching "Bezanson ASP" at either Google Play Store or the iTunes App Store. If you have any questions, please contact Yasmin Aidun in Planning and Development Services at 780-513-3950.

County Office Holiday Hours

The County Offices will be closed from Friday, December 23 to Tuesday, December 27, 2016 for Christmas break as well as on New Year's Day and on Monday, January 2, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact 780-532-9722. Have a very Merry Christmas everyone!

COUNTY'S WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Winter has arrived! The County's road maintenance crew has geared up and is working hard to clear snow and ice off over 3,200 km of County roads over the winter season.

Reasonable efforts are made to clear all rural roads within five days following a significant snow fall. Multiple snow fall events may alter the snow clearing cycle and require extended hours or days to complete. To view the County's Winter Road Maintenance Policy visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadmaintenance.

Residents can greatly assist with snow removal in the following ways:

- During periods of heavy snowfall or other extreme weather conditions, please have patience as crews work to clear snow from your area as quickly as possible.
- Use extreme caution when approaching snow removal equipment, and reduce your speed around plows, graders, and other equipment.
- Avoid pushing snow from private property onto roads.
- •Watch for snow removal signs in your neighbourhood and ensure your vehicles are not parked on the roadside while crews are at work clearing your street.
- If you have questions about legislation or wish to make a complaint about improper snow removal, please contact Regional Enforcement Services at 780-532-9727, enforcementservices@countygp.ab.ca or use the online reporting system at www. countygp.ab.ca.

For more information on the snow removal process, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/roadmaintenance or contact the Public Works department at 780-532-7393.

Provincial Highways

All primary and secondary highways are the responsibility of and maintained by Alberta Transportation. If you have questions or concerns about maintenance of these roads please contact Alberta Transportation at 780-538-5310. For



updated highway conditions and reports, please call 5-1-1 or visit 511.alberta.ca.

Trail Clearing

The Parks & Recreation department is responsible for the removal of snow from County trails. For more information please visit www.countygp.ab.ca/trails or contact Parks & Recreation at 780-532-9727.

RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

The County of Grande Prairie wishes to inform County residents that the County landfill/transfer station holiday hours between December 23, 2016 and January 2, 2017 are as follows:

Clairmont Centre for Recycling and Waste Management

Open: December 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 26 - 31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Closed**: December 24 - 25 & January 1

West County Regional Landfill

Open: December 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 27 - 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Closed**: December 24- 25 & January 1- 2

Demmitt Transfer Station

Open: December 24 & 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Closed**: December 25 & January 1

Elmworth Transfer Station

Open: December 24 & 31 from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. December 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Closed**: December 25 & January 1

Teepee Creek Transfer Station

Open: December 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 27 & 29 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. & December 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Closed**: December 25 & January 1

Regular hours of operation will resume January 3, 2017.

For more information, visit www.countygp.ab.ca/landfills or call the Landfill Information Line at 780-513-3967.



THE GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL ANIMAL CARE FACILITY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Since the GPSPCA closure on May 31, 2016, the Grande Prairie Regional Animal Care Facility has worked alongside a number of community partners and animal rescues to ensure the safe and humane care of animals in our area by successfully delivering Shelter, Adoption and Pound Services.

Until further notice, the Animal Care Facility will continue to provide all Shelter and Adoption Services. Pound Services will remain at the same location into the New Year and beyond. Stay tuned to www.countygp.ab.ca/animalcare for more details about possible changes coming soon!

Hours of Operation:

Animal Shelter and Pound Services Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed between noon and 1 p.m. Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Closed on all statutory holidays

Animal Adoptions Services: Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed between noon and 1 p.m. Closed on all statutory holidays

Contact Information

In Person: 12220 – 104 Avenue (Brochu Industrial Park), Grande Prairie, AB

Phone: 780-830-0199 Email: regionalpound@countygp.ab.ca Fax: 780-532-4745 Facebook: www.facebook.com/gpracf





FCSS PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES



Do you know a family or individual experiencing a difficult time in life? Or someone who needs extra support at home or school? In the County of Grande Prairie, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) helps our residents by delivering important social programs that allow children, seniors, individuals and families to thrive and reach their full potential.

The programs and services offered by FCSS are designed and delivered by a team of experts who care deeply about helping members of the community. Some of the services include:

The Home Support Program:

Provides high quality and compassionate in home support and information and referrals to other programs and agencies.

