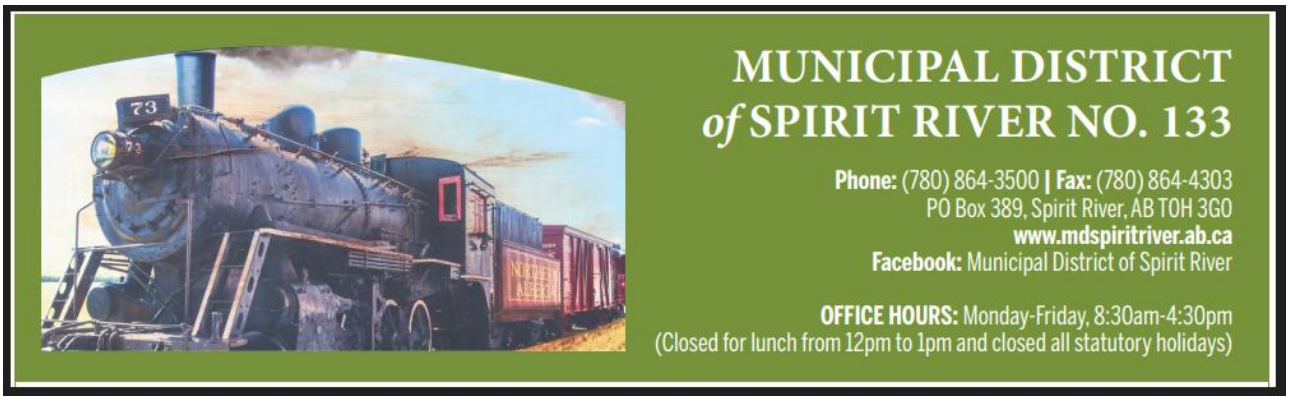

June 5,2025 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be held on June 18,2025 at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers located in the MD Office in Spirit River. Council meetings are recorded live for online public viewing! Please refer to our Facebook page or the MD website for your live link to log into these meetings.

Some of the following motions were made at our Council Meeting on June 4,2025.

Moved by Councillor Stan Bzowy that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 contribute funds equivalent to an amount contributed by the MD's regional partners or up to a maximum of $1000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Grande Spirit Foundation – Request for Support: 65th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday June 28th, 2025 - Request for Sponsorship and use of the MD Transit Bus for the event.

Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 Transit Bus be donated for the Grande Spirit Foundation's 65th Anniversary Celebration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Elaine Garrow that the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 donate $250.00 for the Grande Spirit Foundation's 65th Anniversary Celebration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Anyone wishing to review our Council Meeting minutes can visit the MD of Spirit River #133 website under Council and Council Meeting Minutes.

Public Works

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment please call: David Johnson 780 864-9600.

❑ **REMINDER , PLEASE NOTIFY US BEFORE YOU BURN. THOSE WHO DO NOT ADVISE OF CONTROLLED BURNS ARE SUBJECT TO A $ 500.00 FINE. THESE RULES APPLY YEAR ROUND!**
When calling for a burn notification please call the office Monday through Friday before 4:15pm. MD Office at (780) 864-3500

