

September 2026 Noble News



IMPORTANT DATES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

TUE, SEP 08, 2026

TUE, SEP 22, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING:

TUE, SEP 08, 2026

GARBAGE PICK-UP DATES:

TUE, SEP 08, 2026

MON, SEP 14, 2026

MON, SEP 21, 2026

MON, SEP 28, 2026

UTILITY BILLS DUE:

SEPTEMBER &

OCTOBER

BILLS ARE DUE

ON NOVEMBER 30,

2026

OFFICE CLOSED:

MON, SEP 07, 2026

WED, SEP 30, 2026



CAO'S Message:

Good day, Nobleford!

September is here and with it comes that familiar shift. The air is a little crisper, the days are a little shorter, and the kids are headed back to school. Summer was a good one. Now we get back to it.

School is back in session on September 8. With students on their way to and from Nobleford School, Highway Avenue is going to be busier than it has been all summer. Please slow down, stay alert, and give our kids the space they need to get there safely. It only takes a moment to make a difference.

Also on September 8, we have an important evening for our community:

The Town of Nobleford will be holding a Public Hearing for proposed Bylaw 720, the Land Use Bylaw, at 8:00 PM at the Town Office. This one has been a long time coming. Administration has put significant work into modernizing our Land Use Bylaw to improve its organization and readability, clarify existing requirements, and better address the development needs of our growing community. This bylaw matters for anyone who owns property or has an interest in how Nobleford develops.

We encourage all residents to attend, ask questions, and have their say.

As always, it is a privilege to serve this community.

Here is to a great September, Nobleford!

Steven Leusink, CAO

September

The name September originates from the Latin word *septem*, meaning "seven". This name stems from the ancient Roman calendar, which began in March and had only 10 months, making September the seventh month of the year. The name remained even after January and February were added to the beginning of the year, shifting September to its current position as the ninth month.



Public Notices:

Any questions or contributions?

**Please contact the
Town office!**

**Walk-in:
Mondays - Fridays
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(closed for lunch
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)**

**Call:
403-824-3555**

**Email:
clerk@nobleford.ca**



Pre-Auth



The Town Of Nobleford has pre-authorized debit available to make paying your bills easy! You can get payments for your utility bills or taxes (TIPP program) set up for pre-authorized debit. Please contact the office for more information.



Councillor's Corner:

I hope you had a great summer, as fall is just around the corner. It is also time for the children to go back to school, so please be extra vigilant in the school zones.

Council had the Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs, visit. We discussed the need to expand our water treatment plant to meet the needs of our growing community and the surrounding area, including Barons.

My wife, Irene, and I attended the Barons Parade and won the first-prize ribbon. Mayor Boeder and I attended the Picture Butte Parade—both communities put on a great event, and the turnout was amazing! My candy-throwing arm is still sore.

The next Regular Council Meeting is on September 8, 2026, starting at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., there will be an Open Forum to discuss the proposed updates to our Land Use Bylaw.

We are counting on community participation, so see you there!

Councillor Bob Morrow

Labour Day is on Monday, September 7, 2026. It is a national statutory holiday celebrated across all provinces and territories, giving most workers a paid day off and creating a long weekend.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Wednesday, September 30. Observed alongside Orange Shirt Day, it honours residential school survivors, their families and communities, and remembers those children who never returned home.



Updates & Bits and Pieces of Information:

Property Taxes:

Property Taxes for 2026 were due on August 31, 2026. Invoices not paid by that date will now have a 12% penalty fee added. Another 12% will be added to the invoice if not paid by December 31, 2026. FYI: Some owner's taxes are being paid by their mortgage company, please refer to your invoice to see if that is the case for you. **Consider signing up for the TIPP program before the end of this year to make monthly payments to your property taxes instead of one lump sum in August next year!**

Spray Park:

Nobleford's Spray Park will be closing for the season this month. We would like to thank everyone who helped keep the park clean and took the time to teach their children to do the same. While there were a few instances of mischief, we truly appreciate everyone's efforts to help keep it a safe and enjoyable place for our community!

Ice Rink:

The rink will be prepared for the winter season this month, including sealing of concrete and a fresh coat of paint!

Council Highlights:

Council has re-introduced the Council Highlights for their Regular Council Meetings! You can find them on the Town of Nobleford website (www.nobleford.ca) under "Government".

Business Directory:

The Town of Nobleford maintains a detailed Business Directory on our website to help showcase and support our local businesses.

Businesses that are currently validated and operating are identified with "2026" following their business name. If you are a business owner and would like to be added to the directory, or if your current listing needs to be updated, please contact the Town Office. We are happy to assist in ensuring your information is accurate and up to date. Please call 403-824-3555, or email clerk@nobleford.ca

Transfer Station Hours:

If you have any questions regarding the Transfer Station, please call 403-329-7367, Lethbridge County, by which the Transfer Station is operated by. The individual phone numbers for any of the transfer sites within the County of Lethbridge are no longer in effect.

