According to The Weather Network we had perfect weather conditions for our Bowden Daze weekend. This was their preliminary forecast, so I hope that they were right. I would like to commend the Bowden and District Agricultural Society members for their continuing commitment to our area. These rodeo grounds are one of the most heavily used in Central Alberta and the amount of volunteer hours that are donated is truly amazing. Members of the Recreation and Culture Board also volunteered many hours over the Bowden Daze weekend. THANK YOU.

As noted in the July 17th Olds Albertan and Innisfail Province newspapers, Mr. James Mason is no longer employed as our Chief Administrative Officer. Town Council will be looking at options for hiring a new Chief Administrative Officer. In the meantime, Jacqui Molyneux will continue to serve in this position.

We had a contractor working on waterline repair issues on Highway 2A. They have repaired a number of leaks and we expect to see a reduction in the amount of money that we pay to the regional water service commission. Unfortunately, there have been issues with our residential water supply. I know that some residents have contacted the Town Office with concerns. Town staff are doing everything possible to address these problems. As always, please make the Town Office aware of any concerns that you have. When the Town Office is closed, please call the ON Call number which is 403-224-3621.

As noted in July’s Mayor’s Message, Town Council instructed administration to look at options to increase the illumination from our LED street lights. A representative from Fortis attended our July 23rd Town Council meeting and said that they would make some adjustments to some streetlights as soon as possible. It was refreshing to see that Fortis was in town the very next day working on the proposed lights. A small section of lights have been changed and we will monitor the results to see if this option is successful or if we will need to make other changes.

I was very concerned to see the number of garbage containers that were overflowing on the July 16th garbage pickup day. I noticed many containers with the lids up and a multitude of crows and magpies that were ripping open garbage bags and making a mess of our streets. We seem to have a huge number of crows and magpies and I know that many residents complain about them. It is my opinion that if the birds did not have such easy access to garbage every two weeks some would move on to other areas. Please try to close the lids on your garbage. I know that many residents only have a small amount of garbage, so perhaps ask your neighbour if they have extra space. Remember that there is a significant fine for dumping garbage without the approval of the homeowner.

Warm regards,

Mayor Robb Stuart
Recreation and Culture Board

Volunteers Wanted

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, the Town of Bowden Recreation Board is looking for volunteers. The Recreation Board is a big part of many of the events that take place in Bowden. These events help to celebrate holidays and special events, or simply bring the community together. Being a part of this board is a great way to help make Bowden an even better place to live. Meetings take place once a month for about an hour. If you have any questions, you can call the Town Office at 403-224-3395.

To get involved, stop in at the Town Office and fill out a volunteer application.

Volunteers Needed

Emergency Management Services is a group of volunteers available in the event of a disaster in Bowden. The Town of Bowden is currently looking for volunteers for Emergency Management Services. Applications are available at the front desk at the Town Office.

Urban Walking Poles are now available at the Town of Bowden office for you to borrow. Improve your balance, burn more calories and feel more confident in your stride! The walking poles are free to borrow up to one week at a time. Five sets in total to borrow, so bring your friends and make it a date to stay in shape!

Bowden Daze 2018

A very special thanks to the Bowden Daze 2018 participants and to everyone who came out to watch!
Community
Registration Night
Community Registration Night will be taking place at Bowden Grandview School on Thursday September 13th. We are looking for community groups that would like to have a table. Tables are available at no cost; however, we do ask that you pre-register for our planning needs. To book a table, or for more information, please contact Jade at Bowden FCSS 403.224.2207 or email jade@town.bowden.ab.ca

Bowden Igloo Arena
The facility is available for rental throughout the Spring & Summer for your recreation needs. The Igloo is also available for birthday bookings! Contact the Town Office at 403-224-3395 or email: igloo@town.bowden.ab.ca

Kids Golf Club
Ages 8-10 from 1-2pm
Ages 11-16 from 2-4pm
Every Monday in August starting August 6th, 2018
$40 or $5 if the child is a member of the Bowden Hi-Way Golf Club. Child memberships are $100/year.

The Bowden Play and Learn Preschool program is accepting registrations for the 2018/2019 school year starting in the fall. Our classroom is in the Bowden Grandview School and children need to be 3 and potty trained to join. Registration is a $30 non-refundable fee. For more information or questions you have please email us at bowdenplayandlearn@hotmail.com

Bowden Splatch
Things to bring:
Towel
Sunscreen
Cold Drinks
Beach Blanket

August 13, 2018
10:00am-Noon
Olde Library Community Centre
1700-13 Street, Bowden

For more information, contact Bowden FCSS at 403.224.2207 or email jade@town.bowden.ab.ca

August Events
August 1-14th
Virtual Reality is back so come and enjoy!
August 23
Cupcake day 3:30-4:30pm
Neighborhood Coffee - Every Tuesday from 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Bowden Public Library
Bowden Library business hours:
Tuesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join the Library! $15/year
Nowhere to rent a movie? Borrow movies for a week.
Did you know that your Bowden Library Card gives you access to the surrounding libraries also?

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Email: bowdenlibrary.prlab.ca
Facebook: Bowden Public Library
Pretty Garden Flower or Invasive Noxious Weed

By Tori Adolf

Some of our favorite flowerbed species can wreak havoc on our native environment. About 10% of the ornamental plants brought over from other countries can become invasive once placed in our ecosystem. They thrive, because they do not have any predators to control their spread. Once established, their rapid growth and spread can outcompete native vegetation, damaging our natural areas. Listed below are some common prohibited noxious and noxious weeds found in flowerbeds and landscape settings.

Himalayan Balsam
This shallow rooted annual can become a real problem in riparian areas as the plant likes marshy, wet areas and grows incredible fast, shading out all other vegetation. The seed pods explode when mature, catapulting seeds up to 6 metres away. This plant is easy to control by hand pulling before seed pods mature and should be bagged and burn.

Bighead Knapweed
A long-lived perennial, once established, this showy garden ornamental can take over garden beds as it is very hard to control. The plant spreads by seed, so care is need when disposing of the seeds. Herbicide, if possible, is a good option to control this plant, as digging out the roots can be laborious and take a few attempted. The removed plant parts should be bagged and burned.

Flowering Rush
Originally sold in garden centers as an aquatic plant for water features. Incredible invasive as this plant will take over miles of shore line and control options are very limited. Reproduces by seed and rhizomatous roots.

Yellow Clematis
This plant is a climber. Usually grown on fences or a lattice structure as the spreading vines rapidly encompasses the area. This plant is aggressive once established and the puff-ball like seeds spread easily through wind and water dispersion. There are non-invasive Clematis plants available from your local garden center that can be planted instead of or to replace Yellow Clematis.

Dames Rocket
This perennial is a prolific seed producer, up to 20,000 seeds per plant. The flowers are very similar to a lilac bushes flower; 4 petals and can range in color from purple to pink or white. Hand pick or apply a herbicide to control this weed.

For more information, please contact Tori Adolf at 403-350-2162 or tadolf@rdcounty.ca or visit www.abinvasives.ca.
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**Sponsor a Basket**
We all know that Hanging Baskets add to the beauty of our community, but did you know that they help the Recreation & Culture Boards with its community events too? Choose to sponsor a Hanging Basket for $60 and that money goes directly to the Rec Board. In case you aren’t aware, the Rec Board is responsible for many community events such as the Sleigh Ride & Tour of Lights. If you sponsor a basket, your name will be published in the Town Newsletter throughout the summer in recognition of your support. Please come into the Town Office and sign up to sponsor a basket today!

**Thank You To Our Sponsors**

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