



County of VERMILION River

Spring Newsletter

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2009 Annual Information Meetings

Annual Open House

Thursday, April 16, 2009 ~ 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2009 Budget and 2008 Financial Statements

County Administration Office

DIVISION MEETINGS

DIVISION 1 & 2

Monday, March 9, 2009

Paradise Valley Hall

DIVISION 5

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Blackfoot Hall

DIVISION 4, 5 & 6

Monday, April 27, 2009

Marwayne Alliance Church

HAMLET MEETINGS

STREAMSTOWN

Monday, March 16, 2009

Streamstown Community Hall

ISLAY

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Islay Community Hall

McLAUGHLIN & RIVERCOURSE

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Rivercourse Community Hall

BLACKFOOT

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Blackfoot Community Hall

CLANDONALD

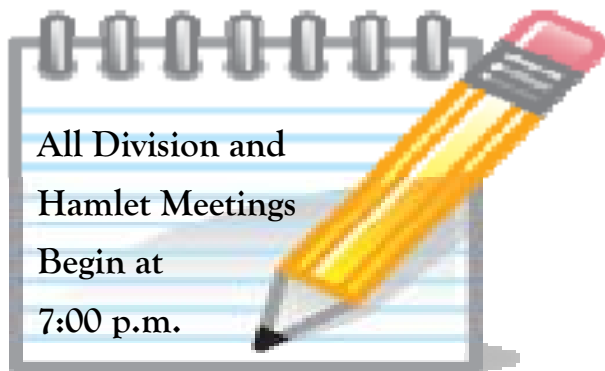
Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Clandonald Community Hall

TULLIBY LAKE

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Tulliby Lake Community Hall









Burning Waste.....Facts At Your Fingertips

While burning may be the simplest way to clean up a site, open burning can release pollutants, reduce visibility, create unpleasant odours and cause contamination.











To ensure the environment is protected, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) classifies debris as either burnable or prohibited.

WHAT YOU CAN BURN

-  Brush and fallen trees
-  Used power and telephone poles that do not contain preservatives
-  Wood or wood products not containing preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, CCA ect.
-  Solid waste from tree harvesting
-  Straw, stubble, grass, weeds, leaves and tree pruning
-  Solid waste from post and pole operations that does not contain wood preservatives






WHAT YOU CAN'T BURN

A permit from Alberta Environment is required to burn prohibited debris anywhere in Alberta.

-  Animal manure
-  Pathological waste (waste from human health centres)
-  Wood or wood products containing wood preservatives
-  Waste materials from construction sites
-  Rubber, including tires
-  Plastic, including baler twine
-  Oil
-  Containers that held pesticides or other chemicals
-  Plastic or rubber-coated materials, including copper wire
-  Any waste that causes dense smoke, offensive odours or releases toxic substances

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Many items that you may consider burning can be recycled

-  Paper and cardboard
-  Metal Materials
-  Used oil
-  Tires
-  Beverage containers

Alberta Recycle Information Line: 1-800-463-6326

Please Remember:

Burning permits are required in the County

For more info, contact Orest Popil @ 780-205-0313

Request for Volunteers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer fire fighters and their families for the selfless work they do for our residents and like to remind and inform communities that their local fire departments are always looking for dedicated individuals for recruitment.

The County has fire departments in the following locations:

Blackfoot
Marwayne

Islay
Dewberry

Clandonald
Paradise Valley

Kitscoty

If you are interested or would like information on how you can become a volunteer fire fighter in your area please contact Orest Popil, County Fire Chief at 780-205-0313 and he can steer you in the right direction.



Dust Control Information

The cost for dust control is \$10 per meter for the first 100 meters. For each additional meter of dust control, the cost is \$20 per meter to a maximum of 200 meters per rate payer.

At no time will dust control (existing or new) exceed 200 meters. This means that if a ratepayer currently has 100 meters they can only purchase 100 meters more to be charged accordingly (\$20/ meter)

All Applications must be in by June 15, 2009 in order to be applied in 2009. If applications are received after the date, they will go on the 2010 list.

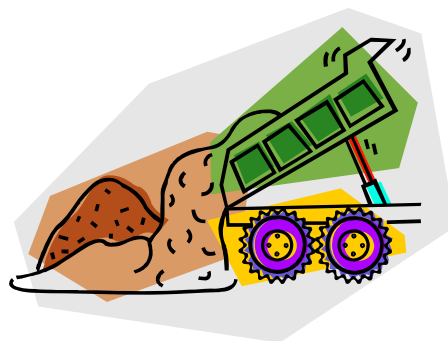
All Dust Control Applications Will Be Completed Before June 30, 2009, Weather Permitting

Winter Graveling

Winter graveling commenced January 13, 2009 and will proceed through to break-up.

