

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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Working Toward Sustainability

It is almost a year since community members came together to brainstorm ideas and develop a plan to guide our community into the future. This is a working document that will change as projects are completed and goals accomplished. Thanks to many volunteers, Council and staff many things have already been completed:

- * The Museum now houses some of the Norman Johnston collection.
- * We are encouraged to see that more cloth and fewer plastic bags are being used by shoppers.
- * Water has been conserved by making more use of the dam for watering trees and gardens.
- * 3rd avenue has all new sewer lines and water saddles, so tree roots in the sewer should no longer be a problem.
- * Several rough and broken sidewalks were replaced.
- * Flagstaff County hosted all communities at a very positive evening where many ideas were shared for helping the urban communities achieve their goals. This month they will meet with individual communities for more in depth planning.
- * The Village tourism brochure will be distributed at the Saskatoon Sport and Leisure Show and the Lloydminster Trade Show in March, in an attempt to promote our active community.
- * We have joined the Trail of the Buffalo Destination marketing Fund which will provide us with a little income from each night of camping to be used for additional promotion, development and upkeep of our camp grounds.
- * Thanks to two local residents, Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Thursday nights at 8 PM in the United Church Basement.
- * Council meets in February with our Municipal Planner to begin the process of reviewing and revising our Land Use Bylaw.
- * Our new Office Assistant has begun the process of reviewing our bylaws in preparation for updating them all.
- * The water treatment plant upgrades are over half complete with all new piping, two new distribution pumps, new chlorine system, and two new heaters installed. Still to do is filter media and electrical system.
- * The Library has held some very successful projects such as the Cow Bus, scrapbooking, cardmaking, and a book club.

Since this is a working document, Council is always open to suggestions. Also a reminder to groups who have undertaken some projects to please keep us updated on your progress.

*If you would like to sponsor a newsletter,
We need sponsors for this year.*

Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM -Noon.

Next Council meeting
Mon, Feb 15, 2010
6 PM

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by
Thurs. Feb. 11,
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OPEN HOUSE

Council members will be on hand at the Mar 17 Farmers market. We hope that you will stop by our table to see the draft of our new Land use bylaw, and to share your ideas and comments to help us in continuing to make this a great community for all.

LICENSES NOW DUE

All pet owners are reminded that they must renew their licenses each year.

Dogs—\$15
Cats—\$ 10

Businesses are also reminded that business licenses need to be renewed annually—**Fee is \$ 25**

Licensing your pets can help them come home to you. Recently a lady called from Edmonton that she had found a dog with an Alliance tag. We were able to track down the owner who now lives in Edmonton and she was reunited with her pet.

Library

Tues. 1—5 PM
Thurs. 9—1 AM

MUSEUM

**Closed for the
Winter months**

Meetings
4th Monday, 7:30 PM

If you are interested in helping, call Joanne at 780-879-2197
There are several new projects being planned.

Village Office Hours

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

Landfill Hours

Effective November 1
Wednesdays
8:30am -12 Noon
Saturdays
1 pm - 4:30 pm

Rural Landfill

On Township Road 410
(Coal Trail) &
Range Rd 110
Wednesdays
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Newsletter
Deadline
Mon, Feb. 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.

Tues, Feb. 2	- Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, Feb. 5	- Dr. Niemann
Tues, Feb. 9	- Dr. Hart
Fri, Feb. 12	- Locum
Tues, Feb 16	- Locum
Fri, Feb. 19	- Dr. vanVuuren
Tues, Feb. 23	- Dr. Hart
Fri, Feb. 26	- Dr. Niemann

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

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed, February 17

10 am to 2 pm

We are celebrating the 4th anniversary of the Market this month.

*There will be free lunch for the vendors,
lots of door prize draws*

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

Tuesday Craft Nites

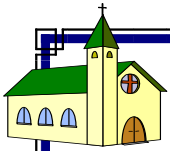
Come join us at 7 PM at the Rec Center
Bring along your own projects to work on, or suggest something you would like to do as a group.
\$2 per night to help with rent.

**Want to
learn to
Knit or
Crochet?**

WI is offering classes
In Alliance
Call 780-879-3970

Community Calendars

It's time to renew your Community Calendar subscription.
Previous subscribers will be contacted, or you can renew at the Farmer's Market.



Alliance United Church

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

Sunday services at 11:30 AM

February 7th—Service time is 9:30 for this one day only.

Join us for food & fellowship after the service.
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Bible Study starts Friday, Feb. 12 at noon.
Contact Jope if you wish to join so he can order a book for you.
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Silent Auction & Meet your Neighbor Night
March 6

Mark your calendar for a fun evening.
Donations for the auction would be Welcome—leave with Marie Rands or Laura Towers
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Youth Program

Watch this space for details of activities being planned for our tweens and teens. We expect to have more by next month.
Any suggestions—
call Tamina at 780-879-2207

Phone Directory Update

ACDC and AWOFF (Alliance Women on Fire) will be updating the local phone directory. If you are not listed on the present directory, Or your name or number are incorrect, please call Lynn at 780-879-4441 Muriel at 780-8879-3924 Village Office at 780-879-3911

Sidewalk Snow Removal



All residents and businesses are reminded that you are required to remove snow from all sidewalks fronting your property within 48 hours of snowfall. If you are unable to do so, please contact the Village Office and we will arrange for someone to do it and bill you for it.

Our most sincere thanks to our community and surrounding communities for their generous support toward our annual "Parade of lights."

