

VILLAGE OF ALLIANCE

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Mayor's Corner

Office Hours
Wednesday
10 AM - Noon.

Next Council meeting
Mon, Jan 18, 2010
6 PM

Anyone having an issue to put before Council, please notify the Administrator by Thurs. Jan. 14,
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Every couple of years or so, Alberta Environment officials arrive to do a surprise inspection of our waterplant to ensure that everything is being done according to their standards. This happened in December.

Congratulations to Wayne and his helpers Jay and Kevin, for passing with flying colors!

The upgrades that are underway also received a good report.



Mother Nature was bipolar and off her meds in December, but we think she's feeling better in this new year so the



PARADE OF LIGHTS

Sponsored by Alliance Museum

Goes this Saturday, Jan. 9th !!!

Entries meet at School at 5:30

Parade at 6 PM

Followed by Gigantic Bonfire At the Sports Grounds

Free Hot chocolate & smokies

Fireworks Display

Sponsored by July 1st committee

Come celebrate the New year with us !!!

Thank you...

To all those who helped cut wood for the bonfire including

Les Smith	Chris Ramsay
Laura Curtiss	Jay Stuckey
Den Towers	Philip Marcil
Bob and Bill Alcorn	Wayne Cameron

And special thanks to Bill Alcorn for the use of his tractor.

Thanks to Peacock Energy
For sponsoring this month's newsletter

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, Jan. 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.

Tues, Jan 5 - Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, Jan 8 - Dr. Niemann
Tues, Jan 12 - Dr. Hart
Fri, Jan 15 - Dr. Niemann
Tues, Jan. 19 - Dr. Hart
Thurs, Jan 21 - Dr. vanVuuren
Fri, Jan 22 - NO CLINIC
Tues, Jan 26 - Dr. Hart
Fri, Jan 29 - Dr. Niemann

FARMER'S MARKET

Wed, Jan. 20
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

Public Works Weekend Schedule

**If you have sewer or water problems on
a weekend these are the people to call**

Jan 9 & 10 - Kevin Boisvert
Jan. 16 & 17 - Jay Stuckey
Jan. 23-24 - Wayne Cameron
Jan. 30—31 - Kevin Boisvert

Jay—780-385-8523
Kevin—780-385-1388
Wayne—780-385-8030

Well Baby Clinic

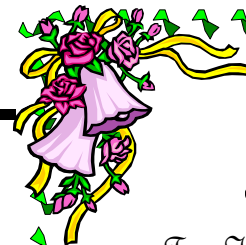
**Schedule Change
Effective Sept 2006**
**First Tuesday morning
Of the month**
At Alliance Community Hall
Call 384-3652 for apptmt.

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



Bridal Shower

For Kelsey James
Bride-elect of
Brent McPherson
Sat. Jan 9. At 2 PM
Killam Legion Hall

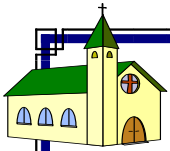
Cribbage

Come play with us
every
2nd & 4th
Wednesday



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.**



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
Join us for food & fellowship after the service.



Battle River Community Foundation Grant Received

Ken Drever of the Battle River Community Fund presented Mayor Fankhanel with a grant in the amount of \$500 on December 18th. This grant is to be used towards the building of a showerhouse and washroom facility at the Sportsground.

Currently there are several funds that are for the benefit of our community including:

- ★ Betty & Gordon Rombough Memorial Fund
- ★ Peter Spady Family Fund
- ★ Robert & Ruby Moro Fund

The annual revenue from these funds can be used for any project in the community, but we must apply for it. The next 2 funds are designated to the Cemetery.

- ★ Cecil & Art Peacock Fund
- ★ Donald Spady Memorial Fund

Our Village is very fortunate to have benefactors with the wisdom and foresight to set up trust accounts that will continue to assist our community for the long term.

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

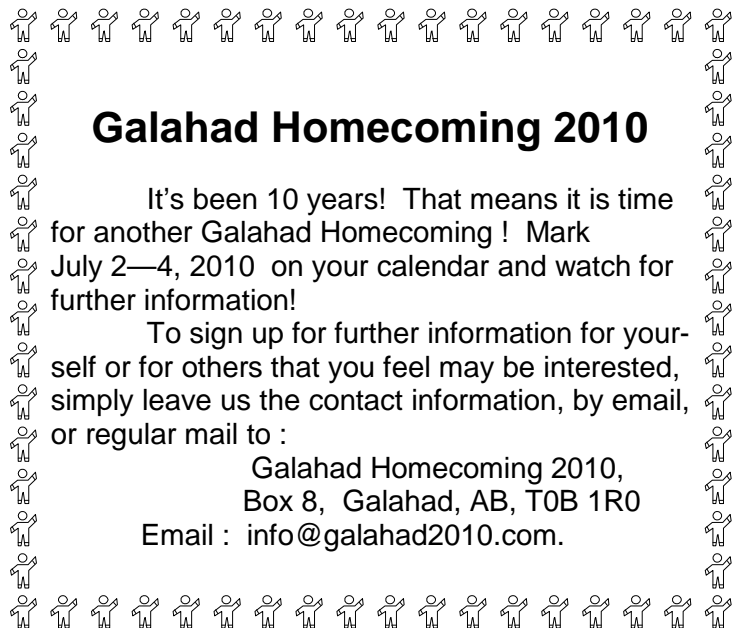


Sidewalk Snow Removal

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, or

Rob Applegate would also be willing to help with snow removal—call him at 780-879-3983



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.

Trail of the Buffalo

For several years now, the Village has been a member of a tourism promotion known as "Trail of the Buffalo". This takes in an area all the way from the Saskatchewan border south of Oyen, almost to Highway 21 on the west, north to Camrose, and east and north to Wainwright and the border.

