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Merry Christmas Spring Lake!

Like every December, it's a busy time of year as Residents, Staff and Council celebrate all the various seasonal celebrations. Normally, and with good reason, we are reminded to be generous and think of those less fortunate but this year I would like to bring to mind something else, Mental Health. Although many times it is less visible as we interact day to day, I encourage everyone to take an extra moment to be aware of the silent pain of depression that many people suffer. During this season, and really all year long, an

extra "Hello", or a hug, or even stopping to take a moment to have a coffee with someone you might overlook during the rush of our busy lives could go a long way for somebody who may be feeling the anxiety and loneliness that could be felt even when they are surrounded by others. The generosity of your time could be the most valuable gift you could give.

From myself and my family, we wish you all a wonderful, safe Holiday Season!

John Roznicki, Mayor

Thank You, Cam MacDonald, for 32 years of Service to the Village

On November 19, 2014, Cam MacDonald resigned from Council after 32 consecutive years of serving the community as a member of Council. Cam and his wife, Lois, have moved their permanent residence after 40 years of making Spring Lake their home.

"Spring Lake has been a wonderful place to live and I am sure the Village will continue to be a beautiful setting for its many residents to enjoy" says Cam in his letter of resignation. "I have spent many years on council trying to protect and improve the way of life we have here. I have always felt the call to give to my community and wanted to contribute to this Village as it has provided such a great amount of joy to my family all those years" continues Cam.

Cam has seen many changes in the municipality since he was first elected to Council in December 1982. He served many terms as Mayor for our community and was instrumental in accomplishing the status change of Spring Lake from a Summer Village to a Village in 1999. That success alone contributed a great deal to the future sustainability of our community.

Council and staff will miss the sense of community that Cam brought to each meeting and the historical information he was always willing to pass on to new Councillors and staff.

We wish Cam and Lois all the best in their future endeavours. Thank you, Cam, for your 32 years of service and dedication to the Village of Spring Lake. You will be truly missed.

Christmas Office Hours

The Village Office will be closed on December 24th and will reopen on January 5th. We will be checking phone messages and emails during this time.



Garbage & Recycling Winter Schedule

Monday's garbage and recycling pick-up has now gone to a bi-weekly schedule. Garbage and recycling will be picked up the same day with December pick up dates being the following:

- Monday, December 1st
- Monday, December 15th
- Monday, December 29th

PLEASE NOTE:

All residents must make sure that their **GARBAGE TOTES ARE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY MONDAY EVENINGS** to ensure proper snow clearing can be achieved. If your tote should be damaged due to non-removal of the tote, you will be responsible for the repair or replacement cost of the tote.

Christmas

Decorating Contest

The 24th Annual Christmas Decorating Contest will be judged between December 8th and 22nd. Please make sure that you have your Christmas display lit up between these dates from 6pm to 8pm.

1st Prize - \$100.00

2nd Prize - \$50.00

3rd Prize - \$25.00

Please watch the bulletin boards for the notice announcing the winners.

Village By-Election

With the resignation of Cam MacDonald from Council, the Village will be holding a by-election in the coming months.

The Village will be sending out a Notice of Nomination Day in late December. The anticipated date for Nomination Day is in January. If the Village receives more than one candidate nomination then a by-election will be scheduled for February.

If you would like additional information regarding candidate eligibility and requirements, please contact the Village Office or visit the Alberta Municipal Affairs website.

2015 Dog Tags

We would like to remind all residents that currently own dogs, to please purchase your 2015 Dog Tags. The dog tags are available at the Village Office at a cost of \$15 each. If your dog does not have a current tag, you may face a fine under the Animal Control Bylaw.

Animal Control is provided by Parkland Enforcement Services and they may be reached at (780) 968-8400. Residents can also drop off any stray dog at the Parkland County Animal Control Centre. Parkland Animal Control Services are available Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 7:30pm, Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 6:30pm. Emergency situations (i.e. vicious or injured dog) will be evaluated and may be handled after hours.

Happy Holidays

Santa Clause is

Coming to Town ...

elves.

Santa and Mrs. Claus have let the Village Office know that they have time to stop by again this year. They will be touring the Village, starting at 4:00 p.m. in Beachview Crescent on Sunday, December 14th; however if it is too cold for Santa and his elves the alternate date will be Sunday, December 21st. Watch for the elves to come by your house to announce their arrival so you can gather the family to come out, meet Santa and get a Christmas treat.

They will also be accepting donations for the food bank. If you will not be home, please leave your donation on your doorstep or at the bottom of your driveway.

Community Survey

We want your input.

This Fall, the Village held a Community Meeting that engaged residents in providing suggestions and projects that they would like to see in Spring Lake. This information will be used to update our Sustainability Plan.

As a follow-up to the meeting the Village will be releasing an online survey in early 2015 regarding these suggestions and projects to see what the rest of the community would enjoy seeing in Spring Lake.

Please watch the bulletin boards and website for the Survey release date.

Skating Rink

The Village Skating Rink will re-open this winter season. As we do not have enough volunteers for the rink it will be unsupervised "use at your own risk" skating.

We are hoping we will have lights for the the skating rink this year. Fortis has donated and will install lights so that night skating will be provided. Please watch for notices on our website and bulletin boards announcing when the rink will be ready for skating and the hours in which it will be open.

