

Spring is Here - May 2019



Spring is finally here! It's a great time to get out and enjoy the walking paths. Did you know that there is outdoor fitness equipment at the J.C. Charyk School? If you are looking to get in shape it's a great amenity that is free for the public.

This is the time of year that council looks at spring budget adjustments as we now have our final assessment numbers. In our original budget in December we proposed a 1% increase to both the residential and non-residential tax rates. The assessment

shows that there has been a significant decrease in overall residential values, but an increase in non-residential. As a result, council is proposing a 1% increase to the residential tax rate and a 1% decrease in the non-residential. So, what does that mean to the taxes you will pay this year? For the most part, residential property owners will pay the same or less this year compared to last year, depending on the amount your assessment changed.

During the first couple of days of Easter week council spent time together to discuss strategic planning. I must say I was very impressed with the discussions we had and the unity that this council has. Our vision is

very homogenous in that with our leadership the future of Hanna is very positive.

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Finally I want to remind you that the Mayor's Garden Party will take place during Senior's Week on June 4th, please register at the town office so

that we have a good understanding of the attendance. Town staff have put together another incredible event for your enjoyment.

Respectfully



Chris Warwick, Mayor

Spring Clean Up of Yard Waste - Tuesday, May 21

Yard waste will be picked up if:

- Divided into 4' (foot) sections
- Weigh less than **50lbs & in clear bags**
- Debris is bundled and piled neatly

Items that will not be picked up include:

- ✗ Excess household garbage
- ✗ Mattresses
- ✗ Railroad Ties
- ✗ Loose branches, leaves and soggy cardboard.
- ✗ Vehicle parts such as tires, engines, batteries, etc.

Fridge or freezer removal

1. Leave your name, address and \$30 for the waste site
2. Set the appliance beside your garbage

- ✗ Household hazardous waste such as paint, and paint products, used oil, batteries, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- ✗ Construction or demolition material such as rugs, drywall, concrete, shingles, decks, fences

PICK UP IS MAY 21st

Clear bags for leaves & grass can be picked up at the Town Office. FREE while they last.

Make Summer an Epic Adventure

Do you need child care or summer activities for your school age children? Epic Adventures is a theme based day camp for children ages 5-12. A typical day begins at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm with a supervised lunch hour. Some of this summer's theme weeks are Happy Campers, World Travellers, Art Craze, Sports Week, Gadgets and Gizmos, Good Times, Caring for your Community, with the last week theme being Show Time. Each



week is filled with games, food, music, swimming, trips, special events and more!

All leaders working with the children are trained in High Five® 'Principles of Healthy Child Development' and Standard First Aid. Amanda Robinson is joining us this summer as Program Manager. Amanda is a post-secondary student who is working towards her

2019 Tax Rate Set

The 2019 Operating and Capital Budget was approved at the May 14th, 2019 regular meeting of Council. A budget was approved in December of 2018 knowing that adjustments would need to be made in the spring of 2019 once requisitions and grant funds were approved. Town Council and Administration are working hard to put residents and businesses first by providing a budget that focuses on services to residents while committing resources to infrastructure maintenance and improvements. For full details visit: www.hanna.ca/budget.

Town Council has approved a comprehensive budget that includes a 1% increase to the municipal tax rate for residential properties and a 1%

decrease to the municipal tax rate for non-residential (commercial, industrial & linear) properties for an overall decrease in municipal tax revenue of 1%. Although the residential tax rate increased, due to reductions in residential assessment values, the majority of home-owners will see a small decrease in property taxes from 2018.

Following approval of the budget, Council passed Bylaw 1001-2019 to set the 2019 tax rates for municipal taxes, as well as the Alberta School Foundation, Acadia Senior Foundation and Designated Industrial Requisitions. Property taxes in combination with other funding sources ensure that residents enjoy a wide range of services from fire protection, roadway &

infrastructure maintenance, recreation facilities, playgrounds, parks and cultural facilities in a safe and welcoming community.

Tax notices will be mailed early in June, and unless property owners are on the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan, taxes must be paid in full by Tuesday, September 4th, 2019 to avoid penalties. The tax payment bylaw sets the final date for paying taxes as August 31st each year, but as August 31st falls on Saturday, the deadline date is extended.

Property owners may join the pre-authorized payment plan at any time from January to August, provided they pay the monthly payments owing up to the time they register.