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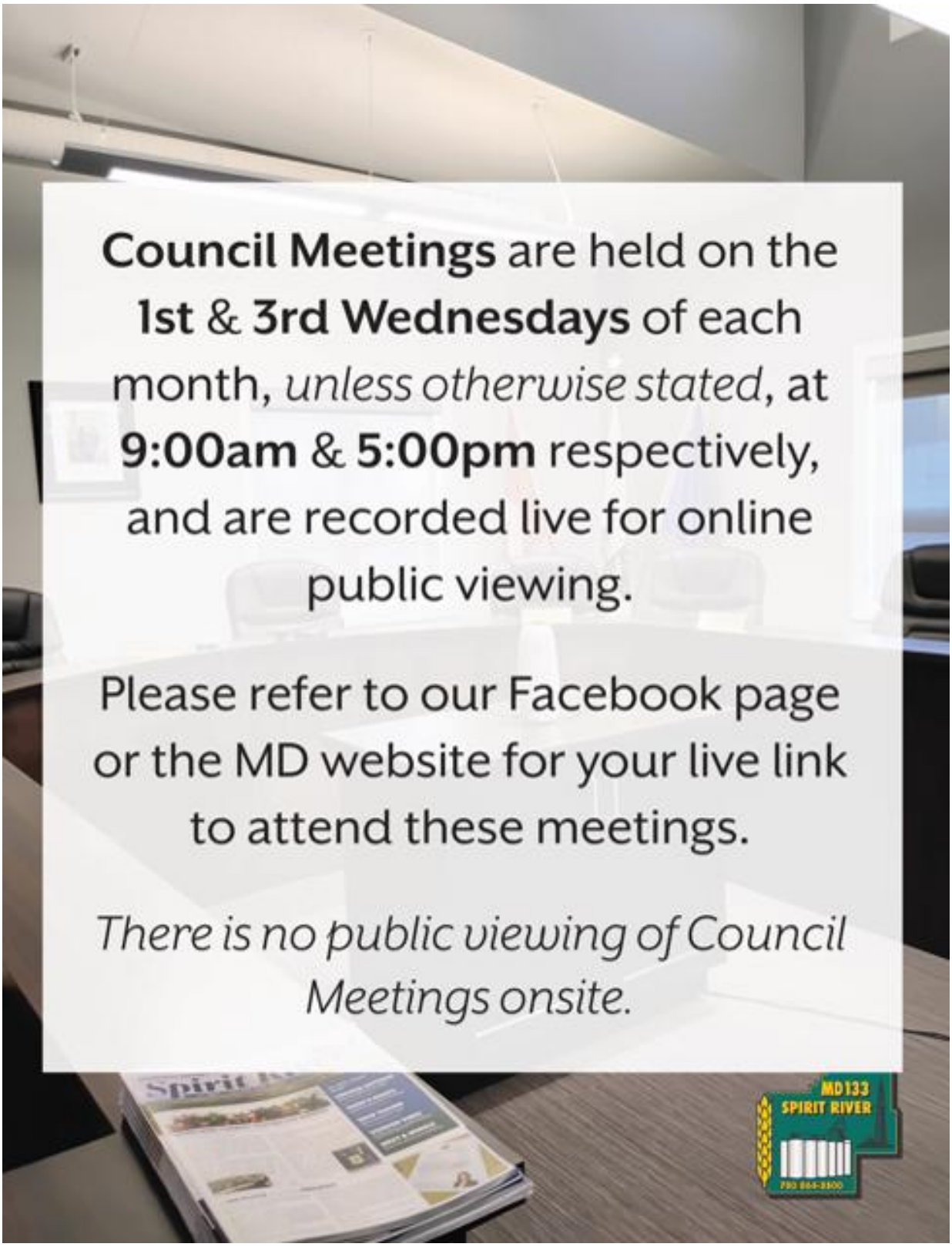
Attention MD of Spirit River Residents!

Please be aware that our friendly property assessors will be making their rounds over the next couple of weeks.
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Assessor's Office at Northern Sunrise County at (780)624-0013.

Thank you!


Council Meetings are held on the **1st** & **3rd Wednesdays** of each month, *unless otherwise stated*, at **9:00am** & **5:00pm** respectively, and are recorded live for online public viewing.
Please refer to our Facebook page or the MD website for your live link to attend these meetings.
There is no public viewing of Council Meetings onsite.
MD 133
SPIRIT RIVER

R360 ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS CANADA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY

MD residents will be asked to show their Landfill Usage Card upon entering the landfill site.

Regular Landfill Take in days:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Closed: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday

R360 LANDFILL will no longer be accepting any chemical jugs or containers.

If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745
Or the MD of Spirit River office at 780-864-3500

LANDFILL CARD UPDATE

Attention MD Residents,
Landfill cards that have been issued with an expiration date do not need to be renewed unless you are renting your land. If you own your property and your Landfill Card has an expiration date on it, please disregard this expiration date. Your Landfill card will remain active until you have either reached your load limit, you have sold your land, or if you have lost your Landfill privileges. If you are renting in the MD of Spirit River and your Landfill Card has expired, please stop by the office for renewal.