Days Open	Hours of Operation
Thursday & Friday	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



Facebook:

The Town of Nobleford does not actively engage in discussions on Facebook. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact Town staff directly by phone, email, or by stopping by the office; we are always happy to help. That said, we do appreciate reading the comments shared online, whether positive or constructive. Please feel free to continue posting your opinions and suggestions!

Office:

We are open Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) Phone 403-824-3555. Email: clerk@nobleford.ca, finance@nobleford.ca, or cao@nobleford.ca. Please send any online payments to payments@nobleford.ca.

Public Hearing Bylaw 720 New Land Use Bylaw for the Town of Nobleford

What the Bylaw No. 720 is about:

The purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 720, a new Land Use Bylaw, is to update and establish standards and procedures regarding the use and development of land within the municipality; add new uses to the specific land use districts, incorporate new development standards for uses within the Town; and to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended.

The most significant changes incorporated in the new Land Use Bylaw are:

- Updated Administration section
- Maximum site coverage parameters
- Maximum size of accessory buildings
- Addition of Short-Term Rentals as a listed use
- Addition of Secondary Suites as a listed use
- Changes to Use Specific Standards, Residential Standards and Non-Residential Standards

How you can provide input:

Anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed Bylaws should provide written comments to the Municipal Administrator no later than 12:00 noon on September 04, 2026. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the Public Hearing.

A copy of the bylaw may be inspected during regular office hours at the Town Office and online at the municipal website www.nobleford.ca.

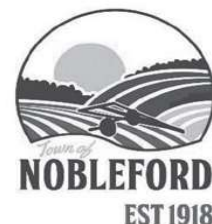
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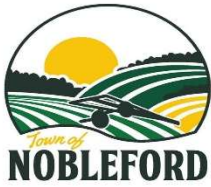
On Tuesday, September 08, 2026, at 8 p.m. at the Chambers located at the Nobleford Town Office

Dated at the Town of Nobleford, in the Province of Alberta, this 25th day of August 2026,

Steven Leusink, CAO Town of Nobleford

PO Box 67
Nobleford, Alberta
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Email: cao@nobleford.ca





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PROPOSED LAND USE BYLAW NO. 720



What is a land use bylaw?

The Land Use Bylaw regulates the use and development of land and buildings within the Town of Nobleford. It establishes land use districts, identifies permitted and discretionary uses, and sets development standards.



Why are we here?

The Town of Nobleford is updating and modernizing the current Land Use Bylaw. The update is intended to improve the organization and readability of the bylaw, clarify existing requirements, and address current development needs.

Key Updates



ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

- > Updated the administration section
- > Added tables identifying listed uses in each district
- > Added references to use-specific standards
- > Added definitions for all uses
- > Added Development Officer Authority over some discretionary uses



USE CHANGES

- > Added secondary suites
- > Added accessory building size limits
- > Added short term rentals
- > Added solar energy system roof or wall mounted as permitted use



SITE & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS CHANGES

- > Added maximum site coverage in each district
- > Added maximum hard surface coverage
- > Added Childcare Facility – use specific standards
- > Added Car and Truck Wash Facility – use specific standards
- > Clarified Intermodal Container standards
- > Separated residential and non-residential development standards

What Happens Next ?



Feedback Opportunity

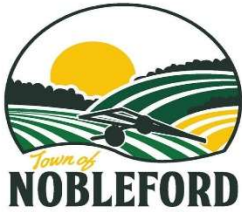


Please scan for comments!



How to participate?

- > Review the display boards and draft materials
- > Share comments, concerns, and suggestions via email cao@nobleford.ca
- > Attend the Public Hearing on September 8, 2026 or submit comments and concerns via email prior to the public hearing



TOWN OF NOBLEFORD KEY TOPICS UPDATES

Highlights of selected proposed changes in the Land Use Bylaw

Administrative Changes

Proposed changes to the administrative section of the Land Use Bylaw are intended to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

The proposed bylaw would authorize the Development Officer to approve development permits for permitted uses and specified discretionary uses. Uses identified as **DO Discretionary** are considered to be of a nature that does not require Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) review. Adjacent landowners will continue to be notified of applications for discretionary uses.

It is proposed that should a development commence prior to obtaining the appropriate development permit, the application fee shall be double the normal permit fee.

Site & Development Standards

Some of the proposed changes are as follows:

- Maximum Site Coverage in R1, R2, & R3 districts is 45% inclusive of all buildings and structures.
- Accessory Buildings may only cover up to 10% of the surface area of a lot and must be subordinate to the principal dwelling or as listed in the LUB.
- In the R2 land use district, accessory buildings larger than 900sqft are prohibited.
- Hard surface parking pads, walkway, and/or paving stones or similar impervious ground cover is limited to a maximum of 50% of the lot not covered by the dwelling and accessory buildings and structures unless otherwise approved.
- Provisions for corner lots with multiple front yards.



