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IN CASE OF EMERGENICES WHEN YOU HAVE TO CALL 911

ALWAYS have your legal land description close by or on your person to make sure the Emergency Responders can get to you as quick as possible.



ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS AUGUST 17-18, 2019

Alberta Open Farm Days is the 7th annual province-wide, two day event that gives Albertans an opportunity to experience the farm and understand where their food comes from . It is an opportunity to meet the farmer, experience Ag-tourism in Alberta and taste local foods direct from the producer.

If you would like to take this opportunity to be a host farm to showcase your production from bees to beef, food sampling to culinary skills, conservation, or garden go to the website albertafarmdays.ca for more information. Insurance is provided to all participating hosts as part of the registration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

19 — Municipal Planning Commission (MCP) and Council Meeting

JULY

1 — Office Closed

10 — Council Meeting

17 — Municipal Planning Commission and Council Meeting

28 — Nanton — RCMP Musical Ride

AUGUST

5 — Civic Holiday

10 — Claresholm — Fair Days

14 — Council Meeting

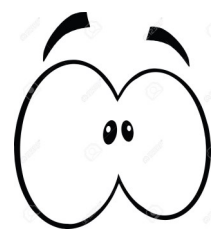
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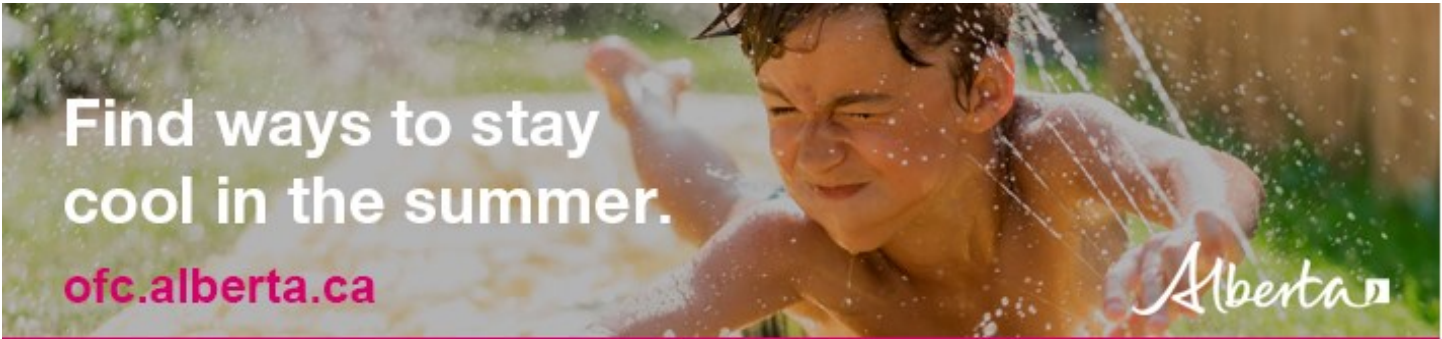
ASB Meetings for July and August 2019 are cancelled.

FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF
EVENTS CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CALL

Keep An Eye Out For...

The Municipal District of Willow Creek No.26 Taxes have been mailed as of **June 21st, 2019** via Canada Post. Any person who desires to object their assessment must within **60 days** from the notice of assessment date, lodge a complaint in writing with the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board, Cynthia Vizzutti.





Find ways to stay cool in the summer.

ofc.alberta.ca

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Summer Heat Safety Tips

As the hot days of summer approach, the Office of the Fire Commissioner reminds Albertans of the following summer safety tips.

- **HOT CARS CAN BE DEADLY** Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 50 degrees Celsius.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks when working or playing outdoors.
- Check on family, friends and neighbours who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water.

