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Combined Assessments and Tax Notices

will be mailed out the end
of May

The **Open House** of the
Electors of the

**Municipal District of
Willow Creek No. 26**

will be held at the
Administration Building
273129 Highway 520 West
Claresholm, Alberta

**Wednesday, March 23
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

SHELTERBELT PROGRAM

The MD of Willow Creek
will NOT be receiving shelterbelt
trees this year as the supplier
has gone out of business.

AGM for the

LEAVINGS WATER CO-OP

will be held **April 27, 2016** at the
Claresholm Community Centre

For more information,
please contact:

Gail Fjordbotten at (403) 687-3276

or

Cecilie Fleming at (403) 687-2288

The MD of Willow Creek
will be hosting an

ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PLAN WORKSHOP

March 9th at 9:30 a.m.

**at the
MD Administration Building**

OPEN HOUSE — MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

JUNE 15, 2016 at the Claresholm Community Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The Municipal Development Plan is 13 years old and Council wishes to obtain feedback regarding a new plan before a draft is completed. Therefore, the MD is asking residents to participate in an open house on the above date because your input is valuable.

Once the draft plan has been created, a Public Hearing will be held in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

ICE/WATER RESCUE IN WILLOW CREEK

WCES responded to a
water rescue at
Willow Creek
and Hwy 2.

Fort Macleod And
Granum Fire
Departments handled
the rescue in a very
timely manner.

A successful rescue
made possible
by the great
teamwork of all
departments
involved.



WCES has had
a busy start to
the 2016
year with
approximately
66 calls since
the start of the
year.

ROAD BANS

Just a reminder that Road Bans will be put on in the near future. Since we've had an exceptional winter and very nice weather conditions, the frost is starting to come out of the ground. As the frost comes out, the roads get very soft, especially on the shoulders. When there is no frost left in the road and it is completely thawed, our roads are left in a very vulnerable state. By putting on road bans, it helps minimize the amount of damage done to our roads.

All of our oiled roads will be banned at 75% (except TWP 140 by Clear Lake which is banned at 50% year round) and our gravel roads at 100%. This means that on all gravel roads you can haul 100% of the maximum allowable weight as set out by Alberta Transportation, and on the oiled roads you can haul 75% of the maximum allowable weight as set out by Alberta Transportation.

When the bans are in effect we have two Community Peace Officers patrolling the roads for overweight trucks. If caught with an overloaded truck on a banned road, the fines can be very expensive; so please keep your loads under the weight restrictions we put in place. If you see anyone using a banned road and think that they are overloaded, please get in touch with the office and we will send someone out to investigate.

PLANNING A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT?



Remember to call the MD Office to arrange for an appointment with your Development Department at (403) 625-3351

2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE CONCENTRATE

For the Control of Richardson Ground Squirrel, Is available at the M.D. of Willow Creek Municipal Office

Phone RON MACKAY at (403) 625-6095 for availability **prior** to pick-up



CleanFARMS Pilot Project

CleanFARMS embarked on a pilot project in 2015 aimed at helping farmers return clean and fully rinsed containers by using a *JetRinse* tool, which makes the rinsing process faster and more convenient.

If you don't have a Chem Handler and would like a *JetRinse* toolkit (Free of Charge), they are available for pickup at the MD of Willow Creek Office.

If you choose to participate in this pilot project, you will be asked to complete an end-of-project survey at the end of the year.

CleanFARMS is the industry stewardship organization that manages the collection and recycling of empty pesticide and fertilizer containers in partnership with AB municipalities.

ROADSIDE SPRAYING

The Agricultural Service Board will be conducting a roadside spraying program within the M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26.

This program is for noxious and prohibited noxious weed control and is conducted for the duration of the spray season.

The municipality has a policy whereby if you **do not** wish the ditch alongside your own property to be sprayed, **an application must be filled out at the municipal office as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Ron Mackay, Agricultural Fieldman at (403) 625-3351

Ext. 229