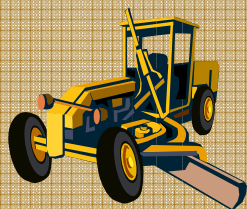
- Division 1 has been completed.
- Division 5 South of Highway 16 has been completed
- Division 2 will be partially completed
- Division 3 will be completed.
- Division 4 & 7 will be started, if time permits

Watch for trucks spreading on County Roadways.



Proposed 2009 Public Work Projects

| <u>Construction</u> | | <u>Cost Share With Industry</u> | | <u>MSI Project--Grant Funded</u> | |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|
| RG 62 North 619 | 2 miles | Husky TWP 501 From RG 65-70 | .5 miles | TWP 494 RG 14-12 | 2 miles |
| TWP 514 East RG 80 | 2 miles | Husky RG 74 South of TWP 524 | .5 miles | Vermilion Transfer Site | 1 mile |
| TWP 500 East RG 41 | 2 miles | Husky TWP 524 RG 73-74 | .5 miles | | |
| TWP 550 East RG 50 | 1 mile | CNRL RG 25 South of HWY 619 | .5 miles | | |
| TWP 542 East of 62 | .5 miles | | | | |
| (Two Hills Connector) | | | | | |



Core Projects--Partially Grant Funded

- TWP 522 East 6 miles from Hwy 41 (AMIP & Reserve)
- TWP 510 East 7 miles from Hwy 897
- RG 20 South of Hwy 619 6 miles (NDCC & AMIP)

New Dog Control Bylaw Comes into Effect on MAY 1, 2009.

As a responsible pet owner, you know that your dog requires care and attention in order to lead a happy and healthy life. As a responsible pet owner, you want to ensure that your dog is safe from harm, that he doesn't run loose in the municipality or create problems for your neighbors.

However, in response to concerns raised by County residents, Council has implemented a stricter dog control bylaw that addresses nuisance barking, places limits on the numbers of dogs at one residence, limits certain restricted breeds or vicious dogs and sets penalties for contravention of the regulations. Council strongly encourages voluntary compliance with the bylaw however a Dog Control Officer has been retained to enforce the regulations.

Basic Rules:

In order to comply with the bylaw we ask pet owners to ensure that:

they own no more than:

2 dogs (over the age of 6 months) if they reside in a Hamlet or multi-lot residential subdivision (country residential development)

4 dogs (over the age of 6 months) if they reside in rural agricultural areas

A license tag is obtained from the Administration Office for any dog over the age of 3 months - \$50 for the lifetime of the dog (tags are not transferrable)



Breaking the Rules

Penalties are imposed on the owner of a dog for not carrying out their responsibilities, and are considered a separate offence if they are a result of different dogs belonging to the same owner. **If the owner of a dog fails to obey the rules outlined in the dog control bylaw, they can be subject to penalties ranging from \$100.00 up to \$2,000.00 for each offence.** Penalties increase for each subsequent offence.

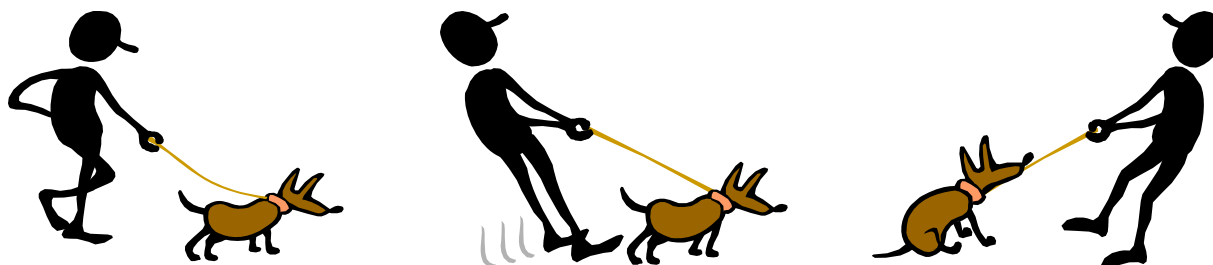
Restricted Dogs

The breeds of dogs that are restricted in the bylaw are Pit Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull, Rottweiler or any dog of mixed breeding, which can be identified through its physical characteristics as a dog partially of the above mentioned breeds or kinds by a veterinarian licensed to practice in Alberta.

Any dog with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack without provocation any person or animal can be deemed a vicious dog.

An owner of two or more restricted or vicious dogs, over the age of six months, is guilty of an offence under the bylaw. The bylaw contains specific regulations and penalties that apply to restricted and vicious dogs.