Visit this link for more information and tips: <https://www.alberta.ca/june-summer-fire-safety.aspx#toc-1>

AS OF JULY 15, 2019, IF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER HAS NOT CUT THE ROAD DITCHES, ANY OTHER PERSON SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO. IF THE GRASS REMAINS UNCUT, THE M.D. WILL INCORPORATE THOSE DITCHES INTO THEIR MOWING PROGRAM



Public Libraries in the MD of Willow Creek

Nanton Public Library—403-646-5535

Stavely Municipal Library—403-549-2190

Claresholm Public Library—403-625-4168

Granum Public Library—403-687-3912

Fort Macleod Public Library—403-553-3880

Contact your local library to find out the fun and interesting programs and events they offer.

www.mdwillowcreek.com





Wildfire prevention is a responsibility we all share and it is important to understand safe fire practices so that everyone can enjoy Alberta's forests.

Wildfire is not an individual agency's concern – it is a community concern that requires everyone to become involved in solutions.

Everyone's involvement ensures that wildfire does not needlessly threaten our environment. To accomplish this, individuals need to be aware of the dangers of wildfire to themselves and their community.

To reduce the number of human-caused wildfires, Alberta's Forestry Division has an extensive wildfire prevention program that targets:

- Communities
- Industry
- Other Stakeholders
- Property Owners
- The General Public

Always practice campfire safety.

- If required, get a permit. Always follow the rules, as outlined in your permit.
- Respect fire bans.
- Closely supervise all outdoor fires. Make sure the fire fully extinguished and out, before leaving.
- Supervise children around any fire outdoors, including campfires, fire pits, chimneys, and outdoor fireplaces.
- Permitted recreational fires such as campfires need to be at least 25 feet (8 meters) away from anything that can burn.
- Before starting a campfire, have a bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire.



Campfires

Before starting a campfire, check to see if your community has a fire ban in place at albertafirebans.ca.

SAFE ROADS

Motorcycles are on the roads and are sometimes not as visible as a vehicle. Watch out for them and if you are a rider, be mindful of your surrounding as well. Enjoy your ride safely.

Recreational Vehicles have wide turning patterns and may have to swing into another lane to round a corner. If you are towing a trailer, make sure the hitch is suitable for the trailers weight and is fitted with approved safety chains or cables. RV's are heavy and take longer to stop and are more difficult to steer around other vehicles.

Slow moving Farm Equipment will be on the roads for spring/summer cultivating, seeding and fertilizing and will be putting in some long days.

Information on everything from Commercial Vehicles to car seats can be found on the Government of Alberta website saferoads.com

A few rural road safety considerations:

- Slow down as soon as you spot a piece of farm equipment. In fact, if you see something ahead that is neither car nor truck, slow down—at least until you have identified the object.
- Watch for hand signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over for you to pass. The sheer size of farm equipment often dictates the necessity of wide turns—hence the veer right. If a tractor operator is signaling you to wait, trust him. He has a much higher vantage point than you.
- Be aware of the triangular Slow-moving-Vehicle (SMV) sign. Only use SMV signs on slow moving vehicles, not to mark driveways or for other non-vehicular uses. Not only are these actions illegal in many areas, they devalue the purpose of SMV signs, putting producers at risk when moving equipment.
- Watch for flashing amber lights. This type of light often marks the far right and left of farm equipment. Also watch for reflective tape marking extremities and sides of equipment.
- Do not speed past farm machinery. Even when you may pass safely and legally, the turbulence created by your vehicle may cause the machinery to sway and become unstable.
- Do not pull out in front of slow moving vehicle and then slow suddenly. A tractor pulling a grain cart does not have the maneuverability of a car. Did I mention size? Make sure you have ample space to pass. As with any passing operation, check the rear-view mirror before returning to your travel lane.
- Do not expect equipment to run partly on the road shoulders. Driving with one set of wheels on the pavement and one set on loose-surfaced shoulders substantially increases the risk of overturn or other accident.

Reminders for Farmers

Farmers can consider these rural driving safety tips:

- Make sure all safety lights are clean and working. Replace any worn SMV emblems. Add reflective tape to your equipment: yellow on the sides, orange or red on the rear.
- Try not to group pieces of equipment together when traveling on high-traffic roadways. Other vehicles need time to pass and return to their lane. Space equipment to allow vehicles to pass one unit at a time.
- Provide a follow car with hazard lights flashing. People respond better to this type of escort.
- Limit movements of equipment during evening or peak traffic hours.
- Keep lights on and flashing, even in the daytime.