



COUTTS DAY

The Village of Coutts council would like to thank the Ag Society, Women's Institute and all the Volunteers who helped to make Coutts Day a success this year. If anyone has any ideas for next year's festivities, please bring them to the Village Office.

WATERING AND YARDS

Just a reminder that the watering hours in place year round are from 7am – Noon, and 5pm – 10pm. Residences with underground systems are to water from midnight to 7am. If you are using underground systems, you are not to water during the day. This is necessary to allow the filters to catch up.

Trees and shrubs are getting out of hand along the sidewalks; please trim your branches away from the sidewalks. Also some residents have grass growing onto the sidewalks and it should be cut back to the yard edge. Over the years grass tends to creep making the sidewalk narrower, so please cut yours back if it is over the edge. Alleys are cluttered; they are not storage space for old cars, garbage, wood etc. Alleys are designated fire lanes and must be kept clear. If you need help getting your alley cleaned up, please call the village office and for a fee we can help you. Old cars can be arranged to be hauled away for free. Having clean village helps attract new residents and also gives pride to the town.

On the flip side of that, thank you to the residents who work hard in their yards, your efforts are appreciated by all.

THE MAYOR

As you are probably aware Mayor Jamie Woodcock has left town, thus leaving a vacancy on council. At the Council meeting on July 8th, Tom Butler was elected Mayor and Rick Telford was elected as Deputy Mayor. Council would like to thank Jamie for a job well done. If you have some time to spare and are interested in the progress of our village, please seek nomination for the council position. Nomination Day is August 29th by **noon**. Election Day is September 30th.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Some of you may have questions as to when a development permit is required. Permits are required any time when constructing anything greater than 100sqft in size, when fences are more than 3 ft tall in front yards and more than 6 ft tall on the sides and rear. Also anytime an easement is needed, the setbacks are 25' front and rear and 5' on each side to the property line, a permit is required. If major renovations are being done inside the home and there are structural changes a permit is required. Decks and patios do not require permits if the setbacks are met.

RECYCLING

The Village does not take paint cans at the recycling trailer; so do not leave your cans at the recycling trailer. The Transfer Station does not take them either, they must be hauled to Lethbridge to the City Landfill.