2025 PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the **Assessment and Tax Notices** for the 2025 Taxation Year will be mailed on May 29th, 2025, and will be payable **on or before September 16th, 2025**. *All assessments and tax notices are deemed to have been received seven (7) days after mailing within Alberta and fourteen (14) days outside of the province.*

Anyone wishing to object to the assessment value on any property in their name **MUST**, *within 60 days of receiving this notice*, lodge their complaint using only the prescribed "**Assessment Review Board Complaint**" form to the Assessment Review Board Clerk care of Louise Gostick, Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133, Box 389, 4202 – 50th St. Spirit River, AB T0H 3G0.

The complaint must be accompanied by a **$50** fee for Residential and Farmland or **$650** fee for Non-residential – Commercial or Industrial, *which will be refunded to the complainant if the complaint is successful*.

A copy of "Filing a Property Assessment Complaint and Preparing for Your Hearing" booklet, as well as a "Guide to Property Assessment and Taxation in Alberta" can be obtained @ mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

Complaints MUST be submitted, *in writing*, on or before August 5th, 2025.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The MD of Spirit River is now set up to receive EFTs (e-transfers).

E-mail for EFTs is eftpayments@mdspiritriver.ab.ca.

** Important items to note **

1. When sending an e-transfer, please include your contact information and what the payment is for in the memo line before sending.

2. Also, if the payment is for property taxes, please be sure to include the roll number.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!!!
Property Assessors
are in the area
MD133
SPIRIT RIVER
780 864-3500

Ever consider running for Council? Now's the time to start thinking about it!!
Everything you need to know, as well as the necessary forms, can be found on our MD of Spirit River #133 website.

Preparing for the Role
Have you decided you're going to run for Council? Here are a few things you can do to prepare yourself for the role if you're elected:
1) Reading council agendas and minutes, and talking with current councillors;
2) Viewing some council meetings;
3) Connecting with former and current elected officials in your region or community to learn about their experiences;
4) Meeting with local community groups to learn more about the important issues in your area.
Check out the 2025 Election Nomination Package at **http://mdspiritriver.ab.ca/.../administration/notice-board** and visit Rural Municipalities of Alberta at **rmalberta.com/** to learn more.

Following changes to Alberta's Local Authorities Elections Act, all municipalities will use a list of registered voters for the upcoming October 20 election.
Register now with VoterLink:
www.voterlink.ab.ca
info@elections.ab.ca
toll-free at 310-0000 then dial 780-427-7191

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SPIRIT RIVER
780 864-3500

GET IN THE SPIRIT

With competitive taxes and land prices, the MD of Spirit River is the right choice.

The Perfect Opportunity

The MD of Spirit River is now offering a **52-acre parcel with 543 metres of rail frontage** and **an 86-acre parcel with 815 metres of rail frontage**. These parcels can be subdivided to suit the needs of the buyer.

Build a service industry, grain handling or value-added agricultural business. Additional opportunities exist in the MD and the rapidly growing Town of Spirit River.

The MD of Spirit River is a half hour's drive north of the City of Grande Prairie along Highway 49. Located in the MD of Spirit River are Richardson Pioneer International, Parrish & Heimbecker, G3 Canada Limited and Cargill Canada.

CONTACT

Dan Dibbelt today!

780-864-3500

ddibbelt@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

The MD of Spirit River is the grain handling capital of Northern Alberta.

The Town of Spirit River sits in the middle of the MD and offers all services.

Grande Prairie Airport has direct flights to Edmonton and Calgary with international connections.

Central Peace Family & Community Support Services

serving the MD #133, Spirit River, Rycroft, and western Birch Hills County

CAMP WANAGO – Registration is open! Watch for dates and themes on Facebook, go to our website for more information. www.centralpeacefcss.ca

SENIORS APPRECIATION & CELEBRATION LUNCHEON – Catch a ride on the MD bus for free to the Gordondale Seniors Celebration on June 6! Call the FCSS office to get on the list! 780-864-3500 ext. 206 or email fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

MEALS ON WHEELS! Meals on Wheels is hot meals delivered to your door; currently delivered Wednesdays and Fridays and is intended for persons that are unable to obtain or prepare their own meals. Call or email us for more information.

HOME SUPPORT – for a senior over the age of 55 years, any person with a disability, new mothers (short-term basis only), any person recovering from a surgery or operation (short-term basis only), any person dealing with death of an immediate family member (short-term basis only); call or email FCSS to find out more!

