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What's happening near you

- **March 9:** Alliance Annual Meet-Your-Neighbour Night! Lasagna Supper and Silent Auction. At the Alliance Community Hall, doors open at 5pm. Admission by donation.
- **March 13:** MP Damien Kurek's town hall in Alliance. The meeting will run from 5 PM-7 PM
- **March 15:** Bingo night at the Alliance Multiplex. Doors open at 6pm Bingo starts at 7pm.
- **March 15:** Valley Ski Club Dual Slalom Fundraiser Gear up for an adrenaline-packed weekend filled with friendly competition, delicious food, and unforgettable moments at Valley Ski Club! Contact Carol at cmacrae503@gmail.com before the March 9th deadline!
- **March 16:** 12th Red Serge Ball. Celebrating 150 years of RCMP in Canada. At the Killam Community Hall.
- **March 17:** Shake off Winter with our March Train Excursion to Forestburg's Curtain Call Theatre Sunday Matinee, on March 17th. The Train will be departing from Kelsey! What better way to shake off winter and welcome spring than with a enjoyable Sunday outing to a local theatre production.
- **April 25:** Stop by the Flagstaff County Administration Building anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. for "Coffee with your Councillor" on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Tours of the County shop will also be available at this time.
- **April 20:** Flagstaff Firefighter award ceremony & Pig Roast. At the Forestburg Community Hall.
- **August 24:** The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival is a public event hosted in Sedgewick, Alberta. It's a day full of highland activities, such as Heavy Events, highland dancing, festival entertainers, a petting zoo, artisan and food vendors, and more. The day concludes with a dance performed by the River Jack's.

Provincial concerns

Last month we shared with you a couple of ideas on how to be smart with your water usage. This month we will be talking about Fire smarting your homes.

Your actions today can minimize wildfire damage to your home and property tomorrow.

Flames aren't the only threat. An estimated 90% of homes damaged or destroyed by wildfire are ignited by embers. By taking proactive **FireSmart** measures around your house and yard, you can increase your properties' resistance to wildfire.

Here are a few **FireSmart** tips:

- Review your evacuation plan for your family and pets.
- Have your 72hrs emergency kit ready.
- Remove leaves, pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters.
- Mow grass and weeds to 10 cm in length or less.
- Remove everything combustible within 10 m of your home, such as toys, patio furniture, cushions, decorative items, firewood, and potted plants that are on and under your deck. Move all combustible items into your shed, home, or garage.

If you want to prepare for the season but you need help **FireSmartering** your lot, Deacons poop scoop and lawn care services will be back this summer. He can also shovel your sidewalk right now.

The Flagstaff Senior's CHOICES Volunteers program is also an option. See back of Newsletter for more information.

This months concern

We have received a couple of complaints concerning roaming cats in town. To help with the ever growing population, we are updating the Animal Bylaw and will be specifying the option available for dealing with those strays.

Why is this a popular issue? Stray cats are roaming the streets and they are not fixed. If you own a cat and you let him or her out, we ask that you be a responsible pet owner and have them spayed or neutered.

Roaming cats are a community nuisance; they dig in gardens or defecate on neighbour's property. Outdoor cats kill thousands of songbirds each year. This greatly impacts our Village biodiversity and natural health.

Next Council Meeting: March 21, 2024 at 4:00pm

Next Town Hall meeting will be April 18th, 2024
www.villageofalliance.ca

Newsletter Deadline March 26th

Items can be emailed to cao@villageofalliance.ca
Or Put in door slot at office.
Please note any submissions after the deadline date will no longer be accepted

Join the Alliance Update team

There are many things we could do with our Newsletter, but if you have an idea on how to make it better, submit your ideas at adminassistant@villageofalliance.ca

We will review your ideas and if approved by council, you could be the change we needed.

If you want to help out, we are always looking for amazing sponsors. Simply let us know at the Village office and donate \$50.00.

We can also post free ads for your business or event. All we need is the information you want us to print and we will take care of the marketing design.

Get Informed & Stay Informed

511 Alberta

Traveller information, know before you go

Alberta Wildfire

Stay current on Alberta's wildfire situation

WeatherCan

Weather alert notices for your area, and other locations you choose

Alberta Rivers: Date & Advisories

Latest information about Alberta's rivers, including flood advisories

Alliance Farmer's Market

At the Alliance Community Hall - Every 3rd Wednesday of each month
Next Market March 20th 10:00 to 2:00

Canadian Dental Care Plan

Letters inviting seniors to apply for the Canadian Dental Care Plan are being sent out in phases, with all eligible seniors 70 years of age or older expected to be invited to apply by end of March 2024.

You may apply by phone or in person at a Service Canada Centre or at a clinic in the community. Once you make the application, you will be informed if you qualify for the CDCP (system-generated message or Service Canada Rep will inform you).

If you have dental coverage through a provincial or federal government social program, you can still qualify for the CDCP. If you meet all the eligibility criteria, your coverage will be coordinated between the 2 plans to ensure there are no duplication or gaps in coverage.

If you qualify for CDCP, you will receive a welcome package from Sun Life (in approximately 3 months). The welcome package will include a member card, a list of dental services covered and the start date of coverage.

Appointments with a dental care provider should be scheduled on or after the start date of coverage. The CDCP will not reimburse for services received before the start date of coverage. The earliest coverage could begin is May 2024 (but is unique to each person). Service Canada is offering information sessions and application intake clinics to increase awareness of the program and help seniors apply.

