



Village of Spring Lake

990 Bauer Avenue
Spring Lake, AB T7Z 2S9

Phone: 780.963.4211

Fax: 780.963.4260

Email:

villageoffice@springlakealberta.com

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

After-hour appointments can be arranged.

Mayor Jason Shewchuk

Deputy Mayor Melanie Sera

Councillors Bonnie Hall
Adam MacCormack
John Roznicki

Administrator Emily House

Administrative Assistant Janet Zaplotinsky

Public Works Randy Denby
Ken Megill

Newsletter Contents

Message from the Mayor	1
Santa Claus Arrival	1
Christmas Light Contest	2
Christmas Office Hours	2
Garbage/Blue Bag Info	2
2019 Property Assessments	2
Skating Rink	2
New Speed Signs	2
2019 Dog Tags and Animal Control	2
4 th Annual Fall Festival	3
Village Snow Removal	3
General Information	4

Contributions

Environmental Advisory
Committee Newsletter



Winter 2019 - Issue 21

www.springlakealberta.com

Spring Lake now on Facebook

Season's Greetings to all the Residents and Visitors of the Village of Spring Lake

It is great to see the number of homes in the Village being decorated again this year, meaning Christmas is nearly here and 2020 is just around the corner.

Looking back at the year, the Village enjoyed another great summer. Even with all the rain, people were out and about. The fall festival was a great hit thanks to the people who volunteered and to those who attended. The rink area has been busy throughout the summer and now with the cooler weather the ice sheet can be prepared. I hope to see many people enjoying it this year.

Next year the Village will be busy with summer projects and also finishing the update process on our Land Use Bylaw. Thanks to those who submitted their feedback to the survey. The more input council gets the better we can make informed decisions for the future.

I would like to wish the residents and staff of the Village a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards,
Jason Shewchuk, Mayor

Santa Claus is Coming to Town ...

along with Mrs. Claus and all their 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 8th with an alternative date of December 15th. 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. We will also update our Facebook page with where Santa is in the Village.

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.

*The sweetest moments of the season are the times we share
With family and friends.*

Christmas Office Hours

The Village Office will be closed on December 21st and will reopen on January 2nd. 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 9th
- Monday, December 23rd
- Monday, January 7th

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 Light Decorating

The 29th Annual Christmas Decorating Contest will be judged between December 7th and 15th. 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.

2020 Property Assessments

Property Assessment Notices will be mailed out separately from Property Tax Notices for 2020. Assessment Notices will be mailed out in March of 2020 with Property Tax Notices being mailed out in May 2020.

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.

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.

Skating Rink Hours will be as follows:
Monday - Friday - 8:00am to 10:00pm,
Saturday & Sunday - 9:00am to 10:00pm.

We are also looking for volunteers to open and close the rink shack, please inquire in the Village Office. We will also post notices when the skating rink will be open.

New Speed Signs

Council has approved new speed signs in the Village, they will be installed in the coming weeks. The signs will be mobile and will be moved around the Village on a monthly basis to help control the speed limit within the Village. We look forward to seeing the results collected.

*It's not what's under the tree that matters
it's who's gathered around it.*

2020 Dog Tags

We would like to remind all residents that currently own dogs, to please purchase your 2020 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.

The largest enforcement cost to Spring Lake are issues related to dogs. We realize that pets are an important part of everyone's family and we thank those pet owners who respect their neighbors and community, clean up after their pets, purchase annual dog tags and abide by the Village's Dog 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.



4th Annual Fall Festival


The Fall Festival was held on Sept 7, 2019 with approx. 110 people attending. It was so great to see the community come together for this event. Parkland Fire Department brought their wildfire truck and even set up their sprinklers for the kids to play in since it was so warm out!! We had 6 local vendors participate, Enchanted Dragon Face Painting was sponsored by Wilcor Homes and Jack's Drive In brought their food truck. Once again the outdoor movie was a hit and we look forward to what the next one will be.

The Event Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer. We couldn't do it without you!



Village Snow Removal

We want to thank all of those residents that have expressed appreciation and have been respectful towards staff during the winter season when clearing snow from our roads. We take pride in being able to provide prompt and thorough snow clearing within our Village and would like to remind residents of a few things that they can do to help further enhance this service.





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.

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 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.

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 Cpl. Kimberly Mueller at 780-960-6570.

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) 968-2173.