

# KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...



- ◇ The 2019 Municipal Taxes are to be distributed in early June via Canada Post
- ◇ If your mailing addresses has changed in the last year, please contact the Taxation and Assessment Department to ensure they are delivered correctly (403)-625-3351 ext. 226



## WEED CONTROL



**NO SPRAY AGREEMENTS**— If you do not want the Municipality to spray herbicides for the purpose of vegetation control on a road allowance adjacent to your property you will need to complete a “No Spray” Agreement. If you signed an agreement last year it is still on file. If you did not, or if there has been a change then come into the MD of Willow Creek office and have one completed.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### APRIL

**10** Agriculture Service Board (ASB) and Council Meeting

**24** Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) and Council Meeting

#### MAY

**8** Agriculture Service Board (ASB) and Council Meeting

**22** Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) and Council Meeting

#### JUNE

**10** Granum Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Plans

**11** Fort Macleod Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Plans

**12** Agriculture Service Board (ASB) and Council Meeting

**12** Claresholm Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Plans

**13** Stavely Public Hearing for Intermunicipal Development Plans

**14** Beef on a Bun Open House at the MD of Willow Creek

**19** Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) and Council Meeting

**FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF EVENTS CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CALL 403-625-3351**



Outdoor safety starts  
with your campfire.

[ofc.alberta.ca](http://ofc.alberta.ca)

Alberta

The month of May brings warmer weather and Albertans are eager to enjoy the outdoors. At this time of the year, the Office of the Fire Commissioner is reminding Albertans of the importance of fire safety when camping and heading outdoors. Here are some important tips to keep your camping and outdoor adventures fire safe:

### Campfires

Before starting a campfire, check to see if your community has a fire ban in place at [albertafirebans.ca](http://albertafirebans.ca).

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.



**Wildfire**

*A threat to our community*

Last year, wildfires burnt 49,000 hectares in Alberta

- Remove leaves and vegetation
- Clear roofs, gutters, and around the house
- Never toss cigarette butts on the ground

More tips at [ofc.alberta.ca](http://ofc.alberta.ca)

REPORT WILDFIRES  
**310-FIRE**

Alberta  
Government



## Rural Property Safety Tips

As the warmer weather is upon us, many creatures will be coming out of hibernation, including thieves. Here are some tips for you to do your best to protect your home from criminals...

- Keep your home, garages and vehicles locked at all times.
- Secure sliding windows and doors. Install 1" deadbolts.
- Remove all valuables (including pocket change) from parked vehicles. If valuables are seen by thieves they will be stolen.
- Use motion sensor lights for the exterior of your home.
- If you will be away from your home for a period of time, have someone you trust check it periodically. Use timers on interior lights. Do not share vacation plans on social media to alert people that you are away. You can post your vacation pictures when you get home.
- Consider installing camera surveillance, an intrusion alarm or an alarm to notify you when someone pulls into your driveway.
- Report suspicious people and or vehicles to the police in a timely fashion. **Know your rural address.**
- **BE NEIGHBORLY**— get to know your neighbors and look out for one another. You can keep each other informed about any suspicious activity in your area.

### PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS

Pine Coulee and Willow Creek Parks will be open in April depending on the weather. Clear Lake will open in May. Check the MD of Willow Creek website for updated information  
[www.mdwillowcreek.com](http://www.mdwillowcreek.com)



### 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](http://www.mdwillowcreek.com)



## Farm Safety

Are you wondering how the changes to the Occupational Health and Safety Legislation affect your farm or ranch? You can find the answers on the AgSafe Alberta website [www.agsafeab.ca](http://www.agsafeab.ca). For more information on Guidelines, On-Farm Safety Services, Online Courses, Guides, Newsletter and Safety Videos. You can also call 403-219-7901 or email [info@agsafeab.ca](mailto:info@agsafeab.ca)

### NEW TO RURAL LIFE?

It is important for you to know that life in the country is different from life in the city. Rural Municipalities are not able to provide the same level of service the urban governments provide. To that end, we are providing you with the information to help you make an educated and informed decision when purchasing or developing rural land.

