

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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Water Plant Woes

We are sorry to inform you that our aging water treatment plant has developed some problems that may result in multiple periodic shut-downs from now until the end of January or mid-February. Our main distribution pump to the village has died, and we are currently operating with the back-up pump which is also not really healthy. You may already be noticing low water pressure especially at peak usage times such as meal-time and first thing in the mornings.

There will be times when the distribution pumps must be shut down completely for repairs, and we will try to give some warning on the bulletin boards around town, and on the website.

Some suggestions to lessen the inconvenience:

- ◆ Have a few buckets of water on hand for flushing toilet, washing hands, etc.,.
- ◆ Keep a jug or two of drinking water in your fridge.
- ◆ Don't do laundry at peak hours such as mealtimes or early morning.

On Friday, Jan. 2, the old pump will be removed and a temporary pump installed. Two new pumps will be ordered, but they may take 3 to 4 months to be delivered. Furthermore, we will be going through the paperwork and steps to have these qualified for a Prov. Grant of 75%. The cost is expected to be over \$50,000.

We are asking all residents to do their part to make this as painless as possible for everyone. If we pull together, it will be easier on everyone.

Form 2 **Notice of Nomination Day** Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)

Local Jurisdiction: Village of Alliance, in the Province of Alberta
 Notice is hereby given the Nomination Day is **Tuesday, January 20, 2009**
 and that nominations for the elections of candidates for the following offices will
 be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below, between
 the hours of **10 AM and 12:00 Noon** on Nomination Day.

OFFICE(S)	Number of Vacancies
Councilor	2

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:
 Village of Alliance
 209 Main Street West
 Alliance, Alberta

DATED at the Village of Alliance in the
 Province of Alberta, this 30th day of December, 2008.

 (Returning Officer)

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

**Next Council meeting
Monday, January 19
6 PM**

Members of the public are always welcome to attend Council meetings as observers. If you have an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. Jan.15, 2009

Once again the Mayor and staff extend thanks to Everyone for their support, encouragement and Patience during this time of transition.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Norman Johnston, and will miss him hugely, as will the entire community.

By-Election

A special Council meeting was held on December 5, 2008. A by-Election date was then set for Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

The motion states that it will be for one or two Councilors depending upon Norman's ability to continue. A few days before his passing, Norman talked about this with Mayor Fankhanel and stated that he did not wish to continue on Council.

As we enter a New Year, we must set a budget for 2009, and this is best done with a full council. Thus the decision to move ahead quickly.

 * Thanks to Peacock Energy for sponsoring this newsletter *

Library

Tues. 1—5 PM
Thurs. 9—1 AM

Museum

**Open Every
Wednesday & Saturday
1 -4 PM**
Or Call for apptmt.

Marie - 879-2144
Karin - 879-2333
Meetings
4th Monday, 7:30 PM

Village Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9 AM - Noon
1 PM - 3 PM
Friday 9 to Noon

Landfill Hours

Effective October 1
Wednesdays
9am -12 Noon
Saturdays
1 pm - 5 pm

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410
(Coal Trail) &
Range Rd 110
Wednesdays
9 am - 5 pm

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon., Jan. 26**

Forestburg Doctor's Schedule



Phone **582-5185**

When the office is closed, the phone is forwarded to Daysland Medical Center, so appointments can be made Monday to Saturday. Please specify that you want your appointment in Forestburg.

Jan.. 2 - Dr. Niemann
Jan. 6 - Dr. Hart
Jan. 9 - Dr. Fouche
Jan. 13 - Dr. Niemann
Jan. 16 - Dr. Hart
Jan. 20 - Locum
Jan. 23 - Dr. Fouche
Jan. 27 - Dr. Hart
Jan. 30 - Dr. Niemann

FARMER'S MARKET DAY

Wed., January 21
10 am to 2 pm

Alliance Community Hall
Lots of vendors with a variety of items.

Great place to meet with
Friends and neighbors and
Enjoy a terrific lunch!
To book tables,
Or for more information
Call Tina @ 879-3917 or
Sharon @ 879-3804

Transfer Site Fees

Please note that Flagstaff Waste Management has changed the fee structure for the transfer site.

- ◆ Truckload - \$3
- ◆ Appliances - \$3
(i.e. stoves, driers, washer,
microwave, etc.)
- ◆ Fridge Or Deepfreeze—\$15

Well Baby Clinic

**Schedule Change
Effective Sept 2006
First Tuesday morning
Of the month**
At Alliance Community Hall

Call 384-3652 for apptmt.

Sedgewick Health Unit

2nd Tuesday: 10am - 3 pm
4th Tuesday: 1:30pm - 8 pm

Killam Medical Center

385-7890
Monday to Friday
9 am to 12 Noon
1:30 to 4:30 PM

Rec Center Bookings

Anyone having business or inquiries regarding the Rec Centre Should contact
Donna Chalifoux
780-879-4445

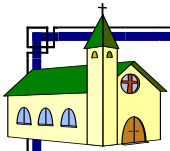
This is one of the many things Norman Johnston has been Doing for the community, and we miss him now.