FCSS staff have to be out of the office on occasion. If you require in-person assistance, please CALL AHEAD (780-864-3500 extension 206) to ensure that someone will be available to help.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES! Please go to the Central Peace Health Complex Emergency Room for medical or mental health support, you can also call the Mental Health Crisis Hotline (1-877-303-2642). If you are experiencing financial crisis, contact Alberta Support at 1-866-644-5135. During our non—business hours, you can reach FCSS on the FCSS cell phone at 780-864-5698 or check our website or Facebook pages for information and links.

Maya Lipon FCSS Assistant Coordinator
Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
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Box 389 Spirit River AB T0H 3G0

Rebecca Fitzsimmons FCSS Coordinator
Central Peace Family and Community Support Services
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Box 389 Spirit River AB T0H 3G0

We respectfully acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 8 land, the traditional home of many First Nations and Métis.

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Fire Ban

Due to ongoing very dry conditions, very warm weather and gusty winds, the ***Fire Hazard is now Extreme***. As a result, open burning is not allowed within the borders of the MD # 133 of Spirit River, ***Effective Immediately***.

Please exercise caution when conducting any activities in dry cured fuels.

No campfires (or other open fires) are allowed in campgrounds, residential fire pits or random camping areas. This includes charcoal briquettes.

Gas or propane stoves / barbeques and portable propane fire pits are allowed. Fires contained within industrial processes are allowed.

All existing controlled burns and fireworks permits are suspended or cancelled, and no new permits will be issued until conditions improve.

This ***Fire Ban*** will remain in place until conditions improve. Fire danger levels are reviewed daily. The Fire Ban will be downgraded when conditions improve.

If you see a wildfire, report it immediately by calling **9-1-1** or **310-FIRE**

Please contact the MD Administration office (780) 864-3500, if you have any questions about this ban.

Issued by Fire Chief – B. Kroes

The MD of Spirit River #133 is looking for the most beautiful rural yards within our boundaries. If you have a farmyard that is the envy of others, if people slow down to admire your property, if friends and neighbors say you should enter the Rural Beautification Contest…then perhaps you should!

Winners will receive a plaque commemorating their win, along with their photo displayed on our website and newsletter.

Please email photos, entry form and contact info to the Municipal District of Spirit River #133. Entry forms can be found on our website or at the MD office.

MD OF SPIRIT RIVER #133

Box 389
Spirit River, AB. T0H 3G0
PHONE:
780-864-3500

EMAIL:
mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

MD OF SPIRIT RIVER
2025 RURAL BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR YOUR NEIGHBOR!

If you choose to nominate someone in the MD of Spirit River, please get their permission to enter their name in our contest.
Entry forms are available online on our Website or at the MD office.

FARMSTEAD CATEGORY – OVER 10 ACRES

ACREAGE CATEGORY – 10 ACRES OR LESS

Judging will be based on farm tidiness, signage, planters, trees and shrubs and the overall esthetic of the property. We will also be looking at all the buildings, the landscaping and farm layout and overall balance and beauty of the property.

July 3,2025 is the deadline to enter.

Judging will take place the end of July 2025.

The winners will be selected by a group of volunteer judges, selected by the MD, and will include a tour of the properties entered in the contest.

Good luck to all of our participants!

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of SPIRIT RIVER No.133 PHOTO CONTEST 2025

Showcase your photography skills and our beautiful scenery here in the Peace Country!

You are invited to participate in our Municipal District of Spirit River No.133 **PHOTO CONTEST! FIRST PRIZE $200.00 – Runner up $100.00 - Enter up to 10 photos per person!**

To be eligible for the contest, all photos submitted must be taken within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133. Please give a description of where the photo was taken and when. By entering and participating in the contest, you consent to the use of your photographs by the MD of Spirit River, during or after the contest closing date, without compensation. Photos may be submitted in either color or black and white. Each photo should be at least a 5 x 7 or larger. Hard copies can be mailed to the MD of Spirit River No.133 Box 389 Spirit River, AB. T0H 3G0. Digital copies may be emailed to: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca. Don't forget to include your name and contact information! Waiver forms/model releases and/or copyright laws are the responsibilities of the entrants.

Photos must be submitted by October 16,2025.

The winners will be selected by October 31, 2025.

