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### DATES TO REMEMBER

### **SEPTEMBER 14**

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

ASB MEETING

### SEPTEMBER 21

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

MPC MEETING

### **OCTOBER 12**

COUNCIL MEETING

ASB MEETING

### OCTOBER 19

**COUNCIL MEETING** 

MPC MEETING

### **OCTOBER 31**

TAXES DUE

### **NOVEMBER 6**

CLOCKS MOVE BACK 1 HR

### **NOVEMBER 11**

REMEMBRANCE DAY





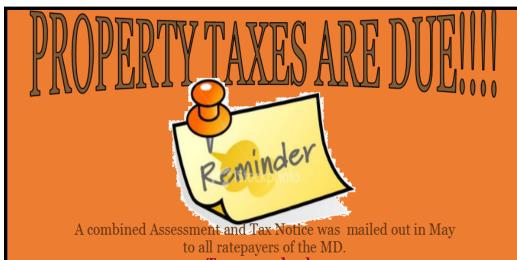
## TIPPS (monthly automatic) PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

### How does the TIPPS Payment Plan work? (Tax Installment Payment Plan)

Your taxes must be in good standing and must be paid in full for the current year.

An equal amount will be deducted from your bank on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Starting each November, the monthly payment is calculated by dividing your most recent annual tax levy by 12 months. When the current levy is known, the pre-payments are subtracted and the new balance divided by the remaining months up to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

A form is available on the MD website *www.mdwillowcreek.com* and at the office. Rate payer to fill out and return to the MD Office (along with a void cheque) **before OCTOBER 1st.** 



to all ratepayers of the MD.

Taxes are due by

October 31, 2016

A <u>10% pendty</u> will be levied on taxes <u>postmarked</u> after October 31,2016



## FALL TIME CHANGE/ TIME TO CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!

MD of Willow Creek Emergency Services reminds you that in addition to resetting those clocks back one hour on November 6<sup>th</sup>, to also check the batteries in your smoke alarms.

If they were manufactured 10 or more years ago, don't wait, replace the unit right away.

The sad reality is that on average, fire kills eight Canadians every week. Residential property fires account for 40% of all fires and a staggering 73% of all fire deaths. Most of these deaths are caused by human carelessness and so are completely avoidable. Keep your family safe, check your smoke alarm battery regularly.

### Introduction to Streambank & Riparian Restoration in Alberta's Foothills

When: Two 2-day sessions are offered on September 17 & 18 and September 24 & 25, 2016

Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily (includes locally sourced picnic lunch)

Hosted by the Town of Black Diamond, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Riparian Restoration Workshops are designed for citizen land owners, city planners, engineers, councillors, consultants, and farmers. Our workshop participants come from all around Alberta. Community members are encouraged to attend for free!

### Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion: Introduction to Riparian Restoration

Workshop components will include:

- Methods for determining objectives and benefits of a riparian restoration project
- Overview of wetland and riparian vegetation ecology, and plant and watershed health assessments
- Methods of implementing a riparian restoration project this component will include an overview of a variety of restoration methods, vegetation material collection guidelines, and regulator checklist
- A field study component will consist of hands-on training and practice of specific site restoration techniques

### Technical Instructor: Laurie Hamilton, Terrestrial & Wetland Ecologist

For over twenty-two years, Laurie has worked on environmental and land management projects in BC, Alberta, Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan. She has obtained specialist scientific experience in vegetation, wetland and riparian ecology, species at risk, habitat mapping and assessment, and geomatics as well as experience in other disciplines such as terrain, soils, surface hydrology, wildlife habitat, aquatic environments, and reclamation.

#### Coordinator: Rayleigh Conley, Environmental Professional in Training

Rayleigh founded Sustainability Resources' Riparian Restoration Program in 2014, with 7 years of experience in project coordination and a specialization in sustainability projects. She holds a Diploma in Environmental Science from Lakeland College and is expected to complete her B.Sc. in Environmental Economics and Policy at the University of Alberta in 2019.

This program is made possible with funding from the Alberta Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program, the Canadian Environmental Damages Fund, and the Alberta Conservation Association.

Registration: FREE for Residents of Black Diamond \$100.00 \*Discounts for Students / Non Profits

 $\underline{\text{http://www.sustainabilityresources.ca/resources/community-learning-events/riparian-restoration-conservation}}$ 



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# School's In!!!

Please keep our children safe.

Reduce your speed and stop when school bus lights are flashing.



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### **PAYING AN INVOICE ONLINE?**

Any Invoice received from the MD of Willow Creek can be paid online. Please input only SEVEN DIGITS—i.e. if using your Roll Number, omit the decimal point. If using an invoice number and it begins with a "0" please omit the first "0". The MD continuously strives to improve these processes.

### Road Safety



Uncontrolled Intersections:

Some intersections have no traffic signs and no traffic signal lights. At these intersections you must yield the right-of-way to a vehicle on your right.

**Yield Sign:** 

Yield the right of way to traffic not facing the sign and to all pedestrians waiting to cross within the intersection.

Stop Sign:

Come to a complete stop and do not proceed until safe.



REMINDER: SPEED LIMIT ON ALL
RURAL ROADS IS 80 KM/H UNLESS
OTHERWISE POSTED