

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
Monday, June 15
6 PM

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. June 10, 2009
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Thanks to the diligent work of CAO, Laura, and engineer James, in preparing grant applications, and the foresight of all of us to invite the "powers that be" to visit our worn out water treatment plant, we have received a substantial grant from the Alberta Department of Transportation, which will allow us to make the necessary upgrades.

The work is being done in stages, and there will be occasional shut-downs.

Council Notes

- ▶ Some residents attended to speak to the proposed cat bylaw which resulted in a change of wording in clauses 3 & 9. The bylaw with revised wording appears on our website. 3rd and Final reading will be on June 15th, and there will be a 30 day grace period for cat owners to register their cats.
- ▶ House numbers— we have been advised that emergency services would be able to find you quicker in an emergency if your house had numbers showing the street address. Council decided to request that all homes and businesses put their address on their place of residence in a spot that is easily visible from the street. If this is not done by July 15, 2009, we will have our STEP employee do it, and you will be charged for the cost of the numbers, and a small installation charge.
- ▶ The 2009 budget and Tax Bylaw were passed. Your Assessment has gone up considerably, due to the price that many homes have been bringing, and pressure from the Prov. Govt to bring assessment closer to city values. As a result, our municipal mill rate dropped 5.62 points. If your assessment went up a huge amount, your taxes will be slightly higher, but many are lower than last year.



TOTAL Fire Ban Is in effect For the Entire Province

This means no burning of any kind, including fire-pits, burning barrels, firecrackers and fireworks. Please be very careful with cigarette butts, discarded matches, etc.

Friday, May 29

Water pressure will be low all day.
Please use water sparingly

2009 Combined Assessment & Tax Notices

Were mailed to all property owners on May 26, 2009.

Any person wishing to appeal the assessment of their property must file a written appeal along with a \$25.00 deposit by June 26.

If appeal is successful, the deposit is refundable.

Thanks to
The Commercial Hotel
(new owners, Denis Cantin and
Isobel Levesque)
Sponsors of this newsletter

Library

Tues. 1—5 PM
7—9 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 April 1
Wednesdays
9am -12 Noon
Saturdays
1 pm - 6:30 pm

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410
(Coal Trail) &
Range Rd 110
Wednesdays
9 am - 6:30 pm

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon., June 22**

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.

Fri, May 29	- Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, June 2	- Dr. Hart
Fri, June 5	- Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, June 9	- Dr. Niemann
Fri, June 12	- Dr. Hart
Tues, June 16	- Dr. Fouche
Fri, June 19	- Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, June 23	- Dr. Niemann
Fri, June 26	- Dr. Hart
Tues. June 30	- Dr. Fouche

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., June 17
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,
Call Tina @ 879-3917 or
Sharon @ 879-3804

Niconna's Greenhouse

**Opens May 1st -
10 AM to 8 PM**

13^{1/4} miles east of Alliance on
Secondary 602
Phone 780-879-2240

Bedding plants, perennials, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets & urns
Will plant your planters for you if you bring them to the greenhouse.

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

Due to the Fire Ban,

it is impossible to burn the wood
Pit at the local dump.
The pit is overfull now, and we
CANNOT accept any more
Lumber or trees until it is safe to
burn.

This is **NOT** the fault of
our Attendant. The weather is
entirely out of his control.
PLEASE be kind to our
Transfer site attendants.

Craft Nights

Are discontinued for the summer and will resume in the fall.



FOUND

In the bush at the
Sports Grounds
A tiny child's bike
with damaged training
wheels.

It is at Village Office.
The owner may take it home if you
can describe it.



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.

Library

We are excited to have another interesting author coming to our Library on June 24th at 1 PM.

Doris Maron (born and raised near Brownfield, sister of Liz Whitelock, a former area resident), will be sharing some of her adventures from her two motorcycle trips that encircled the entire globe! Her power point presentation will be a sampling of sights from around the world.

She has authored two books—*Untamed Spirit*, and *Untamed Spirit II*.
Please join us for an exciting afternoon.



The Library Board extends their sincere thanks to Elda & Tony Yakimovich for the lovely commemorative plaque they generously donated in honor of Norman Johnston. It will be displayed in the Rec Centre as a lasting tribute for his work in our community.



Strawberry Tea

To honor our Seniors
June 10th
Alliance Community Hall
2—4 PM



Alliance Playschool Changing format

Only one new parent was present at the May meeting, and her child is not old enough for Playschool. The group decided that they would try forming a parent/tot group in the fall. They plan to continue renting the space in the basement of the Rec centre, so the toys and play equipment will be there for this group to use. They have contacted Parent Link and will be accessing some of the programs they offer free of charge.

Parent Link is a program under Alberta Government Children's Services. Parent Link's mandate is to provide programs that promote family wellness, positive parent-child relationships, improve parenting knowledge and skills, foster optimal child development, and ensure that children get a healthy start in life.

