



#### Reminder

The first installment of the Municipal Taxes is due on March 19th. Please remember that the 5% discount is not applicable on the garbage or the recycling. Thank you!

#### Saint-Patricks Brunch

The Mutual Aid Committee will be having a brunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March for Saint-Patrick's day. The brunch will be held at the Community Center from 8am-11am. Tickets will be sold at the door, 16\$ for 13+, 8\$ for children aged 7-12, and free for children 6 and under. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the brunch can contact Martine Boudreau at 418-759-5845.

#### **March Break Activities**

There will be activities held at the Youth Centre over March Break. Everyone is welcome to participate. March 5th - Snow Sculpture Competition -2-4PM March 7th - Canvas Painting -2-4PM

March 8th - Gift Bingo -2-4PM

March 9th - Disco on Ice -7PM

#### St.Andrews United Church Chili Lunch

The St.Andrews church will be hosting a chili lunch on Sunday March 3rd from 11am to 1pm. There will be chili, tea biscuits and dessert. 10\$ for ages 13+ and 6\$ for children 12 and under. Take out is also available. If you have any questions, you can contact Kathleen at 418-392-4896.

## Fitness Classes at the Community Centre

Fitness classes will be continuing in March. For 10\$ you have access to all of the classes available. More information and class schedule on our Recreation Facebook Page.

### H & S Income Tax Services

Income tax time has arrived again. H & S Income Tax Services is at your disposal to provide fast, accurate and personalized Federal and Provincial returns at competitive prices. Every year brings its share of changes to the tax laws. At H & S we make it our business to stay on top of these changes in order to benefit our clients as much as allowable. Rely on over 30 years of experience in individual tax preparation and follow-up. Please contact Donna or Louis at (418) 759-5790 / 418-392-3485 or email:

taxes.serviceshs@gmail.com for an appointment.

**Development Plan Survey** 

The Municipal Council is updating it's Development Plan and we want to hear from our citizens. We will be mailing out a paper version door to door. Once completed it can be left at the Town Hall either during business hours or in the mail slot to the left of the door. It will also be available on the Recreation and Municipal Facebook pages as well as our web site. All information is confidential and anonymous. Please take a few minutes and fill it out. Thank You.

# Municipal Regulation Regarding Wood Cutting in Private <u>Forests</u> The MRC of Bonaventure wishes to advise its population that regulations regarding the

cutting of trees in private forests is in force throughout its territory. Since 2002, regulations governing the cutting of trees in private forests were adopted to protect our natural resources. Sight must not be lost of the fact that the forest is the

primary site for recreational and tourist projects. Each of the 13 municipalities within our jurisdiction has included these regulations into their own urbanisation and zoning regulations. The MRC ensures the enforcement of these regulations for all the municipalities, as well as within the unorganized territory (UT).

An authorisation certificate is required when you perform work which is not permitted within the legal framework of the regulations in force, for example, if you: • Cut wood in an area of more than 10 acres in a contiguous area;

• A forest clearing with an overall area harvested over a period of 5 years or less, of more than 30% of the total wooded arear of the property; An exemption from the regulations may be allowed for several reasons. For example, if

Clear cut an area affected by an epidemic of insects or sickness or to prevent the spread of insects or sickness:

• Clear cut an area in which there is more than 40% of commercial wood and/or 25% of

Work regarding conversion cutting, recovery cutting, regeneration cutting or succession cutting. In the case of conversion cutting, the operation must be followed by land preparation and reforestation within a period of five years;
Clear cutting an area in which the growth is mature. However, the cutting methods used

must ensure the protection of the regenerated trees. For the issue of an authorisation certificate, an exemption application must first be filed with the MRC using the form provided for that purpose.

It is essential before undertaking to harvest wood on a large scale on your property or authorizing a forestry contractor to do so, to check all related regulations.

It is important not to lose sight of the fact that you are always responsible for the work performed and for compliance with the regulations on your property. In the case where a contractor performs the work, he becomes responsible and subject to the regulations just like an owner and you are jointly responsible. The content of the municipal regulations is available at all times at the office of the MRC,

located at 51 Notre-Dame Street, in New Carlisle as well as on our internet platform at the following address: https://mrcbonaventure.com/forets/forets-privees/reglements-surlabattage/.

For more information, please contact Christian Grenier, the person in charge of the application of regulations at 418-752-6601 or at 581-357-1125.