Brightening the Downtown

Started in 2016, the Storefront Improvement Incentive Program has provided funding in the amount of \$27,606.00 to assist 10 Hanna Businesses with brightening up Hanna's streets.

The Incentive Program is available to assist business owners within the Town of Hanna to improve the outside appearance of their commercial

building; with repainting, redesigning, new signage or window replacement are eligible examples. Structural repairs, roof repairs, plumbing or electrical, sidewalks and paving are not eligible.

Interested property owners must apply and be approved prior to starting the work. Grant funds are paid once the work is completed and eligible receipts have been submitted.

Funding is provided for up to 50% of the eligible works to a maximum of \$3,000 or \$5,000 for a large commercial building with at least 4 storefronts.

Since its inception, the following 10 businesses have successfully applied to the Storefront Improvement Program and completed improvements to their storefronts.:

- Checker'd Flag Sports
- East Central Chiropractic
- East Side Auto Body/CarStar
- The Emporium
- Garry Moore
- Main Street Barber
- OK Tire
- Wayne Hill
- Westview Motel
- Willow Creek



Make Summer an Epic Adventure

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degree in education. She brings leadership, a wealth of resources, and a love of children that will make this summer 'Epic' once again!

Individual	2 or more children*
\$ 35/day	\$ 30/day
\$ 125/week	\$ 120/week
\$ 450/month	\$ 400/month

*from the same family (per child)

Payment plans can be arranged and financial assistance may be available through the Hanna Community Youth Fund. Application forms can be found online at www.hanna.ca/fund. Children must be pre-registered to attend. Registration forms can be found at the Town Office, Centennial Place or www.hanna.ca/summer-program.

Payments accepted include cash, cheque or debit.



Seniors' Week Activities June 3 to 8



DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon Jun 3	2:00 pm	Strawberry Tea	Scapa Hall
Tues Jun 4	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Mayor's Garden Party Luncheon RSVP by May 31 (403) 854-4433	Community Centre
Wed Jun 5	2:30 pm	Ice Cream Social	Continuing Care
Thur Jun 6	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Coffee with Guest Speaker	Legion Hall
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Jumbo Jim's Hot Dogs	#2 Parkview Manor
Fri Jun 7	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Beef-on-a-bun	Acadia Lodge
	2:00 pm	Tea	Hanna Museum
Sat Jun 8	8:30 am - 11:00 am	Elks Pancake Breakfast (donations welcome)	Community Centre
	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dance Party Live Entertainment	Legion



The Town of Hanna is in competition for a National Communities In Bloom award. After being announced the National Winner with 5 Blooms Bronze in 2018, the group is now working towards improving our bloom rating by competing in the **Class of Champions** for 2019.

National judges Berta Briggs and Larry Hall will arrive on **Sunday July 14** and spend two days viewing Hanna from top to bottom.

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations. Contact Lou at (403) 854-1579 or Gwen at (403) 854-4433.

Just a reminder, Hanna In Bloom will be watching for places deserving of a **Blooms to You** award!