The WINNING pictures and WINNERS names will be posted on our Facebook page and all WINNERS will be notified by phone or email.

Thank you for your entries and GOOD LUCK!

SPIRIT RIVER/SEXSMITH BUS PILOT PROGRAM

STARTING JANUARY 2025

The MD 133 Spirit River transit bus will be **adding a stop in Sexsmith**! This service will run each **Tue/Wed/Thur** as a pilot program for the next 2 months, in partnership between the MD of Spirit River and Sexsmith FCSS.

Seats are $25.00 each. Pick-up will be at **Sunset Homes (9702-97 Ave)** in Sexsmith between **9:30am and 9:45am**. Passengers will be taken to Grande Prairie for appointments and shopping and then returned to the same drop-off location around **3:00pm**.

Passengers 16 and younger must have signed parental/guardian permission to ride. *Medical appointments are priority bookings!* The bus runs with min. 1 passenger - **24hr advance booking required.**

Subsidies are available for those requiring assistance. Please contact Naomi Robinson to apply: **780-568-4345 or fcss@sexsmith.ca.**

FCSS Family & Community Support Services SEXSMITH

MD 133 SPIRIT RIVER

Book a seat by calling:

780-864-3500

CONCERNED ABOUT THE FULL-TIME AFSC POSITION BEING REDUCED TO ONE DAY A WEEK? PLEASE ADVOCATE TO KEEP SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CALL THESE CONTACTS TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN:

DARRYL KAY	ANDRE HARPE
CEO, AFSC	BOARD of DIRECTORS
780-679-1739	780-814-0964
Dkay@afsc.ca	Aharpe@telusplanet.net

2025 SUMMER BUS TOURS

Friday, June 20th – Wanham Plowing Match

Wanham Plowing Match celebrates the history of farming and family with the old-fashioned horse and plow to the modified truck and tractor pulling contests. Lots of fun for the whole family, craft booths and food booths, as well as a Museum. *$15.00 for a day pass – Opens at 10am*

Friday, July 4th – St. Isidore & Nampa

Back by popular demand, this trip will take you to visit the talented St. Isidore Weavers at the Cultural Centre, where you can also tour through the St. Isidore Museum. Stop for lunch in Nampa and visit the Nampa and District Museum.

Friday, June 11th – Beaverlodge, Valhalla, Spring Lake, & Hill Top

Home of the World's Largest Beaver, this trip takes you to Beaverlodge to visit the South Peace Centennial Museum & Interpretive Centre, Beaverlodge Art & Culture Centre, and Euphemia McNaught Homestead Heritage Site. Valhalla Mercantile gift shop has plenty see and purchase!
Homecooked Friday Lunches @ South Peace Centennial Museum 12–2 pm Cash Only

Friday, July 18th – Kakut Lake, Sexsmith & Grande Prairie

First stop on this trip is scenic Kakut Lake, located off of Peoria road. The bus will continue on to Sexsmith to visit the splash park before continuing on to Muskoseepi Park in Grande Prairie. Enjoy a round of mini golf and ice cream or a walk through the Grande Prairie Museum & Heritage Village.

Friday, July 25th – Mile 0 Alaska Highway, Dawson Creek

Dawson Creek boasts many attractions including the Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Walter Wright Pioneer Village and N.A.R Station Museum. This trip has something for everyone!

Walter Wright Pioneer Village Admission: By Donation *N.A.R Station Museum: Adult $5, Child: Free* *Art Gallery: By Donation*

Friday, August 1st – Girouxville & Watino

Have you ever seen a 5-legged squirrel? If you answered no, this is your chance to see one up close and personal! Head East to the Girouxville Museum for this peculiar sight. The Museum boasts over 6,000 artifacts and was the largest museum in Alberta when it was founded in 1968. A Catholic Pilgrimage site is also located next door to the museum. Drop some pins at Smoky Lanes Bowling Alley, grab a bite to eat at Esquire Hotel & Lounge, and visit the beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross at the Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Friday, August 8th – Dunvegan Provincial Park

Experience the Historical Dunvegan Provincial Park. Take a stroll along the paths that overlook the Peace River, or take one of the paths down to the river and wade in the cool water. Visit the Interpretive Centre — Play some Mini Golf — Enjoy the Market and Gardens.