Solar Energy System, Individual, Roof or Wall Mounted



It is proposed that the above use be a permitted use in all land use districts excepting Urban Reserve and Direct Control districts. This allows permits to be processed more quickly by the Development Officer rather than having these applications go to the Municipal Planning Commission for approval.

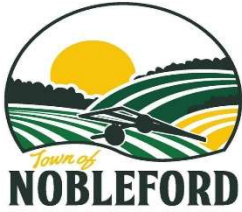
Childcare Facility

Use specific standards are proposed for a childcare facility including specifications for appearance, signage, lighting, parking and loading zones, screening and location of use.



Car and Truck Wash Facility

Use specific standards are proposed for the above wash facilities including requirements for an enclosed building, location of vacuum facilities, distance from residential uses, hard surfaced parking, lighting, screening, and infrastructure requirements.

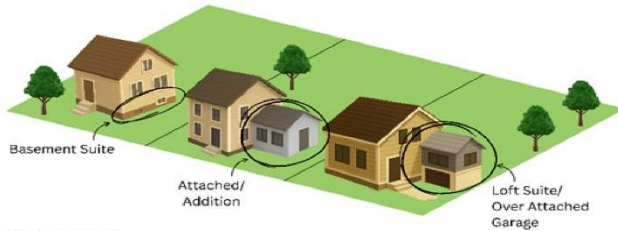


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Highlights of selected proposed changes in the Land Use Bylaw

Secondary Suites

Secondary suites are proposed to be a discretionary use in the R1, R2 and R3 land use districts. Standards control where they can be located and the requirements they must meet.



BENEFITS

- Provides additional housing options for family or rental options
- Supports affordable living
- Makes efficient use of existing homes

WHAT IS A SECONDARY SUITE?

A self-contained living space within a principal dwelling or above a detached garage, with its own kitchen, bathroom, and living area, in conjunction with a single-detached dwelling.



Short-term Rentals

Short-term Rentals are proposed to be a discretionary use in the R1 and R2 land use districts. Regulations in place to protect the quiet enjoyment of the surrounding neighbourhood.

- Development permit required
- Limits on maximum occupancy
- Off-street parking required

WHAT IS A SHORT-TERM RENTAL?

A Short term rental means a dwelling unit operated as an accommodation unit, occupied by a guest or guests for a period of less than 28 days.

Intermodal Containers

The current Land Use Bylaw identifies Intermodal Container as a permitted use in most land use districts. The proposed bylaw separates this into two uses—**Intermodal Container – Temporary** and **Intermodal Container**—to clarify where containers may be temporarily or permanently placed.

Temporary Intermodal Containers are permitted in Residential districts and discretionary in the Downtown Commercial district, for up to six months within a one-year period.

Permanent Intermodal Containers are permitted in Commercial/Industrial and Public districts and discretionary in the Urban Reserve district.

WHAT IS AN INTERMODAL CONTAINER?

Means a container that was intended to be used for the transport of goods by rail, truck, or by sea or anything that resembles a shipping container.





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IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Important Changes to Development Permit Fees

Once the updated Land Use Bylaw, Bylaw No. 720, comes into effect, Development Permit Applications submitted **after** development has already started or been completed will be subject to a double application fee.

- ➔ Please make sure to obtain the required Development Permits before starting any projects that require a permit.

Six-Month Grace Period

During a six-month grace period, property owners who submit Development Permit Applications for projects that have already been started or completed will still be charged the regular application fee.

The grace period is expected to end March 2027. After the grace period has ended, all late Development Permit Applications will be subject to the double application fee.

- ➔ If you have already completed or started a project that requires a Development Permit, please submit your application before the six-month grace period ends to avoid paying the double fee.

Why Administration wants to make sure that every homeowner is aware of this update:

Anyone who plans to sell their property in the future may require a "Letter of Compliance" as part of the sale process.

A Letter of Compliance confirms that changes or developments made to a property were completed in accordance with the applicable requirements, including that the necessary Development Permits were obtained.

- ➔ If you are unsure whether your project requires a Development Permit, please contact Administration before beginning the work.

Administration,
August 24, 2026



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Schedule of Fees

The above fee change will be outlined in the updated Schedule of Fees Bylaw, Bylaw No. 721, once the Land Use Bylaw has been implemented.

Below you find an excerpt of the current Schedule of Fees Bylaw, Bylaw No. 711. You can view the complete bylaw on the Town's website at www.nobleford.ca.