Community Events

Mondays	Pickleball - 7:00 pm	May 31	Blackout Poetry (7-17 yrs) – 4:00 pm
Tuesdays	Pickleball - 9:00 am	May 31	RSVP Deadline for Mayor's Garden Party
	Parkinson's Support Group - 2:00 pm	May 31	Deadline - Wake Host Families Needed
Wednesdays	Club DJ - 3:30 pm	Jun 1	Hanna's "Touch the Truck" - Noon
	Pickleball - 7:00 pm	Jun 1&2	Cash Scramble Golf Tournament
	TOPS - 7:00 pm	Jun 3-8	Seniors' Week – www.hanna.ca for events
Thursdays	Pickleball – 9:00 am	Jun 3	Youth Club Teen Fair Planning – 7:00 pm
	Basketball Rec Night - 7:00 pm	Jun 3	Female Steer & Lamb Show – 9:00 am in Delia
Fridays	Play Group – 10:30 am	Jun 3	Supper & Awards 5:00 pm & Sale 7:00 pm
	Basketball Rec Night – 7:00 pm	Jun 4	Mayor's Garden Party – 11:00 am
May 17	Visitor Information Centre Opens - 3:00 pm	Jun 5	Farmers' Market – Noon
May 17	J.C. Charyk High School Graduation Ceremony	Jun 6	Schools Out Dance – 7:00 pm – chaperones needed
May 18	Swimming Pool Opens - 1:00 pm	Jun 6	Make your own Jewelry (7-17 yrs) - 4:00 pm
May 20	Victoria Day	Jun 7-9	Hand Hills Slo Pitch Tourney
May 21	Spring Clean Up of Yard Waste Begins	Jun 7	Fundraiser BBQ Hanna in Bloom
May 21	Killam @ Tin City Brewers 6:50 pm	Jun 8	Hanna 4-H Show 10:00 am & Sale 7:00 pm
May 23	Collaborative Art (7-17 yrs.) – 4:00 pm	Jun 11	Book Club "Precious Cargo" – 2:00 pm
May 23	Viking @ Tin City Brewers 6:50 pm	Jun 12	Farmers' Market – Noon
May 24-26	4-H Equine Performance Event Weekend	Jun 14	Elks Pre-Fathers Day BBQ – 11:00 am
May 24	Fundraiser BBQ for Community Youth Fund	Jun 15	Fly in Breakfast – 9:00 am
May 27	100+ Women Who Care Hanna – 7:00 pm	Jun 16	Steak & Lobster (Pre-Sale Only) – Tickets (403) 854-0443
May 30 & 31	Teddy for a Toonie Bake Sale Fundraiser	Jun 19	Veteran @ Tin City Brewers 6:50 pm
May 31	Annual Hand Hills Lake Stampede	Jun 19	Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament – 4:00 pm
May 31	Fundraiser BBQ for Hanna in Bloom		Visit www.HANNA.ca for more details on these events

Spring in the Pool June 2019

Pool Office 403-854-3983

Town Office 403-854-4433

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30 a.m.	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Closed)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Closed)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Closed)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Closed)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Closed)	Toonie Saturday! \$2 Admission for ALL Patrons	
8:30 a.m.	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)		
12:00 p.m.	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Bookings & Pool Clean Up 10:00-1:00	Bookings & Pool Clean Up 10:00-1:00
1:00 p.m.	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Schools (All Pools for School use only)	Public Swim	Public Swim
3:00 p.m.	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim		
5:00 p.m.	Swim Club Dive Tank (Closed for Private Lessons) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Swim Club Dive Tank (Closed for Private Lessons) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Swim Club Dive Tank (Closed for Private Lessons) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Swim Club Dive Tank (Closed for Private Lessons) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Swim Club Dive Tank (Closed for Private Lessons) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim Dive Tank (Adult) Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)
6:00 p.m.						Public Swim	Public Swim
7:00 p.m.	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim		
8:00 p.m.	Lane Swim and AquaFit Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim and AquaFit Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim and AquaFit Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Lane Swim and AquaFit Leisure Pool (Parent & Tot)	Public Swim		
9:00 p.m.	Swimming Lesson Registration is now open during regular pool hours.					Bookings & Special Events	Bookings & Special Events

It's Opening Weekend!

There's nothing like taking a dip in an outdoor pool. The water, the sun, the breeze, it's the only way to soak up the summer. Join us at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 18th for a FREE swim. You can stay for free until 8:00 pm but we suggest a break to get out of the sun, drink some water and get some food. The Visitor Information Centre is open too, so cool down with an ice cream cone before heading back to the pool. The best part is that you can do it all over again Sunday and Monday for a once-per-day admission of \$5.00 - \$7.00 (depending on your age).

We brought back Toonie Saturdays at the Hanna and District Swimming Pool. Each and every Saturday patrons can enjoy the beautiful outdoor pools for the low daily rate of just two dollars.

Public Swimming is available daily. Extended hours are available for parents and tots in the Leisure pool. Don't forget about Lane swim and AquaFit!

Please contact the pool for the full schedule and rates or visit www.hanna.ca/pool

Spray Park Update

Town Council, at their May 14, 2019 Council Meeting, passed a motion to approve the following:

- Town of Hanna capital contribution of \$100,000 to the Spray Park project.
- Donation of land south of the outdoor rink for the spray park and accessory building to be constructed.
- Town of Hanna will assume operating costs of the Spray Park once constructed.

The Spray Park project is awaiting a decision from the Special Areas Board for a \$100,000 capital contribution.

The Visitor Information Centre opens Fri. May 17th at 3:00 pm. All **local businesses** are invited to provide brochures or business cards to assist the Travel Counsellors.

Operating Hours for May & June:

Fridays 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sat. & Sun. Noon - 8:00 pm