

MARCH 2025

# HARDISTY HAPPENINGS

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Would you like to see your event listed in our newsletter and our website or announced on our Facebook and Twitter accounts? Email upcoming events to [payments@hardisty.ca](mailto:payments@hardisty.ca) no later than the 29th of the preceding month.



## Julie Pasztor - Councillor

### Did you know?

The Town of Hardisty was a part of creating and filming a fantastic video; showcasing the hard-to-put-into-words scenic beauty and opportunities that a unique place like Hardisty has to offer. This could not have happened without supplemental grant funding through the Social Enterprise Support Program learned about via Flagstaff County; and without the work of Josie Storbakken of JCE Films; who brought with her the previous captured shoots she had done with Flagstaff County – seamlessly integrating it into the new footage captured one sweltering day in mid-July 2024. Which enabled us to create a phenomenal production on a modest budget. This video is intended to do many things. The sky is the limit! This video can be used to share with prospective employees looking at opportunities with your company or business; it could be shared on your website or social media page for your business, products & opportunities;

## Bill Payments

Payments can be made via cheque, cash, Mastercard, Visa, Debit, Online banking or e-transfer to [payments@hardisty.ca](mailto:payments@hardisty.ca). If you are paying Via e-transfer, please include your account number in the comments.

## St. Paul Church News

March services will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

April services will be the 2nd Sunday (April 13) and the Easter service will be on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Everyone welcome.

Spaghetti Supper and Auction on April 7. Supper 5 to 7 PM. Silent auction 5 PM. Live Auction at 7 PM.

perhaps you are a realtor and would use it for sharing with those who are looking to purchase a home in rural Alberta, and showing them how Hardisty is a cut above the rest in ways more than they could imagine. It would be a vital asset to a Chamber of Commerce or Business Group, wishing to attract more business to the Town of Hardisty; because who wouldn't want to populate a few more spots in town with businesses to serve our dynamic residential and working population in town and the many who visit to enjoy our superb recreational opportunities. It can be used by residents wanting to share their pride of community; reminding them of where they are situated and how incredibly special being here in Hardisty is – where you can enjoy a river and lake right in and at the edge of town; walking trails made possible by Brittany and her small but mighty and hard working volunteer committee; multiple beautiful camping opportunities with the Hardisty Lake Park, Fish Lake Park; a steady-pulsed senior group ensuring there are activities for the senior population; a rec centre that expands it's offerings and groups when possible as we have seen pickle ball, stick curling & arena tournament rentals added to it's offerings. We have a gorgeous lake-view 9 hole golf course which is a gem that is so breathtaking it has to be seen to be appreciated; we have hard working

volunteer groups with plenty of welcome open member spots to help you provide ideas and participation into bettering our community and helping alleviate anyone's potential feelings of loneliness and isolation. There is still so much more that we can do here in Hardisty. SO much more we can attract and work towards. It takes us all; it takes being proud and grateful for what IS available here; and sharing that where you work and how you communicate on your pages. There are employment opportunities nearby; with the option to be at home with your family after work is done for your day/night; and there is plenty of room for prospective businesses and budding entrepreneurs to take the leap into adding to our business sector – we have seen an uptake in businesses in the past two years and it is beyond exciting for Hardisty! We have the main Hardisty video on our Town Of Hardisty website; please share the link – through email or social media or text; share it far and wide and be loud and proud!