The Community School Liaison Program:

Helps families and students who are experiencing difficulties at home or school.

Playschools:

Social and educational programs for pre-schoolers that provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for four-year-olds.

Parent and Tot Programs:

A drop-in program where parents actively engage with their child in a fun, social environment that combines free play, information sharing and structured play activities. The program is for children up to age six in Clairmont, Bezanson, Beaverlodge and Hythe.

The Wellington Resource Centre: Provides numerous family and community programs, courses, multi-purpose rooms, and office space.

Some of the programs available include Books for Babies, Parenting Classes, Christmas Hampers, and Home Alone courses.

FCSS also provides funding to community groups that offer preventive social programs.

For more information, to access assistance, or to refer someone you know, contact Kathleen Turner, Director, at 780-532-9727. To learn more about FCSS, visit www. countygp.ab.ca/fcss.

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL BEING HELD DECEMBER 20

The loss of a loved one is hard to endure, especially during the holiday season. Residents are invited to join Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and other community organizations for a non-denominational Candle Light Vigil where they can recognize the loss they have experienced, connect with others, and share the light of the candle as a symbol of hope.

The Vigil will be held on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Hythe Regional School located in Hythe at 10108 - 104 Ave. If you are having trouble coping with the loss of a loved one, support is available.

Contact the County FCSS at 780-532-9727 for more information.





HELPING CHILDREN AND TEENS COPE WITH ANXIETY

By Vaughn Dueck, Community School Liaison Counsellor, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

Over the last few years in my role as a Community School Liaison Counsellor, I have noticed steadily increasing anxiety in children and teens. Anxiety is a feeling we have all experienced. Some of the more common signs and symptoms include:

- Feeling nervous or tense
- Increased heart rate
- Trembling
- Feeling weak/tired
- Trouble concentrating
- Avoidance of going to school
- Headaches/stomach aches
- Sleeping issues
- Constant worrying

For short periods, anxiety is generally not harmful. However, if it persists over longer stretches of time, it has the potential to become more impactful on a child's physical and emotional well-being. As parents, you have the ability to play an extremely important role in helping your children manage anxiety. Some suggestions include:

- Forming a positive attachment with your child or teen. This encourages open dialogue within your family where your child will be comfortable talking about his or her concerns without fear of being judged or minimalized.
- Normalizing your child's distress as something that anyone can experience.
- Building your child's self- confidence by paying attention to feelings, and by recognizing and praising small accomplishments.
- Trying to stay calm if your child becomes anxious about a situation or event.
- Setting realistic expectations and healthy boundaries for your child.
- Expressing your love and acceptance, regardless of his or her fears.

If you feel your child will benefit from speaking to a mental health professional, contact your school or the FCSS office at 780-532-9727 and ask to speak to the Community School Liaison Counsellor.



CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM -MAKING THE HOLIDAY A SPECIAL TIME FOR EVERYONE

Community groups throughout the County are back at it again preparing Christmas hampers for families and individuals in need. The hampers are comprised of items such as toys, gifts, Christmas treats and a turkey dinner, and essential items like healthy food, warm winter clothes, and personal hygiene products.

The County encourages everyone to join in on the cause and make the holiday season a special time for everyone by donating what they can. The combined efforts of a community truly make the programs successful. No donation is too small.

Hamper items can be dropped off at various locations throughout the County.

For more information on how to apply for a hamper, refer someone to receive a hamper, where to drop off donations, or to volunteer please contact:

Sexsmith, La Glace, Teepee Creek and Bezanson:

Town of Sexsmith FCSS- 780-568-4345 Bezanson Fire Hall will also be accepting donations between 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. on Mondays; and La Glace and Teepee Creek fire halls on Tuesdays between 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Clairmont:

Wellington Resource Centre-FCSS 780-567-2843 or wrc@countygp.ab.ca

Beaverlodge and area: Call Trudy Hodges 780-354-2204 or 780-354-4180 or thodges@countygp.ab.ca

Wembley and area: Wembley United Church -Call 780-766-3256 and leave a message

Hythe and area: Call 780-356-2293 or 780-356-2243 or email hythefoodbank@gmail.com

FCSS INTRODUCES THE KIND HEART AWARD

Everyone knows a neighbour that's always there when you need them! They bring over a meal when you're sick, plow out your driveway, shovel your walk, or help get the crop off. They do these things without being asked or expecting anything in return because they have a "kind heart"! We want to celebrate the many and various acts of kindness that happen every day and make our communities such a great place to live. Now you have a way of showing your appreciation by nominating them to receive a KIND HEART Award.