Development Permits Fees

Residential

Dwellings	\$100.00
Additions	\$50.00
Accessory Buildings 100 sq. ft. or bigger	\$50.00
Home Occupations	\$50.00

Commercial:

Change of Use	\$200.00
Commercial Building less than 50,000 sq. ft.	\$200.00
Commercial Buildings 50,000 sq. ft. or greater	\$200.00

Industrial:

Change of Use	\$200.00
Single-tenancy buildings or complexes	\$300.00
Multi-tenancy buildings or complexes	\$300.00
Request to convene a special meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission	\$300.00



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Curbside Recycling is coming to Nobleford!

Starting October 1, 2026, curbside recycling collection will be coming to Nobleford through Circular Materials!

Please visit their website for lots of information about the program and, most importantly, about the many materials that will be eligible for recycling.

These include, but are not limited to, glass containers, foam packaging, flexible plastic packaging, empty aerosol containers, laminated paper and plastic packaging, along with the usual items such as cardboard, tin cans, newspapers, etc.

<https://www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/nobleford>



A couple of things to know:

- Every household will receive a blue recycling bin.
- This new recycling program is part of Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system and is 100% funded by producers, meaning there will be no increase to municipal taxes as a result of providing this recycling service.
- We encourage everyone to take advantage of this new service! The more recyclable material we can divert from the garbage, the better!

Administration,
August 10, 2026



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Alberta Blue Cross Built Together Grant 2026 –

Walking/Biking Path between 5th Avenue and Centennial Avenue

We were able to submit our application for the Alberta Blue Cross Built Together Grant this afternoon and want to thank everyone who helped along the way – namely our residents who completed the polls and who submitted letters of support!

Now all we can do is wait, cross our fingers, and hope that Nobleford will be one of the 5 lucky communities selected to receive this amazing grant.

We expect to hear the results by the end of December, and we will make sure to share the news with everyone as soon as we hear.

Thank you again to everyone who supported this project and helped us get the application across the finish line!

FYI: Last year, Alberta Blue Cross received 134 applications, with 45 of those coming from rural communities. That means the competition is tough - but we do have a chance. And we are certainly hopeful!

Category	Applications	Grants awarded
Edmonton	16	1
Calgary	11	1
Secondary cities	31	1
Rural communities	45	1
Indigenous communities	12	1
Total listed	115	5

Administration, Town of Nobleford
August 14, 2026

For those who are interested in a more digitalized way of managing their account with the Town of Nobleford, here is information on how to set it up.

You can always reach out to the office as well, we are happy to help!

The image below is an example of what your Customer Portal Dashboard looks like: It shows that the utility bill has already been paid, so the utility balance is \$0.00, while the outstanding property tax balance is \$628.95.

- Please note that this Customer Portal account was created on July 30, 2026, and that only utility bills issued from that date forward will appear in the portal. Previous utility bills will not be available.
- Whenever there is an update to your Customer Portal, you will also receive an email notification.
- If you are interested in setting up your own Customer Portal, simply go to Forms on the Town website, complete the E-Mail Billing/Notice/Receipting Authorization Form, and email it to admin@nobleford.ca. Once we have added you to our system, you will receive the information needed to create and access your Customer Portal.
- Once set up, you will have access to the Dashboard, and the other sublinks, as seen on the left.



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Hello
Your name

Dashboard

- Utility Inserts
- Documents
- Contact Info
- My Login
- Support
- E-Transfer
- TIPP Program
- Logout**

Dashboard

Welcome to your Customer Portal!

Here you will find information regarding your utilities, property taxes, and AR accounts. Below you will find summaries of all your accounts in one convenient location. If you have any questions or concerns regarding one of your accounts, please visit the Support Page.

Utilities are billed bi-monthly and payments are due at the end of the billing month. All unpaid utility and accounts receivable accounts are subject to a 2% monthly penalty, which will appear under "Interest".

Accounts Receivable Summary

Account Number	Total Owing	Payment Due
Your Account Number	\$0.00	n/a

Property Taxes Summary

Roll Number	Taxes	Interest	Other	Total Owing
+ Your Roll Number	\$628.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$628.95
Overall Totals	\$628.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$628.95

- Discounts may apply; refer to your Tax Notices for more information.

Utilities Summary

Account Number	Current	Arrears	Interest	Total Owing
Your Account Number	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overall Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



Town of Nobleford Strategic Planning Workshop

Nobleford Town Council will be participating in a Strategic Planning Workshop from September 14 to 16, 2026.

The workshop will consist of two half-day sessions and one full-day session. On September 15, a facilitator will join Council to help guide discussions, encourage collaborative brainstorming, and support Council in looking at the Town's future direction.

Strategic planning provides an important opportunity for Council to step back, look ahead, and consider how the Town's resources can best be used to support our community. During the workshop, Council will discuss future goals, priorities, initiatives, and long-term direction, helping to establish a clear path forward for Nobleford.