A Parent Link staff member will come to weekly Parent/Tot sessions in September and help get organized, as well as provide some very helpful speakers.

The Parent/Tot group would likely meet once a week for a couple of hours. The first 30—40 minutes would be spend doing stories and rhymes, followed by a snack, and free play for the children while the parents have "parenting" time.

Some of the topics that may be covered are Infant massage, nutrition, and many others.

All mommies and daddies are invited to come to the meeting on June 9th at the Playschool to start the ball rolling.
For more information, contact Tracy @ 780-879-3793.

Municipal Sustainability Planning

At our April meeting, everyone was so engrossed in their group discussions that many missed the setting of the next meeting date, so it was a small group that gathered on May 13th to continue working on the MSP. However, it was a useful and productive discussion.

- ▶ Decided that we have not progressed far enough yet to pursue the formation of a co-operative, but it is still a possibility down the road.
- ▶ School building— The taxpayers have expressed concern that they will be stuck with the bill if we take on a project with the School. Council does not intend to use taxpayer dollars for this purpose, but if the village is part of the project we will be able to access some grant money. We are still waiting for word from the Minister of Education as to whether we get the grant for restoration.
- ▶ Looking for ways to collect historical stories from the area and compile them to enhance our tourism appeal. The WI and the Museum are looking at this idea.
- ▶ Recreation—Several activities are already being planned for enhanced youth and family recreation. There is more info on page 4.

COME ON OUT TO THE BALL GAME



Come and play scrub softball on Saturday afternoons at 4 PM down at the Sports-ground. If we have enough people, we can make up teams. Starting the first Saturday in June and into July if there is enough interest.

If anyone wants to play ball on weeknights, you can sign out equipment at the Village Office during the day and pick up the key at the office. If you can't make it during the day, there will be a sign out sheet and key at Sue Thomas's residence—115—2nd Ave West.

We have two great new ball diamonds, and we could have a lot of fun playing non-competitive ball.

Watch for news about a July 1st Fastball game featuring a Triple AAA team

We are in negotiations with a team that is showing definite interest in coming out to our Sports Day. This could be really good ball for the fans.

Job Opportunity

The Village of Alliance
Is seeking an Office Assistant to the Administrator

The ideal candidate would :

- ▶ Have good communication skills
- ▶ The ability to relate well to the public
- ▶ Work well in a team atmosphere
- ▶ Have good computer skills, especially in Micro-soft Word, Excel, and Publisher
- ▶ Have an understanding of Municipal Government

The position will be up to 10 hours per week, with extra time during Administrator's holidays. There is potential for this position to lead to more hours in the future.

Please submit written resume with 3 references to
Village of Alliance
Box 149
Alliance, AB T0B 0A0

Deadline—June 11, 2009

Position will be open until a suitable candidate is found.



STEP

The Village of Alliance is seeking a student for Summer Temporary Employment.

Must be 16 years of age and have valid drivers license.

Please submit written resume with 3 references to
Village of Alliance
Box 149
Alliance, AB T0B 0A0
DEADLINE—4 PM, June 1

GYMKHANA

Events include Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Ride & run Race, Stake Race & many more exciting & fun-filled events for all ages—Kids—adults!

Registration at 11:30 am

at the

Sports Grounds Riding Arena

On July 1st Sports Day

Activities from 12 Noon to 4 PM

For more info call Velma (780)879-3760 or

Helen (403)882-4104

Sponsored by Paintearth Light
Hose 4-H Club



On Canada Day

WANTED!

Slow Pitch Teams

For Alliance July 1st Sportsday

Round up your family, friends and co-workers, form a team and have some fun!!

For Information and to register call:

Dale Wold @ 789-879-3823 or

Dave Towers @ 780- 879-3861

 * We would like to thank everyone who so
 * promptly came to our farm's rescue the day of the
 * fire.
 * To all the Fire Departments—Alliance, Gala-
 * had, Forestburg, Hardisty, a tremendous thank-you
 * for responding so quickly.
 * To all who brought tractors, discs, water
 * tanks, water trucks, and any other equipment we
 * may have missed, thank-you so very much.
 * To those who graciously brought food and
 * juice to all the hungry, thirsty fire-fighters, thank-you.
 * To everyone who manned the phones and
 * the roads to try and keep traffic at a safe pace, a
 * huge thank-you.
 * Mere words cannot express the gratitude we
 * feel to everyone who helped in any way on that
 * windy Sunday. If we have missed anyone, we are
 * deeply sorry and again, thank you one and all.
 * Dale and Louella Bateman & family
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Volunteers Needed
 CHSPS Travel club (Alliance students) are
 looking after the gates on July 1st.
 We could really use some volunteers.
 If you are able to help out that day, please
 call Raylene at 780-879-2275.
 Thank you.

