



County's latest newsletter available

Find out who won the photography contest, learn about grizzly bears and summer projects

Want to know who won Woodlands County's photography contest? Do you know what the Animal Control Bylaw includes? How much do you know about grizzly bears?

All this information, and more, is included in the winter edition of the Woodlands Communicator — the County's quarterly newsletter.

Mailed to every residence in the County, the newsletter is one more tool being used to relay pertinent information to the public.

"It's one more way for Woodlands County staff and council to connect with the residents they serve," says Brigette Jobin, the County's Communication Coordinator, who is in charge of the publication.

"Since every residence in the County is sent a copy of the newsletter, we know that each and every resident will be informed of what is happening in their County," says Brigette.

The winter newsletter, published in later December, includes information such as:

- what to do if they suspect a drug house in their area
- grizzly bears and how to react to one if a resident comes into contact with them;
- a message from the Mayor;
- projects that were completed over the summer.

Woodlands County continues to grow as a community and if it were to publish all the information that

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Old Blue Ridge highway paving complete
Paving of the old Blue Ridge highway was one of the County's summer projects. For an update on other projects completed across the county see page 3.

Animal control reminder
Woodlands County receives call about stray animals, particularly dogs, on a continuous basis. The Woodlands County Animal Control Bylaw deals with licences for dogs, penalty fees, stray animals and other various dog-related items.

Do I have to license my dog?
Any dog over the age of six months must be licensed. If you become the owner of a dog over the age of six months, you have one month after becoming the owner to license the dog. You can obtain a dog license from either of the Woodlands County offices. Residents found harbouring an unlicensed dog will face a fine of \$25 on the first offence, \$50 on the second offence and so on.

How much does a license cost?
There is no charge for guide dogs, hearing ear dogs, wheelchair assist dogs, trained police dogs or seeing-eye dogs. A license for a dog that has been spayed or neutered is \$5. Dogs that are intact cost \$15 to license. All pet tags and associated license numbers are issued for the lifetime of the dog while residing in Woodlands County. Tag replacements are \$2.50.

Do I have to leave my name when making a dog complaint?
Yes. However, your name will be held in confidence in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

Do I have to keep my dogs on a leash?
You must keep your dog leashed when it is off your property, otherwise the dog will be considered running at large, which will result in a penalty. See page 6 for more information.

happens in a four-month span, they'd need to mail the residents a novel rather than a six-page newsletter.

That's where the County's website comes in handy. The website allows County staff to post press releases and new information instantly so residents can be kept up to date about pressing matters that might change on a daily basis, for instance road bans.

Even the newsletter is available online to download (look on the left-hand side of the home page at www.woodlands.ab.ca).

Woodlands County realizes not everyone has access to the Internet and that's why mailing out the newsletter to those who aren't online is important..

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