Update Snow and Ice Control Policy

Council has approved an updated policy regarding winter road maintenance services within the Village. The Roadway Snow and Ice Control Policy (Policy #2014-02) includes enhancements that were requested by residents including criteria and guidelines for managing excessive windrows. This policy is available on the Village's website or at the Village Office.

The snow removal priorities continues to be the same and are as follows:

- (1) All major thoroughfares, with special consideration given to steep hills and important intersections
- (2) Side streets
- (3) Alleys
- (4) Canada Post Mailbox Sites

Windrows

While clearing roads, operators may leave a "ridge" or windrow in front of some driveways. This is avoided whenever possible; however, it is part of normal snow clearing operations. In the new Policy, the Village will remove windrows that fall within the following criteria:

- (1) Service will be provided only when the windrow is an accumulated height of 30 centimeters or greater.
- (2) No windrow removal service will be provided to those residents who push snow from their driveways into the windrow for removal by the Village.
- (3) The intent of the windrow removal service is to knock down the windrow and allow for vehicle passage; it is not the intent of the service to provide full clearing and cleaning of the entire width of a driveway, from edge to edge. Approximately 2.5 to 5.0 centimeters of snow will be left to avoid damage to driveways.
- (4) Windrows will only be removed from driveways that have been continuously cleared.
- (5) Snow from the cleared windrows will be deposited on the road allowance adjacent to driveways.

How can you help?

To eliminate delays and damage to equipment, we are requesting all residents to help the Village by:

- Not plowing snow from your property or driveway onto or across the road.
- Place snow from approaches as a result from private driveway clearing on the the right hand side of the driveway as they are exiting their property.
- Removing vehicles, equipment and other objects from the road allowance
- Remove garbage totes from the road allowance by 6am Tuesday mornings.

The municipality reserves the right to tow or remove these items so that snow plowing operations can continue without delay. Recovery, repair or replacement costs to these items will be the responsibility of the property owner. In addition, removal of snow from your property onto or across the road can result in a fine under Traffic ByLaw #328.

We thank everyone for their patience during snow and ice control operations.

2015 Property Assessments

Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out separately from Property Tax Notices for 2014. Assessment Notices will be mailed out in March of 2015 with Property Tax Notices being mailed out in May 2015.

Please note that once you have received your Property Tax Notice it is too late to have your property assessment changed as assessments cannot be adjusted after the Appeal deadline which is 60 days after the Assessment Notices are mailed. We highly recommend each resident to closely examine their Property Assessment Notice and speak with the assessor regarding it.

If you should have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the Village Office.



Fire Fighting Services & Permits

Firefighting services are provided by the County of Parkland and the Town of Stony Plain. Both Fire Departments list the Village as being 6 miles (9.65 KM) from the nearest fire hall.

Fire Permits are available at the Village Office at no charge. A Fire Permit must be obtained for all fires not in a contained pit. Please refer to the Open Burning ByLaw for specifications regarding fire pits and types of material that are permitted to be burned.

All fires are to be within the property lines of the person the fire permit was issued to.

Fines can be imposed if the Fire Department feels adequate caution was not taken while burning or if they respond to a fire on your property resulting from a deliberate fire set without obtaining a permit.

Street Lights

If you notice a street light in the Village that has burnt out, please contact Fortis at 780-310-4300 and provide them with the number on the pole (if available) and the municipal address closest to the pole.

Parking

The Village Land Use Bylaw states that each property must have an area within the property boundaries to park two vehicles. Roadside parking is not permitted from 8am to 4:30pm, Monday - Friday or during heavy snowfall events. Outside of those times, if roadside parking is needed, please do not impede traffic flow or block access to any other lot. Any unlicensed vehicles parked on roadways may be towed by the Village at

Traffic Speed Limits

The speed limit in the Village is 30 km/hr. The only exception is that part of Range Road 20 that is posted 50 km/hr.

Our children, our pets and we, ourselves, are too important to be targets of careless drivers speeding through the Village!

Council Meetings

The Village Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm unless otherwise posted. If you have an item you'd like added to the Agenda, please submit it to the Village Office by noon the Friday before the meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Address Change

Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that the Village Office has your correct mailing address.

Crime Watch

Some of the benefits of belonging to the Stony Plain & District Crime Prevention Association are interaction between residents to get to know your neighbors and receipt of fan-out messages of interest to the community. If you would like more information, please contact Constable Barb Roy at 780-968-7210.

Developing and Building

A Development Permit must be applied for before obtaining any Safety Code Permits necessary for new construction, additions, decks, demolition, and excavation (HOLDING TANKS & CISTERNS). This permit is to ensure that your project or home occupation conforms to the Village's Land Use ByLaw, including proper setbacks from property lines, etc.

Our Development Officer, Tony Sonnleitner, can be reached at 780-718-5479. A Real Property Report, showing the location of existing buildings and the proposed development must be submitted when applying. Application fees must accompany all Development Applications.

Safety Code Permits including electrical, plumbing, building, etc. must be obtained from Superior Safety Codes before beginning your project. You must apply for these permits to ensure that your project is safe and conforms to safety code regulations and must be obtained before commencing work. Permit forms and information can be found on www.superiorsafetycode.com or they are available at the Village Office.

Alberta First Call

Call before you dig -
1-800-242-3447

You must give at least two or three working days notice and have your legal land description available when you call.

Art Club

The Art Club meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers. Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, please contact Lorne Pendleton at (780)