Family and Community Support Services is introducing this new award program across the County of Grande Prairie and our partner municipalities – Hythe and Beaverlodge. Nomination is simple and easy online at www.countygp.ab.ca/kindheartprogram or by calling FCSS at 780-532-9727.

Nominees will receive a gift from their municipality as a means of expressing our gratitude for having a Kind Heart!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT



As the Crosslink County Sportsplex enters into its fifth year of operations, the County is asking all residents to help us create the changes necessary to ensure this valuable community asset reaches its full potential. Although the Sportsplex already offers wonderful programs and classes, the feedback we receive from you will help us pinpoint areas that can be improved upon or further strengthened, as well as help identify opportunities for growth. That is why we are asking every resident and user of the facility to participate in a brief survey.

Even if you are not a current user of the Sportsplex, we highly encourage your participation in the survey – we need to know what kind of programming could be offered that would encourage you to join. Remember: every resident and business owner in the County helps pay for the Sportsplex through taxes - so make your opinion count!

The survey can be accessed online at www.countygp.ab.ca/sportsplex. As well, print copies of the survey are available to complete at the Sportsplex's Front Desk. The survey closes on Dec. 10, 2016.

Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your input is invaluable and will help shape future programming and services at the Sportsplex.





GET FIT WHILE HAVING FUN!

Come and cheer on our Northwest Junior Hockey League team, sign up or drop in today for one of these exciting programs offered at the Sportsplex:

- Northwest Junior Hockey
 League
- Strollercise
- Stick and Puck
- Learn to Skate
- Fieldhouse activities
- Adult Shinny and Stick and Puck
- Lunch Time Stick and Puck
- Seniors Walk and Talk
- Ball Hockey
- KnockerBall

- 13 and Under Shinny
- Lacrosse
- U5, U8 and U11 Soccer League
- Learn to Skate
- Adult Non-Contact Hockey League
- Indoor batting cage
- Tender Tots
- Bouncy Castle Days
- Yoga



Book Your Next Party or Event at the Sportsplex!

The Sportsplex is the place to be for your next party or event! Book the ice rink, fieldhouse, dry floor, meeting room, Knockerballs or a bouncy castle! And leave the catering to us – choose from a wide variety of food and drinks from the Players' Bench Lounge or Tito's Concession.

Contact the Sportsplex for more information about party costs and packages, to view menus, and to secure your booking. For more information about the Sportsplex and the programs and events available, visit www.crosslinkcounty sportsplex.com, or contact 780-830-7407 or info@cgpsportsplex.com.

For more information about programs and drop-in activities, including class descriptions, times and locations, go to www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com.



The Crosslink County Sportsplex has a program for everyone!

Upcoming Events

Santa Claus is Coming to Town! Join us for family fun including games, bouncy castles and skating at the 3rd Annual Santa Play & Skate on:

Sunday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Trican Fieldhouse and from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Pat's Auto Rink!



In partnership with the Community Foundation of the County of Grande Prairie Firefighters, come meet your local firefighters, Santa Claus and Sparky and treat yourself to hot chocolate and candy canes! Admission is by donation of food or cash, with all proceeds going to the Sexsmith and Area Christmas Hamper Program.

Winter Break Kids Camps

Make sure your kids have an active and fun-filled winter break – enroll your five to 12 year-old children in a Winter Break Camp. The Winter Camps will be taking place on December 27-30, 2016 and January 2-6, 2017. Camps include indoor play at the Fieldhouse, crafts, activities and games! Discounts are available for

two or more children. For information or to enroll your child, call 780-830-7407 or go to www.crosslinkcountysportsplex.com.

