Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be held on December 15, 2021 at 10:00am in the Council Chambers located at the MD Office in Spirit River.

PUBLIC WORKS

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment, please call David Johnson – (780) 864-9600.

WATER SUPPLY

The Municipal District of Spirit River has opened its water reservoir to MD residents to aid in replenishing water for Dugouts. The MD Reservoir is located on TWP RD 780 West of Range Road 60. To access the Reservoir, please contact Dave Johnson, public Works Supervisor at 780-864-9600 djohnson@mdspiritriver.ab.ca. This water supply is intended for noncommercial use only. Please be considerate and take only what you need.

SECURITY CAMERA REBATE

The Municipal District of Spirit River has extended the deadline for our Security Camera Rebate Program. All applications must be received by December 31, 2021. For more information and/or an application, please contact the MD133 office – 780-864-3500.

IMPORTANT PENALTY INFORMATION

Penalty charges on outstanding current taxes will be levied as follows:

- 2% penalty on September 16, 2021
- 2% penalty on October 15, 2021
- 2% penalty on November 15, 2021
- 2% penalty on December 15, 2021
- An additional 10% penalty will be calculated on all balances outstanding for 2021 and previous years on January 1, 2022.

TERVITA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY

MD residents may be asked to verify their name and land locations upon entering the land fill site.

REGULAR LANDFILL TAKE-IN DAYS:

- *Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – 9am-5pM. Saturday – 10am-4pm*
- **Closed:** *Monday ,Tuesday & Sunday.*

If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745.

TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN

MD residents and landowners may apply to enter into a Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP) Agreement with the MD of Spirit River #133. Taxes payable under the TIPP Agreement shall be collected from January to December of the current year, with the tax account balance to be paid in full by December 31st of the current tax year. If you are interested in applying or would like further information, please contact the MD office at 780-864-3500 or mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

DAY OF TOURING AND ADVENTURE

Are you looking for some fun in your life? Need a day of touring and adventure? The MD of Spirit River had some bus tours over the summer that offered its riders a day of fun and interesting tours around our region. We would like to continue with these day trip bus tours and are looking for ideas of fun and interesting places to visit. We would like to offer a day to the Grande Prairie Art Gallery and any other place of interest that can be implemented into the tour. Please feel free to give us a call or send us an email with your ideas. mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca or 780-864-3500.

FCSS NEWS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

- **CHRISTMAS MEALS FOR SENIORS!** We need volunteers to help prepare meals and soups to be delivered to our more vulnerable seniors this month. December 11-13 in the Rycroft Hall. Please let FCSS know if and when you can volunteer. For residents of Spirit River, Rycroft, the MD and Birch Hills County.
- **CHRISTMAS HAMPER:** Applications are available. If you or your family needs some help making Christmas special, please send in an application by December 3. Volunteers are needed for this program. Please let our office know if you can help December 13 or 17.
- **CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE:** Collection Day is Dec. 4! Watch for details for our **RED BAG DRIVE**. Our general collection boxes are also throughout the community to support Hampers and the Food Bank. Volunteers needed for December 1 and 4.
- **SECRET SANTA FOR KIDS:** is part of the hamper program. You can sponsor a child's gift. Gifts will be due December 15.
- **SANTAS FOR SENIORS:** For seniors who need a little community support at Christmas. Call our office to sign a senior up for a gift. Please call our office to sponsor a gift. Gifts due in by December 10.
- **BUS TOURS OF THE NORTHERN SPIRIT LIGHTS:** See the light show December 10, 13, 20, or 27. $10/adult. Kids ride free with their adult. Call the MD 780-864-3500 to book your seat. Spaces are limited.

For further details and inquiries, please contact Julie & Petrina at the FCSS office: 780-864-3500 press 2, or email fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

REMINDER: CONTROLLED BURNS NOTIFICATIONS

Please notify us before you burn. Those who do not advise of controlled burns are subject to a $500 fine. These rules apply year-round. When calling for a burn notification, please contact the MD Office at (780) 864-3500 Monday through Friday before 4:15pm.

USE RESPECT WHEN HUNTING ON PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS

Hunting without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and results in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. Hunters should establish friendly relations with landholders by requesting permission to access private land, leaving gates as they find them, avoid damaging crops or property, and avoid disturbing livestock. Hunters are reminded that it is a privilege to access private lands and is contingent upon courtesy and responsible conduct. It is the hunter's responsibility to know, understand and abide by access conditions that apply when using and enjoying these areas.

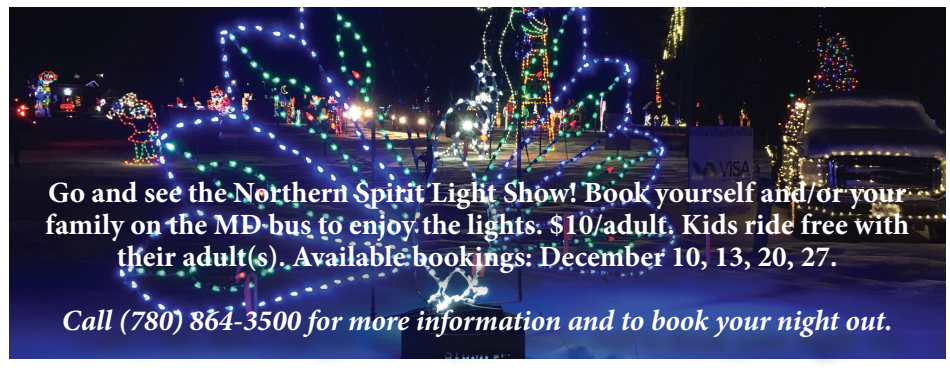
SNOW PLOW SERVICES

The following is a List of Businesses within the MD of Spirit River that can provide Snow Ploughing Services:

Magpie Trucking:
Dwayne: 780-864-0872
Office: 780-864–3312

Wild Horizon Ventures:
Keegan: 780-831-8136

Ryson Ventures
780-864-5436

Lefley Honey Co. Ltd:
Jack: 780-831-0607
Kelly: 780-864-0281

RCZ Ventures:
Rick: 780-864-7888