Mrs. T's
Liquor +
Cold Beer
Store



Opening May 29th
 Under new ownership Albert & Teresa Corbel
 Open 11—8
 Monday to Saturday
 Closed Sunday
 780-879-0003
 Ice & mix available

Main Street Medley



What can we do for you?

Our Custom Specialty Items:

- Embroidery—Engraving (laser & rotary) - Trophies
- Banners— Signs—Professional graphics—Vehicle lettering—Full Wraps—Decals—Team and Business Branding

Advertise your Logo of Photo on:

- Cups—Hats—Jackets—Shirts—MP3 covers—Lighters—Badges—Helmets—Backpacks & More
- Photo gifts—Special Occasion gifts—Customized Gifts

Timely Service & Reasonable Rates
Specializing in Short Runs and Rush Orders

110 Main Street, Alliance
780-879-2100
mainstreetmedley@wildroseinternet.ca



Breaking News ...

Battle River Railroad received confirmation on May 27th that their bid to purchase the CN line has been accepted !! There are many details to be finalized, But we are on the rails in the right direction!
 Good Work everyone!!

MANY MANY BOUQUETS ...

So many thank yous have been sent in this month—here goes -

- ♥ The Alliance travel club members thank the people who donated bottles for our bottle drive. It was greatly appreciated. We will be having another bottle drive in the first part of July as well. So if you have bottles, contact one of the following and we will pick them up —
Raylene—780-879-2275, or Velma 780-879-3760
- ♥ Paintearth 4-H Multi-club thanks the Double A Riding Club for their donations to the Multiclub to help out with our first running of the Gynkhana on July 1st. We also thank Ken Clough for donating his time and equipment to work up the arena for us.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who came out and took part in the Municipal Sustainability Study. This is a working document and your ideas are welcome anytime.
- ♥ To all those who did the foot work, and too those who turned out to vote for the establishment of Alliance as a Catholic School District. Parents will now have a choice in where to send their children for schooling, and bussing will be paid.
- ♥ To Dale Wold and Ryan Berry who planted 250 spruce seedlings along our walking path. These trees were a gift from Tree Canada Foundation, in partnership with Strathcona County, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries, Shell Scotford Refinery, Edmonton Community Services, and the Alberta Naturalization Network Society.
- ♥ To Marie Rands and Karin Stoner for their many years of service on the Museum Board.
- ♥ To BRAED (Battle River Association for Economic Development) for sponsoring Muriel to the Alberta Regional Economic Development Conference in Sherwood Park. Special sessions she chose to attend were green building products, rural manufacturing, and technology commercialization.
- ♥ To the Alliance Valley Inn (pizza & water), Southbend Colony, L & M Bobcat Services (Michael Forrester), Galahad & Hardisty Fire Departments, and everyone who came with tractors, water tanks, and other equipment to assist in fighting the fire on May 26th
- ♥ To Terry & Vivian Clark and Muriel, who once again have taken on the demanding task of watering the village trees
- ♥ To all who supported the Market Day Cake Draws—April raised \$155, and May \$235.75 for Flagstaff Food Bank. Winners—Barb Kunst, Laurie Fuller, Edit Zoch, Peter Spady
- ♥ Mary Wold thanks the Library Board for the lovely Tea, and all who brought gifts. The Library was so beautifully decorated. Mary truly enjoyed her years working with the Library

SCRAPBOOKING

Grades 6 and older ..

Come have some great fun Scrapbooking, snacking, and enjoying the company of your friends with us at the Alliance Library

June 5 at 7 PM

**We plan to do this monthly. Cost \$10/ month
We will discuss following fun nights at this event.**

For more info:

Tracy 780-879-3793, or Velma 780-879-3760

Catch these offers at

Buchanan Bigway

Farmer's market Day is Senior's Day—

Seniors get 10 % off purchases

Family day—Last Friday of Month -

With \$100 cash or cheque purchase get a coupon for

a free pizza from the Alliance Valley Inn

(total purchase excludes tobacco and lottery tickets)

Thankyou for your Support;

Main Street Medley

VP Enterprises

CE Franklin

Lions Club

*Royal Canadian
Legion Br. # 94*

Alliance Riding Club



A special thankyou to The Southbend Colony
for their timely assistance responding to fires
alongside the department.

We would also like to thank Jerry Mandel, Owner of
Alliance Battle River Steam for the efforts and
assistance he has rendered to the department.

**The Alliance Fire Dept. Would like you
to come to a special event:**

Be Advised

**no minors. Doors open at 9:00 pm. Bar and Midnight Lunch.
\$ 5.00 Cover Charge. Drinks \$3.00.**

Come and Support Your Alliance Fire Department

Come pick up your tickets at the Alliance Town Office.