

Village of Nobleford. Municipal Excellence Award Recipient

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2016 TAXES: Nobleford Village Council has approved a 2.2 million dollar budget for 2016 and passed a tax bylaw that again reduces the municipal portion of property taxes with a mill rate of .389 for residential, and 2.14 for Non-residential. The mill rate in 2006 was 9.5. This equates to a **95% reduction** in municipal taxation since 2006. A home valued at \$300,000 in Nobleford will have a 2016 municipal tax bill of \$117, plus \$785 for school tax and \$40 for seniors housing. Nobleford is required to collect the education school tax and senior housing tax for the province of Alberta and sends it off to the Alberta Government. Nobleford has had the lowest residential tax rate in Alberta since 2009, as well as maintained one of the highest per capita assessments in Alberta. Tax notices will be mailed to the property owner in May with taxes payment due August 31, 2016. Unpaid Tax penalties of 12% are applied in September and January. The Canadian Federation of business named Nobleford as the second most sustainable Municipality in Alberta. Nobleford will be celebrating its Centennial in 2018 and will be rewarding its residential property owners with a TAX FREE year on the Municipal portion of taxes. Watch www.nobleford.ca for updates and comparisons with other municipalities. Nobleford will maintain the same utility rates that they have had since 2012 for water, sewer, Garbage which averages \$45 per month.

WATER: Low flush toilets and energy efficient appliances have a **very poor return on investment!** Did you know that the average residential property water consumption more than doubles in the months of May through August. All that water simply goes on the ground via watering your yard. Nobleford charges between \$.60 and \$1.17 per cubic meter (.0027 to .0054 per gallon). The more you use the more you pay. **SPRAY PARK WILL OPEN IN MID JUNE.**

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BURNING. You are NOT allowed to burn garbage or leaves in Nobleford. You may burn wood indoor or outdoor in a contained fire box, fire place, or wood style stove. The only open outdoor fire allowed is a camp style fire in a fire ring. Whenever you burn, you must be considerate of your neighbors at all times. Fire is dangerous. If you see a fire, **call 911.** Nobleford citizens are presently not billed for Fire and Rescue response in Nobleford but the Lethbridge County does bill for Fire and Rescue response in the County. There are significant fines for illegal burning in both Nobleford and Lethbridge County. Your Nobleford property tax dollars fund the operation of the fire department.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 is spring yard clean up. The Village will pick up your small tree trimmings and garden waste. Please place the waste in your alley or in front of your property. No other waste will be collected. If you anticipate any larger loads, please book the Village dump truck before May 11 (\$40). Nobleford School grad class, 11/12, is offering home owner assistance with spring yard clean up (May 23), please call 403-824-3817.

ARE YOU TRESPASSING? Did you know that the Farm Land surrounding Nobleford is PRIVATE? It is just like your yard in Nobleford. If you go on this land without permission you are trespassing and you can be fined, arrested, vehicles confiscated and held liable for direct or indirect damages. Respect your neighbors.

PLEASE be considerate and CLEAN UP. We compliment the many well maintained business properties in industrial Nobleford and encourage others to clean up. As a property owner, laws require you to keep the site and adjacent ditches and boulevards free of weeds, tall grass, garbage and unsightly storage of items.

GRASS and COMPOST primary dump site is at the Nobleford Waste Transfer Site (WTS) North Railway Avenue, open Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The **secondary, GRASS** disposal site for Nobleford residents on Highway Avenue is **only to be used when WTS is closed.** *Please dump grass on far north part of the site.*

Nobleford Highway Avenue speeders, cell phone operators, and 519 stop sign fails are being fined.

RCMP has been fining a number of speeders on Highway Avenue. The speed limit is 50 km/h and 30 km/h in front of the school. On one day in April, 18 tickets were issued in 2 hours in Nobleford. \$17,000 in fines were issued in 2015.

*-**CELL PHONE** - If you want better cell phone service in Nobleford, contact your provider and express your concerns.

*-**CATS and Dog license** are required. *Clean up after your pet. Fines: \$100. Dog catcher's # is 403-308-3811.*

*-**Residential Phase 5 Centennial Subdivision** (38 lots) 24 lots available; \$23,412 to \$44,306.

*-**Apply NOW: Summer Fun, Job Opportunities** - Stop by the Village office with your resume. To be filled by May 15.