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Mother's Day Breakfast

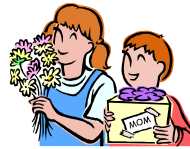
Sunday, May 9

9 am to 11 am

Alliance Community Hall

Ages 6 to 12 - \$ 4

Adults \$ 6



Bring the whole family and treat Mom on her special day.

Sponsored by Alliance Legion # 94

Council News

The past few months have been very busy for Council as we review our existing Land-Use Bylaw and prepare to update it. We have met twice with Municipal Planning Services, and held an Open House at the April 21 Farmer's Market. Feedback from that will be discussed with the Planner on May 5th, and a final draft prepared for first reading on May 17. The next step is to hold a Public Hearing at which the Planner will make a presentation and take notes of issues raised by the public. The Planner will prepare a report for Council regarding these issues and Council will make decisions as to further revisions prior to 2nd and 3rd readings. Watch for notice of Public Hearing.

What is a Land-use Bylaw?

A Land Use Bylaw is a municipal bylaw which:

- * Establishes regulations for private development on private land
- * Divides the municipality into districts
- * Prescribes permitted and discretionary uses for each district
- * Establishes the number of dwelling units permitted on a lot, and
- * Establishes a method of making decisions on applications for development permits.

The Municipal Government Act stipulates that every municipality in Alberta must have a Land Use Bylaw. The Village Land-Use Bylaw was last reviewed in 1994. Since that time numerous changes have emerged in the field of land use planning and development. As a result the draft new Land Use Bylaw contains many updates. Once the draft is finalized, copies will be available from the Office. Your feedback is highly appreciated. See more information on page 3 and 4 of this newsletter.....

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
Monday, May 17
6 PM

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. May 13, 2009

Our thanks to everyone who stopped at our Market Booth to chat with us and give your input on the new Land-Use Bylaw. It is not too late to voice your opinion, so please drop by the Office to make your wishes known.



Strawberry Tea

Tues, June 8,

1:30 to 4 pm

Alliance Community Hall

\$ 5 per person

6 & under free

Everyone Welcome
Come help us celebrate Seniors Week & support your local library

If you would like to Sponsor a newsletter, we need sponsors now.

*Thank you Victoria Howard and Family
For sponsoring this month's 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
Tues, May 25**

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, April 30	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, May 4	- Dr. Duplessis
Fri, May 7	- Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, May 11	- Dr. Duplessis
Fri, May 14	- Dr. Hart
Tues, May 18	- Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, May 21	- Dr. Hart
Tues, May 25	- Dr. Hart
Fri, May 28	- Dr. vanVuuren

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed., May 19
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



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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



Mixed Wedding Shower

For
Dwayne McCracken
& Carolyn Collier

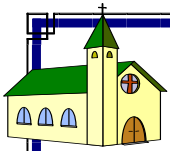
Sunday, May 23 At 7 PM

At Brownfield
Recreation Center

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.



Alliance United Church

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

Sunday Worship@ 11:30 AM

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

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Town Wide Garage Sale

Friday, May 28,

6—p pm

Saturday, May 20,

10 am—2pm

**Look for Balloons to mark
The sales.**

Southbend Greenhouse

Will be open on

May 3, 2010

Located 5 miles east on Sec. 602 and
5 miles south on RR 124.

Look for signs.

Come shop for all your flower needs.

Trail of the Buffalo

Wendy and Muriel enjoyed doing shifts in the Trail of the Buffalo Booth at the Stettler Trade Fair. It gave us an opportunity to promote our area as well as the Trail area. There was much interest in the planned activities of our train.

Alliance hosted the April TOB meeting, and Wendy's saskatoon pies were a big hit.

Alliance is a founding member of the Trail's Destination Marketing Fund (DMF). This will give us an opportunity to set aside funds to promote and improve our camping spaces.

We are interested in exposing locals and visitors to the history of the buffalo's contribution in the area. To this end, if you have rubbing stones or wallows on your property, we would be interested in sharing them with the public.