Council wishes to provide this information to our citizens to allow voluntary compliance with the bylaw prior to the effective date of May 1, 2009. You can view the entire Dog Control Bylaw No. 09-03 at the County Office or on our website at www.vermilion-river.ab.ca.



Seniors Corner

County of Vermilion River Public Transportation Assistance Grant

The County of Vermilion River has in place the above program to assist Senior's and Physically Disabled Residents of the County. This program has been in place since 1995.

The qualifying criteria are as follows:

- Confirmation that your primary residence, as defined in the Election Act, is in the County of Vermilion River
- Confirmation of being 65 years of age or older to qualify as a senior applicant; or
- Confirmation of being legally physically disabled—proof by Doctor's letter, disability pension or disability number.

Reimbursements are limited to \$250.00 per individual in each calendar year.

Eligible Expenses:

- Scheduled bus fares to any location from anywhere within the County or from the City of Lloydminster or Town of Vermilion, for any reason
- Scheduled bus fares to any location for medical reasons only. Plus taxi fare from the bus depot in these locations to a medical facility, supported by confirmation of a doctor's appointment and by taxi receipts

Private transportation for senior citizens, disabled or handicapped persons reimburse at a rate of \$0.25 per kilometer, supported by confirmation of a doctor's appointment.

The information required to process your claim is as follows:

- Name, mailing address and telephone number
- Legal Land Description
- Proof of Age (for senior citizens)
- Proof of Physical Disability (for disabled citizens)
- Proof of Medical Appointment
- Copies of Receipts for bus and Taxi Fares



County Map

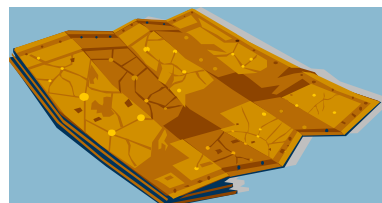


The County wishes to advise its residents that we will be producing a new Land Ownership Map in the near future. Any resident who has an interest in this matter should take note of the following:

- * Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP), any person wishing to have their name withheld from the map may do so by sending a written request to the county office listing all properties that should be affected. All requests must be received in the office by March 27, 2009.
- * Parcels under 40 acres in size will not have owner names placed on the map.
- * Parcels within Hamlets will not have owner names placed on the map.
- * Parcels within subdivisions will not have owner names placed on the map.
- * Only the primary land owner name will be placed on the map.

All inquiries should be addressed to:

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County of Vermilion River
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Email: RMcCulley@County24.com



The Vermilion River Regional Alliance –

Working For You.

The Vermilion River Regional Alliance (VRRRA) celebrated a year of successes at its Annual General Meeting in January.



The alliance – comprised of the seven municipalities of Dewberry, Kitscoty, Mannville, Marwayne, Paradise Valley, Lloydminster, and The County of Vermilion River, and Lakeland College – summarized the outcomes and plans of its three-functioning sub-committees: Disaster Services, Economic and Development, and the Vermilion River Regional Healthy Communities Coalition.

Special guest, STARS Air Ambulance, gave an insightful presentation explaining how STARS contributes to our health and safety. The topic was a perfect fit for the Disaster Services Committee to see how STARS can contribute to disaster situations in the Mid-West. This year, the Disaster Services Committee held a mock disaster training exercise with follow-up discussions to determine how they can improve emergency services. They learned how to strengthen and improve partnerships, and they intend to hold further training sessions to strengthen their practices.

The Economic Development Committee has spent several years laying the framework to successfully market the Vermilion River Region. This year it intends to expand its promotion of tourism and economic development in the area. Items to investigate include the VRRRA website (www.vermilionriverregion.ca), The VRRRA *Calendar of Events* (available May 1, 2009), a three-minute promotional video of the industry and recreation within the region (available from the County Office for trade fairs), and increased exposure in business and tourism guides across Western Canada, one of which circulates across Canada and internationally.

The Vermilion River Regional Healthy Communities Coalition (VRRHCC) started 2009 with a much-anticipated \$327, 703 grant from Health Canada. The grant will enable the coalition to implement a strategic plan that it has been planned over the past three years. It will partner with the Wainwright Area Social Action Committee (WASAC) to promote resiliency and healthy lifestyle choices in the region's youth. The VRRHCC will focus on hiring a youth worker to work with families and youth at the grassroots level to educate and involve them in sustaining healthy communities. Watch for opportunities to nominate a kid for the VRRHCC *Great Kid's Award*, to participate in training seminars for *Developmental Assets*, to attend presentations, and view a social marketing campaign that will reveal the truth – not just the rumors – about drugs, alcohol, and healthy lifestyles in our communities.