Friday, August 15th – Peace River

Ride the Shaftesbury Ferry — Visit Riverfront Park — Twelve Foot Davis — Peace River Museum and Archives — Mackenzie Centre – Judah Hill – Sagitawa Lookout.

Call the MD of Spirit River office at (780) 864-3500 to save your spot on the bus!

Bus Fare:

Age 16 & up	$25	*Fares due upon registration. Riders are responsible for*
Age 15 & Under	$5	*all expenses over and above the bus fare.*

Bus leaves the MD garage at 8:30AM to pick-up passengers at designated locations and returns between 3:30 and 4:00PM.

priority given to seniors and those who are mobility challenged

STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED! This is a friendly reminder to download the Voyent App! And register to sign up for emergency alerts in our area, such as wildfires. If you see smoke or fire, please call 911.

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: Watch the short video: Registration tutorial - Voyent Alert! for tips @ **www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSXaklw5tsI**

Step 2: Learn about registering for the Central Peace Fire & Rescue* Alerting System @ **www.voyent-alert.com/community/#registration**

Step 3: Register:

• For Mobile App Users, download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play app stores.

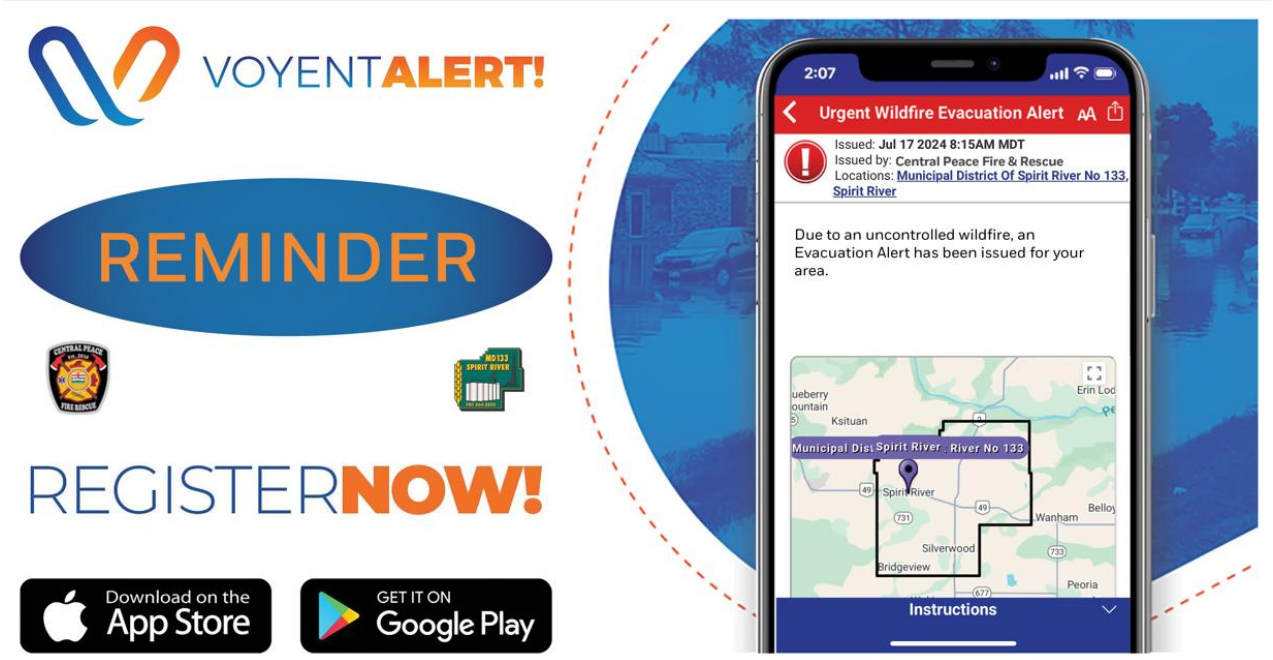
• For Email, Phone, or SMS (Text message) Users, register online to receive alerts

Once downloaded, register for your account by selecting your region on a map and receive immediate emergency alerts.

YOU CAN ALSO ADD NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

Birch Hills County, County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, and Saddle Hills County, just to name a few, also use the Voyent Alert! notification system. You can choose to receive alerts from Voyent Alert! for any or all of these communities.