Link to video:

<https://www.hardisty.ca/town/news/post/town-of-hardisty-video>

**Julie Pasztor**

Town of Hardisty - Councillor

**Rob's Bar and Grill  
will be **CLOSED**  
March 19 – April 10**

**Enjoy your holiday Rob!**

*Vacation  
mode*

**St. Paul's United Church**  
**Spaghetti Supper & Auction**

**Hardisty Community Hall**

**Cost:**  
Adults: \$15.00  
Ages 6—12: \$10.00  
5 & Under: FREE

**Monday, April 7, 2025**  
**Supper: 5:00—7:00 PM**  
**Silent Auction: 5:00 PM**  
**Live Auction: 7:00 PM**

Auction items may be dropped off at the Hall during the day of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark them with the donor's name

For information or pick up of donated items call:  
780-888-2266 or 780-888-3504



Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services presents

The 2nd Annual

# Fire Ball

Saturday, April 12, 2025  
at the Killam Community Centre

Hosted by the Killam Volunteer Firefighter Society

Featuring

THE GRAND dueling piano SHOW



Sponsored by The James Insurance Group

Cocktails: 5 p.m. • Supper: 6 p.m. • Dance: 9 p.m.

Also featuring silent and live auctions, and gluten-free options for supper.



Scan the QR code and get your tickets now for just \$65 each!

# SPRING FLING

<https://www.hardistyrodeo.com/>

The PRAIRIE DOGZ  
Rock 'n Country & Blues



April 26, 2025

\*DOORS: 7 PM \* DANCE : 8 PM\*

Price: \$ 25 At Door - No Minors

**HARDISTY COMMUNITY HALL**

Silent & Live Auctions

Information: (780)888-1424

May 23 & 24

# Bird Dog Theatre

Featuring  
Over The Moon & Friends



Details and Tickets @ [birddogtheatre.com/shows](http://birddogtheatre.com/shows)

# Grand Opening




# INDOOR WALKING

Hosted by Hardisty Hall Board and Town of Hardisty

Monday to Friday 9am - 12pm  
and Tuesday 7pm - 9pm

\$2 per visit  
65 and Older Free

at The Hardisty Community Hall

Must Wear INDOOR Shoes  
No Minors Unsupervised



### What is a Land Use Bylaw?

A Land Use Bylaw directs the use and development of lands and buildings through development permits. By establishing land use districts (zoning), the LUB regulates the types of activities and buildings that can occur on any specific property.

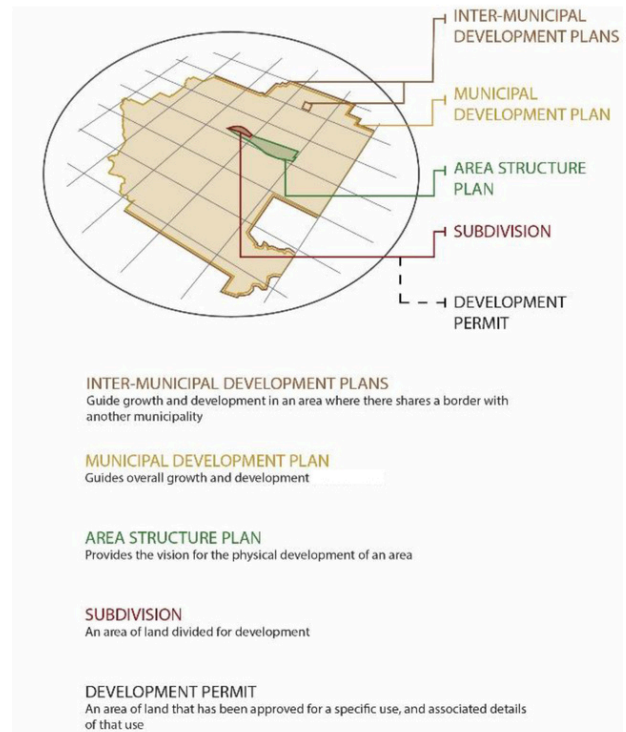
It also contains regulations such as maximum building height and parcel coverage, corner lots and reverse corner lots, and building setbacks from property lines.

### Why does the Town need a Land Use Bylaw?

Provincial legislation requires every municipality in Alberta to have a Land Use Bylaw. A Land Use Bylaw is the tool used to implement the long-term vision of the Hardisty Municipal Development Plan on a day-to-day-to-day basis.