Administration
August 19, 2026



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2026 Alberta Referendum
Frequently Asked Questions

Voting Day:

Monday, October 19, 2026

Voting Station for Nobleford Residents:

Community Complex, 112 Kipp Street, Nobleford

Who can vote?

To vote in the Alberta Referendum, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Be 18 years of age or older on voting day.
- Be an ordinary resident of Alberta.

Can permanent residents vote?

No. Permanent residents are not eligible to vote in Alberta provincial elections or referendums.

Do I need to register to vote?

You can register or update your voter information before voting. If you are not already registered, you may also be able to register at your voting place on voting day if you meet the eligibility requirements.

What identification do I need?

You will be required to provide acceptable identification before receiving your ballot. Elections Alberta provides a list of accepted identification on its website.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes. Eligible electors may apply for a Special Ballot (Vote by Mail). Applications are currently open.

What will I be voting on?

Albertans will vote on 10 referendum questions:

Questions 1–9 require a Yes or No response.

Question 10 asks voters to choose one of two options.

Each question will appear on a separate, colour-coded ballot.

Where can I find the referendum questions?

Please see the second page for all the questions, taken off the Election Alberta website (<https://www.elections.ab.ca/elections/referendum>)

Where can I get more information?

For official, non-partisan information, including voter eligibility, identification requirements, voting locations, advance voting, and Special Ballots, please visit the Elections Alberta website.



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What will I be voting on?

Albertans will vote on 10 referendum questions:

1. Do you support the Government of Alberta taking increased control over immigration for the purposes of decreasing immigration to more sustainable levels, prioritizing economic migration and giving Albertans first priority on new employment opportunities?
2. Do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law mandating that only Canadian citizens, permanent residents and individuals with an Alberta- approved immigration status will be eligible for provincially-funded programs, such as health care, education and other social services?
3. Assuming that all Canadian citizens and permanent residents continue to qualify for social support programs as they do now, do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law requiring all individuals with a non-permanent legal immigration status to reside in Alberta for at least 12 months before qualifying for any provincially-funded social support programs?
4. Assuming that all Canadian citizens and permanent residents continue to qualify for public health care and education as they do now, do you support the Government of Alberta charging a reasonable fee or premium to individuals with a non-permanent immigration status living in Alberta for their and their family's use of the healthcare and education systems?
5. Do you support the Government of Alberta introducing a law requiring individuals to provide proof of citizenship, such as a passport, birth certificate or citizenship card, to vote in an Alberta provincial election?
6. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to have provincial governments, and not the federal government, select the justices appointed to provincial King's Bench and Appeal courts?
7. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to abolish the unelected federal Senate?
8. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to allow provinces to opt out of federal programs that intrude on provincial jurisdiction such as health care, education, and social services, without a province losing any of the associated federal funding for use in its social programs?



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9. Do you support the Government of Alberta working with the governments of other willing provinces to amend the Canadian Constitution to better protect provincial rights from federal interference by giving a province's laws dealing with provincial or shared areas of constitutional jurisdiction priority over federal laws when the province's laws and federal laws conflict?
10. Should Alberta remain a province of Canada, or should the Government of Alberta commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada?

Option 1: Alberta should remain a province of Canada.

Option 2: The Government of Alberta should commence the legal process required under the Canadian Constitution to hold a binding provincial referendum on whether or not Alberta should separate from Canada.

Please be aware:

Applications to Vote by Mail close October 9, 2026, and **all completed Special Ballot packages must be received by Elections Alberta by mail before 5:00 pm on October 16, 2026**. Returning Offices will not accept Special Ballot packages.

Whether you support or oppose the proposal, your vote matters. It is important that people on both sides participate in the referendum so that the results accurately **represent the majority, rather than being influenced by low voter turnout**.

Monday, September 07, 2026



*Happy
Labour Day!*

Wednesday, September 30, 2026





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September 2026

Nobleford Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office Closed Labour Day  <i>Happy Labour Day!</i>	8 Back To School!  Garbage pick-up Regular Council Meeting 7 pm	9 At Seniors Centre: Coffee 9-11 am, Ladies Social 1:00-3:00 pm FCSS Stay & Play 9:30 – 11 am	10	11 At Seniors Centre: Men's Pool 1-4 pm	12
13	14 Garbage pick-up	15	16 At Seniors Centre: Coffee 9-11 am, Ladies Social 1:00-3:00 pm FCSS Stay & Play 9:30 – 11 am	17	18 At Seniors Centre: Men's Pool 1-4 pm	19
20	21 Garbage pick-up	22 Regular Council Meeting 7 pm Public Hearing 8 pm	23 At Seniors Centre: Coffee 9-11 am, Ladies Social 1:00-3:00 pm FCSS Stay & Play 9:30 – 11 am	24	25 At Seniors Centre: Men's Pool 1-4 pm	26
27	28 Garbage pick-up	29 FCSS Thrive 9:30 – 11 am (Registration Required)	30 Office Closed National Day For Truth and Reconciliation 			<i>Utility Bills for September and October are due by November 30</i>

Monthly Mini Health Tip – August:

Mindful Eating: Pay attention to your eating habits and emotional connections to food to cultivate a more balanced and intentional approach to your diet.

