

- **Rent is due on the 1st of each month. It is substantial breach of your lease to consistently pay your rent late.**

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# Happenings

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## Who is St. Patrick?

Saint Patrick's Day is also known as the Feast of Saint Patrick. It is a worldwide celebration that happens every year on March 17.

According to the tradition, a man named Patrick was kidnapped by Irish people and was forced to be a slave in Ireland. Patrick spent six years working as a Shepherd. While working as a Shepherd, Patrick has said to have found God. Patrick fled to the coast to where a ship was waiting for him. When Patrick returned home, he became a priest.

Patrick eventually returned to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity. Tradition says



that Patrick died on March 17, which is now St. Patrick's Day.

### Did you know?

It is said that St. Patrick used the three leaf clover to explain the Holy Trinity to the Irish people. Today, it is customary to wear shamrocks and/or green clothing or accessories on this day.



## Why is there a Daylight Saving Time?

The main purpose of the Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of daylight. We change our clocks during the Spring months to move a hour of daylight from the morning to the evening.

A study completed in the 1970's also show that Daylight Saving

Time reduces the amount of electricity used in homes. A good percentage of energy used by lighting and appliances occurred in the early morning or in the evening when it was still dark! With the hour changing, the amount of electricity used ended up decreasing.

### Don't Forget!!

**Daylight Saving Time is on March 8, 2015. So don't forget to change your clock to one hour ahead!**



# Colouring Contest!

The North Peace Housing Foundation is hosting a colouring contest for all children who reside in one of our family housing units!

All you have to do is pick up one of the colouring sheets at our Central Office! You can bring it home and colour and then bring it back to us! We will display your artwork for others to see and your name will be entered to win a great prize!



Who: Children who are residents of NPHF Family Housing Units

Ages: Up to 15 Years of Age

When: Feb. 23— Mar. 23

The prize will be drawn on March 23 at 4:30 p.m.

“They don’t  
call it  
“Spring  
Cleaning”  
for  
nothing!”

# Maintenance Tips

This is the time to prepare your home for the heat of the summer!:

- 1) Check the exterior drainage: Will rain water flow away from your house? Puddles should not stand around your home for more than 24 hours.
- 2) Use salt on snow and ice to prevent anyone

from slipping on your property. This will also speed up the melting process of the ice

- 3) Make sure you clean your house from top to bottom and get rid of the things that you don’t need. It is important that you make sure the space around your furnace and water

- 4) tank is clear. Once the snow begins to melt remove it from the side of your home. This will prevent the drainage of the snow to leak into your home causing more damage.



# Reminders

The Central Office is open during the lunch hour to receive payments for rent and other.

Central Office Hours:  
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Monday—Friday

**You are responsible** to clear the sidewalk in front of your home. If it is not completed within **48** hours after a snowfall we may have it done and you could be charged a minimum of **\$50.00**

**Annual Income review letters will be delivered during March. Please remember to call**

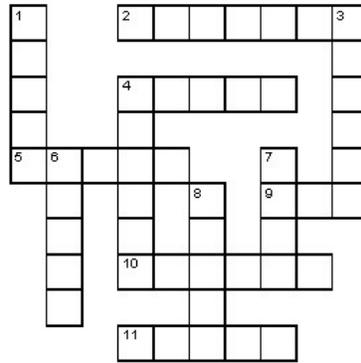
**780-624-2055 to make an appointment!**



# The first day of Spring has finally arrived.



## Spring



### Across

- 2. April showers bring May \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. In spring, farmers \_\_\_\_\_ crops.
- 5. The first month of spring.
- 9. Easter \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ blossom trees.
- 11. Spring \_\_\_\_\_; vacation



### Down

- 1. Flowers \_\_\_\_\_ in spring.
- 3. The season after winter.
- 4. Let's go on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. A month in spring.
- 7. An animal that wakes up in spring.
- 8. Birds that fly north in spring.





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to the North Peace”**

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We provide residency such as the lodges, sen-  
ior’s apartments, family housing units and rent  
subsidies. We serve the Northern Albertan  
Region and have been providing quality and  
affordable housing since 1995.**

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# F.A.Q.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Are you open through lunch hour?

**A:** Yes! We are open during the lunch hour to your convenience. You are more than welcome to come and pay rent at this time.

**Q:** Why is my application taking so long to process?

**A:** There could be several reasons for this. First of all the processing time for an application is from one to two months. One of the main reasons is because we are still trying to contact your references. It’s always a common courtesy to ask them beforehand to be your reference so they have a heads up as to why were calling or so that they can make themselves available. In any case, contact

us to follow up. We may be trying to contact you.

**Q:** I’ve tried to contact the Family Housing Line, but there was no answer. How can I contact the Family Housing Manager?

**A:** Our Family Housing Manager is extremely busy with clients everyday. Whether she is in the office, doing move-ins, doing move-outs, in the field. She can be anywhere at any-time. The best bet is for you to leave a message on her voicemail. Once she listens to her voicemail messages she is able to know that you called and she is able to call you back. Don’t forget to leave a contact number!

**Q:** Why do I have this extra charge on my account?

**A:** The main reason as to why there are extra charges on your account is due to paying rent late. We provide a grace period of three business days for you to pay your full month’s rent—if you don’t, then we have to charge a late fee of \$50.00.