Upcoming Presentations:

Katy Hutchison – *Walking After Midnight*

Vermilion Regional Centre at 4:00 p.m. on March 16

Wainwright on March 17 contact Alberta Health Services – AADAC for more information

Lloydminster March 18 – not confirmed – contact LADSAC for more information

Troy Payne – youth resiliency and rehabilitation

Vermilion Outreach School & J.R. Robson School – April 21, 2009.

Garbage & Water Wells

A note to our Hamlet residents:

At the January 30, 2009 Council Meeting, Council passed Bylaw 09-01 which allowed for an increase for Garbage Pickup fees of \$2.00 bi-monthly, from \$15.00 to \$17.00, effective January 1, 2009.

Please note that should you currently use the Preauthorized Payment method of paying your utility bill, your payment will need to be increased to reflect this change.

Just a reminder, please ensure your VRRWMSD garbage bin is removed from the curbside after pickup to allow for snowplowing of streets.

Council, on the same bylaw, also passed Community Water Well Charge out rates, effective January 1, 2009, of \$5.60/m³ for Commercial Weed Application Operators (usage not to exceed 20% of original license), and \$1.25/m³ for our Ratepayers.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Darrell Stefanick, Water & Sewer Utility Manager.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-UP

Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Exhibition Grounds in Lloydminster

10:00am to 2:00pm

No Charge

All residents of Lloydminster, the east side of the County of Vermilion River, and the R.M of Wilton & Britannia are encouraged to bring their household hazardous waste chemicals free of charge to this event. All unusable material will be sent for proper disposal. You can also bring other items such as:

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| Used Oils | Antifreeze (glycol) | Propane Tanks | Batteries (wet and dry) | Computers |
| Used Oil Filters | Drugs & Pills | Aerosol Cans | Monitors/Printers | |

Waste paint will NOT be accepted at the Round-up. It can be taken to all County transfer sites, except for Tulliby lake and Preston for recycling. This will be your only chance to get rid of hazardous materials without endangering our environment, so clean out your kitchen cupboards, basements, and garages of all the junk you have been saving.

Made possible by the Lloydminster Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Committee, the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Authority, the RM of Wilton, the RM of Britannia, and Action On Waste, a division of Alberta Environment Protection

Employee Milestones:

The County of Vermilion River extends congratulations to Garry Gould, Public Works department, on 20 years of service to the County in 2008. Garry was presented with his long service award in December. We apologize for omitting Garry's name from the long service list published in the Winter 2008 edition of the newsletter.

County Council also recognized Ed Radesh at the awards presentation, honoring his retirement after 28 years of service with the County Public Works department. Ed worked at a variety of tasks over the years culminating with his service as grader operator in the Vermilion and Clandonald areas. The County extends best wishes to Ed on his well deserved retirement.

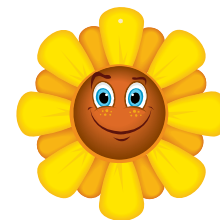
Please Note.....

Our office will be closed the following days from 12:00pm to 1:00 pm for safety meetings:

May 8, June 19, July 24, August 28, and September 18

You can still use our drop box if necessary

Our Office will also be closed April 10th and 13th for Easter as well as May 18th for Victoria Day



PLEASE REMEMBER.....to use your proper account # when paying your bills online. Occasionally we have had customers use the incorrect account # which has resulted in their payment being applied to the wrong department. In some instances, penalties have been applied to the outstanding accounts where the department is unaware that a payment has been made to another account.

If you are paying a receivables invoice online.....please use 111111 (all ones) as your account #)

Is there anything that you would like to see in our Newsletter? Send your suggestions to nmiciak@county24.com

Transfer Station Hours

**VERMILION RIVER REGIONAL
WASTE MANAGEMENT
SERVICES COMMISSION**

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| <u>Kitscoty:</u> (SE 35-50-3 W4) | Wed: 2:00—5:00 p.m. Wed: 2:00—7:00 p.m. | Sat: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Nov 1-Apr 30) Sat: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (May 1-Oct 31) |
| <u>Marwayne:</u> (SE 34-52-3 W4) | Wed: 2:00—5:00 p.m. Wed: 2:00—7:00 p.m. | Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (Nov 1-Apr 30) Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (May 1-Oct 31) |
| <u>Clandonald/Dewberry:</u> (NE 11-53-5 W4) | Thurs: 12:00— 5:00 p.m. | Sat: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. |
| <u>Paradise Valley:</u> (NW 7-47-2 W4) | Wed:10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | Sat: 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. |
| <u>Tulliby Lake:</u> (NW 6-55-1 W4) | 2nd & 4th Sat, 1st,3rd & 5th Wed | : 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. |
| <u>Preston:</u> (SW 30-48-6 W4) | Sat: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. | |
| <u>Vermilion:</u> (SW 5-51-6 W4) | Mon to Sat (except Stat Holidays) | 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. |

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