Want to Share Your Events?

If your group or organization would like to feature upcoming events or meetings in our community calendar, we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to the Town Office to get started.

Our Fire Chief, Ryan Wagner, has provided us with some information regarding Nobleford's Fire



"The Dispatch"



Nobleford and District Emergency Services

Department. We will be adding these over the next few months.

We are also hoping to provide the residents of Nobleford with regular updates about the amazing work our volunteer firefighters are doing for Nobleford and the surrounding areas.

- ~~May – Message from the Fire Chief & Mission and Vision Statement & Membership/Roster~~
- ~~June – Fire/Rescue Services & Emergency Medical Services~~
- ~~July – Training/Certification~~
- ~~August – Equipment/Resources~~
- September – Emergency Response Units Part 1 (Command 4-1, Command 4-2, Engine 41)
- October – Emergency Response Units Part 2 (Engine 42, Rescue 4, Wildland 41)
- November – Emergency Response Units Part 3 (Emergency Response Livestock Unit, MRU 4, Drone 41)
- December – Fire Station & Response Area & Mutual Aid

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNITS

Nobleford & District Emergency Services utilizes 6 different apparatuses and a specialty trailer for our emergency responses. Most units have been purchased through our annual fire agreements with the Lethbridge County, with exception to the command unit and Livestock trailer, these have been purchased and donated by the Nobleford Ag Society, and the Lethbridge 4H club.



Below are the emergency vehicles used by our first responders on a weekly basis. Weekly truck checks, yearly CVIP inspections, and an annual pump test help keep assurance our equipment is in top working order for when needed

COMMAND 4-1

Command 4 is our main Incident Command unit, quick response for the fire chief/Officers. Usually first on scene, this allows for a command structure to be implemented quickly.



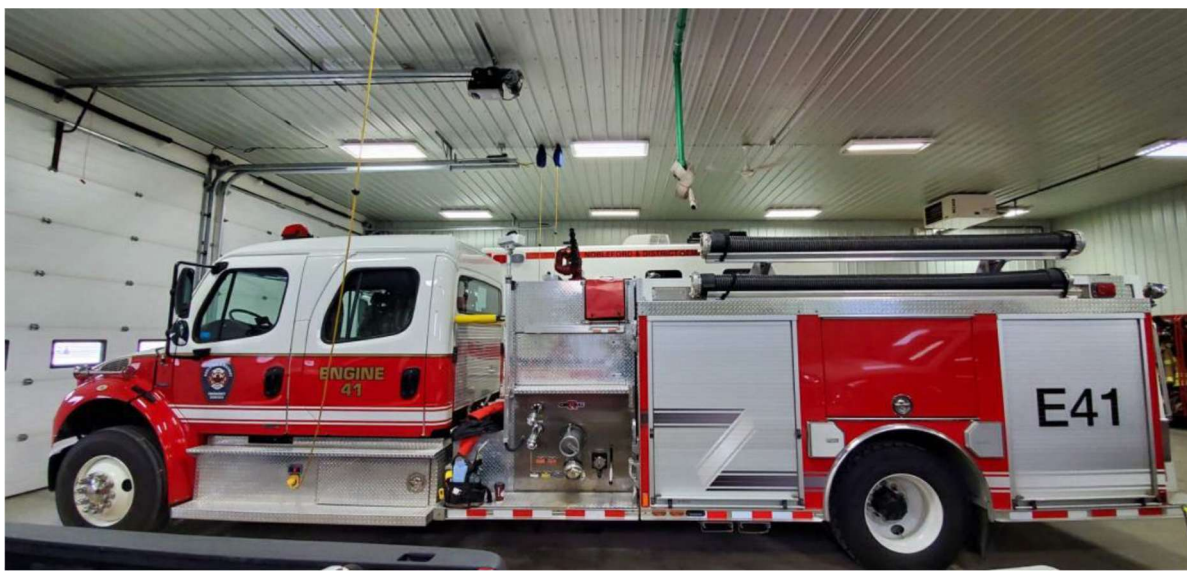
COMMAND 4-2

Command 4 is our Incident Command unit, quick response for the deputy fire chief/ Officers. Usually first/ second on scene, this allows for a command structure to be implemented quickly.



ENGINE 41

ENGINE 41 is our mainline structural fire engine for the county, which holds an 800-gallon water tank, and multiple pieces of firefighting equipment / tools, including 4 SCBA with additional air tanks, Thermal Camera, and an air monitoring unit.



