



Municipal Development Plans

RESIDENT/RATEPAYER SURVEY

Saddle Hills County, the Municipal District of Spirit River and the Town of Spirit River are each preparing new Municipal Development Plans. The municipalities are undertaking this project as a joint venture to maximize efficiencies; however, three separate plans will be created to address the unique issues of each. The purpose of a Municipal Development Plan is to provide a "big picture" land use planning framework to guide long term development decisions. Public input is critical to the process as it ensures that future policies reflect the interests and needs of the community.

The project team has put together a survey for M.D. and County residents/ratepayers to complete regarding Municipal Development Plan issues or concerns. The survey will be mailed out to M.D. and County residents, and will also be available online on the municipalities' respective web sites (in online and PDF versions) starting Tuesday, November 3, 2009:

- www.saddlehills.ab.ca
- www.mdspiritrivier.ab.ca

M.D. and County residents are encouraged to watch their mailbox for their copy of the survey or are invited to visit the County or M.D. web sites to complete the survey. Alternatively, residents/ratepayers can pick up the survey at the municipal offices. The survey will not apply to Town of Spirit River residents, as the Town has conducted its own recent community consultations regarding their vision for future growth and development. The survey results and information gathered will be a key aspect in developing the draft Municipal Development Plans for each municipality. All information collected will be kept confidential.

The input received will be used to help formulate the plans, and the public will be invited to attend open houses in early 2010 to view the draft Municipal Development Plans. The open houses will be advertised in the Central Peace Signal and on the municipalities' web sites prior to each open house.

Thank you for your assistance and input. We look forward to hearing your views! For information contact Laurie Jackson, Manager of Planning and IT Services at 780-864-3760.

Weed and Pest Appeal Committee: Members Needed

The Weed Control Act and Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta require the yearly appointment of an appeal committee to render decisions on appeals of weed or pest notices that are issued by the County. The County is looking for four ratepayers with an interest in the legislative process to put their names forward or be nominated for this committee. To be considered for this committee, please forward your name, address, phone number and a short summary of your interest in this

committee to "Weed and Pest Appeal Committee, c/o Amy Kaut" at the address at the bottom of this page. Applicants may also fax their information to 780-864-2008 or email it to akaut@saddlehills.ab.ca. The deadline for application or nomination is noon on December 4, 2009. For more information on the duties and role of this committee, please contact the Manager of Rural Development, Amy Kaut, at 780-864-3760.

Big Bins for Furniture & Appliances

Saddle Hills County will be providing bins for the fall clean-up! There will be two extra large bins at each site on the dates below. All major appliances and furniture will be accepted at the fall clean-up!

November 9-14

Savanna Pillsworth Rd
Gordondale Bay Tree
Gundy

November 16-21

Happy Valley Westmark
Blueberry Mountain Fourth Creek

Curb-side pick-up of large items will be conducted in Woking November 16. Please mark items with a large black "X." Feel free to contact the Engineering & Public Works Department with any questions or concerns.

Christmas Decorating

The Woking Communities in Bloom committee encourages residents to light up their yard along with the Community Christmas tree light up December 05.

H1N1 Vaccinations (Subject to Availability)

H1N1 vaccination clinics will be taking place at the times and locations found below. More information on the H1N1 virus & how to protect yourself is available at:
www.fightflu.ca www.albertahealthservices.ca www.health.alberta.ca

Thur. Oct. 29	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 30	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Mon. Nov. 2	Bonanza Hall	10:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 3	Wanham Seniors Centre	9:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 4	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thur. Nov. 5	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri. Nov. 6	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Mon. Nov. 9	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 10	Spirit River Public Health Centre	9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thur. Nov. 12	Eaglesham Seniors Centre	10:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Beef Marketing Seminar

A Beef Marketing Opportunities & Strategies seminar will take place on November 18, 2009 at Fairview College beginning at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will include Anne Dunford with Gateway Livestock Exchange and Bruce Viney of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. For more information, call the Peace Country Beef & Forage Association at 780-523-4033.

AgriStability 2009 Update

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation extends a "Thank you" to all who submitted their 2008 AgriStability Supplemental Forms prior to September 30th 2009.

For those who haven't yet, the final deadline to file your 2008 AgriStability Supplemental Forms (with penalty applied) is December 31, 2009. The final deadline to pay your 2009 AgriStability program year fee plus penalty is December 31, 2009.

If you wish to cease participation in the AgriStability Program please complete a opt out form. If you have previously opted out of the AgriStability program, the deadline to opt in for 2010 is April 30, 2010.

Your local AgriStability Field Analyst is available to meet with you. Feel free to schedule an office visit. For further information contact your local AgriStability Field Analyst or call 1-877-744-7900.

Water Quality Workshops

Water quality at your kitchen tap can affect the health and well being of your family. Please attend one of our workshops to learn more on managing and treating rural water sources to improve water quality.

Remaining workshops taking place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the following days:

- November 3 Valleyview, Ag. Plex. Centre
- November 4 Nampa, Nampa Complex
- November 5 Falher, AFSC Conference rm.

Topics and speakers will include:

- Trees and Water: Doug Macaulay
- Treating Water Sources: Randy Ehman
- In-house Water Treatment: Nadine Newman
- Growing Forward & Water: Wendi Dehod

For more information contact SARDA 780-837-2900. Workshops presented by SARDA and Agricultural Services Boards.

Fall Supper & Auction

BLUEBERRY MOUNTAIN HALL

There will be a Fall Supper & Auction Sale of crafts & baking November 7 at Blueberry Mountain Hall. Potluck supper to take place from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of donated crafts and baking will be going towards the maintenance of the Blueberry Mountain Hall.

Supper and Auction

The Silver Valley Ladies Club will be hosting their Annual Fall Supper and Auction at Silver Valley Hall on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. Supper is being generously provided by Spectra Energy. Donations welcome for the auction. Hope to see you there!