All communities and tourism oriented businesses and groups within the area are encouraged to become members and have some input as we seek to publicize the treasures within and invite visitors in to explore and enjoy. Fees are very reasonable, and it buys advertising in various forms. Each year we are represented at several major trade shows in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The next one is the Saskatoon Homestyle Show from March 18—21. TOB pamphlets are available in most communities, and we have an excellent website: www.trailofthebuffalo.com.

Our Mayor has been a very active participant of TOB since its inception, and Council is now happy to have appointed Wendy Burns to represent our area and report back to Council. She brings a wealth of experience in tourism and is very enthusiastic about this new challenge. Welcome Wendy.

Cold Weather Garbage Pick-up

Flagstaff Waste Management has advised us that the severe cold weather creates some difficulties in picking up garbage.

Truck hydraulics do not operate beyond -3-C, and may in fact malfunction before that temperature, particularly the burro truck used for residential pickup. Wind chill is primarily a human factor, it also affects hydraulics.

Therefore the Board has approved some principles for waste operation:

1. Trucks should not operate below -30C, using judgment to take windchill into account as well.
2. On days when temp begins below -30 but warms up later in the day, the front-end trucks will operate on part days, trying to cover those bins judged most urgent. **If your bin is full, please let us know—780-384-3950.**
3. Residential pickup may also be part days. If your town is missed, it won't be picked up until the next regular pickup day, but you will be allowed 10 bags (double the normal)
4. Transfer sites may also be closed or have reduced hours. Phone Flagstaff Waste to find out the operational status.

Alliance "Bucks"???

Most folks have purchased a gift certificate for someone. The idea of having a "community currency" has been brought forth. It is an idea that hundreds of communities across America are using.

The idea is that you buy (for example) \$50 worth of community currency and it can be spent for that value at any participating business **in the community**. This gives the recipient a choice in what he/she gets for a gift, and encourages shopping within our own community.

The "community currency" would be purchased at the Village Office, and when it is used for a purchase at some business, the business brings the currency to the Village Office for immediate reimbursement.

We hope to launch this type of program very soon, but **we are looking for input** -

1. **What the currency should be called?**
2. **Are businesses willing to participate?**
3. **Any other ideas ?**

Please submit your comments to the Office by January 18th prior to Council meeting.

Council News

- ★ Councilor Thomas reported on the County' Visioning Evening. The County is anxious to go forward in a spirit of co-operation with all communities and plans to start holding workshops early in 2010, with several projects they hope to co-operate on. County is looking at buying a bus that could be used by anyone in the County for various types of trips. They are willing to assist with the 3 rural campsites and plan to meet with the towns in 2010 to decide how they can best assist, and they also want to develop a group that will work on economic promotion on a co-operative basis. There was lots of positive feedback from several communities who participated.
- ★ We have had some cash in reserves for 9 years and it has grown by only 10% in that period of time. Our Strategic Plan states that we will find a way to ensure the existence of the railroad. In keeping with this goal, Council vote to take \$20,000 of those reserves and purchase shares in Battle River Railway New Gen Co-op Inc. that will return 3.5% per year.
- ★ Council agreed to join with other communities in Flagstaff to apply for a Municipal Sponsorship Grant to help Flagstaff Food Bank purchase their own facility. By combining our application with other communities, we become eligible for almost double what we would get on our own. Furthermore the Food Bank provides a service to the entire County.

Harry's Auto Wrecking (Grande Prairie)

When Randy Montgomery started working in his family-owned auto wrecking yard in the early 1970s, he wanted to buck the "junk yard" image associated with the business.

"I was always kind of embarrassed to be the junk yard guy," said Montgomery. "But I've gone out of my way to prove that wrong."

Recycling has become a key part of turning that image around. Montgomery's Grand Prairie wrecking facility has become a veritable recycling machine, with all his 20-plus employees taking part in more than 30 recycling activities outside of recycling auto parts. That includes putting timers on lights, using CFL bulbs, re-using paper up to four times, and using a Canadian-made environmentally friendly hand cleaner for washing hands instead of phosphate-laden soap.

Montgomery, who was also inspired by his travels to third-world countries, says all businesses have to do is just make the commitment to care.

"It's easy once you kind of put your mind to it," he said.

Some of the changes are even saving him money—big money. Switching to programmable thermostats and setting the temperature much lower at night has cut his heating costs by more than \$2,000 a month—one-third his total heating bill.

Recycling has become a way of doing business, he adds, and his staff are continuously finding new ways to re-use items they salvage, such as giving lead to a man who uses it to weight sailboats. Most recently, Montgomery has begun to replace his older furnaces with radiating heat models.

"There's no reason why other businesses can't do what we are doing," said Montgomery.

Joint Simple Solutions

Buy a reusable water bottle and keep refilling it throughout the day.
Environmental Services (I.e. Flagstaff Waste Management fees) - \$ 15,449

Simple Solutions

Turn off the car if you are stopped for more than 10 seconds.

Simple Solutions

Dimmer switches are an inexpensive way to conserve energy.

Simple Solutions

Buy a reusable water bottle and keep refilling it throughout the day.

One Simple Act

It's easy to be environmentally friendly. In fact, it's simple.

The choices we make at home, at work and at school all add up to make a big difference. Together we can have a big impact on Alberta's environment.

Whether you're making a pledge to start a new green routine at home or installing eco-friendly technology at your office, we invite you to share your commitment with us. **Make your One Simple Act count!**

RECYCLING

We are pleased that more folks are using our recycling facilities. **HOWEVER** if we put things

season. We would also like to invite you in to check out the changes and see the xmas crafts for sale.