### Why is the Land Use Bylaw being updated?

Land Use Bylaws are living documents that are amended or replaced on a regular basis to stay current with community needs and desires. The Town of Hardisty is aiming to create a simplified and more user-friendly Land Use Bylaw.



### What is the process for preparing a new Land Use Bylaw?

A major update to a Land Use Bylaw can take up to a year to complete. It requires research, meetings and discussions, a lot of writing, getting input from the Hardisty community, more revisions, and finally – the Council approval process. Below shows the proposed timeline.



### How can I provide input?

You can provide suggestion and comments on the draft Land Use Bylaw at the open house. All feedback will be included in a "What we Heard" report and considered for making further changes to the Land Use Bylaw prior to the Council approval process. You can also attend the Public Hearing and provide your comments directly to Hardisty Council in the Council approval process.

### What role does Town of Hardisty Council play?

Council must give three readings to a bylaw before it is passed, and in the case of a Land Use Bylaw, a Public Hearing must be held before second reading is given. Council can make changes to the bylaw at any of the three readings.

# **Calling All Customers and Vendors!** **Join My Monthly Markets in Killam & Hardisty**

## **At Each Market, You Can Enjoy:**

- \*\*New Variety of Vendors
- \*\*Hot Food Concession and Coffee and Seating
- \*\*Vendor Contributed Giveaway to Customers
- \*\*Free Mary Kay Sample Stations and Prizes



**Enter  
to Win**

**Follow My Facebook Page for Giveaways and Event Info:**  
Tiffany Strayer - Markets, Mary Kay and More!  
"SHORT" FB PAGE LINK: [BIT.LY/43JTYQE](https://bit.ly/43JTYQE)

## **Contact Tiffany To Ask Questions or Apply as a Vendor:**

Facebook Message: Tiffany Darlene Strayer  
Text or Call: 780-280-0690 - Email: TStrayer91@gmail.com

### **Killam Monthly Market**

Located in Killam United Church  
**Killam Market Hours 10am-2pm**  
Free Mary Kay Samples 3pm-8pm

### **Hardisty Monthly Market**

Located in Hardisty Elks Hall  
Free Mary Kay Samples 8am-2pm  
**Hardisty Market Hours 3pm-8pm**

### **Killam 2025 - First Tuesday's:**

March 4  
April 1  
May 6  
June 3  
July 1  
August 5  
September 2  
October 7  
November 4

### **Hardisty 2025 - Last Saturday's:**

March 29  
April 26  
May 31  
June 28  
July 26  
August 30  
September 27  
October 25  
November 29

**Vendor Set Up is an Hour Before the Market Hours**



# Summer Camp 2025 Registration is now OPEN



**CIT: July 7-11**      **Week 1: July 14-18**      **Scamper 2\*: July 28-30**  
**Scamper 1: July 9-11**      **Week 2: July 21-25**      \*This camp will only run if  
Scamper 1 capacity is reached

**\*\*\*Camps are not guaranteed to run if minimum numbers are not met\*\*\***

Scamper Camps are for children finishing Grade 1 & 2  
Week 1 + 2 are camps are for children finishing Grade 3-8



Registration link

**\*\*\* Accepting Applications \*\*\***  
**for all Positions**

Check website for full details



**Rent our camp for your next reunion:  
April - September (NO JULY)**

[www.hardistylakeunitedchurchcamp.com](http://www.hardistylakeunitedchurchcamp.com)



Availability Calendar  
on our website

Email: [hlucc@yahoo.com](mailto:hlucc@yahoo.com)



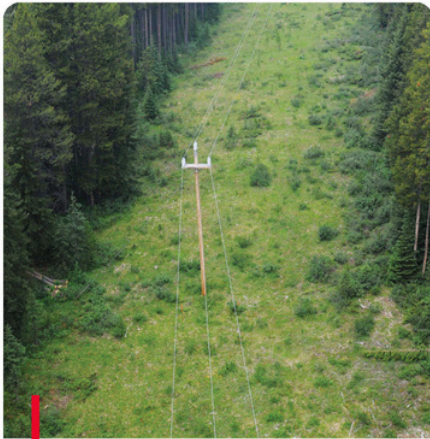


# STAYING SAFE IN WILDFIRE SEASON.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense, AltaLink's highest priority is protecting your community while providing safe, reliable power.

