

Little Library Update

**The Little Library program in the village has been a hit the last couple years, so we have expanded the program by adding 3 more little libraries. Thanks to 2 wonderful residents, Rene and Victor for donating their time and talent for building addidtional libraries for the village. You will be able to find the new libraries at Spring Lake Ranch Mailboxes, Lakeside drive & Waters Crescents mailboxes and the last one will be installed at the Willowpeak Mailboxes.**

*Spring time at the lake, it’s always a busy time. As we recover our yards from the wrath of winter I’d like to take this opportunity to quickly share with you some of the happenings around the village.*

*Firstly, as a member of council I would like send out a big “Thank You” to all the volunteers both past and present that take part in enriching our community (and also within our surrounding communities). We all have busy lives and often the efforts of those behind the scenes go unnoticed with little or no recognition. That said, there are many initiatives within the village with a focus towards improving life in our community. If you have time or talent you feel could be useful, please consider getting involved, even the smallest amount of help or support is appreciated. The Village office has information available on everything from the young and developing Art Advisory Committee to the established and effective Environmental Advisory Committee. We would love to have you join us!*

*Our new council is now settling in and I would like to say I appreciate their hard work, enthusiasm and attention to going over all the details. With the new Municipal Government Act and the federal Cannabis legislation coming on stream we certainly have our work cut out for us. As a returning councillor it is always refreshing to see different ideas and points of view explored for the benefit of our residence.*

*One of the most talked about and anticipated projects the village has undertaken is finally on its way! As many of you have noticed and commented on, the old skating rink has been removed and is making way for a new one. It will include a hard surface, efficient lighting and provisions to be used for other sports and events during the summer. This along with maintenance, road repairs and other parks and recreation projects will keep public works busy as it is always an effort to get as much done as possible within the small window of our short summers.*

*Besides all the new legislation and the rink project, there are many other things administration has also been working towards. A few of them would include obtaining better internet from providers for our residents, exploring new and efficient street lighting within the village and developing a new more user friendly website.*

*I know I did not cover everything but that is a small glimpse of the current going on in the village. As always, I look forward to your ideas and feedback. Have a wonderful summer!*

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Monday – Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

June 28, 2018 8:30am - 6:00pm

Message from our Mayor!

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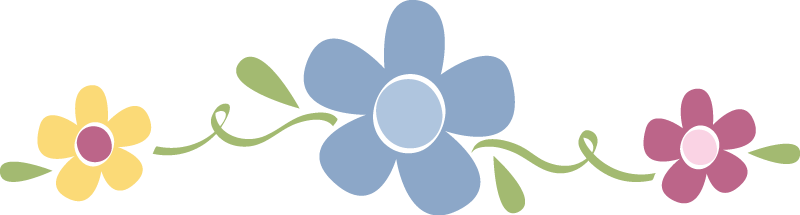


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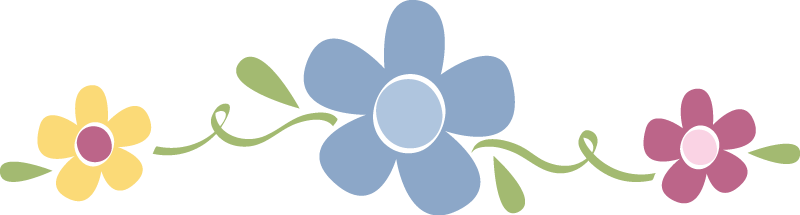
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Happy Spring

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Office Closure

Garbage & Recycling

Weekly garbage pick-up commenced on May 7, 2018 with Blue Bag pick up continuing bi-weekly. Please check the community bulletin boards, website or call the Village Office for this schedule.

If you require additional garbage pick up on a continuous basis, please contact the Village Office for costs.

Please watch for the announcement in the Fall on when bi-weekly garbage pick-up will commence.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

All residents must make sure that their **GARBAGE TOTES ARE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY MONDAY EVENINGS** to ensure proper road and ditch maintenance. 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.

The Village Office will be closed on June 8th, 2018 due to Administration taking part in municipal training through Alberta Municipal Affairs. Messages will be checked on a regular basis and emergency calls will be returned. The office will return to regular business hours on June 11th at 8:30am.

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Cannabis Open House

With the deadline of the legalization of cannabis fast approaching, we're hoping you will share your thoughts on this important subject with Council and Administration as we prepare to update our local bylaws to comply.

There will be a Cannabis Open House located in the village office on June 12th, 2018 @ 6pm.

This year, with the extremely dry conditions and the number of devasting fires that have occured, the Village would like to provide some helpful strategies that you can implement on your property to help reduce the risk of wildfire affecting your property.

* Do not store firewood beside buildings including houses or sheds
* Trim trees where branches are touching buildings or the ground
* Clear branches and leaves from rooftops and gutters
* Clear debris piles, dead branches and leaves from properties

For additional Fire Smart tips, please visit www.wildfire.alberta.ca/fire-smart

Parkland Art Club

Gathering every Monday for the last 30 years plus, enjoying their passion of art. In the last year, they have displayed some of their finished projects in the village office,stop by and check it out!