Two-For-One Valentine's Day Skate Share your love for each other by joining us for a two-for-one skate with your family, friend or sweetheart on Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



PHILIP J CURRIE DINOSAUR MUSEUM HOSTING FREE COMMUNITY DAY ON DECEMBER 11TH

Mark your calendars! Bring the whole family out for a day full of FUN, FREE activities at the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Check out the museum and the exhibits
- View a National Geographic Film
- Enter the snowman building contest at 2 p.m.
- Go on a sleigh ride with World Champion Chuckwagon Driver Kirk Sutherland
- Enjoy some hot cocoa around the bonfire
- Meet and greet the Grande Prairie Storm Hockey Team
- Check out the sales at the Kaliedosaur Gift Shop
- Food bank items for the Salvation Army being accepted

Visit dinomuseum.ca or contact 587-771-0662 for more information. We hope to see you there!







HOW TO MAKE REQUESTS FOR SPONSORSHIP

Are you a community group or organization looking for support whether it is through sponsorship for a fundraising or community event? If so, the County may be able to help you. In order for your request to be properly processed and possibly granted by the Recreation Advisory Committee and County Council, the following steps must be completed:

- Complete the Council Meeting Sponsorship and Silent Auction Items Request Form available online at www.countygp.ab.ca by searching "Event Sponsorships", or by grabbing a hard copy at the Community Services Building located on Township Road 724 (1.5 km west off Highway 2)
- Submit the completed form by email to parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca or in person to the front reception of the Community Services Building between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. excluding the lunch hour on weekdays excluding holidays.
- Requests will only be accepted quarterly. Submit the request form for sponsorship, or silent auction items/door prize items by the following deadlines:

| EVENT DATE | REQUEST FORM DEADLINE |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| April, May, June 2017 | March 1, 2017 |
| July, August, September 2017 | June 1, 2017 |
| October, November, December 2017 | April, May, June 2017 |
| January, February, March 2018 | December 1, 2017 |

For more information, visit

www.countygp.ab.ca or contact the Parks and Recreation department at parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca or 780-532-9727.

NOMINATE A FARM FAMILY

Do you know a farm family in the County of Grande Prairie that is deeply committed to agriculture and actively involved with helping their community?

If so, the County of Grande Prairie Agricultural Service Board, in partnership with the Peace Country Classic Agri-Show, want you to nominate them for the 2017 Farm Family Award.

The winning Farm Family will be honoured at the Peace Country Classic Agri-Show during the Annual Banquet event. Nomination packages are available online at:

www.countygp.ab.ca/farmfamily or can be picked up at:

The County Community Services Building 10808 – 100 Ave. Clairmont, AB (1.5 km west on Township Road 724 from Highway 2) during business hours (8:30 a.m. – noon, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday)

Return completed nomination forms by:

Fax: 780-567-5589 Attention: Sonja Raven, P.Ag Agricultural Service Board

Direct mail:

Sonja Raven County of Grande Prairie Agricultural Service Board 10001 – 84 Avenue Clairmont, AB, TOH 0W0

In person:

County Community Services Building Located at 10808 – 100 Ave, Clairmont (1.5 km west on Township Road 724 off Highway 2)

For more information, please contact:

Sonja Raven, P.Ag Agricultural Fieldman 780-532-9727

The deadline to submit nominations is 2 p.m. on Dec. 21!

2016 Farm Family Award Recipient & 2016 BMO Farm Family Award Recipients - The Richards



PLAN TO ATTEND THE 8TH ANNUAL GROWING THE NORTH CONFERENCE



The Growing the North Conference is the largest economic development conference in Northwestern Alberta and the Peace Region. Since it began in 2010, the Conference has become one of the most important regional events where municipal, industry leaders and local entrepreneurs can network while they learn about innovation and economic development opportunities.

Speakers this year will offer expertise and knowledge about the industries vital to our region, and include Todd Hirsch, Chief

Economist at ATB Financial; Ken Coates, Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation; David Usher, Juno Award-Winning Musician and Creativity Expert; Ron Tite, Branding and Creativity Expert; and Diane Francis, award-winning columnist, author and television commentator who specializes in future technology, geopolitics, energy and business. More speakers will be announced in the coming days and weeks, so stay turned for further announcements!

Attendees will have ample time for networking, and back by popular demand is the Taste of the Peace event. Attendees and the general public can sample local food, purchase products, and meet with more than 15 local growers, producers and industry representatives from the Peace Country. The event is free and will be held on Feb. 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stonebridge Hotel (12102 - 100th Street).

> The conference is scheduled for Feb. 22-23, 2017 at the Entrec Centre at Evergreen Park.

