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Tax Payment Deadline — October 31st, 2019

Rate payers have until the above date to make payment in full for their tax assessment to avoid penalty as follows:

A penalty of 10% will be levied on any outstanding taxes after the above date.

A further penalty of 2% will be levied on all outstanding taxes on January 1st, 2020



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 15th 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 31st.

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 31st.**)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September:

2nd— Holiday— Building closed for Labor Day

10th— Agriculture Service Board & Council Meeting

18th— Municipal Planning Commission & Council Meeting

October:

9th— Agriculture Service Board & Council Meeting

14th— Holiday— Building closed for Thanksgiving Day

16th— Municipal Planning Commission & Council Meeting

31st— **MUNICIPAL TAXES DUE**

November:

6th— Agriculture Service Board & Council Meeting

11th— Holiday— Building closed for Remembrance Day

20th— Municipal Planning Commission & Council Meeting

29th— Legacy of Our Land Banquet

FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF EVENTS

CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CALL

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HARVEST SEASON

Farmers and agricultural equipment operators should think ahead to establish safety procedures that prevent injuries. The key to prevent disasters during the harvest rush is to establish good habits and think through potential hazards.

HAZARDS INCLUDE:

- Becoming entangled with the leveling or discharge auger in the grain tank
- Falling from the combine
- Contacting overhead power lines
- Being run over
- Contacting the knife, reel or stripper rotor
- Contacting the straw chopper or spreader
- Being trapped under the header or injured by the header falling from its transport trailer
- Being injured by the drive mechanisms
- Dust, Fires and Noise

Several combine safety procedures include:

- Set aside time to properly prepare the combine. Rushed repairs may lead to injuries.
- Conduct a safety check before taking to the field. Replace all guards and shields that may have been removed. Replace or repair all lights.
- Examine fields for hazards such as erosion washouts and other surprises that develop during growing season.
- Adjust and service the combine as directed.
- Always refuel the combine or tractor after it has cooled.
- Make sure there is suitable fire-fighting equipment available on the combine. The extinguisher should be regularly checked.
- Check hydraulic leaks carefully.
- Drive the combine only while you are alert and aware of your surroundings. Hours of operation can lull you into a hypnotic state. To avoid this, schedule a break for all workers every 2 to 3 hours or change jobs with someone for a while.
- Keep your distance from other vehicles and machines.
- Move combines from field to field only during daylight.
- To control dust and noise, always operate with the cab door closed. Exposure to high levels of grain dust causes ill health.



SCHOOL'S IN!!!



Please keep our children safe.

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

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 to do so.

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



Cycling to School Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet every time you ride—it's the law for anyone under 18.
- Ride in the same direction of traffic.
- Use hand signals early when turning or stopping.
- Always stop at stop signs and red lights, at the edge of the road. For stopped school buses when their red lights are flashing, for pedestrians at crosswalks.

Driving to School Safety Tips

- Follow the school zones traffic rules.
- Stop at crosswalks and intersections.
- Enter and exit school zones slowly and carefully
- Do not speed.

Walking to School Safety Tips

- Practice good role modeling by walking with your child and showing them road safety rules so that they can develop good habits.
- Teach your child to use their eyes and ears. Always stop, look and listen, even if there is a crossing guard or signs.
- Stop and check that all vehicles in every lane can see you and make eye contact with the drivers. Wait until drivers have stopped before crossing the road.
- Listen to oncoming traffic and be alert. Distractions, even talking while walking, can put children in danger.
- Walk, don't run.



Fire Safety in Dry Conditions



Hot and dry conditions persist in Alberta. The office of the Fire Commissioner is reminding you to be aware and practice fire safety. Prepare for the threat of wildfire is a shared responsibility. You can do your part.

WILDFIRES

Here are some important tips on how to do your part:

- **Dispose** of debris and lawn clippings to reduce fuel for the fire.
- **Clear** leaves from roofs, under your deck & porches.
- **Remove** flammable materials within 10m of your home's foundation (ie. Wood piles).
- **Prune** trees so the lowest branches are 2 to 3 meters from the ground.
- **RESPECT FIRE BANS**
- To put out a campfire; Soak it, Stir it, Repeat.



Thousands of hectares can be destroyed by
A simple spark

- Obey fire bans
 - Properly dispose of smoking materials
 - Make sure your campfire is out
 - Report all wildfires
- Toll-free **310-FIRE (3473)**

More tips at ofc.alberta.ca

Alberta



28th Annual Legacy of Our Land Banquet

Friday November 29, 2019

Stavely Community Hall

Stavely, AB

The 28th Annual Legacy of Our Land Banquet will be held on Friday November 29, 2019 at the Stavely Community Hall. The Stavely Elks will prepare a delicious Prime Rib Dinner at 6:30 p.m. A presentation on Farming and Food by guest speaker Crystal Mackay, door prizes, and a Silent and Live Auction with the proceeds going to the Stavely Benevolent Fund will provide an evening of great entertainment. Tickets for the event are \$25 and will go on sale in November. Check the website www.mdwillowcreek.com, Facebook and Twitter for updates.

MUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL DUE BY JANUARY 30TH, 2020

MD Residents Business Licence— \$25/year

Regional Business Licence

(For MD Residents only, that hold a valid MD Business Licence)— \$80/year

Non-Resident Licence— \$50/year

Remember to send in your updated information and ask for your business information to be added to the MD Business Directory at no charge.

To obtain your Business Licence or if you have any questions, contact:

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