Thanks to all who gave monetary donations:

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| Fuller Oilfield | Main Street Medley |
| Buchanan Agencies | Alliance Valley Inn |
| Peacock Energy | Terry & Donna Howe |
| Campbell McLennan | Len & Mary Wold |
| Battle River Credit Union | Alliance Ag. Society |
| Doreen & Edwin Kuefler | Alliance Lions |
| Clean Threads | Alliance Bottle Depot |
| | Alliance Legion |

Thanks also to all who provided floats. They were spectacular. Awards were as follows:

- 1st— AG Hardware
- 2nd— Killam Guardian Drugs
- 3rd—ACDC

Thanks also to those who cut and stacked wood for the bonfire and for those who just made themselves available to help in any way possible.

Special thanks to the July 1st committee for the Fireworks display.

The Community Spirit once again shone through and was much appreciated.

Our best to all in 2010!!

Galahad Homecoming 2010

It's been 10 years! That means it is time for another Galahad Homecoming ! Mark **July 2—4, 2010** on your calendar and watch for further information!

To sign up for further information for yourself or for others that you feel may be interested, simply leave us the contact information, by email, or regular mail to :

Galahad Homecoming 2010,
Box 8, Galahad, AB, T0B 1R0
Email : info@galahad2010.com.

Village of Alliance Vouchers

VAVs are here.

This is a form of coupon that can be purchased here at the Village Office. Each voucher is valued at either \$ 5.00 or \$ 10.00.

You purchase them from the Village for the face value, and they can be used instead of gift certificates for folks you wish to "gift". Suppose someone has done something nice for you and you want to say a special Thank You. Give them a VAV and they can go to any business in the Village of Alliance and use it like cash to make a purchase of their choice. The only condition is that they will receive *no more than 50 cents change per voucher* if their purchase is less than the VAV face value.

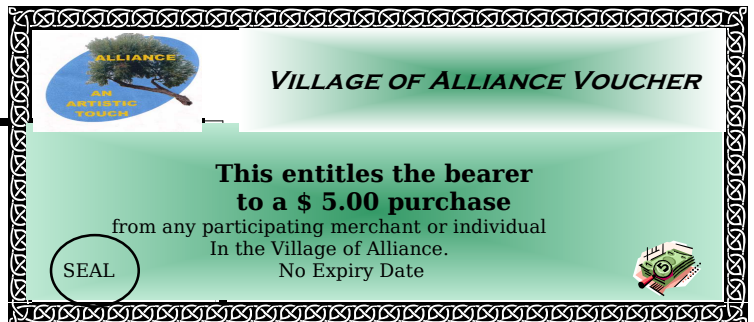
The business that redeems it should check to see that the Village Seal is embossed on the lower left hand corner. If NOT—it is not legitimate and should not be accepted.

Then the business that redeems the VAV comes to the Village Office and exchanges the VAV for the full face value in cash—OR they can go to some other business in the village and make a purchase.

The farmer's market will also redeem them for lunch or at most of the vendors.

Let's all shop locally!!

- ★ Thanks to Lynn & Denny Nielsen for building our float for the Parade of Lights, and to Doug Solonick for the loan of his wooden creatures. Their efforts earned us a 3rd prize.
- ★ Thanks to the WI for the idea and the creative efforts of Laura and Elaine for the launch of our VAVs. Yes, Alliance has it's own currency. Hope you have fun giving and receiving these!
- ★ It is a common practice of ours to ask visitors what was their first impression of our village. The Mayor's recent visitors response—"The trees, the well ploughed streets, the nice general appearance of Main Street buildings, and homes that look like people care." One thing that did NOT impress them was the mess along some of our sidewalks from dogs and smokers. So ... come on dog walkers and smokers, let's start picking up after your dogs and finding a butt bucket for your butts.
- ★ ACDC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested in helping us develop our community. All you need to do is call the Village office and let them know you are interested.



Council News

- ★ It has come to our attention that some folks garbage was not picked up during December. It is very important to notify the Village Office as soon as possible when this happens so we can work with Flagstaff Waste to resolve the issue.
- ★ Flagstaff Intermunicipal Partnership (FIP) will be applying for an Exploration Grant to explore the feasibility of forming a Regional Emergency Services organization which would include Disaster Services and Fire services. At this time, it is only an exploration of the idea.
- ★ Flagstaff County will be funding the Regional Emergency Services Coordinator (Kim Cannady) for 2010.
- ★ FIP will be covering the entire cost of transition of 9-1-1 services from Camrose City to Strathcona County. This is using the start-up grant FIP received when we first organized in 2003. Since that time, the Flagstaff communities have made progress in co-operation by leaps and bounds! The grants received have allowed all communities to improve various services. On a less positive note, we are currently applying for a Municipal Sponsorship Grant to assist the Flagstaff Food Bank in acquiring their own building. When several communities do a combined application for the MSP Grant, there is a 25% bonus for intermunicipal co-operation, and a possible 35% bonus for selecting a project rated by the Province as high priority. Unfortunately, 5 communities chose not to support the project at all, or only about 10%, so the grant we get will be about 1/2 of what we could have received.

Garbage Services

- ★ We contract Flagstaff Waste for all garbage removal, cardboard & plastic recycling, and compost material.
- ★ The Village is charged on a per capita basis for residential garbage services. This means that all households must be charged the garbage fee whether you put your garbage out or not. If you choose to take it to the dump, you will end up paying for that as well.
- ★ Some businesses rent bins directly from Flagstaff Waste and the Village does not charge them for pick-up. We have a fee that is charged to businesses that do not rent bins.
- ★ If you are putting your garbage in a bin at someone's business—you are hurting them, and will still be charged the Village residential fee.