



MD 133 Community Newsletter

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Next Regular Council Meetings are Feb 1, 2010 and Feb. 15, 2010
at 9:00 a.m. at the MD office

Reminder: Contact the MD office three days prior to meeting to be added to the agenda
Next ASB Meeting is Feb. 8, 2010 at 9:00 am at the MD Office in Spirit River

• MD #133 Fire Department: (Fire Chief - Bill Mortland)

Winter meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next scheduled practice/meeting is on January 27, 2010 at 7:30 pm. For more details call Bill at 864-3057 or 864-0782.

• Public Works: (Jess Gingell - Public Works Supervisor)

In the event of Emergency Call Out of Municipal Equipment, please call in the following order:

1. Jess at (780) 864-9358 or 2. Mike M at (780) 864-9365 or 3. Tom (780) 864-9600.

Overhead Doors for Tender

The MD has replaced two 10' X 10' uninsulated wood overhead doors and removed two 9' X 9' uninsulated wood overhead doors. These for doors are available for salvage. Any MD of Spirit River Ratepayer interested in bidding for these doors can view them at the Administration yard during regular business hours. Bids will be received for each door until 2" pm on January 25, 2010 at the Administration Building

Please mark the outside of your tender envelope "Door Tender"

Alberta and Prairie Shelterbelt Programs



Application forms are available at the office for Farmers and Acreage owners to apply for shelterbelt trees. For those people who are eligible for free trees from the Prairie Shelterbelt program you can select from nine varieties of deciduous trees, 12 varieties of deciduous shrubs including fruit trees and four evergreen varieties. You can visit their website for

more information at www.agr.gc.ca/pfra/shelterbelt_e.htm

The Alberta Shelterbelt Program has an application fee of \$26.25 plus a \$22.00 fee for each bundle of ten trees purchased. There are nine varieties of tall growing willow and poplar, six varieties of midsized tree including chokecherry and May Day, nine varieties of fruit and hedge trees and six varieties of evergreens including spruce, larch and pine. Applications can also be submitted over the internet at www.marketland.net

Applications for both programs will be received until March 15, 2010 and early applications have a better opportunity of getting the trees you want. The ASB will pick up the trees for distribution in late May.

MD WEB SITE: <http://www.mdspiritriver.ab.ca>

Do You Need Firewood? MD, Spirit River or Rycroft Residents

BRUSHING TO COMMENCE IN THE GREENWAY AREA EAST OF RYCROFT JANUARY 13, 2010. THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF IS GOING TO BEGIN BY CLEANING UP BRUSH ALONG SOME OF THE RIGHT OF WAYS EAST OF RYCROFT. WE CLEAN THE BRUSH OUT OF THE DITCHES FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRSTLY, TALL BRUSH ALONG THE ROADS CREATES A MAINTENANCE PROBLEM AS IT DOES NOT ALLOW THE SUN AND WIND AT THE ROADS WHEN THEY ARE WET SO THEY STAY SOFT AND RUT EASILY IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER, SECONDLY, IN THE WINTER THEY CAN CREATE DRIFTING PROBLEMS IF THE BRUSH DENSITY IS WRONG, THIRDLY; THEY PROVIDE A VISIBILITY PROBLEM FOR THE PUBLIC WHERE MOOSE AND DEER CAN JUMP OUT FROM BEHIND CREATING A VISIBILITY CONCERN, AND FINALLY; THE BRUSH CAN CREATE TROUBLE WHILE WATER IS MOVING IN THE DITCHES FLOODING FIELDS AND ROADS. WE WILL USE A COMBINATION OF METHODS FOR REMOVING THE BRUSH INCLUDING A MULCHING HEAD WHICH GRINDS UP THE TREES. IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO CUT DOWN LARGER TREES AND LIMB THEM WITH A CHAINSAW RATHER THAN GRIND UP BIG TREE. THE ASB POLICY FOR THE COLLECTION OF FIREWOOD IS TO GIVE THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER FIRST RIGHT TO THESE TREES FOR FIREWOOD. SECOND; ARE ANY OTHER RATEPAYER, THIRD; THE MUNICIPALITY, AND FINALLY; THE PUBLIC.

IF YOU NEED FIREWOOD PLEASE CONTACT Kelly Hudson by the ABOVE PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL khudson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE SOME STANDING OR DECKED LONG TREES FOR YOU TO CUT INTO STOVE LENGTHS AND HAUL AWAY FOR YOURSELVES.

TIPS ON KEEPING A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Did you make a New Year Resolutions on January 1,? Have you kept it?. In fact, about 80% of resolution-makers abandon their resolutions by mid-February.

Keeping to your Resolution can be a fun experience that just may change the course of your life forever. Resolutions should become an everyday life style.



1. Don't place unrealistic demands on yourself.
- 2) Break your goal into a series of steps, Make your plans and progress concrete by keeping a handwritten journal.
- 3) Tell your friends and family about your goals.
- 4) Regularly remind yourself of the benefits associated with achieving your goals by creating a checklist of how life would be better once you obtain your aim.
- 5) Expect to revert to your old habits from time to time. Treat any failure as a temporary set-back rather than a reason to give up altogether.
- 6) Make only one resolution, your chances of success are greater