To learn more and to register for the conference, go to www.growingthenorth.com



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THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE - YOUR ONE STOP SHOP FOR INFORMATION

Where's the best place to find information about the County? www.countygp.ab.ca, of course! The County's website is jam packed with a wide range of information, services and tools. Here are a few of the many features you can access on the County's homepage:



The Latest News.

A rotating Spotlight highlighting the County's latest projects and initiatives.

An Events Calendar containing events happening throughout the community. Add your non-profit event to our calendar by emailing events@countygp.ab.ca.

A wide range of Online Services, from Dog License Registration and getting a Tax Certificate, to filing a formal complaint through our Regional Enforcement Services.

From detailed descriptions of what our departments do, how you can get ahold of your local councillor, to accessing detailed maps on our Public Web Map, information for new and current residents and visitors, and links to the County's social media sites and other useful resources, our website is a treasure trove of information.

SAY CHEESE! COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE WINTER PHOTO CONTEST IN FULL SWING!

The County of Grande Prairie and Watson's Foto Source want you to be a winner! Enter the Winter Phase Photo Contest for your chance to win exciting prizes and to be featured at the County's 13th Annual Photo Contest Evening.

CATEGORIES

For the Winter Phase, we want you to showcase the amazing people who live, work and play as well as the incredible scenery in the County of Grande Prairie! Submit your photos of County residents in any of the following categories:

Scenes of the County

Includes outdoor scenes and sites.

People at work

Includes people active at work sites, in the office or field, or at employee parties and celebrations.

Sports, Recreation and Culture in the County

Photos of indoor and outdoor sports, recreation and cultural activities, events and festivals.

People Engaged in Agriculture

Photos of individuals and families active in farm work, including gardening, farming, harvesting, loading bales, sheep shearing, animal feeding, and 4-H events.

Fan Favourite

At the end of each phase, the top photos are posted on the County's Facebook Page for the public to vote on. The public will have two weeks to "like" their favourite photo(s). The photos that receive the most "likes" will be announced and awarded with prizes at the Annual Photo Contest Evening.

Upload your photos quickly and easily on the County's website at www.countygp.ab.ca/photocontest

You can also submit photos by mail at:

County of Grande Prairie Photo Contest 10001-84 Avenue Clairmont, AB TOH 0W0

For more information, go to www.countygp.ab.ca/photocontest or contact Hetti Huls, Economic Development Coordinator at 780-532-9722.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 28, 2017!



Family Fun by Dan Wever



Our Trucker, Doing it Right, Doing it Safe by Judith Standring



Supervising by Sharon Stanich



GO PAPERLESS!



Conserve our natural resources and save paper. Get quick and easy access to news about the latest happenings at the County by signing up for the County Connections e-newsletter.

Subscribing for online delivery will provide you with important and interesting information about the County – and it only takes a few simple steps. Get started by clicking on www.countygp.ab.ca/subscribe.

We want to know what you think about County Connections. Send your comments and suggestions to communications@countygp.ab.ca.



PLANNING TO CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A BANG?

As the holiday season approaches, the County would like to remind residents that they need to acquire a permit before celebrating any occasion with fireworks.

Permits are free but applications must be made in person at the County Community Services Building. There is a \$100 annual fee for businesses to sell and stock fireworks.

For more information, please refer to www.countygp.ab.ca/firepermits.

COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO.1



Top row from left to right: Councillor Corey Beck, Councillor Harold Bulford, Councillor Daryl Beeston, Councillor Peter Harris, Councillor Karen Rosvold. Front row from left to right: Councillor Brock Smith, Reeve Leanne Beaupre, Deputy Reeve Ross Sutherland, Councillor Bob Marshall.

County Administration Buildings

(Administration, Assessment, Economic Development, Finance & Systems, Communications, Human Resources, Public Works, Planning & Development Services)

Phone: 780-532-9722

Community Services Building

(Agriculture Services, Regional Enforcement Services, Regional Fire Service, Parks & Recreation) Dunes Fire Hall (Family & Community Support Services) Phone: 780-532-9727

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Councillor Corey Beck – Division 9 Hm: 780-568-2223 Cell: 780-831-6394 cbeck@countygp.ab.ca

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ddress: 10001-84 Avenue, Clairmont, AB T0H 0W0

Website: www.countygp.ab.ca

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Note: Closed during 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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