Nobleford and Area Museum Society:



The Nobleford Museum had a productive summer and we wish to thank everyone, near and far, who toured the museum and took a few books to read over the summer. We especially thank our summer employee, Destiny, for all her dedication and fine work throughout the two months. She was able to assist with researching, digitizing and transcribing valuable data regarding our area's history and acquisitions in our museum. Her hard work, positive attitude and friendly demeanor was greatly appreciated and we wish her well as she continues her education at the university.

The Museum is now closed for the season. But we can open and accommodate future visitors, school groups, special tours and historic research for anyone wishing to access our site. Contact information is on the front door and you may call or text Sheila at 403-993-9798 for further information.

Nobleford Heritage Society:



No updates for September

Nobleford Park & Recreation Society:



No updates for September

Nobleford Oldtimers' Association:



The dog days of summer are over and cooler weather is just around the corner. Are you looking for something to occupy your time? Nobleford Seniors invite anyone 45+ to join us.



**Coffee
Wednesday
9:00-11:00**

**Nobleford
Seniors**



**Billards
Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00
Friday
1:00-3:00**

**Crafts
Wednesday
1:00-3:00**



**Nobleford Seniors
"Re-purposed Mitten"
Project**



**Funds raised from this project
will help to equip the kitchen at
Nobleford Seniors**



STAY & PLAY

WHAT

In this drop-in program, parents/caregivers and their children 0-6 years, engage together in self-guided and structured play, which encourages healthy attachment and development.

WHEN

Wednesdays

September 16 - December 16

(no program on holidays)

9:30-11:30 am

WHERE

Nobleford FCSS

231 King Street, Nobleford

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Maria

403-795-7561 Text/ Call/ 

maria.klassen@fcss.ca

Alberta



THRIVE

WHAT

In this 10 week program, new parents will learn about the rewards and challenges of being a parent. An FCSS Counsellor and FCSS Early Childhood Development Coach will explore mental wellness in the postpartum period as well as infant development and care. Children under the age of 12 months are welcome to attend the group. Limited childcare available.

WHEN

Tuesdays, September 29 - December 15

9:30-11:30 am

(no sessions Nov. 17 or Dec 8)

WHERE

Nobleford FCSS

231 King Street, Nobleford

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration deadline: September 22

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Alberta



The theme for 2024-2026 World Suicide Prevention Day is “Changing the Narrative on Suicide”. The aim is shifting from a culture of silence and stigma to one of openness, understanding, and support. Suicide is not inevitable. It is preventable and must be prevented.

Let's change the narrative by talking openly about suicide and suicide prevention, show compassion, offer support, and listen without judgment.

Am I at Risk of Suicide?

Many kinds of emotional pain can lead to thoughts of suicide. The reasons for this pain are unique to each one of us, and the ability to cope with the pain differs from person to person. However, some of the more common warning signs can include:

- Withdrawing from friends and social activities.
- Lost interest in activities that you were interested in or enjoyed doing.
- Feeling hopeless, having no reason to live, feeling like a burden to others, and/or feeling trapped.
- Trauma: Having experienced recent trauma or a life crisis such as a death of a loved one, divorce or break-up, diagnosis of a major illness, and/or loss of a job.

Suicidal ideation isn't always like flipping a switch. Thoughts may come on gradually over weeks or months. There is no shame in seeking help. Talking to a loved one, counsellor, or therapist about such thoughts is the first step to overcoming them, strengthening mental well-being, and moving toward recovery.

Need help now? Call or text 9-8-8 (Suicide Crisis Helpline) anywhere in Canada, 24/7. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 911.

FCSS Counsellors can support residents to navigate life's challenges. For more information about FCSS counselling services or to book an appointment, please visit our website at www.fcsc.ca or call (587) 370-3728.

SERVING:

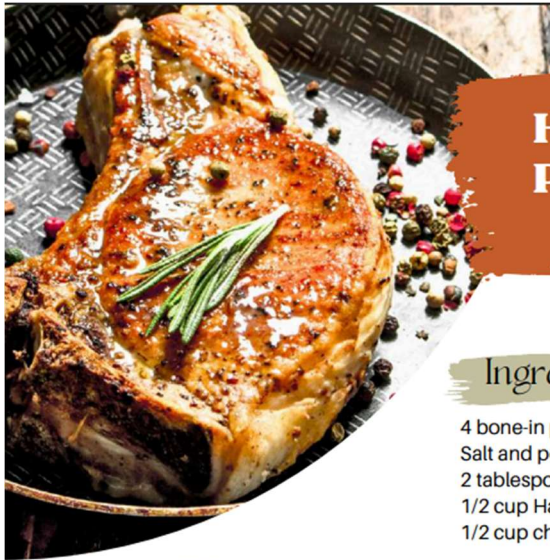
Barons | Barnwell | Coalhurst | Coaldale | Coutts | County of Warner | Lethbridge County | MD of Taber | Milk River | Nobleford | Picture Butte | Stirling | Raymond | Taber | Vauxhall | Warner