If you **already** have something booked at the Rec Center, please call Donna, since we do not know what bookings Norman had previously made.

Catering



Elaine Bratlund at the Commercial
Hotel will be providing
Catering services.



Alliance United Church

Minister: Rev. Jope Langejans
Phone—582-3796, or
Alliance Church 879-3883
WEBSITE— <http://allianceuc.anwc.net/>

Sunday Worship@ 9:30 AM
Sunday School at 11:00 AM

All are welcome to join in worship and fellowship following the service.

Custom Cakes by Wilma



Wow!

Dec. 17th Cake Draws
Raised \$193.00 for the food bank.
Tickets drawn by Marie Rands

Winners: Sue Thomas and Jim Cromarty

Kids Free Draw winners -

J'Lynn Schneider
Hayden Schneider
Matthew Schneider

Thank you and Have a wonderful holiday!

School Division Census

A notice to all households in Alliance and surrounding school districts— Expect someone to come knocking on your door in early January, regarding a census for the extension of the East Central Catholic School Division into our area.

The Argyle Women's Institute

*Wish to express their appreciation for
The support given their "Fund Raising"
at the Farmer's Market.*

It has enabled them to donate to -

- * *Tsunami orphaned children*
- * *Women's shelters*
- * *FCSS Food Bank*
- * *Alliance Fire Department*

Municipal Sustainability Planning

As we have been writing about in past newsletters, the time has come for our Community meeting for Sustainability Planning.

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 22

WHERE: Alliance Rec Center meeting room

WHO: Everyone who lives in the area

TIME: First session— 1 PM to 4 PM

Second session—7 PM—10 PM

These sessions will be the same, but we hope to get more people out—you can choose the session which suits you the best, or come to both. The more people who attend, the more ideas we will have to work with.

Tube of Life



The "Tube of Life" is available for free at the Village Office. The tube contains your medical information (diagnosed conditions, prescriptions, allergies, doctor's name and number, next of kin, etc.) and also your directions about CPR and whatever life-saving measures you wish to have administered. You fill out the information sheet, place it in the tube, and place the tube in your fridge.

There is a magnet that you put on the outside of the fridge. Ambulance attendants will look for this when they arrive, and the information you have placed in the tube will assist them in providing the best care for you.

A.C.D.C.

- * An armful of appreciation to all those who worked so hard to make our Santa Daze and Parade of Lights so enjoyable. Weren't the floats and fireworks great?
- * Thanks to the Legion for the most enjoyable Christmas Party. The decorations, good, music and socializing were great.
- * Thanks to Lynn and Denny Nielsen and their elves for building the beautiful float that was entered in the parade. Thanks also the elves for erecting the reindeer display and beautifying the main street planters.

A Big Thank You

To everyone who participated in and supported the "Parade of Lights."

To the July 1st committee for the fireworks, Vernon and Brad for setting them off.

To Wayne and all who helped him get the firewood, and Roger Spady for lighting the fire.

To Jeff with ATCO and Dave for shutting down the street lights.

To everyone who did something to make the event work.

AND to the spectators who braced the arctic temperatures.

It's people like you who keep our community and our endeavors going. All the best in 2009.

Food for Thought... "Red Marbles"

I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged, but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

"Hello Barry, How are you today?"

"H'lo Mr. Miller. Fine thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas.

They sure look good."

"They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?"

"Fine. Gittin' stronger all' time."

"Good. Anything I can help you with?"

"No sir. Jus' admirin' them peas."

"Would you like to take some home?" asked Mr.

Miller.

"No Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with."

"Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?"

"All I got's my prize marble here."

"Is that right? Let me see it", said Miller,.

"Here 'tis. She's a dandy."

"I can see that. Hmmmmmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home? The store owner asked.

"Not zackley, but almost."

"Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble." Mr. Miller told the boy.

"Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store."

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles.

Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them.. Upon arrival at the mortuary, we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could.

Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts—all very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket. Each one hugged her, spoke briefly and moved on to the casket. Her misty blue eyes followed them as one by one, each young man placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly wiping his eyes.

I greeted Mrs. Miller and reminded her of the story from many years ago. With eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket. "Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim traded them. Now, when Jim Could not change his mind about color or size they came to pay their debt. We never had a great deal of worldly wealth," she confided," but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho." With loving gentleness, she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

The Moral: We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

Today I wish you a day of ordinary miracles ~ a fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself ~ an unexpected phone call from an old friend ~ Green stoplights on your way to work ~ the fastest line at the grocery store ~ a good sing-along song on the radio ~ your keys right where you left them.

***IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GATHER, BUT WHAT YOU SCATTER THAT TELLS
WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU HAVE LIVED.***