



Municipality of Crowsnest Pass

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE

July 20-22	CNP Adult Slo-Pitch Tournament	Hillcrest Ball Complex
July 19	Wine & Food Festival 8pm	Elks Hall
July 19-22	Rum Runner Days	Various locations
July 20	Sole Survivor Foot Race	Elks Hall
Aug 1-4	Crowsnest Pass Doors Open & Heritage Festival	Various locations & events
Aug 2	14 th Annual Country Market 10am-4pm	Flumerfelt Park
Aug 2	Old Fashioned Street Fair 5pm-8pm	Main Street, Bellevue
Aug 4	Ecomuseum Trust Fundraiser 6pm	MDM
Aug 4	Teddy Bear's Picnic 10am-4pm	Crowsnest Museum
Aug 13-17	Rick Rypien Memorial Hockey Camp	Crowsnest Sports Complex
Aug 18	Half Moon in August	Blairmore Legion
Aug 12-15	Rick Rypien Memorial Conditioning Camp	Crowsnest Sports Complex
Aug 20-24	NHL Players Association Goals & Dreams Cup and Celebrity Game	Crowsnest Sports Complex
Aug 27-31	Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp	Isabelle Sellon Field

ALERT ON LONG GRASS & WEEDS

Bylaw # 701, 2006 states that a maximum height for grass is 12 inches. Dandelions and Weeds must be controlled or destroyed. All Municipality of Crowsnest Pass land and home owners, lessees, tenants or agents of the owner are responsible for controlling weeds and cutting grass on the property owned or operated by them as well as one half of the width of the lane, street, boulevard or alley adjoining their property.



To review Bylaw # 701, 2006 Long Grasses Bylaw please access the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass at www.town.crowsnestpass.ab.ca/finance-administration/bylaws For more information please contact the Bylaw Officer at the Municipal Office at (403) 562-8833 or the Agricultural Fieldman at (403) 563-8658.

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES YARD SAFETY

Your yard is your personal sanctuary to enjoy and entertain in. It can also be an unsafe place for you and for the animals that may choose to live with you.

- Old abandoned buildings are attractive to skunks, badgers, ravens and crows.
- Garbage in your yard is attractive to birds and bears. It also blows into your neighbor's yards and all around the community.
- Old fridges and deepfreezes in your yard are attractive to children playing and can trap them inside.
- Cleaning up after your "puppy" in your yard keeps the smell down and your neighbours happy.



2013 FCSS Program Funding Applications are now available at the Municipal Office. Deadline for Applications is August 31, 2012. Please contact Bonnie to find out if your program meets the FCSS criteria at (403)563-2207 or by email at fcss@crowsnestpass.com

INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Our area has approximately twenty invasive plant species that are taking over rangeland, aquatic, and forested areas. The Municipality of Crowsnest Pass is in the process of controlling their spread.

Controlling the number and types of weeds that enter into riparian areas will help to increase the health of the local watershed. The Crowsnest Pass is a travel corridor for invasive plants as they travel in from British Columbia, Montana and other Alberta municipalities. Weeds commonly travel by way of wind, animals and people both intentionally planting in gardens and unintentionally mixed in garden plants or seed packages, attached to vehicles, ATV's, and boats, and sometimes mixed into hay bales. If these targeted plants were to invade, the native plants would have a hard time competing for habitat, food supply, nesting areas, and cover needed for our native wildlife species may be severely diminished.

The early detection and identification of these plants is the first step to manage the problem, this will ensure that the number of non-native species are controlled, and preserve the habitat for our native plant species, which are relied on by native wildlife.

Orange Hawkweed (*hieracium aurantiacum*)



HABITAT: Requires well drained soils, can adapt to full sun, or partial shade.

DESCRIPTION: The 15-90 cm long stems are leafless, covered in hairs, and contain a milky sap. Leaves are long & narrow, and are covered in tiny hairs. The bright orange flowers make this species of Hawkweed distinct & clusters of 5-30 flower heads are localized at the end of the stems.

CONTROL: Mowing will prevent new seed production; hand pulling is very effective on small patches. It is unpalatable to livestock.