****Scam Notice:** Please be aware that scam attempts have been reported, such as welcome packages that ask for SIN, date of birth, banking information or email or text message asking person to click on a link or provide personal information.

Farmer’s Market

Every 3rd Wednesday of each month
Next Market March 20th 10:00 to 2:00

At the Alliance Community Hall
 For a table or more information call Linda Jans (780) 879-0008 or
 Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236

Alliance Directory

Village of Alliance Office: (780) 879-3911
 Open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9am to 3pm
 www.villageofalliance.ca or follow us on Facebook

SENIOR’S FIRST Donna Coombs: Seniors Programs Information & Help 780-679-4191

FOOT CARE WITH GWEN (call for appointment) Gwen will come to your house if you have your equipment at home: 403-882-3739 or 403-740-5418

FFCS/FIRST: (leave a message if no answer they will always return your call) Handivan/Care-A-Van for out-of-town medical appointments - 780-385-3976

FOOD BANK in Killam/serving everyone in Flagstaff (Tuesdays & Thursdays) 780-385-0810

SENIOR DROP IN COFFEE GROUP: For more information and sign ups call: Donna Chalifoux (780) 385-1236, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053 or Phyllis Lambden (780) 281-0851

ALLIANCE UNITED CHURCH: Services every Sunday at 10:00am Sunday school provided during the service - For more info call Beth Davidson: 780-879-2173 You can also find us on Facebook “Alliance United Church”

THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY: Open on Tuesday 10h-4h & Thursdays 10h-4h - 780-879-3733 - www.alliance.prl.ab.ca

ALLIANCE MUSEUM: Closed until May 2024: Museum contacts are: Steve (780) 906-6581 or Dale (780) 781-0053

FORESTBURG MEDICAL CLINIC: Phone 780-582-5185 Open Tuesdays and Thursday: 8am to 12pm - 1pm to 4:30pm

CASTOR MEDICAL CLINIC : (403) 882-2665

KILLAM MEDICAL CENTER: (780) 385-7890 Mon, Wed & Thurs / 8:30-4:00

BOTTLE DEPOT: Open Wed, Thurs & Sat 10-5 - 780-385-4413

LANDFILL HOURS: OPEN Wednesday and Saturday 1:00pm TO 4:30pm

ALLIANCE CEMETERY: Village Office (780) 879-3911, Bob Rombough (780) 879-3632/(780) 717-1480, Dale Lambden (780) 781-0053

Syl's Info Column - March 2024
 Alliance and Area Senior Information

Senior Drop in Coffee Group:
 Open to those 55 years of age and older.
 Membership is \$20 a year.

Regular gatherings are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-4pm in the Library Basement.

For more information or sign ups call:
 Chair person, Donna Chalifoux:
 780-385-1236
 Secretary/treasurer, Dale Lambden:
 780-781-0053

Communications, Phyllis Lambden:
 780-281-0851

TOP SENIOR NEWS

Anyone interested in a garage sale this Spring? Please call Dale for more info.
 780-781-0053

We are looking forward to having a group road trip to check out some green houses

SENIORS FIRST

Donna Coombs: Senior programs and information 780-679-4191 (Leave a message) seniorsfirst@outlook.com

SENIOR’S CHOICES

Flagstaff and Camrose Family & Community Support want to tell you about a new program called Senior’s CHOICES/Nav-CARE. It’s about helping lower income seniors in our rural communities. We want them to keep living in their own home

We will be offering volunteer home support services such as in-home visitations, meal and pharmaceutical delivery, lawn care, yard work, snow removal, and minor home maintenance. Anyone can refer.

We’re also looking for men and women from each community in the county who can give 1 to 1.5 hours of their time (can be seasonal) every couple of week. You provide the muscle and we’ll provide the equipment.

If you’re up for it and want to lend a hand to your neighbours, please call Holly Bovencamp at (780) 673-1492 or Maria Lobreau at (780) 672-0141

Let’s all come together as a community and make sure our seniors can stay where they want to be, right at home. Your help can brighten their day!

Alliance United Church

March 3 - Rev. Barbara Lieurance, Communion - Following the service (approximately 11 am) is our Annual Meeting! Everyone is invited to attend. This will be followed by a pot luck lunch!

March 10 - Dell Wickstrom & Dale Jones

March 17 - Walter Weber

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Services starts at 10 am on Sunday, followed by fellowship and food downstairs!! Sunday School starts half way through the service.
 allianceunitedchurch@gmail.com / 780-879-2173
 FB/Messenger - “Alliance United Church”

LAST MONTH FOR DOG License Application or Renewal

Fill and return form to the Village office with payment BEFORE MARCH 31st, 2024 Owner’s Name & Address: _____
 Owner’s Phone Number: _____

(1) Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____
 Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 NO \$20.00
 (2) Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____
 Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 NO \$20.00
 (3) Pet Name: _____ Breed: _____
 Spayed or Neutered: YES \$15.00 NO \$20.00

OWNER WHO FAILS TO OBTAIN ANNUAL LICENSE WILL BE CHARGED A FINE OF \$100.00 FOR A FIRST WARNING AND \$200.00 FOR SECOND WARNING.

You can also pay by e-transfers to: bills@villageofalliance.ca
 Make the password Alliance