## WILDFIRE SAFETY



### AltaLink's fire prevention measures

- + Enhanced vegetation clearing around power lines
- + Increased inspections
- + Strengthening our system
- + Expanding preparedness



### Public Safety Power Shutoff

- + Last resort safety measure
- + Extreme and dangerous weather conditions
- + Power may be shut off until conditions are safe
- + Advance notice and regular updates provided when possible



### How you can prepare

- + Create an emergency plan and kit with supplies to last at least 72 hours
- + Plan for any medical needs
- + Ensure your local retailer has your updated contact information to receive alerts

Learn more about what AltaLink is doing and how you can prepare at

[altalink.ca/wildfiresafety](https://altalink.ca/wildfiresafety)

Follow us on social media for regular updates.



## **Killam / Forestburg RCMP shares tips to protect against fraud**

Killam, Alta. – Killam / Forestburg RCMP reminds residents about the importance of staying vigilant as more of our daily activities \ take place online and over the phone. With the rise in digital communication, fraudsters are finding new ways to scam unsuspecting victims.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP offers the following tips on how to protect yourself from online fraud and scams:

- Protect your computer and accounts, and be cautious of urgent-looking pop-ups and suspicious emails with spelling or formatting errors.
- Don't click on unknown links or attachments.
- Use anti-virus software and keep your operating system up to date.
- Secure your online accounts with strong and unique passwords.
- Do not use the same password for numerous accounts.
- Don't be afraid to say no. If a caller pressures you to buy something or send money immediately, hang up. Scammers often create a sense of urgency to manipulate victims.
- Confirm the legitimacy of businesses by checking official websites and contacting them directly before you act. If someone calls about a family member in trouble, reach out to others before acting.
- Guard your personal information and never share personal details (name, address, birthdate, banking info, etc.) unless you initiated the contact. You never know who's on the other end of an unsolicited call or message.
- Beware of upfront fees. In Canada, legitimate prizes do not require fees or taxes to claim.
- If you didn't enter a contest, you're not a winner.

For more fraud prevention tips follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.

## **Killam / Forestburg RCMP warns businesses to watch for gift card scams**

Killam, Alta. – Killam / Forestburg RCMP is reminding businesses and employees to stay vigilant against gift card fraud. Fraudsters often pressure victims into purchasing large quantities of gift cards as a form of payment, using emotional manipulation or threats.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP is encouraging businesses to help protect customers from financial loss by watching for these warning signs of gift card scams:

- A customer wants to purchase a large number of gift cards, especially in high denominations.
- The customer appears anxious, confused, or in a rush.
- The customer insists they must complete the purchase immediately and is unwilling to answer questions.
- The purchase is being made with instructions from someone over the phone.

If you suspect a customer may be a victim of a gift card scam, take a moment to ask:

- Have you met the person you are buying these for?
- Is this payment for taxes, police fines, a lottery prize, or an emergency?
- Did someone contact you by phone or online asking for these cards?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these, encourage the customer to stop and contact their local police before proceeding.

Fraudsters often use these common scams:

- Government or law enforcement scams where the victim is told they owe taxes or fines and must pay immediately.
- Romance scams where the scammer is pretending to be a romantic partner and requests gift cards as a form of financial help.
- Prize scams where the victim is told they won a lottery or contest but must pay taxes or fees first.
- Emergency scams where the fraudster pretends to be a relative or friend in urgent need of money.

Businesses play a key role in preventing fraud by staying alert and questioning suspicious transactions. If you suspect fraud, advise the customer to call their local police before making a purchase.