Hoary Alyssum (*Berteroa incana*)



HABITAT: Prefers dry, nutrient poor soils that have lots of light after germination.

DESCRIPTION: Growing 30-80cm tall there are one to several stems per plant, stem leaves alternate with rounded tips. The white flowers are formed in clusters made up by 5 mm petals.

CONTROL: Livestock won't graze Hoary Alyssum, yet no

toxicity cases are known. Best control is hand removal if root crown can be removed to ensure it won't re-grow.

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)



HABITAT: Prefers rich moist soils of the riparian forest; shade tolerant but plant is becoming more common in full sun.

DESCRIPTION: growing 30-90 cm tall, usually with 2 stems per plant. Leaves are heart shaped with scalloped edges; the 4 white flower petals form on a small group at the top of the stem. Flowers flake off when held, and foliage smells of garlic if crushed.

CONTROL: Hand pulling is most effective, but must remove most of root to prevent re-sprouting; mowing must be continuous through the growing season.

Meadow/ Mouse-eared Hawkweed (*Hieracium caespitosum*)



HABITAT: Grow in well drained coarse soils in full sun, but have also adapted to partial shade.

DESCRIPTION: Hairy stems are 20-70 cm tall & contain milky juice. Leaves have fuzzy long hairs and can be narrow to broadly oval shaped; yellow flowers can sometimes have a red strip, and occur in clusters.

CONTROL: Mowing increases growth; hand pulling only effective in small patches to retrieve entire root system.

Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*)



HABITAT: Requiring moist, nutrient rich soil. Adapts well to areas of disturbed riparian & moist wetlands. Very sensitive to frost & drought.

DESCRIPTION: Hollow stems grow 1-3m tall, the simple egg shaped leaves are 6-15 cm long, and decrease farther up the stem. The flowers come in pink to purple in clusters of 5-10.

CONTROL: Hand pulling & mowing is effective, but will have to be repeated, as cut plants can re-sprout new flowers.

Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*)



HABITAT: need moisture, will grow in riparian areas & wet grasslands; prefer open areas but can tolerate shade with silt, loam & sandy soil.

DESCRIPTION: Stems are plentiful and grow 1-2 m tall with red/purple spots. Leaves are broadly heart shaped with straight edges. The flowers have numerous small



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white flowers that form clusters. Japanese Knotweed has an aggressive root system that can grow up through concrete.

CONTROL: Mowing, pulling and cutting can be effective, but only with repetition over many years.

Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)



HABITAT: Prefer moist soil; can tolerate flooding & partial shade. Found in wet riparian areas yet can tolerate a wide range of growing conditions.

DESCRIPTION: Stems are 1.5 to 3 m tall square to octagon in shape, opposite narrow shaped leaves; flowers are reddish- purple with 5-7 petals that are in vertical clusters.

CONTROL: Unpalatable to livestock. Mowing isn't effective, yet hand pulling young plants can easily kill small infestations. Cutting shoots of mature plants can be done late in the season to reduce sprouting.

Sulphur Cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*)



HABITAT: Tolerant of many soil types and climates. Though usually intolerant of complete shade, it will grow under an open forest canopy.

DESCRIPTION: One or more stems grow 30-70 cm tall per plant, horizontal hairs cover plant. Leaves are alternate and numerous; the light yellow flowers are made up of 5 heart shaped petals.

CONTROL: Unpalatable to livestock & wildlife due to tannin content. Hand pulling is effective on small infestations; getting the whole root is important. Mowing isn't effective, herbicides with picloram or glyphosate have been effective

Yellow Starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)



HABITAT: Prefers dry, full sun; intolerant of shade. Native to North Africa. In western North America dense infestations found on rocky shallow soils.

DESCRIPTION: Stems up to 1 m tall covered with fine white cottony hairs. Leaves deeply lobed; become smaller toward top of stem.

Small yellow flowers clustered to resemble 1 flower in a head.

CONTROL: Grazing reduces plants as livestock eat this species before the spines develop. Mowing is effective when plants are tall, controlled burns effective over 3 consecutive seasons. The U.S. uses biocontrol insects to limit seeds.