The FREE DVD titled "Code of the West" is available to anyone and can be picked up at the M.D. of Willow Creek administration office. The Document can also be found on the website under the "About MD" tab. Welcome to your little piece of paradise!

## Safe Roads

**Motorcycles** are back 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 surroundings 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 with your RV, make sure the hitch is suitable for the trailer's 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 or in a windstorm.

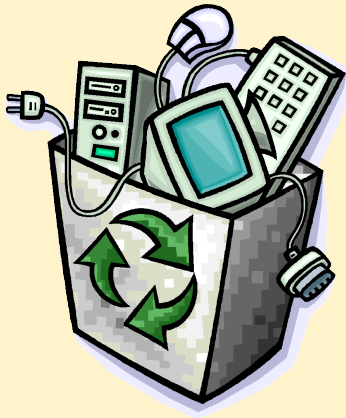
**School Buses** will display red flashing lights when children are getting on or off the bus. They could be crossing the road in the process. If you encounter a school bus with red flashing lights, STOP! Do not proceed until the bus driver has de-activated the red flashing lights.

Slow moving **farm equipment** will be on the roads for spring cultivating, seeding, and fertilizing and will be putting in some long days. Make sure lights on equipment are functioning and visible.

Information on everything from Commercial Vehicles to car seats can be found on the Government of Alberta website [saferoads.com](http://saferoads.com).

**Check out the MD of Willow Creek website, Facebook page and Twitter for events and information.**





**SATURDAY MAY 25, 2019**

**10 AM TO 2 PM**

**At the Town of Claresholm Public Works Garage**

**424 41 Ave East**

**Household Toxic Waste and Electronic Recycle Round Up  
for the residents of**

**Town of Claresholm and the MD of Willow Creek**

**Bring your unwanted computers, TV's and old paint. Visit  
[www.albertarecycling.ca](http://www.albertarecycling.ca) or call 1-888-999-8762 for more infor-  
mation on electronics and paint recycling.**



# **WORRIED ABOUT YOUR TAXES?!?**

## **APPLY FOR THE TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPPs) TODAY!**

- ◆ 12 INSTALLMENTS (NOV 15 – OCT 15)**
- ◆ NEVER WORRY ABOUT PENALTIES AGAIN!**
- ◆ APPLY USING THE FORM BELOW**

**\*\*\*ANYONE WISHING TO APPLY TO THE TIPPs PROGRAM MID –YEAR WE ASK THAT YOU  
COMPLETE THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED TO BE IN SYNC WITH THE TIPPs SCHEDULE \*\*\***



## ROAD BANS

With the warmer weather conditions and as the frost comes out of the ground ROAD BANS are in effect. When the frost comes out, the roads get very soft, especially on the shoulders, and our roads are left in a vulnerable state. The MD of Willow Creek puts the road bans on to minimize the amount of damage done to our roads.

When the posted road bans are in effect, the Community Peace Officers will be 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 put in place.

**CHECK THE MD WEBSITE FOR DETAILS ON MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHTS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND CURRENT BANS IN EFFECT**

## 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](http://albertafarmdays.ca) for more information. Insurance is provided to all participating hosts as part of the registration.

## HIDDEN GEM CHALLENGE

*Have you ever been a tourist in your own town? If you have friends or family coming to visit from another part of the country where would you take them? What would you show them or tell them about?*



*We enjoy traveling to exotic places for a change of scenery or the experience but sometimes overlook the beauty that surrounds us in the MD of Willow Creek. In your day to day travels this spring and summer I encourage you to look at our area through the eyes of a tourist. I challenge you to share with me, your stories about a special place, beautiful vista, creative talent, innovative idea, neighborly atmosphere or hospitality experience **specific to the MD of Willow Creek** that you may encounter. Email your stories to*

*[sheila@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:sheila@mdwillowcreek.com) I would love to hear from you!*