The Art Club meets Monday evenings in the Council Chambers. For more information, please contact the Village Office.

Recycling & Composting

Hints and Tips for Recycling

* Large volumes of carboard should be bundled and tied.
* All food containers must be empty, clean and dry.
* Please remove and discard all lids and straws.
* Please place blue bags on the opposite side of your driveway from your garbage tote.

The Village kindly asks residents to not put grass cutting, leaves, branches, etc. in garbage totes. Composting is the recommended method of disposal.

Once again this year, the Village of Spring Lake sent out Property Assessment Notices separate from Property Tax Notices. Property Assessment Notices were mailed in March 2017 with the Assessment Appeal Deadline of May 4, 2018. Please note that the **ASSESSED VALUE** for your property is as of **July 1st, 2017.**

**PROPERTY TAXES DUE JUNE 30, 2018 by midnight**

You may drop your tax payments in the mail slot located on the small door of the Quonset after office hours. Penalties will not be applied if the Village Office receives your payment on or before June 30, 2018 or if the post mark on your envelope is June 30, 2018.

A 6% penalty on your current tax levy will be applied on July 1, 2018. An additional 12% penalty on your current tax levy will applied on July 31, 2018. On January 1, 2019 an additional 18% penalty will be applied on the complete outstanding amount (previous and current tax levy and penalties).

**TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN**

For those residents that are on the Monthly Tax Payment Plan, you will find the 2018 agreement enclosed with your tax notice outlining your next 6 months of payments. We will no longer be accepting post-dated cheques as we are now set up to accept direct debit. If you are interested in signing up for the tax payment program, please contact the Village Office.

2018 Property Taxes

Fire Smart – Help Protect Your Property













Recycling Do’s:



Recycling Don’ts:

**No Styrofoam No Plastic Bags**

**No Glass No Hazardous Waste**

**If you have any other questions please contact the village office.**

We need Volunteers



Photo Boards

While taking a walk in the village you may have come across 2 photo boards, one is located at Hermitage and Lakeside Drive by the welcome sign, the other is located on North corner of range road 20 by the mailboxes. The pictures displayed on the board are of the beautiful Spring Lake. Thank you to Councillor Bonnie Hall and Sandra Wrunsch for updating the pictures every 3 months. If you would like to donate any beautiful pictures please contract the office.

This is your opportunity to GET INVOLVED in your community and make a difference!! We are looking to create a committte of residents to help organize events, whether it’s planning summer & winter eventa, or hosting a spring clean up day within the village of Spring Lake, but the ideas don’t have to start there. We want you to have input and be heard. If you think this is something that interests you please contact the Village Office we are looking forward to hear from you!!

We would like to applaud the residents who respect their neighbors and community and clean up after their pets, purchase annual dog tags and abide by the Village’s Dog ByLaws.

The Village’s Dog Bylaw is in place for a reason. Dog complaints are the number one issue that Enforcement Services deals with. **There are no off-leash areas within the Village. Your dog must be on a leash at all times when outside your property and steps must be taken to ensure your dog remains within your property boundary when off-leash.**

2018 Dog Tags are available at the Village Office at a cost of only $15 each. If your dog does not have a current tag, you may face a fine of up to $150 under the Dog ByLaw.

Animal Control is provided by Parkland Enforcement Services and they may be contacted at (780) 968-8400. Residents can also drop off any stray dog at the Parkland County pound. Parkland Animal Control Services are available Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 7:30pm, Fridays from 8:30am to 5:00pm and Saturdays

from 10:00am to 6:30pm. Emergency situations (ie. vicious or injured dog) will be evaluated

and may be handled after hours.

**Please Pick Up After Your Pet**

The Village has installed several doggie waste bag dispensers throughout the Village as a pro-active approach to ensure that all pet owners within the Village are responsible pet owners. Please use them.

A single gram of dog feces contains 23 million fecal coliform bacteria that harbour many more dangerous bacteria and viruses. **Dog feces kills plants and grass. Dog feces can pollute the environment and filter its way into water supplies. Dog feces left behind create an unattractive environment**.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner - Respect your Community and Neighbors



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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](http://www.superiorsafetycode.com) or they are available at the Village Office.

Alberta One Call

***Call before you dig –***

***1-800-242-3447***

***or online*** [www.albertaonecall.com/submit-a-locate-request/](http://www.albertaonecall.com/submit-a-locate-request/)

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

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 780-310-9479 or online at www.fortisalberta.com/streetlights** 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 two off-street parking stalls. Please ensure that your vehicles are parked on your property. If from time to time, this is not possible, 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 owner’s expense.















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.

CrimeWatch

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 Cpl. Kimberly Mueller at 780-960-6570.

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