Michael Fedunec
Counselling Services Supervisor



Monthly Meal Suggestion:

SEPTEMBER



HASKAP DESSERT WINE PORK CHOPS



45 minutes



4 servings

Ingredients

4 bone-in pork chops (about 1 inch thick)
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup Haskap Dessert wine
1/2 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup heavy cream
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Fresh thyme or rosemary for garnish (optional)

Directions

1. Pat the pork chops dry with paper towels. Season both sides with salt and pepper.
2. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the pork chops and sear for about 4-5 minutes on each side until they are golden brown. Remove the pork chops from the skillet and set aside.
3. In the same skillet, reduce the heat to medium. Add the chopped onion and cook until softened, about 3-4 minutes. Add the minced garlic and cook for another 1-2 minutes, until fragrant.
4. Pour in the dessert wine and chicken broth, scraping up any browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Bring the mixture to a simmer.
5. Return the pork chops to the skillet. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and let them cook for about 10-15 minutes, or until the pork chops are cooked through (internal temperature of 145°F/63°C).
6. Remove the pork chops from the skillet and keep them warm. Stir in the heavy cream and Dijon mustard into the skillet. Simmer the sauce for about 5 minutes until it thickens slightly. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste.
7. Pour the sauce over the pork chops. Garnish with fresh thyme or rosemary if desired. Serve hot. Pairs beautifully with roasted vegetables or mashed potatoes.



HASKAP CRUMBLE

⌚ 10 minutes (Prep)
25 minutes (Bake) 👤 8-10 servings

Ingredients

Filling

4 cups Frozen Haskap Berries
1 cup Sugar
1/2 cup All Purpose Flour

Crumble Topping

1 cup All Purpose Flour
1 cup Quick Oats
1/2 cup Brown Sugar
1/2 cup Butter

Directions

1. Make filling: Mix haskap berries, sugar and flour in a bowl. Transfer to a 9x9" baking dish.
2. Make crumble topping: Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Spread over berries in baking dish.
3. Bake for 20-25 minutes at 350°F.
4. Serve with your favourite ice cream!



Monthly Activity Suggestion:



Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park: Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park is a natural park straddling the Alberta/Saskatchewan boundary and jointly administered by the two provinces. Located south-east of Medicine Hat in the Cypress Hills, it became Canada's first interprovincial park in 1989. Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park offers year-round activities like hiking, biking (mountain & fat biking), camping, and wildlife viewing, plus water sports (boating, swimming) at Elkwater Lake in summer, it's also known for its Dark Sky Preserve for stargazing, equestrian trails, historic sites, and adventure parks like Treeosix for ziplining and disc golf.

Summer Activities:

Hiking & Biking: Explore numerous trails for all levels, including paved paths around Elkwater Lake.

Water Sports: Swim, boat, kayak, or canoe on Elkwater Lake; fish in Reesor Lake.

Wildlife & Nature: Spot diverse wildlife (including rare orchids) and enjoy scenic drives for incredible views.

Adventure: Try disc golf, climbing walls, or e-bike rentals at Treeosix Adventure Park.

Horseback Riding: Access over 140 km of equestrian trails.

Stargazing: Visit the observatory or find a spot in the Dark Sky Preserve.

Year-Round:

Camping: Options range from rustic to comfort camping.

Geocaching: Participate in modern-day treasure hunts.

History: Explore various historic sites within the park.



Monthly Maintenance Suggestion:



House Maintenance Tips for the year - research-based, not from a professional!

September – Prepare for the colder months ahead

Interior Maintenance:

- Schedule furnace/HVAC servicing.
- Clean or replace furnace and humidifier filters.
- Clean dryer vents and range hood filters.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; replace old units.
- Inspect fireplace and chimney; schedule cleaning.
- Check insulation and seal drafts.
- Begin stocking winter supplies.

Exterior Maintenance:

- Clean gutters and downspouts.
- Drain all exterior water lines and disconnect hoses.
- Inspect roof, siding, and foundation; seal gaps.
- Store or cover patio furniture and outdoor tools.
- Clean and cover the barbecue.





Community Page

The Community Page is a space for residents to share announcements and information with the community—such as weddings, bridal showers, garage sales, upcoming events, or other local notices. This page is intended to keep neighbours informed and connected. Please note that advertising of products or goods is not permitted.

To ensure this remains a respectful and welcoming space for everyone, all submissions will be reviewed by the Town prior to posting. Content that includes inappropriate language, profanity, or material deemed unsuitable will not be published.

FYI:

Due to this page not being utilized by our residents, it will be taken out of our monthly newsletter starting October 2026.

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