For more fraud prevention tips follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on X @RCMPAlberta.



### **Killam / Forestburg RCMP urging seatbelt safety in rural and remote areas**

Killam, Alta. – Killam / Forestburg RCMP is asking motorists and their passengers to wear seatbelts. Proper use of a vehicle's safety restraint can reduce the likelihood of death or serious injury if a collision occurs.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP encourages drivers and passengers to remember the following when it comes to seatbelt safety:

- Seatbelts must be worn by all occupants of a vehicle.
- The lap portion of the seatbelt should be snug across your hips, with the shoulder belt resting across the middle of your chest. Be sure the seatbelt is not twisted, and the latching mechanism moves freely along the belt itself.
- Wear a seatbelt even when you're on backroads, private property, or only traveling a short distance.
- Motorists are responsible for ensuring both themselves and passengers under the age of 16-years-old are using proper occupant restraints.
- Fines for seatbelt infractions is \$162
- It is recommended that seatbelts be worn when riding an off-road vehicle, if the vehicle comes equipped.

For more traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta.

### **Killam / Forestburg RCMP encourages the public to report aggressive or dangerous driving**

Killam, Alta. - Aggressive driving, including speeding, tailgating, and unsafe lane changes, puts everyone on the road at risk. Whether you're witnessing aggressive behaviour or feeling frustrated behind the wheel yourself, knowing how to respond can help prevent dangerous situations.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP encourages motorists to remember the following in order to reduce the risks of aggressive and dangerous driving:

- Reduce stress by leaving yourself extra time for your commute.
- Drive within the speed limit, following the rules of the road and respecting other drivers.
- If you witness aggressive driving, avoid retaliation and do not engage in further aggressive driving behaviours.
- If you are approached by an individual during an aggressive driving incident, remain in your vehicle with the doors locked. Leave when safe to do so and report the incident to police.
- If you are involved in or witness an incident of aggressive driving, report details to the police. Be prepared to provide the vehicle colour, make, model, license plate number and a description of the driver to police.
- If you are ever in immediate danger during an aggressive driving incident, call 911.



# MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR



[www.hardisty.ca/town/calendar](http://www.hardisty.ca/town/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Art Show - Rustic Stars All Day
2 Hat Making Class All Day Charcuterie Board Class 2:00 pm	3	4	5	6 Shinny 4:00 pm	7 PHL U16 Showcase Tourn All Day Shinny 4:30 pm	8 PHL U16 Showcase Tourn All Day
9 PHL U16 Showcase Tourn All Day Shinny 11:30 am Public Skating 1:00 pm	10	11 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 Shinny 4:00 pm	14 Longhorns Rec Hockey Tourn All Day Shinny 4:30 pm Public Skating 5:30 pm	15 Longhorns Rec Hockey Tourn All Day
16 Longhorns Rec Hockey Tourn All Day Shinny 11:00 am Public Skating 12:45 pm	17 Happy St Patrick's Day! All Day	18	19	20 Shinny 4:00 pm	21 Shinny 4:30 pm Public Skating 5:30 pm	22
23 Shinny 11:00 am Public Skating 12:45 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## COFFEE TIME

Monday to Friday  
9 – 10 am

## THRIFT SHOP

The Hardisty Thrift Shop is open  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. & Saturday 11:00  
a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## LIBRARY

Tuesday: 11 AM – 5 PM  
Wednesday: 1 PM – 8 PM  
Thursday: 11 AM – 5 PM  
Friday: 1 PM – 5 PM  
Saturday: 1 PM - 5 PM

## ELKS BINGO

SUNDAYS at the Elk's Hall  
Doors Open 6:00 PM  
Bingo Starts 7:00 PM

## GARBAGE PICK-UP

Garbage pick-up is on Monday.  
Where Monday is a holiday,  
garbage pickup will be Tuesday.

## FIRE PRACTICE

Every first and third Tuesday of  
the month at 7:00 p.m.