Please contact Muriel at 879-3924, or Wendy at 879-2117, or call the Village Office. Buffalo artifacts would also be greatly appreciated as well.

MATY

(Mighty A-Town Youth)

We had a very successful bottle drive on April 10th. We hit approx 6 houses and collected \$182.

Thank-you to everyone who supported us. It is very appreciated. So nice to be from a community that opens their doors so generously to our young folk.

This month we will be bowling in Galahad - Sunday April 25 at 1:30 pm.

Next month we will be painting the fence by the Bigway in a very creative colorful way. Thank-you to the Village for offering us such a fun project!! We will also be taking Roger and Betty Spady up on their wonderful offer to come out to the hills for a wiener roast.

For more details, please call Norm or Tamina Miller at 879-2207.

Council News (cont'd).....

The budget will soon be finalized and tax notices will be mailed on May 31st. There are new Provincial regulations if you wish to appeal your Assessment. If you feel that the assessment of your property is not fair, you have 60 days to file an appeal with the Village (i.e. by Aug. 1).

There is a very specific process to follow in filing an appeal:

1. Contact the assessor (Wainwright Assessment Group at 780-842-5002 to discuss it.
2. If this does not satisfy your concerns, you may file a formal complaint by August 1 at the Village Office. You can obtain a complaint form here. The fee to file is \$ 50.00.
3. The Flagstaff Intermunicipal Assessment Appeal Board will then hold a hearing and advise you if the assessment is adjusted.

The members of the appeal board have all received 4 days of training and will be hearing complaints from all communities in the County.

For more info on this, we have free booklets at the Office.

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Council Notes Cont'd.....

What's new in the land-Use Bylaw?

- ◆ **Secondary Suites** - provide flexible options and more affordable housing. Under the new LUB, secondary suites must be at least 378 Sq Ft & no more than 40% of the floor area of the main dwelling unless it is located in the basement of main dwelling. Must comply with the Alberta Building Code and all other Provincial and Municipal regulations. Only one secondary suite per lot, and it cannot be on a separate land title.
- ◆ **Home Businesses**— These are seen as important part of the business life of Alliance. The only intent is to regulate minor and major home businesses based on whether they generate a lot of traffic in a neighbourhood. Development permits for home businesses would be reviewed annually.
- ◆ **Sea cans**— are growing in popularity for storage purposes. The new LUB regulates sea cans as accessory buildings. Sea cans larger than 10 sq.m. would require a development permit. In addition all sea cans must be well maintained and in good condition (which would require a coat of paint), or alternatively, must be adequately buffered to the satisfaction of the development authority.
- ◆ **Modular Homes** - are homes constructed in large sections away from the home site—includes both manufactured and mobile homes. These will be required to meet the CSA Z240 MH Standard, as well as the Alberta Building Code (ABC). They must fit aesthetically with the area in which they are to be located. **Whether or not** the MH conformed to the CSA and the ABC **at the time of manufacture**, it MUST meet the CSA Z240MH and ABC standards if it is to be relocated into the Village.
- ◆ **Trees**— if trees must be removed in the course of development, the developer may be required to plant an equal number of trees somewhere else in the Village
- ◆ **Fences**— Do you think chain link fences are acceptable, or should they be limited to back and side yards, and street abutting fences should be well maintained wood?
- ◆ **Non permanent accessory buildings**— Development permits for non-permanent accessory buildings may be issued for only 3 years, then must be re-permitted.

Now is the time to let your opinions on these matters be known to Council. Please respond by May 17th if you have concerns.

Battle River Training Foundation

The following courses are currently scheduled:

Food Safe is a one day course. Must have 15 to run the one day course. Location will be within Flagstaff County.

Air Brakes and Class 1 has been rescheduled to May 17. Still need 3 students in each class to run.

Contact Kimberley at brtf.kimberley@live.ca, facebook, Farm On.com, www.brtf.ca or 780-385-4815.

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