* The Central Peace Fire & Rescue covers the MD of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft



Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

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e-mail: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Telephone (780) 864-3500
Fax (780) 864-4303

NORTHERN LIGHTS FIBER

northernlightsfiber.ca

https://www.northernlightsfiber.ca

Attention! Municipal District of Spirit River #133 Residents!

If you are interested in getting Fiber Optics to your residence or business, please go online and submit a request.
3 simple steps to submit a request, go to:

1) Northernlightsfiber.ca
2) Project Aurora
3) At the top of the page- Click for form

Submit a NO Obligation Fiber Access Request (FAR) to ensure your home gets fiber optics lines built. Click Here.

By Appointment

Connie and Steve share their knowledge that they have gained from doing their own and helping others over the years
They can also meet up individually if a better time is needed

Contact info

Steve@ steve.everitt@gmail.com

or

call the library (780) 765-3973

NARDAM is now OPEN!
Enjoy our camping season
May 1st to October 1st
Full Service Stalls
$35/night | $210/week | $700/month
Payment due upon arrival.
First come, first serve.
No reservations.
MD133
SPIRIT RIVER

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR!
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
STARTING YOUR BEDDING PLANTS? PLEASE PLANT EXTRAS FOR THE CENTRAL PEACE COMMUNITY GARDEN PARKS
WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN HAVE AMAZING COMMUNITY GARDENS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
SHELLEY 587-297-7680
OR DARLENE 780-864-1070

KIDS KREATE
parent must be present at all times
Wednesday
3:30 - 5:00
Come have tea and create memories with your child
JANUARY 22 BEARS
FEBRUARY 5&12 VALENTINES DAY
CARDS FOR SENIORS
MARCH 5&19 GREEN
APRIL 2&16 FIREFLIES & BUTTERFLIES
MAY 7&21 MOM
JUNE 4&18 DAD
SEPTEMBER 3&17 MEMORY BOOK
OCTOBER 1&15 PUMPKINS
NOVEMBER 5&19 SNOW
DECEMBER TBA CARDS
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Phone: (780) 765-3973
Saddle Hills

YOUTH TIME

Please pre register by day before

Ages 12-17

Thursday
5:00 to 6:30pm

Come join together for supper and activity at the library

JANUARY 30	VR
FEBRUARY 27	STICKERS
MARCH 27	RECYCLED CDS
APRIL 24	DIAMOND ART
MAY 29	BOOKMARK
JUNE 26	JEWELRY
SEPTEMBER 25	MEMORY BOOK
OCTOBER 30	PUMPKINS
NOVEMBER 27	GIFTS
DECEMBER TBA	CARDS

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Supper @ 5:30

Supplied by Burnt Offerings

Saddle Hills County

The MD of Spirit River currently has an interim opportunity for a Corporate Services Manager.
This position offers a 35-hour work week performing such financial duties as preparing a financial plan, developing annual financial statements and a municipal report, and attending council meetings when necessary. More information can be found on the MD of Spirit River Website.

FATHER'S DAY PARTY

SATURDAY JUNE 14

2:00-4:00

COME CELEBRATE DAD

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JOIN US FOR A CRAFT, SNACK AND A STORY

June

KIDS KREATE

Come have tea and create memories your child

Wednesday

JUNE 4 & 18

3:30 to 5:00

parent must be present at all times

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Saddle Hills County

Multiculturalism Day

Friday June 27

Come showcase your
CULTURE
2:00 - 4:00
please register with Vidhu

15 minute
time allotted

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Seniors Week
June 2-8

"Aging is not 'lost youth'
but a new stage of opportunity
and strength."

Join us Friday June 6

1-2

for pie & coffee

Pie supplied by
Janet@ Burnt Offering

"Age is simply the number
of years the world has been
enjoying you!"

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June 26

JEWELRY

Ages 12-17

Thursday
5:00 to 6:30pm

Come join together for supper and activity at the library

Karaoke Switch, VR games and so much more ....

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Saddle Hills County

SATURDAY

JUNE 7 & 28

2:30 -3:30

STORY TIME

Parents must be present

JOIN US FOR STORY TIME, CRAFT AND A SNACK

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RYCROFT AB HUB OF THE PEACE

Saddle Hills COUNTY