



## Tax Time Again!!

At the February 10th Council meeting, Council approved the 2010 Operating budget by **Resolution 016/10**. As part of the budget deliberations, Council was able to keep the tax increase for this year down to 3%. For an average tax bill of \$850, this represents about a \$25 annual increase, although exact amounts may vary. Council is hoping to have the Village Office mail out your combined Assessment and Tax notices before the middle of May. **The payment deadline for your taxes will still be August 31st, 2010, unless you are already on the monthly installment plan.**

## Procedures for Property Assessments Appeals have Changed - Read on.....!

There are major changes in the process for owners of property who wish to **appeal their assessments**. The Government has formalized the appeal board process, and with that, they have created a new form for property owners to fill out in order to launch an appeal. The new form can either be downloaded off the Municipal Affairs web site or you can pick one up at the office. Go to [www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc\\_property\\_assessment\\_and\\_taxation.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_property_assessment_and_taxation.cfm), then scroll down and select [Assessment Review Board Complaint Form](#). Please note that an appeal **will not be heard unless the new form is used**. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## Recycling Comes to the Village May 1st

By Order of Council **Resolution 025/10** which was passed at the February Council Meeting, the **Recycling Services Bylaw #560 was approved**. The local firm of **Can Pak Environmental** was awarded a contract to commence curbside recycling on or about May 1st, 2010. During April, the company will provide each home owner and business with a large green bin, an instruction sheet on what to include, and a delivery schedule, based on a pick-up every two weeks. A fee of \$5 will be added to your monthly utility bill for this service. This is seen as a very positive step in reducing unwanted materials into our local landfill. **The normal pick up day will be every other Monday**, except when a holiday, then the pick up will be on the Tuesday. More information will follow later.

## Events & Important Dates

### Council Meetings

April 14 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm  
 May 12 - Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm

### Hi-U Centre regular events:

Coffee every morning  
 Floor curling Mondays and Fridays at 2:00 pm  
**Pancake breakfast** the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30a.m. for \$5 (April 7th, May 5th)

**Community Club Pot Luck Supper** - on the third Saturday of each month (April 17th)

**Coming Events** - The next **Centennial Meeting is April 12/10 at 7:30pm at the Hi-U**, who have kindly offered their space while the Rec Centre floors are being refinished. For info call Colleen at (780) 877-2513.

**Friends of Little Beaver Lake** meet on the last Thursday (29 Apr) of the month at 7:30 pm at the Hi-U. **The Community Club** meets the third Tuesday of the month (20 Apr) at 7:30 pm and the **Little Beaver Hi-U** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm (Apr 6)

## FDRA Concert Series

**Ferintosh presents: Ben Crane on Saturday Apr 24th** at 7:00pm at the Ferintosh Recreation Center. Ben sings traditional country and gospel with a touch of blues, jazz, bluegrass and swing. He is a country cartoonist and Leanin' Tree artist - it promises to be a great show. **AND - Country Blends** is returning! They will be appearing at the Ferintosh Recreation Center on **Friday April 30** at 7:30pm as part of the FDRA Concert Series. All proceeds from this show go to the 2011 Centennial. **Tickets for both shows** are available from: Bernice @ 877-3965, Glenda @ 877-2460 or Burt @ 877-2645.

## CAO Says Farewell

April 1st is fast upon me and as I prepare to sign off on my last newsletter, I wish to thank all residents of the Village for your cooperation and support over the past two years as Council worked hard to introduce new systems and procedures around town (water meters, water main, Xmas lights, Village shed, playground fencing etc). There have been challenges and frustrations, but we have made it so far. Thanks for your understanding and patience. I have enjoyed my time as your CAO, and I won't be a stranger. Welcome back Grant, and good luck to everyone.