NEW PROGRAMS AT THE POOL

STROKE IMPROVEMENT CLASS- Sundays 8-9PM

This class will focus on improving strokes and bettering the your ability to be more comfortable within the water. You MUST be able to swim 25m of the swimming pool. We will have a different instructor each Sunday and you will have te opportunity to gain more knowledge and learn from different experienced instructors. Cost will be free ONLY IF for season pass holders, if not you can purchase a Block Pass for \$10. (The pass runs for 5 Sunday's.)

ARITHITIC WATERFIT- Tuesdays & Thursday 1-2 PM

This is a specially designed program to meet the needs of people who suffer from arthritis or anyone who has problems with movement due to muscle problems, surgery, injuries etc. You will be encouraged to work at their own pace to help strengthen muscle, improve flexibility, and increase range of motion. This will be similar to our senior's aquafit that we held last year. Cost will be free ONLY IF they have a seasons pass, if not it will be the regular drop in fee. (Senior drop in rate is \$4.00.)

BRONZE MEDALLION & BRONZE CROSS – August 20-24th

These two courses are essential if being a lifeguard is what you want to be in the future! In order to take the Bronze Medallion course you must be at least 13. To take the Bronze Cross course you must have Bronze Medallion. There are two parts to both courses: dry land will be from 10 AM – 12 PM & the 'in water activities' will be from 1 - 5 PM.

LOBSTER FRIDAY- Fridays 1-5pm

Every Friday we will hold our Lobster Friday which will be during public swim. We have a new blow up toy that the kids will love! Also on each Friday during these times patrons are allowed to rent our flippers for \$2.00.

WATERING REMINDER

Odd-numbered houses- Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
Even-numbered houses- Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday
6am-9am and 7pm to 11pm

GARAGE SALES

As per Bylaw 599, 2002 Business License Bylaw no rate will be levied for local organized garage sales that are held any any location up to 4 times per year for a maximum of two consecutive days.

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The banner features the Crowsnest Pass logo on the left, which includes a stylized mountain range and a sun. The text is centered in a blue box, and the 'RICH IN HISTORY MAJESTIC IN NATURE' slogan is on the right.

RICK RYPIEN MEMORIAL HOCKEY CAMP

Still Time to Register!

Hockey Camp August 13th-17th, 2012

Conditioning Camp August 12-17 & 20-24

Registration form available online or from
Community Services at the Municipal Office.

Note: 10-13 Year old class of the Hockey Camp is now full.

National Hockey League Players Association
Goals and Dreams Cup and Celebrity Game
August 16th, 2012 8:00 PM

Tickets available at Copy Magic, Sears and
Robin & Co in Pincher Creek

For more information call
Community Services Department
403-562-8833

Visit www.town.crowsnestpass.ab.ca for facility program
schedules/events/registration forms.



Grab a book, movie, cd or video game and enter to win!

Write a review and submit it online, or at the Crowsnest Pass Municipal Library. For details or ballots stop by the Library at 2114 127 Street, Blairmore, call (403) 562-8393 or visit our website at www.crowsnestpasslibrary.ca. Contest is open to teens and tweens ages 11-18. Library membership is not required.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES

The Municipal Operational Services Department would like to remind residents that may be affected by the Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program for upgrades to existing Water/Waste Water, Storm Sewer Utilities and associated road surface improvements. Ten individual project upgrades within the areas of Coleman, Hillcrest, and Blairmore will commence the beginning August rather than July as previously advised in the June 15th, 2012 newsletter edition. Residents will be provided written notice by AIC Construction no less than 48 (forty eight) hours in advance of construction.

Specific upgrade locations can be viewed on the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass website:

http://town.crowsnestpass.ab.ca/component/docman/doc_download/1526-infrastructure-improvement-3

Project contractual completion date is October 31, 2012.

Road Surface Improvements are well underway, major resurfacing improvements are continuing at various locations throughout the community during the month of July, traffic controls will be in place during works on roadways and minor traffic delays can be expected.

Scheduled Community Infrastructure Preventative Improvements include but not limited to the following works and services activities, back alley gravelling, turf and greenspace maintenance, sidewalk/curb maintenance, bridge inspections and maintenance, building and facilities maintenance and, cemetery improvements.

more information, please contact the Operational Services Department at 403 563 2230.



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